

# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – February 2017



## SCC and OPO Startups partnership underway

A partnership is underway with St. Charles Community College and OPO Startups, giving SCC students and alumni free access to the co-working center from noon-8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

“Our students will play a key role in the growth and success of the local economy for years to come,” said Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president. “Giving them networking opportunities and work space access like this is invaluable to both the students and the community.”

SCC's space was dedicated in OPO, whose mission is to promote and grow the regional digital startup community in St. Charles, on Jan. 25. There is a table with SCC signage for students and alumni that provides a work space for startup companies of their own.

“In the spirit of collaboration and networking, giving our students and alumni the ability to connect with these entrepreneurs and experts in a common space is truly invaluable to our community,” said Lauren Dickens, interim dean of business, science,



SCC students and administrators gathered Jan. 25 for the space dedication ceremony at OPO Startups in St. Charles.

education, math and computer science.

“The OPO attracts brilliant entrepreneurs.

WAIT – THERE'S MORE!

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## SCC faculty and staff convene for 2017 State of the College

SCC faculty and staff met on Feb. 10 for Dr. Barbara Kavalier's first State of the College address and service recognition program. Attendees heard updates on Dr. Kavalier's listening tour findings and vision for the college going forward. Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative services, also presented on the budget and facilities.

New employees were highlighted and those who are celebrating a milestone year of service at the college were recognized. “We all extend our appreciation to these honorees for their dedicated service as we continue our work in fulfilling the mission of St. Charles Community College,” Dr. Kavalier said.

“So many turned out in support of our honorees and what a delight it was to see them recognized for their many contributions to SCC! One of the highlights of the day for me was seeing our talented students perform,” said Jessica Trimborn, HR administrative coordinator at SCC.



## St. Charles Mayor visits with SCC president

Sally Faith (left), mayor of the City of St. Charles, made it to campus Jan. 25 to meet with the college president, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, for the first time. Mayor Faith once served the college as a Board of Trustees member and later as the director of development.

### DON'T MISS OUT!

Support student scholarships at SCC Trivia Night!

Friday, Feb. 24, 6-11 p.m. | SSB  
\$25/person or \$200/table of eight

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Pairing those minds with our exceptional students at SCC – I am genuinely excited to see the great work that comes from this,” Dickens said.

Located in the newly renovated Old Post Office (OPO) building in St. Charles, the 10,000-square-foot facility provides regional startups with affordable workspace and access to mentors, potential investors, programming, educational resources and a community of local entrepreneurs.

OPO currently hosts 52 companies over a five building complex on Main Street, St. Charles. “Our members are focused on tech and design with some business-to-business services,” said Megan McKissen, OPO Startups community manager. “Most are in the startup phase, some are currently scaling and others are existing small businesses.”

Members have access to weekly events where members can collaborate and network. Educational events include OPO Tech Talks, open to the public, and biannual demo days. Outside groups such as LaunchCode and Ice House have presented as well.

“Companies tend to outgrow our facility when the size of their staff outgrows our available offices,” McKissen said. “Notable OPO graduates include Switzer Creative and Liviana, a luxury lingerie company whose underwear was just worn by Beyoncé in her recent pregnancy announcement.”

“Our goal at OPO is to create a tech centric, entrepreneurial atmosphere on Main Street and to serve as a meeting place and facilities within the county and region,” McKissen said.

The OPO Startups is a joint venture between the Economic Development Center and private investor Randy Shilling. Membership starts at \$75 per month for a drop in membership and progresses to co-working offices and suites. For more information, visit [opostartups.com](http://opostartups.com) or contact Rex McKanry at [rmckanry@stchas.edu](mailto:rmckanry@stchas.edu).

## SCC hosts special training event for law enforcement community

Professionals from across the area gathered at St. Charles Community College for a special training event in January.

Russell Strand spoke at the event on Interview Victims of Trauma – An Introduction to Forensic Experiential Trauma Interviews. He went in-depth on his ground breaking Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview Technique, which has shown astounding results in learning information from traumatized persons in all facets of victimizations.

