

Grant Writer on Board

Elizabeth Myers assumed the duties of JCCC's first grant professional April 16.

"My responsibilities are to provide leadership and expertise to establish a coordinated college-wide grant acquisition program, bring more grant-related funds to the college and serve as a central hub of grant information," Myers said.

While housed in the office of Institutional Advancement, Myers will work with all college departments to help identify federal, state, county and private foundation grant opportunities and

to assist faculty and staff with grant writing. She tracks grant applications through identification, development, submission and receipt of funding decisions.

"Grant funding is about teamwork, developing partnerships between college departments and between the college and community-based organizations," Myers said.

Myers most recently worked as the grant acquisition and project coordinator for Salt Lake City (December 2001-March 2007), where she brought in an average of \$675,000 in new sources of federal money each year.

A native of Wichita, Myers was attracted to JCCC because of the opportunity to set up a new grant program and work in academia in her home state. She likes the diversity of JCCC's departments.

"I do a lot of listening to find out departments' initiatives," Myers said. "There are so many things that the college does from nursing and railroad programs to visual and performing arts."

Myers earned bachelor's degrees in fine arts and science from the University of Utah and a master's degree in public health from Wichita State University.

"I love grant writing and finding new and interesting grant opportunities," Myers said. "It requires skills in programming planning and budget development as well as writing." She will review all grant application submissions to make sure they are consistent with college policies, and she will act as the college liaison with outside funding agencies.

In her free time, Myers is an avid cyclist. In 2004, she rode 470 miles across southern Utah as part of the Legacy Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Utah, and in 2006, rode 109 km (67 miles) route around Cape Town, South Africa, as part of the Cape Argus Pick 'n Pay Cycle Tour.

During fall professional development days, Myers will present "Grant Acquisition at JCCC" at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 13 in room 213 of the General Education Building. 



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