

# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – November 2019



Theresa Drury



Christy Gant

## President's Council selects Drury, Gant as President's Award winners

The President's Council selected Teresa Drury, student life office coordinator, and Christy Gant, English and literature assistant professor, for President's Awards.

Known for providing outstanding service to students, Drury is often the first point of contact for a student in a crisis. According to her nomination, she "provides a friendly office experience while addressing students' needs quickly and with dignity."

Though Drury has taken on additional duties and responsibilities recently due to transition in the department, her "quick assessment of student needs and kind interaction" continues to make a significant impact on students and greatly contributes to student success on a regular basis.

When she's not in the classroom, you can

find Gant working with the Alpha Xi Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. According to her nomination, she "tirelessly recruits, on-boards, mentors and travels with the chapter." Because of her dedication to the international honor society, it has become one of St. Charles Community College's largest student groups and has "influenced and inspired hundreds of students" who are proud members and alumni.

Under her leadership and mentorship, PTK has earned the highest honors given to chapters by the international honor society. Additionally, Gant has been individually recognized as an outstanding PTK advisor for her contributions.

## Chuck Wagon Chili Cook-Off



Cottleville "celebrity" judges (from left) Carmen Mannino, owner of Mannino's Market, Dave Bemis, owner of BEMO's and Jim Hennessey, Mayor of Cottleville.



The Spice Is Right team presented their Showcase Chili at the annual chili cook-off.



The "Baby Shark" song blared from the School of Sharks booth this year on repeat!

## Day of Service brings students, faculty and staff together to better the community



From left: Felicia Emery, microbiology instructor, and Sophia Koziatek, chemistry instructor volunteer their time at Day of Service

The weather was less than ideal, but that didn't stop an eager group of volunteers at the St. Charles Community College Day of Service on Oct. 11. More than 50 students, faculty and staff took part in the semiannual event.

"I am gratified by the way the event has been able to grow since its inception," said Bryonie Carter, associate professor of English and chair of the service learning and civic engagement program at SCC. "We have been able to develop deeper relationships with our community partners, and we have so many return volunteers who participate nearly every year."

Sophomore Devin Matteoni is one of those volunteers. This is his second time at the event. He spent the day at the SCC Center for Healthy Living filling IV bags for student use – a task that is often time consuming and burdensome for faculty.

"I am hoping to eventually become a doctor," he explained. "I thought this would be a great opportunity to see what the CHL had to offer. At the same time, it's nice to know I'm helping make other people's lives a little easier by volunteering my time."

Freshmen Chase Rybak and Kaylee Mayes

had a slightly different task at the location. They helped service and clean mannequins used by students.

"It was definitely not what I was expecting when I signed up to volunteer," Chase joked, "but it was really interesting to see how they worked."

"I've never really seen something like this before," Kaylee said. "It was a great experience. I've always enjoyed giving back."

According to Lindy McGuire, director of operations for CHL, it can take an average of 20-25 hours a month for one person to complete mannequin maintenance. A little extra help goes a long way.

"As my grandma always says, 'many hands make light work!'" she explained. "I've been participating in Day of Service for several years now. It's always such an amazing opportunity for different people to bond over a positive shared experience."

Volunteers also spent time at Calvary Church, the SCC Theater, Crisis Nursery and the City of St. Peters lending a hand on various projects. The event usually occurs in spring and fall semesters.

"I am always fascinated by how much the students really get out of the day," said Lindsay Brand. The English instructor helped spearhead the event in 2019. "I think the act of serving, in itself, is often just as rewarding for the volunteer as it is for the agency benefiting."

## President, board members attend Association of Community College Trustees conference

From Oct. 16-18, Dr. Barbara Kavalier traveled to San Francisco with Board of Trustees, President Pamela Cilek, Board of Trustees, Secretary Mary Stodden, Board of Trustees, Treasurer Rose Mack and Board of Trustees, Member William Pundmann for the 50th Annual Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress.

The conference focused on addressing the needs of unique student populations, new pathways to student success, partnerships and collaborations, distance learning, institutional resource development and best practices to strengthen governance.

Dr. Kavalier will share her main takeaways from the conference at the Nov. 4 Board of Trustees meeting.

Also at the conference, Trustee Stodden met with the ACCT Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, of which she is a member.



Construction on the Campus Lake Apartments is on schedule. Students are expected to be able to move in after the start of the new year.

## Student housing project nears completion, Student Center renovations starting soon

### Campus Lake Apartments – Student Housing

It is an exciting time on the St. Charles Community Campus, as several major facility projects are underway. After breaking ground on April 29, the new Campus Lake Apartments are nearing completion. According to Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative services and COO, construction is making great progress and is on track for completion in November. St. Charles Community College and SCC Housing Partners, LLC, expect 30-50 students to move in next semester.

