



## Barbara R. Kavalier, Ph.D., named fourth president of St. Charles Community College

The St. Charles Community College Board of Trustees has named Barbara R. Kavalier, Ph.D., district president of Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas, as the next president of St. Charles Community College. She will take the helm of Missouri's fourth largest community college district Aug. 10, following the service of Ron Chesbrough, Ph.D., who accepted the presidency at Cazenovia College in New York state earlier this year. Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative services, will continue his service as interim president through Aug. 9.

Trustees agreed on the selection in the Closed Session meeting at the June 13 Board meeting after which employment arrangements were formulated and resulted in successful acceptance on June 22 after a four-month nationwide search process. Kavalier was selected from a large field of excellent candidates from across the country, said Pamela Cilek, secretary of the Board and chair of the Presidential Search Committee.

A committee representing the Board, faculty, staff, students, Foundation Board and community residents participated in screening and interviewing the candidates. The Board of Trustees also invited and considered feedback from the Search Committee and individual attendees of Open Forums hosted for each candidate on campus. The search was coordinated by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

"We are thrilled with the results of the presidential search and the selection of

Dr. Barbara Kavalier as the college's next leader," Cilek said. She said Kavalier's years of experience in college leadership and administration and her commitment to student success, academic innovation, community partnerships and the community college mission prepared her well to become SCC's fourth president.



BARBARA L. KAVALIER, PH.D.

*Fourth President,  
St. Charles Community  
College*

Since 2013, Kavalier served as district president for Navarro College, an institution with four campuses and one career and technical center that serves five counties in Central Texas. Prior to her role at Navarro College, she served as the president of San Jose City College in San Jose, Calif. She has extensive experience working in large, multi-college

districts, including serving as vice president for student services within the San Diego Community College District, one of the largest college districts in California, and 20 years as an administrator within the Dallas County Community College District.

In the area of academics, she served as a faculty member for the Ed.D. Program in Higher Education Leadership at San Diego State University, was a Visiting Scholar at The University of Texas at Austin and served for many years as an adjunct faculty with the Dallas County Community College District.

Kavalier holds a doctorate in educational administration from The University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Science degree in

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St. Charles Community College's women's soccer team, 2015 season

## SCC women's soccer records team GPA above 3.0 for second straight semester

St. Charles Community College Women's Soccer recorded a team grade point average (GPA) of more than 3.0 for the second semester in a row, with an overall team GPA of 3.16 this past spring.

Three of the players earned a perfect 4.0.

"Our goal as a team was to earn an overall GPA of 3.0 so to exceed that is great," said Josh Tyler, SCC women's head soccer coach. "Our athletic advisors at SCC do a wonderful job helping our athletes and played a vital role in the classroom success of the team."

In most cases, athletes of an NJCAA school must maintain a 2.00 or higher GPA to maintain their eligibility. GPA and credit hour requirements vary based on the number of full-time terms a student has completed.

"Being an athlete is much more than just playing a sport," Tyler said. "At SCC, we really stress the importance of doing everything to the best of your ability – on the field and in the classroom."

### DISCOVER SCC

Get an in-depth look at what's been happening at St. Charles Community College – and learn more about the people making it happen.

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business and human relations from Amberton University, a Bachelor of Science degree in education, majoring in English from Texas Christian University, and an Associate Degree from Mountain View College.

Board President Jean Ehlmann said that in selecting Kavalier, trustees were impressed with her 35 years of progressive experience in higher education including her work with business and industry, research, strategic planning, technology, accreditation and leadership in academic program development. “The Board is confident she will offer the kind of leadership and inspiration that will help the college achieve its most ambitious goals and further enhance the quality of programs and services for which our college is known.”

“I’m very honored to have been selected as the next president of St. Charles Community College,” Kavalier said. “As SCC celebrates its 30th year, I’m excited to work alongside such a strong Board and an incredible group of faculty and staff. One only has to step on the beautiful campus to feel a sense of pride in the facilities, as well as in the programs and services that serve the community.”

