



SCC hosts annual Veterans Day event, week-long celebration

SCC brought the community together by hosting a week-long celebration in honor of Veterans Day, Nov. 6-9. Events took place on the college's campus and included the college's annual Veterans Celebration on Nov. 6, the Veterans Panel: "Boots to Books: the Transition Experience" on Nov. 7, "Restrepo" film showing on Nov. 8, a roundtable discussion on combating suicide on Nov. 9 and the Veterans Week Ceremonial March also on Nov. 9.

FALL ATHLETIC SEASON WRAP-UP

Women's Soccer Takes Fourth Consecutive Region XVI Title

SCC's women's soccer captured its fourth consecutive NJCAA Region XVI title in women's soccer Saturday, Oct. 28, with a 3-1 come-from-behind victory over Metropolitan Community College-Blue River. The Cougars concluded their season with a tough 2-1 loss in the District D Championship game against nationally ranked Lewis & Clark Community College on Nov. 4.

Taking home awards from the region tournament were:

- Forward Katie Richter, goal keeper Olivia Jordan, midfielder Gabbie Wiesner, and forward Lauren Schmickley were named to the NJCAA All Region XVI First-Team.
- Earning Second-Team honors were midfielder Melanie Gubicya and defensewoman Breanna Colombo.
- Head Coach Jason Wyland was named NJCAA Region XVI Coach of the Year.

"I'm really proud of the team. They overcame a midseason slump but seem to be playing their best at the most important



The SCC Women's Soccer Team were crowned the 2017 Region XVI Champions following their win on Oct. 28.

time of year," said Chris Gober, SCC athletic director.

The men's soccer team finished their season with a second round loss in the Region XVI Tournament.

Meet and Greet

Prior to the regional tournaments, all four SCC athletic team members and coaches met with the college President, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, in October at the first ever SCC athlete-president meet and greet.

The event included remarks from the President and coaches, as well as refreshments and presentations to Dr. Kavalier by each SCC collegiate athletic team – including baseball, softball and women's and men's soccer.

ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – December 2017



MCCA president visits SCC

St. Charles Community College welcomed Missouri Community College Association's (MCCA) new leadership, Brian Millner, MCCA president and CEO, and Bobby Remis, MCCA director of communications, to campus on Tuesday, Nov 14.

"Community colleges are critical to developing Missouri's workforce and growing the state's economy," Millner said in a statement. "I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to serve and to help ... make a positive difference in our state."

Millner and Remis joined Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president, and the college's Cabinet of John Bookstaver, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and enrollment management; Donna Davis, vice president for human resources; Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative services; Heather McDorman, vice president for marketing and student life; and Chad Shepard, chief information officer; for lunch served by SCC catering, where the group discussed Millner's vision for MCCA and ways the organization can better serve its constituents.



Brian Millner, MCCA president and CEO, speaks with Shirley Lohmar, SCC Board of Trustees treasurer.

Following lunch, Millner and Remis toured the campus grounds and took part in a meet and greet to get to know SCC faculty and staff.

SCC music program chair named Becky Thorn as a Missouri Baptist University Distinguished Alumni

On Oct. 19, The Missouri Baptist University's (MBU) Alumni Association honored Becky Thorn, SCC music program chair and assistant professor of music, as an outstanding alumni who has made a significant impact in the community and society

"I feel beyond humbled to receive this award," Thorn said. "Having graduated from MBU 17 years ago, I can honestly say that the foundation I was given there in my undergrad studies set me up for success in graduate school and throughout my teaching career."

Thorn, a graduate from the class of 2000, designed and implemented a new degree program, the Associate of Fine Arts in Music at SCC. She has performed and directed in school, church and community productions and conducts the SCC choirs.

She received a double major in music education and vocal performance at MBU before going on to obtain a Master of Arts in vocal pedagogy from Webster University in



2003. Married with three children, she is also an active singer, recording artist, songwriter, choral clinician, certified vocal adjudicator and professional private voice teacher.

