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JLACD Initiates a NYSSCA Website Revision to Better Connect Regional Associations!

Back in November of 2014, the JLACD made a request that NYSSCA modify its website to include an area for regional NYSSCA associations to post their bulletins and newsletters. This would allow the regional associations to enhance their connections and communication, in addition to being better informed on one another's programs and activities. The day before Christmas, NYSSCA Executive Director Bob Rotunda notified us that the revision had been made, and the JLACD BRIDGE Bulletin was the FIRST to be posted on the new website page. The new section is titled "Affiliate News" and is located in the "Counselor Resources" section. It can also be accessed through the following link: http://nyssca.org/?page_id=1251 Take away: We CAN make a difference!

National School Counseling Week

National School Counseling Week 2015 will be celebrated from Feb. 2-6 to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February. The following link has great ideas on how you can raise awareness on the critical role that professional School Counselors play in serving our students.: [http://schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors-members/about-asca-\(1\)/national-school-counseling-week](http://schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors-members/about-asca-(1)/national-school-counseling-week)

NYS School Counselor Association Annual Conference 2015 "School Counselors: Advocating Access for All!"

The Sagamore Resort, on Lake George, Bolton Landing, NY; Nov. 20-21, 2015
Call for Programs (Submission Deadline, May 1, 2015)

The New York State School Counselor Association is seeking qualified presenters for the 2015 Conference! Topics addressing comprehensive school counseling program design and implementation and accountability for school counselors are welcome.

Workshops relevant to the following topics will also receive special consideration: Counselor Preparation Programs, Access to College and College Prep Programs, Partnerships with agencies and foundations, Career Transition, Social emotional development and the comprehensive model, Principal — Counselor Partnerships

Our Call for Programs application for this event is linked [here](#). We will be accepting all applications online again this year. **Please consider proposing a workshop** to share your best practices, collaborations, or research!

My will shall shape my future. Whether I fail or succeed shall be no man's doing but my own. I am the force. I can clear any obstacle before me or I can be lost in the maze. My choice, my responsibility. Win or lose, only I hold the key to my destiny.

Elaine Maxwell, American Writer

Upcoming Events:

- FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 12:15-2 PM; **JLACD LUNCHEON MEETING, EAST HALL, JCC, WATERTOWN**
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, **SUNY FINANCIAL AID DAY AT JCC, 9-NOON**
- FRIDAY, JUNE 5, **JLACD SPRING LUNCHEON MEETING, 1000 ISLANDS HARBOR HOTEL, CLAYTON, NY**

HELPFUL LINKS:

- WWW.NYSSCA.ORG/ (NYS)
- WWW.SCHOOLCOUNSELOR.ORG/ (AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION)
- WWW.COUNSELING.ORG (ACA)

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SUNY-ACT Student Opinion Survey Highlights

In March 2013, Jefferson Community College participated in SUNY's administration of the ACT Student Opinion Survey (released 2014). This survey, conducted every three years per SUNY's request, is a continuing effort to assess the quality of student life on each of the 64 campuses. Data is collected and reported to individual campuses based on their student responses as well as how the campus compared to other SUNY-sector institutions. With respect to Jefferson, comparisons were made to all community colleges and other small community colleges.

Jefferson Community College was top-ranked (#1) in 78 of the of the 118 survey questions that were administered to all 32 of the SUNY Community Colleges. These results indicate that JCC students are more satisfied and appreciative of the college's courses, programs, and services than any of the other SUNY Community Colleges! Contact Matt Lambert for the full report. Eight of the key survey questions are listed below.

Since you enrolled, what is your impression of the quality of education at JCC?

In 2013, Jefferson ranked:

**1st out of the 29 participating community colleges and
1st out of the 13 small community colleges**

Your sense of belonging on campus.

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How satisfied are you with this college in general/overall?

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If you could start over, would you choose to attend this College again?

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Has this college helped you meet the goals you came here to achieve?

