

ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – April 2017



SCC CDC participates in Model Program Showcase

SCC's Child Development Center (CDC) was invited to be one of four early childhood programs in the state of Missouri to participate in the Model Program Showcase at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education 2017 Conference on The Young Years. SCC showcased its program and curriculum to other teachers and administrators across the state who were interested in seeing developmentally appropriate practice in math.

Documentation pictures were collected from all age groups in the CDC. Liz Quiggins, SCC

lead 3-5 year-old teacher, compiled the pictures into a display that connected activities to SCC's Project Construct curriculum goals and to Missouri Early Learning Goals. Teacher-made, developmentally appropriate math games and materials, and photos of past documented learning projects were also displayed on several tables.

"Our team did a wonderful job," said Kathy Drews, SCC director of the Child Development Center and Early Childhood Education Academic Program chair. "We received many

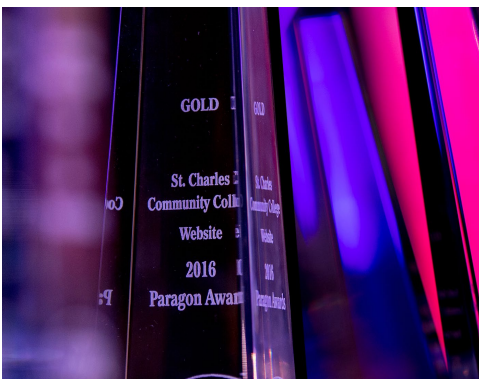


L to R: Beth Smith, CDC lead 3-5 year-old teacher; Liz Quiggins, CDC lead 3-5 year-old teacher; and Katie Mawer, CDC associate director.

compliments from participants and from the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

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SCC receives national awards for marketing and communications

St. Charles Community College received two 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 two Gold Paragons for the Foundation Annual Report *Transform* and in the Website Category for *stchas.edu*.

"These awards recognize outstanding

achievement by community college marketing and public relations professionals nationwide," said Heather McDorman, vice president for enrollment and marketing services. "The college is fortunate to have such gifted creative professionals."

NCMPR presented gold, silver and bronze awards 50 categories at the Paragon Awards dinner and ceremony. Some 247 colleges submitted a total of 1,743 entries to the nationwide contest. The awards were announced at the annual NCMPR national conference in Charleston, S.C., this March.

NCMPR annually presents Paragon Awards to recognize outstanding achievement in communication at community and technical colleges. It's the only national competition of its kind that honors excellence exclusively among marketing and PR professionals at two-year community and technical colleges.

NCMPR supports the professional development of community college communicators, serving more than 1,550 members from more than 650 colleges across the United States and Canada. It is the only organization of its kind.



Dr. Kavalier speaks at Lunch and Leaders

SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., spoke to the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce (GSTCCC) Lunch and Leaders on April 4 at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Center. Scott Tate, GSTCCC president and CEO, introduced her to group. Dr. Kavalier provided an update on SCC's purchase of One Academy Place, and she shared what she has learned about Missouri since moving here last summer.

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early childhood staff.”

The showcase was Thursday, March 9. Katie Mawer, associate director, Beth Smith, lead 3-5 year-old teacher, and Quiggins staffed the showcase display, answered questions and explained the SCC CDC approach to cognitive development and enhancing mathematical thinking in early childhood, and how these relate to Missouri’s early learning standards.

Diversity and Inclusion efforts continue at SCC

As part of an increased emphasis by SCC in inclusion, Sylvia Edger, chief diversity officer and Title IX coordinator, participated in the inaugural meeting for Missouri Diversity Officers in Higher Education (MODOHE). MODOHE was created to strengthen the common goal of inclusive excellence in higher education on a local and state level. The group’s next meeting will be held at the Collaborative Diversity Conference at Missouri State University later this month.

The college has convened a committee to hire a director of global education. The position will enable SCC to review current practices while providing leadership and coordination for students and community members to experience greater multi-culturalism, diversity and global education.

