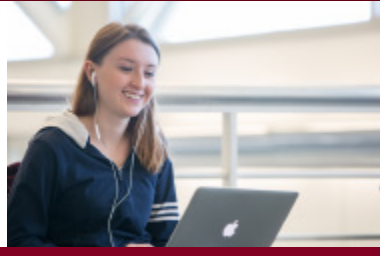


# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – March 2017



Dr. Barbara Kavalier, St. Charles Community College president, celebrates SCC's closing on One Academy Place in Dardenne Prairie alongside Dr. Michael Shonrock, president of Lindenwood University, on Feb. 24.

## SCC purchases One Academy Place allowing for new and expanded programming

St. Charles Community College made history when the college closed on One Academy Place in Dardenne Prairie in February. This property will serve as the college's first satellite location, and its initial intent will be to expand Nursing and Allied Health offerings and develop additional workforce and industry programs.

The 69,000-square-foot building was the former site of Barat Academy. It was purchased by Lindenwood in September 2012, and SCC leased approximately 26,000 square feet of

the building's space for its Nursing and Allied Health program under terms of the colleges' partnership agreement from 2012-2017.

The SCC Board of Trustees approved the purchase contract on of the building at their Dec. 5, 2016, meeting, and SCC finalized the purchase of the property for \$9.45 million on Feb. 24, 2017.

SCC plans to utilize the space to create a world-class, innovative learning environment that expands access to higher education and professional and career development for

students, businesses and communities served, according to college officials. "We hope to add additional career pathways for our students," said Amy Koehler, dean of nursing and allied health. "We want to be able to meet students wherever they are in their educational journey or career."

New and expanded programs will include an associate degree in nursing-bridge, medical assisting, occupational therapy assistant, surgical technology, information technology, welding, agricultural and food science, transportation/logistics and applied engineering/integrated technology programs, to name a few.

"At the same time SCC is gaining square-footage, students are gaining additional opportunities to reach their educational goals," said SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D.

A business plan for the use of the property was developed by John Bookstaver, Ph.D., interim vice president for academic and student affairs; Koehler; and Amanda Sizemore, dean of corporate and community development.

The programs were strategically selected to help fill a need in the workforce both nationally and locally. According to the U.S. Department of Labor and Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Occupational Therapy Assistants career growth is projected to be 43 percent by 2024.

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## SCC joins network to take on top issue facing Missouri businesses

SCC joined forces with Missouri's 11 other community colleges on March 9 to establish the Missouri Community College Workforce Development Network to address a longstanding challenge facing Missouri businesses – the

availability of a skilled workforce.

The new network will tackle what groups like the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other economic developers have said for years, namely that the state's workforce system needs to change in order for Missouri to compete with other states for job creation projects.

"I want people to understand what an extraordinary day and extraordinary

agreement this is," said Todd Richardson, Missouri Speaker of the House. "If you look at the economic development activity that happens in our state, community colleges are an essential component of the state's economic engine, and this agreement today is only going to improve their ability to serve the needs of the state and help us develop the type

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“During our research we learned that Troy Buchanan High School has the largest Future Farmers of America in the nation and that there are no higher education agriculture options close to them,” Bookstaver said. “Our new agricultural and food science offering will give more students like these the opportunity to pursue studies that will help them achieve their dreams while contributing to the strength of the economy of the region.”

“With this site, we will have the opportunity to offer more stackable credits – things students can build on no matter where they are in life,” Koehler said.

A building rename will occur and a public dedication will coincide with the kickoff of the fall 2017 semester. The event is being planned for Sept. 13.



Thirty-three SCC nursing students met with legislators in Jefferson City for Nurse Advocacy Days 2017 on March 7. “Healthcare reform is going to happen with or without nurses’ awareness, so it is pivotal for nurses to understand and participate in the political process,” said Jen Bussen, Ph.D., R.N., C.N.E. and associate professor.

## PRESIDENT’S MEETINGS

Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, met with the St. Charles Noonday Rotary on Feb. 23. Mike Elam, St. Charles County Councilman, introduced her to the club, where she spoke of SCC’s latest endeavor – the purchase of One Academy Place – and shared her favorite things about Missouri.

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of trained educated workforce that today’s employers need.”

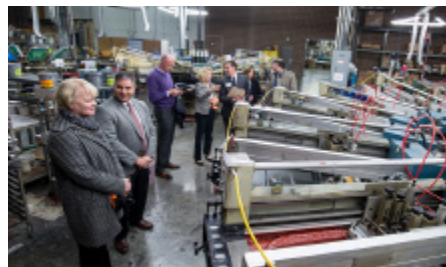
The most significant change resulting from the creation of the network will be that through their local community college, businesses will have access to resources at every college in the state.

Previously, procedural and geographic barriers prevented colleges from working outside of their mandated service areas. This means that if a business approached a college with a specific training need, but that college didn’t have expertise in that field, then the business may not have been able to get the workforce training its employees need.

