



College offers high school students in Lincoln County opportunity to get head start on college

In an effort to provide higher education opportunities to high school students in Lincoln County, St. Charles Community College and Troy Buchanan High School officials have entered into a dual-enrollment agreement.

TBHS students can now register for online, distance learning classes at SCC that will begin this fall. Students have access to online courses across all disciplines, except for allied health, according to John Bookstaver, interim vice president for academic and student affairs at SCC.



Officials from Troy were looking for high-quality, affordable educational opportunities to better serve their students, college officials said. A high school staff member will be dedicated to assisting students navigate through the online educational experience.

Bookstaver said the two educational institutions have been working through the agreement since last fall, but he anticipates the agreement will eventually extend into an on-ground presence in Troy. "There are a wealth of opportunities for partnership with Troy," he said. "The college is investigating some new programs like agriculture that would be a perfect fit in that part of our service area."

In addition to general curriculum, there is interest in also offering non-credit health care certifications to the students, as well, Bookstaver said.

Articulation agreement addresses growing demands in environmental health and safety

With climate change and food labeling discussions on the rise, human health has recently become a hot-button topic in politics.

But unlike the varying points of view politics may bring, the surge in demand for Environmental Health and Safety-educated employees is universally agreed upon. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects environmental health-related careers to grow 19 percent over the next 10 years.

According to the National Association for Environmental Management, companies that aspire to be better environmental stewards invest in strong environmental health and safety management. From an environmental standpoint, it involves creating a systemic approach to managing waste, complying with environmental regulations or reducing the company's carbon footprint.

To meet this growing demand, SCC and Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) established an articulation agreement.

Under the agreement, SCC students who earn an Associate of Science degree in



Pre-Environmental Health and Safety can seamlessly transfer to MSSU to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Health, which can be completed entirely online or on its campus in Joplin, Mo.

"Students now have access to a high-quality degree that is not offered anywhere else in the St. Louis area," said Monica Hall-Woods, SCC professor and biology chair. "Plus, they have the flexibility to never leave SCC once they transfer to the program at MSSU."

Wait, there's more ...

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New arts calendar available on campus celebrates SCC's 30th birthday

Look for the 2016-17 Emergence Cultural Arts Calendar now available at points across campus or at the SCC Box Office in the Donald D. Shook Fine Arts Building.

Events and performances this fall include the SCC Invitational Exhibition (opens Aug. 29), Between the Covers Book Club (Aug. 31), SCC Faculty Recital (Sept. 10), The Glass Menagerie (opens Sept. 28), We the People – The Musical (opens Oct. 1), Veterans Week (Nov. 7-10).

Drews to assist the state with preschool curriculum review

Kathy Drews, director of the SCC Child Development Center and chair of the Child Care and Early Education Program, has been invited by the coordinator of early learning at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to evaluate preschool curriculum.

Each curriculum submitted will be reviewed by early childhood professionals, like Drews, and/or curriculum specialists identified by DESE. As a part of the evaluation process, evaluators will be using the Missouri Early Childhood Curriculum Rubric to score each curriculum in the areas of: Valid Research, Evaluations Results, Professional Development and Developmentally Appropriateness.



Kathy Drews, SCC Child Development Center director

If the curriculum meets the established evaluation criteria set forth by DESE, the curriculum will then be listed on the DESE's website as an approved curriculum to be used in all early childhood programs which are funded by DESE.

The process will take place over two days in mid-September.

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MSSU's bachelor's degree is unique in that it's one of only 31 environmental health degrees in the United States accredited by the National Environmental Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC), and it has a job placement rate of about 97 percent.

"With the greater St. Louis area nearby, there are many jobs available to graduates in the environmental health and safety field," said Michael Fletcher, Ph.D., MSSU Environmental Health and Safety Program director.

No matter which route students take, there's no debate about the need.

"Careers in Environmental Health and Safety help protect people and the environment," Hall-Woods said. "It's a career move you can feel good about."

For more information about earning an Associate of Science degree in pre-environmental health and safety, visit SCC's webpage or email Monica Hall-Woods at mhall-woods@stchas.edu.

FOUNDATION NEWS & NOTES

Time to cheer ... The SCC Foundation is celebrating its biggest year yet, raising nearly \$925,000 in the 2015-16 academic year, thanks to the generosity of individuals, corporations and civic organizations. The Foundation awarded \$75,000 in scholarships and \$70,000 for academic and program enhancements in the 2015-16 academic year, meeting its goals again this year.

Welcome ... The SCC Foundation welcomes its newest board members, Dr. Carissima Hudson, with SunEdison Semiconductor Ltd., and Mike Lissner, with Acropolis Investment Management. Lissner is returning to the board this year. He previously served from 2003 to 2015.



Calling all volunteers ... The SCC Foundation is in need of volunteers for several events: Food Truck Frolics on Aug. 26 and Sept. 23; and the Presidents Classic Golf Scramble set for Monday, Sept. 26. To volunteer, contact the Foundation Department at 636-922-8437.

MARK THE CALENDAR



SCC Men's Soccer vs. State Fair Community College | Aug. 23 | 2 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

SCC Women's Soccer vs. State Fair Community College | Aug. 23 | 4 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Night – Movie Update! Finding Nemo | Aug. 26 | starts at 5 p.m. | Blue Parking Lot and lawn outside Technology Building

SCC Men's Soccer vs. Kankakee Community College | Aug. 27 | 4 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

SCC Women's Soccer vs. Lewis & Clark Community College | Sept. 1 | 4 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

SCC Men's Soccer vs. Lewis & Clark Community College | Sept. 3 | 2:30 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

Labor Day class closures | No credit classes will be held Saturday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 5

Campus closed, Labor Day | Monday, Sept. 5

Greek mythology and archaeology speaker Dr. Michael Cosmopoulos | Sept. 6 | 10 a.m. Student Center, Room 205/206

SCC Men's Soccer vs. East Central College | Sept. 6 | 4 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

SCC Cougar Car Show | Sept. 11 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Red Parking Lot



SCC Men's Soccer vs. Maple Woods Community College | Sept. 15 | 2 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

SCC Women's Soccer vs. Maple Woods Community College | Sept. 15 | 4 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

SCC Women's Soccer vs. Northwest Mississippi | Sept. 17 | 11 a.m. | SCC Soccer Field

SCC Women's Soccer vs. Morton Community College | Sept. 18 | 2 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field