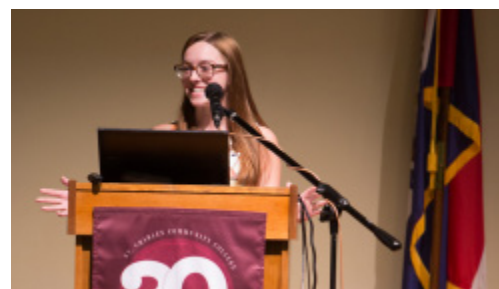
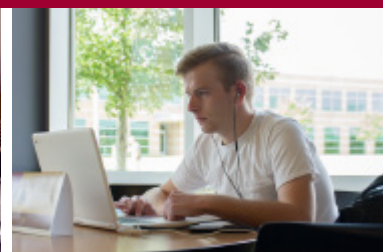


ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – September 2016



In addition to a team of volunteers guiding students to class, Student Activities provided free popsicles, lemonade, ice cream and snow cones to help welcome back SCC students to campus at the outset of the fall semester.

Helpers, events shine light on first week of fall classes

Campus welcomes new president, Dr. Barbara Kavalier

The campus community welcomed its new president, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, during a reception held the morning of Aug. 19 in the President's suite.

Many faculty and staff took the time to meet Dr. Kavalier and her husband, Jim, while spending time with colleagues and enjoying refreshments in the President's office. Scooter McCougar, the college mascot, joined in on the festivities.

The reception and open house was the first opportunity to meet with the new president and served as an unofficial kick-off to the fall semester.

We can help with that!

Faculty and staff donned bright peach shirts emblazoned with "I can help with that!" and were stationed across campus – indoors and out – on the first two days of the fall semester, Aug. 22-23.

"Helpers" greeted students and provided assistance to those who needed just a little help finding the classes as they maneuvered through the first two days of the term. This was the second year of the student-centered campaign.

"It's exciting to see more and more folks take part in this effort," said Ben Munson, director of creative services, who assists in the event organization. "We hope students, especially our new ones, feel welcome and that it helps minimize some of their first-day jitters."

Student Activities continued the festivities by offering students Welcome Week treats each day including shaved ice, lemonade and more.

Fall enrollment figures better than projected

The college is only four weeks into the fall semester, but it's already time to take stock of enrollment counts as part of the census that provides valuable data about the academic term.

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State of the College 2016

Revamped State of the College sessions on Sept. 1-2 held true to the theme that faculty and staff are one team in pursuit of one goal – student success.

Before a welcome from the college president, attendees enjoyed refreshments and took part in a personal bucket list table exercise that helped colleagues learn a little about one another.

Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC's new president, offered her first academic year welcome and shared the "Top 10 Things I Love About Missouri" – her new home state:

10. Frozen Custard
9. Casinos
8. Hiking Trails
7. Friendly People
6. Goopy Butter Cake
5. The St. Louis Cardinals
4. Historic St. Charles
3. Toasted Ravioli
2. Passing the Test for My Driver's License
1. St. Charles Community College.

One current student and an SCC alum shared their stories, demonstrating the power of a college education at SCC. Their messages were followed by a brief presentation and video by members of the Employee Sponsored Program, which provides student scholarships and other benefits to the college.

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"STATE OF THE COLLEGE," FROM P. 1

Videos and music were a part of the presentations to break up the program and bring a bit of humor to the event. Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative services, provided a college update and budget report. A college SWOT analysis (strengths / weaknesses / opportunities / threats) was facilitated by Kasey McKee, vice president for college advancement and planning. Each session ended with attendees submitting an idea or two for SCC's bucket list.



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The original projection for enrollment was set at -6% last spring. This decline was consistent with state-wide trends for community colleges, where enrollments have been declining for several years.

When the initial census report was released, it was clear SCC had made significant gains, with headcount at -1.6% and credit hours at -2.5%, rather than the anticipated -6%.

The numbers have been provided by the Department of Institutional Research and Grants as part of their preliminary census report.

"We always are looking for growth, but it is encouraging to see a limited decline in enrollment that outpaced our budget," said Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative services. "Other Missouri community colleges are seeing similar, and even deeper declines."

The newly formed Enrollment Management Team worked throughout the summer and early fall to establish goals, objectives and tactics in hopes of mitigating future declines and, ultimately, increasing student enrollment in the coming semesters.

SCC president seeks campus-wide input

The 2016 President's Listening Tour is offering faculty and staff the opportunity to share thoughts about SCC with Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, in an informal setting.

