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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The conclusion of the academic year is marked by intense activity among faculty, students, and staff followed by the largest celebration of the year: commencement. This year, Johnson State College held its commencement ceremony under a flawless sky as we graduated the largest class in the college's history.

From the opening procession of faculty, students, and staff in full academic regalia to the ringing of the Chesamore Bell that signals the conclusion of the ceremony, commencement signifies the importance of the work our students have engaged in during their college careers. This year, Senator Patrick Leahy served as our commencement speaker, and was joined on the platform by extraordinary student speakers representing our campus-based undergraduates, graduate students, and EDP grads: **Arian Bates**, **Blagorodna Nedeljkovic**, and **David Schraffenberger**. It was also a pleasure to have Marcelle Leahy in attendance, accompanying her husband.

416 students qualified for graduation. 92 of them received Master's degrees; a dozen received Associate degrees in business, general education, or technical theatre; the balance received Bachelor's degrees with all majors represented. 150 of our graduates were from the EDP program as was our Master's degree speaker. So, in all, EDP was strongly represented at Commencement.

In his remarks, Senator Leahy highlighted the importance of service, of remaining true to one's values, and of environmental stewardship. He described the lives of Senator Ralph Flanders, Governor Deane Davis, and Senator Robert Stafford and how each of these Vermonters, by standing firm in their beliefs, affected change. "One need not be staring down a tyrant, standing up to a President or choosing to take the path less traveled to apply their teachings in your own life," Leahy said. "You are leaving Johnson State to enter a world filled with challenges and adversity, but more importantly a world filled with hope and opportunity. You go forward with a responsibility to stay true to the Vermont values that have been passed on to you by all the Vermonters before you, and through your education at this great institution."

Johnson State College is, indeed, a great institution. We make a difference in the lives of Vermonters every year, opening up possibilities for individuals, making dreams achievable—sometimes making it possible to even dare to dream. Commencement, for all its pomp and circumstance and significance, is really simply a marker along the continuum of each our student's personal development. There are many such markers in our JSC community. I'm happy to share with you the following milestones for many of us in our ongoing work and study at Johnson State College.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Faculty and Staff Professional Activity

With support from the President's Fund for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, **Gina Mireault** (Behavioral Sciences) will travel to the University of Portsmouth, UK for research training with Dr. Vasudevi Reddy. They will collaborate on a study of humor perception and creation in infants. JSC undergraduates **Caitlyn Dias, Merlin Poutre, Mallory Sargent, and Ally Wise** will work as research assistants on the study, which will begin this summer with funding from the Vermont Genetics Network.

John Miller (Fine and Performing Arts) is a featured speaker at the Rural Heritage Institute (RHI) at Sterling College. RHI is a four-day series of interdisciplinary academic, experiential, and instructional field-based workshops scheduled for June 11-14.

John also has a one-person show at the Brown Library gallery for the month of June, tracing a number of his documentary projects over the past 35 years. These include rural agrarian culture, deer hunting traditions, elder women who continued to live independently into very old age, and a series documenting rivers in the Northeast Kingdom.

A photographic exhibit from the summer 2007 Italy course, "Italian Art and Culture," taught by **John Miller** and **Mary Martin** (Fine and Performing Arts), was featured at the JSC Visual Arts Center in April. Included in the exhibit were large color and black and white photographs made by students as well as excerpts from their written journals chronicling their observations and reflections upon experiencing, for the first time, the art and architecture of the Renaissance.

The 2006 student photo-documentary about elders in the Craftsbury Community Care Center (which has already travelled to many venues) will be the featured exhibit for June, July and August at the Vermont Folklife Center in Middlebury. A Saturday symposium is being scheduled after the exhibit opening, which will feature John and members of his photography class discussing the use of photography in mentoring youth.

Russ Longtin (Fine and Performing Arts) will play Tobias in Edward Albee's *A Delicate Balance* this coming August with the Stowe Theatre Guild. In summer of 2009 he will play Iago in Shakespeare's *Othello* and Baptista in the musical *Kiss Me Kate*—both with Quarry Works Theatre in Adamant. For summer of 2010 Russ is already booked to play George in Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolff*.

Bill Doyle (Humanities) had a "My Turn" column ("Vermont legislature did well") in the May 11 Burlington *Free Press*.

