#### **Veteran & Military Connected Student Newsletter**

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# **Ճ** Greetings from the Veteran & Military Student Resource Center! **Ճ**

As we approach Veterans Day, we're proud to honor and celebrate the service of our veterans, active-duty members, and military families. This week's newsletter highlights Veterans Week events, campus resources, and ways to stay connected as we move closer to the end of the semester.

Whether you're wrapping up midterms or preparing for finals, remember to take time to recharge and reflect on how far you've come. The VMSRC is here to support you with everything from academic guidance to community connection, because no one succeeds alone.

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Thank you to all who have served and continue to serve. Your dedication and resilience inspire our campus every day.

Have an event, announcement, or opportunity to share? Email **Anthony Rima** at <a href="mailto:arima@jccc.edu">arima@jccc.edu</a> and we'll help spread the word!

### **Academic Dates**

**NOV 17:** Last day to request a pass/fail grade option or to withdraw with a "W".

**NOV 26 - 28:** Thanksgiving Day Holiday Break. Classes not in session and college offices closed.

DEC 07: Last Day of Fall classes

#### **Spring Enrollment Open!**

It's time to plan your next semester! Visit the Veteran & Military Student Resource Center (COM 305) or call 913-469-7618 for assistance with your spring class registration.

If you plan to continue using VA Education Benefits - Don't forget to submit your <u>Enrollment Certification Request Form</u>.

If you have any questions regarding VA Education Benefits or

Military Tuition Assistance, please stop by the Veteran & Military Student Resource Center. You can visit us in COM 305, Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm.

You can also reach us by email at <a href="mailto:veteranservices@jccc.edu">veteranservices@jccc.edu</a>
or call us at 913-469-7618

**SVA & PAVE Events** 

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### 4th Annual Trivia Night: SVA & Honors

#### Tuesday, November 19 | 5-7 PM | COM 155

Get ready for a night of fun, prizes, and pizza! Join the **Student Veterans of America (SVA)** and the **Honors Student Association (HSA)** for a collaborative **Trivia Night**, proudly sponsored by the **Student Sustainability Committee (SSC)**.

Bring your friends, test your knowledge, and compete for awesome prizes in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Whether you're in it for the glory or just for the pizza, this event is all about connecting with the JCCC community and having a great time.

All students are welcome—come show off your smarts and support a great collaboration!

RSVP: https://jccc.campuslabs.com/engage/event/11811081

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### United States Marine Corps 250th Birthday



#### Monday, November 10 | 2-3 PM | COM 305

On November 10, 1775, the United States Marine Corps was established to provide fleet Marine forces of combined arms, along with supporting air components, for service with the Navy in operations on land and sea. Since that day, Marines have proudly stood among the nation's most dedicated defenders.

Join the JC SVA in celebrating the strength, history, and legacy of the Marine Corps. Stop by the Veteran & Military Student Resource Center (COM 305) to grab a birthday treat and honor our Marines on their special day!

## **Veterans Week**

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### ☐ Veterans Week Events! Nov 3th - 11th ☐

Join us as we celebrate and honor our veteran and military community with a week full of events hosted by the **Veteran & Military Student Resource Center** and **JC SVA**. Highlights include:

- U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Celebration Celebrate the Marine Corps' 250th birthday (Nov. 10, 2–3PM, COM 305).
- Thank a Vet Card Writing Write a note of appreciation for a veteran or service member (Nov. 11, 11AM–1PM, COM Atrium).
- Tour of Military Art Explore veteran and military-themed art at the Nerman Museum (All week).
- Q Veteran & Military Honor Tree Tie a ribbon to honor a friend or loved one's service (Nov. 3–25, Student Center Atrium).

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Take part in these events to show appreciation, connect with others, and celebrate the strength and service of our veteran community.





Start your day with a FREE full breakfast in CAV Central! Enjoy a buffet with bacon & eggs, biscuits & gravy and all the trimmings. For all Veteran & Military Connected students!

**Location**: CAV Central in the COM basement **When**: Tuesday, November 11th from 8:30 - 11:00 am

1st ten people to show up will receive a free American 250th Tumbler!

Please use the RSVP function if you plan to attend!

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#### **Wreaths Across America**

Honor our fallen heroes by sponsoring a wreath through Wreaths Across America. Each \$17 sponsorship helps place a wreath on the marker of a veteran at Johnson County Memorial Gardens, ensuring their service and sacrifice are never forgotten.

For every wreath sponsored, \$5 goes directly to supporting student veterans at JCCC through the JC Student Veterans of America (SVA). Volunteers will place the wreaths while reading the names of each fallen veteran to keep their memory alive.