Joe Howe awarded 2017 Emerson Excellence Award



Joe Howe, professor of mathematics and department chair of Transfer Math at SCC, was selected to receive the 2017 Emerson Excellence in

Teaching Award.

The Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award program recognizes more than 100 teachers from kindergarten to college professors who are examples of excellence in the field of education in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

"Joe Howe is an exceptional teacher who has helped students reach the high standard to which he holds them. He has shown tremendous leadership as chair of the math department," said Dr. John Bookstaver, vice president for academic affairs and enrollment management.

Howe has a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The award was presented on Nov. 12 at The Ritz-Carlton in St. Louis.



Legacy Society members join SCC president, Foundation for lunch

SCC held its annual Legacy Society luncheon on Friday, Nov. 10, in the Private Dining Room of the Student Center.

Members of the Legacy Society in attendance included Brenda Frazer, Mike Dompierre, Tom Wootten and Rusty St. John. The Legacy Society is made up of individuals that have chosen to leave a planned gift to

SCC. The luncheon is a chance for SCC to celebrate the generosity of these donors who have made arrangements to leave a gift to SCC in their estate. Other members of the Legacy Society include Hal Berry, Clark and Pam Cilek, Sara and Joe Cook, Patrice Billings, Judy Hodge, David and Edie Kirk, Scott and Denise Liebel, Betty Osiek and Cathy Wootten.

SCC officials meet with community leaders Shawn and Diane Saale

Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., met with Shawn Saale, Coordinating Board of Higher Education board member, and his wife Diane Saale, former SCC foundation board member, over breakfast on Oct. 26. The group discussed the current climate in higher education, SCC's vision for One Academy Place and meeting the demand of the workforce, among other things.

Saale, from Defiance, Mo., was appointed to serve on the CBHE by Gov. Eric Greitens in August 2017. Saale is a partner at Saale & Bailey, LC, and specializes in estate law, business succession planning and charitable giving.



SCC and IT Tallaght presidents meet over dinner

Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., met with Thomas Stone, the institute president of IT Tallaght, over dinner on Nov. 5. The pair discussed current and future possibilities for SCC and IT Tallaght's partnership, and Stone presented Barbara with a commemorative Irish crystal plate.

The partnership offers study abroad opportunities for SCC students at IT Tallaght, in Dublin, Ireland. Students who participate in the program take a full course load and earn full academic credit from SCC and IT Tallaght.

SCC has 13 students signed up to study abroad in the coming semester, and Stone provided those students and their families with an orientation and welcoming remarks at SCC prior to the dinner.

567 students take part in fall Career Explorations Week

SCC and high school students from across the county got to explore their career aspirations during Career Explorations Week this November. Students were given the opportunity to shadow or receive mentorship from a variety of professionals in the community and beyond.

Students put in requests with their high school counselor or SCC career counselor, indicating which profession(s) they were most interested in learning. Then the SCC Career Explorations Alliance office set out to find individuals to match with students' requests. Approximately 567 students, 48 of which were from SCC, participated in a variety of experience.

One highlight from the week included Baileigh McCrady-Roberts, Troy-Buchanan High School student, who met with Kieran O'Connor, Ph.D., world-renowned archaeologist from Ireland, prior to his speaking engagement during the St. Louis Society – Archaeological Institute of



From left: Kieran O'Connor, Ph.D., world-renowned archaeologist, Bailey McCrady-Roberts, Troy-Buchanan High School student, and Tom Finan, St. Louis University history professor.

America on Nov. 15.

"I have always had an interest in archeology," McCrady-Roberts said. "You can travel, see how cultures have changed over centuries, see different cultures and possibly find new discoveries."

During their meeting, McCrady-Roberts and O'Connor discussed a variety of topics related to the field of archeology, including education requirements, salary ranges and more.



Three from SCC recognized by community college association

The efforts and achievements of two individuals from SCC and one state representative partner were recognized by the Missouri Community College Association at the 53rd annual convention in November.

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

Rep. John Wiemann (District 103) received the Distinguished Legislator Award.

