



# Free College Day is April 30, 2011

Friends Brandy Veatch (left) and Ginny Madden found themselves in “stitches” in the Free College Day knitting class in 2009.

## Johnson County

Community College offered its first Free College Day in 2009 as part of its 40th anniversary celebration. It was such a success then that we're doing it again – this time on Saturday, April 30.

Free College Day is a great way for JCCC to give back to the community, bring new people to campus and show off what we have. On Free College Day in 2009 the college welcomed between 1,500 and 2,000 people to campus. Those participants then spent the next week telling staff how much they enjoyed the day, how much they learned, how fine the teachers were and asking how they could sign up for a class. If the event is just as popular in 2011, then the college will make it a regular event every other year.

To date college faculty and staff have volunteered to teach more than 220 classes, ranging from the arts to science. Some of the classes to be offered are *Personal Computer Safety and Privacy*, *Financing a College Education*, *Careers: Women in Transition*, *Using Spanish in a Restaurant*, *Your Green Healthy Home*, *Writing about the Self*, *Fresh Homemade European Croissants*, *The*

*History of Rock 'n' Roll*, *Investigating Paranormal Phenomena* and *Dinner with the March Family*.

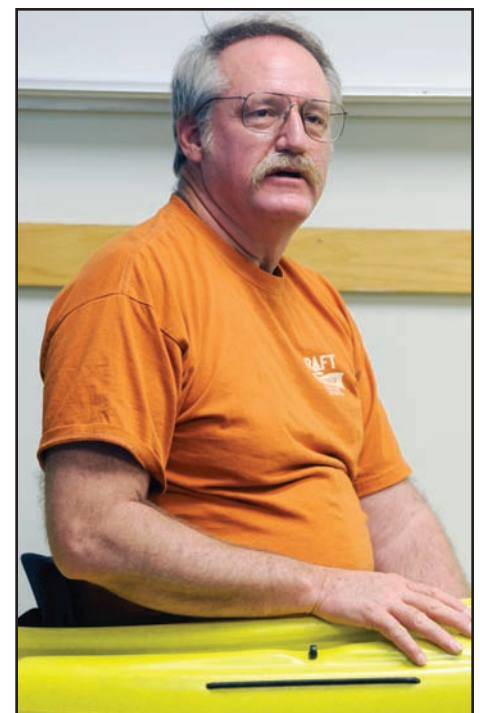
The 45-minute classes will be offered at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. across the college campus. In addition, participants can enjoy live entertainment that afternoon in the college's performing arts spaces. And – as the name says – everything is free.

In addition, from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. that same day, the college's annual Career and Technical Expo will take place in the lobby of the Carlsen Center. Junior high and high school students and their families are invited to visit with representatives from JCCC's more than 50 career and technical preparation programs, ranging from automotive technology to veterinary technology, to learn more about job outlook, salary potential, and training and education requirements.

More information on Free College Day is available at [www.jccc.edu/freecollegeday](http://www.jccc.edu/freecollegeday) or by contacting Julie Haas, associate vice president, Marketing Communications, [jhaas@jccc.edu](mailto:jhaas@jccc.edu), 913-469-3120. Registration begins March 7. For more information on the Career and

Technical Expo, contact Minnie Adams, director, Career Pathways and Cooperative Programs, [madams52@jccc.edu](mailto:madams52@jccc.edu), 913-469-8500, ext. 4170. **Im**

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David Kriegh, landscape horticulturist, JCCC, is seen here teaching a kayaking class in 2009.