



**Chris Hubbard Jackson named 2019 MacVittie Emerging Leader**

Chris Hubbard Jackson, Ph.D., director of institutional research at SCC, was selected as the American Association of University Administrators (AAUA) 2019 MacVittie Emerging Leader. She was selected based on her contributions to higher education and the profession of institutional research.

Named for AAUA's first elected-president, Robert W. MacVittie, the MacVittie Emerging Leader Award is made to an individual who is currently engaged in a higher education administrative position below the level of vice president (for less than five years) and who, by virtue of demonstrated professional accomplishment, is thought to have outstanding potential for higher education leadership.

Hubbard Jackson holds a Doctorate in educational leadership and policy studies, Master of Education in adult and higher education, and a graduate certificate in institutional research, from the University of Missouri St. Louis (UMSL); a Master of Arts in industrial/organizational psychology from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE); and a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Illinois State University. She has more than 10 years of experience in higher education, serving in various roles such as institutional research, grants, instruction, planning, assessment, administration, student services, etc. Her research interests include institutional data trends, retention, assessment, post-secondary faculty, burnout and special interest populations.

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**By the numbers: 69 honored at Adult Education and Literacy recognition ceremony**

On Thursday, June 6, 69 students were honored during a recognition ceremony for the Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Program at SCC. Some 36 students were recognized for receiving their High School Equivalency credential.

The ceremony featured two student speakers: Wallapa Greenburg (ESL) and Ashley Duvall (HSE).

Thirty-three students were acknowledged for their achievement, improvement and attendance in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program. Four students were honored for becoming U.S. citizens: Gafkhar Buronova- Uzbekistan, Sarvinoz Khomidova- Uzbekistan, Cuifen Liang-China, Thu Ha Dao- Vietnam. Thirteen students received the Attendance Award for 220 or more hours of class attendance. Eleven students received the Continuous Improvement Award for outstanding commitment to learning a new language, and four students received the Special Achievement Award for going far beyond the expected commitment to attendance and learning.

During the 2018-19 school year, 289 students attended high-school-equivalency preparation

classes, and nearly 100 SCC students received their HSE credentials. Four hundred and thirty-four SCC students from 59 countries took part in the ESL program. One student was honored for receiving their Certified Logistics Assistant workforce certificate. Two students were honored for earning their Certified Nursing Assistant credential. One student was honored for receiving his Certified Logistics Assistant and Certified Logistic Technician credentials as well as his high school equivalency.

The Adult Education and Literacy program at SCC teaches basic reading, math and writing skills to prepare people to take the HiSET tests and to assist non-native speakers in gaining English proficiency. The program offers free day and evening classes in four counties; St. Charles, Warren, Lincoln and Pike.



**MARK THE CALENDAR**

**Summer early-start classes end**  
June 24

**Summer late-start classes begin**  
June 25

**SOAR**  
June 27

**Fall 2019 Foundation Book Scholarship**  
Application deadline July 1-7

**SOAR**  
July 11

**Deans Council Meeting**  
8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 17

**Food Truck Frolic**  
5-8 p.m. Friday, July 19

**Center Stage Performance of *Catch Me If You Can***  
July 23-28

**Pre-fall first week classes begin**  
July 31

For more information and additional events, including SCC athletics, visit [stchas.edu/calendar](http://stchas.edu/calendar).



**Art Holliday offers keynote address at SCC's 31st annual commencement exercises**



Art Holliday, local broadcast journalist, addresses the crowd at the college's 31st commencement on May 18.

Graduates gathered to celebrate their achievements at St. Charles Community College on May 18 for the college's 31st annual commencement exercises.

In his keynote address, Art Holliday, local broadcast journalist and St. Charles County native, told graduates, "It's okay to make plans, but life doesn't care about your plans. Be prepared for the unexpected things life and work are going to throw at you, because it's going to happen."

Holliday then asked the graduates, "What are you going to do when there's disappointment, struggle and tough times? Because that's the measure of a man and a woman."

Also addressing a crowd of an estimated 1,600 graduates, faculty, relatives and friends was student representative Emily Goldschmidt.

