

Welcome New Students

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Welcome

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies, we welcome you to the start of the next chapter in your educational experience. We are pleased that you have decided to enroll at Thomas Jefferson University's Jefferson College of Graduate Studies to fulfill your academic and career goals. We repeat it frequently, but we sincerely believe that whether you are a full-time Ph.D. student or a part-time M.S. student, you will all receive full-time attention from the College and full-time value from your learning experience at TJU. Today you will meet many of our staff who are available to help you along the way with answers to your questions about TJU, or to provide information about courses, research opportunities, and career counseling. Our offices are located in Jefferson Alumni Hall in M-46 for M.S. program inquiries, and in M-63 JAH for Ph.D. program inquiries, so please feel free to stop by or contact us *via* e-mail to make an appointment if we can be of assistance. Again, we welcome you to Jefferson, and wish you the very best in your graduate studies.



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Check your Jeff-MAIL!...Or have it sent to another e-mail account!

Please check your Jefferson e-mail account regularly. This is the most **important** tool used for communication with students regarding everything from crucial dates to notification of class cancellations in the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies.

In the blue area below the Jefferson logo, you'll see a list of items. Click the one labeled "Options." In the window that opens, look under "Mail" for "Forwarding."

JeffMAIL can forward your Jefferson e-mail messages to another e-mail account. To do this, go to your JeffMAIL account either through Pulse or by typing <http://jeffmail.jefferson.edu> directly into the "Address" field in your web browser. Supply your Campus Key and password when requested.

Select "Yes" in the "Forward Messages:" dialog, type the e-mail address to which you'd like your JeffMail e-mails forwarded, and leave unchecked the box that says "Keep a copy of each forwarded message in your inbox."

That's it! Now you can read your JeffMAIL through another account.



GSA Welcomes You Too!

Dear New JCGS Students,

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) was formed in 1969 to provide a link connecting Jefferson graduate students with faculty, administration and the surrounding Philadelphia Community. The ultimate mission of the GSA is to promote the maturation and well-being of graduate students as well as to address and resolve all questions and concerns raised by those students. In addition to improving the quality of life for graduate students, the GSA is also strongly devoted to enhancing the reputation of the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by insisting upon the utmost professionalism and maturity



within its members as they proceed toward becoming exceptional researchers in their disciplines.

All students in the JCGS are granted membership to the GSA, and participation in the organization is promoted and encouraged throughout the course of a student's time with Thomas Jefferson University. The GSA is headed by an executive board composed of nine, elected graduate students, who serve as the voice of the graduate student community at all university-based meeting, committees and events. Throughout the year, the GSA offers an eclectic mix of academic, cultural, philanthropic, social and community service related events both at the University and the Philadelphia area, beginning with our annual Welcome Week activities.

Jefferson Medical & Health Science Bookstore

- The Bookstore offers a 10% discount off the publisher's list price of all books. Check out the Publisher Wall at the back of the store and receive an additional 10 % discount on featured titles each month!
- Bookstore services include special orders for all books in print as well as specialty merchandise for student organization activities. Buy your books online at the Jefferson Bookstore and receive a 10% discount off most titles! Academic supplies, technology products, apparel, and graduation and recognition items are available for purchase online as well www.jefferson.edu/bookstore.

Commuter Services

Commuter Services provides mass transit and parking information and savings on these services to Jefferson students with a valid Jefferson Photo ID. Benefits include maps and schedules of bus and rail line routes; discounts on SEPTA, NJ Transit, and PATCO products and monthly and daily parking at most local parking facilities. Visit the Commuter Services website at www.jefferson.edu/cso. Commuter Services (215) 955-6417

Photo ID

Photo identification cards, which are issued to all students in the College, must be carried at all times on campus. The initial ID card is provided at no charge. A replacement fee of \$15 will be charged for any card that replaces the initial card. If a student's identification card

is lost or damaged, replacement cards can be obtained from the Photo ID Center located in the Jefferson Bookstore at 1009 Chestnut Street.

Have a question or comment about the Jefferson Bookstore? Why not talk to your Bookstore Advisory Committee representative?

The Jefferson Bookstore Advisory Committee serves to advise the University Bookstore and to foster communication between the bookstore management and the University community. The Committee meets on a monthly basis to discuss such topics as product mix, marketing/promotion, customer service, policies and procedures, and textbook adoption. The Committee is comprised of faculty and student representatives from each of the colleges. If you are interested in joining the Bookstore Advisory Committee please contact Patti Haas at patricia.haas@jefferson.edu.

Jefferson Medical and Health Science Bookstore

1009 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 955-7922

7:00 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday

Closed Sunday and all University holidays.



