

# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – March 2018



## SCC Practical Nursing receives full approval from Missouri State Board of Nursing

St. Charles Community College received a site survey visit on Feb. 22 from the Missouri State Board of Nursing to evaluate the college's Practical Nursing Program. The State Board of Nursing reviewed the program and is putting forward a recommendation to the state for a continuation of full Board approval.

Results will be finalized in April, after the State Board of Nursing meets to hear the recommendation.

"Every accreditation or approval visit is an opportunity to review and evaluate our programs. The recent State Board of Nursing visit was no exception," said Amy Koehler, Dardenne Creek Campus dean and dean of Nursing & Allied Health. "It validated the fact that SCC's Nursing Program is exceptional and its faculty and staff are dedicated to



keeping student success at the center of their mission."

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited through the Accreditation

Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The program is accredited through 2020 and will have another visit in fall 2020.

## SCC takes step toward Agriculture Program launch in Fall 2018 Semester

SCC made its first hire for the college's new agriculture program, to launch this fall. Micah Humphreys, Ph.D., will begin his work at the college this summer.

Humphreys studied agronomy at Purdue University and has been teaching agriculture courses at Northwest College in Powell, Wyo., since 2007. His time this summer will be focused on making community connections to promote the program and curriculum development. His full-time appointment as associate professor of agriculture will begin in fall 2018.

SCC has transfer agreements with Truman State University and Missouri State University for all of the program's approved courses.

It was agreed that advising students to take agriculture classes as electives in their Associate of Arts Degree would allow, in most cases, SCC students to transfer to the universities and have a similar academic profile to a native junior in an Agriculture Program.

"We are in the process of developing specific 2+2 agreements, as well," said Lauren Dickens, dean of business, science, education,



math and computer science. "While A.A.S. and A.S. degrees are a goal for this program, we thought it best to wait until we hired a full-time faculty person with expertise to move SCC forward in that direction."

## Trivia benefits student scholarships at SCC

The SCC Employee Sponsored Program hosted its annual Trivia Night and raised \$5,000 for SCC scholarships, campus enhancements and employee support initiatives on March 9.

The fandom-themed event was held in the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building auditorium. Tributes, Potterheads, SuperWhoLocks and others competed for this year's title and \$200 prize.

The trivia categories included directors, TV theme songs, name the villain, movie poster close-ups, music fandom, friends and sidekicks, origin stories, video games, college fight songs and bad movie descriptions.

"Trivia Night is an evening of friendly competition, and it supports a great cause," said Peggy Schnardthorst, SCC development and foundation relations manager. "We are thankful for those who participate 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."

## SCC celebrates Global Days Feb. 26-March 1

St. Charles Community College hosted a series of events to celebrate the different cultures on our campus.

**Feb. 27-28** – The Cultures of Our Students poster collection was on display in the SSB lounge, located in the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building. SCC's English as a Second Language and international students created these posters to offer cultural insight into their countries.

**Feb. 28** – Cultures Around the World was held in Scooter's Place in the Student Center. Attendees could delve into other cultures by sampling ethnic fare, viewing traditional crafts and clothing, listening to other countries' music and playing new and interesting games. SCC's English as a Second Language and international students explained the showcases. This event was hosted by Dawn Huffman.

A Cultural Poster Show was on display in the SSB lounge. Students from the ESL 105 class discussed their posters and answered questions about their cultures.



The film *Lion* was screened in the SSB auditorium.

**March 1** – D-Day Study Tour: Following in the Footsteps of U.S. Soldiers was held in the SSB auditorium. Speakers Dan Yezbick, professor of English and communications at St. Louis Community College and Chris Sulincevski, international programs coordinator at St. Louis Community College, discussed the discoveries made during the D-Day Study held in England and France, in the summer of 2017.

For more information on Global Days, contact Dawn Huffman at 636-922-8574 or dhuffman@stchas.edu.



## SCC wraps up Black History Month celebration

SCC concluded its Black History Month series of events in February. The events included films, panels, a lunchtime musician, soul food and more. SCC's Multicultural and Global Awareness Committee and the African American Faculty and Staff Association (AAFSA) sponsored the events.