Several sessions will be held from September through December of this year. The sessions have been organized to provide all faculty and staff time to gather in groups to meet with the president, including support staff, professional-technical, administrators, full-time faculty and adjunct faculty.

Faculty and staff can RSVP at tinyurl.com/listeningtour16 so no session is too large and all voices can be heard. Dr. Kavalier will not have a formal agenda but will begin with a few questions addressed to the attendees to facilitate an open discussion about the future of the college.



Brief videos featuring SCC faculty share details about college programs available and relevant to former ITT Tech students.

SCC offering four info sessions for displaced ITT students

As quickly as the news spread about the closure of all ITT Tech campuses nationwide, SCC organized planning sessions for these displaced students.

Faculty and staff organized four sessions over two days: Sept. 15 and Sept. 20. During the sessions, college representatives are offering former ITT students the opportunity

to learn about SCC programs that align with ITT programs, information about financial aid, and more. Fees for the application for admission for these students will be waived.

Former ITT students who cannot attend an informational session may fill out the online form found at stcbas.edu/ittstudent.



A look toward a national election is one of the sessions highlighting SCC's Democracy Days, Sept. 19-22

A national election campaign season and a look back at Ferguson are two of the subjects in a broad list of discussions being held Monday-Thursday, Sept. 19-22, on the SCC campus. The sessions are free and open to the public.

Democracy Days' mission is "to examine the history, health and functioning of democracy in America and abroad." The multi-day forum was founded by Michael Kuelker, SCC professor of English, and has been held annually at SCC since September 2001.

Over the event's 15 years, Democracy Days presenters have often been SCC faculty, representing a variety of academic backgrounds. The 2016 speakers feature SCC faculty members from the disciplines of English, reading, political science, history, philosophy, psychology, communications, biology and economics, in addition to SCC staff from the departments of instructional media, Title IX and the library. Joining SCC faculty and staff will be doctoral students from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and librarians from across the region.

"From the beginning I've wanted Democracy Days to be a catalyst for dialogue and to bring what we do at SCC into contact with the larger community on issues that concern us all," Kuelker said.

The event integrates with the college's mission and activities in a variety of ways. Sophomore students enrolled in capstone classes, for instance, have the option of pursuing the issues raised during Democracy Days through research-based essays.

"A college campus is an ideal place to grapple with the issues of our time and this year's Democracy Days has 19 offerings covering broad territory," Kuelker said. "We are covering timely and penetrating topics, and I'm especially pleased that two of the sessions are student-driven forums. Their voices need to be emphasized in what we do at SCC whenever possible."

Democracy Days Schedule

Events will be held in the auditorium of the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building (SSB) or in Room 205 of the Student Center (SC).

Remaining Events:

Tuesday, Sept. 20

10 a.m. – Student Forum on Elections '16 (SSB)

10 a.m. – American Exceptionalism: 1630 to the Present (SC 205)

11:30 a.m. – Ferguson: What Barriers Still Exist Two Years Later? (SSB)

1 p.m. – Muslims in America: Can We Peacefully Co-Exist? (SSB)

Wednesday, Sept. 21

10 a.m. – Conventions, Democracy and the Nomination Process (SC 205)

11:30 a.m. – Donald Trump and the Return of Populism (SSB)

Noon – Article 2 of the U.S. Constitution (SC 205)

1 p.m. – Marijuana Legalization: Panel (SSB)

6:30 p.m. – *Trumbo* [film] (SSB)

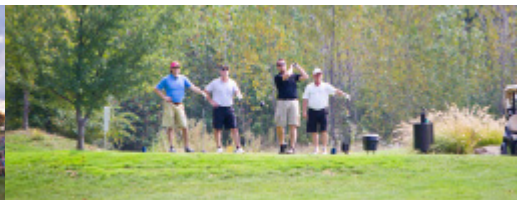
Thursday, Sept. 22

10 a.m. – The Impact of Libraries on Democracy: Past, Present, Future (SSB)

10 a.m. – The Role of Government in a Market-Based Economy (SC 205)

11:30 a.m. – *Trumbo*: A Panel Discussion (SSB)

1 p.m. – Is Democracy Working for All People? (SC 205)



September's Big Events

Foundation brings community together for food, golf

Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Series

Have a family to feed? A date to impress? Enjoy movies and food? Beautiful summer evenings? The Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Series concludes Friday, Sept. 23, with a large lineup of food trucks and a hit summer movie.

