EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a time of year when many wheels are in motion. As the end of the academic year comes rapidly into focus, we hasten to wrap up current-year projects, choose among the plethora of lectures and concerts and ceremonies and athletic contests filling our calendars, and finalize budgets and otherwise plan for the next academic year – all while completing the endless number of tasks associated with Commencement, a highlight of the year for me, yet one that arrives all too soon.

As we prepare this report, we are hosting a team from the state that is assessing our teacher-education programs as part of the “Results-Oriented Program Approval” process. The Vermont Agency of Education describes the ROPA process as a “performance-based approach to the review of educator preparation programs offered by state institutions of higher education.” We’re moving forward on a number of major projects as well, including a full redesign of our public-facing website, www.jsc.edu, which was last updated in 2007.

On March 8, I accompanied David Cavanagh and Valerie Edwards, co-directors of our External Degree Program, to Boston to a meeting of the New England Board of Higher Education, where we were pleased to accept the “New England Higher Education Excellence Award” for Vermont. One program in each New England state is selected annually for a state merit award recognizing “excellence in promoting college readiness and success” for New England students, and EDP captured the Vermont award. EDP is our statewide bachelor’s-degree completion program for students with 60 or more credits, with classes and degrees available online as well as on weekends in Montpelier, Rutland, St. Albans and Winooski.

For a couple of years now, College Council members have been discussing tobacco use at JSC and whether JSC should go “smoke free.” Today more than 1,100 campuses in the U.S. are entirely smoke free; of those, 766 have a 100 percent tobacco-free policy (e.g., they ban chewing tobacco as well). Nonetheless, moving in this direction is a huge step that requires multi-year planning. As a next step in the discussion, Professor Tyrone Shaw’s journalism class is conducting a survey about attitudes on smoking and tobacco use at JSC that will guide our next steps.
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Grants from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Vermont Genetics Network and other respected institutions are supporting faculty-student STEM research and scholarships. This has resulted in numerous recent publications by faculty in our Environmental & Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences departments:

- **Hans Haverkamp** (Environmental & Health Sciences) has written both “Chronic responses of the pulmonary system to exercise training” and “Pulmonary system limitations to exercise performance” in *Encyclopedia of Exercise Medicine in Health and Disease* (Eds. F.C. Mooren & F. Skinner. New York: Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2012) and co-authored “Comparison of respiratory system responses to exercise in asthmatic vs. non-asthmatic humans” in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* (44:5, June 2012).

- **Kevin Johnston** (Environmental & Health Sciences) edited and contributed several chapters to “Agent-Based Modeling” in *ArcGIS: Agent Analyst*, 2013. He also co-authored “Mapping Biological Processes to the Appropriate Spatial Modeling Tools,” chapter 14 in *Conservation Planning: Shaping the Future* (Eds. L. Craighead and C. Convis, Esri Press); and “Projected range shifting by montane mammals under climate change: Implications for Cascadia’s National Parks,” in *ECOSPHERE* (3:11, Article 97).

  Kevin recently served on the Yale science panel for developing a framework for integrating climate change into wildlife management as part of a $2 million grant from the Doris Duke Foundation. He is currently working on exploring snow leopard corridors between Everest and Annapurna with JSC student and SGA vice president **Colin Santee** in conjunction with the Snow Leopard Conservancy. In addition he has been asked to develop movement models of the mass migration of wildlife between Kenya and Tanzania in conjunction with Africa Conservation Center; student Colin Santee also is working on this project with him. Prior to Colin’s work with Dr. Johnston, alumna **Sarah Lamb** (’11 environmental sciences) worked with him on a grant-funded project that examined the use of GIS for search and rescue. Dr. Johnston has acknowledged her in two publications about that work.


- **Gina Mireault** (Behavioral Sciences) continues to promote her research into humor development in infants, most recently writing “Social referencing and humor perception in 6-month-old infants,” under review for *Infancy*, and co-authoring “Infant humor perception from 3 to 6 months and attachment at one year” in *Infant Behavior & Development* (35: 797-802).