“In order to prepare our students to flourish in an increasingly global economy, SCC has placed a curricular emphasis on global education and multi-culturalism,” said Mike Dompierre, assistant vice president for academic and student affairs. “Complimenting that classroom focus, the college has, over time, expanded into offering experiential opportunities such as study tours, study abroad and campus activities and events. While all these developments have a positive impact on both the college’s internal and district-wide communities, we recognized that there was a need to coordinate and to expand these opportunities.”

Tree planting ceremony at SCC honors crime victims

St. Charles Community College hosted a tree planting ceremony on March 31 in support of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. The annual event seeks to honor crime victims in our community including those who died as a result of the crimes.

The tree was donated by Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the ceremony was sponsored by the college’s campus police, Missouri Department of Corrections – Probation & Parole, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office.

National Crime Victims’ Rights Week was April 2-8, allowing communities to promote victims’ rights and honor crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf.



St. Charles Community College hosted a tree planting ceremony on March 31 in support of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. Front row, left to right: Scott Lewis, St. Charles County sheriff; Brett Mitchell, chief of Cottleville Police Department; Jodi Flesner, victim’s advocate; Tim Lohmar, St. Charles County prosecuting attorney; Bob Ronkoski, SCC director of public safety and chief of police; John Stiles, City of Cottleville alderman; Jim Hennessey, City of Cottleville mayor; and Terri Violet, City of St. Peters alderperson.

Coming up at SCC ...

Spandex season is fast-approaching, because **That ‘80s Run** and its coordinating wellness expo – Exporama – will be back in town Saturday, April 29. The 25th annual event is set on the SCC campus, Great River Greenway trails and the streets of Cottleville.

Once again featured at the annual run event will be the popular 10K Race (6.2 miles), 5K Race (3.1 miles) and Radical Mile. The 5K/10K will start at 7:30 a.m. in front of the SCC Student Center in the Green Parking Lot and finish in the same location. The 5K and 10K routes will be chip timed by Fleet Feet. The routes will wind through the college campus and then take runners on the roads and paved trails in Cottleville. The first 1,000 5K/10K finishers will receive an ‘80s-themed finishers medal.

The Radical Mile will start at 9:15 a.m. near the walkway between the Student Center and the Learning Resource Center and will finish in the same location. Each event will feature age group awards.

For more information or to sign up, visit that80srun.org.

SCC will host **Job Fair 2017** from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the College Center. Admission is free to all job seekers. This fair provides opportunities for job seekers to find job leads, job training and job search information and networking opportunities.

“Job Fair 2017 is a great opportunity for students to put themselves out there and see what jobs are available,” said Martha Toebben, SCC career services manager. “The Job Fair also provides employers the opportunity to access all the best job candidates in the area – both SCC students and non-students alike.”

For more information, visit stchas.edu/jobfair.



CHOMP Regional Food Truck, Music and Film Festival will be held Friday, May 19, at SCC. The festival will kick off the 2017 series of Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Nights to be held on Fridays, June 23, July 21, Aug. 25 and Sept. 22.

The proceeds from the events will benefit the SCC Foundation, supporting scholarships as well as academic and program enhancements for the college, and the Cottleville-Weldon Spring Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on CHOMP and the Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Night events, including the food truck lineup, vendors, sponsors and movies, visit foodtruckfrolic.com or contact Peggy Schnardthorst, SCC development and foundation relations manager, at 636-922-8278 or pschnardthorst@stchas.edu or Wendy Berry at wendy@cwschamber.com.

Students take home awards at popular SCC Film Festival

Area high school and SCC students participated in SCC's Student Film Festival this March. Winners were announced at an award ceremony on March 30.

Financial prizes were awarded to the winners of each category, the overall winner and the audience favorite. All entries received feedback from judges, including SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., and earned some screen time during the awards ceremony.

The overall winner was *The Tale of Kale* by Katie Varner and Michael Bowman, and the high school trophy went to St. Charles West High School. Winners were also awarded in comedy, experimental/animation, drama, documentary and music video categories. For more information, contact Darren Osburn at 636-922-8564 or dosburn@stchas.edu.

Community services highlighted at Mental Health Expo on March 29

Mental health and wellness service providers from the community set up showcases at SCC's Mental Health Expo March 29.