The food trucks will start serving and vendors start selling at 5 p.m. in the Blue Parking Lot. At dusk, *Finding Dory* will be the featured film on the lawn of the Technology Building (rain site, College Center gym).

Proceeds from the event will benefit both the Cottleville-Weldon Spring Chamber of



Commerce and the SCC Foundation. For more information, visit foodtruckfrolic.com.

Presidents Classic Golf Scramble

SCC supporters will tee-up to a day of golf, food and friendly competition at the 20th

Annual Presidents Classic Golf Scramble on Monday, Sept. 26, at Old Hickory Golf Club.

The day includes a four-person scramble and two flights, in addition to an assortment of other activities and competitions. A happy hour will be offered with an award ceremony after the session.

Proceeds support student scholarships and academic and program enhancements. For more information, including registering a foursome, contact Caitlin Keele at 636-922-8437 or ckeele@stchas.edu.

For more events and activities at SCC, visit stchas.edu/calendar. To learn about additional ways to support the SCC Foundation, visit stchas.edu/foundation.



Fall Fun Blitz photos by Amanda Dwyer, SCC student

September's Fall Fun Blitz lives up to its name

Students enjoyed free food, live music and loads of information from clubs and organizations at the annual Fall Fun Blitz, held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 7-8. Weather allowed students to eat and mingle

outside on Wednesday, but the threat of storms moved things inside on Thursday.

Faculty and staff served students hot dogs, hamburgers and chips while clubs, programs and departments shared information to students to encourage engagement and to offer news on student support services. And, the crowd was entertained by the sounds of The Skallywags.

Foundation Update



Welcome ... The Foundation welcomed Graham and Barbara Fisher and Pam Cilek as 2016 members of the President's Leadership Circle.

Transform ... The Foundation's annual report, *Transform*, is now available. Hard copies are available in the Foundation Department or it can be found online: https://issuu.com/stcbas/docs/16-0815-fou_foundation_annual_repor



Giving ... Employee Sponsored Program invitations for 2016-17 were delivered through interoffice mail to all faculty and staff. Last year, the Employee Sponsored Program raised more than \$35,000 to benefit SCC students, employees and the campus.

MARK THE CALENDAR

Sept. 20-Oct. 17

Democracy Days | Sept. 19-23 | SSB auditorium and Student Center, Room 205

The 26th Annual St. Charles Regional College Fair
Sept. 22 | 6-7:30 p.m. | College Center gym

SCC Coffeehouse | Sept. 22 | 7-9 p.m. | SSB student lounge

ACE Tutoring Center open house | Sept. 23 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | SSB, Room 2201

Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Night (*Finding Dory*) | Sept. 23 | starts at 5 p.m. | Blue Parking Lot and lawn outside Technology Building

Portrait Exhibition | Sept. 26-Nov. 4 | FAB gallery

20th Annual Presidents Classic Golf Scramble
Sept. 26 | shotgun start at noon | Old Hickory Golf Club, St. Peters

Student Recital | Sept. 28 | noon | FAB 118

Center Stage Theatre's production of *The Glass Menagerie* | Sept. 28-Oct. 2 | FAB theater

SCC Men's Soccer vs. Crowder Community College
Oct. 1 | 2 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

SCC Men's Soccer vs. Wentworth Military Academy
Oct. 2 | 2 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

Trans 101 Q & A Panel Discussion | Oct. 4 | 11:30 a.m. SSB auditorium

Screening of the documentary *Unslut* | Oct. 5
11:30 a.m. | SSB auditorium

SCC Men's Soccer vs. Missouri Baptist JV | Oct. 5
4 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

Manufacturing Day | 8 a.m.-6 p.m. | College Center

SCC Women's Soccer vs. Lincoln College | Oct. 8 | noon
SCC Soccer Field

SCC Men's Soccer vs. Central Methodist JV | Oct. 8 |
2:30 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

No credit classes are in session for Fall Break, held Monday, Oct. 10-Tuesday, Oct. 11. The college campus and offices are open.

Drug and Alcohol Awareness events | Oct. 12-13
10 a.m. | SSB lounge

Transfer College Fair | Oct. 13 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
College Center gym

SCC Women's Soccer vs. Indian Hills Community College | Oct. 13 | 4 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

SCC Women's Soccer vs. Culver Stockton | Oct. 16
1 p.m. | SCC Soccer Field

Registration for the spring semester at SCC opens Monday, Oct. 17.