The campus-based Child Development Center, directed by **Bev Corrow**, received four stars from the important Step Ahead Recognition Program. Parents who qualify, based on their incomes, for a child care subsidy receive a higher level of payment because of this award. Because the CDC serves a high percentage of children on subsidy, this recognition provides very concrete help to a number of families. CDC staff members are busy writing end-of-the-year reports on all the children at the Center and preparing a high quality summer program. An in-service training day was conducted on May 15. The morning training, led by the Lamoille Family Center's Stuart Senghas, focused on behavioral issues in children. Child Care staff members **Cathy Mayo, Candy Lettieri, and Bev Corrow** joined other JSC colleagues to make up several teams in the VT Corporate Challenge.

As a member of the Vermont State Colleges Serials Working Group, **Pam Gelineau** (Library) contributed to the group's presentation for the upcoming SirsiDynix Northeast Regional Group Conference at Lehigh University. The group will detail their work in streamlining serials holdings information in the libraries' online public catalog.



Public Services Librarian **Linda Kramer** launched the library's Flickr site to great acclaim, with more than 300 hits in its first day. To see JSC students hard at work as they prepare for finals, please visit: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jsclibrary/sets/72157604901513971/>.

Working with his peers across the Vermont academic library community, Circulation Supervisor **Walt Reeve** is researching ways to enhance reciprocal borrowing arrangements for faculty. This work encompasses the creation of forms, uniform borrowing policies, patron database profiles, and circulation staff training.

Faculty Librarian **Joe Farara** was elected to the Executive Board of the Vermont Consortium of Academic Libraries, along with directors from the University of Vermont, St. Michael's College, Champlain College, and Norwich University. The group is currently seeking incorporation at both the state and federal levels.

Karen Madden (Academic Support Services) and Kelley Gilmour (Castleton's Student Support Services Director) visited UVM on April 28 to review and evaluate its SSS program. They spent the day meeting with staff, students, and administrators, reading files, and touring

the physical space. Vermont TRIO directors work together to provide peer reviews of each others' programs on a regular basis.

Michele Hadley (Academic Support Services) attended the New England Writing Center Association's annual conference at UVM on April 12-13. This year's theme "Cont/Alt/Del" focused on alternative approaches to teaching writing. Also attending were **Rose Nash** and **Pat Wieja** (professional writing tutors) and **Anne Stevens** (ESL tutor). Michele also initiated meetings with area tutoring coordinators aimed at fostering a spirit of cooperation and professional development.

Jennifer Chambers (Academic Support Services) made a presentation at VSAC's "College Pathways" event at St. Michael's College on March 16, and represented JSC at South Burlington High School's "Information Session for High School Students with Disabilities" on April 6, along with **Karen Madden**.

Clyde Stats (Academic Support Services) performed with PoJazz, JSC's poetry + jazz collective, at several events in the Rutland area, along with **Tony Whedon** and **Neil Shepard** (Writing and Literature), **Steve Blair** (Fine and Performing Arts), and several JSC student poets. The group performed at the New England High School Drama Festival on April 1, and at Castleton State College on April 29 as part of their *Soundings* program. *Soundings* is a series of cultural events tied to CSC's first-year programming. Students are required to attend and write reviews of several of these events.

On April 15 Stowe Free Library presented two poets—**Neil Shepard** (Writing and literature) and Julia Shipley—in its *Face to Face: Meet the Author* series. The event featured a poetry reading, followed by a discussion of the poets' work.

Karen Uhlendorf and **Brad Moskowitz** (Environmental and Health Sciences) attended the Northeast Regional Conference of the Associa-

tion for Experiential Education at Sargent Center for Outdoor Education in New Hampshire in April. The conference's theme of place-based education was highlighted by keynote speaker David Sobel, a recognized author, researcher and practitioner of methodologies that ground learning in a sense of place through investigation of surrounding natural and human communities. JSC Outdoor Education alumna **Amanda Barnard** and current majors **Colin Hartnett** and **Sean Hylind** also attended.

In Chamonix, France, part-time faculty member **Mark Puleio** (Environmental and Health Sciences) passed his final ski mountaineering exam to become fully certified with the International Federation of Mountain Guides Association (IFMGA/UIAGM) completing a pursuit that has taken five years. In the U.S. there are approximately forty guides who have completed this training and examination process.

