

JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE **President's Report**

to the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees

June 3, 2010

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After a very busy period leading up to the end of the year, we are all basking in the glow of a spectacular 2010 Commencement ceremony and the conclusion of a stellar academic year. We proudly recognized 394 graduates at our 143rd Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 15, including 315 undergraduates and 79 master's degree recipients, ranging in age from 20 to 64.

Award-winning author Katherine Paterson, our commencement speaker, provided the perfect mix of humor, wisdom, humility and brevity to celebrate the day. She called upon Maya Angelou, Woody Allen, and President Jimmy Carter to make her point that whining is a waste of time and there is enough space in the course of a life well-lived to put a significant dent in the world's problems. Even the storm clouds that threatened to rain on our parade stayed at bay. By all accounts, it was a wonderful day.



Katherine Paterson

Our work continues full steam through the summer, of course, as we prepare to welcome incoming first-year and transfer students, as well as returning students, to campus. Other summer work includes preparing for VSC 2010; writing a five-year report to our accreditation commission, NEASC; development work; and campus upgrades. A number of physical improvements are in the works to enhance academics and student life. It will be a busy summer.

We will be continuing to refine and carry out the steps outlined in our 2010-2015 College Plan (a working document available on the JSC Web site under “Who We Are”) as well as to make the changes necessary to ensure continued academic excellence at a time of ever-tightening budgets. The 3% tuition increase approved by the VSC Trustees at its April meeting presents both challenges and opportunities—opportunities to increase our efficiencies; challenges to implement those efficiencies without adversely affecting academic quality. This requires difficult and painful choices—most notably our decision to close JSC’s Child Development Center, a valuable community resource for 20 years, at the end of this fiscal year.

Budgetary challenges notwithstanding, we are committed to continue “raising the bar” at Johnson State College and meeting the goals outlined in our 2010-2015 College Plan. Read through the report that follows, and I suspect you’ll share my optimism about our future.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Again this year, JSCers laced up their walking and jogging shoes for the 27th Annual Vermont Corporate Cup Challenge and State Agency Race on Thursday, May 20, in Montpelier. Twenty staff and faculty members took part.

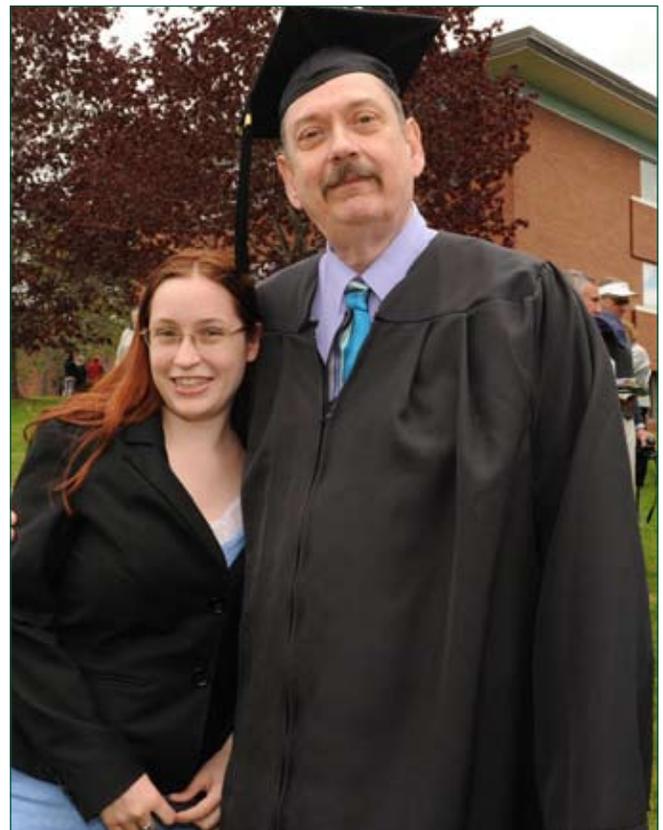
The gallery at River Arts in Morrisville is featuring a celebration of recent work by eight regional artists June 3-July 10. Five of the eight are members of JSC’s Fine and Performing Arts Department: **Bethany Bond, Marie LaPre Grabon, Ken Leslie, John Miller, and Victoria Patrick.**

Gina Mireault (Behavioral Sciences) has received another grant from the Vermont Genetics Network. The grant, for “Social referencing to parent ‘clowns’: Infant humor perception and attachment,” will support continued, naturalistic observation of infant humor development already under way, but employ an experimental method. Gina was newly recognized as a VSC Faculty Fellow for 2010-2011 at the April meeting of VSC Trustees.

Gina and **Hans Haverkamp** (Environmental and Health Sciences), whose research also is supported by a Vermont Genetics Network grant, presented

“The Best of Both Worlds: Teaching through Research” at the VSC Academic Retreat on May 20.

The University of Vermont has asked to use the NextGen Sequencing study topic, formulated by **Liz Dolci** (Environmental and Health Sciences), as a starting point to submit a mini-grant abstract for a NextGen instrument to the Ion Torrent Corp. The



company will be granting two opportunities for a NextGen Instrument to go into a core lab.