Kavalier is a nationally recognized researcher, author and presenter on higher education topics, including strategic planning, entrepreneurial leadership, innovative instruction, employee recruitment and development, shared governance and institutional effectiveness. She holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and was a U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dance Association instructor. She is married to Jim Kavalier, a retired community college faculty member.

## MARK THE CALENDAR



**Art Extravaganza** | July 18-Aug. 4 | FAB gallery and Annex, FAB 106

**Returning Learners Workshop** | July 18-19  
5:30 p.m. | ADM 1204

**Truck Frolic and Family Movie Night event**  
July 22 | Starts at 5 p.m. | Blue Parking Lot & lawn outside the Technology Building

**The Addams Family (Center Stage Theatre)**  
July 26-31 | FAB theater

## Nice to meet you ...

### Jessica Votava, future nurse

After 15 years of cosmetology, Jessica Votava decided to put down her scissors and pick up a stethoscope. After just one year of working towards admissions into the nursing program at SCC, Jessica couldn't be happier with her drastic career change.

“After years of styling hair and listening to clients' needs and concerns, I decided that I belong in a hospital,” she said. “I want to improve my community's quality of life. If someone isn't feeling well, I want to help diagnose and figure out a solution.”

Jessica is currently taking general education courses at SCC and hopes to start the nursing program in 2017.

“I chose SCC because of its affordability and how close it is to my house. My hobby is cycling, and SCC is close enough that I can ride my bike there every week. I love it,” Jessica said.

SCC has helped her realize how successful she can be and that hard work really pays off.



“There are so many great resources available to students. I am in the ACE Tutoring Center every week, which has helped me keep my 4.0 GPA.”

Votava also credits her success to SCC faculty and staff. “Professor Sadler's lectures on the human body inspire me. The information she has taught has stuck with me and helped me do well in my other classes. You can tell she's really passionate about her job.”

Because Votava is dedicated to help people feel better and live their lives to the fullest, her dream job is to be a nurse practitioner. She plans on attaining her dream by pursuing bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing after SCC.

## FOUNDATION NEWS & NOTES

### Foundation for Geriatric Care supports SCC

The SCC Foundation received \$5,000 from the Foundation for Geriatric Care to equip nursing labs with I.V. pumps and point of care units. See a photo of the Nursing Department's new manikin on page 1.

### Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Night

The Angry Birds Movie will be shown at the next Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Night event on Friday, July 22. Food trucks and vendors will be set up in the Blue Parking Lot from 5-8:30 p.m. The Angry Birds Movie, hosted by Student Activities, will begin at twilight (approximately 8:30 p.m.) on the lawn by the Technology Building. (In case of rain, movies will be moved inside the CC Gymnasium.) For more information, visit [foodtruckfrolic.com](http://foodtruckfrolic.com).



## SCC debuts 'anthem,' spreads Cougar Pride

Tune in to YouTube to watch the college's latest music video featuring our student DJ Rockette. The SCC Anthem's sneak peek on Facebook was shared more than 100 times and reached nearly 20,000 people in less than a week. See the full video now at [youtube.com/stcharlescc](http://youtube.com/stcharlescc).

## POINTS OF EXCELLENCE

Four students competed and five students, along with **Andrea Compton**, attended the National Leadership Conference. **Jon Broughton** and **Taylor Caputo** placed eighth in the nation in Business Sustainability, **Farhan Babar** competed in Desktop Publishing, and **Cole Alves** competed in Networking Concepts.

**Nicole Nunn-Faron** has been appointed to the Missouri Advisory Council for the Certification of Educators (MACCE) Board as a representative for the Missouri School Boards' Association.

**Stephanie Tolson** has been elected as the new American Library Association Councilor-Elect. She will serve as ALA Councilor until the end of ALA Annual 2019, representing the Missouri Library Association at Council meetings and reporting back to MLA on Council activities.