



Chesbrough takes presidents leadership of MCCA

Ron Chesbrough, Ph.D., president of St. Charles Community College, began his service as the chair of the Missouri Community College Association's Presidents/Chancellors Council starting July 1.

The chair provides leadership for the Association and represents community colleges in meetings with legislators, members of the executive branch, and other key groups.

Chesbrough will chair the Council for one year. He will be assisted by Chair-Elect Jon Bauer of East Central College and Past Chair Cliff Davis of Ozarks Technical Community College. Steve Kurtz of Mineral Area College, Neil Nuttall of North Central Missouri College, Jeff Pittman of St. Louis Community College, Mark James of Metropolitan Community College and Hal Higdon of OTC also serve on the Council's Executive Committee.

SCC now offering 24-week programming certificate option

Starting this August, students will have the opportunity to earn a tuition free Certificate of Specialization in Programming in just six months thanks to St. Charles Community College's new accelerated program and MoSTEMWINS.

"Unlike our yearlong, full-time traditional certificate programs, this program can be completed in half the time while maintaining our high academic standards," said Rex McKanry, SCC assistant professor of computer science. "Few computer science programs allow students to earn industry certification, a college certificate and college credit from an accredited college or university all at once, but this one does."

McKanry began exploring what it would take to offer an accelerated certificate program after reading the article "How to Become a Computer Programmer in Less Than Six Months" by Susan Galer in *Forbes*.

"In less than six months, working 20 hours a week, a person who has no computer knowledge can get to a level of qualification for a job as a computer programmer," according to Jim McKelvey, co-founder of LaunchCode and Square, who was quoted in the article.

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College selected as a St. Louis 'Top Workplace' for third consecutive year

SCC has been selected as one of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch Top Workplaces for the third year in a row. SCC ranked 18th in the large employer category and was one of only two higher education institutions recognized.

"This award is a notable affirmation of the work environment at SCC," said Ron Chesbrough, Ph.D., SCC president. "SCC continues to have dedicated and experienced faculty and staff who provide a quality education for our students and meet the needs of all those they serve."

The Top Workplaces are determined based solely on employee feedback. WorkplaceDynamics, LLP, a leading research firm on organizational health and employee engagement, conducts the employee survey and administers the regional Top Workplaces programs with 45 major publishing partners across the United States.

SCC's highest-rated factor was in the execution category, with results from a survey showing employees believe the college does things efficiently and well, new ideas are encouraged, interdepartmental cooperation is good and senior managers understand what is really happening at SCC.

SCC was one of only 100 companies of all types and sizes selected as a Top Workplace in the St. Louis metropolitan region.

"I thought, why can't we offer something like that at SCC?" said McKanry. "So, we made it happen."

Classes will be held at SCC on evenings and weekends to cater to working professionals interested in brushing up their skillset or switching career paths.

"This innovative certificate will offer students skills that are very much in demand, whether they are unemployed or underemployed and looking for a new job or whether they are already employed but looking to update their skills in order to increase their value to their employer," said John Bookstaver, SCC dean of business, science, education, math and computer science.

The program will provide students with a foundation in software development and popular programming languages, Java and JavaScript. It will introduce them to project life-cycle concepts, database development and queries, logical thinking to resolve problems through software development and their role as a team member for major IT projects.

Qualified students may be selected for funding assistance through the MoSTEMWINS grant and given the opportunity to complete the program tuition free.

Seats are expected to fill quickly due to the limited space availability. For more information, call 636-922-8474 or visit stchas.edu/degrees-certificates/Programming-CS.