Dave Cavanagh (External Degree Program) was a featured writer for an hour in mid-April on WRUV 90.1FM, UVM's radio station, which reaches in and around Burlington. Because the interviewer asked about Dave's "day job" at the very beginning of the show, he got a chance to describe EDP in detail. On the show he read from his most recent book, *Falling Body*, which recently received a very flattering review in the literary journal *Poetry Quebec*. Dave also has poems in *The Salon*, a semi-annual literary journal just launched in Burlington.

JSC received approval from NEASC in April to offer two majors to be offered online through the External Degree Program. In Fall 2010, the B.A. in Professional Studies and the B.A. in Business Management will be fully available in an online format. Courses in both majors have been offered online for a number of years, but the recent approval means the two majors can now be fully online and promoted as such. Both majors will continue to be offered in a classroom format as well. The proposal was commended for its library services, academic oversight model, and concordance with the overall college mission. Two other majors, Liberal Arts and Psychology, received approval to be offered more than 50% online.

Michele Miyamoto (Academic Support Services) completed her M.Ed. degree in Curriculum and Instruction here at JSC this semester. Her final research project focused on the effects of using narrative research as a tool for tutor development. She plans to present the findings of this study to the larger tutor training community at the annual College Reading and Learning Association conference later this year in Salt Lake City.

Linda Kramer (Library) attended the Association of College and Research Libraries New England



Chapter's spring conference, "Embracing Our Electronic World: Challenges and Promises for Academic Libraries," on May 14 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

Alice Kirk and **Jo Anne Edwards** (both Library) attended the 116th annual Vermont Library Association conference at St. Michael's College on May 25. The focus of the conference was "Where Tradition and Transformation Converge."

Ray Brior (Library) was at the Stowe Free Library on May 24 for a hands-on training seminar on the latest release of Koha, an open-source integrated library system. Ray's interest is in the robustness of the product's acquisition and cataloging modules.

Joe Farara (Library) is the incoming vice president of the Vermont Library Association. In his capacity as president of the Vermont Consortium of Academic Libraries, he has planned and coordinated its annual meeting, which will take place at Norwich University June 10.

Henrique Cezar (Business and Economics) is leading an international class trip to the east coast of Brazil this summer. The class will team up with the faculty and students of the Tourism Program at the *Universidade Federal de Pernambuco* in the town of Recife. The objectives of this class trip are twofold: to immerse JSC students in another

country's traditions and to stimulate cultural integration between the two groups of students.

Students in Environmental Interpretation, taught by **Todd Comen** (Business and Economics), developed interpretive panels for Morse Farm Sugarhouse in Montpelier. The interpretive themes included coexisting with beaver, biodiversity and vernal pools, and maple sugaring through the generations. Owner Burr Morse met with the students three times and expressed his enthusiasm for the professional outcome of this project-based learning experience.

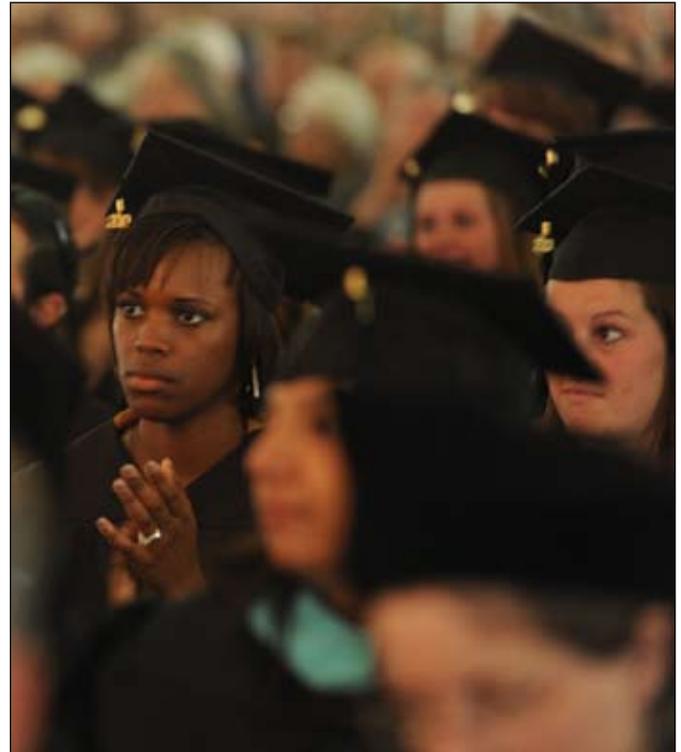
The Helen Day Art Center in Stowe hosted its second annual ARTitude Live Art spring gala on Saturday, May 1. As part of the festivities, Grammy nominee **Anthony Geraci** (Fine and Performing Arts) played jazz piano.

