



JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

to the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After a very busy period leading up to the end of the year, we had a few days to catch our breath before diving into the summer workload.

Our 144th Commencement on May 14 came off without a hitch — and without a drop of rain until the ceremony wrapped up, a rarity in this season of record-breaking rain and floods. We proudly recognized 405 graduates, including 329 undergraduates and 58 master's degree recipients. We were honored to have Chancellor **Tim Donovan**, Trustee Chair **Gary Moore** and CCV President **Joyce Judy** with us.



Our speaker, U-Mass Professor Emeritus Marie Kennedy, currently visiting professor at the UCLA School of Public Affairs, spoke of her work with disadvantaged populations in the U.S. and abroad. Her message: much is possible when people come together in pursuit of a common goal, and there is tremendous satisfaction in playing a role in these struggles. She challenged the graduates to get involved, do their part to make the world a better place — and have fun doing it.

She was joined on the podium by our three student speakers: **Addie Thompson** of New Haven, VT (B.A., English, with secondary licensure); **Derek Murphy** of East Burke, VT (B.A., Professional Studies through JSC's External Degree Program); and **Brenton Litterer** of Waterbury (M.A., Counseling).



Our work continues full steam through the summer as we prepare for the fall semester and beyond. Construction on Bentley Hall and the Visual Arts Center (VAC) started before the Commencement tent came down and, in the case of the VAC, will continue into the fall. We're undertaking a Visual Arts Campaign to raise funds for VAC renovations and scholarships for fine-arts students, and we're making final arrangements for fall speakers and events, including our Common Reading Initiative (next year's common book: *Greasy Rider*).



Each summer we also host a number of camps, conferences and meetings, keeping Conference & Event Services Director **Dannielle Spring** and Assistant Director **Ally Cunningham** constantly on the go. This summer we'll be hosting a very special new program as well: a job-training program in food service and safety initiated by our ARAMARK food-service team of **Tadd Stone** and **James Consentino**, which will train up to 10 currently unemployed local adults. The Vermont Agency of Human Services and the Department of Employment & Training have endorsed the program, and ARAMARK is providing financial and in-kind support. Trustees are likely to hear news about this program during the summer, and we'll certainly have more to say about it in a subsequent report.



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS

Two opinion pieces by JSC-ers recently appeared in the *Burlington Free Press*, which typically devotes its higher-ed attention to institutions in Burlington:

- A May 17 piece by **Bill Doyle** (Humanities) summarized his reflections on the 2011 legislative session and included his list of work to be tackled next year. (In addition, a detailed profile of Bill's years of service to higher education and to Vermont state government appeared in the April issue of *Vermont Business Magazine*.)
- "We must invest in college success," by **Karen Madden** (Academic Support Services) ran in the May 19 *Free Press*. The "My Turn" column made the case for fully funding programs such as TRiO instead of reducing them by 3 percent as mandated by the federal budget agreement.

On May 3 **Fred Wiseman** (Humanities) appeared on a Vermont Public Radio program examining race as part of the station's 2011 collaboration with the Vermont Humanities Council's statewide "Vermont Reads" program. In April he received a pocket watch in Montpelier from the Abenaki tribe as a thank-you

for his efforts against anti-Abenaki racism and in the service of the Vermont Abenaki community as both a scholar and an activist.

In mid-April **Cynthia West** (Humanities) wrote her final dispatch to the *Hardwick Gazette* from Bayalpata, in far western Nepal, where she and her husband have been volunteering. As they entered the final phase of their stay, both worked hard to complete a number of projects. "There are just two more windows to clean," Cynthia wrote. "We have improved the walkway and the landscaping around the staff residence and in the front of the hospital. We harvested cactus plants from the jungle and created a rock garden next to the home of the two doctors and the administrative staff. One of the most exciting projects has been to add artwork and decorations to some of the empty spaces in the new 'soon to open' three-ward hospital. In an effort to create more community outreach, we invited elementary school children (grades 3 to 5) to the hospital."

