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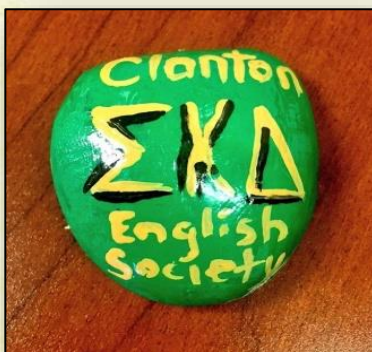
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Alabama Prison Arts and Education

Book Drive

By Mary Yahn

During the spring semester, Sigma Kappa Delta held a book drive benefitting the Alabama Prison Arts and Education Program. The project is funded through Auburn University, and donations provide educational books to inmates incarcerated in Alabama. These books are used to further inmates' education in art, science, humanities, and literature. Jefferson State Community College provided several large car-loads of books—a total of 24 boxes!. A large portion of the texts were literature texts, in excellent condition. Officers and sponsors enjoyed participating in this worthwhile project! It has been proven statistically that an education is the key to a better future once inmates are released. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this drive.



Sponsors and officers have painted rocks like this one to the left and hidden them around all four of Jeff State's campuses

SKD Social Media

By Kinya Perkins

Shelby Hoover New Student Orientation was on July 7, 2017 from 9am-1pm. Brooke and I had the pleasure of helping along with Deonte Wroten and Jacob Call, JSCC's student recruiters. We helped freshmen get familiar with our campus by putting them in groups based on their major and showing them how to register them for their 2017 fall classes. Need something to drink while you register? Brooke and I were also handing out ice cold soft drinks along with hot dogs, popcorn, and cotton candy to make everyone feel at home. Not only did we help at the Shelby Campus, but we also helped at Jefferson on July 10 from 11am-1pm, and at Clanton July 12. There was grilling with Terry Harris and other students that wanted to help. We were serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and more.



Instagram seemed to love our volunteer work, including jscambassadors who left a lovely comment saying, "They were the biggest help last week. Thank you so much." So far we have gotten 21 likes from the pictures added to our Jeffersonstateskd Instagram page.

Our newer posts include painted rocks: "SKD English Honor Society," "Jeff State rocks," "Having a bad day," or "Need a positive note to make you smile?" No worries. SKD is picking up the rock trend. If you see painted rocks around campus or in the community, take a picture and hashtag #jeffstaterocks and re-hide the rock! Some rocks have positive notes or even funny jokes.

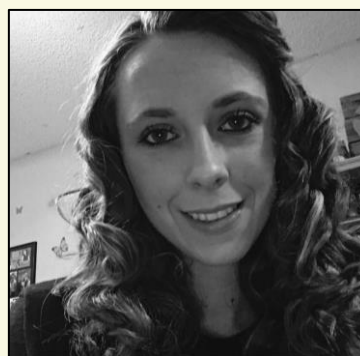
Jefferson State Community College

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Meet The New Officers!

Meet Brooke! By Chelsea Jones

Brooke Jennings decided to become a student at Jeff State when she and her best friend wanted to go to school somewhere close to home. Her original plan was to transfer to UAB for the nursing program, but she enjoyed the campus here so much, she decided to finish out her nursing program at JSCC. Once she graduates from Jeff State, Brooke plans to continue her education with her BSN from UAB and maybe even further than that! In 5 years she sees herself working at St. Vincent's with her many degrees and living in a home on a lake in Birmingham. Three words you could use to describe Brooke are Caring, Smart and Independent. Brooke spends a lot of her free time outdoors either hiking, swimming or fishing with her family. But she also loves a nice rainy day watching Netflix at home. I am so excited to welcome Brooke and I cannot wait to see all that she contributes to the Shelby-Campus SKD organization.



Interview of Anna Taylor By Bethany Pate

1. What have been your most memorable moments in SKD so far?

I really enjoyed going to Kentucky for SKD convention and liked participating in the induction ceremony.

2. Do you think SKD has given you a push to keep your education first?

Being involved with SKD helped me focus on school more. Kentucky convention made me more interested in school as well.

