



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



JUNE 2026



SCC WELCOMES FEDERAL RESERVE PRESIDENT FOR CAMPUS VISIT

President and CEO **Alberto Musalem of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** visited SCC on Monday, June 1, to learn more about SCC's impact on the local workforce and economy.

During a tour of the Regional Workforce Innovation Center, he explored how SCC prepares students for in-demand careers and engages K-12 students in hands-on learning experiences that introduce future career pathways.



DR. CHRISTINA COX NAMED SCC'S 2026 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



Dr. Christina Cox was named **SCC's 2026 Distinguished Alumni** in recognition of her professional achievements and commitment to student success. As a first-generation college student, her journey began at SCC, where she built the foundation for a career dedicated to advancing higher education and creating opportunities for others.

Today, Dr. Cox serves as SCC's Executive Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness, leading data-informed initiatives that strengthen the institution and improve student outcomes.

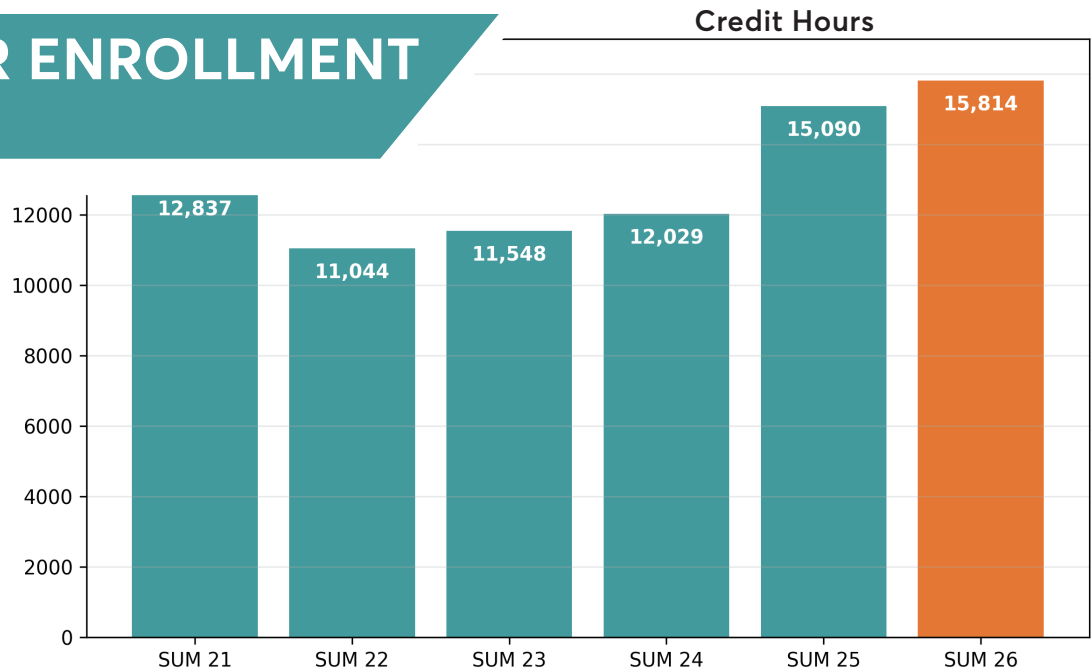
Beyond SCC, Dr. Cox serves as President of the Mid-American Association of Institutional Research Board of Directors. She is a strong advocate for professional development and sharing knowledge that advances the field of institutional research.

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS WITH O'FALLON CASTING

On Monday, June 15, Dr. Koehler, Mark King, and Dr. Kavalier participated in a facility tour and leadership meeting with **O'Fallon Casting**, the world's leading manufacturer of investment-cast aluminum/silicon carbide metal matrix composite (MMC) components. The company serves commercial, governmental, aerospace, and defense sectors and has expressed interest in partnering with SCC to provide workforce training in welding, machining, metallurgy, and computer-aided design (CAD). This presents an exciting opportunity to further strengthen our industry partnerships and workforce development initiatives.



SUMMER ENROLLMENT JUMPS



The Summer 2026 term began Monday, June 8, and **credit hours increased by approximately 6%** over last year, following a 25.5% gain in the prior year, which represents roughly 33% growth across the past two summers. This sustained momentum has allowed us to exceed both our budget target and reach 103% of our aspirational goal. Coordinated efforts from multiple departments supported this increase.

ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

St. Charles Community College was proud to have its **Adult Education and Literacy Student Recognition Ceremony** on Wednesday, June 3. The ceremony recognized students earning their High School Equivalency and completion of the Integrated Education and Training program. Integrated Education and Training graduate Thea Hembrador and High School Equivalency graduate Nicole Renee Byrley addressed the crowd of students and family members.

Hembrador spoke about her journey from the Philippines to SCC and how education has helped her pursue a future focused on helping others achieve their goals. Byrley left high school to care for her child at age 15 and later became a mother of four. After overcoming addiction, she completed her lifelong goal of earning her High School Equivalency credential.



SUMMER CAMPS AND JAZZ CAMP BRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CAMPUS

Community Education's **Summer Camps** began Monday, June 1, and continues through August 7. The summer camps offer hands-on exploration in a variety of specialized fields such as science, technology, visual/performing arts, fine arts, culinary, and more.

SCC Performing Arts' **Jazz Camp** was held June 7–12 and brought promising musicians together with some of the top jazz educators and performers in the country. Our program features classes in improvisation and ear training, instrumental master classes, and big band rehearsals with rhythm sectionals and combos.

SCC ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP THROUGH ICATT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

SCC announced a new partnership through the ICATT Apprenticeship Program to help develop the next generation of manufacturing professionals. The program provides students with the opportunity to earn while they learn, gain hands-on industry experience, and build in-demand skills alongside experienced professionals.

During a recent visit to the Regional Workforce Innovation Center, Mark Seyer, president of Seyer Industries, Inc., spoke about the importance of apprenticeships to our community. By combining classroom instruction with paid on-the-job training, the ICATT Apprenticeship Program creates a direct pathway to high-quality careers while helping meet regional workforce needs.



POINTFEST MUSIC FESTIVAL INTRODUCES SCC TO ATTENDEES

SCC sponsored **Pointfest**, a music festival, in Maryland Heights, creating opportunities to hand out SCC swag, answer any questions about our programs, and connect with thousands of attendees.



SCC SUMMER SHOWCASE HIGHLIGHTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE STUDENTS

Prospective students explored new possibilities during **SCC's Summer Showcase** event held on Tuesday, June 16. Designed for those considering a career change, returning to the workforce, or pursuing a fresh start, the after-hours event welcomed the community to the Center for Immersive Learning for an engaging evening of connection.

Attendees learned about our academic programs, explored scholarship opportunities, and met with faculty and staff from across the college. Guided campus tours provided a look at SCC, while games, prizes, and refreshments helped create a welcoming atmosphere.



SCC HOSTS BIOTECH SUMMER INSTITUTE TO ENHANCE SCIENCE PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS

SCC hosted the **Biotech Summer Institute (BSI)** on June 9–10 for high school teachers representing eight local school districts. Biology Professor Monica Hall-Woods and Biology Academic Program Coordinator Michael Donio led the interactive workshop, providing educators with training, curriculum resources, equipment, and coaching support to strengthen science programs in their schools.

Through BSI, high school teachers gained the tools needed to introduce students to biotechnology concepts and careers, creating pathways to high-demand opportunities.

