



SEPTEMBER 2025

President's Report

FALL CREDIT HOUR ENROLLMENT EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

Welcome to the beginning of the fall semester and the 2025-26 academic year. On Monday, August 18, SCC welcomed new and returning students for the first day of class. Surpassing last year's numbers, the fall semester saw a significant increase, with credit hour enrollment rising by 4.1%. This increase is driven by 6,400 students, representing a 3.7% growth in head count.

This influx of students can be seen around campus with full parking lots, increased foot traffic to and from classes, study areas teeming with collaboration, student events well attended, and students experiencing our new Center for Immersive Learning.

We look forward to another academic term of educating our students, exceeding expectations, and serving the community.

REGIONAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION CENTER NOW SERVING STUDENTS



SCC's Regional Workforce Innovation Center (RWIC), located on SCC's Innovation West campus in Wentzville, opened its doors on Monday, August 18 to 252 students enrolled in 950 credit hours. Since opening its doors, RWIC has become a hub of learning and activity in Industrial Trades. These high-demand programs include HVAC, Plumbing, Robotics, Machining, Supply Chain & Logistics, and more.

RWIC's successful launch exemplifies a strong community need for workforce preparedness and signals a promising, bright future.

SCC CELEBRATES OPENING OF CENTER FOR IMMERSIVE LEARNING

SCC celebrated the grand opening of the new state-of-the-art Center for Immersive Learning on Friday, August 8. Powered by Dreamscape Learn, the Center for Immersive Learning is an educational platform that integrates Virtual Reality (VR) technology and cinematic storytelling to offer SCC students the unique opportunity to be immersed in their studies.

The event featured a ribbon cutting ceremony, comments from guest speakers, appetizers, and tours. During the ceremony, in recognition of the college's impact on the community, Saint Charles Mayor Dan Borgmeyer presented the New Horizons Award to SCC President Dr. Barbara Kavalier.

Guests and the Board of Trustees experienced the Center for Immersive Learning's VR-enabled lab and free-roam room.



THE EXCELERATOR OPENS ITS DOORS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

The EXCEerator, an innovative new study space, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 24. Designed with student success in mind, the EXCEerator offers academic coaching, career services, professional academic research assistance, an interactive computer lab area, and more. The EXCEerator has holistically served more than 2,500 students at time of publication.



SCC FACULTY ATTEND ANNUAL IN-SERVICE WEEK

Faculty came together for an annual in-service week, continuing the "Imaginarium" concept which is intended to encourage creativity and spark new ideas. The event provided hands-on training regarding classroom technology, AI, and how to utilize the Center for Immersive Learning to create a more engaging learning experience for students.

In addition, accessibility compliance, new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) preparation, and tips for utilizing the EXCEerator's resources were also covered. Faculty also attended Cougar Comeback to share information with students and parents about their departments.



FOOD AND FUN AT THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE COOKOUT

To kick off the fall semester, SCC employees were welcomed to an appreciation luncheon on Friday, August 22, at the Field to Table Institute on the Dardenne Creek Campus.

Prepared by our Field to Table Institute culinary students, along with Chef Brian and Executive Chef Jay, and served by SCC's President Dr. Kavalier and the President's Cabinet, employees took a break and enjoyed a meal of hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, chips, garnishes, cookies, and drinks.

The annual Employee Cookout serves as a thank you from the President's Cabinet for their appreciation of employees. Following lunch, employees in attendance were invited to tour RWIC.



COUGAR COMEBACK EVENT WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK TO CLASS

SCC kicked off the fall semester with a Cougar Comeback event on Wednesday, August 13. Students were given an opportunity to meet with faculty and advisors, connect with clubs and organizations, explore campus, and discover all that SCC has to offer.



SCC HOSTS ON-CAMPUS EVENTS FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Students Relax with Goat Yoga

SCC students took a break from class and found a unique way to de-stress with a goat yoga session. In partnership with Student Activities, SCC strives to help students balance wellness with academics — while also GOAT-ing around and having fun.



Students Participate in Wellbeing Festival

Organized by the Student Health and Wellness Office, students learned that mental health is crucial for their overall well-being at the SCC Wellbeing Festival held on Tuesday, September 9. Many students attended and enjoyed free acai bowls, t-shirts, pizza, and tote bags. Students were also encouraged to learn meditation techniques, design their own floral arrangements, and enjoy a coloring station for relaxation.

Veterans Services Hosts 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony

On Thursday, September 11, we remembered and honored those lost and affected by the events that took place 24 years ago. SCC's Veterans Services coordinated the event that included Campus Police Color Guard, Lt. Brandon Misher, Command Sergeant Major Randy Jemerson (Retired US Army Reserve, Lieutenant, and St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department), and music performed by the SCC Chamber Choir.

