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President's Report

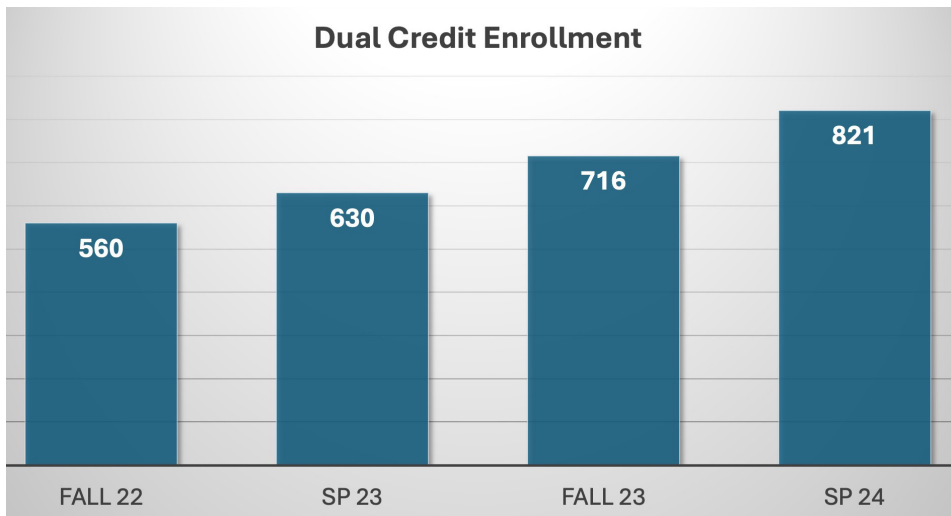
SCC NAMED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR BY WESTERN ST. CHARLES COUNTY CHAMBER

St. Charles Community College was named Business of the Year by the Western St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce. The award was presented at the WSCC Annual Celebration Ball on Saturday, Feb. 3. The awards were selected by vote of chamber members. **Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC President, accepted the award from Belle Miller.**

DUAL ENROLLMENT NUMBERS UP

The number of dual-enrolled students from local high schools has been steadily climbing for the past two years, reaching 821 students this spring 2024 semester.

We are pleased to welcome six new participating schools this year: Fort Zumwalt (East, South, West, North), Liberty Christian Academy, and Christian High School. They join Wentzville (Holt, Liberty, North Point, and Timberland), Orchard Farm, Winfield, Elsberry, Troy Buchanan, Wright City, Warrenton, Montgomery County, Lutheran High School, and home school.