  Funding also has enabled faculty and students to present their research at a variety of professional conferences, many of which have been noted in previous reports. Recent and upcoming events include these:

- **Liz Dolci** (Environmental & Health Sciences) presented “Microbial Community Structure of the Vermont
Asbestos Group Mine” in March at the 48th annual meeting of the northeastern section of the Geological Society of America, in Bretton Woods, N.H.

- **Gina Mireault** will present “6- and 12-month-olds Use Social Looking, not Referencing, in Absurd Situations” in May at the Association for Psychological Science in Washington, D.C. Also upcoming: a presentation titled “The emergence of social referencing in non-ambulatory infants: New insights from a new paradigm,” which is under review for the European Conference on Developmental Psychology in Lausanne, Switzerland, in September. And, as noted in earlier reports, the infant-humor research of Dr. Mireault and her JSC students has been featured on PBS’s “NOVA Science NOW” (“What Makes Us Human?” segment); NPR’s “The Takeaway”; WebMD.com; the “Member in the News” section of the Association for Psychological Science: and abroad in The Daily Telegraph (UK), der Spiegel (Germany), and A-studio TV (Finland).

Professor Mireault’s innovative practices in the classroom also are noteworthy. Recently she gave students in her “Evolution of Psychology” an option: take the traditional short essay final exam (they had already written an essay a week) or do something out of the ordinary: a music-video parody of “Call Me Maybe” incorporating names of relevant theorists and some of their theoretical positions. Those choosing the latter option had to post it on YouTube and get 50 hits per student involved in the project. Five students took the bait. They exceeded the 250 hits needed to complete the assignment and noted that it was not only a fun and collaborative project, it also was more educational than writing yet another essay.

**Amy Welch** also has been a prolific professional presenter: “Peak affective exercise experiences predict future exercise decisions of overweight and obese adults” at the Society of Behavioral Medicine annual meeting in New Orleans in June 2012 (abstract published in Annals of Behavioral Medicine 43: Supplement 281); “Self-control and health-wealth outcomes: Sacrifice now for benefits later,” a poster presented at the American Psychological Association annual meeting in Orlando in August 2012; “Objectively measured physical activity in overweight and obese pregnant women can be predicted by self-efficacy and pre-pregnancy BMI,” abstract accepted for presentation at the Experimental Biology annual meeting in Boston this month; and “Acute, 10-Minute Interventions (Self-Paced Exercise and Breathing Biofeedback) Alter Anxiety and Affect in High-Stress College Students,” accepted for presentation at the upcoming June meeting of the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity in San Diego. Amy was a “citation abstract award recipient” at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine in June 2012 for her paper on “Peak affective exercise experiences predict future exercise decisions of overweight and obese adults.”

**Norm McElvany** (Business) has been elected to a three-year term on the board of the Vermont State Employees Credit Union.

**Leslie Kanat** (Environmental & Health Sciences) continues to serve on the board of directors of Fairewinds Energy Education Corp. in Burlington, and he was elected to the school board of Mount Mansfield Union High School in March.

**Dennis Bathory-Kitz** (Fine & Performing Arts) organized a Feb. 15 visit by Renee Baker, one of the few female African-American conductors in the world. Music and Musical Theater students were joined by Ms. Baker in their performance lab.

A rather sudden invitation took **Susan Calza** (Fine & Performing Arts) back to Nepal Jan. 29-Feb. 14. Susan was invited to attend a traditional Newar wedding — a 10-day ceremony with a rich blend of Hindu and Buddhist ritual, tabla music and traditional food and dance. The experience enriched what she does in undergraduate classes and may pave the way for future JSC M.F.A. residencies in Kathmandu. While in Nepal, she continued discussions with the director of the Kathmandu Contemporary Art Center to arrange an artist residency at the Patan Museum.
N.E. Bou-Nacklie (Humanities) reviewed and critiqued a new book, *Lebanon*, by William Harris for *Choice*, which provides current reviews for academic libraries.

David Plazek (Humanities) attended a conference at McGill University Feb. 11-12 organized by the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. The conference focus was “Lifting off and flying high: Talent and success in Canada.”