Russ Weis (Education and Writing & Literature) recorded a commentary for Vermont Public Radio that aired the evening of May 5, just before Green Up Date. Titled "Thinking Green," it focused on how we can "green up" our lifestyles every day of the year. The text is available at www.vpr.net/episode/51084/.

Leslie Kanat (Environmental and Health Sciences) is on the board of directors of the Vermont Geological Society and was one of three judges for student presentations at the organization's spring meeting, held April 23 at the University of Vermont. There were 18 presentations from undergraduates, primarily from Middlebury College and UVM.

On April 22 **David Cavanagh** (External Degree Program) and several other poets celebrated National Poetry Month with a reading at Vermont College of Fine Arts.

Bethany Plissey (Fine & Performing Arts) spent the Saturday before Commencement as a judge for the Vermont "X-Factor" singing auditions, held at the Sheraton-Burlington. The X-Factor, another in

a series of “American Idol” -type TV shows, will air next fall. Auditions were hosted by the local ABC/ FOX network affiliate, which is sending the winner to Dallas to compete. Bethany used the opportunity to promote JSC’s Fine & Performing Arts programs.

Just before Commencement, Visual Arts Center faculty members furiously packed all the gems and detritus of the building to get ready for their temporary diaspora into McClelland Hall and the Laraway School for the fall semester. On Friday the 13th, they gave a farewell toast to the old building, which has served students and faculty well over the years but now merits newer and better quarters. Renovations are under way.

Sean Clute (Fine & Performing Arts) created sound for a new dance called Duplexity performed by DOUBLE VISION in San Francisco. Sean’s music *Hysteresis* was performed with dance by DOUBLE VISION at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University in NYC. He also will be working as a peer reviewer for the graphic design program at the Center for Technology, Essex.

An exhibition of 40 paintings by **Marc Awodey** (Fine & Performing Arts) in the Wings Gallery of JSC’s Dibden Center for the Arts received positive reviews in both *Art New England* and *Seven Days* this spring.

Torry Patrick (Fine & Performing Arts) won the “Best Camera Award” at the 2011 northeast regional conference of the American College Dance Festival Association for her work on “The Camera Betrays You!”

Marjorie Kramer (Fine & Performing Arts) was mentioned and quoted in *Alice Neel: The Art of Not Sitting Pretty*, a new book by Phoebe Hoban. In 1970 Marjorie organized an exhibit of art by feminists that included work by Alice Neel, then distributed an artists’ petition to the Whitney Museum calling for Neel to be included in the prestigious “Whitney Annual” exhibit. It worked, and the Whitney presented a retrospective of Neel’s art.

Ken Leslie (Fine & Performing Arts) will mount an exhibition of his work in the Governor’s Corridor of the Pavilion Office Building in Montpelier during June and July. He has also been working with Bread and Puppet in Glover to set up a series of internship opportunities for JSC students in performance, printmaking and puppet making that is slated to kick off in the fall.

Clyde Stats (Academic Support Services) and **Rose Modry** (Writing & Literature) led a group of nine JSC students on a trip to New Orleans April 5-9 as part of Clyde’s first-year seminar course, “Music and Culture

in New Orleans.” The students spent a day of community service working with the All Souls Episcopal Church in the Lower Ninth Ward, took a walking tour of a Louisiana bayou, and spent two days soaking up the atmosphere, music and New Orleans cuisine at the French Quarter Festival. In addition to “*laissez(ing) les bon temps roulez*,” students gained a firsthand appreciation of the rich





Photo: Ellen Hill

connection between music and culture that New Orleans epitomizes and experienced the satisfaction of lending a hand in the re-building of that culture. As a final project, each student created a PowerPoint presentation documenting and reflecting on the trip.

Martha Lance (Academic Support Services) attended “Professional Visit Days” at Landmark College in Putney April 28-29. She and other student-support professionals from the U.S. were introduced to Landmark’s approach to working with students with disabilities, and they attended presentations on current research and best practices in the field of disability support. She plans to incorporate some of what she learned into JSC’s tutoring program.