ACTIVITIES

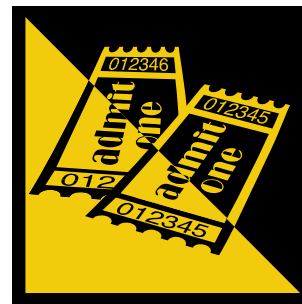
It may be back to school time, but remember to schedule time to have some fun! Whether you have a day, evening, or weekend free, the Activities Office can help you find something to do!

Campus events this semester include the Taste of the Neighborhood Restaurant Expo on 9/11; the Student Organization Fair on 9/15; Jeff Night at the Phillies on 9/17; Constitution Day on 9/17 and Movie on the Plaza on 9/24. Also be on the lookout for information about monthly diversity awareness celebrations and MORE!

Spend the last few days of summer at the local amusement parks. See an Eagles, Flyers, or a Sixers game. Visit a local museum, see a movie, or enjoy a night out at the theater. The Activities Office can provide information and discount tickets for all of these activities and more!

Student Organizations – don't miss out on the annual meetings to be held on September 21 at 5:00 PM. or September 22 at

12:00 noon. Important information regarding University Policies will be reviewed, and the new edition of the *Student Organization Leadership Manual* will be distributed. Make this year a success for your organization!



Do you want to get involved on campus? Make decisions about events and activities? Then the Activities Office Advisory Committee is for you! The Activities Office Advisory Committee recommends and plans various events, programs, co-curricular classes and ticket sale offerings for the entire Jefferson campus community. The committee also allocates funds to Jefferson student organizations. If this sounds like something for you – then stop by the Activities Office, JAH Room B67 for an application!

Jefferson-Independence Blue Cross Wellness Center

The Jefferson-Independence Blue Cross Wellness Center, Jefferson's multipurpose fitness and recreation facility, is located in the lower levels of Jefferson Alumni Hall. The facility offers members the use of cardio and weight training areas, two group exercise studios, massage and reiki studio, swimming pool, gymnasium, racquetball court, dry heat sauna and men's and women's locker rooms. Programs and services include group exercise classes; fitness testing and exercise prescriptions; personal fitness training; massage therapy; intramural sports leagues and co-curricular courses such as dance lessons, Pilates, SCUBA certification, swim lessons, and tennis instruction.

The Jeff-IBC Wellness Center membership fee for all full-time Jefferson students is included in the Comprehensive Student Fee

paid at registration. Family memberships are available to students' spouses, domestic partners, or children. For more information, contact the Activities Office, Jefferson Alumni Hall Room B67, or call (215) 503-7743.

The Wellness Center Advisory Committee serves to recommend policies for governing the fitness and recreation facility, to recommend recreational and wellness programming, and to recommend fees to support activities and programs that are funded by wellness center memberships. We're looking for enthusiastic and creative individuals to serve for a term of two years. Members must attend monthly meetings, usually at lunchtime. Anyone interested in serving on the Committee or needing additional information may contact the Activities Office.

Available to all students, our JeffALERT Emergency Notification System enables the University to send simultaneous alerts campus wide through text messaging, voicemail and e-mail using devices such as cell phones, landline phones, and desktop/laptop computers.

The effectiveness of JeffALERT depends on having up-to-date personal contact information that can be accessed during an emergency. The system will use students' personal contact information, specifically cell and local phone numbers provided in Banner Web. If this information is not provided, the system will send alerts to students at their Jefferson.edu e-mail accounts. It is important that everyone keep their contact information current so they can be properly notified during an emergency.

For detailed information about our JeffALERT Emergency Notification System and how to ensure that you receive alerts, please visit the web site at: <http://jeffalert.jefferson.edu>

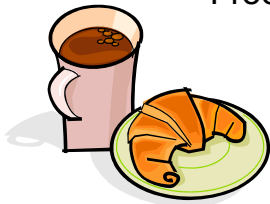


Graduate Student Association Welcome Activities 9/3/09 thru 9/18/09

Thursday Sept 3rd: Social Hour - Irish Pub



Irish Pub - Walnut between 11th & 12th, 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Free for new students, \$10 for guests



Tuesday Sept 8th: Welcome Brunch

Hamilton Building, 4th floor terrace
11.00am - 1.00pm, Free for all students

Tuesday Sept 8th: Quizzo

Coco's - 8th between Chestnut and Sansom, 6.30pm



Thursday Sept 10th: Choosing a Lab Rotation

BLSB 402, 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Mandatory for all new PhD students

Thursday Sept 10th: Outing to Jim's Steaks

Meet in BLSB lobby, 5.15pm



Saturday Sept 12th: Ride the Ducks tour

Meet in BLSB lobby, 3.00pm
\$8 for students, \$12 for guests

RSVP by 9/10!

Monday Sept 14th: GSA Open Meeting

BLSB 402, Noon - 1.00pm

Friday Sept 18th: Post-exam Lunch Outing

Meet in BLSB lobby, 11.45am
New students receive \$5 off food portion of bill!

RSVP by 9/17!



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