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Monthly CTE News - April 2024

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. As always, we're excited to share the latest news on our events, success stories, and new initiatives from the Career & Technical Education Division. To all of our partners, thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our vision of JJC as the first choice for learning, working and cultivating pathways to prosperity.



Constellation

In Case you Missed It!

March 19th, 2024:

Technical: Constellation Braidwood Open House: IL High School to Work Program Launch

If you missed the open house, there is still an opportunity to express your interest in the Constellation IL High School to Work program and JJC AIM partnership! This program is for rising high school seniors interested in AIM and current AIM students.

[Sign Up!](#)



JJC Livestock Judging Contest

April 6th, 2024:

Agriculture: Livestock Judging Competition

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 6th, 2024 to join us at the JJC Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center! There will be three divisions in the contest: Reasons, Senior Questions (high school), and Junior Questions (non-high school). Please contact Patrick Kelly (pkelly@jjc.edu) or Brad Angus (bangus@jjc.edu) with any questions.

[Register Today!](#)



The poster features a collage of images: a campus scene at sunset, three students walking on a path, and a student with a laptop. The central text reads 'DISCOVER JJC OPEN HOUSE' in large, stylized purple and white letters. Below this, it states 'Saturday, April 6 9 a.m. to noon' and 'Main Campus, 1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet'. A list of activities includes exploring the campus, meeting professors, and learning about financial support. A QR code and registration information are provided: 'Register today at jjc.edu/discover or call (815) 280-2493.' The Joliet Junior College logo and social media icons are at the bottom, along with a note about the 12x12x12 program: 'Learn about JJC's 12x12x12 program: High school students can earn 12 credits by the end of 12th grade for only \$12 per credit hour!'.

Discover JJC!

April 6th, 2024:

Discover JJC

Whether you are coming to JJC with plans to transfer to a four-year college or wish to pursue a career upon completion of a certificate, JJC offers over 150 areas of study and support services to help you reach your goals. Stop by to meet our faculty, learn about our academic programs, and explore scholarships and financial aid options that will help you pay for college. We are confident you will discover that JJC is where you belong.

[Register for the Event!](#)

JJC AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

If you are *planning* to attend JJC this fall or *still considering*, this orientation is **for you!**

April 9th or April 10th

- register for classes
- scholarship information
- discuss residency

PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

REGISTER NOW!

New and Prospective Student Orientation for Agriculture



JJC President Dr. Namuo speaks to a crowd of High School Accounting studen

April 9th-10th, 2024:

Agriculture: New & Prospective Student Orientation

Do you know someone who is interested in pursuing a career in agriculture, horticulture, or veterinary technology, but hasn't solidified their post-secondary plans yet? If so, JJC is having their new student orientation April 9th and 10th. This is a great opportunity to register for classes and learn more about available scholarships.

[Make JJC Your First Choice!](#)

April 12th, 2024:

Business: Accounting Competition

It's that time of year again! The JJC Business Education Department will be hosting it's annual high school Accounting Competition. This year, we will have nine local high schools participating at the beginner and advanced levels for team and individual awards and prizes. Our guest speakers include presentations from the Illinois CPA Society, DePaul University, and Lewis University. If your school isn't able to make it this year, save space for our event in April 2025!



C students traveled to Utah to compete at the National College Competition over Spring Break, and won 1st Place in the Land Installation Division!



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JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE PRESENT
REGIONAL WOMEN CHANGING THE
FACE OF AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE
FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

FREE Conference for young ladies to learn about agriculture careers, network with industry leaders, and gain college insights.

- Female Freshman through Senior students welcome from all Illinois high schools.
- Free lunch included.
- Official dress or business casual.
- Conference registration opens 9 am on March 18 & limited to first 130 students. Up to 10 students per school.

Registration opens
Monday, March 18th
at 9 am




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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

Conference starts at 9:15 am to 12:15 pm
Registration group starts at 8:15 am

JJC Main Campus
1215 Houbert
U auditorium

Stipend available for schools transportation

Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference

April 17th, 2024:

Agriculture: Horticulture Career Development Event

JJC's Horticulture Department would like to extend an invitation to you and your students, to compete in its annual Horticulture Career Development event at Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center at 8:30 a.m. on April 17th. The college will be offering scholarships to the top five competitors.

The cost is **\$45.00 per team** or **\$9.00 per student**, with a **5-student maximum per team**. Each school may **enter up to three teams**, for a **15-student maximum per school**.

April 26th, 2024:

Agriculture: Women Changing the Face of Agriculture

The great outdoors isn't just for men. There's room for women too! And our Agriculture Department will show you just how much women are needed in this space and all of the great opportunities, incentives, policies, and initiatives that come with being part of the Agriculture Industry. Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty as we dig into what makes this career path so

[Put Down Your Roots!](#)

unique and fulfilling. If you haven't already registered, email Professor Tammy Miller to be placed on the waitlist! tmiller@jjc.edu



Pictured: JJC Agriculture student, Ty Steffen.

"JJC has been great to me my first 1.5 semesters and I look forward to what the rest of my college career has to offer."

JJC CTE Student Spotlight

Today, we are featuring current agriculture student Ty Steffen. He is enrolled in our Ag Transfer program, meaning he plans to complete two years at JJC and then seamlessly transfer to a four-year university, where he will major in Agriculture Business.

Mr. Steffen is a graduate of Newark High School, Class of '23. He was active in the Newark FFA, and very familiar with JJC due to visiting for several FFA events hosted here at our Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center as well as at our Main Campus. He has continued being engaged at JJC, as he holds an officer position as the Vice President of Ag Transfer in the Student Agriculture Association. His favorite experiences have been when "interacting with the ag community here at JJC".

Ty encourages fellow students to take advantage of the array of experiences our community college offers and “recommends being involved with your community at JJC and make connections where you can. Working with other students can be pivotal for future endeavors”. As for individuals considering the JJC ag program? Mr. Steffen encourages everyone to “join the ag program because you are joining a close-knit community with endless opportunities that help you in your future”.

“JJC has been great to me my first 1.5 semesters and I look forward to what the rest of my college career has to offer,” reported Ty.

Until next time

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. Together, we can continue to bring life-changing opportunities to students who cross our paths. If you have any questions, suggestions, or want to help out with an upcoming event, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kaitlin Morris at kaitlin.morris@jjc.edu.