SCC HOSTS HEART-HEALTHY LUNCH ON VALENTINE'S DAY

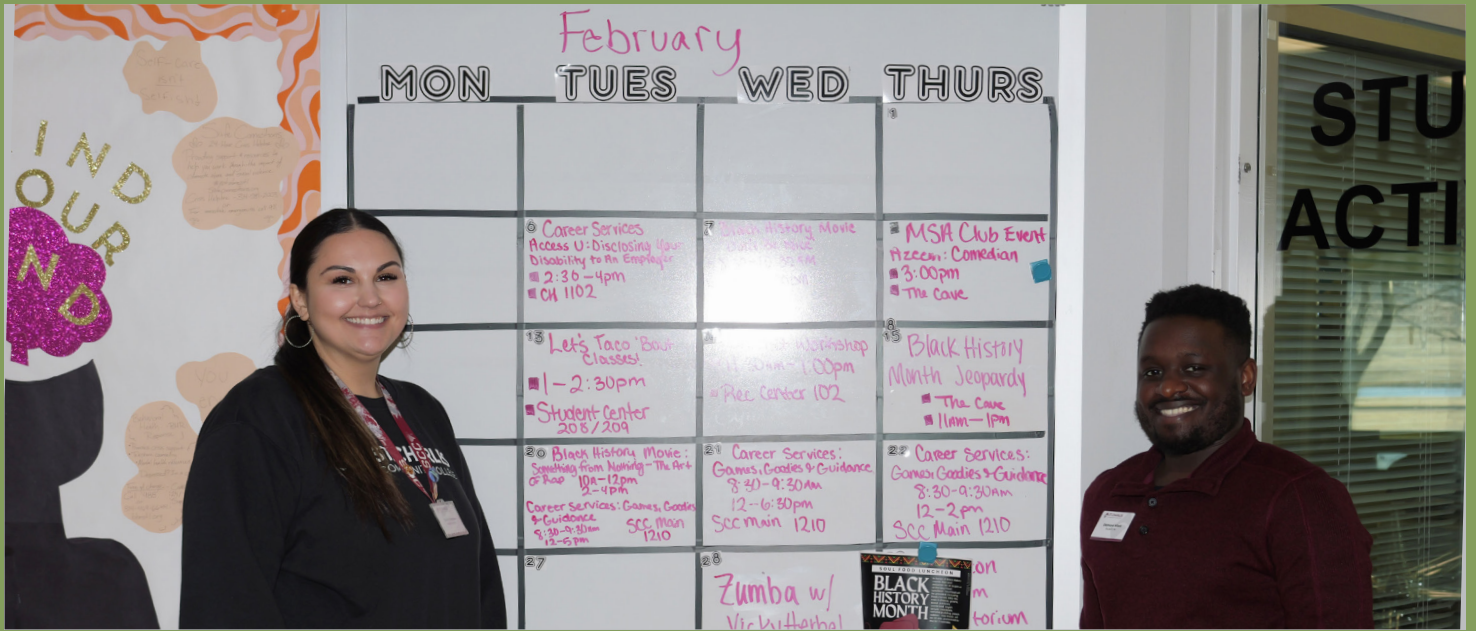
With February being Heart-Health Month, the college hosted an employee lunch with a purpose on Wednesday, Feb. 14. SCC partnered with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive alongside a heart-healthy luncheon.

There were 24 productive units of blood collected, surpassing the Red Cross' goal of 15. These donations will impact the lives of up to 72 patients.

SCC's Field to Table Institute provided heart-healthy recipes to employees. Thank you to everyone who participated!

The event was hosted by the Human Resources team, **Jared Burnett (left), Terri Edrich, Vito Alu, and Jessica Trimborn.**