For 35 years the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) has hosted an international conference for 500 participants to learn, network, exchange ideas and work to transform lifelong learning. This year's conference will be held in San Diego in November. Johnson State College is a partner sponsor.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

This summer the President's Fund for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is funding a biology major, **Autumn Santor**, as part of support for an emerging culture of research at the College. Autumn's experiences in the lab with VSC Faculty Fellow and JSC biology Professor **Liz Dolci** in proteomics and genetics have proved transformative, and she is now looking toward graduate school.

On April 14, JSC student presenters joined VGN-supported **Hans Haverkamp** (Environmental



and Health Sciences) at the Vermont Genetics Network's "Undergraduate Student Career Day" in South Burlington. At the same event **Brittany Perdue**, a student involved in **Gina Mireault's** infant-humor study, also presented a poster.

Cheri Keith and colleagues at JSC's Women's Center organized a competition to design a T-shirt that raises awareness about sexual violence. The winning design will be used in an upcoming event to educate participants about sexual violence and what can be done to stop it.

SERVE graduate assistant **Kelly Palmer** helped organize and publicize the popular annual "Drop & Swap" on campus April 23-24. Some 401 bags of clothing came through the doors on Friday, and about 273 people attended the free clothing swap the following day.

Harlan Mack and others in residence at the Vermont Studio Center hosted a field trip

of second- to sixth-graders from Hyde Park Elementary School, which was organized by their art teacher, Matt Neckers. The students were attentive and posed good questions, and Harlan was particularly skillful at communicating effectively with elementary-age children while demonstrating his art in various media.

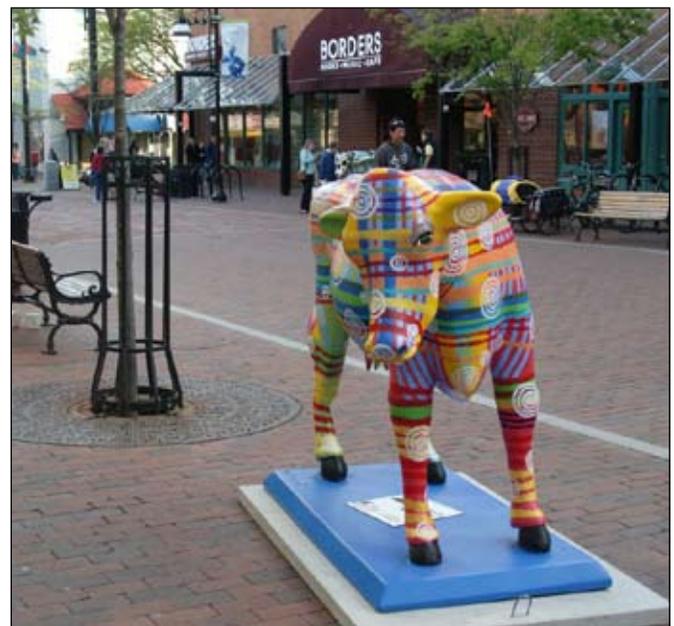
Kelly Jackson and James Dempsey led “Team JSC SERVE” in the 21st annual COTS Walk on Sunday, May 2. This three-mile trek around downtown Burlington starts from Battery Park and follows the route a homeless person might travel to receive shelter and services. They joined 1,500 volunteers committed to raising awareness about homelessness and supporting the shelters and services of the Committee on Temporary Shelter, for Vermonters who are homeless or are at risk of losing their homes.

EDP student **David Cieslica** has rebounded in fine fashion from a disheartening job loss. Laid off after 21 years with Husky Injection Molding Systems, David suddenly found himself unemployed in the middle of a deep recession. With an extensive background in project management but with no bachelor’s degree and few prospects, he enrolled in JSC’s External Degree Program to earn his B.A. He earned 37 credits through the “Assessment of Prior Learning” course and graduated with a B.A. in Professional Studies after one year—and he has just been hired to head up the U.S. expansion German manufacturer *Hotset GmbH*. “The EDP program is fantastic and opened new doors for me,” he says.

TRiO students **Veronique Lumumba, Rhonda Lipsey, Musweki Musanga, Justin Reed, Chi Vo, Micheala Smith, Nicole Hamilton, Deidre Montague, Cheri Keith, Dan Mullin and Tenzin Choezin** participated in a trip organized by Academic Skills advisor Jeanette Damato to several

New England-area graduate schools April 15-16. At the University of New Hampshire, students were energized and inspired by a presentation by Antonio Henley, director of the UNH McNair Scholars Program (a sister TRiO program supporting graduate students), on the value of graduate education, how it differs from the undergraduate experience, and the importance of finding your passion in life. Then it was on to Boston for an overnight stay at a youth hostel and meetings the following day with students and administrators at several local graduate schools. The students returned to JSC with a new vision of the possibilities of graduate education, and a renewed determination to step up the quality of their academic work to make that vision a reality.