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Acquiring knowledge and skills needed for a career.

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Acquiring knowledge and skills for further academic study.

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Acquiring knowledge and skills for intellectual growth throughout your life.

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2014 High School Graduate Outcomes for Jefferson & Lewis County Students

Number of HS graduates from Jefferson County:	1173
Number of HS graduates from Lewis County:	298
Number of HS graduates from Jefferson County continuing their education:	880 of 1173 (75%)
Number of HS graduates from Lewis County continuing their education:	219 of 298 (73%)
Number of college-bound HS graduates from Jefferson County attending JCC:	423 (48%)
Number of college-bound HS graduates from Lewis County attending JCC:	56 (26%)
Total number of college-bound HS students (Jeff. & Lewis counties) attending JCC:	479 of 1099 (44%)



Summary of JLACD Professional Development Activity (2013-2015)

This section is designed to document the programs that the JLACD sponsors, which enhance professional development. We welcome your feedback on topics that you feel will allow us to better serve our students.

- 6-5-15 **JLACD Spring Luncheon Meeting**, 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, NY
Program Topic: **Parent Empowerment and Involvement**
Program Topic: **Community Pupil Support Services (NIRCL, Fort Drum Family Support Services)**
- 3-20-15 **JLACD Mid-Winter Luncheon Meeting**, East Hall, Jefferson Community College
Program Topic: **Counselor Wellness: Strategies & Resources to Stay Energized**,
Program Topic: **Professional Development Opportunities for Growth & Leadership**, Dr. Terrance Harris,
- 12-5-14 **JLACD Holiday Luncheon Meeting, The Commons at Dillenbeck Corners, Fort Drum, NY**
Program Topic: **Emotional Development & Attachment in Youth**, Dr. Sam Rubenzahl, Psychologist
Program Topic: **Jefferson County Drug Court Program Update**, Jennifer Hudson-Mosher, JCDC Coordinator
- 9-29-14 **JLACD Higher Education Day, Jefferson Community College, Watertown, NY**
Program: Over 90 colleges, universities, and organizations were represented for the benefit of area students searching for educational options.
- 9-26-14 **JLACD Fall Luncheon Meeting, Maggie's on the River, Watertown, NY**
Program Topic: **Children's Home of Jefferson County Respite Program Update**, Jane Bumgarner & Michele Monnat
Program Topic: **Credo Community Centers Mental Health Clinic Update**, Caryn White
Program Topic: **JCC Nursing Program Admissions Requirement Update**, Lisa Cooley
- 6-6-14 **Year-end JLACD Luncheon Meeting, Tug Hill Vineyards, Lowville, NY**
Program Topic: **Play Therapy Applications**
Program Topic: **JCC Summer Bridge Program** (Free remedial coursework for college readiness)
Program Topic: **JCC Agri-Business Program Update**
- 3-28-14 **Early Spring JLACD Luncheon Meeting, HAT Dining Room, JCC Campus, Watertown, NY**
Program Topic: **JCC Residence Hall Tour**
Program Topic: **JCC Academic Programs, Athletic Programs & Campus Safety Update**
- 3-25-14 **Thousand Islands Career Day (JLACD sponsored)**, Thousand Islands Central School, Clayton, NY
Participating Schools: Alexandria Bay CS, Bellville-Henderson CS, LaFargeville CS, Lyme CS, Sackets Harbor CS, Thousands Island CS
- 12-5-13 **JLACD Holiday Luncheon Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Ballroom, 1290 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY**
Program Topic: **Managing Conflict**; Jennifer Hutterman-Kall, Executive Director, Resolution Center
Program Topic: **Youth Court: Empowering Youth to Resolve Conflict**; Kelly Sova, Youth Court Director
Program Topic: **JCC Residence Hall Update**; Ron Shidemantle, Dean of Students

If anyone has feedback or suggestions for content for the next newsletter (May 1), contact Matt Lambert at mlambert@sunyjefferson.edu. Have a great Holiday!

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