Hans Haverkamp (Environmental and Health Sciences) has been busy. In March he received a Project Grant Award funded by the Vermont Genetics Network. He attended the annual meeting for the Northeast region of the American College of Sports Medicine in Boston, MA on March 28 and the Vermont Genetics Network Undergraduate Student Career Day on April 16. Hans was also co-author of a poster presented by undergraduate student **George Kamenos** on Career Day. Hans participated in the Governors Cup Race on May 15 in Montpelier and attended the Annual Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine May 28-31 in Indianapolis. This summer he will be doing research in the Human Performance Laboratory along with two JSC students.

Held in the first-year residence halls, a pair of international food and cultural events, one featuring Mexican and the other Lebanese food/culture, were fully subscribed and garnered enthusiastic reactions from student participants. These very successful dinners were

organized by **Margo Warden** and **Sherlock Terry** (both Office of First-Year Experience).

Dave Cavanagh (External Degree Program) read poems in performance with the Celtic band, Wind That Shakes the Barley, at a release party for the band's fifth CD held in Brandon on May 10. Dave also has an article on the work of Irish American poet Greg Delanty, appearing in the summer issue of the British journal, *Agenda*.

JSC's 15th annual Multilingual Poetry Jam, organized by **Cynthia West** (Humanities), took place on April 22 in the Ellsworth Rooms of the Library and Learning Center. As April 22nd was Earth Day, this year's theme was the Earth. Many world languages were represented at the jam. After a brief introduction, two readers presented each poem in its original form and then in its English translation.

Student and Alumni Activities and Achievements

The American Scholastic Press Association awarded *Basement Medicine*, the student newspaper of Johnson State College, first place in its category for the publication's fall 2007 issues. The award was for overall excellence, reflecting content, editing and design. The newspaper, which is a credit-bearing class taught by **Tyrone Shaw** (Writing and Literature), functions as the hub of the journalism major.

Students in this semester's Principles of Management class, taught by **Jim Black** (Business/Economics), assembled and distributed care packages for students during final exam week. Besides purchasing one of three care packages for their student—"Good Luck," "Health and Fitness," or "Energy"—parents and others were able to include a personalized note. Proceeds from this project are to be donated to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, a camp that provides challenging, extraordinary experiences

in a safe and loving environment for children who have or have had cancer.

In February **Karen Uhendorf** (Environmental and Health Sciences) attended the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's Eastern District Association annual convention in Newport, RI. Majors **Scott Graner** and **Amanda Thomas** also attended and were honored at this regional event for being selected as Vermont's Outstanding Future Professionals this year. Scott and Amanda were involved in a series of professional development workshops specifically designed for the state award winners during this convention.

Anthony Curtis, a student intern under the supervision of **Tania Bacchus** (Environmental and Health Sciences), is working at GoGreen Recycling LLC. As part of his internship, he wrote a grant proposal to the State of Vermont to study how recycling crushed gypsum wallboard in the soil would affect that environment. This proposal for a new type of recycling program for construction materials has been tried in other states but not yet in Vermont. He just learned that his proposal will receive state funding.

Hosted by JSC students in the HTM program and supervised by **Todd Comen** (Business/Economics), a benefit for the Werkok Youth Development Association in Sudan at Club Metronome in Burlington on Thursday, April 17 generated positive coverage and excellent photos in the Free Press's BScene. The fundraiser included an authentic Sudanese dinner and live music.

Dan Owen (2008) has won a Fulbright award to Indonesia.

Steven Light (Fine and Performing Arts) and the student MENC members from Johnson State College received a Chapter Growth Award from MENC, the National Association for Music Education. Each year, MENC recognizes collegiate chapters for their increase in student membership.

STUDENT SERVICES

Upward Bound

Mount Mansfield senior and JSC Upward Bound participant **Ben Raymond** received a 2008 Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Community Service. The award was presented by the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service, based out of the Office of the Governor.

Residence Life

The hiring process for the 2008-09 resident assistant staff has been completed. This year was marked by a high number of applicants from a strong group of student leaders. Director of Residence Life **Michele Whitmore** described the group as "the most competitive pool of candidates in recent memory."

Student Government Association (SGA)

Given the number of organizations, events, and departments funded by the SGA, it was necessary for SGA sponsored clubs to do significant fundraising in order to sponsor many of their activities this past year. They stepped up to the challenge, raising over \$5700 and receiving another \$1700 in matching funds.

