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## Montevallo and Jeff State announce partnership with continuUM program

The University of Montevallo and Jefferson State Community College announced a partnership today to give students a smoother transition from the community college to the four-year public university. The formalized program, continuUM, offers Jefferson State students guaranteed admission to UM after earning 24 transferable credit hours.

"We are extremely pleased to offer this exciting new program to Jefferson State graduates. We have seen that these students do particularly well at Montevallo, and we are excited to help Jefferson State graduates achieve their four-year degree in programs that will serve them well in career and life. We are especially appreciative to all the folks at Jeff State who have been so creative and collegial in this endeavor," said Dr. John W. Stewart III, president of the University of Montevallo.

While Jefferson State and UM have collaborated for a long time, this transfer connection program gives Jefferson State students the opportunity to better plan for their future careers. Based on their intended area of study, students will receive pre-transfer advising at UM. Jefferson State students will also have access to the Montevallo Career Development Center to guide them through career assessment, internship resources, resume writing and interview skills.

"This partnership will be a great benefit to Jefferson State students who wish to continue their education at the University of Montevallo," said Jefferson State President Keith Brown. "The agreement will guarantee a seamless delivery of educational opportunities and make the transition much easier for students. We are very pleased to partner with the University of Montevallo on this endeavor." Students accepted into the continuUM program are issued a Montevallo student ID, which grants them the ability to use online services including digital library resources through Carmichael Library. Jefferson State students can also use the ID to utilize the McChesney Student Activity Center workout areas and attend UM athletic and student life events.

### **ABOUT JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:**

Since 1965, Jefferson State Community College has served the greater Birmingham area as a leader in educational excellence and value. Jefferson State serves approximately 12,000 students each year and offers 150 transfer, career, and professional programs. Learn more at [jeffersonstate.edu](http://jeffersonstate.edu).

### **ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO:**

Established in 1896, the overriding mission of the University of Montevallo, unique in higher education in Alabama, is to provide to students from throughout

the state an affordable, geographically accessible, “small college” public higher educational experience of high quality, with a strong emphasis on undergraduate liberal studies and with professional programs supported by a broad base of arts and sciences, designed for their intellectual and personal growth in the pursuit of meaningful employment and responsible, informed citizenship.

To enhance student success within a vibrant campus community, the University of Montevallo provides a premier educational experience characterized by distinguished degree programs, personalized instruction delivered by highly qualified faculty and affordable tuition. Enriched by an array of opportunities, the UM experience prepares students to enter graduate or professional school or to begin their careers with an understanding of how to succeed in a constantly changing and complex world. Learn more at [montevallo.edu](http://montevallo.edu)