SCC FOUNDATION NEWS & NOTES

- The **Foundation Board recognition dinner** was held July 14. Dr. Ron Chesbrough, the Foundation staff and SCC leadership celebrated a successful year and thanked the Foundation board for work done this year. Rob Dixon, MCCA president and SCC's 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, talked about the impact of SCC and community colleges on students.
- SCC's **Employee Sponsored Program** raised more than \$32,000 this year. In June the committee approved its newest committee members: Joanne Hare, Kyle Linden, Jackie Radle, Christal Thomas, Ginny Tiller and Christina Usher.
- The SCC Foundation received a **\$15,000 grant from General Motors** including \$1,500 for a scholarship, and \$13,500 for the Career Explorations program.
- Foundation **scholarships and academic program enhancements** have been awarded

Students, advisor take home awards from National PBL Conference

SCC took home awards for students, the chapter and its advisor at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference held in Chicago from June 24-27. Phi Beta Lambda is the largest collegiate-level business student organization in the United States.

During the conference, students and student teams take part in a series of competitions and are eligible for the competitions based on results from regional conferences. Two SCC student teams placed in the top.

Farhan Babar and Elena Huffman competed in Desktop Publishing and placed fourth in the nation. Joey Gallagher, Kevin Gajdos and Maria Pizzo competed in Business Ethics and placed sixth in the nation.

Amanda Messner and Anna Richter competed in Business Law and, though they didn't make it to the stage, they made it to the final round of 14 teams in that event. Other students completing included: Kevin Gajdos competed in Microeconomics; Farhan Babar competed in Computer Concepts; and Arturo Merizalde competed in International Business.

The SCC chapter received the Hollis and Kitty Guy Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit in recognition of the chapter's active participation in programs and projects advancing the goals of FBLA-PBL. SCC's chapter president, Maria Pizzo, was selected as the Who's Who in PBL recipient for Missouri.



A group of SCC students joins Andrea Compton, associate professor of business technology, at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Chicago June 24-27.

Andrea Compton, associate professor of business technology and SCC's chapter advisor for PBL, received an Outstanding Local Chapter Advisor award.

"To say I'm proud of this past year's PBL members is a huge understatement. The chapter had a very long list of firsts this year when it comes to awards, accomplishments and activities and, they worked long and hard to achieve those," Compton said. "My chest swells with pride when talking about them, everything they've done, and who they're becoming. They've represented themselves, SCC and PBL with distinction. I'm so glad they let me go along for the ride."

PBL provides opportunities for students to develop the essential skills for success in business and business teacher education, as well as promotes a sense of civic and personal responsibility.

for fall 2015. Nearly \$82,000 in scholarships were awarded and \$280,000 in academic enhancements were awarded.

- The SCC Foundation has awarded \$3,000 in **Fall Book Scholarships** to 25 students. Applications for Spring Book Scholarships will be accepted Nov. 1-7.
- On June 24, the City of Cottleville recognized **scholarship recipients** at the Cottleville Board of Aldermen meeting. Two SCC students received \$500 from the Mayor Stephen Kochanski Memorial Scholarship.
- The SCC Foundation Board welcomes **new officers** Joe Cook, president; Seth Peimann, president-elect; Scott Liebel, treasurer; Cindy Elking, assistant treasurer; Chuck Pilliod, secretary; Dianne Garrison, member-at-large.
- For the more than \$160,000 in prioritized requests remaining from SCC's planning and resource allocation process, the SCC Foundation Board approved the **allocation of \$10,206**

of Foundation funds. These included assessment materials for faculty in the library, Veterans Week, three 2GB LiveScribe Smartpens for Disability Services, 12 Manhasset music stands and carrier for the Music Department, document camera for the Math Department, plasma cutter for the Art Department, Service Learning programming, an abrasive blasting cabinet for the Art Department and an incubator for the Science Department.

The SCC Foundation's 19th annual **Presidents Classic Golf Scramble** is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 28, at Old Hickory Golf Club. For details, visit stchas.edu/golf.

MARK THE CALENDAR ...

Through Aug. 7 – 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | College for All Kids
July 21-26 – Center Stage Theatre presents *State Fair*
7:30 p.m. July 21-23; 8 p.m. July 24-25; 2 p.m. July 26 |
FAB Theater | Tickets: stchastickets.com
July 24 – Outdoor Summer Movie Series presents *Home Sundown* | Technology Building lawn
Aug. 15 – Fall classes start