

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

June 1, 2006



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On May 13 Johnson State College celebrated its 139th Commencement. Rain failed to dampen the spirits of our 376 graduates during the event, which featured commencement speaker H. Lawrence McCrorey, professor emeritus at the University of Vermont. The ceremony brought to a conclusion an academic year filled with student and faculty accomplishments and intensive strategic planning for the College. Some recent highlights include:

- The Business/Economics Department, Humanities Department, and the Career Center hosted a Job Fair on campus. Speakers at the event included, Governor Jim Douglas, Commissioner Pat McDonald, President **Barbara Murphy**, and Professor **Jim Black** (Business/Economics).
- **Sally Laughlin** (Development and Alumni Relations) was recently appointed by Governor Jim Douglas to the state Endangered Species Committee.
- Residence Life has received a record number of housing contracts for new students at this date. For the second consecutive year this office has seen an increase in the number of returning students who have signed up for, or are returning to, Arthur Hall, the College's alcohol free residence hall.
- Johnson State College will again be represented on the Board of Trustees with the election of **Matt Daubenspeck** to the student trustee seat.
- The JSC Alumni Association announced its annual awards at Honors Convocation. Distinguished Faculty Award was presented to **Professor David Hutchinson**, who has taught at JSC since 1984, and helped start the graduate counseling program in 1986. The Distinguished Alumni Award was given to John King, Class of 1983, who is the President and CEO of Vermont Public Television. Finally, the Alumni Association presented a Special Recognition Award to retired professor **Alice Whiting**, who has taught at JSC since 1965.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Faculty and Staff Professional Activity

Darlene Witte-Townsend and Jean Haigh (Education) received a \$2,000 grant from the Vermont Reads Institute (VRI). The grant aims to incorporate VRI's Reading First modules into pre-service education classes. As part of their project they will also be developing an assessment tool to determine the effectiveness of these modules.

One of Dr. Witte-Townsend's papers (with A.E. Hill), "Lightness of being in the primary classroom: Inviting conversations of depth across educational communities," will appear in a special (June, 2006) issue of *Educational Philosophy and Theory* (38, 3: 373-389). She has also received word that her abstract was accepted for a "think tank" round table on education policy at a conference at Manchester Harris College in Oxford, England in July, 2006. She will discuss her research, "Investigating changes in teaching practice in the literacy classroom," which involves the reflections of Vermont teachers on changes in their teaching practice since the inception of No Child Left Behind.

Ken Brighton (Education) was the keynote speaker at the annual banquet in April to honor Vermont hunter educators. Nearly 300 hunter educators and their guests attended the event, sponsored by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife and held at the Capital Plaza in Montpelier. In the keynote, "Being a better educator: Understanding how young adolescents learn," Dr. Brighton shared some teaching techniques and strategies that are effective with 10-14 year olds, the target audience of hunter education programs in Vermont.

Gina Mireault (Behavioral Sciences) will escort her daughter's Odyssey of the Mind team to World Finals in Iowa May 23-30. She coaches the highly successful third and fourth grade team from Thatcher Brook Primary School in Waterbury.

Recently accepted essays by **Tony Whedon** (Writing and Literature) are to appear in *Ontario Review*, *Marlboro Review*, *Salmagundi*, and *Southern Humanities Review*. An essay he published in *Agni* on Robert Pinsky is being reprinted in the *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Literary Criticism*. At venues such as the Black Door in Montpelier and *Nectar's*, he continues his PoJazz gigs. Joining him are a number of musicians and poets, including JSC's **Dave Cavanagh** (External Degree Program), **Clyde Stats** (Academic Support Services), and **Jeff Salisbury** (Fine and Performing Arts).

The Business/Economics Department, Humanities Department, and the Career Center teamed up to host the recent Job Fair, at which Governor Douglas, Commissioner Pat McDonald, President **Barbara Murphy**, and Professor **Jim Black** (Business/Economics) spoke. Professor Black also participated in the April 11 Creative Community forum in St. Albans. Over spring break the Business/Economics Department's HTM program saw its International Travel and Tourism class travel to France. Among the many interesting aspects of the trip was the fact that several of the students were also taking Peace and War. One of the required books described the efforts of those inhabiting a small village in France to help Holocaust victims escape from the Nazis. The students went to the village and talked to some of the individuals in the book.