The fiberglass cow painted in March and April in a beautiful plaid design by art students **Amanda**



Hallock and Matt Carroll (in an ad-hoc studio in the Dewey Hall lounge for maximum exposure) is now in Burlington. It will be displayed in various locations (starting in the top block of the Church Street Marketplace, opposite Borders Books & Music) through October 11. Potential

regional areas for display include entry points to Chittenden County and Burlington, and interstate rest areas (Guilford, Williston, Georgia and Alburgh). The cows will be auctioned off from October through November to raise funds for the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger. **Leila Bandar** (Fine and Performing Arts) coordinated this project, with **Woody Dionne** (Physical Plant) and staff, notably painting guru **Edson Jones**, “shepherding” this project along.

Approximately 117 prospective middle and high school students attended the annual Extended Classroom Experiences (ECE) showcase event on April 16, again held in conjunction with the annual JSC 101 admissions event. Approximately 160 students, faculty and staff discussed and shared their varied forms of learning beyond the classroom in 28 presentations and displays. Of special significance was the Vermont Genetics Network visit to the ECE event. Admissions estimated that six prospective students made deposits on ECE day.



A student involved in JSC research on the impact of a landslide on water quality in the Lamoille Valley explains the project to visitors at the Extended Classroom Experience Showcase on Friday, April 16. The showcase coincided with the annual “JSC 101” Admission open house.



The Food and Beverage Management class this spring toured the restaurant facilities at Trapp Family Lodge with Jean-Luc Jenni, the lodge’s food and beverage director, and toured the new spa facilities at The Essex Resort & Spa with HTM graduates **Kristi and Chris Benjamin**. Students in these classes also volunteered for a number of important events, including the Stowe Weekend of Hope, the annual Vermont Foodbank Conference, and Hope on the Slopes. Students worked closely with these organizations in planning the events, staffing the registration tables, and conducting a variety of tasks to help make these events successful.

Ecotourism students developed tours for the Northeast Kingdom Travel and Tourism Association members this spring. The tours featured multi-sport activities, cultural events and natural areas of the NEK.

JSC student **Tara Goreau** painted a special mural for the Hyde Park VFW. A Memorial Day ceremony will feature this colorful representation of every branch of the service, showing soldiers in their various roles.

STUDENT SERVICES

SERVE (CENTER FOR SERVICE LEARNING)

SERVE FRI Program

Our SERVE FRI program finished a very successful year, with broad student participation in a diverse assortment of local volunteer activities.

- On Friday, March 19, students visited the Morrisville offices of both the United Way and the Central Vermont Community Action Council. They made calls to verify emergency information sent in by elderly and other county residents, cleaned the United Way storage rooms, delivered furniture to the nearby CVCAC office for donation to those in need, spruced up the outside entryway, and learned about the vital services the agency provides for low- to moderate-income Vermonters.
- On Friday, March 26, more than a dozen students journeyed to the nearby Lamoille County Nature Center in order to help with that organization's "Willow Project." The project entails repeated bundling of 14 or so willow branches into dozens of groups, called "wattles" or "fascines." The bundles are then planted horizontally alongside river beds, a process which impedes erosion and combats toxic runoff. The student group delighted Nature Center director and current JSC graduate student **Kimberly Komer**, who didn't expect her 75-bundle quota to be reached on such a frosty morning. Having reached this goal, the group built a few fox dens with extra branches.
- Friday, April 16, saw a return trip to the North Country Animal League, where students helped with essential tasks such as folding and washing towels in addition to playing with and walking some furry tenants. This has proved to be a popular destination for JSC students, with some returning to volunteer on their own.



- An Earth Week "green-up" of campus on Friday, April 23, gave special attention to the rugby field, site of the next day's Preston Cup Tournament. This was fitting, as many members of both the men's and women's rugby teams have proved to be SERVE FRI stalwarts.
- The following Friday, students from the Hunger & Homelessness group (which had spent February break in Washington, D.C.) volunteered with the Vermont Food Bank in Barre.

Looking back of the academic year, the cumulative impact of this program has been remarkably successful. SERVE FRI was initiated out of a desire to provide regular (weekly) opportunities for students to provide service and strengthen connections with our local community. In total, SERVE FRI coordinated 23 service projects at 21 different locations. Through this program students also participated in the "Effective Partnerships" seminar with local service providers. All told, 128 students (many of them repeat participants) logged 1,000 volunteer hours in the greater Lamoille Valley!

Drop & Swap

The second annual Drop & Swap, held Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, was a resounding success. SERVE and Residence Life partnered with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), several community organizations, and various on-campus clubs in managing this massive undertaking. On Friday 72 cars pulled up with bags of clothing to donate, then on Saturday 273 people came through to participate in the “swap.” Community members were grateful for this opportunity to access quality clothing for free.

Break Away

Two “Break Away” trips went out over the April break: the Arts Awareness in Youth group returned to New York City to work with students at the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club (as they had done last year), and the Sustainable Agriculture group traveled to the Zenger Farm in Portland, Oregon. Upon their return, the two groups gave a presentation about their experiences to the campus community and used the opportunity to recruit members for next year’s Break Aways.

