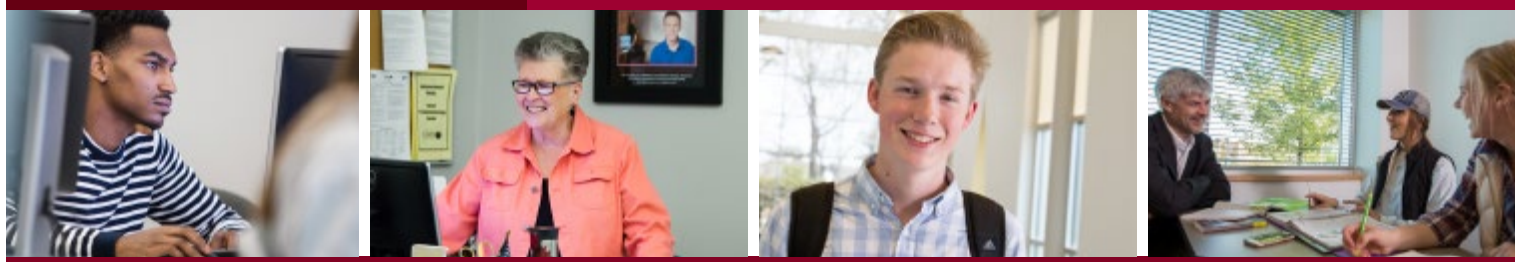


ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – December 2016



SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., joins MCCA Award recipients at the organization's 52nd annual convention. (LEFT) Miranda Ehrich, SCC student and MCCA Student Leadership Award recipient; (CENTER) Theresa Flett, SCC reference librarian and MCCA Senior Service Award recipient; and (RIGHT) Dawn Huffman, SCC faculty member and MCCA Global Educator Award recipient.

Four from SCC recognized by Missouri Community College Association

Three members of St. Charles Community College family and one corporate partnership were recognized for their achievements by the Missouri Community College Association at the 52nd annual convention in November.

Those recognized were chosen from thousands of peers across the state for their outstanding leadership, innovation and support of their community college campuses.

SCC student Miranda Ehrich was recognized with the Student Leadership Award. Ehrich currently serves as president of the SCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for community college students.

"She has been a leader in the organization since 2014, when the chapter lost its president to Lupus. The continued healing of the chapter owes a great deal to Ehrich's spirit and commitment in her current post. She leads with strength and vision – organizing and contributing in service projects such as our Six Weeks of Giving campaign, Harry Potter Day, and in sending holiday cards members of the military overseas. Ehrich aspires to continue her work in the medical as well as

the missions fields. Currently, she manages to work long hours at a hospital while balancing her schoolwork, service and club president commitments to our chapter and campus at large," said Christy Gant, SCC English instructor and PTK club advisor.

Dawn Huffman, SCC faculty member, was honored with the Global Educator Award. Huffman has taught English as a Second Language students for 21 years, amounting to more than 16,500 hours of instructional contact with immigrants and internationals. She currently works as an assistant professor and chair of the Academic ESL Department at SCC. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in Higher Education Leadership at Missouri Baptist University. She holds a master's degree in teaching English as a Second Language from Southeast Missouri State University, a master's in education from University of Missouri-St. Louis and a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

SCC's Theresa Flett received the Senior Service Award. Flett has served as a reference librarian at SCC for 20 years. Most recently, she

assisted in the launch of a college-wide portal as part of the mySCC Portal Taxonomy Committee. She was a member of three long-range planning committees, and she has served as chair of the Annual Library Book Sale task force for years. She has made many contributions to the college both inside and outside of the library.

Component Bar Products received the Distinguished Business and Industry Award. In 2014, SCC partnered with Component Bar Products to host Manufacturing Day to showcase Component Bar's manufacturing facility and raise awareness of careers in the manufacturing industry. This was the first of what became a very successful community-wide collaboration. In 2015, Manufacturing Day grew to host nearly 400 middle and high school students and another 200 members of the community.

The Missouri Community College Association's annual convention is the largest professional development opportunity in Missouri solely focused on community colleges. Its four award banquets, nearly 50 breakout sessions and countless opportunities for peer-to-peer networking attract more than 500 attendees from across the state.

International Education Week explores global topics

SCC celebrated International Education week in November and served as an opportunity for students to discuss global issues right here on campus as well as learn about study abroad options.

During the week, the Oscar nominated film *Monsieur Lazhar* was screened and international and English as a Second Language students led a discussion on culture shock. Students were also given a preview of the study tour opportunity to Quebec being planned for summer 2017.

Several discussions on international current events took place as well, making for a full week of education. The discussion on “Elections Around the World: Different Approaches to Democracy” brought about the comparison of elections around the world, why elections elsewhere are shorter and less expensive than in America, and why third parties in other countries fare better than they do here.

