



OCTOBER 2022

# President's Report

## LIFE SCIENCES AND STUDENT SERVICES RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

### Grand Openings and Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies Held Friday, October 14

The Grand Openings and Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies for the Life Sciences and Student Services areas were held Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, at St. Charles Community College. The renovations were made possible thanks to voters of Proposition Community College (PropCC) in 2020.

Fall 2022 classes are being held for the first time this semester in the renovated Life Sciences Building, formerly the Café

Bookstore. There are five new science labs, along with additional classrooms, offices and student study areas. The renovations provide a more expansive learning environment for our students while also creating the potential for growth in STEM programs.

Student Services staff members are now welcoming students to the newly renovated, student-centric space on the first floor of the Administration Building for admissions, advising, financial aid,

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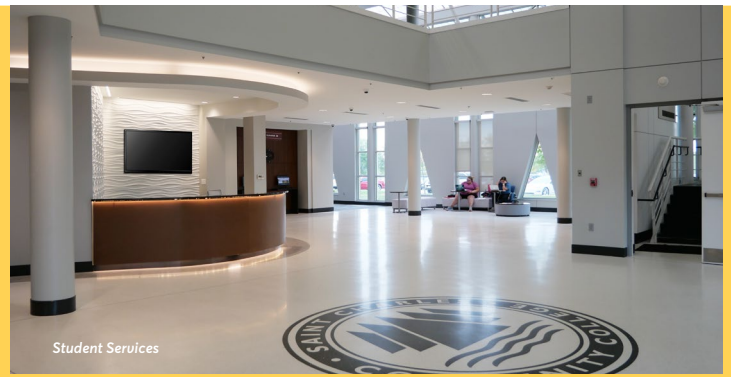
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student wellness and more. The design creates a state-of-the-art environment for students to easily access key enrollment and advisement functions.

During the ceremonies Trustee Mary Stodden, President of St. Charles Community College Board of Trustees, recognized the support of voters in passing Proposition Community College and shared the following: "As trustees we take seriously our role in ensuring the prudent use of public funds. I am proud to share with you today that both projects came in under budget."

Also in attendance were a number of community and business leaders including Representative John Wiemann, Cottleville Mayor Bob Ronkoski, Dardenne Prairie Mayor John Gotway, President and CEO of the Economic Development Center of St. Charles County Scott Drachnik, and Aldermen from St. Peters and Cottleville. The architects and construction managers responsible for each project were also recognized and include: (For Life Sciences) Wright Construction Services, FGM Architects, and SSC Engineering. (For Student Services) Aspire Construction Services, Lawrence Group, and Ross and Baruzzini.



## MEN OF COLOR STUDENTS ATTEND LUNCH WITH SCC LEADERS

SCC's Men of Color students had an opportunity to meet with SCC's leadership team at a luncheon on Friday, Oct. 14, with Dr. Barbara Kavalier, president, Dave Leenhouts, vice president for Enrollment Services, and Todd Galbierz, senior VP for Administrative Services. Students discussed their interests, along with college and career goals. For more information about SCC's Men of Color program, visit [www.stchas.edu/menofcolor](http://www.stchas.edu/menofcolor).

## HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS VISIT SCC

High School students interested in performing arts visited SCC on Oct. 7, for a tour, open house, and live Center Stage Theatre performance of *Dracula*, hosted by the SCC Performing Arts Department. Students from Troy Buchanan, Fort Zumwalt West and Wentzville Timberland attended.





## SCC'S NURSING PROGRAM RANKS THIRD IN MISSOURI

St. Charles Community College's nursing program ranks third in Missouri, according to a nursing advocacy organization and website, [Registerednursing.org](https://www.registerednursing.org). The organization released the annual list of "Best RN Programs" in October 2022.

"We are proud of our graduates and the quality of the nursing programs," said Jen Bussen, Ph.D., RN, CNE, SCC professor of nursing and Nursing Department Chair. "SCC graduate nurses are well-prepared to enter the complex and fast-paced healthcare environment and encouraged to pursue lifelong learning."

Nursing programs were analyzed by [Registerednursing.org](https://www.registerednursing.org) based on past and present first-time pass rates of the NCLEX-RN, the national licensure exam. [View the list online.](#)

For more information about SCC's nursing program, contact Kyra Lepper at 636-922-8713, [klepper@stchas.edu](mailto:klepper@stchas.edu), or visit [www.stchas.edu/nursing](http://www.stchas.edu/nursing).



