

Mission Statement

Joliet Junior College takes its obligation to the community that it serves seriously and strives to spend its resources efficiently to provide the highest quality programs that are affordable and accessible to students. The college will provide academic programs that are transferable, that lead to employment, and that encourage a lifetime of learning for the citizens within its District.

Vision

Joliet Junior College places the highest value on student learning and will therefore focus on instructional excellence and on supporting diverse student goals, needs, learning styles and academic backgrounds.

Goal 1: Increase student success and completion

We are committed to improving the student experience by increasing access and affordability, strengthening academic programs, providing needed learning facilities, expanding student services and activities, and strengthening programs that support high school students' readiness for college.

Goal 2: Develop programs that anticipate and respond to labor market demand including the growing number of fields that require an understanding of sustainability

We are committed to offering degrees and certificates that are closely aligned with current and future labor market needs.

Goal 3: Increase and strengthen resource development and utilization

We are committed to pursuing and implementing additional financial resources for the college to account for decreased public funding while continuing to provide excellent learning opportunities.

Goal 4: Address the needs of the growing minority, underrepresented and underprepared student populations

We are committed to supporting services, programs and activities that responds to the growth of diverse and minority population in our district.

Goal 5: Expand the use of technology and sustainable methods

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Improve data collection and reporting to ensure that we have baseline data on students' pursuit of academic goals and that both staff and students can monitor students' progress towards their goals.

Provide orientation and targeted advising to all students

Develop two year master schedule of courses to ensure that students can plan when courses will be offered. Determine semester schedules that ensure that required courses are offered in varied formats, locations and times.

Provide specialized transitional programs including early start, adult education bridge, and college success courses that enable students to understand how to be successful in college.

Determine the success of academic intervention strategies and expand their use.

Examine accelerated curriculum, alternative course delivery, and supplemental instruction and provide more flexibility in instruction.

Partner with area high school staff, including faculty, to ensure students' college and career readiness.

Ensure that curriculum alignment and standards of academic rigor are in place for dual credit courses.

Increase the technological resources, support, and means of access provided for instruction and to students outside of the classroom.

Provide professional development opportunities for faculty to enhance instruction.

Determine additional strategies to assist students to better understand and access financial assistance.

Provide additional opportunities for employment on campus.

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Use labor market needs, needs assessments, and information from advisory boards to create, expand and improve academic programs.

Conduct research to better understand employment trends and to follow-up graduate to determine how they fair in the workforce.

Expand relationships with local workforce boards and industry professionals to ensure that we use their perspective to improve and build programs.

Evaluate current program offerings to determine whether credit and non-credit program programs are still viable and responding to the current labor market.

Work with IGEN group to access information, curriculum, and professional development for faculty on sustainability in the workforce.

Goal 3: Increase and strengthen resource development and utilization

We are committed to pursuing and implementing additional financial resources for the college to account for decreased public funding while continuing to provide excellent learning opportunities.

Develop and acquire new resources in the acknowledgement of structural shifts in revenue sources through grants and fundraising.

Partner with business and/or profit organization to assist in funding and financing of additional revenue sources.

Seek and establish new revenue streams to increase funding for the College to implement its strategic planning goals.

Strengthen financial controls and planning to leverage state, federal, and private funding to support academic, student, and administrative services on campus.

Identify efficiencies, leverage technology to reduce cost and improve services to internal and external stakeholders.

Strengthen governmental liaison efforts with state and federal legislators for more effective communication of specific funding needs.

Provide flexible, accessible, and affordable learning opportunities.

Goal 4: Address the needs of the growing minority, underrepresented and underprepared student populations

We are committed to supporting services, programs and activities that responds to the growth of diverse and minority population in our district.

Provide learning experiences designed to support the diversity of JJC students' needs and aspirations.

Foster the talent of every student and employee nationality, socio-economic status, or disability and address cultural diversity/sensitivity in all learning situations regardless of ethnicity,

Continue to remain cognizant of the changing demographics of District 525

Evaluate the effectiveness of the student learning outcome assessment support system continually to improve services to all as needed.

Infuse diversity and multiculturalism into the curriculum and college activities

Promote and increase professional development of diversity and multiculturalism within the student body and college community

Goal 5: Expand the use of technology and sustainable methods

We are committed to developing and advancing technology that meet the growing demands of our global society.

Develop the College's technology infrastructures, modernize technological services, and meet workplace standards for an effective educational institution.

Improve the utilization of technological resources and develop the infrastructure necessary to advance the technological innovations that will support Academic Affairs, Student Support, Business and Financial Services, and Informational Technology divisions.

Apply sustainability practices throughout college operations.

Enhance technology-based access to administrative processes and information.

Pursue emerging technologies that improve college wide administrative process.

Continue to integrate technology into the curriculum.

Implement expanded technology-based training programs for all college employees consistent with their workplace activities.

Update the existing technology infrastructure, computer systems and applications.

Provide a safe and secure technology environment for faculty, staff and community access.