

Jo Co Community College Board of Trustees At-Large 2021

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Candidate Background

6. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

Lead Physician Executive

Physician Relations, Cerner Corporation

OB Hospitalist

BJC - Progress West Hospital

7. If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held.

Director, Cerner/Mission Executive Oversight Board of Directors

Director, University Physician Associates Board of Directors

8. Other recent political/community experience (50 words or less)

Board Member, St. John Neumann Catholic School

Knight of Columbus, 4th degree, Council 10932

3. Issues and Policy

9. What would be your top three agenda priorities as a Trustee you would work toward for the betterment of the College and the education it provides? (100 words or less)

I will collaborate with trustees to accomplish the following:

Ensure good stewardship of Johnson County taxpayers' rich investment in the college.

Maintain high academic standards and promote critical thinking.

Further JCCC's industry partnerships to ensure learning that translates into meaningful knowledge and skills to first and foremost benefit Johnson County and our great state of Kansas.

10. With respect to paying for the cost of educating the College's students, where do you stand regarding tuition increases vs. mill levy increases and what is the appropriate way to balance those interests? (100 words or less)

Johnson County residents are contributing two thirds of the operating revenues. I do not agree that taxpayers should bear such a burden. An already high mill levy will continue to limit the success of the county attracting and keeping residents. Student tuition has remained ostensibly unchanged for 5 years. If we set the expectation to students that college tuition is independent of the economic realities of running an academic institution, then we are not serving them well. The school must also look at ways to control costs and balance their budgets as expected by the taxpayers.

11. Kansas is experiencing low unemployment rates and employers are struggling to find qualified workers, especially in technical and skilled trades. What role should Johnson County Community College play with regard to workforce development, locally and statewide? (100 words or less)

The college should be working closely with local and state trade associations and chambers of commerce to adapt and/or create programs that give students the skills required to meet employers needs.

12. What do you see as key aspects of JCCC's coordination with high schools, universities, and other post-secondary educational institutions? (100 words or less)

JCCC representatives should be working directly with high schools and home school associations to inform students and parents of the high quality, high value programs that are available at the college. The college should be working with universities and other post-secondary schools to ensure programs are relevant (credits transfer) and prepare students for success at these institutions.

13. What is your vision for the College ten years from now? (100 words or less)

My vision is JCCC continues to advance it's rankings amongst peer institutions in a fiscally responsible manner. College ranking is an impactful metric to promote and advance any learning institution. This can be best accomplished with a focus on the basics of furthering high quality, high value learning opportunities tied into the local and state economies that JCCC serves. And this will naturally attract motivated students to ensure continued success.

14. Why do you believe you are uniquely qualified to serve on the JCCC Board of Trustees and why are you seeking this office? (100 words or less)

My business acumen, along with my skills as a practiced obstetrician and educator, will provide unique insights into trustee role. This uncommon diversity of learning and experience will help serve the board. I am seeking this office to ensure students are well prepared for 4-year and advanced degrees as well as being sufficiently prepared to enter the job market for trade careers. Additionally, I will promote good stewardship of the taxpayers' investment in the college.