



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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 **ST. CHARLES**
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SCC CELEBRATES 38TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



St. Charles Community College proudly celebrated its **38th annual commencement** ceremony on Wednesday, May 13, at the St. Charles Family Arena. This year, more than 1,130 students applied for graduation, with approximately 425 graduates participating in the ceremony alongside family, friends, faculty, and staff.

Serving as this year's distinguished commencement speaker was Bennett Boggs, Commissioner of the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development. Drawing from his own professional journey and insights from *The Yellow Pad* by Robert Rubin, Dr. Boggs shared seven key habits that contribute to personal and professional success. Among the themes he emphasized were embracing opportunity, staying grounded, cultivating mental toughness, bringing positive energy, building self-confidence, and learning to move forward without dwelling on mistakes.

Representing the graduating class was student speaker Roumaysae Jerari, a 2026 graduate of SCC and graduating class representative, spoke about perseverance and the importance of continuing to move forward, even through life's toughest moments. A computer science student, Jerari came to the United States from Morocco with only a suitcase and \$300, and is proud to be the first member of her family to graduate from an American college.

The ceremony was presided over by Barbara R. Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president. Amy Koehler, Ed.D., provost and chief academic officer, assisted in the conferring of degrees and certificates.



SCC'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOMES **TWO NEW MEMBERS**



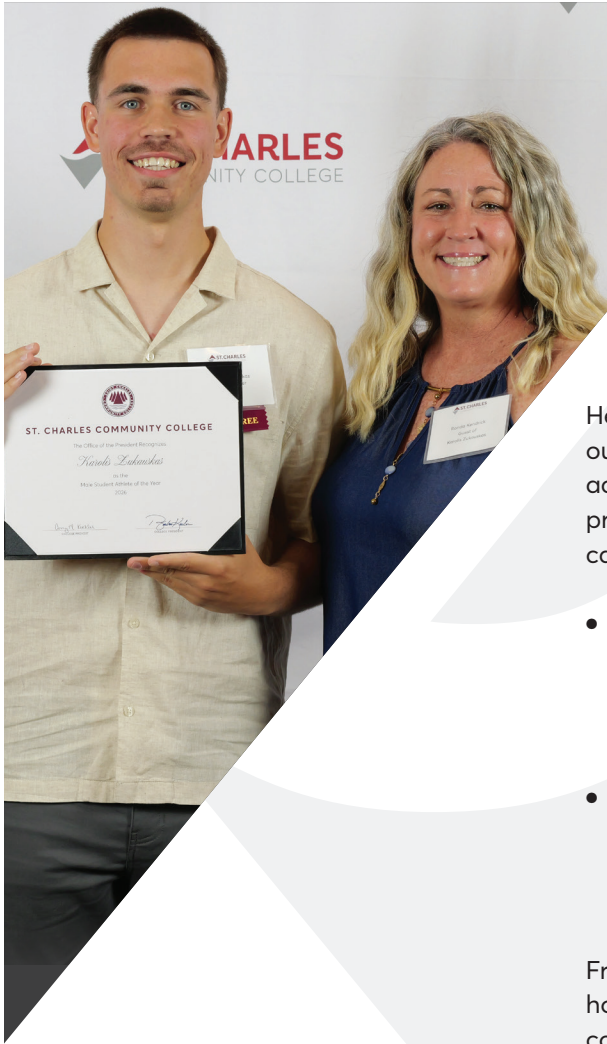
During the April 29 Board of Trustees meeting, St. Charles Community College officially welcomed **two new members** to its Board of Trustees: Bob Ronkoski, former mayor, and Seth Peimann, administrator. As the Board's newest elected trustees, both will serve six-year terms, bringing valuable experience and community perspectives to the college.

"IT'S A WRAP" END-OF-SEMESTER EMPLOYEE LUNCHEON

To celebrate the conclusion of the spring semester, faculty and staff gathered on Tuesday, May 12, for SCC's **"It's a Wrap"** Employee Luncheon in the Café Bistro. Employees enjoyed a complimentary lunch featuring sandwiches, wraps, and salads. Centered around the theme, "Where Gratitude Meets Appreciation," the luncheon provided an opportunity to recognize and thank employees for the meaningful impact they make.



SCC CELEBRATED EXCELLENCE AT THE 33RD ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS



Held at Whitmoor Country Club in St. Charles on Tuesday, April 28, our **33rd Annual Student Awards Banquet** recognized the incredible achievements, leadership, and impact of our SCC students. We were proud to honor this year's award recipients who continue to inspire our campus community.

- **President's Rising Star Award & Scholarship Winner: Drake Walters**
Recognizes an SCC student who exemplifies leadership on and off campus, demonstrating exceptional dedication and achievement in both academic and civic pursuits.
- **Maria Espinoza Leadership Award & Scholarship Winner: Anna Ricks**
Honors a student who has made outstanding contributions to campus life and represents SCC with excellence locally, regionally, and nationally.