Paul Silver (Humanities), a talented clarinetist, has performed in three concerts with the Vermont Philharmonic since the beginning of February. In early April he will serve as a judge for Vermont History Day, an activity sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society.

The annual Town Meeting Day survey by Bill Doyle (Humanities) included items on Vermont Yankee, cell phone use while driving, marijuana decriminalization, a moratorium on wind turbines, a gas tax increase, and whether Gov. Shumlin is doing a good job.

Lisa Cline (Humanities) will present a paper at the April meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies titled “Women’s magazines, fashion and the construction of social class in postwar France.” It will be the 59th annual meeting of the society.

Editors Jacob White and Elizabeth Powell (Writing & Literature) continue to raise the bar for Green Mountains Review, JSC’s biannual literary journal. The new U.S. poet laureate, Natasha Trethewey, has selected GMR as one of seven literary journals she will promote during her tenure. (It’s worth noting that we hosted Trethewey on campus in April 2011 as part of our Spring Authors Series.) GMR was the subject of a recent article in *Seven Days* (click [here](#) to read).

In addition to her work at JSC’s Willey Library, Alice Godin chairs the board of trustees of the Waterville Town Library. At the community’s town meeting in March, Alice presented the library’s budget request and launched a survey assessing current library services and identifying new services patrons would like to see. The survey is the first step in a strategic planning process designed to further the library in the civic life of the community.

Vermont Library Association board member Raymond Brior (Willey Library) has agreed to serve another year as chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, while VLA past president Joe Farara (also Willey Library) continues his work on the Nominating Committee to determine leadership in the coming year.

Jo Anne Edwards (Willey Library) recently attended the American Federation of Teachers’ “Higher Education Professional Issues” conference in San Diego.

Barbara Murphy (President) moderated a lunchtime panel discussion with CCV President Joyce Judy at the Vermont Women in Higher Education conference on Friday, March 22, in Killington. The topic: “Girls and Women in Vermont: How Are We Doing?” The following Monday she moderated a discussion of the new PBS production *Makers: Women Who Make America* at the invitation of Vermont Public Television’s Chuck Pizer. The film, screened at JSC in honor of Women’s History Month, tells how women have helped shape America over the past 50 years and includes interviews with Hillary Clinton, Gloria Steinem, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Barbara Walters and others.

**STUDENT & ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Senior Kristina Gorden of Chittenango, N.Y., has been selected as JSC’s recipient of the Vermont Campus Compact’s 2013 “Engaged Student Award.” VCC awards this honor annually to a student or student group at a VCC-member institution who devotes significant time and energy to activities that promote and support engagement. Gorden has been actively involved in the Student Government Association, SERVE, Christian Fellowship and the women’s soccer team. Among other things, she has led a group to New Orleans to help with Hurricane Katrina relief, volunteered at blood drives on campus and devoted time to the Laraway Homework Club. She is majoring in wellness and alternative medicine.
Four JSC undergraduate students working with Professor Gina Mireault — Kelly Woodard, Christine Pettinato, Sarah Sienna and Chelsea Lamore — accompanied Dr. Mireault to New York City in early March to attend the Eastern Psychological Association meeting and present their research on infant humor development and social referencing. This was a great opportunity for our students to demonstrate high-quality collaborative research and attend a professional meeting. More than 3,000 psychologists and psychology students attended the gathering.

Two JSC science students — Abigail Murphy and Brittany McCarthy — will give presentations at the Vermont EPSCoR and Center for Workforce Development & Diversity student symposiums in Burlington this month.

Five students, including four START scholarship recipients, attended the 48th annual meeting of the northeastern section of the Geological Society of America with Dr. Liz Dolci March 18 to 20 at Bretton Woods, N.H.

At a mid-January meeting of the Community Collaborative in Hyde Park, Jim Heath, finance director of Laraway Youth & Family Services, extolled the virtues of the “very solid” JSC-Laraway connection. In addition to mentioning the service of Dean of Students Dave Bergh on Laraway’s board (where Dave now serves as president), Jim talked at length about the mentoring program run by JSC student-athletes at the organization. To Laraway students, he said, it is as if they are being connected to NBA players.