A highlight of this year was a “reverse” Break Away planned by senior **Mallory Hazen**, president of the JSC Dance Club and leader of the Break Away trip to Kips Bay: eight high school students from Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club traveled to JSC to spend five days on campus April 21-26. They performed in the biannual Dance Show, volunteered at the Drop & Swap, enjoyed the scenery and culture of Vermont, and got a taste of college experience. Many of them had never considered college as part of their future before traveling to JSC. The visit was featured in the popular “Stuck in Vermont” weekly video series on the Seven Days Web site and featured on Burlington’s WPTZ evening news. A link to this video is at www.jsc.edu/NewsAndEvents/JSCInTheNews.aspx.

Student leaders of these two trips and those in the fall gave a presentation to the VSC Board of Trustees at its April meeting at JSC, sharing their experiences with the program and describing how it has impacted their lives and enhanced their educational experience. It is estimated that Johnson’s Break Away program this year contributed 1,700 direct service hours to local and national communities.



Student Government Association (SGA)

The SGA had a very effective year, with increased visibility and involvement in all aspects of college life. Members were active participants in the College Council and advocated issues important to students in this and other forums. A number of Senate projects had tangible outcomes (e.g., drinking fountains in residence halls, a composter for the community garden, planned upgrades to the rugby field, and a successful Casino Night that raised \$1,000 for the United Way of Lamoille County). The increased interest in student government was reflected in the recent election, which saw several competitive races and the highest voter turnout in several years. **Ben Chaucer**

was elected to a second term as president, and **Sara-Ann Wolf** was elected vice-president.

Athletics and Recreation

- *SHAPE Facility*

Community swimming lessons were very popular once again this spring. Staff added additional sessions to accommodate more children, resulting in a total of 60 participants of various ages and swimming abilities. Beginner swimmers from age three to adult took advantage of this program.

- ***Athletics***

The spring season was one of both individual and team achievement, with all spring squads making the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) playoffs. A number of Badgers garnered individual awards.

In men's tennis **Dean Writer** was named NAC Co-Coach of the Year. **Ryan Joy** was voted to the NAC 1st Team Singles, and **Steven Bolger** and **Alen Turan** were voted 1st Team NAC Doubles. Earlier in the season Ryan Joy had joined **Jonathan Willson** in receiving NAC Player of the Week honors, and **Steven Bolger** was named NAC Rookie of the Week.

In softball **Ashley Allegrini** was voted to the NAC 2nd Team. During the regular season **Morgan Rogerson** received NAC Player of the Week honors, and **Meagan Russ** received both NAC Player of the Week and NAC Pitcher of the Week honors. In lacrosse, **Maxxwell Connolly** was named to the NAC 2nd Team. **Alex Petti** was selected NAC Player of the Week earlier in the season.

RESIDENCE LIFE

The number of new and returning students registered for rooms for the fall is approximately 50 ahead of last year's count at this date. This is attributed to both positive residential experience

of our students (as documented in annual surveys) and the increasingly popular online registration process, which has greatly expedited the housing process.

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

Building on a successful fall, the new Creative Audience program completed a successful year with an array of well-attended events. Most popular was Mike Bonanao of "The Yes Men," a group of political pranksters; a silent film night featuring the classic "Nosferatu" set to the music of a live, three-man orchestra; the student-produced musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"; and the College's annual multilingual poetry jam. Student response cards indicated an engaged and appreciative audience.

FYE staff report that students regularly stopped by their office to thank them, noting that if not for the Creative Audience requirement they would have "missed an awesome event."

COUNSELING CENTER

Andrea Kelly has left JSC after 10 years at the helm of the Counseling Center. Under her leadership the Center has become one of the most respected small-college counseling centers in the state. Its reputation has made it a desirable and competitive site for graduate intern placements, and Andy's supervision of these interns received recognition from the University of Vermont and St. Michael's College. Most important, of course, the Counseling Center has become an important resource for hundreds of our students over the years. The welcoming and comfortable environment created by Andy and her staff has encouraged students to take advantage of its services in order to strengthen their own personal development and enhance their college success.



Valerie Welter, coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Services, was honored with an invitation to sit on the board of the Vermont Addiction Professionals Association, comprised of notable individuals in the addictions field in Vermont. VAPA is the state affiliate of the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC), which supports continued research and understanding for the prevention and treatment of addiction.

HEALTH CENTER

The end of the school year found Health Center staff continuing to focus on outreach to current students while planning services for next year. Nurse Practitioner **Jeanie Cass** gave a presentation on sexually transmitted diseases in a Wellness and Alternative Medicine class and has actively encouraged students to get tested. The center also sponsored a free HIV clinic on campus. Looking forward to the fall, the Center is pre-ordering flu vaccine, drafting the new health brochure

and ordering and stocking supplies, including promotional items to be used to build awareness of the center's services.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety plans to build on a year of increased compliance with parking and campus regulations resulting from its work last summer to implement a number of campus upgrades focused on student safety. Complementing the addition of blue lights to better indicate the location of emergency phones last semester, staff will install another emergency phone unit, bring additional lighting to campus, and mount emergency-evacuation maps on all residence hall doors over the summer.

