



Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience. It's hard to believe we are one-third of the way through the spring semester! Returning to college for the second semester is a very different experience from heading off to college for the first time. Your continued interest and support are crucial to your student's success. Please check in with your son or daughter over this break to discuss their January and February progress. Remind your student that the spring semester marks a fresh start. This is also the time of year when FY students begin to think about sophomore year. They are right on track when they ask questions such as: *How will next year be different than the current year? Am I in the right major? What direction do I want to take with my education (my life)?* Please encourage your student to visit his or her advisor or come to Dewey Campus Center where the staff in the offices of First Year Experience, Academic Advising and Career Services, and Academic Support Services are available and able to listen, question and guide.

I am always eager to meet with students, discuss their progress, and help them make the connections to access support and achieve success. I hope that you find the information in this newsletter informative and helpful as we look forward to the remaining 2/3 of the semester.

I invite your feedback and comments as we continue moving through this important first year.

Please feel free to email me at [margo.warden@jsc.edu](mailto:margo.warden@jsc.edu) or call at (802) 635-1256.

Respectfully,

Margo Warden, Director of First Year Experience

## Campus Life

### ACADEMIC ALERTS

During the 5th week of each semester, faculty are asked to comment on each student's academic progress. The purpose of Academic Alerts is to give each student a clear picture of where they stand academically, and for those who are performing poorly, allow enough time for corrective action to be taken. Students receive email notification when their faculty have completed their Academic Alerts, but we encourage all students to keep checking Blackboard throughout the semester for updates. Taking action by meeting with their instructors and/or academic advisor to see what adjustments need to be made are crucial to a successful academic experience.

### TUTORING SERVICES

It's never too late for tutoring. Did you know that tutoring is a free service provided to all JSC undergraduate students? Academic Support Services is partially funded through a federal TRIO grant and Johnson State College to provide all students who are interested in improving their academic work. Skilled professional and peer tutors are available in writing, math, and content specific subjects. Academic Support Services also hosts drop-in tutoring hours in Governor's Hall on Sunday and Monday evenings from 6-9pm. If you think your student could benefit from these offerings, encourage them to stop by Dewey Campus Center, Rm 114 or call 635-1464 and we'll help him/her succeed academically.

### A Snap Shot of What's Going On Around Campus...

- LILLY LEDBETTER WILL VISIT CAMPUS ON MARCH 10 TO SPEAK ABOUT HER HISTORIC PATH TO GETTING THE LILLY LEDBETTER EQUAL PAY ACT SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT OBAMA
- BURLINGTON TAIKO WILL PERFORM IN DIBDEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS ON MARCH 16TH
- BADGER MEN'S LACROSS TEAM HOST SUNY COBLESKILL FOR THEIR HOME OPENER ON APRIL 4TH
- JSC SERVE FRI HAPPENS EVERY FRIDAY, PROVIDING JSC STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THROUGHOUT THE LARGER COMMUNITY



First year student Melissa Rixon prepares to make a splash in the Polar Splash, at Lake Elmore, on January 29th. Team JSC helped raise more than \$14,000 for this annual event.

## Residential Life

Life in the residence halls is bursting with positive energy! Students are happy to be back on campus and we are happy to have them back as well. The residence life staff is very pleased with the level of respect and kindness that our students show toward one another. The students have done a nice job creating a warm, welcoming living and learning environment in their residence halls.

The residence life programming in the fall offered over 55 programs. Our Resident Assistants and Hall Advisors created programs that covered such topics as budgeting time and money, making your own ice cream, yoga and meditation, and building beautification projects which resulted in some amazing artwork done by residents and displayed in our residence halls. Kudos to our residents for taking time to participate in these programs and to contributing to their residential community.

Information you should be aware of:

- Residence Life is seeking Resident Assistants for the 2011-2012 academic year. Details about this amazing leadership opportunity will be shared in an information session on February 9th in addition to information being shared via JSC email, JSC website and Blackboard, postering and at floor meetings. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to make a difference in the life of fellow JSC students, not to mention the leadership skills that will be further developed while in this position.
- Room Selection will begin on April 1st. More information on Room Selection will be sent to students via JSC email and will be discussed at upcoming floor meetings as well. Students who wish to live on campus for the 2011-2012 academic year must submit a housing contract and pay a \$100 housing deposit prior to choosing a room for the upcoming academic year.

Any questions regarding residence life can be directed to the Residence Life department at 802-635-1200 or via email at [jscresidencelife@jsc.edu](mailto:jscresidencelife@jsc.edu).

## Fall 2011 Registration

It may be hard to believe, but it is almost time to begin registering for Fall 2011 courses!

Encourage your student to make an appointment with his or her advisor during the weeks prior to registration to discuss plans for next year. Advisor's approval is required prior to online registration.

The Advising and Career Center will be offering walk-in peer advising hours during the week before registration, as well as the week of registration. Students may stop in for assistance with making a tentative fall course schedule, understanding degree requirements, using Web Services to search and register for classes, etc.

Questions?? Contact Academic Advising & Career Center at 635-1257.

## Creative Audience

Creative Audience has been a great success! This initiative, launched in Fall of 2009, continues to bring our campus together around exciting programming that has provided many opportunities for your student to have shared experiences with their peers. Our events have been well attended, and we hope that some word of them have made it home. We hope that exposure to these events might inspire your student to seek out new and interesting experiences during the rest of their time here at JSC, as well as into their future. Please know that there is an open invitation for all parents to come and check out any of the events going on around campus throughout the year.

To see the line-up of Creative Audience events for spring please visit:  
<http://www.jsc.edu/StudentLife/FirstYearExperience/CreativeAudience.aspx>



## PRE-REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

	Bachelor's	Associate's
Monday, 3/28/11	>=75 Credits	>= 30 Credits
Tuesday, 3/29/11	>= 45 Credits	>= 0 Credits
Wednesday, 3/30/11	>= 15 Credits	>= 0 Credits
Thursday, 3/31/11	>= 0 Credits	>= 0 Credits
Friday, 4/1/11	>= 0 Credits	>= 0 Credits

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