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Jefferson State Choir

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Dear High School Counselor:

I am writing to inform you of the exciting choral opportunities we have at Jefferson State Community College. Should you have any students considering or are planning to attend our school, I encourage you to inform them of these opportunities. We currently have two choirs at Jefferson State, as well as two select ensembles. The **Jefferson State Chorus** is open to all students, regardless of major or previous musical experience. There is no audition required to participate in the chorus. Students simply register for the course (MUL 180) each semester.

Our second choir, the **Jefferson State Singers**, is a 32-voice ensemble chosen by audition each spring, and **scholarships** are available! This choir sings traditional repertoire and performs throughout the city each semester. This year's auditions will be held Friday April, 6, 2018 and Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Jefferson Campus and Friday April, 20, 2018 and Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Shelby Campus. (NOTE: though an audition date is being made available at the Shelby-Hoover campus, the choir only meets at the Jefferson Campus each Monday and Wednesday in the Fall and Spring semesters). Students may take other classes at any of our campuses but must come to the Jefferson campus for Choir.

The audition will consist of the student singing a piece of his/her choice, voice range and type determination and basic ear-training tests. Interested students should call Teresa Archer at 205-856-8585 to set a 20-minute audition appointment. Scholarships come in the form of a **full in-state tuition** waiver. Additional requirements must be met, such as acceptance to attend Jefferson State, enrolling as a full-time student at Jefferson State each semester the scholarship is in use, maintaining a 2.5 GPA, and either taking a basic musicianship (music notation) course or passing out of it.

I have enclosed some materials to help get the word out to your students; flyers to post summarizing audition information, mini information sheets for the students to take along and an FYI sheet giving you a little more information about the choirs at Jefferson State. Feel free to make as many copies as needed of any materials. Please encourage your students to look into the opportunities for continuing their education at Jefferson State Community College. If I can provide additional information, please feel free to contact me. I hope to see you and your students soon!

Thank you,

*Michael L. Thomas*

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# The Choirs of Jefferson State

There are two choirs at Jefferson State Community College; The Jefferson State Chorus and The Jefferson State Singers:

- **The Jefferson State Chorus** is open to ALL students at Jefferson State. Simply register for MUL 180 when you sign up for classes. The Chorus meets MW from 1:00 – 2:40 on the Jefferson Campus, and students receive 2 course credit hours.
- **The Jefferson State Singers** is our premier ensemble. The Singers meet MW from 11:30 - 12:20 on the Jefferson campus, and students receive 3 course credit hours. All members of the Singers are also members of Chorus, therefore they also meet MW from 12:30 – 2:10. The Singers are selected by audition and students participating with the Singers receive scholarships to Jefferson State.

**Auditions:** Auditions are held in the spring (typically after spring break) for scholarship positions with the Singers that will become available the following fall term. Audition times are made available in the morning and afternoon on Fri and Saturday. Students make individual audition appointments that last about 20-minutes.

**What to expect at an audition:** Arrive prepared to sing one song – literally any song of your choice. No restrictions. This allows the student to sing something they are comfortable and confident with. No accompanist is provided for the audition, so most students sing a cappella. However, others choose to bring accompaniment tracks (CD/cassette), accompany themselves on piano or guitar, or even bring their own accompanist. Again, no preference... the student needs to be comfortable. The rest of the audition is up to the director. They will do some basic ear-training exercises (pitch retention, chords, etc), and of course, vocalize to hear the different aspects of the range. The whole thing takes about 20 minutes.

**Audition Results:** Once the auditions have been completed, the director will make the decisions regarding the scholarship offers. Typically, the process is completed by early June.

**Scholarship Information:** Students that are invited to be members of the Jefferson State Singers based on the audition are eligible for a full-tuition (in-state) scholarship to Jefferson State Community College regardless of their major course of study. To accept/maintain the Jefferson State Singers Scholarship the student is required to:

- register as a full-time student each semester
- meet attendance requirements at rehearsals and performances
- take a music reading course or pass the competency test
- maintain a 2.5 GPA
  - 1st time college students have to maintain a 2.5 GPA after their first semester
  - students coming out of HS who have taken dual enrollment classes or other collegiate credit, must have a 2.5 GPA.

Students that are interested in participating with the choir but are not interested/offered scholarship positions are still welcome (and encouraged!!) to sing with the Jefferson State Chorus which is open to ALL students at Jefferson State. Simply register for MUL 180 when you sign up for classes!

If you have any further questions, give us a call and thank you for your interest in our choral program!

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