SCC again proclaimed its role in the partnership at a local press conference on March 14 at one of the college’s long-time



Todd Richardson, Missouri Speaker of the House, addresses the media and guests at the Missouri Capitol on March 9. “Community colleges are an essential component of the state’s economic engine,” he said.



St. Charles-area leaders joined SCC officials to sign a proclamation at RK Stratman in Wentzville to affirm the college’s role in the new Missouri Community College Workforce Development Network.

business partners, RK Stratman, Inc.

“This change will allow us to better focus on meeting the needs of businesses and industries at no additional cost to the state,” said Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC

president. “Together, we will leave no stone unturned when serving businesses and students in the state of Missouri.”

“By breaking down these barriers and drawing upon our collective resources, each college is going to be able to play to its strengths,” said Rob Dixon, Missouri Community College Association president and CEO.

According to Dixon, making the most of resources is going to be incredibly important given the cuts that have been proposed for community colleges and workforce development. The FY18 budget being drafted by the legislature would cut workforce training by roughly 16 percent and community colleges by more than 9 percent.

“We understand the difficult budget situation facing the state, and with this partnership, we hope to help grow the state’s

economy in two ways,” Dixon said. “First, we want to help Missourians learn the skills they need to earn higher pay, and second, we hope to connect Missouri businesses with the workforce they need to grow and create jobs.”

## MARK THE CALENDAR

Discover the full slate of SCC events and deadlines at [stchas.edu/calendar](http://stchas.edu/calendar).

### SCC Softball vs. Jefferson College

March 21 | 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. | SCC softball field

### Women’s History Month lecture: Women, Reproduction and the Law in U.S. History

March 22 | 11:30 a.m. | SSB auditorium

### SCC Art Faculty Exhibition Artist

Reception | March 22 | 6-8 p.m. | FAB gallery

### Women Art Revolution film and

discussion | March 23 | 10 a.m. SSB auditorium

### SCC Baseball vs. Three Rivers

March 23 1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. SCC baseball field

### SCC Softball vs. Lewis & Clark

Community College | March 24 | 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. | SCC softball field

### YPT’s Performance of Disney’s *The Little Mermaid*

March 24-26 | FAB theater

### SCC Softball vs. Three Rivers Community College

March 28 | 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. | SCC softball field

### Mental Health Expo

| March 29 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

SSB lounge

### Student Recital

| March 29 | noon | FAB 118

### Between the Covers Book Club meeting

March 29 | 2:30 p.m. | LRC commons

### Women’s History Month Keynote Speaker: The Impact of Physical and Sexual Violence: A Personal Journey Revealed

March 30 | 11:30 a.m. | SSB auditorium

### SCC Baseball vs. North Central College

March 30 | 1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. | SCC baseball field



Immigrants take the Oath of Allegiance, which completes their process of becoming a U.S. citizen, at the Naturalization Ceremony in the SSB auditorium on March 10.

## Service-learning students arrange naturalization ceremony

SCC students organized and hosted a naturalization ceremony as part of a service-learning project spearheaded by professor Ron Pettus' State & Local Government class. Students involved in the project were tasked with organizing the March 10 event where around 50 people became U.S. citizens.

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.

## SCC hosts 19th annual GM Robotics Challenge

Record-breaking numbers of teams participated in SCC's 19th Annual GM Robotics Challenge on March 3. Fifty teams participated from 34 middle schools and 16 high schools.

"Events like these are very important for students because it gives them the opportunity to explore the world of STEM," said Tammie De Los Santos, associate dean of college and career readiness. "This competition not only provides students the opportunity to work together for a common goal, but to learn from each other as well as get feedback from professionals in the industry."

Brian Steber, senior manufacturing engineering at General Motors Wentzville Assembly Center, wrote the challenge for the students based on real-world applications used at General Motors.

Teams were challenged to build a material-handling robot.

"This is the first year in the event's history that we had two all-girl middle school teams take first place in their respective divisions," De Los Santos said. "These results validate the fact that more girls are pursuing an interest in STEM, as the female participation in this competition continues to grow."

For more information on the annual GM Robotics Challenge, contact De Los Santos at [tdelosantos@stchas.edu](mailto:tdelosantos@stchas.edu).

## Live theater shows on March 29, 31 at SCC to benefit transplant patient

SCC will present *The Last Flapper* March 29 and 31 in the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building.

The first showing, held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, is a free student matinee.

The second performance, held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, will benefit Ken Parker, a former SCC stage hand/theater technician, who is in desperate need of a kidney transplant. Director Hal Berry, professor emeritus of theater and history at SCC, is bringing *The Last Flapper* production to SCC from San Diego, Calif., to help his former-co-worker in this time of need.

*The Last Flapper* starring SCC alumna, Samantha (Bonomo) Stavelly, is a play on

the life of Zelda Fitzgerald, the wife of F. Scott Fitzgerald, and her challenges with social barriers put on women in the 1920s.

For more information, contact Jean Deimund at [jdeimund@stchas.edu](mailto:jdeimund@stchas.edu) or 636-922-8050.