Alice Kirk (Library) attended the annual interlibrary loan conference of the Association of College & Research Libraries at Bryant College in Rhode Island. With the theme of “Working Together Locally and Beyond: Resource Sharing Today,” the event included a keynote presentation on how the libraries of North Carolina’s research triangle use UPS (United Parcel Service) for direct lending to patrons.

After a year as the vice president of the Vermont Library Association, **Joe Farara** (Library) became the

organization’s president at its annual meeting May 24. In his capacity as president of the Vermont Consortium of Academic Libraries, he has planned and organized the annual meeting, which is scheduled for June 9 at Norwich University.

Organized by **Ellen Hill** (Experiential Learning), JSC’s annual Extended Classroom Experiences showcase event, held in the SHAPE Center in conjunction with the April 15 “JSC 101” open house, featured 32 presentations; highlighted the work of roughly 160 students, faculty and staff; and was attended by nearly 250 people.

Twenty-eight JSC staff and faculty members joined in the 28th annual Corporate Challenge 5K Run/Walk held in Montpelier on May 19.

STUDENT & ALUMNI NEWS

Four JSC students and Professor **Bob Genter** (Environmental and Health Sciences) presented the results of their research at the Vermont EPSCoR Streams Project symposium April 26. **Ryan Joy** and **Saul Blocher** employed a ribotyping procedure (which involves the fingerprinting of genomic DNA fragments) to determine domestic and agricultural sources of the *E. coli* bacteria in Lamoille County rivers. Ryan was featured in the April 27 *Burlington Free Press* as one of the stream researchers. **Danielle Mendes** and **Benjamin Massey** examined how phosphorus pollution is impacted by local and regional land-use practices. Their results contribute to management decisions made by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Nonprofit Management Certificate program that **Ellen Hill** (Experiential Learning) directs has been growing by leaps and bounds. The program started with four students this academic year; it ended with 18. In addition to participating in Vermont Nonprofit Legislative Day, described in a previous report, the students visited two Burlington nonprofits — Special Olympics of Vermont and the Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) – and participated in the

annual COTS Walk. They also joined with “Celebrating Seniors,” a Vermont nonprofit, and the Visiting Nurses Association to host an event to support seniors in the Burlington area. At the event, **Kelsey Magee, Rebecca Stowell, Kaylie Hale, Elizabeth Bennett, and Elisa Wolski** served food, danced with seniors and helped the organizations achieve their goal of reducing the social isolation of participating elders. The students hope to replicate this event in our community this fall.

Under the guidance of **Amy May** (Fine & Performing Arts), the JSC ceramics program has forged a partnership with the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington that brings a JSC student to the museum



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each summer. The student shares early clay-forming techniques with children aged 8 to 12 who attend the “Time Traveler’s Day Camp.” This week-long summer program offers the student teacher a generous stipend, a small budget for materials, and room and board in a house on the site. **Florence Darling** (BFA, 2011) will be enjoying this opportunity this year.

Jenna Kelly (BFA, 2008) had a show in January at Studio Place Arts in Barre that was reviewed in *Art New England* magazine. This attention is a stunning early success for a young artist!

An essay written by freshman **Cortland B. Rock** for the writing class taught by **Russ Weis** was published

the May 18 *Caledonian Record*. Titled “College Boy Dreams,” it’s an inspiring account of how Cortland made his way from a stifling Boston school to the green hills of JSC, via the good graces of a Boston-based mentor as well as the staff at St. Johnsbury Academy. “Growing up in the inner city of Boston being surrounded by poverty, I have witnessed a lot of things that a regular child growing up wouldn’t,” it reads in part. “Seeing all of this at an early age made me want to get out of this dangerous lifestyle, so I decided that the only way to get out was to go to college and get an education....”

STUDENT SERVICES

SERVE

The **SERVE FRI** program wrapped up a successful second year of providing weekly local service opportunities for JSC students on Fridays. The final program of the semester had students working on our own campus, leading post-snow-melt green-up work and helping to clear and clean up the cross-country trails.

