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Student John McGinnis continues to make all the right steps

John McGinnis knew from a young age he wanted to work with computers and technology. “My ultimate career goal is to become a software engineer and project manager in Sweden,” he said. “I speak Swedish and French, and I enjoy learning about other cultures.”

After being home-schooled growing up, John decided to attend St. Charles Community College to study computer programming.

His start at SCC was inspired by his aunt, Laura Helling, who received the college’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 2014.

“I saw the campus during a speech she gave here, and it made an impression on me,” he said.

John got involved around campus from the start. He became an officer of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society of two-year colleges, and worked in various departments across campus as a work-study. “The highlight of my experience at SCC has been my amazing cast of teachers, mentors and co-workers,” he said.

“As a prior home-schooled student, SCC helped me prepare to transfer to other colleges

by strengthening my sense of independence, my ability to cooperate as part of a team and my resolve,” he said. “SCC has given me the opportunity to prove to other universities that I can be a successful student and that I am able to perform well under the rigor and stress of working alongside an overloaded semester.”

Following his anticipated May 2018 graduation, John plans to transfer to the University of Missouri (Mizzou) on a full scholarship paid for through the Missouri Land Grant, which he learned about from one of SCC’s transfer advisors.

ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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SCC awarded \$222,269 agriculture grant

The National Science Foundation awarded a grant of \$222,269 to SCC for support of the “Educating Agriculture Technicians” (EAT) project, which will benefit the college’s Agriculture Program launching in fall 2018.

According to the EAT project description, the overarching goal of this project is to address the

urgent need to educate highly skilled technicians in the agriculture industry and prepare technicians to become an integral part of the workforce in the St. Charles area.

“This grant provides us funding that will develop this new academic program, as well as, community outreach, recruitment and retention

programs,” said Heather Stueben, associate professor of chemistry. “We anticipate that the new degree programs, along with outreach and recruitment efforts, will not only prepare students to become highly skilled technicians, but inform all stakeholders – students, faculty, parents and community members – of the vibrant professional opportunities in the agriculture industry.”

The funds will be awarded Sept. 1, 2018-Aug. 31, 2021, and will be completed under the direction of Stueben; Lauren Dickens, dean of business, science, education, math and computer science; Amanda Sizemore, assistant vice president for corporate and community development; and Tammie De Los Santos, associate dean of college and career readiness.

“We contend that the agriculture programs will have a broader impact by filling the gap in an area of the state that is barren of educational opportunities in agriculture studies,” Stueben said. “We foresee that this project will directly impact students, SCC and our industry partners.”

A quick recap ...

Women’s History Month

SCC hosted a series of events in honor of Women’s History Month in March. The events included MaKasha L. Harris, Ed.D., presenting on #BlackHairMatters; an open-mic discussion in cooperation with the SCC Speaks Freely series about #MeToo on sexual assault and rape presented by Lisa Randall, instructor of American Government; the discussion “Wonder Woman: Historical Heroine Suited (Up) for the 21st Century,” with Bryonie Carter and Rachel McWhorter; slam poet performance by Spoken Word Artist: Ebony Stewart; a film showing of *Wonder Woman* (2017); and a film showing of *A Wrinkle in Time* (2018) at a local theater.

Throughout the series of events, a Women’s History Month display titled “That’s What She Said” was on display March 12-30 in the LRC lobby.

Wellness Week March 26-29

SCC hosted a series of events for mental health and suicide prevention awareness March 26-29. Events included the backpack project which displayed backpacks and flags representing the 1,100 college students who commit suicide each year; a bead display for people who have been affected by suicide; a depression screening; therapy dogs; the documentary showing of “Angst – Anxiety Disorders Are Real, Common and Treatable ... Let’s Talk About It;” mindfulness exercises to

help reduce stress; a Mental Health and Wellness Expo; and, a nursing student poster display with handouts.

Geek Week April 2-5

SCC hosted a series of events for Geek Week April 2-5. Events included the panel: “Women in Science,” followed by a free showing of the film *Ghostbusters* (2016), Geek Trivia, Hogwarts Day, the discussion “Disney Villains ... Poor Unfortunate Souls” and Pokémon Party: Gotta Catch ‘Em All!

And then some ...

To see a full list of SCC news coverage, visit stchas.edu/press.

SCC prepared to support local Amazon fulfillment center with Supply Chain Logistics and Manufacturing Program

To support growing sales, Amazon will open its first Missouri fulfillment center just a few miles north of St. Charles Community College in St. Peters. The more than 800,000-square-foot facility will reportedly create more than 1,500 local jobs.

SCC will support the local workforce in these new openings with its Supply Chain Logistics and Manufacturing Technologies A.A.S degree. The degree launched in spring 2017 and equips students with the tools they need for the modern manufacturing environment, said Fay Aubuchon, associate dean of Workforce



Programs and Services. Through this program, students prepare for employment with companies, like Amazon, that have implemented team-oriented design, supply chain logistics, production, quality and maintenance systems within the manufacturing environment.

“Amazon’s choice to locate in Missouri speaks to our strength as North America’s logistics center,” said Rob Dixon, director of Missouri’s Department of Economic Development. “Our central location, international airports and extensive highway, rail

and river networks position Missouri as an ideal location for this new facility.”

“This is a major investment that reflects the growing shift to e-commerce and will add more than 1,500 new, full-time jobs in St. Charles County,” County Executive Steve Ehlmann said. “Amazon’s decision is just one more indication that St. Charles County is being recognized as an exceptional place to live, work and do business.”

