

# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – September 2017



## 2017 ALL COLLEGE DAY: SCC eager 'to boldly go in the pursuit of excellence'

SCC faculty and staff gathered in the College Center gym for a Star Trek-themed the State of the College event on Sept. 8.

Before the program started, attendees enjoyed refreshments and chatted with colleagues. The formal activities kicked off with an intergalactic entrance from SCC's Cabinet members, followed by their introductions.

Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, provided an update on the college, and additional updates came from John Bookstaver, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and enrollment management; Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative services; Donna Davis, vice president for



Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, and John Bookstaver, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and enrollment management, speak to faculty and staff at the Sept. 8 All College Day in the College Center gymnasium.



human resources; and Chad Shepherd, chief information officer.

Attendees participated in trivia during breaks, and faculty and staff closed out the program with pizza.

The All College Day planning crew included Amber Peterson, Brent Hickenbottom, Caitlin Keele, Chad Shepherd, Julie Parcel, Justine Lundin, Kathy Brockgreitens and Pat Haynes.



## Welcome Week sets bright tone for fall semester

The fall semester kicked off with a bang as the college celebrated the historic Total Solar Eclipse on Aug. 21, the first Monday of fall classes, and the fun carried on throughout the week with a series of events.

Students were welcomed to campus by

faculty and staff with maps and smiling faces, as part of the college's routine 'I Can Help With That' effort. Volunteers sported bright orange shirts to stand out from the crowd and pointed students in the right direction during class transition times.

With signs flanking the activity area, Fall Fun Blitz doubled as the public launch of SCC's mobile app, which can be downloaded to smart



devices from the Apple Store and Google Play.

Additional Welcome Week events consisted of plenty of free freebies for students including Italian ice from Scoops and More, a sweet treat from an ice cream truck and lemonade from Student Activities. The week drew to a close with Food Truck Frolic and the Outdoor Summer Movie Series featuring "Captain Underpants."

## Fall enrollment figures faring better than projected

The college is only four weeks into the fall semester, but college officials are already examining enrollment counts as part of the census that provides valuable data about the academic term.

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

When the initial 20-day census report was released on Sept. 13, it was clear SCC had made significant gains, with credit hours at -1.9 percent, FTE at -1.0 percent and headcount at -2.8 percent. The numbers have been provided by the Department of Institutional Research and Grants as part of their preliminary census report.

## MARK THE CALENDAR

**SCC Democracy Days** | Monday-Thursday, Sept. 18-21 | SCC Campus

**27th Annual Regional College Fair**  
Thursday, Sept. 21 | 6-7:30 p.m. | College Center gym

**Food Truck Frolic & Family Movie Night**  
Friday, Sept. 22 | 5-10 p.m. | SCC Campus

**21st Annual Presidents Classic Golf Scramble** | Monday, Sept. 25 | 10:30 a.m. Old Hickory Golf Club

**SCC Photography Invitational** | Monday, Sept. 25-Friday, Nov. 3 | FAB gallery

**SCC Day of Service** | Friday, Sept. 29  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | St. Charles County Community

**Transfer College Fair** | Wednesday, Oct. 4  
11 a.m.-2 p.m. | College Center gym

**Diversity 1.0 and 2.0 Workshop** | Thursday, Oct. 5 | 2:40-4 p.m. | SSB auditorium

**No credit classes will be held** during Fall Break, Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 9-10

**Young People's Theatre Performance: 'You Ain't Nothin' But a Werewolf'**  
Friday-Sunday, Oct. 13-15



## SCC aids in Help for Houston in more ways than one

Early this month, Dan Bickel, SCC graduate of the Associate Degree in Nursing program, volunteered to join the nursing staff who have been contributing to patient care for displaced Houston residents as the city recovers from the devastating affects of Hurricane Harvey.

After catching wind of Bickel's plans to spend two weeks in Houston, the SCC Nursing and Allied Health Department joined forces to send him stocked with items to aid in the relief efforts.

"Nursing roots are firmly planted in service to others," said Amy Koehler, dean of nursing & allied health. "We are incredibly proud of Dan's desire to volunteer in the Houston community

during this crisis. Dan was an outstanding student, and I was not surprised to learn he would be serving as an ambassador for SCC graduates and the nursing profession."

Students, faculty and staff were provided additional opportunities to assist in the efforts via MySCC, which had a listing of reputable organizations in-need posted. Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president, also encouraged the SCC community to help with the disaster relief.

"Our thoughts will be with the individuals impacted by the storm, including our colleagues at community colleges throughout the Texas Gulf Coast," Dr. Kavalier said.

## ALL-FACULTY MEETINGS RAMP UP EXCITEMENT FOR FALL



Faculty prepped for the beginning of the school year with All-Faculty meetings on Aug. 16. The All-Faculty meetings were hosted by the Professional Development Group and featured Allison Adams, associate director of the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence at Emory University in Atlanta. Adams spoke on the topic of helping professions find time to think. The professional development group distributed free copies to all-faculty of *The Slow Professor* in preparation for the meeting. The theme of Professional Development Week was self-care in body and mind.

## Fall Fun Blitz offers students first-person exposure to clubs, student life

Students enjoyed free food while perusing recruitment information from clubs and organizations at the annual Fall Fun Blitz held 11 a.m.-2 pm. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 6-7. With picture-perfect weather, students ate, mingled and played outdoor games. Among the fun activities included jousting on inflatables presented by the National Guard, a mock SCC logo drawing contest hosted by the Marketing and

Communications Department, an inflatable money machine with various prize offerings by Salt Money and more.

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 students support services.