



As part of an annual tradition, SCC faculty and staff line the entrance to SCC's 2016 Commencement ceremony and applaud as a gesture of congratulations to students making their way to their seats in the College Center gymnasium.



SCC holds 28th annual commencement exercises

In his keynote address Tim Lohmar, (top right) St. Charles County prosecuting attorney and former SCC Board of Trustees member, prattled off commencement speech clichés right and left. And then, he challenged the 2016 graduating class with one goal: Be kind.

“Since, according to me, your life is going to be a gradual process of becoming kinder and more loving: Hurry up. Speed it along. Start right now.”

“Do all the other things, the ambitious things – get a great job, seek promotions, work on constantly improving yourselves, travel, get rich, get famous, innovate, lead, make and lose fortunes – but as you do, to the extent that you can, lean in the direction of kindness,” he continued. “Do those things that incline you toward the big questions, and avoid the things that would reduce you and make you trivial.”

Also addressing a crowd of 1,500 graduates, faculty, relatives and friends was student representative Ashley McNamara. She

graduated with an Associate of Arts degree with highest honors, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and plans to transfer to a four-year institution. In her address, McNamara recalled feeling “How am I ever going to do this?” at the start of her journey and, now, at the end of this chapter thinking, “What’s next?”

“You have proven that you have an undeniable amount of resolve and drive just by being here today in your cap and gown,” McNamara said to her fellow graduates. “Now, you have the responsibility to keep challenging yourself, keep reaching, keep proving that you have what it takes every time you’re given the opportunity.”

Of the 277 graduates who received honors distinctions, 41 received Highest Honors, 94 received High Honors and 142 received Honors distinctions.

During the commencement ceremony, the Distinguished Alumni Award was presented



to James Wiczorek, a lawyer at the law firm of Michael T. George in St. Louis. Wiczorek graduated with an Associate of Arts degree at SCC in 1996. He went on to the University of Missouri-



Rose Mack (left) congratulates Mary Schnare Stodden after Stodden was sworn into her first elected six-year term on the St. Charles Community College Board of Trustees.

Mack, Stodden and Lohmar elected to Board of Trustees

The St. Charles Community College Board of Trustees swore in its elected members of 2016 – Rose Mack, Mary Schnare Stodden and Shirley Lohmar – at its April 18 Board meeting.

Mack is a councilwoman for Ward 2 in the city of O’Fallon. She was initially appointed to the Board in July 2009. This will be her second elected six-year term with the St. Charles Community College Board of Trustees. She served as Board president from 2014-16 and Board secretary from 2010-14.

Stodden, a long-serving high school librarian, worked at Duchesne High School from 1978-1988 and St. Charles High School from 1988-2014. She is currently retired. This will be her first six-year term on the college’s Board.

Lohmar, a retired elementary school principal and St. Charles County resident since 1972, was first appointed to the Board in June 2015. She was elected to fill the remaining four years of the Board seat of her late husband, Judge William Lohmar.

At the meeting, the SCC Board of Trustees, whose officers reorganize every two years following the trustee election, announced the 2016-18 slate of officers. Jean Ehlmann, a retired history and government teacher at St. Charles High School, was elected president. She has served as a Board member since 1994 – serving as Board vice president twice and president twice. William R. Pundmann, president and CEO for Pundmann and Co., was elected vice president. He has served as a Board member since 2006 – having previously held both president and vice president office once. Pam Cilek, a retired professor from SCC, was elected secretary. She has served on the Board since 2014 – acting as Board vice president from July 2015-April 2016. Lohmar was elected as treasurer.

The SCC Board of Trustees is charged with the duty of fostering and maintaining the overall welfare of the college as well as approving the annual budget and expenditures of funds. The six members of the Board are elected citizens who serve six-year terms without pay.

Some 72 students take part in SCC’s annual nursing pinning ceremony

The annual pinning ceremony for SCC’s Associate Degree Nursing graduates included speakers, pledges, pins and candlelight at the May 12 event held in the College Center gymnasium.

Seventy-two students were eligible to take part in the ceremony in front of family and friends. Amy Koehler, dean of nursing and allied health, welcomed the graduates, and Jen Bussen, associate professor of nursing and Nursing Department chair, provided a program overview. The faculty speaker was Jody Spiess, instructor of nursing and Student Nurses Organization club advisor, and student speakers were Kalantha Hatch and Kelly Callahan.

Following the presentation of pins, the graduates recited the Nightingale Pledge



and took part in a candle lighting ceremony which represents the “Passing of the Lamp of Knowledge.”



Nursing students simulate disaster in the name of education

Disaster day is a day full of learning for the level 2 ADN students. On May 2, the level 2 students learned about nursing care during a crisis and disaster.

