



Young students from area middle and high schools experiment with a heat-sensitive camera at the 18th Annual GM Robotics Challenge at SCC. The camera demonstration tends to be a crowd favorite each year. BELOW: Students compete in the Relay Round at the 19th Annual Area High School Math Tournament.

### Outreach to K-12 partnerships remains a priority

SCC welcomed area K-12 students to campus March 4-5 for robotics, math and Destination Imagination competitions.

The 18th Annual GM Robotics Challenge took place on March 4. This year's event was its biggest yet with 47 teams from 32 middle schools and 15 high schools. Since relocating the event to SCC's campus in 2009, SCC has hosted more than 2,000 students, teachers, parents and volunteers.

"As the event grows every year, we continually receive positive feedback," said Tammie De Los Santos, associate dean of college and career readiness. "It gives students the opportunity to explore future educational and career interests."

Destination Imagination's qualifying tournament was held March 5. SCC welcomed more than 80 volunteers and an estimated 900+ participants and family members. SCC has hosted this event since 2007.

According to its site, Destination Imagination is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization with a hands-on system of



learning that fosters students' creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic Challenges in the fields of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), fine arts and service learning.

Also on March 5, SCC hosted the 19th Annual Area High School Math Tournament in cooperation with [mathleague.org](http://mathleague.org). The event brought 12 schools and 82 students to campus.

"As technology becomes even more important in the world, anything SCC can do to help students begin to think of STEM majors as realistic and attainable is positive," said Joe Howe, SCC professor of mathematics. "It's crucial to reach out to K-12 students because they are our future at SCC."



SCC Board of Trustees Secretary William Pundmann meets with U.S. Senator Roy Blunt.

### SCC present at 2016 National Legislative Summit in D.C.

William Pundmann, St. Charles Community College Board of Trustees secretary, participated in the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2016 National Legislative Summit in February to meet with federal lawmakers.

The National Legislative Summit, held in Washington, D.C., is the premier community college advocacy event, bringing together more than 1,000 community college leaders.

The event showcased the importance of the nation's community colleges to Congress and the administration by highlighting ACCT's community college federal legislative priorities including gaining support for the federal Pell Grant Program and higher education funding, among other initiatives.

"The National Legislative Summit event has always been beneficial to our students from our advocacy with the United State legislators, especially the Pell Grants. Our SCC students received \$6,422,390 in Pell Grants for the 2014-15 school year," Pundmann said. "Combine that with other



## SCC art students to benefit from new transfer accord

Officials from Lindenwood University and SCC signed an articulation agreement recently to promote a seamless transfer for SCC art students.

The agreement provides students who have earned an Associate of Fine Arts degree at SCC the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree at Lindenwood.

Lindenwood will accept up to 64 credits from SCC. Students who transfer under this agreement and meet its requirements will enter Lindenwood at junior status.

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federal assistance programs like federal direct loan funds, federal work-study programs, and federal supplement educational opportunity grants, SCC and SCC students saw \$10,308,941 from these programs alone, which represents nearly one-third of our SCC operating budget for the said year.”

“I discussed ACCT federal legislative priorities for 2016 with United States senators and representatives,” he said. “We will see how we made a difference in 2016 at the end of the year.”

Pundmann’s past advocacy efforts made a difference for 2015. Community colleges saw funding increases for several priority programs, support was maintained for Pell Grants, “ability to benefit” qualifiers gained access to a maximum award and more.



## Service learning students host NO MORE Week of Action

SCC students hosted a series of events for NO MORE Week of Action March 7-11 as part of their Sex, Gender and Society service learning course. NO MORE Week is a national grassroots activism aimed at making domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and prevention a priority year-round.

Events included a TED Talks viewing and panel discussion, a T-shirt decorating station, a documentary screening, displays throughout

campus and Step Up! Training.

“Students take great ownership of their learning when the service component is involved,” said Vicky Herbel, associate professor, and program coordinator for sociology and anthropology. “My students gained both academic and non-academic knowledge in the planning of NO MORE Week.”

For more information about NO MORE, visit [nomore.org](http://nomore.org).

## Leadership Society kickoff event recognizes donors

The SCC Foundation hosted the inaugural group of Leadership Society donors for a reception on March 9 in the Donald D. Shook Fine Arts Building. Following the reception, the group attended the Center Stage Theatre performance of *Lend Me a Tenor*.

The Leadership Society comprises donors who have made gifts of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. In the 2015 launch, 25 households joined the Leadership Society for a combined giving total over \$45,000.



## MARK THE CALENDAR

**Lunchtime BINGO** | March 16 | noon-1 p.m. | Scooter's Place

**SCC Student Film Festival** | March 17 | 6:30-9 p.m. | SSB auditorium

**YPT presents *Fiddler on the Roof*** | March 18-20; April 1-3  
FAB theater

**SCC softball vs. North Central** | March 19 | 2-4 p.m. | Softball field

**SCC baseball vs. Kaskaskia** | March 22 | 3 p.m. | Baseball field

**SCC softball vs. St. Louis CC** | March 22 | 2 p.m. | Softball field

**SCC softball vs. Lewis & Clark** | March 23 | 2 p.m. | Softball field

**SCC baseball vs. St. Louis CC** | March 25 | 3 p.m. | Baseball field

**College closed for spring holiday** | March 25

**Backpack Project** | March 28-April 1 | Outdoors

**Bead Display** | March 29 | 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | SSB Lounge

**QPR Training** | March 29 | 1-2 p.m. | SSB 1406

**Mental Health Expo** | March 30 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | SSB Lounge

**Nursing Students' Presentations on Mental Health Topics**  
March 30 | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | CC 108

**Student Recital** | March 30 | noon-1 p.m. | FAB 118

**Film: *Hidden Pictures*** | March 30 | 6-8 p.m. | SSB auditorium

**Dr. Delaney Ruston: Mental Health Stigma and Myth**

March 31 | 10-11 a.m. | SSB auditorium

**SCC baseball vs. North Central** | March 31 | 1 p.m.

Baseball field

**SCC softball vs. East Central** | March 31 | 2 p.m. | Softball field

**Scooter's Birthday Bash/30th Anniversary Kick-Off event**

April 4 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Scooter's Place

**Geek Trivia** | April 5 | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Scooter's Place

**SCC softball vs. Three Rivers** | April 5 | 4 p.m. | SCC softball field

**St. Louis Osuwa Taiko Performance** | April 6 | 7-9 p.m.

SSB auditorium

**SCC baseball game vs. Maple Woods** | April 7 | 3 p.m.

Baseball field

**SCC Writers' Conference** | April 9 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | SSB 1102

**SCC softball vs. Crowder** | April 9 | 3 p.m. | Softball field

**SCC baseball vs. Fontbonne** | April 12 | 1 p.m. | Baseball field

**SCC baseball vs. Mineral Area** | April 14 | 3 p.m. | Baseball field

**SCC softball vs. Jefferson College** | April 14 | 4 p.m.

Softball field

**SCC softball vs. Maple Woods** | April 15 | 4 p.m.

SCC softball field

**YPT Performing Arts Academy presents *Crumpled Classics***

April 16 | 3 & 7 p.m. | SSB auditorium

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