

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

John A. Logan College considers organized activities to be an integral part of the College's educational program. In essence, the College believes that participation in student activities enhances the student's total educational growth outside the classroom. The College further believes that student activity programs should provide rewarding experiences derived from living and working in groups comprised of individuals from all walks of life.

The College believes that student activities provide for intellectual and cultural development, thereby laying the foundation for leadership and the expression of democratic processes.

Athletic Program

John A. Logan College provides a well-balanced athletic program. The College competes intercollegiately in basketball, baseball, and golf in the men's division and in volleyball, basketball, softball, and golf in the women's division. John A. Logan College strives to be competitive in all sports on the community college level and attempts to provide an enthusiastic and positive atmosphere for all student athletes. John A. Logan College is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Great Rivers Athletic Conference (GRAC).

Cultural Arts Program

The John A. Logan College Cultural Arts Program began in 1973 as a means to complement the educational and social-professional programs of the College. In 1985 the Harold R. O'Neil Auditorium was built and now offers to students and the public a full season of performances by professional artists and student-based in-house productions. Speakers, lecturers, and films on many subjects (including the political world, national and international literature, and philosophy and history) are brought to the campus.

Museum

The John A. Logan College Museum promotes understanding and appreciation of southern Illinois by providing exhibitions and educational programs for College students and citizens of the College district. The museum houses a growing permanent collection of fine arts and crafts by regional and national artists, national wildlife art, and the Logan Memorial Collection. Exhibitions are located in B Wing, C Wing, E Wing, and the conference center. The museum also oversees the preservation and ongoing activities of the Purdy School, an authentic one-room

schoolhouse located on the College campus. For up-to-date information, visit the museum's webpage at www.jalc.edu/museum or visit the museum office in C109.

All cultural arts programs are either free or offered at a minimal cost to the student. Information or tickets concerning all cultural arts programs can be obtained from the College Office of Student Activities.

Student Clubs and Organizations

John A. Logan College offers membership in many clubs and organizations. These groups are coordinated by the Office of Student Activities, but each organization is sponsored and advised by College faculty or non-teaching professional staff. The following are representative of recently active clubs.

American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC)—The AAWCC is committed to equity and excellence in education and employment for women in community, junior, and technical colleges. That commitment is translated into action at the national, regional, state, and local levels.

American Sign Language (ASL) Club—This group provides social/recreational activities for hearing-impaired students and bridges the gap between the hearing-impaired and others. It promotes a College-wide awareness of the deaf and hard of hearing. It also facilitates students in the Interpreter Training Program with skills development and introduces sign language to interested individuals.

Art Club—This club is for students involved in the visual arts. Social functions and off-campus trips are scheduled as well as additional creative study.

Associate Degree Nursing Club—This is a group of students in nursing who travel to various professional events. The group also schedules social functions that encourage camaraderie among students.

Atheists and Agnostics Club—This club allows the student and general public to consider their religious beliefs, the origin of the universe, and the afterlife.

Auto Body Repair—This club is for students involved in automotive studies, especially those in the Auto Body Repair Program. Social functions and off-campus trips are scheduled. The club is a VICA chapter and has competed in state and national competitions.

Automotive Club—This group functions to improve the image of student and professional auto mechanics by continued support of the NIASE Mechanic Certification program of energy conservation and

environmental protection in automotive service areas. The organization also strives to assist with the re-education of automotive instructors and technicians in new techniques and to support John A. Logan College and its academic and technological training programs.

Biology Club–The Biology Club seeks opportunities for excursions and provides an enriched environment for students preparing for careers in the biological sciences.

Black Students Association–The Black Students Association is concerned with education, economics, and cultural enrichment as these pertain to the John A. Logan College Black population. Social functions and off-campus trips are scheduled annually.

CAD Club/Drafting–The Drafting Club was organized to introduce students to the field of computer-aided design by visiting local companies and by students working together on independent projects.

Christian L.I.F.E. Club–The Christian L.I.F.E. club is a non-denominational group where Christian students can get together, encourage one another and find ways to impact this college with the gospel of Jesus Christ. L.I.F.E. stands for Living In Fellowship Eternally. It reflects the unshakable assurance we share, namely that eternal life and perpetual fellowship with God and with each other is something everyone can enjoy, if they accept the gift that God has freely given them.

