



## Ribbon-cutting Marks Department of Public Safety Building Completion

A ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, marked the completion of construction on St. Charles Community College's Department of Public Safety Building.

The building was made possible thanks to the support of voters for Proposition Community

College in August of 2020, and in partnership with the campus housing developer.

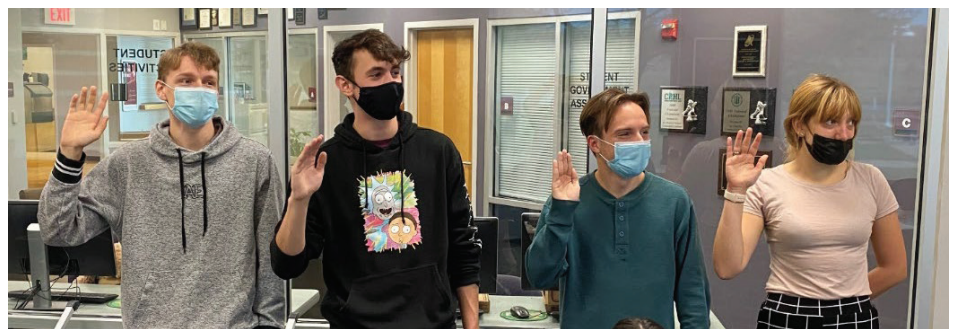
The 2,400 square foot building is near the west entrance of the main campus in Cottleville. It will provide a more visible and accessible location for safety services on campus.

Speakers at the event were SCC Chief of Police Bob Ronkoski, SCC President Dr. Barbara Kavalier, and SCC Board of Trustees President Shirley Lohmar.



## Student Government Association Welcomes New Officers and Members

New Student Government officers and members were announced by James Bratcher, student activities manager. According to James, "SGA will be working towards adding additional members at-large to the group and working to make the other clubs and organizations thrive post-COVID shutdown."



### Officers:

President: Ryan Pendergast  
Vice President: Emily Jesse  
Secretary: Nicholas Helsel  
Treasurer: Richard Meyer  
Parliamentarian: Ibrahim Zakaria

### Members:

Elisabeth Dunn  
Terniya Fields  
Noel Hutcherson  
Rocio Romero

# Men's Soccer Team Claims Central District Title and Advances to National Tournament

The SCC men's soccer team knocked off Heartland CC in a double OT thriller by a final score of 1-0. The win gave SCC their first ever Central District Championship in school history! The men advanced to the National Tournament in Wichita, KS for a second straight year.

Our men's team lost a hard-fought battle to CCBC-Essex in the final four match by a final of 2-1.

Congratulations to our men's team on a great year and a tremendous national tournament run!



## SCC Purchases Land

SCC purchased land at 70 Schaper Road in Foristell on November 22. The land will be used for future expansion of workforce and technical education programs.

## De-Stress Week Activities Help Students During Finals

Coffee, DIY Kinetic Sand, free massages, therapy dogs and guided meditation activities were made available to students by SCC Student Life staff on both campuses, Dec. 1-6.



## Higher Learning Commission Visits SCC Nov. 29-30

SCC is proud to be accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). In November 2021, SCC prepared for the comprehensive evaluation to ensure the college meets the HLC Criteria for Accreditation.

During the visit, a team of peer reviewers

from HLC conducted a comprehensive evaluation to confirm SCC continues to meet the Criteria for Accreditation.

Faculty and staff attended open forums to share feedback with the peer reviewers.

Special thanks goes to the HLC Steering

Committee members who led the efforts.

SCC leadership was pleased to hear much positive feedback at the conclusion of their visit. HLC's full report will be shared in spring 2022.

# SCC Celebrates International Education Week

The International Festival and Market returned this year, bringing sights, sounds and tastes of countries around the world. The festival featured free international food samples, student expo exhibits, globally produced crafts for sale, and entertainment from around the world.

Other events during the week of November 15-19 included:

- A presentation and book signing by Betsy Cohen, Executive Director of the St. Louis Mosaic Project and author of Welcome to the U.S.A. – You're Hired!

- A sampling of candy and snacks from around the world, provided by Global Student Network and ESL students

- Music from around the world, presented by the SCC choir, along with international dancers and musicians

- A presentation on International Education options at SCC

- Poster displays and letter readings

International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the



U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences.



# Men of Color Student Success Program Welcomes Supporter Orv Kimbrough

Students in SCC's Men of Color Student Success Program gathered for lunch on campus last week with supporter Orv Kimbrough. The program helps

students navigate through the college experience. Learn more at [www.stchas.edu/menofcolor](http://www.stchas.edu/menofcolor).



## Faculty/Staff Update

**Michael Gosche**, associate professor of math, was selected as one of Emerson's 2021 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients. Michael was among more than 80 teachers from across the St. Louis metropolitan area, who were recognized for outstanding educational excellence.



**Joe Howe**, professor of math, received the 2021 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, from the Missouri Community College Association.

The awards were presented at the 57th Annual MCCA convention held in Branson, MO, in November.



**Tom Schrautemeier**, academic advisor, received the 2021 Senior Service Award from the Missouri Community College Association.

**Dr. Barbara Kavalier** presented a session on innovation at the 57th annual Missouri Community College Association convention.

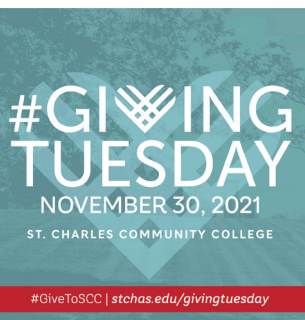
## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Young People's Theatre presents: Elf the Musical**  
Dec. 10 – 12  
Theater

**Last Day of Fall Term**  
Dec. 11

**Spring 2022 Classes Begin**  
Jan. 24

**Winter Social for Faculty and Staff**  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Dec. 13  
Culinary Arts Building -  
Dardenne Creek Campus



## SCC Foundation Board Matches Gifts on #GivingTuesday

The SCC Foundation raised more than \$1,000 on #GivingTuesday, Nov. 30. Some of our SCC departments used this widely-known day of giving as a way to raise funds for programs and equipment that benefit student success and retention. The Foundation Board will match gifts to participating SCC departments. In the midst of holiday shopping, after Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is a movement that provides a reminder that this also is a time of year to give back to your community.



## Winter Concerts Showcase Student Talent

Students in SCC's Music Department performed Nov. 30-Dec. 2, in the Donald D. Shook Fine Arts Building theater. Performances included the SCC Singers and Chamber Choir, SCC Jazz and Concert Bands, and the SCC Orchestra.



## SCC Alum Discusses Life After Graduation

Students taking art and photography classes gathered last week to listen to SCC alum, Chris Ryan, of Once Films in St. Louis, talk about his journey from education to career.