Pat Haynes, director of food services and the bookstore, received the Senior Service Award. Haynes has 30 years of experience in higher education, auxiliary support, student services



and leadership. Haynes started her career at St. Louis Community College where she held various roles including bookstore assistant, merchandise buyer and secretary for student activities. She also served as total quality management facilitator for campus-wide initiatives. Following STLCC, Haynes took a position as bookstore manager at SCC. She now serves as the director of bookstore and food services.

Haynes has not only created an excellent daily food service environment that is safe and healthy – with 100% health inspection pass rates – she has also stepped up as a leader of the college and the changes she has made during her tenure are extremely valuable. Haynes holds an



associate degree from St. Charles Community College.

Ben Waggoner received the Distinguished Alumni Award. During his second year at SCC, Waggoner discovered his passion for helping people with their financial planning and immediately found a way to start on this career path while in school. He worked full-time while attending classes and earned his Associate of Arts in 1999.

His first job at Edward Jones gave him access to the professional development opportunities he needed to help get his own business started and growing. In 2007, Waggoner became a Certified Financial Planner™ professional.

Over the past 18 years, Waggoner has served in various voluntary leadership roles within Edward Jones to help train, coach, encourage and inspire others starting and growing their businesses.

Waggoner moved his business to New Melle, Mo., in 2014, and he remains excited about his future with Edward Jones. The friendliness of the small town drew him in, and he soon became a leader in the community, where he served as president of the New Melle Chamber of Commerce.

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

MARK THE CALENDAR

Winter Choir Concert | Tuesday, Dec. 5
7:30-9:30 p.m. | FAB theater

SC Symphonic Orchestra Concert "Two Nationalist Composers... and Then There's Mozart!" | Thursday, Dec. 7
7:30-9:30 p.m. | FAB theater

Finals will be held Dec. 11-16.

Young People's Theatre Performance: The Nutcracker | Dec. 15-17 | FAB theater

The campus will be closed for winter break Dec. 22-Jan. 1.

"A Light in the Darkness" Opera Scenes Saturday, Jan. 13 | 8-10 p.m. | FAB theater

"A Light in the Darkness" Opera Scenes Sunday, Jan. 14 | 3-5 p.m. | FAB theater

The campus will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

MBU Annual Solo Concert | Friday, Jan. 19
7:30-9:30 p.m. | Pillsbury Chapel, Missouri Baptist University



SCC President attends World Affairs Council of St. Louis dinner

Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., recently attended the World Affairs Council of St. Louis' His Excellency Gerónimo Gutiérrez Fernández Ambassador from Mexico to the United States of America event at the Four Seasons Hotel in St. Louis.

Kavalier joined leadership from across the county at the St. Charles

County Department of Workforce and Business Development table. Pictured (bottom, left to right): John Clark, Masterclock; Patrick McKeegan, City of O'Fallon; Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC; (top, left of right) Mark Seyer, Seyer Industries; Scott Drachnik, St. Charles County Government; Cheryl Renne, Nike Air Manufacturing Innovation; and Martha Kampen, EDC Business and Community Partners.

Continuing Education Department takes top chili prize

SCC hosted its second annual Chili Cook Off on Oct. 31, with eight groups participating in the competition and more than 120 attendees.

Winners included:

Best overall taste: The Wild Witches of CED with Double-Double, Toil and Trouble – Fire Roasted Chili.

Best group name: A Game of Fire and IT

Best booth design: Doc Kavalier and Her Chainsaw Cabinet Crew

Best chili name: Notorious P.I.G.



Kavalier hosts first-ever Tea Time With the President

Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., hosted her first President's Tea on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Faculty and staff joined Kavalier in a conversational setting for an assortment of tea and sweets.

The group got to know one another by sharing a little bit about themselves before chatting about the college and ways to continue to develop and improve the institution.

"The first tea surpassed my expectations," Kavalier said. "A diverse group of faculty and staff exchanged creative and thoughtful ideas and suggestions for the college. As a result, they got to know each other better while gaining insights about different departments on campus."