



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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ST. CHARLES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SCC WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK FOR **FALL 2026 SEMESTER**



St. Charles Community College welcomed new and returning students to the **fall 2026 semester** on August 17. Across campus, faculty and staff volunteers greeted students on the first two days of classes, helping them find their classrooms, answering questions, and connecting them with the resources needed to begin the semester with confidence. Easily identified by their Welcome Week "Ask Me!" T-shirts, volunteers provided guidance and a welcoming presence.

The Student Engagement team added to the excitement with ice cream giveaways across campus, creating opportunities for students to connect and celebrate the start of a new academic year. SCC's EXCEerator team also helped students start the semester strong by providing guidance on campus resources, time-management, academic success, and other tools designed to support students.

As we embark on another academic year, we are excited to continue our commitment to educating students, exceeding expectations, and serving the community.

SCC MEETS ASPIRATIONAL **ENROLLMENT GOAL**

SCC met its aspirational **enrollment goal**, exceeding last year's attendance. Thanks to the collective efforts of our faculty and staff, the headcount increased by 5.1% and credit hours increased by 4.2%. The impact is visible across our campuses, with full parking lots and students filling our sidewalks, study spaces, and common areas. We thank everyone who contributed to this enrollment success.



SATURDAY REGISTRATION EVENTS SUPPORT STUDENT ENROLLMENT

SCC hosted two **Saturday Registration** events on August 8 and 15, providing students with additional opportunities to enroll for the fall semester. Across the two events, Academic Advising assisted more than 150 students, Financial Aid assisted more than 90 students, and Records assisted 200 students in person.

The success of Saturday Registration was made possible through the collaboration and dedication of faculty and staff from across SCC who helped students navigate the enrollment process and prepare for the semester.



COUGAR COMEBACK WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK



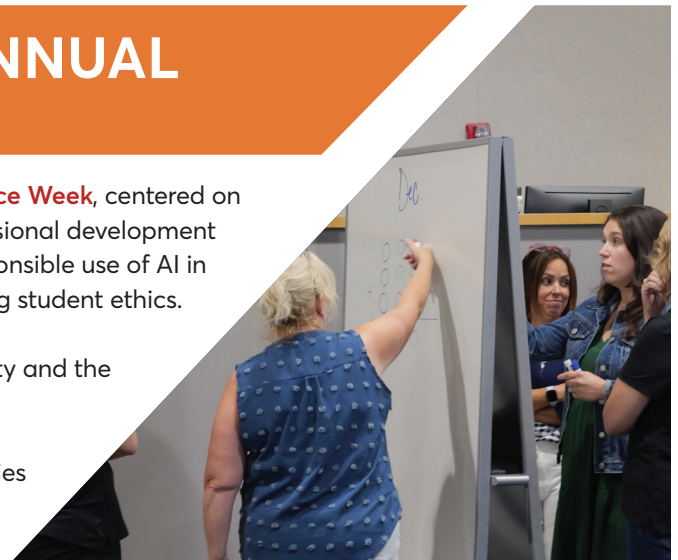
SCC kicked off the fall semester with **Cougar Comeback** on August 12, welcoming students back to campus for an afternoon of connection, exploration, and fun. Students had the opportunity to meet with faculty and advisors, connect with clubs and organizations, explore campus, enjoy food and giveaways, and discover all that SCC has to offer.

One lucky student won tickets to see Pitbull at Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre after visiting 16 tables and completing her Cougar Comeback passport.

SCC FACULTY ATTEND ANNUAL IN-SERVICE WEEK

Faculty came together August 10–13 for SCC's annual **In-Service Week**, centered on the theme "The Power of the Story." The week provided professional development and collaboration, with hands-on training focused on the responsible use of AI in the classroom, student engagement, accessibility, and teaching student ethics.

Faculty also participated in sessions on leveraging virtual reality and the Center for Immersive Learning in their courses, as well as using storytelling and narrative to strengthen learning. Beyond professional development, In-Service Week offered opportunities for faculty and staff to connect with colleagues and students.





SCC SHOWCASES INNOVATION THROUGH **NEW COMMERCIALS**

SCC launched two **new commercials** showcasing the College's commitment to innovation, workforce development, and immersive learning. The spots highlight RWIC, the CIL, and SCC's innovative learning experiences.

Under Executive Creative Director Isaac Bame's creative direction, the RWIC commercial was produced in partnership with BFM Group, Inc. The CIL commercial was developed with assistance from Christian Grubbs, AI Specialist. Inspired by Steven Spielberg, the commercials bring SCC's innovative programs and learning environments to life.

FIELD TO TABLE INSTITUTE BUILDS MOMENTUM FOR **CAFÉ MARKET OPENING**

Momentum is building at SCC's Field To Table Institute (FTTI) as it creates new opportunities for the community to experience the campus. From hosting private events to welcoming guests to a small farmers market featuring fresh produce grown right on campus, the Institute is establishing itself as a community destination.

Upcoming activities include a hands-on cooking class led by Executive Chef Jay Valley. These events are building anticipation for the opening of the new student-run **Café Market**.

CAFÉ MARKET

FIELD to TABLE
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SCC LEADERSHIP ATTENDS **BOARD RECEPTION AT GOVERNOR'S MANSION**

SCC leadership joined state higher education leaders for a reception hosted by Dr. Boggs, Commissioner for Higher Education and Workforce Development, and members of the Coordinating Board on September 1 at the **Governor's Mansion**.

Dr. Barbara Kavalier, Dr. Amy Koehler, and Amanda Sizemore represented SCC at the event, which followed the public meeting of the Coordinating Board. The reception provided an opportunity for higher education leaders to discuss priorities for Missouri's higher education and workforce landscape.

SCC HOSTS 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

On September 11, SCC faculty, staff, and the community gathered to remember the lives lost and all those affected by the events of **September 11, 2001**. In preparation for the ceremony, 2,977 flags were placed on campus to represent each life lost on 9/11. A special thank you goes to the volunteers for placing the flags. We extend our sincere appreciation to SCC Veterans Services for coordinating the ceremony, as well as the SCC Campus Police Color Guard and SCC Chamber Choir for their participation.



SCC HOSTS ATHLETICS SYMPOSIUM

On August 4–5, SCC welcomed student-athletes to campus for the **Athletics Symposium**. Designed to help prepare them for success, student-athletes learned more about SCC, took photos, enjoyed lunch, and connected with campus departments.

Academic Advising shared strategies for academic success and various resources available. Student-athletes also completed concussion testing or ensured required paperwork was on file. By bringing together key resources, the Athletics Symposium helped our athletes start the year ready to succeed!

FOOD AND FUN AT THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE & FAMILY COOKOUT

SCC kicked off the fall semester with the **Annual Employee & Family Cookout** on August 14. The appreciation luncheon gave employees an opportunity to enjoy a meal and connect with colleagues before the start of a new academic year. The cookout featured hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, garnishes, cookies and drinks, with the President's Cabinet serving employees. Many employees invited family members to attend. The annual tradition is a way for SCC to thank faculty and staff for their contributions.