Let's come together as a community to honor, remember, and teach the next generation about the true cost of freedom

#### Click here to Sponsor:

https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/162556/Overview/?relatedId=159319

# **Campus Events**

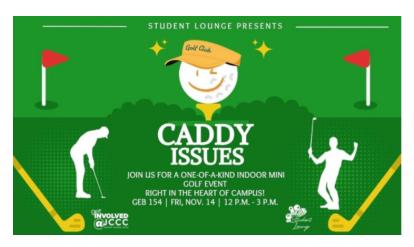
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Embrace the fall season with **Phi Theta Kappa's Fall Photo Scavenger Hunt!**Snap photos of autumn-themed items around campus and complete the scavenger list for a chance to win fun prizes.

It's a great way to explore campus, enjoy the season, and get creative with friends. Don't miss out on this fun, photo-filled challenge hosted by **PTK**!



## 占 Caddy Issues: Indoor Mini Golf Event 占

#### Friday, November 14 | 12-3 PM | GEB 154

The **Student Lounge** invites you to tee up for **Caddy Issues**, a one-of-a-kind **indoor mini golf experience** right in the heart of campus! Grab your friends, take your best swing, and enjoy a fun afternoon of laughter, light competition, and campus community vibes.

No golf skills required—just bring your sense of humor and a good time!

Click here to RSVP: https://jccc.campuslabs.com/engage/event/11339169

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#### Campus Happenings

There's always something going on at JCCC! From student organization meetings to campus-wide activities, these events are a great way to *get involvea*, meet new people, and make the most of your college experience.





Be sure to check out <u>Get Involved</u> @ <u>JCCC</u> for the full calendar of upcoming events and opportunities around campus.

### Resources





Located in the heart of campus, the **CoLab** is JCCC's student collaboration center—an innovative space designed to help students connect, create, and grow.

The CoLab offers **co-working areas**, **advanced technology**, **and event coordination** to support collaborative and experiential learning. It's a hub for students, faculty, and community partners to work together on interdisciplinary projects that build communication and career-ready skills.

Looking to elevate your professional presence? Stop by the **Professional Portrait Booth** at the front of the CoLab to take free, high-quality headshots for your **LinkedIn profile**, **resume**, **or ID**—with print options available on-site.

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Whether you're teaming up on a project, hosting an event, or exploring new ideas, the CoLab is here to help you collaborate and succeed.

Location: OCB 100 (near the Student Lounge)

Learn more at <a href="http://www.jccc.edu/colab">http://www.jccc.edu/colab</a>



### **College Financing Night - Nov 19th**

Are you a current or future college student—or helping someone become one?

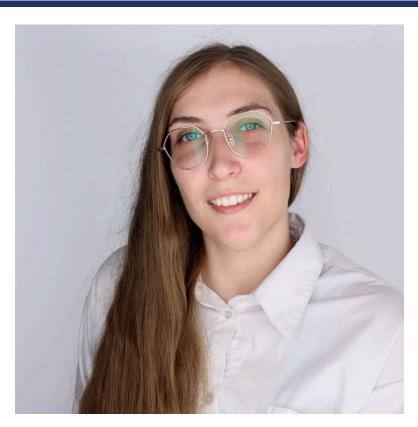
Join us for a free event designed to connect students and families with the financial resources and support they need for higher education success. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and plan your future! Open to all current and prospective students and their families.

This event will be held on JCCC's campus in the Regnier Center – See
the <u>JCCC campus map</u>
Doors open at 4:00 PM

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Registration encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome! <u>Click</u> here to RSVP: <u>College Financing Night - LibCal - Johnson County Community College</u>

# **Spotlight**

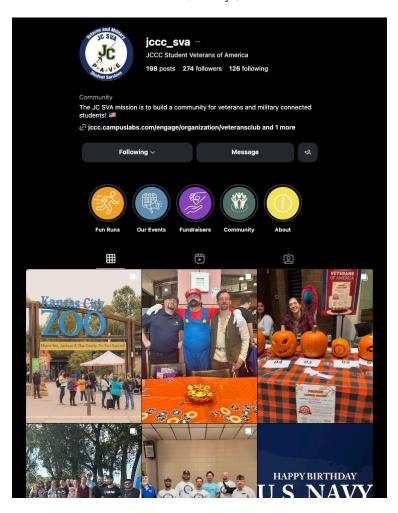


# **☆** PAVE Shoutout: Crystal White **☆**

We're excited to recognize Crystal White, Air Force veteran and dedicated Peer Advisor with the Peer Advisors for Veteran Education (PAVE) program, in this week's shoutout! Crystal has been an invaluable resource for her fellow veterans and military-connected students at JCCC, offering guidance on everything from navigating college life to planning for the future beyond graduation.

Currently studying at JCCC with plans to transfer to KU for a degree in Atmospheric Science – General Meteorology, Crystal brings both passion and perspective to her role. When she's not helping her peers, you can find her sewing, exploring the outdoors, or spending time with her two Heeler-Aussie mixes. Her advice to new students? "Find your people—they're there! And when facing challenges, sleep, food, and a fresh perspective can make all the difference." Thank you, Crystal, for your leadership and commitment to supporting your fellow veterans!

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