UPWARD BOUND

The College's innovative and respected Upward Bound program approaches its summer residency program on the heels of an active spring, highlighted by its second annual "High School Greening Summit," which featured a welcome by Senator Bernie Sanders.

This program for aspiring college students has experienced a strengthened connection with the College. At the JSC Honors Convocation in April, 14 awards went to eight students connected to the Upward Bound program. The incoming class this fall will count five JSC Upward Bound alums among its ranks.

SUMMER PLANS FOR CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS

The seasons at Johnson State College are fall, winter, spring and campus construction. This year is no exception, with many construction projects planned for this summer:

- The Multimedia Classroom and Media Services offices on the first floor of the Library and Learning Center will be converted to a Mac Lab and Digital Studio this summer. The room will have 20 27-inch iMacs for student use, as well as more powerful workstations for specialized digital functions. Windows will be added to both spaces to increase the natural light to this portion of the building. This work will begin in June.
- In preparation for the new Mac Lab and Digital Studio, Media Services will be moving to a new space within the Academic Computing Lab. As part of this change, the College will be creating new computer “pods” consisting of 16 computers within the 24-hour study room, which itself will receive new shades and ceiling fans to make the space more comfortable. In addition, this space will be available during the day for trainings or library instruction. Creation of the new Media Services space began May 17, and move-in was completed May 21.
- A major renovation of Bentley Hall is under way. Renovations include the creation of a molecular lab, new offices for part-time faculty, an upgraded Earth Sciences classroom, and student lab space. In addition, the College will improve the stairs on the north and south side of the building in preparation for more extensive renovations next year. These renovations will be completed by August 12.
- Elevators in Arthur Hall and Didben Center for the Arts will be replaced this summer.
- On June 1, the crumbling brick courtyard in front of Martinetti Hall was removed, to be replaced with walking paths and gardens that will decrease the amount of hard surface and offer more natural areas. The work will take approximately two weeks to complete.
- Later this summer, the walkway and stairs to Admissions will be replaced, making a safer, more secure and more attractive entrance to the building. Timing of these renovations is not yet known, but they will be planned to minimize interference with New Student Orientation days.
- We will be replacing and re-keying all locks in McClelland Hall. This will reduce the total number of key systems on campus and increase overall building security.
- The Registrar’s Office will be re-configured to offer personalized, desk-side service for students instead of “across the counter” service. We anticipate that the work will have a dramatic impact on the workflow of the department and will improve student interactions.
- New lights will be installed this summer along the main entrance between the College Apartments and 1096 College Hill. In addition, a solar- powered emergency phone will be installed along the walkway between the College Apartments and the Bentley Hall parking lot. We also will be installing “peepholes” in each residence-room door so that occupants can see visitors before opening the door. At the same time, we will affix emergency-exit instructions to the interior of each door.
- In SHAPE, the filter in the pool will be replaced in order to reduce water loss and further improve water quality.
- A generator will be installed in Dewey Hall to support the Public Safety Department in the event of a major power outage. It is another of our ongoing safety improvements at the College.
- Plans are afoot to move Information Technology to the sub-floor of Senator’s North, just down the walkway from the health and counseling centers. This move will allow the entire department to be geographically located in one area for the first time. The move will require construction to build five offices and install security features.

- The remaining eight College Apartment buildings will receive new siding, energy-efficient windows, and roofs. This completes the work on the buildings started approximately six years ago and will dramatically improve the energy consumption of the buildings, as well as make them look more appealing. Work is scheduled for completion in late June.
- Last but certainly not least is the replacement of the electrical primary that serves the southwest side of campus, including the College Apartments and Physical Plant building. While not an exciting project in terms of look and feel, it is vital to the ongoing viability of these areas of the College.

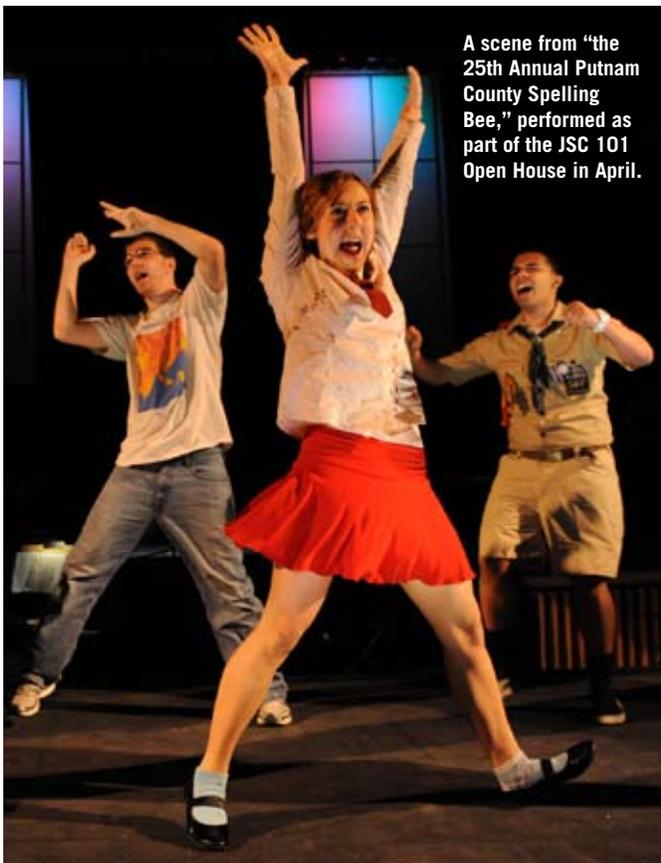
Funding for these projects comes from our share (approximately one-fifth) of the legislature's \$2 million allocation to the VSC for capital