During disaster day, the 72 level 2 ADN students rotated through a natural disaster. Upon entering the darkened and noise-filled SSB auditorium, the students were told that they were entering a building where an F4 tornado had just hit.

“I really believe this type of application-based simulation experience is a critical part of our curriculum. It allows students to experience the toughest parts of nursing practice like mass disasters and emergencies,” said Amy Koehler, dean of nursing and allied health. “One of the most important things they learn is how to handle their emotional responses in a disaster

setting like the F4 tornado we simulate. Students are still processing their responses several days after the disaster drill is over and identifying ways to improve those responses by separating their emotions from the quick thinking and critical clinical judgment necessary to handle the situation.”

“A few of our students have been exposed to triage in a disaster situation in the real world – multiple car accidents and weather-related disasters – and have all said the simulation day at SCC helped them get prepared mentally to stay focused, do what needs to be done and to help as many of the victims as possible in the shortest amount of time,” Koehler said.

The 2016 event included about 20 ADN alumni who returned to be patients for the day. The “patients” were made up to sport life-like wounds and abrasions to create a more realistic scenario. In addition to SCC alumni, several nurses from the community and various hospitals asked to participate.



Ten members of the SCC chapter of Phi Beta Lambda placed in their events at the 57th annual Missouri Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference on April 23.

SCC recognized with top honors at PBL State Leadership Conference

The 57th annual Missouri Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership State Conference was held in Springfield, Mo., on April 23. Twelve members of the SCC's chapter of PBL participated in the competitions, and 11 attended the conference, accompanied by chapter advisors, Andrea Compton and Rex and Jennifer McKanry.

This year's conference theme was "connect" and focused many sessions on networking. The conference featured competitive events for individuals and teams, leadership training and election of state officers for the upcoming year.

The following PBL students from SCC were

recognized at the conference:

- First place in Desktop Publishing: Muhammad Farhan Ullah Babar, sophomore
- Second place in Business Sustainability: Taylor Caputo, sophomore, and Jon Broughton, sophomore
- Third place in Website Design: Muhammad Farhan Ullah Babar, sophomore
- Fourth place Social Media Campaign: Cassie Bianculli, sophomore; Brooke Glore, sophomore; and Tracee White, sophomore
- Fourth place in Networking Concepts: Cole Alves, sophomore
- Fourth place in Business Ethics: Nathan Davis, sophomore; Jake Manhardt, freshman; and Devin Strauss, freshman
- Fifth place in Organizational Behavior and Leadership: Devin Strauss, freshman
- Fifth place in Cyber Security: Cole Alves, sophomore

Babar also received the Director Level CMAP (Career and Membership Achievement Program) Award. Other members who competed in competitive events were Jasmine Ray, sophomore, and Maggie Breen, freshman.

Three members, Babar, Caputo and Broughton qualified to move on to the PBL National Leadership Conference and competitions in Atlanta in June. Phi Beta Lambda is an educational association of postsecondary student members preparing for careers in business.



College officials share priorities, offer thanks to legislative contingent in Jefferson City

Todd Galbierz, interim president at SCC, and William Pundmann, SCC Board of Trustees vice president, visited the Missouri state capitol in Jefferson City on May 5 to meet with the college's legislative contingent.

Galbierz (second from right) and Pundmann (far left) met with several state legislators, including Rep. Kurt Bahr (D-102, center), Rep. Chrissy Sommer (D-106, second from left) and Rep. John Wiemann (D-103, far right), pictured above.

At the meetings, Galbierz and Pundmann emphasized the importance of continued legislative support via funding for Missouri community colleges, like SCC, and reviewed Missouri Community College Association's legislative agenda.

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St. Louis where he received his bachelor's degree in political science, and to Saint Louis University where he earned his law degree and was named Student of the Year in 2002. Paralyzed in 1991 after being attacked by assailants while working as an over-the-road truck driver, Wieczorek has gone on to argue cases in front of the Missouri Supreme Court, Missouri Court of Appeals and the Illinois Appellate Court.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Todd Galbierz, SCC interim president. Jean Ehlmann, president of the SCC Board of Trustees, and Chris



Breitmeyer, vice president for academic and student affairs, assisted with the conferring of degrees and certificates. The SCC Concert Band, directed by Dave Dickey, and the SCC Singers and Show Choir, directed by Becky Thorn, provided music. The Commencement Marshal was Monica Hall-Woods, professor of biology and chair of the Biology Department. Ushers included cadets from the Eastern Missouri Police Academy, student organizations and college staff.