Historian Scott McDowell, who earned his B.A. in history from JSC in 2010 and followed that with a master’s degree from UVM in 2012, was interviewed by Vermont Public Radio on its March 19 “Morning Edition” program. The seven-minute interview focused on Scott’s research on the Vermont marble workers’ strike of 1935 – the topic of the annual Ellsworth Lecture that Scott delivered the following evening at JSC. The JSC alum came across as extremely knowledgeable and articulate during the interview, which can be heard by clicking here.

Ally Bataille, a member of the JSC women’s soccer team, represented Vermont’s future health and fitness professionals at the February conference of the Eastern District Association of the Vermont Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (VTAHPERD), held in Valley Forge, Pa. Ally took part in a leadership-development program, gave a presentation about the semester she spent as a volunteer in Rwanda, and was honored as one of Vermont’s two “outstanding future professionals” in the field. According to Lisa Pleban, VTAHPERD executive director, Ally so impressed those in attendance that leaders of the New York and national AHPERD organizations — as well as Dr. Pleban herself — are allocating funds to send Ally to the national conference in Charlotte, N.C., this summer. Noting Ally’s “professionalism and passion,” Dr. Pleban wrote, “Ally would be a great candidate to represent Vermont as a student leader at the national convention. She has represented your college superbly and has a great future in front of her.”

STUDENT SERVICES

ATHLETICS & RECREATION

Badgers Partner with VT Peanut Butter Co.

Vermont Peanut Butter Co. CEO Chris Kaiser announced the beginning of a new partnership with JSC in promoting “health, education and community.” Speaking during halftime at the Feb. 12 men’s basketball game, Kaiser said he looks forward to working with the JSC community on
projects in these areas and hopes to create a standing internship for JSC students. He also offered JSC students, faculty and staff a 15 percent discount at the company’s factory store in Waterbury.

**Accolades for Badgers’ Social Media**

Elaine Harvey, our new assistant director of athletics for communications, has brought new energy to the department’s Facebook and Twitter accounts, including a number of inspirational messages tied with photos of varsity athletes such as the image below. Twice in February the NCAA Division III linked to two of those messages from its own Facebook page, noting, “If you’re looking for great inspiration, check out the other fantastic posts on Johnson State College Athletics’ page. Tons of great graphics and photos. We’re taking notes from their creativity!” The resulting click-throughs led to more than 30,000 new people seeing JSC Athletics branding each time.

**Winter Wrap-Up and Spring Kickoff**

The men’s and women’s basketball teams have finished their 2012-2013 seasons. The men’s team qualified as the 7th seed in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) championship, where the Badgers gave a great performance but fell just short in a first-round match-up with Husson. The team finished 9-17 (7-5 at home) and won the NAC team sportsmanship award for the third consecutive year. The team bid farewell to two senior leaders, Andy Bousono and Cody Camisa. Bousono finished his career as the all-time leader at JSC in steals and finished third in assists per game. Camisa ranks in the top 10 in games played. The women’s team fell short of the NAC playoffs, but led by Brittany Robertson and Jenessa Swainbank, the Lady Badgers found themselves competitive within the conference. The team is already focusing on improving their game and adding new recruits to make a splash in the NAC next year.

Softball and lacrosse recently kicked off their seasons, with men’s tennis preparing to do the same. The softball team traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to play six games. In a preview of what is expected to be a very competitive season, JSC played solidly and earned two wins during a week that saw freshman pitcher Andrea Williams named NAC Rookie of the Week.

**COUNSELING & HEALTH CENTERS**

Health Center and Residence Life staff are collaborating with Professor Tyrone Shaw and his students on a survey that will inform the next steps in campus smoking-cessation efforts. The information gathered this semester will help determine whether the College should pursue a more formal tobacco-free initiative, as has been discussed by the College Council in recent years.

The Health Center partnered with Rite Aid pharmacy to provide a second flu shot clinic in early February.

The Counseling Center is now officially an outstation of the Vet Center in South Burlington, with readjustment counseling services provided for area veterans on a weekly basis.