To check out the course listing for summer and fall 2018, visit stchas.edu/courseschedule. Academic advising is available by appointment in Room 1204 of the Administration Building. To schedule an appointment, visit stchas.edu/appointment.

For more information about SCC’s Supply Chain Logistics and Manufacturing Program, contact Scott Kearns at 636-922-8667 or skearns@stchas.edu.



11 Practical Nursing students celebrated at annual pinning ceremony

Eleven graduates of SCC's Practical Nursing Program were honored March 23 at the 2018 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.

Two students received awards at the ceremony. Crystal Stonebarger earned Highest Academic Achievement and Jessica Mallinkrodt earned Compassionate Care Award.

Graduates receive 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.



PTK inducts 81 members, receives 4 regional awards

Eighty-one SCC students joined Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) this spring, and 26 of them attended the induction ceremony on April 8. 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 was recently recognized at the Missouri Regional Convention in Branson, Mo., and received the following awards: Horizon Award for Advisors for Christina Gant, 5-Star Chapter,

College Project Award and Honors in Action Award. In addition, SCC's chapter received REACH Rewards for adding members during the past year. Our membership acceptance rate is 16.6 percent. SCC is among 363 chapters, out of more than 1,300, in the nation who received this recognition. The state of Missouri has an average of 17 percent overall, the national rate is 13.2 percent.

The chapter sent members of its office and advisor team to the PTK annual convention, "Catalyst," in Kansas City, Mo., April 19-21.

SCC and UMSL sign acceptance agreement for international students

SCC and University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) signed a conditional guaranteed acceptance agreement for SCC's international students to transfer to UMSL on April 5.

Such an acceptance agreement ensures students who are moving from other countries are on a set track to transfer after SCC.

"These conditional guaranteed transfer agreements are essential marketing tools for

international students who are coming from countries where parents are spending their savings to send their students here and want to ensure that there is a clear pathway to a four-year institution," said Virginia Guneyli, SCC professor of English and program manager for global studies and international student support services.

SCC officials are on track to introduce conditional guaranteed acceptance agreements with other four-year institutions in the coming months.

"I am confident these agreements will result in an increase in international students," Guneyli said.

MARK THE CALENDAR

Lunch and learn "Ability" | April 23 | noon-1 p.m. | Private Dining Room, Student Center

Allies for Inclusion: The Ability Exhibit 1-6:30 p.m. April 23; 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 24-25

SCC Community Forum | April 26 | 5:30-7 p.m. | College Center rotunda

That '80s Run | April 28 | 7:30 a.m. | SCC campus

SCC Juried Student Art Exhibition | April 16-29 | FAB gallery

"Disfluency" film screening and panel April 30 | 10-11:15 a.m. | Student Center 205-206

SCC Band and Jazz Concert | April 30 | 7:30-9:30 p.m. | FAB theater

Spring Choral Concert | May 1 | 7:30-9:30 p.m. | FAB theater

SCC Symphonic Orchestra Concert "From Russia, With Love" | May 3 | 7:30-9 p.m. | FAB theater

Job Fair 2018 | May 4 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | College Center gym

Commencement | May 12 | 10 a.m. | College Center gym

Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Night May 18 | 5-8:30 p.m. | Red Parking Lot

SCC receives national awards for marketing and communications

SCC received four 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 a Gold Paragon in the flier category for the Trunktoberfest flier. The department was awarded two Silver Paragons: Discover e-magazine (electronic newsletter category) and Evergreen poster series (poster series category); and a Bronze Paragon for the Alice in Wonderland poster (poster category).

"These are the most prestigious awards for community college marketing and public relations professionals," said Heather McDorman, vice president for marketing and student life. "We're fortunate to have such high-level, creative professionals here at SCC."

NCMPR presented gold, silver and bronze awards in 53 categories at the Paragon Awards dinner and ceremony. Some 243 colleges

submitted a total of 1,943 entries to the contest. The awards were announced at the annual NCMPR national conference in Las Vegas, Nev., 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 1,700 members from more than 550 colleges across the United States and Canada. It is one of the largest affiliates of the American Association of Community Colleges.

SCC's Department of Marketing and Communications is responsible for advancing the college brand, including publications, graphic design, website, public relations, photography/videography and marketing.



Volunteers flock to SCC's fifth Day of Service, held April 6

SCC held its fifth semi-annual Day of Service April 6. Volunteers checked in with donuts and coffee at 8:30 a.m. and service work went from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Service experiences were followed by lunch at 1 p.m. There were volunteer opportunities at both the Wentzville and St. Charles-area Crisis Nursery locations, the St. Peters and St. Charles Boys and Girls Club locations, Calvary Church, the St. Charles and O'Fallon Salvation Army locations, as well as SCC.



SCC students joined Dr. Barbara Kavalier and the President's Cabinet on April 13 for Tea With the President.

SCC president invites students to 'Tea With the President'

On Friday, April 13, Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., hosted Tea With the President, this time inviting four current students and the President's Cabinet. Student attendees included Kaleigh Oliver, Grey Rische, Gabriella Crenshaw and Jordan Hatchett Alston.

"This student-centered tea time gave me an exciting opportunity to engage in conversation

with students and learn about the college from their perspective," Kavalier said.

Dr. Kavalier also hosted her monthly tea with faculty and staff on Wednesday, April 11. Attendees included Nancy Graviett, Monica Hall-Woods, Mitch Harden, Corey Porter, Debby Schultze, Yemi Smith, Liz Quiggins, Don Popham, Joy Dufraim, John Bookstaver and Barbara Kavalier.