



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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 ST. CHARLES  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# SPRING CREDIT HOUR ENROLLMENT EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

Welcome to the Spring 2026 semester! On Tuesday, January 20, SCC was thrilled to welcome new and returning students to campus for the start of an exciting new term. Building on last year's momentum, the Spring 2026 semester has already seen significant growth, meeting our aspirational credit hour goal. This surge is driven by 5,930 students representing a 4.7% increase in headcount.

The vibrant energy is evident across campus—from full parking lots to bustling hallways, we look forward to a productive semester focused on academic excellence exceeding our students' expectations, and serving our community.



## 'COUGAR COMEBACK' EVENT WELCOMES STUDENTS TO SPRING SEMESTER

SCC kicked off the Spring 2026 semester on Wednesday, January 14, with our **'Cougar Comeback'** event.

The event offered SCC students and parents a chance to:

- **Plan ahead:** Speak directly with faculty and academic advisors.
- **Get involved:** Discover campus clubs, organizations, and meet Cabinet members.
- **Fuel up:** Enjoy free nachos, popcorn, and cookies.
- **Have fun:** Participate in interactive campus activities, like jewelry making and collectible pin trading.



## SCC FACULTY ATTEND ANNUAL 'IN-SERVICE WEEK'

During our annual In-Service Week, faculty gathered under the theme 'Immersive Learning at SCC' to bridge the gap between emerging technology and student-centered instruction. The week featured hands-on training in the Dreamscape Learn classroom and sessions on VR pedagogy, empowering educators to move from the "wow" factor to practical classroom application. Beyond immersive technology, faculty explored innovative frameworks such as "Building Thinking Classrooms," the integration of AI in contemporary mathematics, and "Making Review Days Count". The week blended strategic planning, including Higher Learning Commission (HLC) introductions, with collaborative showcases of faculty projects.

## SCC HOSTS **ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL** AT CENTER FOR IMMERSIVE LEARNING



# "THIS IS SO AWESOME"

— Ascension Catholic school student

On Wednesday, January 21, SCC welcomed fifth graders from **Ascension Catholic School** for an immersive field trip experience. The students explored the cutting-edge **Center for Immersive Learning**, where they experienced our educational virtual reality and interactive free-roam technology. Excitement was everywhere, with students overheard exclaiming, *"This is so cool!"* and *"This is so awesome!"* Following their time at the **Center for Immersive Learning**, students also enjoyed a comprehensive tour of the campus to see what college life is all about.



# WINTER SOCIAL

We celebrated our amazing faculty and staff at our **Winter Social** on Friday, December 12, with great music performed by talented colleagues and delicious food, all while giving back to our community. Together, we proudly gathered 1,200 items for the O.A.S.I.S. Food Pantry (Outreach Assistance Serving Individuals in St. Charles County). Thank you to our SCC family for helping to make a difference for our St. Charles County community.



## YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE PERFORMS ENTIRE RUN TO SOLD OUT AUDIENCE



The **Young People's Theatre** production of *Irving Berlin's White Christmas* ran December 11 – 14th, 2025. Demand was so great that an additional performance was added and the entire run was **sold out**. Bravo to the incredible cast and crew!

## SATURDAY REGISTRATION EVENTS OFFER EXTENDED HOURS



Extended hours were available on Saturday, January 10 and January 17, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm for SCC's **Saturday Registration** events. These events assisted students with registration, academic advising, financial aid, course scheduling, student accounts, and helpdesk assistance. Our Campus Store was also open during these events.

## PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS TOUR CAMPUS DURING **TWILIGHT HOURS**



Nearly 50 prospective students and their families kicked off the holiday season with us at our inaugural campus **Twilight Tours**. Guests enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies while exploring our beautiful campus, glowing under festive lights. Along with the tour, visitors received personalized assistance with their SCC applications.