Our **Mentoring** and **America Reads** programs finished a strong year in which JSC students enjoyed building relationships with area elementary and middle school students. Partner schools were very pleased with the programs and have indicated a desire to work with our students again next year.

The third annual “**Drop & Swap**” at JSC drew a significant number of people from the local community who donated or picked up quality clothing. People dropped off 197 bags of clothing, and more than 200 people came through the doors the next day to pick up items. Eighteen bags of leftover clothing were picked up by the Salvation Army to be restored and reused. We had a large number of volunteers from the local community and from numerous JSC departments, including Athletics and Residence Life.

Students who participated in the spring **Break Away** trips performed post-trip service projects in the

local area. These included assisting with campus greening initiatives, helping with stream restoration, and participating in educational sessions such as the statewide rally in support of health care reform.

The **SERVE Celebration** held May 6 celebrated and recognized the volunteer efforts of all the students who participated in various SERVE programs this year. We had a total 131 volunteers who logged 2,152 hours of volunteer service this academic year!

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA finished a strong year that saw the completion of numerous projects. Members conducted an educational campaign regarding the proposed VSC tuition increase and the sources of funding support for the VSC. They helped identify current academic needs at the College by participating in GECC (general education core curriculum) revision work and supporting information-technology upgrades for the Dibden practice rooms. And they spearheaded a number of other physical campus enhancements in response to student needs and requests, including:

- adding additional emergency “blue light” phones;
- improving the Arthur Hall wheelchair access ramp;

- installing water fountains in Arthur and Martinetti halls;
- placing a roof over the College Apartment mailboxes;
- clearing and reblazing the cross-county trails;
- reviewing plans for a sand volleyball court; and
- designing a proposed air-conditioning rental program for apartment residents.

Finally, the SGA set aside funds for a first-ever class gift and scholarship, a program that has been established for future years.

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

For the fifth time in eight years, the JSC softball team has won the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Team Sportsmanship Award. This capped a year in which a remarkable four JSC squads (women’s tennis, women’s volleyball, and men’s basketball) received this recognition, a testament to the emphasis the department places on player conduct and behavior. Earlier in the season **Samantha Pothier** had received NAC Rookie of the Week honors.

Under the direction of new head coach **Laura Laramee**, the men’s tennis team marked the end of a strong season with a number of individual NAC

awards. **Ryan Joy** was named to the NAC East First Team Singles and Doubles teams. Newcomer **Chance Swafford** was NAC co-Rookie of the Year and First Team Doubles. **Ben Algar** and **James Dempsey** were named NAC First-Team Doubles. And in men’s lacrosse, sophomore **Maxxwell Connolly** was named to the NAC First Team.



SHAPE

The snowy and wet spring led to significant utilization of the SHAPE facility as students and college community members sought a place to maintain their exercise routines. Many athletic teams remained indoors for practice through much of April. Additionally, the facility hosted numerous campus events and outside groups. More than 25 area children participated in spring swim lessons, and local teenagers and adults took advantage of lessons as well.

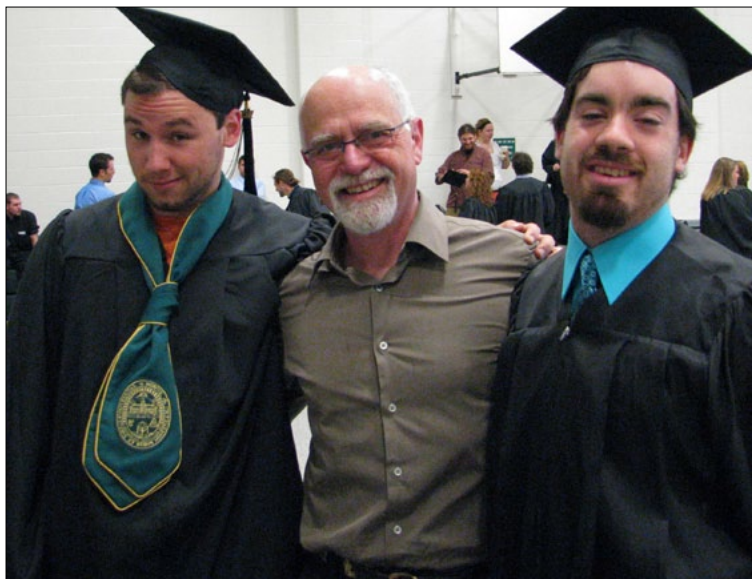
COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center operated at full capacity for the second half of the spring semester. Meanwhile, outreach to the campus continued, highlighted by staff-supported group sessions and visits by Director **Cynthia Hennard** to select classes.