A series highlight was the screening of the international blockbuster film *Black Panther* on Feb. 26, at Marcus Theatres at Mid Rivers Mall. One hundred students received free tickets with their student ID.

## COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS



## GM Robotics Challenge continues to thrive at SCC

The college hosted the 20th annual General Motors (GM) Robotics Challenge on March 9 in the College Center gym.

This year's event had nearly 350 student participants from 48 teams. The challenge, once again, was written by Brian Steber, senior engineer for GM. There were 24 judges from various companies who volunteered their time.

The event started at 8:15 a.m. and concluded with the awards ceremony was held at 1:10 p.m. Breakout sessions included

Micro:bit Maker Space, General Motors Predictive Technology, Photonics/Lasers/Optics, SCC 3D Printing and SCC Engineering.

Sponsors of the event included General Motors – Wentzville, SCC Workforce Development and Grow Manufacturing St. Charles County.

For more information about the event, contact Tammie De Los Santos at tdelossantos@stchas.edu.

## GETTING TO KNOW ...



**GLORIA BOSIRE**, an international student from Kenya, joined the SCC community in January 2017 after her sponsor suggested it.

“I’ve wanted to be a pediatrician since I was young. I want to inspire people to spread love through everything they do.”

“SCC has helped me get great exposure as an international student. It has helped me learn and embrace the American education system which is very different from what I did back in my own country. It has also helped me become more independent.”

## SCC officials present to Warren County task force

At the request of a Warren County task force, a group of SCC leaders took part in a presentation that highlighted several options to serve the county’s needs. The task force is focused on bringing higher education and technical training opportunities to the residents of Warren County.

Presenting for SCC were Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president; John Bookstaver, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and enrollment management; Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative services; and Amanda Sizemore, assistant vice president for corporate and community development.

The task force is now considering its options.



## President’s Tea held Feb. 21

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., enjoyed conversation with another wonderful group of faculty and staff during Tea With the President. Front row, from left – Sylvia Malta, Anna Boulware, Denise Lammers, Barbara Kavalier and Lindsay Brand. Back row – John Bookstaver, Beth Nichols, Katie Mawer, Jackie Radle and Jeff Drake.

## MARK THE CALENDAR

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

**Young People’s Theatre’s presents *The Wizard of Oz*** | March 22-25 | FAB theater

**SCC Speaks Freely forum** | Wednesday, March 21 | 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | College Center rotunda

**Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Week** | March 26-29 | Various locations

**Student Recital** | Wednesday, March 28 noon-1 p.m. | FAB Room 118

**SCC Student Film Festival** | Thursday, March 29 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | SSB auditorium

**Campus will be closed Friday, March 30.** No credit classes Friday-Saturday, March 30-31.

**Faculty Recital** | Saturday, April 7 | 7:30-8:30 p.m. FAB theater

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

**Center Stage Theatre presents *Almost, Maine*** April 18-22 | FAB theater

**SCC Speaks Freely forum** | Thursday, April 19 1-2:30 p.m. | College Center rotunda



## The numbers are in – area High School Math Tournament is a big win

SCC hosted the 21st Annual High School Math Tournament in cooperation with [mathleague.org](http://mathleague.org) on March 3. There were 57 students from 13 area high schools competing in this year’s competition.

Rock Bridge High School took first place in the tournament. The tournament was open to any student in grades 9-12.

SCC’s Joe Howe, Cheryl Eichenseer, Kim Heitmann, Vicki Woodrum and Chris Cronin organized and facilitated this successful event.



## First Alumni & Friends breakfast precedes parade

On March 17, SCC’s Alumni & Friends St. Patrick’s Day breakfast in the Student Center kicked off the new Alumni Association. Attendees enjoyed delicious breakfast with all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage by Chris Cakes St. Louis. The group was invited to park in the college’s reserved Green Lot and take advantage of free shuttles running from the college to the Cottleville St. Patrick’s Day Parade.