In her address, Goldschmidt spoke of growth, "We may all have attended St. Charles Community College together, but we studied different subjects from different professors and through the time we have each spent here, whether it be years or months, we have had different experiences that have continued to shape who we are and who we are meant to be."

Of the 255 graduates who received honors distinctions, 39 received Highest Honors, 70 received High Honors and 146 received Honors distinctions.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president. Pamela Cilek, president of the SCC Board of Trustees, and John Bookstaver, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and enrollment management, assisted with the conferring of degrees and certificates. The SCC Concert Band, directed by Nancy Garza, and the SCC Singers and Chamber Choir, directed by Becky Thorn, with Travis Evans on piano, provided music. The Commencement Marshal was Cheryl Eichenseer, associate professor/faculty member of the year. Ushers were comprised of college staff.



Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president congratulates students at the college's 31st commencement on May 18.

**Congratulations to our 2019 graduates!**





(Left to right) Sally A. Faith, retired Mayor of the City of St. Charles, and Pamela Cilek, SCC Board of Trustees president, at the college's 31st commencement on May 18.

## Sally Faith receives 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award

At the May 18 commencement ceremony, the college's Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Sally A. Faith, retired Mayor of the City of St. Charles.

Faith has devoted her life to moving the city and county of St. Charles forward. From the college's earliest days, Faith's dedication and support of SCC has helped thousands of students pursue their dream of a college education.

"We cannot ever give up," Faith said. "We have to keep going forward."

Faith was instrumental in the passage of the ballot initiative that established the college district. She was elected to SCC's first Board of Trustees, serving from 1986-1995. She said she wanted to be a Board member so that she could ensure that county residents had access to low in-district tuition rates and because she knew the college would make a positive impact on the region. She served as the director of development for the SCC Foundation from 1997

to 2005 and was elected an Emeritus Foundation board member in 2009. She took classes at SCC; her son Howard received an associate degree and her grandson Lance is currently attending SCC.

Throughout her career, Faith continued to push for excellence. She recently retired after serving two terms as Mayor of the City of St. Charles, 2011-2015 and 2015-2019. She previously represented St. Charles County (District 15) in the Missouri House of Representatives and served as chair and vice-chair of the St. Charles County Council District 5 from 1995-2004.

Faith is a member of the St. Charles Transit Authority, Athena Leadership Foundation, the Rotary Club of St. Charles and the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce. She also served on the board of directors of Bridgeway, Focus St. Louis, Connections to Success, New Frontier Bank, Habitat for Humanity, the Foundry Art Center, Mayor's Clergy Coalition, Human Relations Commission, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Services Coalition and Emergency Weather Response Team.

Always mindful of the importance of helping others and affecting positive change, Faith established a scholarship for returning learners in memory of her mother, Florence Killian.

## SCC first community college to sign articulation agreement with St. Louis College of Pharmacy

SCC and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy (STLCOP) signed an articulation agreement on June 11.

The agreement provides SCC's pre-pharmacy students a pipeline to enter the Bachelor of Science Program in pharmaceutical sciences or Doctor of Pharmacy Program at STLCOP. The affiliation will offer SCC students enhanced admission consideration at STLCOP.



## SCC hosted Disaster Day drill for nursing students in May

The SCC Nursing Department hosted a mass casualty drill May 6 and May 8. The college hosts a drill every semester for their graduating nursing students that allows them to experience a large-scale disaster event while still enrolled in school. This semester's mass casualty drill focused on an active assailant/intruder scenario.

SCC collaborated with the St. Charles County Ambulance District, St. Charles County Police Department, St. Charles County Department of Emergency, SCC Police Department and several fire district agencies from across the country.

Volunteers for the drill were faculty, staff and nursing alumni.

Disaster Day was held at the SCC Dardenne Creek campus in the gymnasium and newly-designed virtual hospital.

SCC nursing students were able to practice assessment and prioritization of patient injuries for triage treatment alongside health providers and first responders. The nursing students also collaborated with EMS, fire and police departments to triage and transport patients to the new virtual hospital for treatment.



Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president, and John A. Pieper, Ph.D., president of STLCOP, signing an articulation agreement.



Christy Gant, assistant professor, speaks at SCC Coffeehouse.

## Faculty updates and accomplishments

**Joe Baumann, Ph.D.**, instructor, announced his short story "Terrarium" will be published as a chapbook in early 2020 by Head & Hand Press as part of their Shockwire Chapbook Series.

The short film **Mitch Harden**, assistant professor, wrote and starred in, "Shipslog," was selected for the St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase and Staff Favorite awards at the Science Center's Short Film Award.

**Monica Hall-Woods, Ph.D.**, professor biology chair, attended the CCURI (Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative) Lab Methods Workshop held at Tulsa Community College from May 19-23. CCURI supports incorporating undergraduate research into community college curricula. She learned to process of CRISPR/Cas 9 gene editing and plan to incorporate this technique in the college's general biology courses. SCC is an affiliate institution to the CCURI network due to her incorporation of research in SCC's general biology courses.

**Jennifer LeGrand**, professor, is completing her second CD in a couple of

months. As a songwriter, composer and pianist, she finds the music and math connection to be interesting. This music journey started happening in summer 2016 for Legrand. Each song from the CD will have a connection to a painting by her mom.

**Christy Gant**, assistant professor, recently participated in the scoring of high school AP English essays. She read more than 1,000 during essays the week of June 3-9 in Tampa, Fla.

**Felicia Emery, Ph.D.**, instructor, was invited to Pamoja Preparatory Academy's Field Day (St. Louis public school) to set-up and facilitate an Interactive Science Center (volcanoes, kinetic sand and chemistry demos), where more than 100 elementary and middle school students participated in several hands-on science experiments. She also participated in the 28th Annual African Arts Festival held in Forest Park. She facilitated science experiments (volcanoes, kinetic sand and chemistry demos) under the Children's Hut. Her session was called Science Learning Labs: KUUMBA with Science! KUUMBA means to create in Swahili. Approximately 150 children participated during her session. Emery also participated in the Delmar Loop's Juneteenth Celebration on June 15. There she also conducted the science learning labs with attendees.

## Speaker addresses staff on Reality-Based Leadership

SCC welcomed Ana Martos, keynote speaker and trainer for Reality-Based Leadership, to campus June 13 for its Staff In-Service. During the in-service, staff participated in a "The Reality-Based Philosophy – How to Boost Your Value at Work" workshop.

Her unique background and international experience combined with her infectious energy creates a dynamic learning opportunity that inspires. She collaborates with organizations across the world to ditch the drama in the workplace and succeed in spite of the challenging circumstances they face.

The group discussed ways to gain more satisfaction, more joy and more impact at work.

## SCC reduces timeframe to complete Practical Nursing Program

In a response to the needs of the healthcare employers, SCC recently requested and received approval from the Missouri State Board of Nursing to change the way classes are offered for the Practical Nursing Program. Once an 18-month program, it will soon enroll students who may complete the program in 12 months.

A 2017 report projects a 44% increase for practical nurses by 2030 in order to meet the healthcare needs of the country. "SCC feels an obligation to narrow the gap by promoting a process of workforce development that meets the healthcare needs of our community," said Amy Koehler, campus dean and dean of nursing and allied health at SCC

Administration looked at the best ways to overcome these obstacles. The result – shifting the curriculum from three semesters, 16-weeks each, to a 12-month program comprised of five eight-week terms.

"Shorter classes throughout the week will allow students more flexibility in their day to meet their outside obligations while giving faculty increased number of exposures to the student to help ensure success in the program," Koehler said.

The SCC program has also received approval to enter into a pilot program with Health System Incorporated (HSI) that will allow its employees to participate in the curriculum remotely. HSI operates 90 long-term and rehabilitation centers and has more than 150 practical nursing vacancies.

Students will continue to work part-time or, in many cases, full-time jobs while obtaining their education. The theory portion of the curriculum will be transmitted to the HSI student via two-way ITV technology (Interactive Television) based in Troy. The pilot will start in January 2020.



Ana Martos, keynote speaker and trainer at Reality-Based Leadership