Other initiatives included the launch of the online student concerns form, which streamlines a process by which campus community members can share concerns about others' well-being, and draft completion of the new Counseling Center website, scheduled to launch prior to the fall semester. Final data collection for the year will soon be completed and available prior to the fall semester.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Director of Public Safety **Mike Palagonia** and Health Center Director **Jeanie Cass** participated in a local flooding "hotwash" (debriefing) of the community's response to the major flood on April 27. Local agency representatives were pleased with the training and expertise of JSC staff and appreciated the College's active participation in local emergency planning. Representatives from the College will continue to collaborate with local officials, and the College Crisis Response Team (CCRT) will also conduct its own internal tabletop planning exercise this summer. In keeping with our practice of doing annual upgrades to the campus's public safety infrastructure, the College will be installing additional "blue light" emergency phones this summer.



UPWARD BOUND

The Upward Bound program continues to strengthen its ties with other college departments through collaborative projects such as the well-received High School Greening Summit. High school graduates who have gone through the UB program here are increasingly choosing JSC for their undergraduate experience. The preparation these students receive in advance of their enrollment has been evident. These students are among our most successful undergraduates, and they were well-represented at our recent Honors Convocation. At this date UB staffers are actively preparing for their annual summer program, which brings area high school students to the JSC campus for six weeks.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

BUSINESS OFFICE

The Business Office was kept busy this month preparing for the A-133/interim audit visit from O'Connor & Drew on May 23 and 24.

Testing continues for the web-based version of Datatel. Slow speed continues to be a big issue. College personnel continue to work with the Chancellor's Office to report problems and issues as they occur.

PHYSICAL PLANT

With Commencement preparations behind them, the Physical Plant staff is gearing up for multiple summer projects. Phase 2 of Bentley Hall renovations is under way and will conclude at the end of the summer. Renovations to the Visual Arts Center are starting this month and will continue through the fall semester, with an approximate completion date of December 25.

Numerous other projects, including such items as dam remediation, server-room HVAC renovation and retaining-wall replacement, began May 16.

CONFERENCE & EVENT SERVICES

Spring practically burst at the seams with on-campus events, keeping the CES staff hopping. The Annual DCF Youth Conference was on campus on April 6, followed by the UVM Town Officers Education Conference and the Vermont Science Initiative. Also in April, the College presented the JSC 101 Open House and Extended Classroom Experience Showcase, the annual Ally Dinner, everyone's favorite "Drop 'n Swap event, and a Governors' Symposium that brought former governors Madeline Kunin and Jim Douglas to the JSC campus. The month of May brought the annual Athletics Banquet, Honors Convocation, a staff retirement reception and, of course, JSC Commencement on Saturday, May 14.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The IT department has completed the Bradford Campus Manager Network Access Control System upgrade and is fine-tuning the new Guest Sponsorship module in time for summer camps and conferences.

Dotty Spoerl, IT administrator and a member of the JSC portal team for Project 2011, continues to work with other JSC portal team members on the transition to the new VSC Datatel portal.