## SCC HOSTS MANUFACTURING DAY

St. Charles County's Manufacturing Day was held October 4, at St. Charles Community College. Middle and high school students were able to learn about modern manufacturing, visit with area businesses, and learn about the career opportunities available.



Graphic courtesy of the Economic Development Council of St. Charles County



## SCC RECEIVES \$40,000 COMMUNITY GRANT FROM GENERAL MOTORS

St. Charles Community College received \$40,000 from the General Motors Wentzville Assembly Plant, as one of the local organizations chosen to receive part of the \$150,000 in Community Impact Grants awarded during the Assembly Center's Family Day on October 8, 2022.

SCC intends to use the funds toward developing and implementing a Commercial Driving program.

## SCC LEADERS UPDATE EMPLOYEES AT ALL COLLEGE DAY

SCC employees gathered Friday, Oct. 7, for an all college meeting. This year's theme was "Gone Phishing," including a special presentation on phishing and IT security from Don Popham and Tim Davison from network computing. They provided



an overview of current trends in technology that ensure the increased security of systems to minimize the potential for ransom attacks.

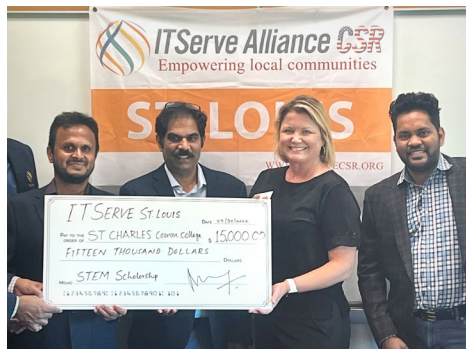
They also shared the recently implemented phishing button in Outlook to report suspicious email and offered tips to employees to help SCC become more secure.

Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, provided a college update related to each strategic goal and presented data on the retention and success of SCC students, acknowledging the college's work in this area as a top priority. She also talked about next steps for the Field to Table Institute at the Dardenne Creek Campus, and plans to build a Regional Workforce and Technical Innovation Center near Wentzville.

Todd Galbierz, senior VP for Administrative Services, updated employees on budget, facilities and technology and called on all employees to participate in the new Facilities Ticket Challenge. Amy Koehler, Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided a glimpse into some future trends in higher education and how new technologies will create innovative opportunities for interdisciplinary partnerships and collaborations. Dave Leenhouts, VP for Student Affairs, gave an enrollment update, talking about the



teamwork it took with the "Cougar Call Crew" to reach their goal, resulting in enrollment being up 2.5 percent. Martha Garcia Kampen, Executive Director of Diversity and Employee Engagement, updated employees on the plan for diversity, equity and inclusion.



## SCC FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$15,000 FROM IT SERVE ALLIANCE

The St. Charles Community College Foundation received \$15,000 on Friday, Sept. 30, from IT Serve Alliance. Scholarship funds will be awarded to three students in STEM-related fields.

## SCC HOSTS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR BREAKFAST

Over 30 high school counselors attended a breakfast on campus Friday, Oct. 14. Counselors received information and an update from SCC leadership, and were given tour of both the main campus and the Dardenne Creek Campus.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fictions Art Exhibit**  
Now-Nov. 13  
FAB Gallery

**Chili Cook-off**  
Campus Plaza  
Monday, Oct. 31

**Silent Sky**  
Performing Arts Department's  
Center Stage Theatre  
Nov. 6-8  
FAB Theatre

**Veterans Day Ceremony**  
Wednesday, Nov. 9  
11 a.m.-noon  
SSB Auditorium

**Music Showcase Recital**  
Wednesday, Nov. 16  
SSB Auditorium

**Coffeehouse**  
Thursday, Nov. 17  
7-9 p.m.  
SSB Student Lounge

**A+ Orientation Night**  
Thursday, Nov. 17  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
SSB Auditorium

**A Fairy Tale Evening featuring Cinderella**  
Performing Arts Department's  
Young People's Theatre  
Saturday, Nov. 19  
2 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
FAB Theatre

**Thanksgiving Break**  
College Closed  
Nov. 23-25