SCC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

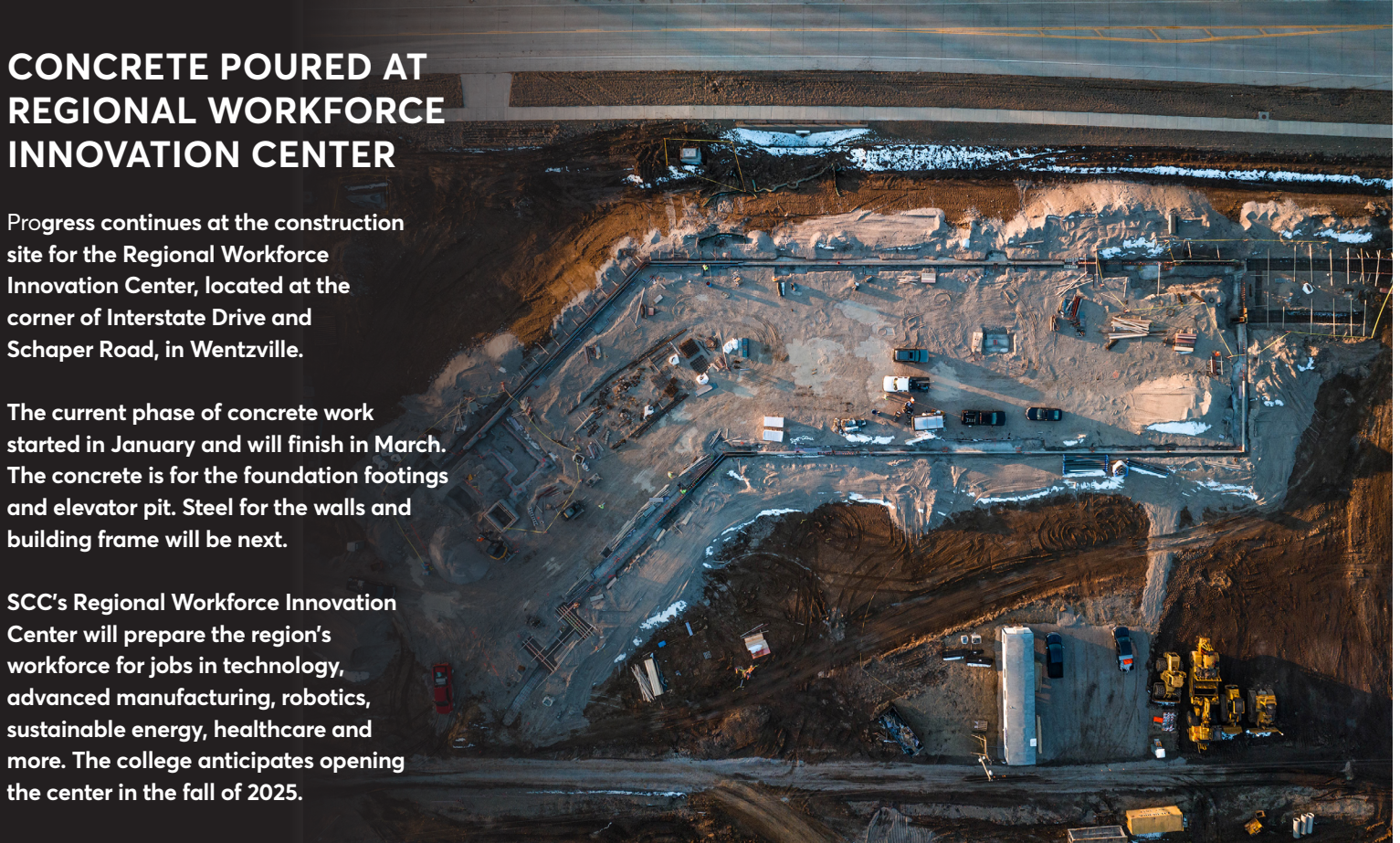
SCC is celebrating Black History Month in February with a series of events. Student Activities staff, Caitlin Smothers (left) and Desmond Niboh, hosted a Jeopardy-style game, and presented a movie, "Ken Burns Presents: Jazz," a documentary about the history of Jazz. A Soul Food Luncheon is planned for Thursday, Feb. 29, in the Conoyer Hall Auditorium, where lunch is provided for students.

CONCRETE POURED AT REGIONAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION CENTER

Progress continues at the construction site for the Regional Workforce Innovation Center, located at the corner of Interstate Drive and Schaper Road, in Wentzville.

The current phase of concrete work started in January and will finish in March. The concrete is for the foundation footings and elevator pit. Steel for the walls and building frame will be next.

SCC's Regional Workforce Innovation Center will prepare the region's workforce for jobs in technology, advanced manufacturing, robotics, sustainable energy, healthcare and more. The college anticipates opening the center in the fall of 2025.





PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL APPROVES NEW AI STANDARDS

The SCC President's Council approved new wording on Thursday, Feb. 8, for the student handbook and board policies, along with three tiers of acceptable Artificial Intelligence use for courses.

The wording was proposed by the AI Policy Group, co-chaired by Lindy McGuire and Andrea Compton. They worked to identify top concerns, research and draft the policies.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENTS



Amy Schoenberger, Assistant Professor of Nursing, received the October President's Award for faculty.



Evelyn Ratkowski, Facilities Office Assistant, received the October President's Award for staff.



Nicole Shuman, Adjunct Faculty, Culinary, received the December President's Award for faculty.



Amy Scheers, Director II, Continuing Education, received the December President's Award for staff.