

# ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – August 2017



The total solar eclipse as seen over SCC's One Academy Place in Dardenne Prairie, Mo.

## 'Path of totality' envelops campuses; SCC community celebrates amid solar blackout at eclipse watch party

In the dark of ... day, St. Charles Community College hosted an eclipse viewing party on Monday, Aug. 21 – the college's first Monday of fall classes. The total solar eclipse was caused by the moon moving directly between the Earth and the sun, casting a shadow over Earth. The last total solar eclipse to occur in the St. Louis area was in the year 1442.

With the campus situated directly in the path of totality, SCC experienced approximately 30 seconds of total darkness. Students, faculty and staff were invited to join in the fun on campus with recreational games, free food, music, giveaways and educational activities

sponsored by various departments from across campus. The college gave away approximately 3,000 pairs of protective eyewear viewing glasses.

Classes that fell within the 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. timeframe were either released early or began late to give our entire campus community the opportunity to witness this historic solar event.

Leading up to the event, in partnership with The St. Charles County Library Foundation, the college's storybook walk featured *There's No Place Like Space*, written by Trish Rabe.



Images from the first Monday of fall 2017 classes are like no other in SCC's history. A total solar eclipse darkened both sky and ground in Cottleville and Dardenne Prairie during the midday celestial wonder on Aug. 21.

## SCC OFFICIALS VISIT WITH CONGRESSMAN LUETKEMEYER



Amanda Sizemore (left), SCC Dean of Corporate and Community Development, and Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president, met with Blaine Luetkemeyer, U.S. Congressman, on Aug. 4. The three discussed the opportunities ahead at SCC's property at One Academy Place. The team discussed the possibility of utilizing the space to implement an agriculture program among other potential new offerings.

## SCC names new deans, executive director

Lauren Dickens has accepted the position of dean for the Division of Business, Science, Education, Math and Computer Science. Dickens previously served SCC as the program chair for economics and finance at SCC. "Lauren has done an admirable job this past year as interim dean, and I am confident she will lead the division well in the years to come," said John Bookstaver, Ph.D., SCC vice president for academic affairs and enrollment management.

Dr. Mara Vorachek-Warren has been named interim dean of the division of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. The college will soon

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Emergency and first responders visit with children at SCC's Child Development Center to educate them about police, fire and emergency medical care – our real-life heroes.

## SCC DPS hits the streets to educate local children

Jeff Brouk, SCC public safety supervisor and police sergeant; Jen Muschany, SCC public safety supervisor and police sergeant; and Bob Ronkoski, SCC director of public safety and chief of police, attended National Night Out in New Melle Aug. 1.

As part of the event, SCC's department of public safety team handed out child safety coloring books, crayons and junior police badge stickers to the children.

On Aug. 3, the SCC Department of Public Safety and Child Development Center organized an activity day for CDC children to see police cars, a fire truck and ambulance.

"Building positive and supportive relationships between law enforcement officers and today's youth is essential to a successful community-oriented policing program in the future," Ronkoski said.



(L to R) – Lauren Dickens, dean for the Division of Business, Science, Education, Math and Computer Science; Mara Vorachek-Warren, interim dean of the division of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; and Karen Jones, executive director of global studies and international support services.

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undertake a nationwide search for the permanent dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, in hopes of having a new dean in place to start the spring semester. "Mara has demonstrated leadership as founding chair of the Professional Development Advisory Group, and her leadership has recently been recognized by the faculty with her selection as Faculty of

the Year and Vice President of the Faculty Association," Bookstaver said.

Karen Jones is assuming a key leadership role as the Executive Director of Global Studies and International Support Services. Jones will provide vision and leadership to this newly established department, including oversight of regulatory and support functions. Additionally, she will build collaborative partnerships with both internal and external groups and expand study abroad, student exchange programs, and global education and awareness.

## SCC recognized with top honors at PBL National Leadership Conference

More than 1,800 of America's college students traveled to Anaheim, Calif., on June 24-27 to participate in the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) National Leadership Conference and to compete for the opportunity to win more than \$95,000 in cash awards.

Participants from across the United States attended the conference to enhance their business skills, expand their networks and participate in 60 business and business-related competitive events.

Tori Ash and Bethany Graham from SCC received national recognition at the PBL Awards of Excellence Program on June 27. Ash and Graham competed in Business Ethics and brought home eighth place in the nation.

For 2017, teams were asked to review a recent ethical case related to the automobile industry and discuss why it happened, how



PBL participants Tori Ash and Bethany Graham show off national honors at the June 24-27 conference in Anaheim, Calif.

it should be resolved and what could have prevented it.

The award was part of a comprehensive national competitive events program sponsored by FBLA-PBL that recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. For many students, the competitive events are the capstone activity of their academic careers. In addition to competitions, students immersed themselves in interactive workshops, visited an information-packed exhibit hall and heard from motivational keynotes on a broad range of business topics.

## MARK THE CALENDAR

**Food Truck Frolic & Family Movie Night**  
Friday, Aug. 25 | 5-10 p.m. | SCC Campus

**The college will be closed Monday, Sept. 4 for the Labor Day holiday.**

**9/11 Remembrance Ceremony** | Monday, Sept. 11 | 9-10 a.m. | College Center rotunda

**SCC All-College Planning Day** | Friday, Sept. 8

**SCC Board of Trustees meeting** | Monday, Sept. 18 | 5:30 p.m.



## SCC celebrates summer successes

In honor of the hard work put in by SCC employees, several ice cream socials were held in the past month.

An ice cream social was held July 21 to thank the many campus team members who supported the SOAR orientation and registration program. "This was an opportunity to come together and celebrate the wonderful cross-departmental collaboration that was required to make SOAR a success," said Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president.

An administrative services ice cream social and corn hole tournament was held July 28. More than 100 staff members attended, and 32 staff members participated in the tournament.