



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Welcome Back Bash**  
July 6-9  
Main Campus

**Center Stage Theatre**  
Urinetown  
July 28 – Aug. 1  
Theater

**Missouri College Audition Prep Weekend**  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Aug. 7-8  
Theater

**All Faculty Meeting**  
8 – 11:30 a.m.  
Aug. 19  
Theater

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
5:30 p.m.  
July 26  
SSB Board Room

**“Students First” Breakfast**  
8 – 11:30 a.m.  
July 30  
Gym

**First-Time College Student Night**  
3 – 4 p.m.  
Aug. 18  
Main Campus

**Presidents Golf Scramble**  
10:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Sept. 27  
Old Hickory Golf Club

## ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JUNE 2021



## Bond Issue Work in Full Swing on Campus

It has been a busy summer for Proposition Community College projects. In preparation for construction this fall, several departments in Student Services successfully moved out of the Administration Building to their new temporary home on the second floor of the Social Sciences Building. Formerly the ACE Center, the new Student Services hub will include Admissions, Advising and Financial Aid until renovations are completed in the Administration Building. Meanwhile, the ACE Center has moved to its new permanent space inside the Learning Resource Center.

The welding program has a new home in the old firehouse in Wentzville. The property will be leased for two years while a new technical and workforce building is constructed using Prop CC funds.

Construction on the Department of Public Safety building is taking shape just west of the Social Sciences Building – including framed walls, roofing and masonry. Completion of the building is expected in August.

Soon St. Charles Community College will have two LED signs to deliver important and timely messages to our students, faculty, staff and

the community on campus. The bases for the LED signs have been installed, and work continues finishing the concrete surfaces. The digital display panels will be installed after the bases are complete.

The replacement of the air handler in the Administration Building is also underway. Crews will disassemble to an old unit and install the new one in June.

It has been a busy summer on campus! The SCC Performing Arts Department and the Jim Widner Band held its annual Jazz Camp on campus in June. From culinary creations to LEGOs, College for All Kids welcomed students back on campus and in our new Culinary and Agricultural Center.

## Historic Season for SCC Men's Soccer Team

Going into the NJCAA DII Region 16 Championship, the SCC Men's Soccer Team was ranked #11 in the nation. The team had played tough all season, and their hard work had paid off. For the first time in school history, the team had a chance to become champions.

In the rain and mud, the Cougars battled the St. Louis Community College Archers for 90 minutes. At the end of regulation, the score was tied at zero. In the final seconds of the second overtime, Ethan Pfaff found an opening and scored a goal.

Not only was it an exciting moment for the players, but it was a grand accomplishment for the

coaching staff as well. At the end of the game, Coach Tim Mosby was awarded the Region 16 "Coach of the Year" award from the NJCAA.

Next up was the district championship against Heartland College in Illinois. Though the team fell short, losing 2-0, not all hope was lost. They managed to get one of four at-large bids to the national tournament in Wichita, Kansas.

The team's first game was against one of the toughest teams in the tournament, CCBC Essex. In a major upset, the Cougars won the game 2-0. However, the team fell to Prairie State in their next match 2-1. The team's historic run had come to an end.



"It was a tremendous season," said Tim Brix, SCC athletic director. "We were nationally ranked, captured the regional title and made it to the national tournament. I am incredibly proud of what these student-athletes achieved, and I'm excited for the future of this program."

## Seth Peimann Named 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award Winner

The St. Charles Community College Foundation is proud to announce Seth Peimann has been named the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award winner.

Many outstanding people have come through SCC's doors, from inspiring professionals to industry leaders and leading academics. The SCC Foundation recognizes these stars among its alumni each year with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Those chosen for the award have done exceptional work and shown exemplary dedication to their communities.

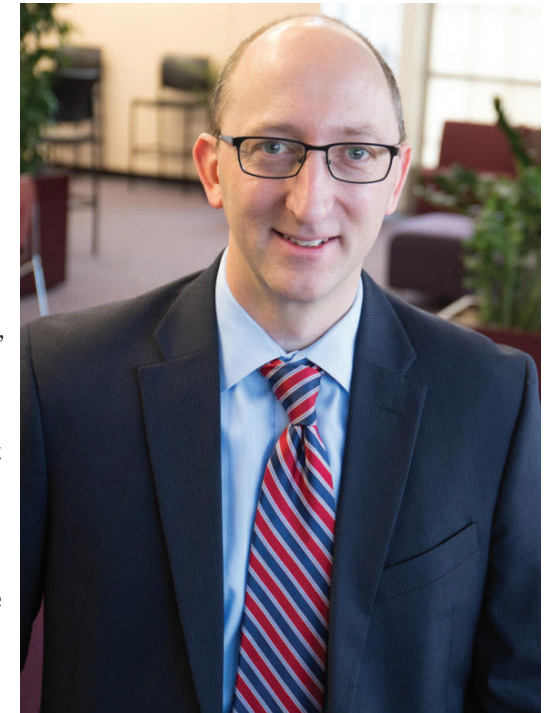
As the administrator for the National HealthCare Corporation in St. Charles, Seth Peimann is proud of his caring team and the people his team works hard to care for. SCC Board of Trustees President Shirley Lohmar announced

Peimann's Distinguished Alumni Award honor at the 33rd annual commencement exercises on May 15.