The SGA worked on numerous projects throughout the year. Members continue to work with the College to have more benches and outdoor seating areas on campus. They worked with pertinent campus departments to design and implement a hill path connecting Arthur Hall with the closest parking lots, something long desired by students. This spring the SGA purchased a new "Badger Suit" for our mascot to wear at sporting and other events.

Center for Service Learning (CSL)

JSC students and staff have played a crucial role in the success of a new free weekly community lunch program sponsored by the Lamaille County Court Diversion Restorative Justice Projects. Students and staff have worked to prepare and serve the meal each week.

On April 1 the CSL presented "Substance Free Service," a program about issues related to underage drinking, at a community forum organized by the Lamoille Area Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

Two Break-Away trips occurred over the April break. Nine students ventured to the Jackson Bottom wetland preserve in Oregon for a week of service and education centered around environmental preservation. Their work included brush clearing, trail maintenance, and preparing areas for future planting.

Six students, along with CSL Coordinator **Laura Megivern**, worked with the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless. They served meals at numerous meal centers and shelters, worked with low income children and experienced a comprehensive educational program that included discussion panels of homeless and formerly homeless individuals.

Athletics and Recreation

Six students and two staff members kicked off the April break week by participating in a 6 hour spinning marathon to support Special Olympics. The JSC group raised over \$1500.

JSC again hosted the fitness program "Girls on the Run." This program is geared for girls in 3rd – 6th grades from the local community. This year girls from Johnson, Hyde Park, Morrisville, and Cambridge participated.

Spring athletes garnered numerous North Atlantic Conference (NAC) awards. In men's lacrosse, **R.J. Fleming** and **Billy Noyes** were both named to the NAC 1st team. Noyes had earlier received NAC Player of the Week honors.

The softball team ended a season long losing streak with a dramatic 2-1 victory over Becker College on the last day of the season. The team received the NAC Team Sportsmanship Award.

The men's tennis team had a strong season, finishing as conference runner-up. Their second place finish at the NAC championships was fueled by # 2 Singles Flight Champion **Jarryd Audette**, # 5 Singles Flight Champion **Pat Kantlehner** and # 3 Doubles Flight Champions **Cameron MacDonald** and **Justin Kutler**. Earlier in the season Audette had received NAC Rookie of the Week honors.

Health Services

Health Center focused questions were included on a survey administered by student life staff and the Student Government Association. The responses revealed that students think highly of the staff and services offered. More late afternoon hours were added in the spring semester in response to the survey feedback. JSC bids farewell to our Nurse Practitioner, **Rebecca Hill**, who leaves us to transition to doctoral level work in either international nursing or medical anthropology. She will be greatly missed by students, faculty, and staff. A special friend to our international students, her absence will be especially noted by them.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Business Office

The Business Office is pleased to report that kick-off for the e-commerce project is scheduled for June with the development of an electronic market place for the S.H.A.P.E. facilities. We anticipate that this will have a time savings effect for both S.H.A.P.E. and the Business Office, and will increase the timely receipt of payments.

April was a busy month financially, the Q3 statements completed and the information gathering for the interim A-133 audit. Work continues on preparing for this audit which is scheduled for June. The department is also beginning preparations for year end as well as the financial audit scheduled for August 28th and 29th.

Physical Plant

The last few months have been extremely busy for the Physical Plant department. In preparation for the renovation of Stearns Hall, numerous offices and functions were moved to new locations, an essential first step preparing for the renovation of the building. Upon the conclusion of this work, DEW Corp was able to begin construction in early April. The project is currently on schedule and it is anticipated that the key functions will re-open prior to the start of the fall semester.

Other projects in process include the installation of an autoclave in the Bentley science lab, the addition of primary power to the College apartments, and an electrical upgrade at the S.H.A.P.E. facility.

Conference and Events

The Conference & Event Services Office has been very busy providing logistical support for various meetings and events on campus including assistance with end of the year activities including Honors Convocation, Spring Fling, Casino Night, Alumni Council Dinner, and Commencement.

As the Conference and Events office finishes end of the year events, focus will shift toward gearing up for summer and the upcoming challenges. With the renovation of the Stearns Building in progress, dining services will be relocated to the S.H.A.P.E. building for the summer months.

IT

JSC Media Services now supports 25 tech-enhanced classrooms. Two other classrooms will be upgraded to tech-enhanced classrooms over the summer.

The latter half of the 2007-08 year has also seen a steady increase in the use of the Blackboard course management system. Support demands have remained steady; as more instructors have begun using the system more peer support has been available.