Students, under the supervision of part-time faculty member Mimi Mathieu (Business/Economics), developed a fundraising plan for JSC's Child Development Center, which was pursuing funding for a playhouse. The class project this spring was an example of a hands-on "extended classroom experience" with real-world implications. As part of the students' plan, a spaghetti dinner brought the community together and an overflow crowd to the Dewey Center, and raised nearly \$600 for the CDC.

An article on the successful exchange between Johnson State College and Terrebonne

(Québec) students, developed by **Cynthia West** (Humanities) and Mireille Francesconi, appeared in *Ameq en Ligne (Le Réseau d'information en éducation)* (Canada).

Public interest in *Life in Lamoille*, a video history of Lamoille County by **Bill Doyle** (Humanities) and his students, remains keen. The venues for recent and upcoming screenings include Stowe, Charlotte, Hardwick, and Woodstock. A celebration at JSC in early May marked Bill's 80th birthday, and he was nominated for the 2006 Governor's Heritage Award in the "educator" category.

In March **Paula Ennis** (Fine and Performing Arts) performed on Vermont Public Radio as a member of the Vermont Contemporary Music Ensemble, a group that premieres contemporary Vermont composers. Their performance showcased works by David Gunn and Larry Reed.

Lisa Jablow (Fine and Performing Arts) played Clairee in the May production of *Steel Magnolias*, by the Lamoille County Players, at the Hyde Park Opera House.

The Painted Caravan Gallery, located west of Johnson, presented "Intimate Spaces," an exhibit of works by **Leila Bandar**, **Joe Salerno**, and **Kathy Black** (Fine and Performing Arts), from April 20-June 1. The show explores issues of space and perspective in very different ways.

Tyrone Shaw (Writing and Literature) brought Dan Gillmor to Vermont in mid-April, for a presentation at Vermont College in Montpelier. The idea was to bring significant JSC-sponsored events to the community-at-large. Gillmor, a founder of the Center for Citizen Media, is an award-winning journalist and a leading voice on blogging and alternative media. He presented on "We the media: The rise of grassroots, open source journalism."

Gov. Jim Douglas appointed **Sally Laughlin** (Development and Alumni Relations) to the state Endangered Species Committee.

Academic Support Services Director **Karen Madden** was elected Vermont Educational Opportunity Programs (VEOP) president for 2006-2007 and presented a workshop on advocacy for TRIO programs at the VEOP conference in April.

Student Development Coordinator **Clyde Stats** presented a workshop on "The Nuts and Bolts of Online Course Design" at the Vermont Professionals in Adult Learning (VPAL) conference in March. He traveled to New Orleans in April to attend the Jazz and Heritage Festival and view the city's re-building efforts. He will share his experiences with the JSC community online through a Blackboard organization in May.

The University of New Hampshire presented Teaching Excellence Awards this year to **John Sparrow** and **Patricia Halpin** (both External Degree Program).

Student and Alumni Activities and Achievements

On April 29 **Andrew Blount** gave a presentation to the Lake Champlain Research Consortium 2006 Spring Student Symposium, held at Middlebury College. His talk, "A preliminary evaluation of the effects of the Spruce Peak development in relation to surface water flow," was developed under the supervision of **Tania Bacchus** (Environmental and Health Sciences).

Holly Thompson won the statewide competition held by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Water Quality Division, to design an aquatic nuisance species sticker to increase public awareness about nuisance species. Holly has just completed her first year of college, working toward a dual major in biology and art.

The Vermont Genetics Network held its undergraduate student career day in April. Students who received VGN funding for research over the last year presented posters

of their work. Among the 14 presenters were two JSC students, **Mélanie Lussier** and **Sarah Venzel**. The VGN presents awards to the top two posters, and Mélanie's received one of the two awards. **Dain LaRoche** (Environmental and Health Sciences) guided the research for her poster presentation, "The Effects of Ginkgo Biloba on Oxidative Stress." Both students presented their posters at the annual student research day on campus later in April.

In early May the VGN undergraduate outreach program in DNA microarray made it possible for 12 JSC students to travel to New York City. There they viewed the Darwin exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History and were treated to a special tour of the museum's genome lab. The College's Title III funding made it possible for all students to attend a performance of the Broadway production of *Rent*.