3. Through SKD, have you gained lifelong friends?

Yes, I have met many people through SKD that I consider my friends.

4. Do you believe SKD has helped you succeed as you further your education?

SKD has helped me further my education by teaching me how to interact with different people and made me a better leader.

5. Why would you recommend SKD to someone trying to get involved at Jefferson State Community College?

SKD will help students make friends, keep them focused on school, and make them better leaders.

**Interview of Holli Holcomb
By Kemmbrely Griggs**

1. What inspired you to want to join SKD?

I have always loved English and Literature, especially reading. When I was introduced to SKD, I knew that I wanted to be part of it.

2. What are your educational goals for the next two years?

My dream is to be an English/Literature teacher. For now, I want to finish two years at Jefferson State Community College in December. After that I am intending to go to UAB to get my degree in English/Literature, and hopefully one day get my doctorate.

3. What do you expect to gain from SKD that will help you in your future?

I hope that I can gain a better sense of leadership, as well as new friends and memories.

4. Why is being a member of SKD important to you?

Being a member of SKD is important to me because reading is a big part of my life.

5. How did you find out about SKD officer position?

When I was learning about SKD, it was one of the things that came up in discussion with some other members as well as hearing about SKD from Ethan Booth, who, at the time, was an SKD officer.

6. What do you think you will enjoy the most about being an officer?

I think that I will enjoy all the fun activities and all the memories that are going to be shared with a good group of people.

**Interview of Kinya Perkins
By Kemmbrely Griggs**

1. Why did you decide to go to Jefferson State Community College?

I chose to attend Jefferson State because I wanted to attend a smaller school with less people in the classroom. I wanted to be able to get one on one time with my teachers instead of going to a university and not being able to talk to my teachers or ask for help.

2. What is your major?

My major is nursing.

3. What are your career goals?

My career goals are opening up a clinic for young adults that may not have insurance. This will help kids get their checkups without paying a fee for not having insurance.

4. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

I see myself in five years in the military, traveling across the world in the Air Force as a nurse helping other patients.

5. What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Caring, enthusiastic, and adventurous.

6. What do you like to do for fun?

For fun I like to ride dirt bikes, shop, spend time with the family, cook, and hike.



Interview of Bethany Pate
By Anna Taylor

1. Why did you choose to be SKD officer?

I love leadership positions, and it would be fun to represent SKD for the Clanton Campus.

2. What are you majoring in?

I am going to major in Elementary Education. I will finish my basics in Jeff State with an English degree. After Jefferson State I will transfer to AUM.

3. How many years have you already completed at Jefferson State Community College?

I have completed one year.

4. What are your hobbies?

I love being with my family and friends. I love my work and school.

5. How will SKD help you with your career goals?

SKD will be a good platform for my English degree and transferring to get an education degree.

6. What are you most excited to accomplish as SKD officer?

I am looking forward to Pioneer Con and getting students involved on Clanton Campus.



Interview of Kemmbrely Griggs
By Mary Yahn



Kemmbrely Griggs, the incoming campus captain for Jefferson Campus, started her term in the spring. I had a pleasure of working with her for two semesters, and enjoyed it immensely. I asked her these six questions as her interviewer:

1. What are your educational goals for the future?

My goals are to finish nursing school at Shelby Campus and graduate at the top of my class.

2. What do you do for fun?

I enjoy spending time with my family.

3. What is your favorite book and why?

My favorite book is the Bible because I always learn something new each time I read it.

4. Where do you see yourself in five years?

In the next five years I see myself as an R.N. and studying to obtain a Masters.

5. Name something that makes you unique.

My life story makes me unique.

6. How is SKD helping you reach your goals?

SKD is helping me reach my goals by teaching me life lessons that will make me a better student and a person. Also, the writing experience that I am gaining through SKD will definitely help me when I return to school to get my masters.