From leadership and service to academic excellence, each 2026 honoree represents the very best of SCC. The hard work, passion, and commitment of these students are to be celebrated.

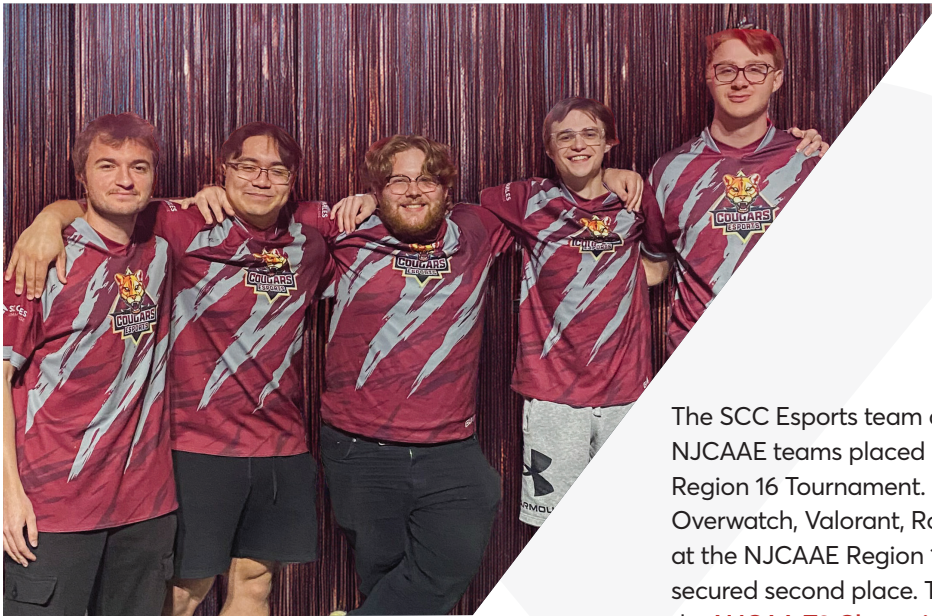


FRISBEE GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD ON CAMPUS

SCC was proud to host the St. Charles County Parks' 5th annual College Meadows **Disc Golf Doubles Glow** tournament. The course lit up with glowing baskets for 18 holes, taking players through a mix of wooded trails and open fairways. Congratulations to the winners.



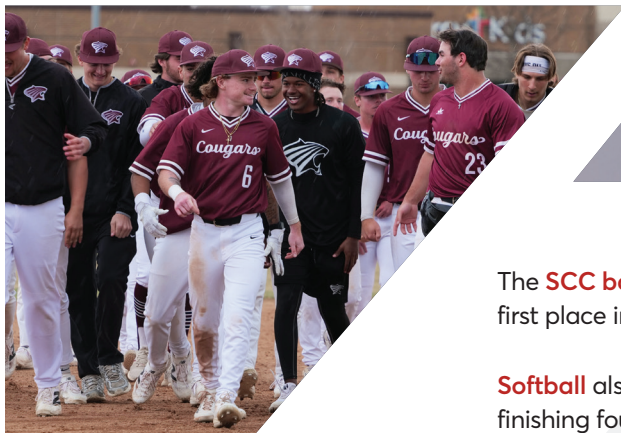
VALORANT TEAM BECOMES **NJCAAE T3** CHAMPIONS AND OTHER SUCCESSES



The SCC Esports team concluded a successful season. All NJCAAE teams placed in the top two during the NJCAA Region 16 Tournament. SCC captured first-place finishes in Overwatch, Valorant, Rocket League, and League of Legends at the NJCAAE Region 16 Tournament, while Marvel Rivals secured second place. The Valorant Varsity team also claimed the **NJCAA T3 Championship** with an undefeated 10-0 record. Additional strong performances included Overwatch finishing 4th nationally and Rainbow Six Siege earning 2nd place in PlayVS competition, highlighting the continued growth and competitiveness of SCC Esports.

SCC SPRING SPORTS WRAP UP

SCC's spring sports wrapped up an outstanding season filled with championships, record-breaking performances, and impressive accomplishments.



The **SCC baseball** team captured the Region 16 Championship, earning first place in the region and advancing to district competition.

Softball also enjoyed a strong season, recording more than 30 wins and finishing fourth at the Region 16 Tournament.

SCC Track and Field delivered a historic performance at the NJCAA Division III Outdoor Championships. The women's team placed seventh nationally, while the men's team earned a 10th-place finish. The program celebrated one national champion, 23 NJCAA All-America honors, 15 individual All-America performances, and eight relay All-America honors. Cougar athletes also set multiple school records while scoring across events, including sprints, hurdles, jumps, throws, pole vault, relays, and multi-events.



Congratulations to all SCC student athletes and coaches on an exceptional spring season.