This summer **Russ Longtin** (Fine and Performing Arts) will tour a production of James Goldman's *The Lion in Winter* to the Waterfront Theatre in Burlington and the Barre Opera House, and will conclude the tour at JSC the first week of fall semester. Five student actors and six technical theatre students will be part of this tour. All of them are getting paid and six of them will be doing internships as well: **Joseph Hannon, Joseph Collier, Alex Noft, Adam Schuler, Gina Michaud, Amber Coutoure, Merrick Neville, Edward Hill, Katie Locke, Michele Flecchia, and Jessica Silva. Amanda Shuker** (2001), a working actress in New York who will play one of the leading roles, will be returning as a guest artist to her own turf in Dikken when the troupe performs the first week of fall semester.

The JSC Jazz Band performed at a May 12 celebration in Morristown that marked the 20-year anniversary of Out and About, an organization in support of socially isolated or impaired seniors, as well as adults with disabilities, with an arts-based activity program.

Lan Nguyen, holder of a Vermont Teacher Diversity Scholarship, will participate in a conference on "Creating a Welcoming Community." She will join two other scholarship holders in presenting a condensed version of the "A World of Difference" training, which they received from the Anti-Defamation League.

The Sunshine Week 2006 Online Gallery included a March 9 editorial by JSC alumnus **Ethan Dezotelle**, editor of the weekly *County Courier* in Enosburg, VT. By redacting portions of the text, Dezotelle showed clearly what happens when information is presented, but key portions are withheld. "It seems odd that we need such a thing as Sunshine Week in 2006, but we do," he wrote.

Elizabeth Bingham, fall 2005 editor-in-chief of *Basement Medicine*, has continued her journalistic output with a full page article on page 1 of *The Transcript* (May 15, 2006), on "Ireland—land of harsh contrast and poetry." The piece is a description of and a reflection upon her April trip to Ireland, with JSC student colleagues, as part of a senior seminar in Irish Literature. **Neil Shepard** (Writing and Literature) led the week-long trip.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Library

Information literacy remains an area of focus for the library. Public Services Librarian **Linda Kramer** attended a conference at Nelinet, a library services company in Massachusetts, entitled "Best Practices in Teaching Information Literacy." Closer to home, Interlibrary Loan Specialist **Alice Kirk** and Access Services Librarian **Jo Anne Edwards** found a Vermont Library Association panel discussion on the subject helpful in identifying information



literacy strategies for our non-residential student population.

Faculty Librarian **Joe Farara** is the Vermont State Colleges' representative to the Vermont Online Library initiative. The group is preparing an RFP for state-wide digital resources administered through the Vermont Department of Libraries. This initial stage of the group's work has an early August 2006 deadline.

Linda Kramer and Assistant Chief Technology Officer **Sally Searles** collaborated on bringing Vermont author Archer Mayor to campus as a keynote speaker for an upcoming new student orientation day.

Information Technology

Even during the hectic final weeks of the semester, Information Technology has been assessing different technologies for their application in our environment. Senior Desktop Specialist **Tom Fordham** has two pilots currently running, one having to do with instant messaging and college services, and another testing the feasibility of webcasting the college's radio station, WJSC. Initial results are promising on both fronts. Tom also has done a good deal of research concerning the encryption of email archives.

Instructional Technology Specialist **Paul Bloomhardt** completed editing and final duplication of two Teaching and Learning Technology videos documenting recent TLT presentations at the college. One video covers the Quantitative Literacy presentation given by a team from Hollins University. The other covers the recent presentation by Dr. Vincent Tinto on Engaging Students in Learning. The videos will be available for screening by faculty who were unable to attend the initial presentations. Media Services also provided ongoing support for the increased use of digital video in JSC instruction. In addition to a freshman seminar on the Language of Film, JSC students have been using video production as part of an environmental science course and as part of a sculpture

class. Students are increasingly using video to record club activities and campus events. As an example, Media Services provided multi-unit AV support for the annual JSC 101 Admissions event. With over 100 attendees, JSC 101 offers prospective students and their families a snapshot view of Johnson. Academic departments and student organizations both made extensive use of video and computer presentations to illustrate life at JSC.

In conjunction with Professor Reed Fisher, Paul conducted a faculty focus group seeking feedback on the benefits and challenges of using technology for teaching. Part of a system-wide series of focus groups, this effort by the VSC Teaching and Learning Technology committee hopes to more clearly identify the issues surrounding the use of technology in pedagogy.

