



## Governor Parson visits SCC, talks Fast Track

On March 8, Missouri Gov. Mike Parson visited St. Charles Community College to discuss legislation promoting Fast Track, a new state financial aid program that addresses workforce needs by encouraging adults to pursue an industry-recognized credential in an area designated as “high need.” His stop at SCC was one of many events held across Missouri in an effort to introduce Missourians to the initiative.

Fast Track is part of Missouri’s “Big Goal for Higher Education” to have 60 percent of working-age adults obtain a certificate or degree by 2025. The invitation-only event featured presentations by Zora Mulligan, Missouri commissioner for higher education; Rob Dixon, director for the Missouri Department of Economic Development; and Representative Swan and Senator Romine – sponsors of Fast Track legislation.

## Tea with the President

On March 13, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, hosted her monthly President’s Tea. Guests at this month’s special event included (from left to right) Donna Davis, vice president for human resources; Christy Gant, assistant professor of English/literature; Beth Bauer, nursing instructor; Lisa Stoner, professor of psychology; Jan Hackney, office assistant; Christina Cox, associate director of institutional research; Beth Michael-Smith, associate professor of chemistry; David Reimers, police officer; and Dr. Kavalier.

The event provides an opportunity each month for employees to mingle and discuss a broad range of college affairs in a comfortable setting.

## SCC recognized as a 2019-2020 Military Friendly School

SCC was designated as a 2019-2020 Military Friendly School by *MilitaryFriendly.com*. MilitaryFriendly.com is managed by Vqtory, the publisher of GI Jobs magazine and Military Spouse magazine.

Colleges are chosen based on the “organization’s commitment, effort and success in creating sustainable and meaningful benefit for the military community.”

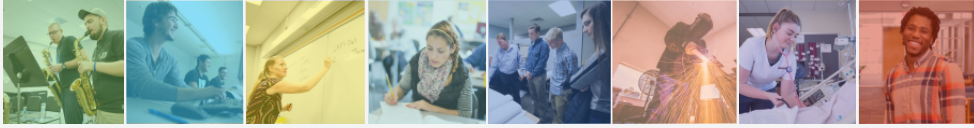
Institutions must be in operation and good standing for federal programs. These programs include the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, 8 Keys to Vet Success,

VA’s Principles of Excellence, Federal Financial Aid Shopping List, Armed Forces Tuition Assistance Funding, DoD Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding, Veteran Success on Campus (VSOC) Program and Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Network.

“This designation reflects an ongoing effort by the institution to provide tangible



and comprehensive support for veterans and service members in our community. We are honored at SCC to continue to serve the men and women who serve our nation in uniform,” said Andrew Gates, SCC veterans services coordinator and financial aid officer. SCC encourages veterans considering college to consider the college’s programs, he added.



# PATHWAYS

Finding a road to success

- Arts & Humanities
- Business
- Computers & Technology
- Education
- Manufacturing & Industry
- Math, Agriculture, Science & Engineering
- Nursing, Allied Health & Wellness
- Social Behavioral Science

## SCC simplifying, enhancing student experience with new 'pathways' model

Big changes are coming to SCC's academic offerings in the form of pathways.

Rather than presenting first-time students with what can feel like an overwhelming amount of choices, this new model will channel students into courses directly relevant to their future major, while also providing a decision-making mechanism to help students match their skills and interests to related degree programs.

"We believe this model will help our students leave SCC better educated and better prepared for the workforce," said David Cirillo, faculty lead of institutional effectiveness. "With students being more focused and interested in their education, SCC will be producing better students, citizens and workers, which can only be good for the region."

Students will now choose a particular pathway, based on their skills and interests, rather than needing to choose a specific major at the beginning of their educational experience. This ensures students are taking

courses relevant to a degree, even if they are still unsure of what that degree might be.

The overarching pathways that students will select from include arts and humanities; business; computers and technology; education; manufacturing and industry; nursing, allied health and wellness; science, engineering and math; and social and behavioral science.

After considerable research, college officials determined implementation of a guided pathways model is in the best interest of everyone – students, faculty, staff and the college's business partners.

From providing students with a specific educational plan and guiding each student to a meaningful career and directing students to relevant and relatable courses, college officials say the pathways will have many benefits for students.

Prep work for this new pathways model has been underway for quite some time at the college and will officially roll out at SCC with the summer and fall 2019 registration period beginning in April.

## Trivia Night on March 8 helps fund scholarships for SCC students, campus enhancements and more

The SCC Employee Sponsored Program hosted its annual Trivia Night on March 8 and raised more than \$6,000 for SCC scholarships, campus enhancements and employee support initiatives.

The music-themed event was held in the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building auditorium. More than 150 attendees competed for this year's title and \$200 prize.

The winning team included SCC employees Joe Baumann, Christy Gant, Rachel McWhorter-Rush and Jeff Miller. The trophy for the best costumes went to the "Beatnik" team, including employees Andrea Compton, Barb Fuerst, Dave Willmore and Jerol Enoch.

Event organizers would like to give a special thanks to the planning committee made up of Theresa Flett, Heather Dolson, Mandy Rose, Sonja Mugler, Christina Cox and Jacquelyn White. Event judges included Susie Rubemeyer, Kayse Larkin, David Cirillo, Marvin and Genis Tobias. The servers were Jan Hackney and Trish Orf.

"This event was a success because of the awesome employees, alumni and friends who support our students," said Peggy Schnardthorst, SCC development and foundation relations manager.