The “Muslims in America: Can We Peacefully Coexist?” discussion centered on why people have a misplaced fear of Islam and Muslims. The facilitators encouraged students to critically and open-mindedly explore one of the great religions of the world.

MARK THE CALENDAR

SCC Singers and Chamber Choir | Tuesday, Dec. 6 | 7:30-9:30 p.m. | FAB theater

SCC Symphonic Orchestra Concert
Thursday, Dec. 8 | 7:30-9 p.m. | FAB theater

Young People's Theatre presents
A Christmas Story: The Musical | Dec. 16-18
FAB theater

Young People's Theatre auditions for
Aesop's Musical Foibles | Saturday, Jan. 14
9 a.m.-noon | SSB auditorium

Campus will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Center Stage Theatre auditions for *A Doll's House* | Tuesday, Jan 17, and Wednesday, Jan 18
7-9 p.m. | FAB theater

County recognizes SCC's partnership in an 'Hour of Code'

At the Nov. 28 St. Charles County Council meeting, County Executive Steve Ehlmann presented SCC administrators and faculty with a proclamation recognizing SCC's partnership and participation in the national Hour of Code initiative.

The Hour of Code is a nationwide yearly event to interest students in computer programming and other STEM-related fields.

In the past year, SCC computer science faculty began offering sessions at Workforce and Business Development office. In the next week, SCC will conduct two more sessions. On Dec. 7, the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County will host an IT Job Fair and Education event from 4 to 6 p.m. and SCC faculty Rex McKanry and Nancy Graviett will represent the college.

“For the past semester I have been going once a month to the St. Charles County Department of Workforce and Business Development/Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County offices to do an



St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann (left) presents a proclamation to SCC faculty and administrators in support of the college's contributions to the Hour of Code initiative. From left: Rex McKanry, assistant professor of computer science; Lauren Dickens, interim dean of business, science, education, math and computer science; Amanda Sizemore, dean of corporate and community development; John Bookstaver, Ph.D., interim vice president for academic and student affairs; and Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president.

introduction to coding,” said Rex McKanry, assistant professor of computer science. “Sometimes I have students come to help out with the attendees. These sessions cover how to create a basic calculator using the Python programming languages.”

SCC offers a wide variety of computer science certificates and degrees appropriate for students right out of high school and professionals who want to enhance their skills and industry marketability.



Captain Jamie R. Schwandt, Ed.D., delivers the keynote address at the SCC Veterans Week celebration on Nov. 7 in the SSB.

Veterans celebrated during week-long event at SCC

SCC honored retired and current service men and women with a series of Veterans Day events Nov. 7-10. The celebration came just a few weeks after the college welcomed its new veteran services and financial aid coordinator, Andrew Gates.

“We had a great turnout for our Veterans Week Celebration,” Gates said. “There was a nice mix of non-military students and visitors from the community, which was encouraging to me as the new SCC veterans coordinator.”

The ceremony included a keynote from Captain Jamie R. Schwandt, Ed.D., on the characteristics of an American hero and had participation from the college president Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., and local veteran

organizations and their color guards.

The remainder of SCC's Veterans Week events drew a positive response as well. Events included a student veterans panel, film showing and ceremonial march.

“The way SCC does Veterans Day – as a week of activities – is unique,” Gates said. “It signals an investment above and beyond a single day or a single activity. The heavy involvement in planning of our Student Veterans Organization is key to the week's success. All of these things add up to a quality recognition that veterans on campus and in the community see and appreciate.”

SCC was named a Military Friendly School in 2014 for its commitment to veterans and current service members. To learn more about services for veterans on campus, the Student Veteran Organization and Honoring Military Families Scholarship, contact Gates at agates@stchas.edu.



Students give back to community through holiday giving

Several SCC student organizations led holiday drives this season to help those in need.

“These holiday drives have become such a wonderful SCC tradition with our student organizations,” said Mandi Smith, manager of student activities. “Every year, students bring our campus community together to help others and make a difference. These drives are obviously strengthening the community around us during the holiday season, but they are also making a big imprint on our students’ lives.”

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) students planned a Six Weeks of Giving holiday drive. Starting in October, drop-off locations were placed around campus to collect a different theme of items each week. Themes included baby supplies,

children’s toys, winter wear, pet supplies, hygiene products and canned goods. The drive benefited Haven of Grace, O.A.S.I.S., Crisis Nursery, Gateway Pet Guardians and Gateway 180 Homeless Shelter.

In addition, the Student Veterans Organization conducted a supply drive for deployed soldiers, the Student Nurse Organization adopted a family, and Student Ambassadors and PTK members raised money and are making blankets for children at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital.

“These drives are teaching students about civic responsibility and hopefully empowering them to be more involved and aware of the community they live in,” Smith said. “They can truly make a difference.”