STUDENT SERVICES

Residence Life

Student housing numbers for the 2006-07 school year look very promising. Residence Life has received a record number of housing contracts for new students at this date. For the second consecutive year this office has seen an increase in the number of returning students who have signed up for, or are returning to, Arthur Hall, the College's alcohol free residence hall.



Service Learning

The end of the school year saw a number of campus and community based service learning programs and opportunities. Hunger and Homelessness Week included benefit concerts, food drives, speaker panels, and direct service and awareness events. During that same week eighty-two donors contributed seventy-one units of blood at the spring Red Cross blood drive.

Two final service trips will depart after commencement. For the third year a group of students will go to Vietnam to work on land mine issues in conjunction with Clear Path International. Another group of students will be going to New Orleans to support hurricane relief efforts.

Eight high school students in the **Upward Bound** program recently returned from a Break Away trip to Boston that focused on hunger and homelessness issues. The trip, which focused on direct service opportunities in food banks and homeless shelters, was the culmination of six months of preparation and study related to the issues that the students ultimately encountered. As the student journals made clear, this was a powerful and life changing experience, and a valuable learning opportunity, for the students who participated.

Athletics

The annual athletic banquet marked the end of a very successful year for the athletic department. Most teams saw improvements in their win-loss records over the prior year. The men's soccer team won the NAC regular season championship; the men's and women's cross country teams and men's tennis team finished second in their respective conference championships; and the women's tennis team finished third in the NAC. Men's soccer coach Kyle Dezotell and women's basketball coach Cassie Birkenfeld were named NAC Coach of the Year in their respective sports. More importantly, JSC student-athletes continued to perform well in the classroom, and were well represented among the recipients of awards and scholarships handed out at the College's annual Honors Convocation. In the fall semester eight student-athletes made the Dean's List and three were on the President's List.

Student Association

The Student Association worked hard this year to have input into VSC system-level and statewide issues. Seven JSC students went to the statehouse to participate in the annual

Legislative Day. Student Senator Meghan Kelly organized a student forum regarding the stolen laptop issue at which Karrin Wilks from the Chancellor's Office answered questions and responded to student concerns. JSC will again be represented on the Board of Trustees with the election of Matt Daubenspeck to the student trustee seat.

Elected to next year's Student Association are:

President	Dan Phillips
Vice-President	Matt Daubenspeck
Senate	Dave Jacobs
	George Black
	Jamie Brown
	Telar Telar
	John Harris
	Megan Perry
	Meghan Kelly
	Anna Winsor
	Justin Kutler

Health & Counseling Services

Both the Health Center and Counseling Center saw a record number of students in 2005-06. The move of the Health Center to a location adjacent to the Counseling Center, which took place mid-year, has proven to be successful in increasing the collaboration between those two areas. Both areas increased their outreach and educational programs during the past year, and both departments have identified this as an area in which they will continue to increase their efforts in the coming year.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Business Office

At Johnson State College, the emphasis for the past couple of months has been on budgets—both the current year as well as the creation of the FY'07 budget. As we near the close of the fiscal year, the business office staff have been closely examining each department's budget to actual expenditures and meeting individually with nearly all budget managers. This has proven to be very helpful to us in determining

Q4 departmental spending requirements. It has also heightened the awareness of the importance of prudent budget management by the department heads.

Extra efforts in grant administration have been keeping us occupied as well; the staff is preparing for the upcoming federal grants audit. As with most departments, the Business Office finds this to be a busy time of year as we help prepare students for graduation, summer, and the necessary deposits for the return in the Fall.

Physical Plant

Spring has arrived and our annual campus landscaping efforts are in full swing. Currently, we have several people helping out with our efforts from the Vermont Offender Worker's Program. We have also hired an outside landscaping contractor to replant and mulch the flower beds, and trim existing bushes and hedges.

Installation of new roofing started at the College Apartments, with four of the apartments completed and four more to begin within the next couple of weeks. During the summer we will continue some of the necessary interior improvements within the apartments—helping them to remain not only economical, but an aesthetically attractive choice for students in this highly competitive area of rentals.

The ever popular Frisbee Golf Course was recently cleared of several dead and fallen trees. Additional debris will be removed in the very near future. This clean-up not only limits the chances of injury for players, it helps to make the course more easily accessible to all.