According to Strand, the Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview utilizes information about the part of the brain that experience trauma. The technique not only reduces the inaccuracy of the information obtained, but it also enhances understanding of the experience, increasing the likelihood that judges and juries will also understand the event. This type of interview technique is currently being employed by Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) special agents and other criminal investigators.

“This program provided interview techniques that result in learning more information from traumatized victims,” said Bob Ronkoski, SCC director of public safety and chief of police. “The individuals who



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Professionals in attendance included prosecutors, prosecution personnel, law enforcement, victim advocacy center staff, children’s divisions, juvenile office staff, adult protective services, probation and parole, allied health professionals and children’s advocacy center staff.

The event was presented by The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, the St. Charles Prosecuting Attorney and St. Charles Community College Campus Police.

## Search begins for Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs

SCC is looking for an innovative, student-centered leader to serve as its next Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs (VPASA).

This position serves as the chief academic and student affairs officer for the college, providing vision and innovative leadership needed to advance the college’s academic enterprise while creating a positive learning environment for students. This key leadership position will be responsible for working with associate vice presidents and deans to expand and enhance all credit and non-credit educational programs, student affairs and other academic and support programs and services throughout the college.

Reporting directly to the president, the VPASA serves as a member of the Cabinet, contributing to the development of new programs, budget and strategic planning, and articulation and advancement of the



long-range vision for academic and student affairs and the college. The VPASA oversees all accreditation reporting requirements and plays a key role in developing and sustaining partnerships with business, industry and educational and community leaders. As the chief academic officer, this position works collaboratively with faculty and staff to enhance and improve innovative learning strategies that support student retention and success.

“The VPASA plays a critical role at the college,” said Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president. “We look forward to beginning our search process and filling the role with the most qualified candidate.”

For more information about the position, visit [stchas.edu/vp-asa](http://stchas.edu/vp-asa).



Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, addresses guests at the SCC Legislative Meet and Greet on Feb. 3 in the Student Center.

## President hosts Legislative Meet and Greet Feb. 3

Dr. Barbara Kavalier welcomed four state representatives to the college on Feb. 3 for her inaugural Legislative Meet and Greet as president of SCC.

Representatives in attendance included Kurt Bahr, District 102 Representative; Robert Cornejo, District 64 Representative; Chrissy Sommer, District 106 Representative; and John Wiemann, District 103 Representative – all of whom represent part of the college’s service area. Nick Schroer’s legislative aid also attended (District 107).

These legislators got a sneak peek at the college’s workforce partnerships and new and expanding programs from Dr. Kavalier; Kasey McKee, vice president for college advancement and planning; Jean Ehlmann, Board of Trustees

president; John Bookstaver, Ph.D., interim vice president for academic and student affairs; Heather Simmons, senior human resources generalist at National Cart Co.; and Sandra Thomas, SCC student.

Simmons spoke on SCC’s relationship with National Cart Co. – one of SCC’s many workforce partnerships – and how it came about.

“Our vice president of operations came to me and stated he was on the plant floor watching our welders,” Simmons said. “He pointed out some of our best welders and asked that I get in contact with the school they attended and ‘become their best friend.’ Upon some investigating, I found that all of them came from SCC!” SCC now plays a large role in the success of National Cart Company’s recruitment and growth.

“As National Cart Company continues to grow, we will need to add more skilled welders to our team,” Simmons said. “It is crucial that the welding grant continues to grow at SCC. Welders are in demand in St. Charles County and the best way to prepare for the growth and demand is to continue offering the benefit of education.”

“The support of our local legislators is vital to the success of SCC and community colleges as a whole,” Dr. Kavalier said. “We were excited to be able to provide our representatives with just a small glimpse at all the amazing work that goes on at SCC.”



Rep. Kurt Bahr (St. Charles, District 102) speaks with a group of students and administrators at the SCC Legislative Meet and Greet on Feb. 3.



