



1,380 Student enrollment

1969



The first group of passionate citizens were tasked with building a college with zero startup funds. The Kansas legislature approved a \$135,000 grant to conduct business, hire staff and find classroom sites. Board members chipped in \$50 each to buy stamps and stationery to start the search for the first president.

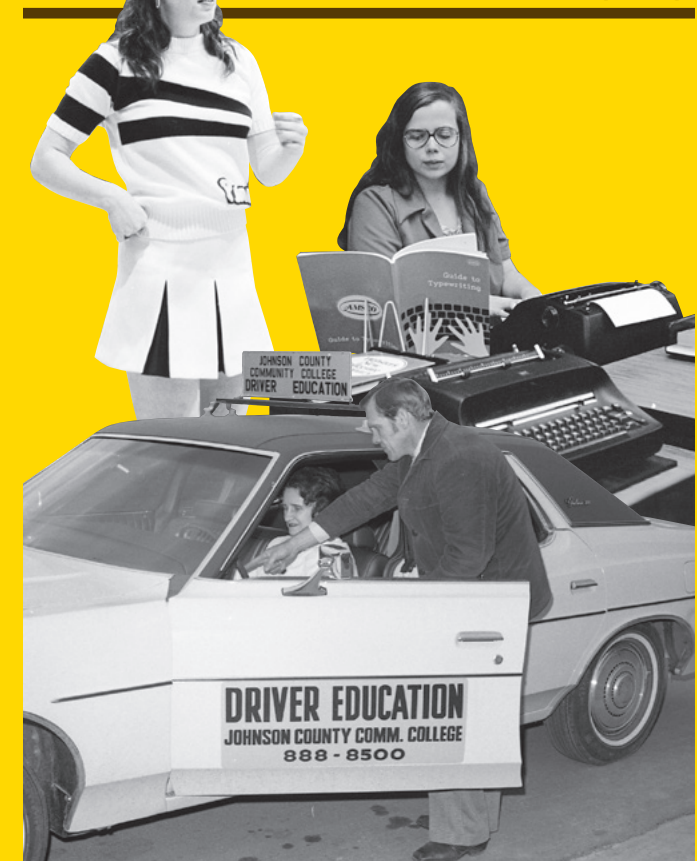
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1972



At \$3,000 an acre, the rural land was predicted to be the county's population center by 1990. An address of 12345 College Boulevard was a gift from the mayor. In the fall semester, 98 full-time faculty were teaching more than 3,600 students in credit, transfer and career programs.

1975



In 1975, JCCC received *full* accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The College had earned provisional accreditation in 1969 and 1972.

1977



In the '70s, Continuing Education updated its courses with real estate, emergency medical technology, energy, hot air ballooning, bass fishing and driver education.

1978



Interest in health-related career programs was so high in the late '70s, enrollment in Nursing and Dental Hygiene had to close early due to the volume of applications.

1981



The Arts and Technology Building expanded classrooms and tech labs. ATB housed art studios and photography darkrooms with the south side dedicated to modern facilities for industrial programs including automotive technology, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

1982



In the '80s, JCCC joined area school districts in a cooperative Johnson County Area Vocational Technical School.

1983



Athletic teams have been called the Cavaliers since 1983, when a student body vote changed the name from Kansans.



JCCC entered into a unique agreement with Burlington Northern Railroad and built the Industrial Technical Center on campus to house a national training center and more classrooms.

1988



The Cultural Education Center, a \$21 million arts complex, became the county's hub for performances and exhibited art. To kick off construction, board member Hugh Speer broke ground with his own team of horses.

1987



Some Enchanted Evening, still one of the county's largest black-tie galas, continues to bolster the Foundation's funds for scholarships.

1988



One of the College's first history professors, Fred Krebs, was known throughout the community for his "informances." He developed more than a dozen historical personas and was passionate about keeping history alive.

1989



A Health and Wellness Pow Wow organized by our Center for American Indian Studies kicked off its free annual event. JCCC hosts one of the few health-focused pow wows in the U.S.

1990



Since its opening in 1990, the Hiersteiner Child Development Center has provided care for children of students, faculty and staff. Fresh produce from the children's garden is incorporated into lunches and snacks.

1995



Cosmetology officially became part of JCCC in '95. Serving our community is part of our philosophy. Every April, the salon is exclusively open to the Down Syndrome Guild for free hair, skin and nail services for its prom night.

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The campus landmark known as "The Hill" is an 11,000-ton concrete tank that holds 600,000 gallons of chilled water used to improve energy efficiency and help cool campus buildings.

2000



As enrollment reached an all-time high, the College needed a building to support student success and offer a seamless enrollment experience. The three-story Student Center houses offices for Admissions, Financial Aid, Counseling, Career Development and Access Services. In 2019, the Student Center began a transformation to serve as the College's "front door" and a hub for Student Services.

2011



The 50,000-square-foot Olathe Health Education Center (OHEC) was built on the Olathe Medical Center campus. It houses classrooms and labs for the Practical Nurse, Certified Nurse Assistant, Neurodiagnostic Technology and Respiratory Care programs.

2012



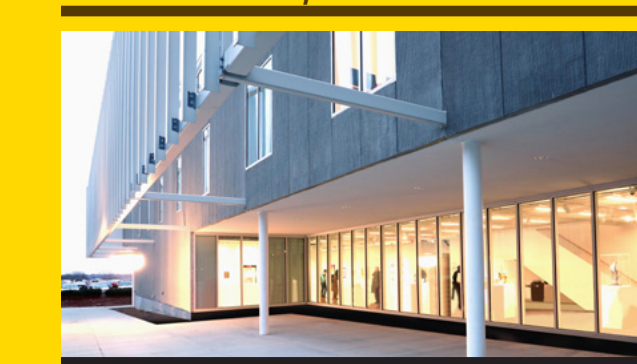
With living walls and a water reclamation system, Galileo's Pavilion takes "green building" to a whole new level. The student-built structure received LEED Platinum Certification.

2013



JCCC was the first two-year accredited hospitality program in the '70s. The Wylie Hospitality and Culinary Academy opened in 2013. Award-winning culinary teams train in professional kitchens outfitted with the industry's top equipment.

2019 and beyond



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2015



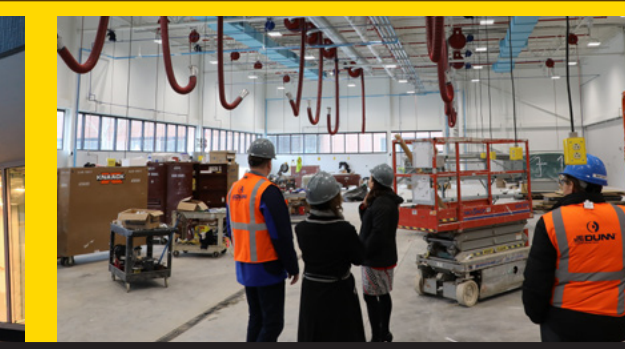
JCCC's 93 percent favorability rating jumped out to Neil Newhouse, the Public Opinion Strategies pollster who conducted the survey. He said JCCC's positive image is unmatched by comparable institutions.

2017



In a dramatic example of "NO traditions," the first graduating class of 176 didn't wear caps and gowns.

Today, full regalia is part of a formal graduation ceremony for nearly 3,500 students earning associate degrees each year.



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