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President's Report



REIMAGINING THE VALUE OF PARTNERSHIPS

Expanding westward in St. Charles County, SCC to build regional workforce/technical training center

With strategic partnerships, new workforce programs will help students get into important fields.

Coming soon, SCC plans to expand west, building a regional workforce/technical training center on land the college purchased in November near the new David Hoekel I-70 Interchange in Wentzville.

Plans are moving forward to build the center using funds from Proposition Community College (thanks to the support of voters in August 2020), though the size and scope of the building will depend on amount approved for capital improvement projects from the Missouri Department of Higher Education's MoExcels grant (workforce development funding) and from the American Rescue Plan.

Last year, MoExcels funds helped renovate the space that is now the Field to Table: Culinary and Agricultural Center, at SCC's Dardenne Creek Campus.

In the meantime, SCC is leasing space for welding and other technical programs at the Technical Campus Wentzville, at 209 West Pearce Blvd in Wentzville. This renovated space was also made possible by funds from Proposition Community College.

These partnerships and projects will in turn fuel economic development throughout our community while also supporting the needs of business and industry.



Adult Students Get 'Fast Track' To High Demand Occupations Through Missouri Grant Program

Do you think high school students are the only people who qualify for financial aid? Not anymore. Missouri's Fast Track Incentive Grant is for adults.

Adults pursuing a certificate, degree, or industry-recognized credential at SCC for an occupation designated as high demand, can benefit from the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant through the Missouri Department of Higher Education.

The financial aid program is for individuals who are 25 years or older or individuals who have not been enrolled in any school within the last two years. The grant will serve students who have not earned a bachelor's degree and are planning to enroll part-time or full-time.

Grant recipients must maintain Missouri residency and work in Missouri for three years after graduation to prevent the grant from becoming a loan that must be repaid with interest.

Learn more about the [Missouri Department of Higher Education's Fast Track Program online](#) or get a [list of SCC programs available](#).

High school students may qualify for [Missouri's A+ Scholarship](#) or the [Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship](#).



SCC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FEBRUARY

SCC celebrated Black History Month with a series of educational events that served as a reminder to acknowledge and recognize the contributions of black people and to remember to be more inclusive. This year's theme centered around black health and wellness.

Events included comedian Ray Money, a mental health panel, black history trivia/game night, and Spirit of Angela West African Dance and Drum Experience.





STUDENTS, COMMUNITY 'CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION' ABOUT RACE

Community members, along with students and employees, participated in a discussion about diversity, equity, inclusion, and how to create a welcoming environment. The "Continue the Conversation about Race" event was held Wednesday, February 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building.

"I think that everyone in this room directly or indirectly contributes to the success of students and to the success of our community as we engage in critical conversations needed to advance diversity, equity and inclusion throughout St. Charles County," said Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president.

This was a continuation of the "Starting the Conversation" event held in June 2020 via Zoom by Vision St. Charles County Leadership. Conversations were facilitated by table moderators. Participants shared ideas, experiences, and solutions for practical applications in a workplace, campus, or neighborhood.

COLLEGE FOR ALL KIDS SUMMER CAMPS ENROLLMENT OPENS MARCH 1

Learning and having fun go hand-in-hand this summer at St. Charles Community College's College for All Kids (CFAK) camps. The College for All Kids summer camps are now enrolling for more than 150 academic enrichment camps.

Camps for Summer 2022 will be held June 6-Aug. 12, for children ages 5-14.

SCC's camps focus on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. They include favorites like cooking and baking, coding and programming, movie making and YouTube content creation, gaming and LEGO robotics, drones and more. Each camp is designed to inspire and motivate your child or teenager.

> Register at www.stchas.edu/learnforlife/register or call 636-922-8233.



BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SEASONS BEGIN

The baseball team opened the season in Memphis, Tennessee, at the Saluqi invitational, with two wins over Olney Central College and Heartland Community College last weekend. They had losses to East Mississippi and Wabash Valley College. In his first collegiate game, freshman Josh Cunniff set a new college record for runners caught stealing in a game.

The softball team wasted little time in the opening weekend. A five-run first inning set the tone to a 9-1 final in game one against Shawnee Community College. They will open up at home on March 1, vs. Lincoln Land Community College with a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.



SCC WEEK OF SERVICE COMING APRIL 3-9

The Spring Semester Week of Service is coming April 3-9. Students, faculty and staff are invited serve their community by participating in a variety of indoor and outdoor opportunities. Volunteers that register will receive a free t-shirt. For more information, contact Bryonie Carter at bcarter@stchas.edu.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENTS TO BE HELD IN MARCH

SCC students are invited to celebrate Women's History Month in March with a series of events, hosted by Student Life.

- 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 8
Kickoff Celebration hosted by OMSE
- 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 8
Film: "RBG" and discussion
- 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 15
Sissieretta Jones and Performing the Prima Donna
- Noon Wednesday, March 16
Lunch & Learn: Adversity "A.D.D.'s" Versatility
- 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 30
"Preparing For Life... The Ms. Engineer Way!"

FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATE

Mary Elizabeth Horner, adjunct faculty in Communications, had two poems published in "Poets Speaking to Poets: Echoes and Tributes," edited by Nicholas Fargnoli and Robert Hamblin.

Dr. Rachel McWhorter-Rush, Assistant Professor of English, is one of twelve in a semester-long study group cohort with the University of Pittsburgh Justice Collective, through the School of Education.

Dr. Joe Baumann, Assistant Professor of English, released two books from his press, Gateway Literary Press, in late January. Students enrolled in ENG 203: Publishing Workshop in Spring 2021 helped select the published manuscripts. In addition, his literary magazine, The Gateway Review: A Journal of Magical Realism, released its 2022 issue. This is the thirteenth issue of the journal, which students in the fall 2021 ENG 202: Creative Writing II class, helped edit.

Dr. Kevin Patton, Emeritus Faculty, Biology, is serving as 2021-2023 president of the Textbook & Academic Authors Association.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men of Color Student Success Summit

Friday, March 4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
SSB Auditorium

Spring Blood Drive, Mercy

Monday, March 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Center for Healthy Living

Mental Health Awareness Week

March 14-17, various times
Main and Dardenne Creek
Campuses

Community Resource Fair

March 17, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
College Center Gym

Spring Break

March 21-25

College Closed

Friday, March 25

Center Stage Theatre presents "The Giver"

April 7-10
Fine Arts Building Theater

Baseball vs. Dawson Community College

March 4-5
Athletic Fields

Baseball vs. Elgin Community College

March 5-6
Athletic Fields

Softball vs. Mineral Area Community College

March 2
Athletic Fields

Softball vs. Lewis and Clark Community College

March 10
Athletic Fields