The student housing facility will be able to eventually house up to 130 students, spread across various unit configurations and will offer co-ed housing opportunities for SCC students. The apartments will be fully furnished, including stainless steel appliances, full kitchens, in-unit washer and dryers and 55" LED TVs. Additionally, Campus Lake Apartment residents will have access to bicycle racks, a community

room and a walking trail. The building will utilize solar power and feature security lighting and cameras.

The Campus Lake Apartments will not only cater to student-athletes and international students but also any SCC students seeking the traditional residential college experience. More information can be found on the website, [campuslakeapartments.com](http://campuslakeapartments.com)

### Dining Services and Bookstore

Some noticeable changes will be coming to dining services and the Café/Bookstore in November. Dining services closed for renovations at the beginning of the month. Its food services will move to a temporary location in the Café/Bookstore on Nov. 4 while renovations take place. According to Susie Rubemeyer, assistant vice president for financial services, dining services will soon feature new flooring, new paint and a new coffee stand featuring Starbucks coffee. Construction will last until December.

Meanwhile, work is already underway for

the new bookstore space on the second floor of the Student Center. The bookstore will gradually move inventory to the new space and will not have a disruption in service to students.

The new bookstore and dining services are scheduled to open on Jan. 2.

### Welding Program

The SCC Welding Program continues to have strong enrollment. Despite this, the college's plan to purchase property for the welding program and other technical training programs fell through, according to Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative services and COO.

"Renovation costs were just too high," he said. "So, we renovated a space in the Campus Services Building as a temporary home. Through the heroic work of a team of folks here, we were able to offer classes at the start of the Fall Semester."

The college is currently planning to design a permanent home near the Maintenance Building that should be open for Fall 2020 classes.

## Faculty Updates

SCC alum, **Catherine Gettemeyer**, is working on her master's degree in fashion merchandising. As part of her practicum for the degree, under the supervision of **Vicky Herbel**, sociology professor, Gettemeyer worked with the SCC Service Learning and Career Services programs. She helped organize the Career Closet and has, once again, coordinated

the Cinderella Project collecting formal gowns for area girls in need. The drive resulted in 167 dresses and three pairs of shoes donated, which will go from our campus to the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition. They will host a dress event in March. A total of nine student volunteers logged 42 hours for Service Learning.

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, **Wayne Book**, **criminal justice adjunct professor**, had a representative of Bridgeway Counseling visit his victimology class. The class discussion focused on abused women and sexual abuse. The class also gathered donations for Bridgeway's shelter for abused women, which included items such as shirts, pants, socks, oatmeal, toothbrushes and personal hygiene items.

## SCC runner takes home NJCAA Division III National Championship in Massachusetts

St. Charles Community College student-athlete Edwin Kipainoi beat 200 other runners from across the country to capture the individual national championship on November 2 in Westfield, Mass.!

It's been an incredible year for Kipainoi. In October, the international student from Kajiado, Kenya won the Division III Regional XVI Championship. This season, he has been recognized nationally three times as the National Athlete of the Week by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) and once as the NJCAA Male Runner of the Week. Because of his recent win at nationals, he can now add "First Team All-American" status to the list.

Also at the national championship competition, SCC student-athlete Audrey Kelly took home fourth place in the women's race. She was only 11 seconds behind the first-place runner.

Kelly was named National Athlete of the Week by the USTFCCCA this season, and can also now call herself a "First Team All-American" athlete after nationals.

"We are very proud of our cross country team and all of the hard work they have put into this season," said Tim Brix, St. Charles Community College athletic director. "For a first-year program to succeed at this level is very impressive."

The Cougars have been nationally ranked as a team four times this season.

Also at the national competition, Hannah DeGraw placed 22nd out of 121 runners in the women's race. In the men's race, Todd Wollin placed 53rd, Ethan Lobdell placed 81st, Tommy Campbell paced 105th and Jordan Carter placed 159th.



Edwin Kipainoi



Audrey Kelly

**BE EXTRAORDINARY.  
BE SCC.**



ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS:

# INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL & MARKET

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 | 11 AM - 2 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Visit an international market – in St. Charles County

In honor of International Education Week, St. Charles Community College will host International Week – featuring its inaugural International Festival and Market – at 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20. The festival will be held in the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building.