College Scholastic Bowl–This team of students competes in academic tournaments with other community colleges from the state and region. Competitions are based on questions from science, mathematics, English literature, social sciences, arts, and other areas. The team travels to other colleges and hosts tournaments at John A. Logan College.

Construction Management Club–This is an outreach organization of the 2 + 2 Construction Management Degree Program. Students work on residential, commercial, and social projects.

Cosmetology Club–This club enables students enrolled in the Cosmetology Program to experience additional opportunities to further their knowledge in all areas of the beauty industry. Included are shows involving the latest trends.

Dental Assisting Club–This professional organization is involved in specific activities pertaining to the dental profession, such as attending dental conventions and making observations at dental schools and/or offices. The organization also strives to

make its members better aware of the activities of the profession.

Dental Hygiene Club/SADHA–This organization allows students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program to participate in different activities in the community.

Education Students Organization–This service organization encourages and supports John A. Logan College students who have chosen teaching as a career. The group awards scholarships and provides regular programs on educational issues and teaching as a career.

Electronic Circuit Breakers–This group is associated with the Electronics Program. Programming and travel are centered around professional activities based on student interests and social events.

French Club–This organization exists for the purpose of encouraging students of French descent or those in French classes to continue to speak French and learn more about French customs around the world. This group gives students with similar interests a chance to meet and talk about such interests.

Heating and Air Club–Students majoring in heating and air conditioning visit contractor and distributor shops and tour manufacturing facilities. Industry expositions and possible skills competitions also figure in club plans.

International Club–This organization provides foreign and domestic students and faculty with opportunities for social integration through programs and events designed to further international friendships.

John A. Logan College Archery Club–This is open to all students. Members practice weekly and plan to compete in local and national collegiate tournaments.

John A. Logan College Chamber Ensemble–This is an organization of adult and youth musicians whose goal is to play classical, light classical, popular, and seasonal music. The group is available for area concerts.

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Marketing-Investing Club—The general purpose of the Marketing Club is to further the study of business and marketing through exposure to elements of the business world not readily available in the classroom.

Model U.N. Club—This club participates in the National Model U.N. Conference held each November in Chicago. Students prepare for this event throughout the year by studying the country they represent.

Newman Catholic Club—This organization offers students the opportunity to learn the principles of the Catholic faith. It also emphasizes development of personal leadership skills and serving the community.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society—The local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was chartered on January 25, 1970. This national organization was founded in 1918, and is the community college equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, the national honorary scholastic fraternity. Phi Theta Kappa provides recognition for academic excellence as well as opportunity for intellectual enrichment, social activities, and service to the College. Membership is by invitation and based on grade-point average.

Political Science Club—This student organization exists to provide ample opportunities for involvement in practical applications of the concepts and principles of political science. This is accomplished by involvement in such activities as sponsoring campus political speakers, working in political campaigns, sponsoring voter registration drives, and traveling to the state and national capitols.

Practical Nursing Club—This club provides educational and social opportunities for practical nursing students.

Psi Beta Honor Society—Psi Beta recognizes students for outstanding overall scholarship and scholarship in the field of psychology.

Southern Illinois Writers Guild—The guild meets at the College during the regular academic year on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Area writers discuss their past or present works. There are also frequent readings and other events.

Student Senate—The official student governing body is known as the Student Senate. The senate is comprised of representatives from each campus club and by members at large; officers are chosen by the members

of the Student Senate. This organization concerns itself with student affairs, sponsors various social, educational, and community events, and strives to develop and maintain acceptable conduct within the student body.

Technology/CIM Club (Computer-Integrated

Manufacturing)—This organization is for students in the College's drafting area. Students attend social functions and make off-campus site visits to various manufacturers.

T-Plus Tutors—This group works with the Student Success Center, promotes learning assistance services, and encourages unity and fellowship among tutors.

Veterans Club—The Veterans Club exists to promote academic achievement and collegiate success; to promote flag etiquette; to create a forum where veterans discuss experiences and keep each other informed of various benefits and revisions of benefits; to promote a sense of esprit de corps among veterans at the College; to promote career awareness and veterans rights; and to promote a sense of volunteerism.

Volunteer Journalism Club—This club is open to any student interested in journalism. Members are directly involved with The Volunteer, the John A. Logan College student newspaper. Students will travel to various printing places off-campus as available, attend social functions, learn journalism skills, and attend journalism conferences.