## Art Faculty Exhibition to feature diverse media at SCC March 6-April 7

SCC is displaying artworks by the college's full-time and adjunct visual arts faculty at the SCC Art Faculty Exhibition. In it, faculty explore a variety of media in their work including painting, printmaking, photography, ceramics, metals, fibers, illustration and more.

The exhibition runs March 6-April 7. The SCC Art Club will host the opening reception from 6-8 p.m. March 22. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

## Rock Bridge High School takes first place at 20th annual High School Math Tournament

SCC hosted the 20th annual High School Math Tournament in cooperation with [mathleague.org](http://mathleague.org) on March 4. The event brought 11 area high schools and 44 students to SCC's campus. The tournament was open to any student in grades 9-12.

Overall winners were: first place – Rock Bridge High School with a score of 181.833; second place – Parkway North High School with a score of 127.833; third place – MICDS with a score of 58.6667.

For more information about the High School Math Tournament, contact Joe Howe, professor of mathematics, at [jhowe@stchas.edu](mailto:jhowe@stchas.edu) or 636-922-8318.



Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, is joined by past STEM award recipient Seth Kitchen at the 2017 Celebration Breakfast.

## St. Charles County EDC recognizes outstanding high school STEM students

For the eighth year, the St. Charles County EDC Business and Community Partners recognized 18 high school students from each of St. Charles County's public and private schools for their outstanding achievements in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) studies on March 3.

In addition to the recognition and prizes students received, EDC Partners Education Committee donated LEGO® robotics kits to elementary schools in the honorees' names.

Speakers included former STEM award winner Seth Kitchen, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, and Dr. Michael Shonrock, president of Lindenwood University.

"This event is one of the best things we get to do all year," said Greg Prestemon, EDC president and CEO. "These kids are all incredibly talented and motivated, and I really believe each of them has the capacity to change the world."

Randy Schilling, EDC Education Committee Chair and founder of multiple technology companies, is the driving force behind several STEM initiatives in St. Charles County, emphasized the important role these students will play in creating future economic opportunity in the region.

"The projects some of these honorees are working on right now are focused on augmented and virtual reality, which are huge growth areas. I'm really excited for the time when these students start the next wave of high-growth tech companies right here in St. Charles County," Schilling said.

## MARK THE CALENDAR

**SCC Day of Service** | March 31 | 9 a.m.-noon

**SCC softball vs. North Central College** | March 31  
2 p.m. & 4 p.m. | SCC softball field

**The Last Flapper: A Special Benefit Performance**  
March 31 | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | SSB auditorium

**SCC Softball vs. Crowder Community College**  
April 1 | 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. | SCC softball field

**Hogwarts Day** | April 1 | 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
& 6-10 p.m. (Trivia) | College Center gym & rotunda  
& SSB auditorium

**Faculty Recital** | April 2 | 3-4 p.m. | FAB theater

**Geek Week events** | April 3-6 | SCC campus

**StepUP! Training** | April 4 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | SSB 1102

**SCC Softball vs. St. Louis Community College**  
April 5 | 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. | SCC softball field

**SCC Baseball vs. Jefferson College** | April 6 | 1 p.m.  
& 3:30 p.m. | SCC baseball field

**SCC Softball vs. Mineral Area College** | April 6  
2 p.m. & 4 p.m. | SCC softball field

**Summer and fall registration for current and returning SCC students opens Monday, April 10 (April 17 for general public).**

**SCC Softball vs. East Central** | April 11 | 2 p.m.  
& 4 p.m. | SCC softball field

**A+ Information Night for Seniors** | April 12  
6-7 p.m. | SSB auditorium

**The college is closed Friday, April 14.**

## Funds raised at '90s-themed Trivia Night will benefit SCC student scholarships

The SCC Employee Sponsored Program raised more than \$6,000 at its annual Trivia Night. Proceeds will support SCC scholarships, campus enhancements and the Celebration of Life and New Life program.

The Feb. 24 event was held in the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building auditorium.

The English faculty table, headed by table-captain Joe Baumann, took home first place. The best decorated table was awarded to The Legends of the Hidden Temple themed table. Judges were Susie Rubemeyer, Kasey McKee, Andrew Stout and Aaron Proctor.

"Trivia Night is an evening of friendly

competition, and it benefits a great cause," said Peggy Schnardthorst, SCC development and foundation relations manager. "We are thankful for those who supported 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."

Committee members were Theresa Flett, Mandi Smith, Mandy Rose, Sonja Mugler, Christina Usher and Tara Patton. Volunteers included Mike Dunkus, Jan Hackney, Heather Dolson and students from Phi Theta Kappa.



## SCC Roller Hockey Club headed to Fort Myers, Fla., in quest for 16th title

Despite its second-place regional finish this season, SCC received an invitation to the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association's championship tournament April 7-9 in Fort Myers, Fla., to defend the Cougars' national title.

SCC will face West Valley College (Saratoga, Calif.) and St. Louis Community College.