Media Services continues to see a significant rise in the use of audio visual materials as a part of curriculum—in class presentations and in student photo and video projects. Classes in English, Biology, Art, and First Year Seminars have all incorporated video reports as one of the formats for student participation. During the month of April the Media Services Department processed 91 equipment loans—an increase of nearly 45% from the previous year. In addition, Media Services staff and work-study students have been providing ongoing instruction for student productions, both through formal classroom instruction sessions, and through informal one-on-one training.

This summer, IT plans to replace equipment in one academic computing lab and migrate this equipment to staff and other offices on-campus. Additionally, the department is developing plans for the migration to Office 2007.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Professional Training

Twenty-one JSC supervisors attended a training session in late spring to learn about the new guide for JSC recruitment and hiring. The fourteen steps outlined in the guide include recent changes to our recruitment and hiring process, and provide information and documents that will make it easier for supervisors to recruit and hire new employees.

Wellness

We hosted speaker and workshop leader, Bill Nash, to present a seminar, Your Attitude: Learned Optimism. Approximately thirty-five staff and faculty attended the sessions in late March. Bill's expertise and humor, coupled with group participation, helped us develop mental strategies for handling daily challenges that can lead to frustration and helplessness.

New staff

Mark McMahon, has joined the Physical Plant department as the Mechanical Systems Tech. He brings 21 years of plumbing experience to the College, and holds a Vermont Master Plumber's license.

Chris Price is the newest security officer with the Public Safety Department. Chris has two years of prior experience with the Vermont Department of Corrections, as a correction officer. He is currently taking courses at CCV and plans to attend JSC.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Admissions

As the spring '08 semester ends so does travel for the admissions staff—at least for the summer. Admissions counselors are returning from Maine, New York, and Massachusetts after attending college fairs for high school juniors. Admissions staff, **Pat Dasaro**, **Rebecca Pastor**, student **Katelyn Bevins** organized receptions in Hartford and Boston for high school



juniors and seniors and invited alumni to share their JSC experience with these students. The connections between alumni and prospective students were positive. The off-campus receptions kicked off an April jammed packed with on-campus events including the annual JSC 101 Open House, Consortium of Vermont Guidance Counselor reception and visits from many VSAC groups. JSC 101 brought 240 visitors (107 students) to campus from CT,

MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI and VT. Seven of the students at JSC 101 paid their deposit for the fall '08 semester.

Another successful on-campus event included the annual Consortium of Vermont Colleges Bus Tour was held on April 22nd. Forty counselors from fourteen states and Puerto Rico met with the admissions staff and toured campus. Following the tour, counselors heard from students about their JSC experiences. The student panelists **Katelyn Bevins** (HTM), **Christine Friant** (Math/Education), **Mallory Hazen** (Theater & Drama) **Toni Little** (Creative Writing/Education), **Gabriel McConkey** (Wellness & Alternative Medicine), **Tommy O'Connor** (Outdoor Education), and **Miles Smith** (Anthropology/Sociology) did an excellent job highlighting everything from their academic programs to campus life. The counselor evaluations were extremely positive.

On the May 12th admissions report, inquiries for fall 2008 are slightly ahead of last year. The good news is that overall deposits are up 5 percent compared with last year (302 vs 288) and of those, Vermont deposits for first-year students are up 15 percent. The admissions and financial aid staffs are working together to help students and their parents understand the financing options to pay for a JSC education. Financial aid remains a key factor for students in determining whether they will enroll at JSC. With tuition, fees, room and board, and an allowance for books, supplies, transportation and miscellaneous expenses, the total cost of attendance (the financial aid budget for each student) is now up to \$18,080 for Vermont students and \$26,914 for out-of-state students.

Since JSC is on a rolling admissions model, we will continue to interview prospective students and review applications throughout the summer. Special events for the summer include:

- Transfer Days – Wednesday, June 11th and 18th (on campus);
- Summer Information Sessions for fall class of

2009 – Friday, July 25 and Friday, August 15
 • Registrations for fall '08 – June 27, July 11 & 28, August 8 and 22



In addition to the ongoing push for fall '08, from now until August, the admissions staff will work with the Career Center

to bring our new students to campus this summer for registration sessions. We will also update articulation agreements, analyze the 2007-2008 application trends, schedule next fall's travel, plan on and off-campus events, update publications, and train new student tour guides for the summer.