Ouellette-Kirby’s ‘Arena’ on exhibit at Laumeier Sculpture Park

Alison Ouellette-Kirby, SCC professor of art, and her husband Noah Kirby are the featured artists for the 2016 Kranzberg Exhibition Series at Laumeier Sculpture Park in St. Louis. Their exhibition, *Alison Ouellette-Kirby and Noah Kirby: Arena*, is located at the outdoor amphitheater in the Way Field.

The massive structural installation consists of five sheet-metal megaphones with an interactive audio element. Inspired by their previous Tone Deaf series, the artwork incorporates a mechanism that translates and projects visitors’ voices into harmonic gibberish as a response to the flora and fauna in the Park.

As stated on the Laumeier website:

In their collaborative practice, the Kirbys create forms through the traditions of casting and fabrication. Their combination of material confidence and technological play often develops into environments and scenarios that are complex, ambiguous and situational. This large-scale commission expands on their shared artistic production by utilizing the public’s language and speech to more directly communicate with the natural environment at Laumeier.

The exhibition opened on Nov. 5 and runs through Jan. 29, 2017, at Laumeier Sculpture Park, 12580 Rott Road in St. Louis.

Faculty and staff saddle up at inaugural Chuck Wagon Chili Cook-Off

Ten teams took part in SCC’s first-ever Faculty and Staff Chuck Wagon Chili Cook-Off on Oct. 27. Teams cooked up their favorite chili recipes and add-ins. Faculty, staff and Board of Trustee members were invited to taste-test each chili and purchase a \$2 bowl of their favorite recipe.

Winners in four categories were:

- **Best Overall Taste** – Arrest Your Taste Buds (Department of Public Safety)
- **Best Group Name** – Arrest Your Taste Buds (Department of Public Safety)
- **Best Chili Name** – Sassy Cookin’ Call Girls and Their Blazing Britches Chili (Call Center)
- **Best Booth Design** – Sassy Cookin’ Call Girls (Call Center)

The cook-off, organized by the SCC Special Events Committee, raised more than



Scooter McCougar, SCC’s mascot, joins a group of his closest friends at the Chuck Wagon Chili Cook-Off. (STANDING, FROM LEFT) – Rose Mack, SCC Board member; Pamela Cilek, SCC Board secretary; Mary Schnare Stodden, SCC Board member; Steve Ehlmann, St. Charles County Executive; and Jean Ehlmann, SCC Board president.

(ABOVE, RIGHT) The SCC Call Center team took home two top prizes – Best Chili Name and, with their western-themed booth, saddles and all, Best Booth Design.

\$270 to give back to SCC student clubs and organizations.



The Department of Public Safety won two awards at the first-ever SCC chili cook-off – Best Group Name and Best Overall Taste.



SCC soccer closes out season, women win third straight region championship

The St. Charles Community College Men's and Women's Soccer teams wrapped up the season in tournament play this November.

The women's program closed out their season at the District D Championship game after taking home its third straight Region XVI championship. The Lady Cougars ended the season with a record of 10-5-3.

The women's team narrowly missed advancing to the NJCAA D1 National Tournament after falling to Parkland College in the district championship game 2-1 during overtime.

Four SCC women's players grabbed All-Region honors for the season. Sydney Gentry, Miranda Clamors and Shannon Rettig were named first-team, and Breanna Colombo was named second-team.

"This year, we had a really good group of players on the women's team," said Chris Gober, SCC athletic director. "We are proud to have such a dominant program developing here at SCC."

The men's team ended the season with a record of 10-8-1, closing out their season with a 2-1 loss in the Region XVI quarterfinals against



East Central College.

"It is nice to see the men's team is going in the right direction," Gober said. "It's always positive to see a little bit of an improvement in the team's record from previous seasons."

FOUNDATION UPDATE



Legacy Society ... The SCC Foundation hosted the Legacy Society Luncheon on Oct. 20 (pictured above) to thank those individuals who have listed SCC in their will and estate planning.

Nominations are open ... The SCC Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award. Do you

know SCC alumni who have become leaders in their professions and are making a positive impact on their community? If so, you are invited to submit your nomination by Feb. 28. For more information or to nominate someone, download a nomination form online, or contact Peggy Schnardthorst at 636-922-8278 or pschnardthorst@stchas.edu.

Time to apply ... Scholarship packets and recommendation forms are now available online (stchas.edu/scholarships) and in hard copy around the campus. More than \$175,000 is being made available by the SCC Board of Trustees and the SCC Foundation for tuition and book scholarships for the 2016-17 academic year. The deadline to return applications is the same for all of these scholarships: 4:30 p.m. March 1, 2017, to Enrollment Services, ADM 1113.

Supporting our veterans ... The SCC Foundation received \$1,000 to support the Student Veterans Organization during Veterans Week in November.

Book scholarships ... More than \$3,000 for book scholarships was awarded in November for students to use in the Spring Semester.