Events and Happenings

Jefferson Social By Holli Holcomb

For the summer semester, the Jefferson and Pell City campuses are teaming up for a social event. The event will be hosted at the Jefferson campus on Thursday, July 20, 2017. We will be showing the movie *Happy Feet*, as well as serving ice cream. The movie will be held in room AL 111, which is found on the back side of the library building. The ice cream will be served during the event, and there will also be chances to win door prizes. The event will start at three o'clock and will end at five o'clock. It is sure to be a great time with fellow students!



*During the summer, while the smaller campuses have fewer students, the officers from the Shelby campus and Clanton campus collaborate on activities while the officers from the Jefferson campus and Pell City campus collaborate.

Solve the Riddle Event July 26, 2017

By Brooke Jennings

This summer the Shelby-Hoover captains are hosting an event called Solve the Riddle. The table will be set up in the lobby of the General Studies Building from 10AM till 2PM on Wednesday July 26. There will be free pizza, popcorn, bottled water, and SKD gifts for those who participate in the game. There will be a jar set up on the table filled with different types of riddles for the players to solve. Once they solve a riddle, they will be allowed to enjoy the free food and gifts provided. Players are also encouraged to post pictures of themselves with the riddle, pizza and/or gifts, tagging Jefferson State SKD and with the hashtag #solvedtheriddleSKD.



◉ Some of Us Broke Out! ◉

Breakout Birmingham By Anna Taylor

A group of SKD sponsors and officers had a fabulous time at Breakout Birmingham on July 13. Breakout Birmingham was done as a team building activity. Not only did this activity help sponsors and officers to connect, but it also helped us learn how to interact with one another in a tough situation. Everyone in the group had an opportunity to find a clue in order to get out of the room. As a group we learned that we have to divide so each person can focus on different things so we can save time. This technique was very rewarding because we made it out of the room with few minutes to spare. At the end of the evening, sponsors and officers went to get popsicles and coffee to celebrate our success of breaking out.



This Team Made It!!
From left to right: Anna Taylor, Jamie King, Katie Boyer, Kemmbrely Griggs



This Team Didn't Make It!
From left to right: past officer Justin Barrick, Chelsea Jones, Brooke Jennings, Ashley Kitchens, and Kinya Perkins

An Evening of Improvisation

A Night of Improv at the Shelby Campus By Ashley Kitchens

The Speech Team at Jefferson State held an Improv Workshop on July 17, 2017 put on by Jeff State's own graduate and current UAB student, Victoria Cruz. Victoria was an award-winning Speech Team member while at Jeff State and brought her experience as a Theater major back to students here! The night began with some pizza and goodies while students met each other and fellowshiped before the workshop began. During the workshop, Victoria talked about the elements of improvisation and what makes for good improv.



Victoria Cruz talks to participants about improvisation

Throughout the workshop, participants played improv games including FREEZE, partner dance mirroring, a dating guessing game, and improv storytelling. During the FREEZE game, a pair of students was given a scenario to act out and when they were told to "freeze," they had to stop and one new student tapped one of the actors out and continued the scene. The partner dance mirroring had one person in a pair start a dance move and the other would have to do that same move but add a more intense action with it; then the other partner would initiate a move and the other would follow and up the game on the move. The dating guessing game had one participant asking questions to three or four chosen students and then guessing what person each of the "contestants" was.



Clanton SKD Liaison Ashley Kitchens got to ask questions to contestants to choose who she would pick in a "Dating Game"

The improv storytelling finished out the night: students got into a large circle and each student was responsible for adding only one word at a time to a story. Overall, the workshop was very well attended and students had a great time laughing at themselves and at each other. SKD loves to be a part of the Speech Team activities on campus, and the night was a success! It is great to see students come back to Jeff State to give their time to the current students; thank you, Victoria!



Students line up for the one-word-a-person storytelling



The Shelby campus multi-purpose room was full of students, faculty, and staff for the Improv Workshop

Do you have an item of interest to share with your fellow members? Do you want to be an active member of SKD, but do not know where to start? Contact us for further information.

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Check out our Facebook page for reminders of upcoming events!
(Jefferson State SKD)