

TESTIMONIALS

“Top-quality educational opportunities for our employees are critical to continued success of not only our company, but to the region. The Partners for Progress strategy provides a clear direction for Jefferson State to engage future students and the community. Energen is honored to be a part of this initiative.”

James T. McManus, II – Chairman and CEO, Energen

“If the greater Birmingham area is to continue to grow and prosper, we must provide educational opportunities for all our citizens. Jefferson State is unique in that it not only provides a traditional educational experience, but also meets the continuing education and workforce development needs of our local businesses and industries.”

Tony Petelos – Mayor, City of Hoover

“Jefferson State is a convenient, economical college with excellent facilities. As a non-traditional student, I have been able to schedule classes that allow me to work full time. When that was not possible, I scheduled online classes allowing me to continue pursuing my degree. This experience has been rewarding, and given me an excellent education as I plan to finish my two-year Associate in Arts degree this summer. Please support Partners for Progress, so others may pursue their dreams.”

Sandra Pugh – Student, Jefferson State Community College

“Jefferson State already provides many of our Registered Nurses. The Partners for Progress initiative will expand the nursing program to Chilton and St. Clair Counties, allowing us to draw quality nurses from areas near our outlying clinics.”

Shane Spees – President/CEO, BaptistHealth System

“Meeting the technological needs of the twitter/facebook generation is a focus of Jefferson State. The new iCADEMY at the St. Clair campus is just one of the innovative ways Jefferson State brings educational opportunities to the citizens of Pell City and St. Clair County. Partners for Progress will allow Jefferson State to enhance the technology it currently utilizes to connect campuses and expand its distance learning capabilities to bring even more deserving students into the ‘classroom’.”

Bill Hereford – Mayor, Pell City

“Quality education is at the core of a region’s economic viability. A growing, vibrant economy needs a workforce with a diverse set of skills. Those skill sets range from finance and business to manufacturing and a multitude of hands-on technical specialties. Jefferson State is a crucial element in providing the educational foundation our area’s citizens require to excel in all aspects of life.”

*John O. Hudson III – Senior Vice President, Corporate Diversity & Public Affairs
Regions Financial Corp.*

“I feel that by participating in Partners for Progress, I’m making a statement to the Jefferson State family, as well as the business community, that this initiative is important to the future of our College and community. I believe it makes me a better steward of Jefferson State’s resources when I have personally invested in the College.”

Mildred Lanier – Business Professor, Chilton Jefferson State Community College

“My first choice for college was to attend Jefferson State. After a break from college to serve in the US Marine Corp, I returned to Jefferson State and obtained my Associate in Science degree in Biology. Thanks to the start I got at Jefferson State, I was able to transfer to UAB to complete my Bachelor of Science degree in Police Administration. The broad diverse education that I received has served me well as a State Game Warden, the Chairman of the St. Clair County Commission and in all aspects of my life. Partners for Progress will allow others to achieve their goals also.”

***Stan Batemon – Alumni, Jefferson State Community College
Chairman, St. Clair County Commission***

“The opening of the Chilton – Clanton campus has provided a unique educational opportunity for our citizens. Already over 590 students have enrolled at the campus, exceeding all of our expectations. I can only imagine the impact the establishment of a nursing program at the Chilton – Clanton campus will have on the healthcare within our area. Please join me in supporting Partners for Progress as Jefferson State raises the bar for education in Clanton and Chilton County.”

Billy Joe Driver – Mayor, City of Clanton

“Serving on the Manufacturing and Technology Advisory Board has provided me with the opportunity to help develop a workforce development program that meets the needs of our employees, and supports our local industries. Jefferson State listens and acts upon the advice and recommendations of our committee. The result is an individual better prepared for the demands of the global economy, as well as local manufacturing businesses equipped with a quality workforce resource pool. The Partners for Progress initiative is critical to the ongoing success of Jefferson State in meeting the needs of industry.”

***Jeff Hill – Director of Training & Employee Development, O’Neal Industries
Chairman, Jefferson State Manufacturing and Technology Advisory Board***

“The quality of life we enjoy is directly tied to the quality of education available. Jefferson State fits a unique niche by providing a broad palette of educational offerings for our citizens. Whether you are intent on obtaining a degree, need to complete a career program or just wish to learn something new, Jefferson State can put you on the road to achievement. Partners for Progress provides the mechanism for Jefferson State to impact the quality of our lives for years to come.”

Dalton Smith – President/CEO, Birmingham Business Alliance

“My return to college to receive my nursing degree was the fulfillment of the ambition I had put on hold to raise a family. Serving as an RN at Baptist Medical Center Princeton is the realization of that goal, and Jefferson State gave me the opportunity to receive a complete education in my field. The Strategic Plan to enhance the nursing program will bring in more prospective candidates and will help alleviate the nursing shortage in our area.”

L’Tonya Bodkin – Registered Nurse, BMC Princeton