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President's Report

REGIONAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION CENTER DEBUTS, OFFERING NEW CAREER PATHS FOR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

A new era for workforce development has begun in the region with the official opening of SCC's new Regional Workforce Innovation Center, promising to connect students with the training and education needed for high-demand careers.

With a ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony held on Thursday, October 2, SCC celebrated expanding west with the opening of its new 65-plus-acre campus in Wentzville, MO. The first building on the site, SCC's state-of-the-art Regional Workforce Innovation Center is poised to become the region's top technical training facility.

The 48,000 square-foot Regional Workforce Innovation Center focuses on preparing students for high-demand careers, ranging from manufacturing and robotics to plumbing and healthcare.

SCC introduced new skilled trades programs and is currently offering associate degrees and workforce-ready certificates, including:

- Robotics
- Plumbing
- Welding
- Manufacturing
- Machining
- Nursing
- HVAC
- Mechatronics

Created to drive workforce development, this facility is more than just a training center, it's a dynamic, hands-on learning environment. The building offers a combination of large-scale industrial equipment areas, classrooms, study zones, and advanced labs.

Learning and workforce readiness at SCC's Regional Workforce Innovation Center is enhanced by partnerships with local employers. As an NC3 leadership school, SCC embeds industry-recognized certifications from top partners like Snap-On®, Trane®, and Lincoln Electric® directly into our curriculum.

**"The Regional Workforce Innovation Center is more than just a facility. It's an investment in human potential."
– SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D.**

SCC HOSTS ANNUAL COUNSELORS' BREAKFAST AT NEW REGIONAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION CENTER

We had a fantastic turnout on Friday, September 26, as we hosted over 65 high school counselors from 38 different schools at our new Regional Workforce Innovation Center in Wentzville. The event provided a great opportunity to connect with our local education partners.

The morning kicked off with a delicious buffet-style breakfast prepared by Executive Head Chef Jay Valley of our own Field to Table Institute. Vice President of External Campuses, Shelley Machens, gave an insightful presentation on SCC and the variety of programs we offer.

Throughout the morning, counselors enjoyed a full tour of the state-of-the-art facility and participated in several informative breakout sessions covering important topics for students and parents. Highlights included sessions on the A+ Scholarship Program, Dual Enrollment, and how to best partner with parents in the college planning process. We look forward to building on these relationships and welcoming the next generation of students.



FLY-THROUGH REGISTRATION AND HAUNTED ADVISING SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS

Academic Advising, Recruitment, Financial Aid, and Records took a fun approach to registration. The teams hosted "Fly Through Registration" events featuring a wind tunnel to engage 172 students with academic advising, financial aid assistance, and questions. They also helped students review schedules, provided FAFSA help, and registration hold alerts.

Haunted Advising, a partnership with Student Life, continued in October. The event featured decorations, snacks, and giveaways. Dressed in costumes, the Academic Advising staff helped 750 students in person between October 20-28. The Recruitment Team assisted students with portal access and class planning.



DARDENNE CREEK CAMPUS HOSTS OPEN HOUSE EVENT



Students and community members attended SCC's Dardenne Creek Open House on Thursday, October 9. The Center for Healthy Living at the Dardenne Creek Campus is home to SCC's nursing and healthcare programs.

Potential students were given the opportunity to explore our health occupation certifications and credit programs, including Occupational Therapy Assistant, Nursing, Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, Medical Billing & Coding, and more.

Our Culinary, Agriculture, Welding, and Commercial Driving programs were also present at the event. There were ample opportunities for questions and answers geared at helping students prepare for a future in healthcare and other high-demand careers. Plus, attendees got to connect with community partners and industry leaders to discover some amazing career opportunities.



'FLU FIGHTERS' EVENT FEATURES SCC STUDENTS

SCC's Nursing and Medical Assisting faculty and 109 Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing students helped staff the 'Flu Fighters' vaccination event held on campus on Friday, September 26, in partnership with St. Charles County Public Health. At the free flu shot event, we collaboratively helped 831 participants stay healthy this flu season.



SCC HOSTS MANUFACTURING DAY

SCC showcased programs from our brand-new Regional Workforce Innovation Center, including Machining, Manufacturing, and Welding, highlighting hands-on training opportunities and career pathways available to students at St. Charles County Manufacturing Day 2025 on Tuesday, October 7. Hundreds of high school students from 15 different schools participated.

This regional event brought 30 manufacturers and high school students together to explore career paths, innovation, and hands-on opportunities in the world of manufacturing. As part of a nationwide initiative, the event's purpose was to show students what modern manufacturing is like and inspire them to pursue careers in the field.

FOUNDATION GOLF SCRAMBLE RAISES \$50,000

The SCC Foundation raised \$50,000 at its 29th annual President's Classic Golf Scramble on Monday, September 22, at Old Hickory Golf Club in Cottleville. Proceeds from the event will support scholarships as well as academic and program enhancements at SCC.

A big SCC shout-out to our Eagle Sponsors: First State Bank, RX Systems, and Trane. In addition, SCC would like to thank our Birdie Sponsor: Sid Boedeker Safety Shoe Service.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES LIGHTS UP THE FALL

Student Activities hosted a variety of student engagement activities this fall, including Fall Fest and an evening Bonfire Bash event.

Fall Fest was held Wednesday, October 8 at SCC's campus plaza. Students enjoyed games, food, and fun, while also supporting their favorite clubs and organizations. In addition, there was a giant, inflatable corn maze, face painting, and carnival games.

The transition to fall was enjoyed by students at the **Bonfire Bash** event on Thursday, October 16, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The ingredients for s'mores and soft drinks were provided.



SCC HOSTS NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

SCC was proud to host a Naturalization Ceremony on Friday, October 17, at Conoyer Hall. The ceremony is the culmination of the naturalization process where U.S. citizens take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States. SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., opened the ceremony and several songs were performed by the SCC Chamber Choir. Presiding over the ceremony was Honorable John M. Bodenhausen, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of Missouri.

