



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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SCC IN THE NEWS!



St. Charles Community College is gaining attention for its innovative approach to preparing students for the future of work. Featured in **Spotlight on St. Louis Business** as seen in "Forbes," "Fortune," and "Entrepreneur", SCC is highlighted as a technology trailblazer that is embracing innovation, investing in state-of-the-art facilities and reimagining how students learn. The feature highlights SCC's investments in cutting-edge learning environments, including the Regional Workforce Innovation Center (RWIC) and the Center for Immersive Learning, which are preparing students for the workforce of tomorrow.

The Forbes feature also highlights SCC's strong return on investment. A 2020 Georgetown University study named SCC Missouri's best community college for ROI, with degrees estimated to provide \$174,000 in financial value over 10 years.

As higher education evolves, SCC is demonstrating that innovation and affordability can go hand in hand—creating brighter futures for students and the communities they serve. To read the full article, visit: www.stchas.edu/spotlight.

CELEBRATING THE EXCELERATOR: ONE YEAR OF COLLABORATION & STUDENT SUCCESS

The **EXCEerator** is celebrating its first anniversary with tremendous growth and impact. Student engagement increased from 2,621 interactions through the former ACE Tutoring Center to 6,970 during the EXCEerator's first full year. Spring engagement also nearly tripled, growing from 2,101 interactions in 2025 to 5,853 in 2026.

The EXCEerator will expand academic support events to the Dardenne Creek Campus and RWIC in Fall 2026, introducing new Study Hall Slam Sessions, and strengthening partnerships to support student success and career readiness.



SCC STUDENT LAUNCHES CAREER WITH BOEING AFTER RWIC CAREER FAIR

Andrew Milliken, a current Mechatronics student, recently accepted a position with **Boeing as an electrical assembly mechanic**. After meeting Boeing for the first time at the RWIC Career Fair, Andrew turned that connection into a career opportunity. His success is an example of how SCC's industry partnerships help students connect with employers and take the next step toward their goals.

We're proud to celebrate Andrew's accomplishment and the many students who are building their futures at SCC.



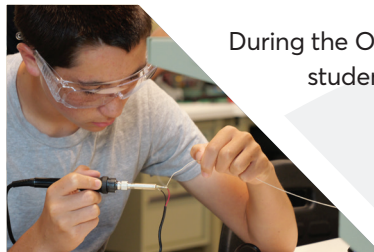
SCC HOSTS **NACCE** CONFERENCE

SCC hosted the **National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) Conference**, bringing higher education leaders together to explore innovative approaches to workforce development, entrepreneurship, and student success. The conference provided opportunities to exchange best practices, strengthen partnerships, and learn about emerging strategies to prepare students for high-demand careers. Prior to the conference, Dr. Kavalier presented an overview of the college and the Center for Immersive Learning to NACCE community college presidents. The group also participated in one of the Center's immersive experiences.



PATHWAYS OF INDUSTRY PRE-COLLEGE EXPERIENCE ENCOURAGES SERVICE LEARNING

As part of RWIC's **Pathways of Industry Pre-College Experience**, students combined hands-on learning with community service by creating adaptive switch toys. Designed to meet the needs of children with physical, cognitive, or sensory disabilities, adaptive toys are modified with features such as switch-activated mechanisms, larger components, and enhanced sensory elements to help make play more accessible.



During the Open House on July 17, parents had the opportunity to view the students' service-learning project. The toys were presented to a BJC HealthCare® occupational therapist, who will distribute them to local families.

PROGRESS CONTINUES AS RWIC'S NEW **DISCOVERY LAB** NEARS COMPLETION

Progress continues on **RWIC's new Discovery Lab**, bringing SCC closer to offering an engaging, hands-on learning experience for students of all ages. Designed to inspire all learners, the Discovery Lab features interactive simulators, a hologram, a robotic arm, and demonstrations of technologies such as 3D printing.

The innovative space reflects SCC's commitment to creating immersive experiences that encourage discovery and prepare students for an evolving workforce.



BUILDING NEW WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS



On July 21, representatives from **Toyota Missouri** visited RWIC to learn more about St. Charles Community College's workforce training, industrial trades programs, and innovative learning environments. The visit prompted discussions regarding a potential partnership focused on developing talent pipelines, expanding internship opportunities, and strengthening industry connections.

SCC PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCES 2026-2027 SEASON LINEUP



The Performing Arts Department at SCC is thrilled to unveil its **2026-2027 production schedule**, featuring an exciting mix of theater, music, and student showcases.

Center Stage Theatre Productions

- Oct. 1-4: Wait Until Dark
- Nov. 5-8: Little Shop of Horrors
- Apr. 8-11: The Importance of Being Earnest

Young People's Theatre Productions

- Dec. 10-13: Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812
- May 14-23: Frozen, The Broadway Musical

Student Workshop Performances

- Dec. 4: Opera Workshop
- Feb. 25-26: Theatre Workshop
- May 7: Musical Theatre Workshop

Music Performances

- Nov. 19: Orchestra
- Nov. 22: Concert Band & Jazz Band
- Nov. 24: Chamber Choir & SCC Singers
- Apr. 22: Orchestra
- Apr. 25: Concert Band & Jazz Band
- Apr. 27: Chamber Choir & SCC Singers

HAWTHORN FOUNDATION TOURS RWIC

Dr. Kavalier welcomed the **Hawthorn Foundation**, a group of statewide leaders dedicated to the economic prosperity of Missourians and a supporter of Missouri Partnership and the Governor's Trade Missions, to the Regional Workforce Innovation Center. The visit provided an opportunity to discuss how St. Charles Community College can serve as a strategic partner in efforts to build the future, promote Missouri and advance economic development. The group also toured SCC's new Discovery Lab to see firsthand the unique ways the college can contribute to these important initiatives.



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