

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2015 CANDIDATE PROFILE

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Note: Please limit each response to 100 words or less.

1. Why are you uniquely qualified to serve on the JCCC Board of Trustees and why are you seeking this office at this time?

I am seeking a position on the JCCC Board of Trustees because I believe quality education has been the most powerful driver of growth in Johnson County, and along with education, is at a pivotal point. My background has been tied to education, both professionally and in my own time. I see the needs of Johnson County Community College as similar to those I experienced working at Olathe Medical Center; essential community institutions working to serve and identify the needs of many diverging groups. Participation in Leadership Olathe and Leadership Kansas helped me realize the need for strong community leaders. The combination of that training and my experiences caused me to recognize that this is the role I am prepared for.

2. If elected, what would be your top three agenda items as a trustee that you would work towards for the betterment of the College and the education it provides?

Fiscal Efficiency. This means identifying the right long-term investments to make, as well as sustainability for taxpayers.

Relationships. Internal and external relationships must be cultivated. Interacting with students, staff, administration, the business and legislative communities, as well as collaborative institutions of K-12 and higher education, will allow the college to play a pivotal role in adapting to the demands of those interest groups.

Institutional Excellence. Our students must experience a better education than they expected. Our staff and administration must feel valued beyond their compensation level. The surrounding community must be informed and surprised by the excellence of their asset.

3. 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?

They must be balanced, but in the current state fiscal climate there are sure to be increases for both. Scaling them in appropriately and strategically is essential, especially as we react to state cuts to education and evaluate the implications for property owners who are also shouldering local increases for K-12 changes. There is currently a cycle of tuition increases in place. Interactive communication is key as we strategize future increases.

4. What role could Johnson County Community College play with regard to workforce readiness?

We are obligated to provide a variety of access points to continuing education in order to maximize our potential as a skilled, educated community; and that happens through the colleges embodied concepts of intention, preparation and reach.

Intention: Intentional and deliberate leadership is required to advance the shared trust among our stakeholders that our mission is followed.

Preparation. Collaborative partnerships will help us identify the right arenas of opportunity for community college development in this unique metropolitan area.

Reach. Johnson County and its institutions must look beyond convention to continue thriving into the future.

Through these, JCCC acts as a driver of workforce readiness.

5. What do you see as the role of JCCC with respect to supporting / partnering with our Universities?

This relates to my previously mentioned concept of reach. As a part of the higher education community, we are obligated to encourage and seek relationships with other universities--as well as local employers and entrepreneurial organizations--to ensure we are maximizing the potential of the learning and business communities. Our partner institutions benefit from collaboration, and the college is strengthened by shared commitment to providing a quality 'step up' approach to achieving a Bachelor's degree.

6. What is your vision for the college ten years from now?

Considering iPads were first introduced just shy of five years ago, I hesitate to cast specific vision for Johnson County Community College before sitting inside the executive board. However, I believe the delivery system for higher education is changing. This does not negate or diminish our need for exceptional infrastructure on the existing campus, and I believe continued investment in the location will continue to serve the vision of the college. However, if we aren't prepared to consider that the influences of technology and information delivery are shifting, we could find ourselves with an outstanding offering in need of a robust student body. I really believe the opportunities are expanding and the vision will have to remain elastic in order to serve our community.