Recently, our Plant Director and Supervisor visited the Babcock Preserve in order to evaluate winter damage. All data collected will be prioritized in order of need and due to our limited funding in this area, improvements will be made on a "highest need" basis.

Our VGN project is still a work in progress, as plans are in the process of being reviewed.

Conference and Events

In the months of March and April, Conference and Event Services coordinated and supported numerous meetings, socials, and end of the year activities including other events such as the Chesamore dinner, SERVE Celebration dinner, Athletic banquet, JSC101, Consortium of Vermont Colleges tour, Ally dinner, Hunger banquet, Multi-lingual Poetry Jam, Honor's Convocation and an Alumni Council dinner.



Additionally, JSC hosted community events such as Legislative Breakfast, Red Cross Blood Drive, Clarina Howard Healing Fire, United Way Casino Night, US Customs Regional meeting and US Army recruiting. President Murphy also welcomed the Board of Trustees to campus, hosted Senator Bill Doyle's 80th birthday celebration and a memorial and reception in honor of the late Margaret Ottum.

Over the next several weeks JSC will host the Lamaille Union High School senior prom, a middle school summit hosted by Orleans SW Supervisory Union and the Green Mountain Tech Center completer ceremony. Also during this same period the our staff will attend two-day training for AdAstra scheduling program, train our newest student staff on summer procedures and coordinate a staff/faculty picnic. Finally preparations are well underway as we work will closely with group directors in coordinating their upcoming conferences, camps and workshops held at JSC this summer.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Admissions

Applications for fall 2006 are slightly ahead of last year's numbers as of May 15th (905 vs. 899). Vermont apps are up 7%, out-of-state and NEBHE apps are down (-3% and -8% respectively). Since JSC is on rolling admissions, we will continue to interview prospective students and review applications throughout the summer. Currently, the staff is following up with students who have not responded to our offer of acceptance. Many students are still working with the financial aid staff to finalize their financial aid application. Financial aid continues to be a key factor for students enrolling at JSC. Currently, deposits are up 28% in Vermont (203 vs.158) but like the applications from out-of-state, we're struggling to convert out-of-states students to deposits. We're down 17% (OS) and 28% (NEBHE).

Transfer applications, are lagging behind last year's numbers, but will change with the upcoming Transfer Day event. The day includes an on the spot review for any student considering the on campus or External Degree Program. This summer's Transfer Day will be held on Tuesday, June 13 at the Burlington Boathouse from 12-7 pm. By hosting the event in Burlington, we hope to entice prospective students from our Chittenden County market. For students who cannot attend the 6/23 program, individual appointments will be scheduled on campus at their convenience. In addition to the ongoing push for fall '06, the admissions staff will spend the summer analyzing the 2005-2006 application trends, scheduling next fall's travel, planning on and off-campus events, updating publications and working on the website. We welcome suggestions as we continue to change and improve our admissions activities.

Financial Aid

After the usual flurry of end of the semester activity in the Financial Aid Office, the staff is preparing for a busy summer. An immediate project includes submitting the Title IV Program Participation Agreement which authorizes JSC to participate in the federal financial aid programs (scheduled to expired 9/30/06). We are also training Allison Laflamme '06, a business major with many years of experience in the banking industry, has joined the staff as a financial aid officer . Allison replaces Doug Eastman who moved into the position of college registrar. The staff is preparing for the upcoming audit on June 1-2, working on summer aid applications, awarding upperclass students for the 2006-2007 year, and learning about the many changes in aid regulations. A few highlights include:

- Increases in the interest rates on the Stafford Loan 6.8% (4.7% during the '05-'06 year)
- Increase in the interest rates on the Parent Plus Loan 8.5% (6/1% during the '05-'06 year)
- Introduction of a new federal aid program: Academic Competitiveness and SMART Grants beginning in 2007. Pell eligible recipients may qualify for one of two new federal grants designed for 1st and 2nd year college students. The goal of this new program is to assist students who have demonstrated academic ability and require financial aid. The Grants are considered controversial in the financial aid community because the federal regulations criteria is includes language,

"...to be eligible as a first-year student, you must be a U.S. citizen, qualify for a Pell Grant, be registered to attend school full-time in a degree granting program, and have completed a "rigorous secondary-school program as defined by the Secretary of Education."

DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Birthday Party for Professor Bill Doyle

On May 1, JSC held a party to celebrate Professor/Senator Bill Doyle's 80th Birthday. Alumni from the 70s, 80s, and 90s joined current students, legislators, faculty, staff, and friends in the Ellsworth Room (Professor Doyle's favorite classroom) to congratulate Bill and wish him well. His remarkable career has spanned 48 years at Johnson and 38 years in the Vermont Senate. Bill assures Academic Dean Dan Regan that he intends to teach for at least another decade!



Freda Hebb Award Presented at Honors Convocation

Amongst the scholarships and academic awards presented on April 27 was the College's highest award for staff service, to the person best exemplifying the dedication and service of Freda Hebb, who for 38 years (1934 to 1972) served as registrar and assistant to the President, along with many other duties.

This year's award went to **Rhonda Osgood**, Staff Assistant for the External Degree Program, who has been with EDP since 1989. She was nominated by the entire EDP team (both directors and 16 advisors statewide), who said "*She continues to be a superb JSC employee and is central to the growth and success of EDP. Truly, we don't know how she does all that she does, and so well. It is hard to imagine how EDP could work without her. She's more than the glue. She's the golden thread that holds the fabric together.*"

Alumni Association Awards

The Alumni Association Awards were also announced at Honors Convocation.

The Alumni Association *Distinguished Faculty Award* went to **Professor David**

Hutchinson, who has taught at JSC since 1984, and helped start the graduate counseling program in 1986. He is author of *The Essential Counselor*, a textbook for graduate students to be released by Houghton Mifflin/Lahaska Press in May, and has been a featured counseling skills demonstrator in Houghton Mifflin/Lahaska's video series on individual and group counseling theory and skills. Besides his acclaimed teaching on campus, he has done interesting work outside the country, including traveling with a JSC Breakaway group to Nicaragua in 2003 and leading a group which is establishing sister school relationships between Vermont public schools and schools in Grenada. Professor Hutchinson holds his B.A. from the University of Vermont, his Master's degree from Assumption College, and his Ph.D. from the University of Buffalo.

The Distinguished Alumni Award this year goes to **John King, Class of 1983**, who is the President and CEO of Vermont Public Television, Vermont's Statewide Public Broadcasting Network and PBS member station, a position he has held since 1998. He holds the same position for the Public Television Association of Quebec, the Canadian affiliate organization for Vermont Public Television, based in Montreal, Canada. He joined Vermont Public Television in 1987 as the Chief Financial Officer and was promoted to Vice President—Finance & Administration in 1990 and to Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer in 1995. He is been a frequent speaker and presenter at national public broadcasting meetings and conferences. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts; a Bachelor's Degree from Johnson State College (through EDP); and an Associate's Degree from Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont.

Finally, the Alumni Association presented a *Special Recognition Award* to **Professor Alice Whiting**, who has taught as JSC since 1965. She retired as full professor two years ago, but has continued to teach and supervise

student teachers through the spring semester. Her retirement from her 41 year career at JSC is now official. Alice Whiting has had an exceptional career, and a tremendous effect on education in Vermont and far beyond. She is an outstanding educator who has influenced the lives of thousands of Johnson State College teacher education graduates. She was one of the primary architects of the graduate education program at Johnson, and has facilitated it in various capacities since its creation in the early 1970s. She is best known for her contributions to early childhood education, the teaching of reading, her love for children's literature, and the universal admiration of the education alumni over the last 40 years. She has served on the JSC Alumni Council since 1969.

She chaired the Education Department from 1972 to 2004, and served as Associate Dean from 1990 to 1992. Her devotion to the College and her students is legendary. She has won many awards, including the JSC Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Faculty Awards; the Jackie Gribbons Leadership Award, Women in Higher Education; the Lyman Hunt Award, Vermont Council on Reading; and the Sister Elizabeth Candon Award, Vermont Women in Higher Education. Her leadership and advocacy for various educational organizations goes far beyond the college through her efforts in state and regional groups. Her retirement is well earned, but she will be greatly missed.

Alumni Events

An alumni reception was held in Denver, Colorado, on April 4, and in Boston, Massachusetts, on May 18. Alumni of all ages enjoy getting together to network and reminisce about their years at JSC.