Participants can browse a variety of booths, including food vendors from various ethnic restaurants offering free samples and global craft vendors selling unique gift items. SCC international students will interactively share facts and insights about their countries. Multicultural music and “edutainment,” including Japanese drummers, Latin dancing and a global choir, will

add to the festivities from the stage. “We want to bring a multicultural experience to our students and community in the form of a fun, interesting and informative festival,” said Martha Garcia Kampen, chief diversity and compliance officer. “More than 550 international- or foreign-born English-learning students representing 37 countries are studying at SCC. They are all very proud of their countries and want to share their cultures with others. Plan for a very enriching experience!”

To see more event information, visit [stchas.edu/events](http://stchas.edu/events).

### Employees enjoy Tea with the President in October

In October, Dr. Kavalier hosted her second Tea with the President of the fall semester. Several employees joined Dr. Kavalier for some engaging conversation. The monthly tea is intended to provide an opportunity to engage in conversation with faculty and staff and to learn about the college from each attendee’s unique perspective.



From left: Gretchen Carranza, Michelle Trantham, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, Todd Galbierz, Michele Hayes-Wilson and Samantha Huffstickler

**Foundation Book Scholarship Application Deadline**  
Nov. 1-7

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**International Festival and Market**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 20  
SSB lounge and auditorium

**Alumni Happy Hour**  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 5  
Bemo’s Grill  
(in Cottleville)

**SCC Fall Student Art Exhibition**  
Nov. 25-Dec. 10  
FAB gallery & FAB Annex 106

**Coffeehouse**  
7-9 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 7  
SSB student lounge

**Art Exhibit Reception**  
6-8 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 4

**Veterans Celebration**  
11 a.m.-noon  
Friday, Nov. 8  
SSB auditorium

**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
Nov. 27-30

**Center Stage Theatre’s “Proof” Production**  
7:30-9:30 p.m.  
Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 13-16;  
10 a.m.-noon  
Thursday, Nov. 14;  
and 2-4 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 17  
FAB theatre

**De-Stress Fest**  
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Dec. 2-5  
Various locations on campus

## SCC Child Development Center receives full accreditation

On Sept. 24, the St. Charles Community College Child Development Center achieved recognition of excellence through Missouri Accreditation. It distinguishes the SCC Child Development Center as an exemplary program offering high quality programming to area children.

The Missouri Accreditation of Programs for Children and Youth provides quality standards for programs serving children from birth to school-age within the state of Missouri. According to its website, “programs that achieve accreditation become a member of an elite and unique group.”

“Since 1998, the SCC Child Development Center has been proud to receive accreditation from this organization,” said Katie Mawer, interim director of the Child Development Center. “Every day we strive to understand the uniqueness of each child by providing a developmentally appropriate, child-directed learning environment. Our continued accreditation is the direct result of the hard work and determination from our teachers and staff.”

The Missouri Accreditation review team listed several strengths of the SCC Child Development Center in several categories. The official report commended the staff for interacting with children in a gentle, supportive and reassuring manner. The report added that children were “encouraged to be actively involved in play opportunities that stimulated sensory awareness, cognitive development and mastery of their environment.”

The report also highlighted the SCC Child Development Center facility, stating that classrooms were “clean, well-lit, with exits easily available” and separate outdoor play areas that were “accessible for each age group which included music, blocks, outdoor kitchen, art area and garden area.”

The SCC Child Development Center was founded in January 1996. It is recognized as a demonstration school for the National Center for Project Construct. The center also collaborates with area agencies such as Youth In Need, Early Head Start and the Division of Family Services to meet the individual needs of each child and family.



Children playing and learning at the SCC Child Development Center



## SCC Marketing and Communications wins regional awards

The St. Charles Community College Marketing and Communications Department took home two Gold Medallion awards at the annual National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 5 fall conference.

SCC earned the top prize in the Electronic

Catalog, Schedule, Viewbook, Annual Report and Successful Recruitment or Marketing Program categories for the 2017-18 Annual Report and Spring 2019 Open House campaign, respectively.

“We changed directions completely on the Annual Report from previous years,” said Heather McDorman, vice president for marketing and student life. “We shifted our focus from a print version to an online-only version. We are honored to be recognized for the hard work and determination it took to make this a reality.”

According to the judges, SCC’s Annual Report was an “outstanding use of the medium” and “the pacing and variety of the content was right on.”

“There are some amazing marketing and communication teams in District 5,”

said Jay Scherder, director of marketing and communications. “We are proud and humbled to be seen as a leader in the field.”

The judges were equally impressed with the Spring 2019 Open House campaign, stating it was “comprehensive, yet not boring. Complete but not cliché. Excellent work!”

Since 2013, SCC has received more than 65 NCMPR Medallion Awards.

NCMPR’s District 5 is made up of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, the Canadian province of Manitoba, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. The National Council for Marketing and Public Relations represents marketing and PR professionals at community and technical colleges. NCMPR’s primary focus is supporting its member’s professional growth.