Media Services has been preparing for the Moodle conversion. Moodle administrator **Paul Bloomhardt** has converted 55 Blackboard course archives to

Moodle format, and the staff has conducted one-hour "Intro to Moodle" workshops for 24 JSC and EDP faculty and staff. Media Services also has prepared a JSC Moodle blog site providing tips, techniques and links to additional web-based support. As well, this year staff has provided additional support in response to the increased activity generated by the growth in Digital Media classes. Video-camera loans are up 60 percent, and there was greater demand for projection and audio-playback support in the eight Digital Media classes, which served more than 100 students.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

ADMISSIONS GROUP VISITS

Our formal group visits ended with the close of the semester. Staff assistant **Andrea Bourdeau** has done a fabulous job throughout the year working with area teachers, guidance and VSAC outreach counselors to plan day visits for groups large and small. These visits typically include a campus tour, a presentation, an activity with faculty and/or JSC students, lunch in the dining hall and, for some groups, use of the SHAPE Center. Kudos to Professors **Karen Uhlendorf** and **Brad Moskowitz** and their students for assisting us with activities for these events, which brought nearly 400 students to campus as summarized here:

Date	# of students	From
Oct. 12	30	Northeast Kingdom
Oct. 21	4	Chittenden County
Nov. 5	8	Colchester High School (immigrants and refugees)
Nov. 11	20	BFA St. Albans (1 st -generation students)
Dec. 3	12	Enosburg High School
Dec. 7	7	Williamstown High School
Feb. 2	15	BFA Fairfax
Feb. 28	11	Boys & Girls Club, Burlington
March 18	30	Bakersfield Elementary School
March 30	60	Stowe Middle School
April 26	130	Union-32 School
May 3	70	VSAC group

In addition, counselor **Julie Noyes** is working with Spaulding High School to plan a visit of 250 sophomores in September.



ADMISSIONS EVENTS

One of the last events of the semester was the annual Consortium of Vermont Colleges Bus Tour on Thursday, April 21. Forty guidance counselors from across the country visited 18 colleges during their week in Vermont.

Despite the chilly spring weather, counselors enjoyed their two-hour visit at JSC, which included a brief admissions presentation, a student panel (comprised of biology major **Jackie Baker**, outdoor education major **Jess Pafumi**, math major **Kylie VanEtten**, Education major **Amara MacKillop**, liberal arts major **Shani Stoddard**, and wellness/alternative medicine major **Ashley Carrington**), a campus tour and reception with faculty and staff (with wonderful music provided by students **Megan Waterhouse**, **Brendan Vincent**, **Mike Hamilton** and **Fabian Rainville**).

Here are some excerpts from the counselors' evaluations of their JSC visit:

- “Wonderful! I love love love your campus! It is fabulous to be surrounded by mountains. It was my favorite campus on tour.”

- “I think you are lucky to work in such a beautiful, warm and friendly environment.”
- “A ‘hidden gem’ as a public option for New England resident, especially on the New England Regional Plan.”
- “I loved the panel. [The students] interacted like they were real buddies – a very dynamic, interesting group.”
- “The most smiles we’ve seen on the trip...happy students and staff.”
- “I am very impressed. JSC is a terrific small campus that is accessible to many students.”
- “Great library...best student panel all week... friendly students are proud of where they have landed.”
- “Beautiful — clean, well kept, beautifully landscaped, lovely buildings.”
- “More diverse than I expected.”

Admissions counselors have attended national and regional college fairs since February to encourage students to include JSC in their college search. A guidance counselor from Chelsea High School in Chelsea, MA, asked for a return visit from seniors (now graduates) **Rob Key** and **Toni Little**, who accompanied

counselor **Julie Noyes** on a visit to the school to talk with “at risk” high-schoolers. Rob and Toni presented at several out-of-state high schools this



year, including their own, New Britain High School in Connecticut. In addition to sharing their personal experiences, they encouraged students to believe that college is a possibility.

Looking ahead, we are planning two “preview days” this summer for students and families who are vacationing in the area and would like to get a jump start the college-search process.



BY THE NUMBERS

As of May 15, overall fall applications are down just slightly (1,082 vs. 1,100 this time last year). Deposits are behind last year as well (294 vs. 309), but we're optimistic that there will be an uptick in coming weeks as high school seniors finalize their college plans.