James J. Wieczorek,
2016 SCC Distinguished Alum



Noon-9 p.m.
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MUSIC AND
A MOVIE



Employers flock to SCC for Job Fair

St. Charles Community College hosted some 109 employers at Job Fair 2016 on Friday, May 6, in the College Center. This fair provided opportunities for more than 300 job seekers to find job leads, job training and job search information and networking opportunities. A free portrait session was offered to job seekers to use on their LinkedIn profile.

"Job Fair 2016 was a great opportunity for job seekers to put themselves out there and see what jobs are available," said Martha Toebben, SCC career services manager.



SCC again named a 'Tree Campus USA'

Tree Campus USA is a national program created in 2008 to honor colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. Toyota helped launch the program and continues its generous financial support this year.

SCC has achieved the title for 2015 by meeting Tree Campus USA's five standards, which include maintaining a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures toward trees, an Arbor Day observance and student service learning projects.



That '80s Run participants enjoy the day at St. Charles Community College on Saturday, April 30.

Winners announced in 24th annual SCC run events

A record-breaking 1,274 runners and walkers registered for the 10K, 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run, held on April 30 at SCC. The events were part of the college's 24th annual That '80s Run that drew area residents for a morning of health, fitness and family recreation. The race's theme brought out runners decked in '80s gear.

"From start to finish, this health and wellness event was about as colorful as it gets. Not only was it great to see families taking part, it was awesome to have so many runners get into the spirit of our 1980s theme," said Heather McDorman, race director and vice president for enrollment and marketing services at the college.

In the top SCC student, alumni and employee 10K categories, the first male SCC student to cross the finish line was Ricardo Lopez (1:04:50). The first male alum to cross the finish line was Robert Newman (55:54), and the first female alum was April Mach (50:24). In the employee division, Joe Baumann (55:30) was the first male to cross the finish line. The first female employee to finish was Theresa Flett (1:04:28).

In the top SCC student, alumni and employee 5K categories, the first male SCC student to cross the finish line was Ryan Roettgers (24:10) and the first female student to finish was Jakelin Gonzalez-Sanchez (27:39). The first male alum to cross the finish line was Jacob Willis (25:35), and the first female alum was Amy Westermann (29:03). In the employee division, Jay Jackson (19:45) was the first male to cross the finish line. Janet Ouellette (32:03) was the first female to cross the finish line.

A list of the overall winners and all winners in the various events at the 24th Annual 10K Race, 5K Race and Fun Run can be found at that80srun.org.

Proceeds from That '80s Run will fund health, wellness and leisure projects that would otherwise go unfunded at St. Charles Community College. Since 2006, the college's run has funded 55 health and wellness grants totaling \$42,035.

For 2016 photos, full race results and information about next year's event, visit that80srun.org.

2016 SCC BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SPRING SEASON ROUNDUP

St. Charles Community College baseball and softball teams closed out the 2016 season after another well-fought year.

The Lady Cougars ended their regular season with a 13-27 record before closing out post-season tournament play 3-2.

"After a sluggish start, the Lady Cougars put on an inspiring effort in the Region XVI Division I softball tournament," said Chris Gober, SCC athletic director and head baseball coach.

The Lady Cougars faced a tough opening round against North Central, the third seed, coming out with a loss, 10-6.

The women squared off in an elimination game versus number one seed, Crowder College, and won on a bottom of the seventh inning walk-off home run by freshman Rachel Earlewine for a 5-4 victory. SCC had a rematch against North Central, with the Lady Cougars coming out on top by a score of 10-6. In their third game of the day, the Lady Cougars overcame a 5-1 deficit to defeat Maple Woods in an action filled 6-5 win to advance to the championship game, where the Cougars were unable to stop Jefferson College, finishing with a score of 9-2.

"Along the way, the Lady Cougars became fan favorites with their gritty, inspirational play as fans, officials and opponents complimented them on a well-played tournament," Gober said. "The way they battled out of the elimination bracket to play for the championship title was very impressive."



SCC baseball ended their season with a 10-40 record before entering post-season play, where the Cougars were eliminated after a 0-2 showing in the Region XVI baseball tournament. The Cougars lost 7-5 to the number three seed, North Central, in game one.

"I thought early on we had a chance to be pretty good, but after some key injuries we really struggled," Gober said. "We never figured out how to finish when we were in tight games. Of course, I'm disappointed with our record, but overall, the guys did the best they could."

For more information on Cougar Athletics, visit stchas.edu/athletics.

MARK THE CALENDAR

The Addams Family Auditions | May 17-19 | 7 p.m. May 17-18; 6 p.m. May 19 | FAB Theater

CHOMP | May 21 | SCC Campus; Blue Parking lot, Technology Building Lawn, Campus Plaza

Memorial Day | May 30 | College closed

Summer classes begin | June 6