"When he first began his career, Seth said a class at St. Charles Community College helped him figure out what he was supposed to do with his life," said Lohmar. "He knew becoming a doctor like his two older brothers was not necessarily the path for him, and he was determined to find a career that fit his own talents."

After SCC, Peimann continued his education at Mizzou.

"He credits the teachers at SCC for instilling the confidence he needed to go on to get his degree and then find meaningful work," explained Lohmar.



## Dr. Kavalier Featured at Innovation Panel with Apple, Trellis Foundation

In May, Dr. Barbara Kavalier joined visionaries from Apple, Austin Community College and the Trellis Foundation at the Ambition Never Rests: Virtual Series hosted by Western Governors University.

Dr. Kavalier joined the "Innovation at the Intersection of Community Colleges" panel to talk about building a future-ready workforce, building collaborations between educators and employers, and creating more opportunities for reskilling and upskilling the workforce.

## SCC Instructor Goes From the Peace Corps to the Chemistry Classroom

After she completed her undergraduate degree, Sophia Koziatek joined the Peace Corps as an education volunteer.

"I served in Ghana for two years where I taught chemistry in a small town outside of Kumasi," Koziatek explained.

It was an experience that changed her life and her approach to teaching.

"It definitely opened my eyes to the importance of presenting information in more than one way so different students can understand a concept."

When she returned to America, she brought the lessons she had learned in the Peace Corps to the community college classroom. "It is not always about getting to the right answer the first time," she



said, "but instead helping students have an internal roadmap of how to approach a problem."

Koziatek started as an adjunct at St. Charles Community College in 2015 – soon becoming a full-time faculty member. "I like using humor and sarcasm when I teach as an attempt to lower student anxiety about the class," she said. "Chemistry is perceived as a very difficult subject because of the variety of topics taught in the course and the heavy use of math."

The key, Koziatek says, is to try to show students the connections between chemistry they learn in class and the chemistry they experience in their lives. "Chemistry really is amazing in how it is a part of everything," she added. "You can find it in

combustion reactions and car engines. You can see it happening on the Statue of Liberty. It turned green through a redox process."

Though her passion for chemistry is apparent now, it wasn't always that way. "When I was younger, I wanted to be a writer," Koziatek said. "I wanted to write children's books and short stories."

Something was standing in her way to achieving that dream – she was too nervous to have other people read and judge her writing. So, she chose to pursue chemistry instead.

"The funny part is that as a scientist and a teacher, people are constantly reading and judging my work. So, the joke is on me I guess," she said.

## Welder Alumna Working on New MLS Stadium in St. Louis

Out of high school, SCC Alumna Caylyn Powell thought she knew her path forward – engineering. After attending a year of classes at a university, things changed.

"I started realizing that I didn't want to sit behind a computer and have other people do the work for me," she said. "I wanted to be in the action and get my hands dirty."

So, she decided to become a welder.

"When I realized I wanted to weld, I started looking into local programs. Once I discovered what SCC had to offer, I enrolled in classes as quickly as I could," said Powell.

The demand for welding is high in Missouri and across the country. According to the American Welders Society (AWS), the demand is so overwhelming that by 2024, the United

States will be short more than 400,000 welders in the workforce.

"I think more women should go into welding not only because it is fun, but because it shows people that anyone can do it," explained Powell. "There isn't a certain type of person who can weld – anyone who really tries and puts their mind to it can do it."

In December, Powell graduated from SCC with an AAS in Welding and also earned five AWS certifications. She was also awarded the Outstanding Student Award by the American Welding Society.

Soon after graduation, she landed a job at Hillsdale Fabricators. When asked about the projects that have been keeping her busy, Powell answers with a smile.



"I've been doing some work on the new MLS soccer stadium in downtown St. Louis. It's been a great experience so far. I've also done some work on the new visitors center for the Missouri Botanical Gardens."

According to the latest numbers from the Economic Research Institute, the average salary for welders in Missouri is about \$46,000 a year. That number is expected to rise to \$51,000 a year by 2025.