Counseling Center staff have worked with Residence Life to deliver programming on healthy relationships and will collaborate to offer “bystander training” to students. This initiative represents an approach to preventing sexual violence and unhealthy behaviors that empowers student peers to intervene in such situations.

Staff members of both centers are continuing their “Words of Wellness” column in *Basement Medicine* this semester. Recent topics have included the risks of tobacco and nicotine; friends, community and social capital; and sleep problems.
The Counseling Center continues to gather and analyze data on use and quality of service. Anonymous surveys completed at the end of the fall semester indicated that 92 percent of respondents would recommend the Center’s services to a friend and 87 percent would use services again if needed. In addition, 77 percent gave their counselor the highest possible rating.

RESIDENCE LIFE
Programming in residence halls continues to be well-received. As of March 20, Residence Life had sponsored more than 30 programs this semester. Building-wide programs included a well-attended Valentine’s Dance and a video and discussion on ocean exploration. Students are looking forward to the dining staff coming into the halls to demonstrate how to prepare healthy stir-fry meals. As well, our ongoing “Lobby Talk” program, during which representatives from Student Service departments regularly visit the halls and chat with students in the lobbies, remains popular. Finally, our peer mentors continue to hold office hours in each residence hall, providing support, guidance and information to residential students.

Approximately 30 percent of our residential students recently completed our “quality of residence life” survey. Among the results: 84 percent say their residential experience has been positive to date, 85 percent say their Residence Assistant (RA) has been “present, helpful and approachable,” and 89 percent rate their building supervisor the same.

OFFICE OF FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE
At a second-semester check-in event the first week of classes in January, first-year students were surveyed about their first semester and challenged to think about things they wanted to improve and strengthen this semester. Overall 76 percent indicated high levels of satisfaction with their college experience to date. More notably, only one of 84 respondents indicated dissatisfaction. Students sharing specific concerns or topics they wanted to discuss were scheduled for follow-up conversations.

The check-in event followed a new “welcome back and (re)orientation” event for returning students aimed at giving students the opportunity to reflect on their first semester accomplishments and challenges, to set personal and academic goals for their second semester, and to help them reconnect with friends and begin their second semester with intention. Students were formally welcomed back by the College president, dean of students, and director of First-Year Experience.

This semester’s Creative Audience (CA) events have been consistently well-received by students. Burlington Taiko kicked off the new year, and every week since then we have had one or two CA events a week. A recent highlight was Roman Baca, artistic director of NYC’s Exit 12 Dance Company and an Iraq War veteran. More than 100 students were captivated by Baca’s ability to use dance as a way to heal and to share stories of war.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Five key members of JSC’s College Crisis Response Team attended an intensive, three-day training sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Administration over February break. The five will share what they learned at this higher-education-focused training with fellow CCRT members to ensure that any emergency situation at JSC is dealt with effectively and efficiently.

Public Safety is working with a group of students from Professor Todd Comen’s “Organizational Behavior” class who are using the department as the focus of their research project. Our officers are enjoying the opportunity to interact with students in this setting.
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The SGA’s 36th annual Casino Night fundraiser for the United Way of Lamoille County raised $900 for the agency. Staff, faculty and United Way representatives joined SGA leaders as dealers and volunteers.

SERVE
DREAM Mentoring Program
Four local Johnson youth have been coming to campus to work with JSC student mentors. They spent their first day together building a giant newspaper fort and exploring the game room in Stearns. Subsequent activities have included arts and crafts, a trip to the climbing wall in SHAPE, where members of the group pushed their comfort zones and climbed higher than they thought they could, impressing their mentors with their positive attitudes and climbing skills.

Break Away
JSC coordinated three alternative-break service trips during February break:

• **Break Away Disaster Relief** students traveled to New Orleans, where they worked with the United Saints First Recovery Project, Youth Rebuilds New Orleans, the Kid Smart Project, and New Orleans Animal Rescue. Service work included building bunk beds for future volunteer housing, building boards for a project to bring art back into New Orleans public schools, cleaning cages and walking dogs, and de-molding the home of a homeowner who was overjoyed to have the help.