improvements for the 2009-2010 academic year. In addition, the College borrowed \$9.2 million for renovations to existing facilities; some of those funds support the renovations to Bentley Hall. Other sources of funding include our annual dining renovation fund that comes from the Chancellor's Office and a deferred dorm-maintenance fee that students pay as a portion of their room charges. In addition, this year the College received a one-time lump payment from the state equivalent to the amount of money rescinded during the 2008-2009 academic year; these funds are being used to create the Mac Lab. The College's own facilities budget line makes up the difference.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

Despite challenging demographics and a down economy, admissions numbers are holding steady compared to last year. A slight uptick in NEBHE numbers is assisting in this swing. Transfer Days/ On-the-Spot Admission Days are scheduled for June 4, 10 and 17.

Since the last report, the Admissions staff hosted "JSC 101," our annual spring open house, on Friday, April 16th. Always a popular event, JSC 101 attracts accepted students as well as high school juniors who are starting the college-search process. Highlights included a performance by student musicians; an excerpt from our student-produced spring musical, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"; a student panel that truly engaged the audience of students and parents; and "The JSC Experience," a combined event highlighting our Extended Classroom Experience program as well as academic and student activities. Some 189 people (118 students) from Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York attended the day-long



A scene from "the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," performed as part of the JSC 101 Open House in April.

event. Thirteen students who attended had paid deposits prior to arrival; another seven paid the day of the event, and 10 more have paid since.

CVC GUIDANCE COUNSELOR BUS TOUR

We hosted the CVC (Consortium of Vermont Colleges) guidance counselor bus tour on Friday, April 23, to great acclaim. The tour brought 38 counselors from as far away as California to tour 17 colleges in Vermont for one week, April 18-23. The co-chair this year was our very own **Patrick Rogers**, who rode the bus with counselors for the week and did a fantastic job prepping them for their visit to JSC, which was their last stop on the tour. Their two-hour visit at JSC included a student panel, a brief campus tour and a reception in the Stearns Performance Space, complete with music from a JSC student jazz ensemble (**Meghan Waterhouse, Fabian Rainville, Ian Wade and Mike Hamilton**).

Student panelists included **Mallory Hazen** of Vermont ('10, Theater & Drama); **Rob Key** of Connecticut ('11, Psychology); **Karina Lepeley** of Illinois ('10, Wellness & Alternative Medicine); **Scott McDowell** of Vermont ('10, History); **Jessica Pafumi** of Massachusetts ('11, Outdoor Education); **Warren Ramsey** of Massachusetts ('12, Hospitality & Tourism Management); **Kylie VanEtten** of Pennsylvania ('13, Mathematics); and **Sara-Ann Wolf** of New York ('12, Education).

Among the counselors' comments were these:

- "Best of the best — the student panel was notable."
- "Really beautiful facilities in a beautiful setting."
- "Campus was well-manicured and clean. Looks new."
- "Kids were very articulate, engaged, obviously thrilled with college experience."
- "Beautiful. And it was fun to see the athletics fields bursting with activity as well as the Drop & Swap."
- "Dominique was awesome explaining the community of JSC as well as academics, support,

athletics, extracurricular and what sets Johnson State apart from other colleges."

- "Great music quartet, great snacks, friendly, helpful students."
- "Enjoyed the warm reception coming off the bus as well as the greeting in the reception area."
- "Patrick deserves a raise!!" "Pat's THE BOMB!"

One counselor met two former students of his high school in New Britain, Connecticut—**Toni Little** and **Rob Key**—here at JSC. He was so impressed with their experiences at JSC that he invited them to speak to students at his school. Last Friday, Admissions counselor **Julie Noyes** accompanied Toni and Rob to New Britain High School to take the counselor up on his offer. They gave seven presentations throughout the day and addressed more than 700 students. Their message, aside from sharing their personal experiences, was to encourage students to believe that college is a possibility. It was an extremely successful program reaching a diverse student body—one that we plan to use the event as a model for future recruitment activities.

FINANCIAL AID

For the 2010-2011 academic year, JSC awarded the incoming class from the Direct Loan program in anticipation of the new federal law. All returning students have been contacted via email that new promissory notes must be completed. The Department of Education has implemented a new Web site (www.studentloans.gov) to help simplify the transition for students and parents.

The VSAC full-time funding level for 2010-11 has dropped by \$300, to \$7,550, from the \$7,850 level last year. The reasons for the change were explained at the VSAC Advisory meeting held April 9. Applications are up by 3%, and the VSAC grant department has determined that family incomes have decreased by an average of \$12,000.

