## **ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – January 2019









# SCC employees recognized for years of service

SCC faculty, staff and some family members came together on campus as the college held its Service Recognition Luncheon on Jan. 17. Filling the College Center gymnasium were faculty and staff celebrating milestone years – including 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service – honored for their contributions to SCC over the years.

Thirty-year honorees included Debra Crank Lewis, professor; and Behrooz Vakil, associate professor.

Twenty-five year honorees included Bill Kristen, associate professor; Paul Roesler, professor; and Scott Vierling, carpenter/maintenance technician.



**30 YEARS OF SERVICE** 



**25 YEARS OF SERVICE** 

# College welcomes new diversity officer

Martha Garcia Kampen was recently named full-time Chief Diversity and Compliance Officer/ Employee Title IX Coordinator at SCC.

"I am extremely excited about the potential and opportunities for the SCC community," Kampen said. "I look forward to bringing various groups together toward our collective goal of a more welcoming, inclusive, safe and vibrant campus where everyone feels they belong."

Kampen brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in the areas of cultural communications, diversity and inclusion initiatives, strategic plan development and execution, professional leadership training and development,



marketing communications and business partner development.

Donna Davis, SCC vice president for human resources, said, "Martha is an incredible asset to our campus community in

progressing initiatives in the areas of diversity, equity, inclusion, and the appreciation of diverse cultures."

Kampen had been filling the role as interim Chief Diversity and Compliance Officer/Employee Title IX Coordinator since June 2018.



Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, provided attendees with an update on college priorities.



Rep. John Wiemann (*Dist. 103, pictured foreground, right*) engaged other legislators about next steps to support of higher education budget challenges.

# Workforce training is theme of legislative coffee

Several legislators and area elected officials learned about workforce programs and initiatives at a coffee held on campus Friday, Jan. 25.

SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., kicked off the event with a welcome and general college update. Details about state funding expenditures were covered by Todd Galbierz, SCC vice president for administrative services.

John Bookstaver, vice president for academic affairs & enrollment management and Amanda Sizemore, assistant vice president of corporate and community development, shared SCC programs and services that impact workforce development, one of Gov. Mike Parson's priorities for the next year.

#### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

# Gifts support teaching and learning

Many faculty and staff were delighted to find out they will receive mini-grants this year from the SCC Foundation for academic/ program enhancements. The funds for these grants come from corporate partners and generous individuals who are passionate about education.

More than \$20,000 in Foundation funds were awarded for these: All-in-one student sign-in computers, Academic Advising Registration lab, Agriculture beehive project, computer headsets with microphones, English as a Second Language materials, guest speakers for Democracy Days, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectrometer upgrade, a professional development subscription and water refilling stations for the Center for Healthy Living.

An additional \$7,000 in private donations will fund these: Phlebotomy trainers, an automatic digital blood pressure machine, a laparoscopic simulator, resuscitation manikin trainers, the Area High School Math Tournament, piano class video equipment, molecular puzzles for Biology and a Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) Router for WFD Manufacturing Industrial Training.





Dr. Barbara Kavalier and the SCC Foundation hosted guests for an evening open house in the president's suite on Dec. 18, three days before the college closed for winter break.



**THE NURSE PINNING IS A SYMBOLIC WELCOMING** into the profession, and at a Dec. 13 ceremony at the college's Center for Healthy Living in Dardenne Prairie, 10 graduates were given the opportunity to dedicate their successes to their friends and family, instructors and classmates. Following a candlelighting ceremony, symbolic of a lit lamp used by of Florence Nightingale while caring for injured soldiers, the SCC nursing grads also recited the Florence Nightingale Pledge. "While many other institutions have done away with it, we believe this ceremony is a rite of passage for nursing graduates preparing to enter the field," said Amy Koehler, dean of nursing and allied health and CHL campus dean.

#### WELLNESS GRANTS

Proceeds from the 2018 That '80s Run have funded five campus projects that will benefit faculty, staff and/or student health and wellness.

The following projects and groups were awarded \$8,465.91 in grants:

- 1. Pre-Finals Coffee (requested by the Library)
- 2. Weight Room Squat Rack (requested by the Fitness Center)
- Hustle to Build More Muscle Weight Equipment (requested by Continuing Education)
- Wellness Way Initiative to Promote Healthy Habits (requested by the Center for Healthy Living)

5. Trainer/Teams' Golf Cart (requested by Athletics)

That '80s Run was formed in 2014, but SCC has hosted a community run annually since 1992. In fall 2018, the President's Council voted to discontinue the run and replace it with an Open House event that will promote SCC degrees, certificates and services to the regional community.

That '80s Run included a scenic 5K, a fun run and a free Health and Wellness Expo. In 2006, the college Run Committee began offering health and wellness grants for college wellness projects. Between 2006-2018, the committee funded 88 grants totaling \$69,828.24.

### MARK THE CALENDAR

**Between the Covers Book Club** | 2:30 p.m. Jan. 30 | Learning Resource Center

**Urban Art Exhibit** | Feb. 4-March 9 | FAB gallery and annex (Reception: 6-8 p.m. Feb. 6)

**SCC Annual Solo Concert** – 7:30-9 p.m. Feb. 8 SSB auditorium

Instrumental Master Class | Noon-1 p.m. Feb. 13 | FAB 118

**Coffeehouse Open-Mic Night** | 7-9 p.m. Feb. 21 SSB student lounge **Comedy Night** – 7-9 p.m. Feb. 23 | FAB theater \$5 for students, \$10 general admission

**Movie Night – Black History Month** | 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 | SSB auditorium

#### "A Taste of Soul" – Black History Month

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 19 | Food samplings for students and a performance by students of Pamoja Preparatory Academy | SSB auditorium

**Movie Night – Black History Month** | 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 | SSB auditorium