

JCCC Genealogy

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On campus, people call him “doctor,” “Jerry,” or “sir.” But Abby Rund, JCCC freshman, calls Dr. Jerry Wolfskill, director,

Johnson County Regional Police Academy, by the same name she’s used for 18 years – “Papa.”

Abby Rund, Wolfskill’s granddaughter, continues the family’s JCCC tradition. Wolfskill, a former Overland Park police detective who has a doctorate in higher education and psychology, has taught at the Police Academy since 1972. His four children, Mickey Wolfskill, Paige Wolfskill Totta, Carey Wolfskill Bowen and Meredith Wolfskill Rund, all took classes at JCCC.

Abby’s mother, Meredith Rund, played softball and worked part-time on the switchboard while attending JCCC. Abby’s father, Randy Rund, went through the Johnson County Regional Police Academy in 1984, when he was with the Prairie Village Police Department. Later, Meredith and Randy attended the Kansas City, Mo. Regional Police Academy, where they met and married.

“But I knew Randy before Meredith did,” Wolfskill said.

The connections don’t stop there. Abby Rund’s paternal grandmother, Mary Foss, graduated from JCCC’s paralegal program. And Meredith Rund, who attended law school after five years at the KCMO police department, did legal work for JCCC with the late Bob Lytle, Lathrop & Gage L.C. Meredith is now an attorney with Bryan Cave LLP, and Randy is a detective with the KCPD.

Abby plans to complete two years of classes at JCCC and transfer to the University of Kansas for a bachelor’s degree in elementary education with a minor in African culture or French in order to serve two years in the Peace Corps in Africa. A graduate of Oak Park High School, Abby won a national award in Gold Key in the 2007 American Society of Newspaper Editors and Quill and Scroll International Writing and Photo Contest for her story on same-sex marriage. Of her JCCC experience she says, “I really like it.”

In addition to taking 15 credit-hours this semester, Abby works two part-time jobs. And how does it feel having a father and grandfather in law enforcement?

“Well, my Dad does a background check on all my dates.” 🌿



Jerry Wolfskill, director, Johnson County Regional Police Academy, and his granddaughter, Abby Rund.

