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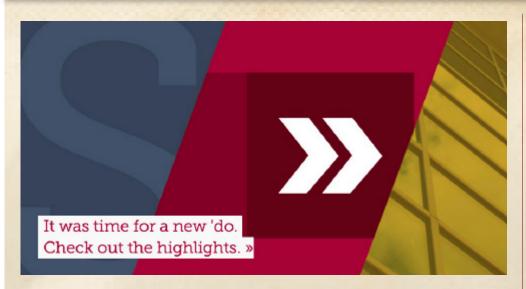
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College's new, user-centric website debuted Feb. 1

Prospective students, their families, high school counselors and the business and community at large are benefiting from a more streamlined and user-friendly website, *stchas.edu*, which was launched Feb. 1.

The site launch was the culmination of more than a year of planning, research and implementation. An internal workgroup — co-chaired by Jane O'Donnell, professor of Multimedia and Web Design, and Heather McDorman, vice president for enrollment and marketing services — selected Sanger & Eby, a website design and development firm

based in Ohio, to conduct research and provide design work for the new site. The college was able to undergo a national search for a vendor when an anonymous donor approached the college with a significant gift to be used for the website overhaul.

"We were overwhelmed by the donor's gift and so grateful for the opportunity to work with an incredible vendor that provided valuable research and design work that resulted in a modern, informative and user-friendly site," McDorman said.

Enhancements include:

- 1. Big, Bold Images It's been said that one of SCC's greatest features is how the campus looks in person. So we've added new photos, lots of them and displayed them prominently throughout to help site visitors get a taste from wherever they are.
- 2. Responsive Design It's a fancy way of saying the new *stchas.edu* seamlessly fits all devices. Try it out by browsing from a desktop computer. Get out your phone. And then your tablet. Each is different, and yet, all very much the same.
- 3. Visited Pages Quick Links place at users' fingertips some of SCC's most popular pages, but the Visited Pages button customizes the site working in real-time as you browse.
- 4. All for One, *Not* One for All Every visitor to *stchas.edu* has a different reason for coming, and the new site's designers know that. Future students, community members, parents and counselors, alumni there's a special door waiting, with unique information behind each. And for current students, faculty and staff, too. We call them all pathways.
- 5. Boxes, Bars and Buttons There's so much to explore on the new *stchas.edu*, but the brightly colored boxes and bars help make browsing easy and keep users from getting lost. You're never more than a few clicks away from where you started.

Welcome to the all-new stchas.edu!

Registration open for Trivia Night on Feb. 26; event to benefit student scholarships at SCC

Are you a Jeopardy champion — or at least think you could be? The SCC Employee Sponsored Program will host its annual Trivia Night to raise funds for SCC scholarships, campus enhancements and employee support initiatives. Doors open at 6 p.m., and trivia starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26.

The event will be held in the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building auditorium. Tickets cost \$25 per person or \$200 per table of eight. Beer, wine, soda and water are included, and teams are welcome to bring snacks.

"Trivia Night is an evening of friendly competition, and it supports a great cause," said Peggy Schnardthorst, SCC development and foundation relations manager. "We are thankful for those who support the college in this way and for the dedicated group of employees who

plan this event each year because they believe in spreading compassion and goodwill to our students, co-workers and community."

Last year's event raised more than \$6,000 for the Employee Sponsored Program. Help SCC make this year a huge success by getting a team together and unleashing your inner geek!

For more information and to register, visit *stchas.edu/trivia*.

SCC FOUNDATION NEWS & NOTES

VIP tickets for the CHOMP Regional Food Truck, Music and Film Festival will go on sale March 1. The new event will kick-off the 2016 series of Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Nights on Saturday, May 21. The remaining food truck and movie nights will be on Fridays, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26 and Sept. 23. The SCC Foundation is teaming with the Cottleville-Weldon Spring Chamber of Commerce for these fundraisers. To learn more or to purchase VIP tickets, visit foodtruckfrolic.com.

It's time to nominate someone for the Distinguished Alumni Award! Nomination forms are available on the Foundation portal page and should be submitted by Monday, Feb. 29, to Peggy in Foundation office (SSB 2108) or to pschnardthorst@stchas.edu. We are looking for help to identify remarkable men and women who have reached a level of accomplishment in their chosen fields and have demonstrated commitment to the community.

MARK THE CALENDAR ...

Slam poet Carlos Andres Gomez | Feb. 16 1-2:30 p.m. | SSB auditorium

Hairy Tale Rock (Young People's Theatre) | Feb. 20 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. | SSB auditorium

Trivia Night | Feb. 26 | 7 p.m. | SSB auditorium

SCC baseball vs. Southwestern Illinois | March 1 3-5 p.m. | SCC baseball field

Lend Me a Tenor (Center Stage Theatre)March 2-6 | FAB theater

Panache That Pays Business Etiquette LuncheonMarch 3 | Student Center Private Dining Room

SCC Softball vs. Mineral Area | March 3 | 4-6 p.m. SCC softball field

SCC Baseball vs. McHenry College | March 6 2-4 p.m. | SCC baseball field

Architecture and Landscapes Art Exhibit March 7-April 8 | FAB gallery

Waiting for Godot Auditions (Center Stage Theatre) | March 7-8 | 7 p.m. | FAB theater

Lunchtime Musicians, The Icarus Account March 8 | 11:30 a.m. | Scooter's Place

SCC Baseball vs. Wentworth Academy | March 8 3-5 p.m. | SCC baseball field

A+ Information Night for Seniors | March 8 6-7:30 p.m. | SSB auditorium



Makayla Hahn, A+ Scholarship Program recipient

A+ Scholarship recipient plans to mix interest in criminology, education to motivate youth

Not completely sure what she wanted to study, Fort Zumwalt West High School graduate Makayla Hann enrolled at SCC using the A+ Scholarship.

"The scholarship gave me the opportunity to explore my options without feeling like I was wasting money," she said.

Makayla initially wanted to become a teacher but switched gears after taking and enjoying Intro to Criminal Justice and Criminology courses. She got involved on campus by joining Phi Theta Kappa honor society and volunteering for the SCC Foundation golf scramble. "I earned several Foundation scholarships, so helping out was important to me," she said.

Now, after having completed her coursework at SCC, Makayla has transferred to the University of Missouri-St. Louis to major in criminal justice and possibly pursue education as a double major.

She hopes to become an educator in a juvenile detention center when she finishes her bachelor's degree.

"I want to show children the importance of education, motivate them to be driven to succeed in school, and put them back on the right track so they can grow to be successful people in our society," she said.



Service-learning students arrange second naturalization ceremony at SCC

SCC organized and hosted a naturalization ceremony as part of a service-learning project spearheaded by Associate Professor Ron Pettus' **State & Local Government class**. Students involved in the project were tasked with organizing the Feb. 5 event. Through the process, they practiced management and leadership skills, learned the intimate details of this rite of passage to citizenship, and exposed those in attendance to an event that they might otherwise never have attended and people they might otherwise not have met.