



## Theresa Flett and Becky Thorn receive October 2018 President's Award



"It is my pleasure to announce the President's Council selection for the October 2018 President's Award, Theresa Flett (staff) and Becky Thorn (faculty)," said Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president.

Recently, Becky Thorn, assistant professor, began her third year as chair for the SCC Music Department. Inspired by Becky's leadership, the department has improved, experiencing a renewed sense of community, the nomination stated. Additionally, Thorn has connected with the college's external community through her direction of the Chamber Choir.

Theresa Flett, reference librarian, is being recognized for her work with students. She developed a library guide for "Fake News" and has been successfully connecting dual-credit students with key resources. According to her nomination, Flett is also a good resource for technology and often helps both students and faculty with questions that range from open source textbooks to Wi-Fi hotspots.

"Congratulations to Theresa and Becky for their successful contributions to SCC," Dr. Kavalier said.

TOP LEFT: *Becky Thorn, SCC assistant music professor and Music Department chair*

BOTTOM LEFT: *Theresa Flett, SCC reference librarian*



## Herbel receives Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award

Vicky Herbel, SCC sociology professor, received the 2018 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

The award program recognizes more than 100 teachers from kindergarten to college who are examples of excellence in the field of education in the St. Louis region.

"Vicky actively adapts her teaching to changes in society, technology, and new resources, resulting in outstanding success rates and student retention in the classroom," said Mara Vorachek-Warren, SCC dean of arts, humanities and social sciences. "She is a committed instructor for our College Success



Seminar, regularly participates on committees and task forces related to student success and retention efforts, and teaches courses with a service-learning component so her students obtain reality-based instruction about societal issues. Vicky ensures students appreciate her vulnerability as a fellow human being and regularly participates in campus events, where she shares with the student community her personal stories and passions beyond her discipline."

Vicky holds bachelor's and master's degrees in sociology from the University of Colorado.



## Three from SCC recognized by community college association

The efforts and achievements of two individuals from SCC and one state representative were recognized by the Missouri Community College Association at the 54th annual convention in November.

The MCCA Annual Convention ran Nov. 7-9 with a keynote delivered by Kaitlin Roig-DeBellis, Classes 4 Classes founder and executive director. Attendees participated in a variety of breakout sessions, all geared around topics of importance to Missouri community college employees. Topics ranged from "Civic Engagement: Inspiring Faculty, Staff and Students to Go Bold!" to "Building a Culture of Assessment." SCC sent employees from across various departments to the convention.

Those recognized with awards at the convention were chosen from thousands of peers across the state for their outstanding leadership, innovation and support for their community college campuses.

Rep. Bryan Spencer (District 63) received the Distinguished Legislator Award. This award is reserved

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for community colleges' biggest advocates in the Missouri Legislature. Rep. Spencer was recognized for his work on expanding access to higher education from SCC to Warren County.

Marvin Tobias, professor of psychology, earned the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award is presented annually for outstanding instructors from each community college campus in Missouri for work done during the previous year. Tobias has a well-known and highly regarded teaching style on campus and is respected by his peers.

Lisa Mouser, director of technology support, was awarded the Senior Service Award. This award is presented to a long-serving employee from each of Missouri's community colleges. Recipients are recommended for the award by their college president or chancellor. Lisa is a student-centered staff member who has served the campus community for many years and helps student workers learn in a hands-on environment.

The Missouri Community College Association's annual convention is the largest professional development opportunity in Missouri solely focused on community colleges. Its award banquets, breakout sessions and peer-to-peer networking attract more than 500 attendees from across the state.

**MARK THE CALENDAR**

**Finals Week for SCC students**  
Dec. 10-15

**Young People's Theatre production of *White Christmas*** | Dec. 14-16 | FAB theater

**The campus will be closed for winter break**  
Dec. 24-Jan. 1

**Performance: Opera Theatre Workshop**  
Jan. 12-13 | FAB theater

**The campus will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



**THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE HOSTED** the college's annual winter social event on Thursday, Dec. 6, to celebrate and show gratitude for SCC faculty and staff. Guests partied amid snowy ski lodge decor as actual snow fell outside. Attendees enjoyed a "snowman"-making contest, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a tasty hot chocolate bar, as well as socializing with friends.



**Touring actor addresses SCC theatre students**

Guest speaker Jonathan Weir, who is playing Jafar in the National Tour of *Aladdin* at the Fox Theatre in St. Louis, came to SCC to speak with the college's theatre and acting students on Nov. 13.

"It was a wonderful and unique experience for SCC theatre and music students to hear acting advice and stories of life on the road from a professional principle actor on tour with *Aladdin*," said Lynne Snyder, Theatre Department chair. "It's always enlightening to hear from working actors about their craft and be able to have some burning questions answered. We were lucky to have Jonathan Weir bring a little bit of Broadway to St. Charles."