We are excited about VSAC's new online grant system that will be available later in the summer. This will allow us to certify enrollment and update changes in enrollment online instead of having to use the current paper process. This will allow funds to be credited to students' accounts in a much timelier fashion.

The Department of Education's implementation of year-round eligibility for Pell Grants begins this summer; while beneficial to students; it is requiring more administrative time to make the awards.

DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI AFFAIRS

SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONOR STEWARDSHIP

The April 29 Honors Convocation, at which the scholarships for the next academic year are announced, was a time of celebration for the deserving students who are awarded much-

needed funds and for the donors whose contributions are honored. A number of donors attended to see their scholarships awarded and to meet the students receiving them. Among this year's guests were **Jeff Coslett**, senior vice president of the Union Bank; **Brice Simon**, president of the Stowe Rotary; and endowment donors **Barbara and David Maysilles, Susan Collins, Carol Story, James Rice, Edward Cashman** and **Alice Whiting**.

Also attending was **Emily DiGiulio**, widow of Professor Robert DiGiulio, to witness the presentation of the first memorial scholarship in her late husband's name. To donors who were not able to attend, the Development Office sent letters of appreciation along with notes of thanks from student



Clockwise, from above: Some of the recipients of this year's Alumni Association Scholarships; donor Carol Story and recipient Toni Little; donor Alice Whiting, professor emerita, and recipient Kathryn Jones; donor Barbara Marsilles and recipient Angelica Caterino.

recipients, photographs of the event, and the Honors Convocation program.

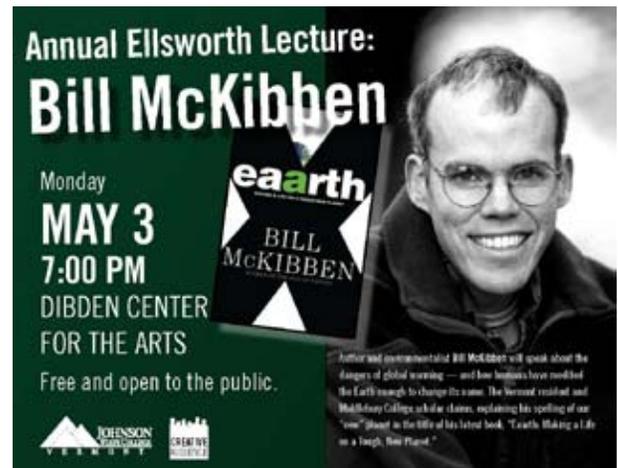
JSC awarded a total of \$103,800 in scholarships to 183 students, made possible by private philanthropy and endowment interest. Among the highlights: the first Barbara Gorham Maysilles '45 Scholarship went to **Angelica Caterino**, '11; the first Emma Thompson-George Desmarais Scholarship went to **Hannah Plante**, '11; Union Bank scholarships went to two traditional students and two EDP students in the bank's areas of service; JSC faculty and staff donated \$3,500 in scholarships to 16 students; the JSC Faculty Federation awarded its first scholarships to **Monique Martin and Emma Porrett**; and, as the result of a generous donation from **Precott Stearns** in memory of his mother, \$10,000 in Helen Braley Stearns Scholarships were awarded to JSC students.

AWARDS

Also at Honors Convocation, the Alumni Association presented the Distinguished Alumni Award to **Tom Howard '70**, executive director of the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/ Boys & Girls Club for the past 32 years. The Distinguished Faculty Award went to Professor **Andrea Perham**, and the Distinguished Staff Award was bestowed on Assistant Dean of Students **Michele Whitmore**. The annual Freda Hebb Award, JSC's highest award for staff service, went to **Sandy Duffy**.

ANNUAL ELLSWORTH LECTURE FEATURES ENVIRONMENTALIST BILL MCKIBBEN

On May 3, noted author and environmentalist Bill McKibben gave a rousing lecture on climate change, bringing audience members to their feet several times during his presentation. In a talk equal parts economy and environment, McKibben outlined the dangers of global warming



and maintained that humans have modified the Earth so drastically that it should have a different name—it is no longer Earth. McKibben founded the environmental organizations Step It Up and 350.org and was among the first to warn of the dangers of global warming. He is a scholar in residence at Middlebury College. The lecture is available on the JSC Web site (www.jsc.edu/WatchAndListen).

The annual lecture is sponsored by the Ellsworth Trust; this body enriches education at JSC and the study of political science and history through scholarships for undergraduates, annual lectures and exhibits.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Upcoming events include the 27th annual Walter Minaert Memorial Athletic Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 26, at the Links at Lang Farm. Special appreciation is extended to main sponsors Aramark and Hackett, Valine & MacDonald. We are planning a special event in June for alumni in the Grafton area, and we will host an alumni gathering for BBQ and baseball at a Vermont Lake Monsters game later this summer (date to be determined). In addition, planning is under way for FallFest/Reunion weekend, to be held September 24-25.