Associate director **Pat Dasaro** was selected as this year's recipient of the Freda Hebb award for her outstanding service and dedication to the College. Pat was presented with the award at the annual Honors Convocation program in April. Finally, a special thanks to our student tour guides and office assistants who worked tirelessly six days a week to support the work of the admissions staff. Whether giving tours or preparing mailings, students have been an integral part of recruiting the fall class.

Financial Aid

There has been much turmoil in the loan industry due to federal subsidy cuts to lenders and the subprime mortgage crisis. The VSC received good news this past week that VSAC has secured funding for the ability to continue to provide students and parents with loans for the upcoming year and will not have to cut the borrower benefits they offer. Currently over 50 lenders have dropped out of the FFELP lending program. Other positive news for our students is a new law, the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008 signed on May 7, 2008 that will allow all students to borrow an additional \$2,000 in an unsubsidized Stafford loan effective July 1, 2008 (the only exception being graduate students). Johnson State College has awarded the majority of incoming

students and awards did go out earlier than in previous years. We are very proud that two JSC students were selected to receive Vermont State College Scholarships this year. The Shorey-Harvey Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to **Sara Dolan** and a \$5,000 Community Service Scholarship from the Point was awarded to **Kelly Jackson**.

DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Scholarships awarded at Honors Convocation reached a new level, thanks to increasing endowment, annual gifts, and institutional funds. The Fund for JSC Committee awarded \$78,300 scholarships to 77 students, choosing the students with the strongest academic records and the highest financial need, and matching the criteria set by the various endowments. This included the 23 scholarships made possible by the Carrie Hubbard Stewart Endowment, for women working their way through college; most were in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range. These scholarships were endowed by the donor in honor of his mother, in hopes of making attaining an education somewhat easier for today's students than it was for his mother in 1913. The Spencer Trust/ Endowed Scholarships for Education Committee awarded 24 scholarships totaling \$11,500 to students in education. The Alumni Association awarded \$30,000 to 54 students, in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$400.

New Scholarships This Year

Graves/Story Scholarship funded by the Carolyn Bover Graves/ Barbara Graves Story/Carol Story Endowment, established by **Dr. Carol Story**, the third generation of her family to graduate from Johnson State College, preceded by mother Barbara Graves Story, Classes of 1942 and 1981 (B.A.) and grandmother Carolyn Bover Graves, Class of 1915. Dr. Story is a recently retired faculty member and an expert in the field of education for gifted and talented children, and taught at JSC 1987-2004. This scholarship is awarded to students in elemen-

tary or early childhood education, with preference for students specializing in gifted and talented education.

Mark and Star Heinrich Scholarship, endowed by Mark and Starleen (Sweeney) Heinrich, both Class of 1969, who live in Kingwood, Texas, where they own and operate real estate and mortgage companies. Both were active on campus during their college years. Their JSC education meant a great deal to them and they are pleased to be able to give back. The scholarship goes to a woman student who is an education major, with financial need.



Honors Convocation

Honors Convocation gives the College a wonderful opportunity to showcase our students' academic achievements to donors. President Murphy hosted a dinner for distinguished guests and Alumni Council members that evening. For donors who could not attend, the Office of Development and Alumni Relations sent 50 letters with biographies of "their" students, enclosing appreciation notes from students and the Honors Convocation booklet.

The Distinguished Faculty Award was presented by Alumni Council President **Norm Messier** on behalf of the Alumni Association to long-time professor of Environmental and Health Sciences **Karen Uhlendorf**. This award was established to recognize and honor outstanding faculty members for their teaching, service, scholarship and dedication to the students of JSC.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented by the Alumni Association to married alums **Mark** and **Starleen Heinrich**, Class of 1969. This is the first time the award has been presented to a couple. The award is presented annually to honor contributions of JSC Alumni to our society through outstanding career and public service achievements.

End of fiscal year annual fund solicitations were sent out in early May. The annual Alumni Golf Tournament, in memory of the late **Walter Minaert**, will be held on Saturday, June 28, at the Links at Lang Farm. This will be the 25th anniversary of the tournament that raises money for the Athletic Hall of Fame. A concerted effort is underway to increase participation and re-energize the tournament by encouraging all past participants to attend.

On Saturday, July 26, Johnson alumni are invited to see the Vermont Lake Monsters take on the Lowell Spinners. A barbecue will precede the game. This is the third year Johnson alumni and their families have gathered at the ballpark.