• **Break Away Rural Poverty and Community Empowerment** traveled to Beards Fork, W. Va., to work with the Southern Appalachian Labor School, an umbrella organization that includes AmeriCorps VISTA groups. The group worked mainly with YouthBuild, a program that teaches basic construction skills and provides the opportunity for 16- through 24-year-old dropouts to earn their GED, refurbishing low-income family housing. Tasks ranged from tearing out flooring and laying tile to painting, installing plumbing in kitchens and bathrooms, and installing light fixtures.

• **Break Away Shoreline Recovery** students spent a week in Deer Island, Miss., helping the Department of Marine Resources restore and protect the island shoreline, which was heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The 10 students helped create a “living shoreline” made of chicken-wire bags filled with oyster shells to slow erosion. Their efforts garnered coverage in the local print and television media.

UPWARD BOUND
Program directors from Upward Bound and Academic Support attended the annual policy seminar sponsored by the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) in Washington, D.C., March 9. The group met with Sen. Bernie Sanders and his educational aide, Megan Reed, as well as with Kathryn Toomajian and Tom Cheney, educational aides to Sen. Patrick Leahy and Rep. Peter Welch, respectively. They brought the message that “TRiO Works” to Capitol Hill in hopes of preventing further cuts to the federally funded educational program. As a result of the federal sequestration, TRiO programs in Vermont stand to lose up to $458,123 a year, which in turn may result in the loss of 606 students served.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS
BUSINESS OFFICE
The College continues to work on finalizing our FY14 budget in anticipation of the May 2 deadline for submission to the Chancellor’s Office.

PHYSICAL PLANT
We are pleased to have completed our first “Green Revolving Fund” project, which involved the replacement of 160 exterior, high-pressure sodium lights with energy-
efficient LEDs. This change, completed over three weeks by Lamberton Electric of Montpelier, is expected to save 122,000 kWh hours of electricity a year – roughly the amount to light 10 average homes a year. In addition saving energy, this project dramatically reduces light pollution in our rural area.

Summer 2013 is shaping up to be a busy one. Plans include completing the last phase of renovations to Arthur Hall restrooms, renovations to McClelland Hall and window replacements in Martinetti Hall. We are working with the Chancellor’s Office to solicit bids for these projects and are pleased to report that the bids have been quite favorable.

CONFERENCE & EVENT SERVICES

Things are never quiet for CES, but spring is always particularly busy. This spring has been no exception, with everything from Admissions overnights and a series of Accepted Student Days to guest speakers, authors’ readings, and the annual SGA Casino Night fundraiser. The main focus through the end of the semester will be Honors Convocation, numerous end-of-year banquets and events, and of course Commencement.

In addition, CES is planning for summer camps and conferences, which this year will include Burklyn Ballet Theatre, Vermont Soccer School, Talent Development Institute and other groups. We expect to host more than 850 people during our eight-week summer season.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

As of March 22, first-year applications were up 6 percent both for Vermonters and out-of-state students, and EDP applications were nearly twice the number received last year at this time. We also are seeing a 36 percent increase in deposits. We’ve had more accepted students attended this year’s “Accepted Student Days” programs as well. Coordinated by Elga Gruner, these events include a session called “Where Will Your JSC Degree Take You?” featuring panels of JSC alums. We are grateful to have so many talented alums join us for these events, including:

• Kathryn Johnson (’12 education)
• Jeremy Rector (’08 integrated environmental science)
• Jessica Dambach (’97 psychology; ’00 M.A. counseling)
• Elizabeth Cass (’09 elementary education)
• Amy Vetters (’10 mathematics)
• Warren Ramsey (’12 business)
• Jim Ryan (’94, environmental science-natural resources)
• Heidi Bennett (’03 hospitality and tourism management)
• Daniel Celik (’08 history)
• JoAnn Reed (’94 liberal arts)
• Ray Kania (’10 B.F.A. studio arts)
• Jeff Apfel (’88 business)
• Bob Wagner (’02 music performance)
• Rebecca McGregor (’02 health sciences/exercise science; minor in education and dance)
• Jessie Forand (’09 journalism)
• Harlan Mack (’07 B.F.A. studio arts; ’12 M.F.A. studio arts)

Students and parents especially enjoyed hearing about the internships, student teaching, research opportunities and extracurricular activities our alumni participated in while enrolled at JSC. We ended each event by raffling a snowboard donated by Stowe Mountain Resort. Thanks to all the faculty, staff and student hosts who made these special visitation days possible.

