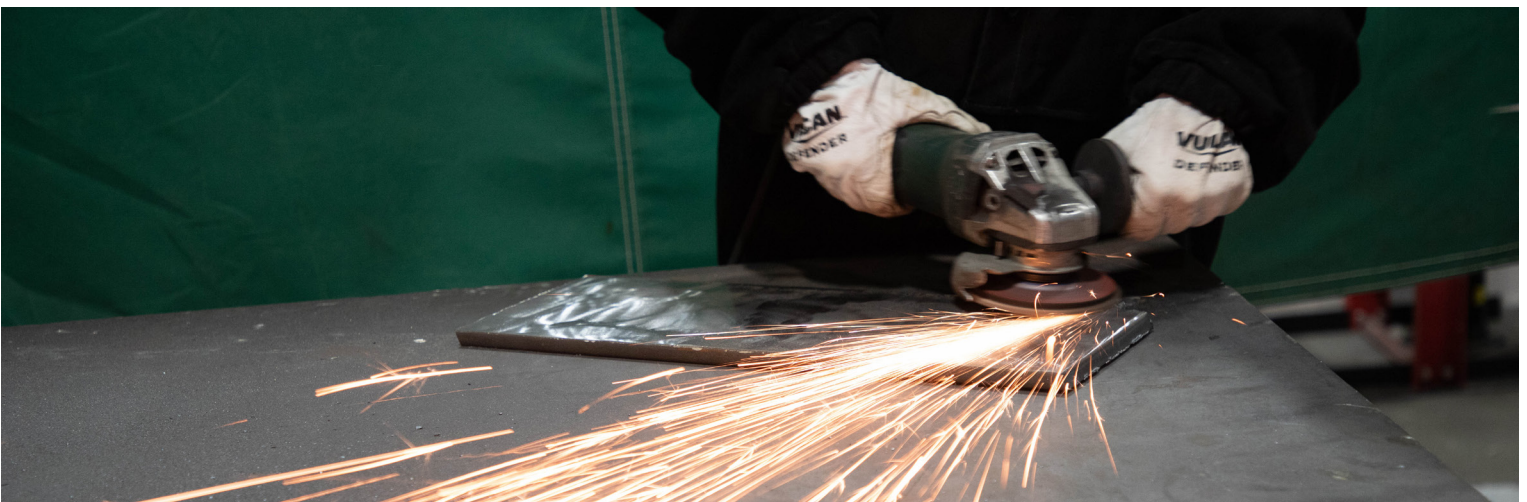




## SCC receives \$1.1 million as part of a nine-member college consortium to expand advanced manufacturing apprenticeships



St. Charles Community College is positioned to continue the expansion of its technical programs in order to address the workforce needs of the region's employers thanks to sizable grant funding provided by the U.S. Department of Labor.

In June, the Labor Department announced that Missouri will receive substantial grant funding for the Missouri Apprenticeships in Manufacturing Program (MoAMP), a statewide initiative to improve the ability to deliver innovative pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training programs. Participants will learn skills and earn credentials, or degrees, that will lead to high-demand entry- and middle-skills occupations in the advanced manufacturing industry.

The Department of Labor apprenticeship grant totals about \$12 million. About \$1.1 million will go to St. Charles Community College.

"SCC will leverage these funds to assist local employer-partners in addressing high-demand workforce needs," said Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., president of St. Charles Community College. "Emerging employers like the Amazon Fulfillment Center and the FedEx Package Distribution Center are looking for more than 2,000 new employees. And, the proposed \$1 billion investment in the General Motors Wentzville Plant will likely call for advanced training to support their technological enhancements. The apprenticeship grants will allow SCC to be in a good position to serve these and other employers when the time comes."

The nine-member consortium of Missouri's community colleges and State Technical College of Missouri, and private-sector partner, National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), will target three career pathways of occupations within advanced manufacturing: automation and systems, logistics, and production and maintenance.

The grant-writing effort was led by the Missouri Community College Association and St. Louis Community College, which will act as the grant's fiscal agent. The grant application was also written with extensive input from state workforce development leaders and workforce investment boards.

Advanced manufacturing in Missouri represents 8.6% of total private sector employment with 202,419 workers across 9,727 establishments in 29 industries. From 2012-2017, Missouri's manufacturing employment grew by 17,555.

The nine colleges that will participate in the statewide consortium are East Central College, Jefferson College, Metropolitan Community College, Mineral Area College, Moberly Area Community College, SCC, St. Louis Community College, State Fair Community College, and State Technical College of Missouri.

## College for All Kids summer camps in full swing at SCC



Learning and having fun go hand-in-hand this summer at SCC's College for All Kids camps. With more than 1,800 registrations in 164 academic enrichment and sports camps held June 3-Aug. 2, children ages 5-14 enjoyed camps such as Broadway Jazz Dance, Lego Robotic Engineering, 3D Printing and more. STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) camps are an area of specialty at the college.



## Schneider takes on additional role to support high-profile projects with the President

Betsy Schneider, executive director of the SCC Foundation, has been elevated to the special assistant to the president, where she will play a critical role in assisting the president on major projects such as the Foundation's Capital Campaign and expansion into Warren County.

Schneider started at SCC in 2012 as the development and foundation relations manager and moved to director of development in 2013. In 2017, she was named as the Foundation's executive director. Prior to her tenure at SCC, she worked in development at United Cerebral Palsy Heartland and the American Red Cross.

She earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Kentucky and is currently pursuing a master's degree in non-profit administration from Lindenwood University. She has held the professional Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) credential since 2017.



## Leenhouts begins tenure as new Vice President for Student Services at SCC

Dave Leenhouts started on July 1 as the new vice president for student services at St. Charles Community College. It's the first time the position has been filled at SCC since the retirement of Jim Benedict in 2007 at which time the college moved to a combined vice presidency of academic and student affairs.

"Dave brings a wealth of experience to SCC in the area of student services," said SCC president Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D. "He is committed to student success and will ensure an enhanced approach to student onboarding, service and retention that supports our students' academic goals."

His areas of responsibility include enrollment services, academic advising, financial aid, and assessment, among other student support services.

"I was attracted to SCC for several reasons," Leenhouts said, "the financial stability of the institution, the strong connection between the college and the community and its burgeoning commitment to student success."

Leenhouts comes to SCC from Wharton Junior College (Tex.) where he served as vice president for student services since 2010. Prior to his time at Wharton, he was interim vice president for student affairs and director of student life for the College of Coastal Georgia for 23 years.

He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Hope College (Mich.) and a master's degree in psychology from Central Michigan University. He also holds a certificate of specialist in psychological services from Central Michigan University.

## SOAR program continues to draw students to SCC

SCC wrapped up its third summer of SOAR – student orientation, advising and registration – to help first-time freshmen simplify the fall enrollment process, save time and better prepare their families for their students' time at the college.

With eight total SOAR sessions on four different dates, 244 students checked in to the events, resulting in the registration of more than 1,597 total credit hours. SOAR includes elements for both students and family members. Students participate in portal and self-service training, a registration orientation and also register for classes. Parents get a tour of campus and have time to sit in on financial aid and career services presentations tailored to them.



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