For more information, visit [stchas.edu/trivia](http://stchas.edu/trivia).

## SCC hosts Women's History Month

SCC hosted a series of events in honor of Women's History Month this March. The events included the showing of the TEDx Talk "We Should All Be Feminists" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; a showing of "Iron Jawed Angels," a film about a women's right to vote; and the Center Stage Theatre production of "Twelfth Night."

Events were sponsored by SCC Student Activities and the BRIDGE Committee (BRIdging Inclusion, Diversity and Global Education). For more information on SCC's Women's History Month events, contact Robert Jones at [robert\\_jones@stchas.edu](mailto:robert_jones@stchas.edu).

## SCC hosts 22nd Annual Math Tournament

SCC hosted the 22nd Annual High School Math Tournament in cooperation with [mathleague.org](http://mathleague.org) on March 2. There were 50 students from 12 area high schools competing in this year's competition.

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

SCC's Rich Christianson, Chris Cronin, Cheryl Eichenseer, Emily Eichenseer, Karen George, Michael Gosche, Joe Howe, Mary Koch, Kyle Linden, Beth Michael-Smith, Chuck Owens, Tim Scott, Behrooz Vakil, Jacquelyn White, Vicki Woodrum volunteered their time in grading and prepping for the event.



John Bookstaver, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and enrollment management, spoke at the awards ceremony.



### Jean Deimund, Michael Kuelker named latest President's Award recipients

The President's Council selected Jean Deimund and Michael Kuelker for the February President's Award.

Deimund supports multiple departments as division office coordinator for theatre and music and handles box office duties for Center Stage Theatre, Young People's Theatre, music programs and other campus events in the FAB theatre. According to those who nominated her, she is tireless in her pursuit to excel and help the Theatre and Music departments and does all this while maintaining a pleasant and bubbly personality; and is an extraordinary individual who demonstrates SCC's mission and values 100 percent.

Kuelker, professor of English, has been the lead organizer of Democracy Days since 2001, is recognized in the larger community for his dedicated work on remembering the Holocaust by being the mainstay of the organization behind the Holocaust Commemoration Program, was recognized as an outstanding instructor/faculty member of the year for 2004, and has served as president of the faculty association. According to his nomination, he represents the best of SCC faculty in his commitment to students, faculty and broader community by his instruction, outreach and commitment to excellence.

## SCC lands Missouri Humanities Grant to fund writing event

The SCC English Department was recently awarded a \$1,975 grant to put on its first ever Missouri Writers Consortium, which funds trips and visits by three Missouri-based writers to our campus.

On Feb. 7, fiction writer Meagan Cass, associate professor of English at Illinois University-Springfield and winner of the 2017 Katherine Anne Porter Prize for Fiction, attended two joint creative writing classes and gave a public reading from her short story collection *ActivAmerica*. On March 5, James D'Agostino, associate professor of English at Truman State

University, author of three poetry collections (*Nude With Anything*, *Slur Oeuvre*, and *Weathermanic*), visited two classes and read new and previously-published poetry. The final of these writers, Allison Coffelt, who heads the True/False Film Festival in Columbia, Mo., will be on campus on April 9 to talk about nonfiction writing and her travel memoir about her work in Haiti.

The grant was funded by the Missouri Humanities Council in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Joe Baumann, Ph.D., is the project director, and he can be reached for questions at [jbaumann@stchas.edu](mailto:jbaumann@stchas.edu).

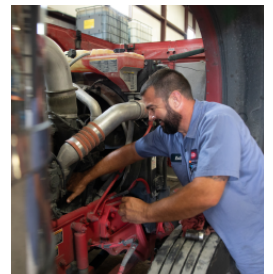
## Warren County speaking engagements lead up to April 2 election, which features SCC

Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president, has participated in a number of informational presentations that highlight the benefits of higher education and technical training for Warren County residents.

Dr. Kavalier presented to the Warrenton Rotary Club on March 7, attended the Warren County Farm Bureau meeting on March 11, and spoke briefly at the Warrenton Area Chamber meeting on March 12.

"Thanks to everyone who has helped move forward this initiative," Dr. Kavalier said. "Warren County leadership is making good progress with the Warren County initiative."

Additional speaking engagements are in the works leading up to the election.



### MARK THE CALENDAR

**Art Exhibit: Fantastic** | Now-April 12 | FAB gallery and the annex, FAB 106

**Art Exhibit Reception** | March 27 | FAB gallery

**Young People's Theatre presents Disney's *Newsies*** | March 29-31 | FAB theater

**Mental Health and Wellness Week** | March 25-28  
SSB 1202, lounge and gallery

**SCC Student Film Festival** | Tuesday, April 2  
6:30 p.m. | SSB auditorium

**SCC Day of Service** | Friday, April 5 | 8:30 a.m.-  
1:30 p.m. | CC rotunda

**Faculty Recital** | Saturday, April 6 | 7:30 p.m.  
FAB theater

**Alumni Happy Hour** | Tuesday, April 9  
4:30-6:30 pm. | Bemo's in Cottleville

**Spring Fling** | April 17-18 | Campus Plaza

**Center Stage Theatre presents *The Laramie Project*** | April 24-28 | FAB theater

**Cultures Around the World** | April 8-17  
various times and locations

**Spring 2019 SCC Juried Student Art Exhibition** | Monday, April 29 | 6-8 p.m.  
FAB gallery

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**BE SCC.**

For more information and additional events, including SCC athletics, visit [stchas.edu/calendar](http://stchas.edu/calendar).