

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT | June 2015





High School Equivalency (HiSET) and English as a Second Language students are honored in the Donald D. Shook Fine Arts Building theater.

# High School Equivalency (HSE) recipients and English as a Second Language (ESL) students honored at recognition ceremony

For Tylor Berry, passing the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) meant opening the door to his future. "I wanted to make the people important to me proud," said Berry. "I wanted to succeed."

It took everything falling apart in his life for Berry to resolve to make a change. "I decided I would go back (to school) and make things right this time," he said.

On Wednesday, June 10, Berry was honored with 83 other students during a recognition ceremony for the Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program at SCC. Some 56 students were recognized for receiving their High School Equivalency credential.

"It is worth it to see how proud my great-

grandmother and mother are," said Berry. "It's not about what you have, but the struggle you went through to obtain what you wanted."

As for Berry's future, the door is wide open. "I think I would like to be a biologist. Animals intrigue me – everything from migrating patterns to behavior," he said.

Twenty-seven students were acknowledged for their achievement, improvement and attendance in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Three students were honored for becoming U.S. citizens.

During the 2014-15 school year, 114 SCC students received their HSE credentials and 370 SCC students from 55 countries took part in the ESL program.

# Summer enrollment surges; fall registration events set

Summer 2015 Enrollment has rebounded from last summer's lagging headcount with the Summer Census marking a 7.7 percent boost in FTE and 5.9 increase in headcount.

College officials credit improved summer scheduling and enhanced registration and advising processes, among other anecdotal observations.

With the summer term well underway, enrollment efforts have turned to fall semester including fine-tuned RegFest events in June and July that assist students and their parents with navigating the sometimes tricky process of becoming a college student.



RegFest participants took advantage of the photo booth.

"RegFest is a one-stop-shop for recent high school grads and parents as well as for busy adults considering going back to school," said Kathy Brockgreitens, dean of enrollment services.

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# Missouri Campus Compact honors SCC students; Chesbrough named chair

St. Charles Community College students Maria Pizzo and Etedal Kaid received recognition for achieving the Community Changer distinction as part of the Semester of Service Program established by Missouri Campus Compact. Missouri Campus Compact seeks to educate students in civic and social responsibility by encouraging them to give their time and talents in service to the public good. The Semester of Service Program provides a venue to showcase and celebrate student achievement in community engagement. "Each year we are inspired by the students' willingness to give their time and talents to impact their communities," said Underwood. Ron Chesbrough, SCC president, joined the

## **FOUNDATION UPDATES**



Dr. Zhivegas performed on the main stage at Rhythm and Ribs.

#### 6th annual Rhythm and Ribs is successful

More than 1,150 friends and neighbors packed the SCC campus for the sixth annual Rhythm and Ribs fundraiser on June 5.

Over 150 volunteers helped, including Phi Beta Lambda, Student Veteran Organization and Phi Theta Kappa students. More than 30 volunteers from UPS helped with set-up.

### County takes on SCC on disc golf

St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann challenged Ron Chesbrough to a game of Disc Golf during the opening of College Meadows Park on SCC's campus. Although Ron Chesbrough and his SCC team (Todd Galbierz, Kelly Mayer and Debbie Polkinghorn) represented us well, Ehlmann's team won the challenge. They were gracious winners and donated \$250 to the SCC Foundation.

#### **News and notes**

More than 3,000 people attended **Food Truck Frolic** and approximately 1,000 stayed for the Outdoor Summer Movie showing of *Big Hero 6* on May 29. The events were sponsored by SCC Friends & Alumni and Student Activities, in partnership with the Cottleville Weldon Spring

#### Chamber of Commerce.

The SCC Foundation received contributions to programs like Young People's Theatre. Annual donations of more than \$4,800 have come from individuals who support YPT, as well as matching contributions from their employers like Boeing, MasterCard and Wells Fargo.

A \$100 gift from a community resident has added to the Zonta–Marlene Fraser Irish Memorial Scholarship.

The **SCC Foundation received a \$2,500 unrestricted gift** from the Enterprise Holdings Foundation.

SCC Nursing and Allied Health programs received \$5,000 from The Foundation for Geriatric Education.

## SCC wins three national awards for marketing and communications

St. Charles Community College received three national-level Paragon awards from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR), an affiliate council of the American Association of Community Colleges.

The SCC Department of Marketing and Communications took home a Gold Paragon in the folder category for the Returning Learners' folder. The department also was awarded two Silver Paragons for the Trivia Night Poster (single flier category) and That '80s Run (special event promotion category).

"These are the most prestigious awards for community college marketing and public relations professionals," said Heather McDorman, vice president for enrollment and marketing services. "We're fortunate to have high-level, creative professionals here at SCC."

## Outdoor summer movie series and Food Truck Frolic

SCC Friends & Alumni and Student Activities will host the fourth annual outdoor summer movie series. All of the movie nights are free and open to the public.

Food Truck Frolic will be held in the college's blue parking lot from 5:30-8 p.m. in conjunction with the movie series. Movies will be shown at sundown on Fridays on the lawn outside the Technology Building. Come out Friday, June 26, for *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.* 

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and food. Free popcorn will be provided, and snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. The rain location is the College Center gymnasium.

For more information, contact Mandi Smith at 636-922-8469 or asmith@stchas.edu.

## MARK THE CALENDAR

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College for All Kids Summer Camps | Now-Aug. 7 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | A variety of locations RegFest | June 18 | 2-7 p.m. | Administration Building Outdoor Summer Movie Series: *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* June 26 | Sundown | Technology Building lawn

RegFest | July 1 | 2-7 p.m. | Administration Building

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MOCC Executive Committee in February 2014 and was elected as chair at the Council of Presidents meeting in June. The MOCC chair position typically alternates between community college, public institution and private member institution presidents.

As chair, Chesbrough will serve a two-year term and his duties will include providing leadership to the Council of Presidents and at Executive Committee meetings, coordinating programming with the MOCC executive director, speaking on behalf of Missouri Campus Compact, and advocating for higher education community engagement.

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Students and their families have the opportunity to learn what degree programs SCC offers; take a campus tour; meet with financial aid and A+ Program advisors to discuss eligibility and benefits; and understand and take the steps necessary to get enrolled.

Two remaining RegFests are set for June 18 and July 1. Students may RSVP for a 2-4:30 p.m. session or 4:30-7 p.m. session by visiting *stchas*. *edu/RegFest*.