Fourteen local organizations and treatment specialists were on hand to provide information and offer support and guidance to students. Among these vendors were a wide-range of mental health services, from veterans' services to serious behavioral health interventions.

"The Mental Health Expo is a great way for our students to connect with community resources that focus on providing mental health services that are accessible and affordable," said Tamara Williams-Reding, SCC case manager. "Many of our students are pretty psychologically savvy, and I'm always impressed with their knowledge of needed services and the range of questions they ask the providers."

SCC welcomes Chief Information Officer

SCC welcomed Chad Shepherd as the college's first Chief Information Officer April 3. This position has responsibility for Administrative Computing, Network Computing, Distance and Online Learning Support and Technology Support.



Chad Shepherd

Chief Information Officer

services. "He believes in collaborating with campus colleagues to reach emerging technologies and implement solutions that yield the greatest benefit."

"Chad is an accomplished IT leader with extensive experience in deploying strategic technology solutions that improve the teaching and learning environment," said Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative

With more than 25 years of technology and management experience, Shepherd holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electronics technology from the University of Central Missouri. Most recently before joining SCC, Shepherd led the Information Technology Division at St. Louis College of Pharmacy for 15 years. As their vice president for information technology and chief information officer, Shepherd oversaw a complete refresh of the campus technology infrastructure including the network infrastructure, classroom technologies, telecommunications systems, security electronics and public websites. During his tenure, Shepherd directed the implementation of a student notebook program where every incoming student received a college-owned notebook computer. That program garnered national attention for its early adoption of high-speed wireless networking and tablet-based computing.

Shepherd is an avid bicyclist averaging 3,000+ miles a year and is a performance car enthusiast with experience building, tuning and racing 800+ HP turbocharged automobiles. He enjoys spending time with his wife, eight children and three grandchildren.

"Mr. Shepherd brings a vast array of knowledge and experience to SCC," said SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D. "I look forward to working with him to continue strengthening technology at SCC."



Practical nursing students honored in pinning ceremony

Graduates of the 2017 Practical Nursing program at SCC were honored March 24 in a pinning ceremony celebrating the culmination of their nursing education.

The pinning is a symbolic welcoming into the profession. At the ceremony, graduates were able to dedicate their successes to their friends and family, instructors and classmates. Part of the ceremony included reciting, as a class, the Florence Nightingale Pledge.

"I want to thank my teachers," said Danielle Carter, 2017 PN graduate. "You all saw something in me that I didn't until now."

Graduates are awarded a certificate of achievement in practical nursing and are eligible to apply for the Practical Nurse

Licensing Examination. The Practical Nursing Program at SCC prepares Licensed Practical Nurses to administer safe, patient-centered nursing care in beginning staff nurse roles in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, doctor's offices and other health care facilities and home settings.

SCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter inducts 81 students

Eighty-one SCC students joined Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) this spring and 36 of them attended the induction ceremony on March 26. PTK is the international honor society of two-year colleges. Students who have completed 12 college credit hours and have a grade point average of 3.5 on the 4.0 scale were invited to join.

SCC's PTK chapter sent the members of its officer and advisor team to the PTK annual convention, "Catalyst," in Nashville, Tenn., April 5-8. Christy Gant, club advisor and instructor of English, facilitated a workshop at the pre-conference academy.

On April 1, the SCC PTK chapter held its second annual Hogwarts Day and hosted Harry Potter Trivia. The chapter raised more than \$4,000 to be used primarily for charity and scholarships.

Two SCC students named regional recipients of Breaking Traditions Award

SCC students Evan Bettey and Marsha Delcour received regional Breaking Traditions Awards from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Breaking Traditions Awards honor students, educators and employers for their achievements related to nontraditional careers.

Bettey is an Occupational Therapy Assistant student at SCC. “Evan demonstrates the best qualities of a candidate who has entered a field dominated by the opposite gender,” said Courtney Barrett, SCC associate professor. “One of the most significant traits that Evan demonstrates is a willingness to immerse himself in the projects and assignments in order to receive the maximum benefit from them.”