In addition to our Accepted Student Day programs, other yield activities include the ongoing telephone calls by JSC students, faculty and coaches to accepted students and recruits.

Men’s rugby coach and JSC alum John Sweeney traveled to Fairfield-Warde High School in Fairfield, Conn., with Patrick Rogers for a first-ever recruitment trip for rugby players at a Connecticut rugby tournament. It was a great opportunity for the coach and Patrick to meet with players, parents and coaches.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• April 4: We will host a group visit from Minority Recruit Online (MRO) with prospective students from Washington, D.C., and Connecticut.

• April 5-9: Admissions counselor Julie Noyes will join Assistant Professor Bethany Plissey and the JSC Chamber Singers on a concert tour to high schools in Vermont and Montreal promoting JSC’s music program.

• April 11: Students from Cabot, Danville, Hazen and Twinfield high schools will spend a day on campus
learning about the college admissions process as part of “Career and College Day” at those schools.

• April 13: Patrick Rogers will host a reception in Connecticut for prospective students and their families. Kristen Cannon of the Athletics Department will accompany Patrick.

• Friday, April 19: We will host our annual Spring Open House and Extended Classroom Experience Showcase, at which JSC students present research projects, club activities and other opportunities at JSC.

• April 22: The annual Consortium of Vermont Colleges guidance counselor bus tour will visit JSC for a breakfast program.

DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

VISUAL ART CENTER CAMPAIGN
Since last year, we have been raising funds for our new Visual Arts Center by offering donors the opportunity to name the studios. To date, we have named our Sculpture Studio, thanks to renowned Canadian sculptor Won Lee; our Photography Studio, named in honor of JSC photography professor John Miller by friend and art collector Brooks Buxton; and the Common Area Lounge, named by friends in memory of former staff member Mary Parizo.

Our newest named space, the Drawing & Painting Studio, recognizes Professor Ken Leslie, who has been instrumental in shaping the arts program here over his 28 years at JSC. Under his direction, art has emerged as a dynamic and signature force of our College. As one of his colleagues noted, Ken is a kind, thoughtful, hard-working professor, mentor and artist who strives for excellence in his students, in the fine arts program at JSC, in his teaching, and in his own nationally exhibited painting and drawing. We plan to celebrate with Ken upon his return from sabbatical, and a celebration of all the named spaces is planned for June.

ALUMNUS DON VICKERS RECEIVES AWARD
As noted in the executive summary, JSC was well-represented at the March 8 meeting of the New England Board of Higher Education in Boston. Not only did JSC’s External Degree Program win the 2013 Vermont “Excellence in Education” award, Donald Vickers — JSC alum, former JSC staff member, and president of the Vermont Student Assistance Corp.— received NEBHE’s 2013 Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement. More than 400 people attended this event, including leaders of education, business and government from across the six New England states.

Don joined VSAC in 1971 after serving as JSC’s director of financial aid. He was appointed VSAC’s president and CEO in 1990 and plans to retire in June of this year. He remains involved with his alma mater as a member of the Fund for JSC, the President’s advisory committee on fundraising, and a member of the board for the Ellsworth Trust. We are very proud to call Don a friend and alum.

2013 ELLSWORTH LECTURE
Former Ellsworth scholar Scott McDowell, a 2010 graduate of JSC who holds a master’s in history from UVM, returned to campus March 20 to deliver the 29th annual Ellsworth Lecture. The focus of his address: the 1935 Vermont marble workers’ strike in Proctor and the connections between Vermont’s marble magnates and political leaders. Scott knows the subject well — it was the subject of his master’s dissertation – and he is the first alum to deliver the Ellsworth address in the program’s 29-year history. As noted earlier, the topic attracted the attention of Vermont Public Radio, which interviewed Scott about his research during its March 19 “Morning Edition” broadcast (available for listening here).