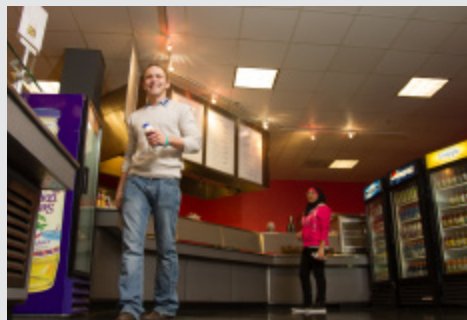
Rep. John Weimann (St. Charles, District 103) speaks at the SCC Legislative Meet and Greet.

## Food Services receives perfect grade following Health Department inspection

The St. Charles County Health Department took part in a Jan. 30 inspection of Scooter’s Place, located in the SCC Student Center. The college was notified by the Health Department that Scooter’s Place achieve a grade of 100 percent on that inspection.

“How exciting! An excellent job to the Food Services staff,” said Pat Haynes, director of food services and the bookstore.

The Health Inspector will return at a later date to inspect the Café-Bookstore.





## Arbor Day Foundation honors SCC with 2016 Tree Campus USA Recognition

SCC was honored with the 2016 Tree Campus USA recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

“Students are eager to volunteer in their communities and become better stewards of the environment,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Participating in Tree Campus USA sets a fine example for other colleges and universities, while helping to create a healthier planet for us all.”

Tree Campus USA is a national program created in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation

to honor colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. SCC achieved the title by meeting Tree Campus USA’s five standards, which include maintaining a tree advisory committee, a campus tree care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and a student service-learning project. Currently there are 296 campus across the United States with this recognition.

“It’s an honor to be recognized as a 2016 Tree Campus USA,” said Amy Templer, SCC

grounds supervisor. “This designation demonstrates not only SCC’s commitment to protecting and promoting the sustainability of our natural resources but also reflects the valuable educational opportunities we have to enrich and enhance our student’s experiences.”

The Arbor Day Foundation has helped campuses throughout the country plant thousands of trees, and Tree Campus USA colleges and universities invested more than \$46.7 million in campus forest management last year.

For more information about the program, visit [arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA).

### MARK THE CALENDAR

**Student Recital** | Wednesday, Feb. 22 | Noon-1 p.m. | FAB 118

**Coffeehouse** | Thursday, Feb. 23 | 7-9 p.m. | SSB lounge

**ESP Trivia Night** | Friday, Feb. 24 | 6-11 p.m. | SSB auditorium

**Between the Covers Book Club meeting** | Wednesday, March 1 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | LRC Info Commons

**Center Stage Theatre: A Doll’s House** | March 1-5 | FAB theater

**SCC Baseball vs. Maple Woods Community College** | Thursday, March 2 | 1-3:30 p.m. & 3:30-6 p.m. | SCC baseball field

**Safe Zone** | Friday, March 3 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | SSB 1207 & 1208

**SCC Speaks Freely: Consent: Get it to Get it** | Monday, March 6 | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | SSB 1102

**SCC Art Faculty Exhibition** | March 6-April 7 | FAB gallery

**Center Stage Theatre: Auditions for Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland** | March 6-8 | 7-9 p.m. | FAB Room 110

**Lunchtime BINGO** | Wednesday, March 8 | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Scooter’s Place in the Student Center

**StepUP! Training** | Wednesday, March 8 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | SSB 1102

**SCC Baseball vs. St. Louis Community College** | 1-3:30 p.m. & 3:30-6 p.m. | SCC baseball field

**No credit classes will be held Monday, March 13-Saturday, March 18, for spring break.**

**A+ Information Night** | Tuesday, March 14 | 6-7 p.m. | SSB auditorium

**SCC Baseball vs. Mineral Area Community College** | Thursday, March 16 | 1-3:30 p.m. & 3:30-6 p.m. | SCC baseball field

**Campus will be closed Friday, March 17.**

**YPT’s Performance of Disney’s The Little Mermaid** | March 17-19; March 24-26 | FAB theater

For a complete list of upcoming events and academic dates and deadlines, visit [stchas.edu/calendar](http://stchas.edu/calendar).