Delcour is an SCC Computer-Aided Drafting student. “Marsha is at the top of our historical list of high performing, inspirational and deserving candidates,” said David Niermann, SCC professor. “She is prepared, poised, articulate and motivated.”

Since 1994, Missouri Breaking Traditions Awards have honored outstanding students who have chosen specific career and technical education programs based on their interests and abilities, and who have not let their gender influence their career decisions.

MORE THAN 60 VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATE IN SCC DAY OF SERVICE



St. Charles Community College faculty, staff and students participated in 10 different service projects on March 31 for SCC's Day of Service. Attendance at the event reached 68, with volunteers helping at sites including Crisis Nursery-Wentzville, Connections to Success, Boys and Girls Club-St. Peters and more. The next two Days of Service are scheduled for Sept. 29, 2017, and April 6, 2018.

Student government president serves as volunteer coordinator of Mayor's charity ball in April

Olivia Dinwiddie, SCC student government president, served as the volunteer coordinator for the St. Charles County Mayor's Ball held April 1 at the St. Charles Convention Center. The ball is supported by all the mayors of St. Charles County and reflects the overall goal of working together for the betterment of all citizens.

“I believe we were able to raise around \$100,000 for local charities,” said Jim Hennessey, City of Cottleville mayor. “(Olivia) was a major reason for our success. She is going to be a huge success in whatever career she decides on after school.”

FIRST STATE BANK DONATES \$5,000



First State Bank (FSB) presented the SCC Foundation with \$5,000 at a check-passing ceremony on March 30. FSB has supported SCC since 1991 and has donated more than \$17,000 to the college. Left to right: Patti Silvey, FSB vice president retail banking and branch manager; Luanne Cundiff, FSB president and CEO; Betsy Schneider, SCC director of development; and Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president.

MARK THE CALENDAR

SCC Speaks Freely: “Why I’m Broke” – Tuesday, April 18
1 p.m. | SSB Room 1102

SCC softball vs. State Fair – Tuesday, April 18 | 2 p.m. &
4 p.m. | SCC softball field

Student Recital – Wednesday, April 19 | noon | FAB 118

Center Stage Performance: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* – April 19-23 | FAB theater

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: *Malice in Wonderland*
– Friday, April 21 | 6:30-9 p.m. Scooter's Place in the
Student Center

SCC softball vs. Maple Woods – Saturday, April 22
2 p.m. & 4 p.m. | SCC softball field

SCC Juried Student Art Exhibition – April 24-May 7
8 a.m.-8 p.m. | FAB gallery

SCC baseball vs. Hannibal La Grange – Tuesday, April 25
1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. | SCC baseball field

Between the Covers Book Club meeting – Wednesday,
April 26 | 2:30 p.m. | LRC Information Commons

Spring Fling – Wednesday-Thursday, April 26-27
11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Campus Plaza

Coffeehouse – Thursday, April 27 | 7-9 p.m. | SSB lounge

Safe Zone Training – Friday, April 28 | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
SSB auditorium

That '80s Run – Saturday, April 29 | 7:30-11 a.m.
Start/Finish in Green and Blue parking lots

SCC baseball vs. Crowder College – Saturday, April 29
1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. | SCC baseball field

Sophomore Recital – Saturday, April 29 | 7:30-9:30 p.m.
FAB theater

SCC baseball vs. Crowder College – Sunday, April 30
noon & 2:30 p.m. | SCC baseball field

SCC Band and Jazz Concert – Monday, May 1 | 7:30-
9:30 p.m. | FAB theater

SCC Singers and Chamber Choir – Tuesday, May 2 | 7:30-
9:30 p.m. | FAB theater

SCC Orchestra – Thursday, May 4 | 7:30-10:30 p.m.
FAB theater

SCC Job Fair – Friday, May 5 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | College
Center gym

Finals Week – May 9-15

Show Choir Concert – Thursday-Friday, May 11-12 | 7:30-
9:30 p.m. | FAB theater

Commencement – 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13 | College
Center gym

For a complete list of upcoming events and academic dates and deadlines, visit stchas.edu/calendar.