

# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – July 2018



## SCC answers call of local economy; registration now open for new credit agriculture program

Missouri currently employs 378,232 full- and part-time workers in the agriculture industry, according to the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Yet, until now, educational opportunities for interested students have been non-existent in the Greater St. Louis region.

With St. Louis's rapidly growing plant and agricultural innovation community serving as a leading hub for the commercialization of plant science and related technologies, St. Charles Community College is changing the local educational landscape with its agriculture program, launching this fall.

Not only is there a workforce demand, but high school students are also showing an interest in the field.

"Troy Buchanan High School has the largest Future Farmers of America chapter in the nation, and there are no higher education agriculture options close to them," said Dr. John Bookstaver, vice president for academic affairs and enrollment management at SCC. "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."

"This large number of students with a vested interest in the agriculture industry provides the

ideal environment for SCC to make a dramatic impact on the next generation of agriculture technicians," said Heather Stueben, SCC associate professor of chemistry.

Median incomes for those employed in the agricultural industry in Missouri range from \$27,770-\$101,400, depending on area of specialty, expertise and education level.

SCC students will now be able to complete an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree with a focus in agriculture this fall, and the college has plans to expand its agriculture offerings in the near future.

"One goal that we have is to set the foundations for students to understand a wide variety of agriculture specialties," said Micah Humphreys, Ph.D., SCC associate professor of agriculture. "The coursework will be designed so that students can get a job in an agriculture field and hit the ground running because they have mastered the essentials. Also, if students want to transfer to a four-year institution, they are going to be ready for the upper-division courses and the specialization that happens in those courses."

SCC was awarded a \$222,269 grant from the National Science Foundation that will support the development and implementation of this new agriculture program. The funding extends from Sept. 1, 2018, to Aug. 31, 2021.



## SOAR program continues to draw students to SCC

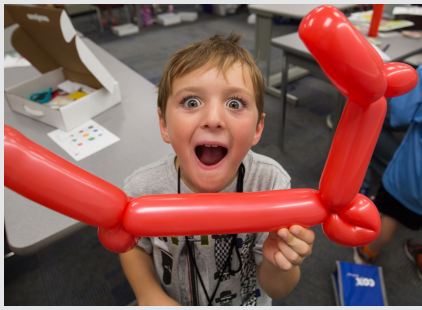
SCC wrapped up its second summer of SOAR – student orientation, advising and registration – to help first-time freshmen simplify the fall enrollment process, save time and better prepare families for their students' time at the college.

With eight total SOAR sessions on four different dates, approximately 260 students checked in to the events resulting in the registration of more than 3,400 total credit hours. SOAR includes elements for both students and family members. Students participate in portal and self-service training, a registration orientation and register for classes. Parents get a tour of campus and have time to sit in on financial aid and career services presentations tailored to them.

## Staff participate in June 7 in-service; managerial learning communities launch

SCC staff participated in in-service training on June 7. Topics included Using Reason to Resolve Conflict, presented by Amanda Lumpkin from CompPsych, and Mindfulness, presented by Lisa Stoner, SCC professor of psychology. Staff were also given the opportunity to sign up for a five-minute chair massage and enjoy lunch served by Cabinet.

This year's event included the kick-off of a new program for all managerial staff – managerial learning communities. Supervisors were assigned to teams for book club meetings about *The 10 Laws of Trust* by Joel Peterson with David A. Kaplan.



## College for All Kids summer camps in full swing at SCC

Learning and having fun go hand-in-hand this summer at SCC's College for All Kids camps. With more than 100 academic enrichment and sports camps held June 5-Aug. 4, children ages 5-14, enjoyed camps such as Arithmatricks, Junior Jedi and Cougar Cheer Camp. STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) camps are an area of specialty at the college.

## MARK THE CALENDAR

**Center Stage Theatre Performance of *It Shoulda Been You*** | July 24-29  
FAB theater

**Continuing Education Art Extravaganza**  
July 16-Aug. 2 | FAB gallery

**Fall semester begins Saturday, Aug. 18.**

**Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Night** | Friday, Aug. 24 | 5-8:30 p.m.  
Red Parking Lot/Technology Building lawn



## SCC receives \$10,000 from the UPS Foundation

The St. Charles Community College Foundation received a \$10,000 grant from the UPS Foundation, which drives global corporate citizenship and philanthropic programs for UPS.

"The generous donation from UPS is greatly appreciated. It will help advance SCC's Diversity and Inclusion Plan initiatives with the goals of better serving the needs of diverse students, faculty and staff and enhancing minority representation and retention," said Donna Davis, vice president for human resources

UPS has been supporting the SCC Foundation in a number of ways since 1991. Beyond grant funding, UPS believes in volunteering for the organizations it supports.

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, Ga., the UPS Foundation identifies specific areas where its backing clearly impacts social issues. In support

of this strategic approach, the UPS Foundation has identified the following focus areas for giving: volunteerism, diversity, community safety and the environment.

In 2017, UPS and its employees, active and retired, invested more than \$118 million in charitable giving around the world. The UPS Foundation can be found on the web at [UPS.com/foundation](http://UPS.com/foundation). To get UPS news direct, visit [pressroom.ups.com/RSS](http://pressroom.ups.com/RSS).

"The UPS Foundation is honored to support diversity and inclusion initiatives at St. Charles Community College," said Eduardo Martinez, president of the UPS Foundation and chief diversity and inclusion officer at UPS. "Our goal is to fund powerful programs that make a lasting difference to the global community."



## Summer = Ice Cream

To commemorate the official first day of the summer and the longest day of the year, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, and members of the Cabinet, served ice cream to faculty, staff and students, Thursday, June 21, in the Student Center. "Everyone loves ice cream – and it's a great way to beat the heat and celebrate the good work of the SCC team!" Dr. Kavalier said.



## So long, Number 10!

Several SCC staff and administrators came out to the baseball field June 28 to celebrate the 20-year tenure of Chris Gober (center) as head baseball coach and to witness the retiring of his jersey number. Gober spent 26 years at SCC, including 15 years as athletic director.

The newly retired number will hang prominently on the baseball's field outfield wall.