

January 2023 Board Top 5

### **Jefferson Academy Community Cares - Holiday Care Packages**

The JA Community Cares 3rd Annual Holiday Care Packages was a huge success. We were able to deliver 28 holiday care packages (with 223 total items) to 123 JA students and family members for a total of \$15,364 in donations. Huge thanks to our JA Community Engagement Coordinator, Tiffany Blakley, for leading this effort, and our amazing JA community for their generosity.

### **Facilities Committee**

Introducing the new members of the Facilities Committee: President Graham Pierce, Secretary Jessica Evans, and parent volunteer Heather Nuanes. The Jefferson Academy Facilities Committee works to identify short and long term facility issues, and after approval by the board to move forward, researches solutions and develops an implementation plan. Thank you to our new members for your time volunteering on this committee.

### **Staff Surveys**

The Staff Survey was reviewed and approved by the board and will be going out in the upcoming week. This survey helps the board know how JA is doing from the inside. The results are compared to previous years and help identify what works well and where there is room for improvement.

### **Available Board Seats**

Jefferson Academy Board of Directors elections are coming up in May. There are two open positions for the JA Board of Directors. More details about candidate letters will be coming up in the next few weeks, so if you are interested in sharing your talents and giving back to the JA community, keep an eye out for these communications and please consider serving on the board.

### **Strategic Plan Update - Academic Rigor**

As part of the 2021-2024 Jefferson Academy Strategic Plan, the board identified academic rigor as a goal. The Board approved guiding principles, targets, and practices of academic rigor, in order to achieve this goal. You can read more about academic rigor [here](#).

We are pleased to share the progress being made and share some recent academic rigor principles in action.

- **Concurrent Enrollment:**  
The average pass rate for FRCC concurrent enrollment students from all schools is 89.6%. JA concurrent students have a pass rate of 99.7%!  
Through this program, JA has saved families more than \$140,000 in college tuition costs.  
Out of our 423 high school students, 123 students participated in concurrent enrollment for the fall semester; which is almost 30% of our high school students.
- **Summit Academy Sports Program:**  
Summit Academy is launching a program for elite athletes that will allow them to participate in their athletic endeavors at an elite level while still being able to participate in an academically rigorous program.