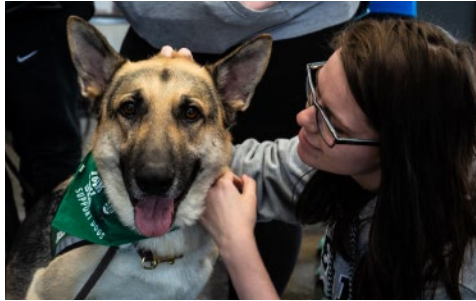
**Department of Public Safety, Red Hot Chili Coppers, takes top taste prize in chili cook-off**

SCC hosted its third annual Chuck Wagon Chili Cook-Off on Oct. 30, with eight groups participating in the competition. This year's event raised \$300 to support future SCC events and \$100 to support student scholarships.

Winners included:

- Best Overall Taste: Red Hot Chili Coppers with their Chick-chil-A
- Best Chili Name: Chick-chil-A (Team: Red Hot Chili Coppers)
- Best Booth Design: In Search of Truth, Justice and Extraordinary Chili
- Best Team Name: Chili MAC

This year's chili-tasters were "celebrity" Cottleville judges: Dave Bemis, Bemo's Grill owner; Jim Hennessey, Cottleville mayor; Carmen Mannino, owner of Mannino's Market; and Greg Prestemon, EDC Business and Community Partners president and CEO.



## SCC brings community together, honors veterans

SCC honored veterans and brought the community together in November as part of a three-day event series celebrating veterans of the armed services.

The events kicked off with the college's annual Veterans Celebration on Nov. 12. SCC faculty, staff and students, as well as the community, were encouraged to join the 2018 celebration to honor veterans with music and spoken word. The ceremony included a keynote from U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Garrett V.H. Randel III.

Lt. Col. Randel is the director of sustainment distribution in the U.S. Transportation Command Operations Directorate. USTRANSCOM is a functional combatant command with a mission to project and sustain military power, enable global reach and provide a full range of flexible and responsive options

to national leadership while presenting multiple dilemmas for potential adversaries.

Lt. Col. Randel enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1996 after graduating from Boise State University in Boise, Idaho, and has served as an infantryman with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, as an officer with Commander Naval Supply Systems Command, Weapon System Support-Philadelphia, and with various Marine Aviation Logistics Squadrons. Most recently he served as commander of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training-Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Other events included The Got Your Six Support Dogs, the SVO Lounge Open House and Meet and Greet, and a Student Veterans Forum.

To learn more about services for veterans on campus, the Student Veteran Organization and Honoring Military Families Scholarship, contact Andrew Gates, veterans services coordinator, at 636-922-8268.

## ACCT Trustees attend leadership conference

More than 2,000 trustees, presidents, chancellors, government officials, foundation representatives, and experts exchanged critical information and ideas on successful new models, innovations, programs, and actively networked with community college leaders from across the country at the 2018 Association of Community College Trustee Leadership Congress in New York.

Several SCC trustees traveled to New York City for the conference held Oct. 24-27. Participants included Pamela Cilek, Board president; William Pundmann, Board trustee; Shirley Lohmar, Board



vice president; and Mary Stodden, Board secretary. Dr. Barbara Kavalier, college president, accompanied the trustee delegation to the leadership congress.

The men's and women's soccer season at SCC has wrapped up for the year.

The Lady Cougars finished the season at 6-3-4 and appeared in the regional final against Metropolitan Community College. SCC played a hard-fought game, sending the match into overtime, but eventually fell in penalty kicks, ending the 2018 season. Region 16 recognized a few of the Lady Cougars hard work on the field, with four student-athletes being named to First Team All-Region including Bailey Beeler, Gabbie Wiesner, Madie Gentry and Ellie Kiely. Region 16 also recognized Hannah Leahy as a Second Team All-Region player.

"Congratulations to the SCC women's soccer team on another great year and congratulations to those student-athletes who received athletic recognition," said Tim Brix, SCC director of athletics.

The men's team finished their season at 9-9 with an appearance in the regional semi-final against St. Louis Community College (STLCC). The Cougars had a tough matchup against undefeated STLCC but did not back down from the challenge. The men battled but eventually fell by a final score of 4-2, concluding the 2018 season. SCC players, Rhys Thomas and Joe Bell, were recognized by Region 16 as First Team All-Region players and Rafael Lima and Timmy Ballard were named Second Team All-Region players.

The Athletics Department held its second annual Meet 'n Greet with the president in October. The event was a tremendous success, with each head coach giving a team gift to the president. The student-athletes showed respect and support for one another, while also being very professional and polite throughout the event.

"This is a great way to get all of our student-athletes to interact with each other and for our president to learn about the team, coach and each individual student-athlete," Brix said.