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President's Report

SPRING TERM BEGINS WITH 'COUGAR COMEBACK' AND 'WELCOME WEEK' ACTIVITIES

We are excited to welcome students back to campus for the spring 2025 semester.

The Cougar Comeback event on Wednesday, Jan. 15, gave students an opportunity to meet with faculty, learn about student services, and take tours of campus.

Hot chocolate, donuts, giveaways, and the Silent Disco Lunch were part of the first week, hosted by Student Life.

FACULTY INSERVICE 'IMAGINARIUM': CURIOSITY, COLLABORATION, AND SOLUTIONS

Faculty returned a week before classes started for inservice week professional development sessions.

The "Imaginarium" format was back this year, focusing on inspiring wonder and cultivating curiosity and collaboration. Sessions included a new faculty orientation, school/department meetings, preparing students for a job search, AI, and VR/AR.



WELCOME LEGISLATORS

SCC hosted our legislators at the Field to Table Institute on Monday, Dec. 16. Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC President, gave an update on the college. In attendance were Representatives Deanna Self, Mark Matthiesen, Travis Wilson, Scott Miller, Wendy Hausmann, David Hinman, Mike Costlow, Colin Wellenkamp, Richard West, Jeff Myers, Doyle Justus, and Tricia Byrnes, along with Senator Adam Schnelting.





MEGATECH STUDENTS MODIFY TOYS FOR KIDS

Students in SCC's MegaTech program modified toys using skills they learned in class, and delivered the toys to St. Louis Children's Specialty Care Center for children in physical therapy.

These are Switched Adaptive Toys, modified for children with disabilities. Students made buttons and parts on a 3D printer, and used skills they learned in electronics, soldering and problem solving, to make changes to popular toys so all kids can enjoy them.

The MegaTech program is a dual enrollment program in partnership with the Wentzville School District that introduces high school students to mechanics, electronics, robotics, and manufacturing.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE PRESENTS 'ANASTASIA' DEC. 13-15

From Tony winners Terrence McNally, Stephen Flaherty, and Lynn Ahrens, creators of such Broadway classics as 'Ragtime' and 'Once On This Island', this dazzling show transports its audience from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past.



NURSE PINNING CEREMONY CELEBRATES STUDENTS

Each semester a pinning ceremony is held exclusively for nursing students. The December ceremony was held on Monday, Dec. 16, at Old Hickory. This celebration recognizes graduating nursing students before they head into the workforce. The most recent graduating class is fully employed in their chosen profession.



SCC RECEIVES OVER \$400,000 FROM STATE OF MISSOURI TO EXPAND NURSING PROGRAM

St. Charles Community College will receive \$424,500 from the state of Missouri, as part of the \$5 million in grants for 13 colleges and universities announced by Governor Parson in December, to expand its nursing program.

The funds will be used for technology, equipment, and supplies to make its nursing program available in a second location, at its new Regional Workforce Innovation Center, currently under construction in Wentzville. The second location will allow additional students in western parts of the college's service area to benefit from SCC's highly regarded nursing program.

Giving more students the ability to enter the workforce as entry-level nurses, the second location also will help to meet the healthcare needs of the surrounding community.



WELCOME INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International Student Services hosted an orientation on Wednesday, Jan. 15, with 40 new international students.



WINTER SOCIAL CELEBRATES EMPLOYEES

We celebrated our employees recently at the college's Winter Social event. Employees enjoyed games and appetizers, while also collecting over 400 hats, scarves, and mittens to be donated to a local charity organization.