Student Publications

The College has a student newspaper, The Volunteer, and a student literary magazine, Expressions.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

John A. Logan College offers a wide range of international education opportunities for students and the community. Lectures, exhibits, and performances frequently have an international flavor, and round table discussions on topics of international interest are also held several times each semester.

Numerous courses at the College include units or topics of international information. For example, a marketing course might include a unit on selling a product in Japan, or a child psychology course might cover childrearing practices in other countries. In addition, courses are available in international relations, Latin American civilizations, and non-Western literature.

John A. Logan College actively explores global opportunities. Faculty and staff members participate regularly in exchanges with counterparts in other countries and are involved in both professional and personal travel around the globe. The College is a source for educational contacts in China, and is pursuing contacts in other parts of the world.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

John A. Logan College encourages students to explore the benefits of living and studying in a foreign culture. As a member of the Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP), the College offers students a variety of study abroad opportunities. Any John A. Logan College student who has completed at least 12 hours of college-level work with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.75 is eligible to participate in these programs. All programs provide John A. Logan College credit with a range of courses that should fit into most baccalaureate transfer programs.

The College foundation and faculty/staff provide financing for some partial scholarships for these programs. For more information about these programs contact the international education coordinator.

Semester Abroad Programs

There are three semester abroad programs: Canterbury Christ Church University College, Canterbury, England; Salzburg College, Salzburg, Austria; and Forester Instituto Internacional, San José, Costa Rica (summer only).

At Canterbury Christ Church University College, located in sight of magnificent Canterbury Cathedral, students attend classes, college activities, and social events with British students and faculty, live with English families, and have the opportunity to travel in the British Isles and Europe. Part of the curriculum includes the study of British culture and institutions, enriched by class field trips. The majority of classes offered in this program are in the social sciences and humanities.

At Salzburg College, students live with Austrian families and attend classes in English taught by Austrian faculty. No prior knowledge of German is required, but students will study the German language and Austrian culture. Salzburg is a picturesque setting where *The Sound of Music* was filmed.

A five-week summer program designed to immerse students in Spanish language study is available at the Forester Instituto Internacional in San José, Costa Rica. Students live with Costa Rican families and study Latin

American culture and civilization in addition to Spanish. Coursework is augmented by a variety of field trips. Students may participate in this program with beginning- to-advanced language skills. The program is offered in cooperation with the College of DuPage.

Student Exchange Program

A short-term, reciprocal exchange program between John A. Logan College and the Netherlands is also available. Logan College students and Dutch students stay in each others' homes and visit classes and local places of interest to learn about each others' countries and educational systems. Students travel with a representative of the College. This reciprocal exchange provides a cost-effective international experience, ideal for the first-time traveler who wants to see if a longer study abroad program would be of interest or for the student who can only manage a short time abroad. Dutch students generally visit Logan College during the fall semester, and Logan students travel to the Netherlands in mid-May after final exams. Contact the international education coordinator for more information.

Other Travel/Study Opportunities

Short-term travel/study opportunities (usually one-to-three weeks in length) are also available for academic credit. Examples of such programs include the study of tropical ecology on the islands of Trinidad and Tobago or Costa Rica and European travel/study tours. These travel/study tours are also open to community members.

These courses may vary from semester to semester and are listed in the semester schedules and advertised throughout the campus.

The most current information on other study abroad opportunities is available from the international education coordinator, or on the College's homepage under "International Education."

COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The John A. Logan College Foundation is a not-for-profit (501C-3), tax-exempt corporation established to provide financial and other types of support for the College. It encourages giving by individuals, businesses, and other organizations for scholarships, instructional equipment, campus improvements, and other projects that benefit the College. The foundation administers such gifts of money and property according to the wishes of the donors and the needs of the College. Contact the foundation by e-mail at: <greglegan@jalc.edu>.

ALUMNI SERVICES

In 1996, the College created an Office of Alumni Services to serve as a link between the College and alumni. Alumni are defined as all persons who have attended John A. Logan College, whether for college credit classes, continuing education classes, or work force training classes. Several times a year, the alumni office mails the General News newsletter to alumni who hold degrees or certificates from the College. General News contains articles on important developments at the College and the achievements of faculty, staff, and alumni. In addition Alumni Services sells a variety of clothing and merchandise bearing the College logo. The Office of Alumni Services is located in Room B-33, Ext. 8355.