First-year Vermont applications and deposits are up slightly (440 vs. 422 and 160 vs. 157, respectively), but the real challenge is yielding out-of-state students. Applications for first-year, out-of-state students are up 5 percent over last year, but deposits are trailing (52 vs. 66) — no doubt a reflection of the many calls we are receiving from students and families looking for additional grants and scholarships in their financial-aid packages. Transfer applications and deposits are down as well, but we hope to turn things around with our upcoming summer Transfer Days (June 3, 9 and 16) and catch up with EDP number which are ahead of last year (39 vs. 30).

FINANCIAL AID

With the end of the spring 2011 semester, implementation of a new federal "satisfactory academic policy" begins. The policy no longer allows for an automatic year of probation if the required GPA

and/or completion rate is not being met. Instead, students are notified that their aid is suspended, and they can appeal. A financial-aid appeals committee has been formed at JSC to review appeals. The regulation is more labor intensive in another way as well: students granted appeals must be monitored after each payment period to determine whether they are meeting the conditions established by the committee.

Funding for the 2011-2012 academic year keeps the current maximum PELL grant at \$5,550, following much debate in Congress about capping it at a lower level. In another plus for students, VSAC's maximum grant level increased \$300 this year to \$7,850. Meanwhile, VSAC reports that attendance at its college fairs declined this year and that it has received nearly a thousand fewer full-time grant applications compared to this time last year, both reflecting the decline in the number of high school graduates.

As mentioned earlier, we are receiving a high volume of calls from families requesting additional funds to help with college expenses. Last year we dealt with more changes in income due to layoffs, but this year is very different: families are stating that they simply cannot afford the cost and need more assistance.

Following our annual audit on May 23 and 24, renovations began in the Financial Aid Office to construct a reception area for better customer service and to create a private office space for one of our staff. The space for these long-overdue enhancements was made possible by the transition to document imaging, reducing the need to store paper files.

DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

VISUAL ARTS CAMPAIGN

With the renovation and expansion of the Visual Arts Center (VAC) now under way, we are launching a campaign to raise funds for the arts at JSC. The Visual Arts Campaign is aimed both at naming opportunities (with funds to be used to equip the new building) and at raising funds for scholarships and program enhancements in the visual arts. Noted sculptor Won Lee (M.F.A. 2007), whose sculpture “The Meditators” overlooks College Hill, has agreed to be honorary co-chair and has already made a gift to name the Sculpture Studio.

The campaign kicked off May 31 with a mailing to M.F.A. alumni from Professors **Ken Leslie** and **Susan Calza**. We will follow that with mailings to other JSC fine-arts alumni as well as to friends of the College, and we will make personal visits to potential donors. With a handsome new brochure ready, JSC looks forward to a successful campaign. The campaign will conclude at Homecoming 2012, a year and a half later.

THE FUND FOR JSC

The president’s advisory group on fundraising met May 12. Members are involved in several fundraising initiatives for the College and reviewed the top priority needs.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Alumni Association presented the following awards at the annual JSC Honors Convocation May 5:

- Distinguished Faculty Award: Professor **Elizabeth Dolci**, Ph.D. (Environmental & Health Sciences)
- Distinguished Alumni Award: Senator **Richard Westman**, Class of 1982
- Distinguished Staff Award: **Ellen Hill**, Director of Experiential Learning

FREDA HEBB AWARD

Also at Honors Convocation, JSC presented its highest staff honor — the Freda Hebb Award — to **Ronald Miller**. Ron is a longtime member of the Physical Plant team and JSC’s floor-care expert who not only maintains buildings flawlessly (as departments lucky enough to have him will attest), but for more than 20 years he has volunteered to film basketball games and to drive the College van for team trips. This award is named in honor of Freda Hebb, Class of 1925, who served the College for 38 years and was known for consistently going above and beyond the call of duty.



2010-11 JOHNSON VIEWS

The College’s annual magazine, *Johnson Views*, was mailed to alumni and friends in May. We’ve received several compliments on the issue, which features alums **Joel Krasnove**, Class of 1976, and his award-winning design company, Adirondack Studios (profiled in the April trustee report); and **Erin Knoll Black** (Class of 2002), an environmental sciences graduate who played a key role in cleaning up the devastating British Petroleum oil spill last year.

