



President's Award Winners Announced

The President's Council selected Amy Veit, health information management instructor, and Nick Wallace, AV systems engineer, as this year's first President's Award winners.

According to her nomination, Veit "went above and beyond assisting a new instructor during the 2020-2021 school year." The new instructor added that Veit "assisted [her] in changing all medical assisting classroom activities to online learning and provided the necessary direction to quickly pivot the coursework while also providing small group lab time."

Wallace was nominated by two separate individuals. Both praised Wallace for his work ethic and ingenuity.

"When moving commencement to online in 2020, Nick was instrumental helping with videography, editing and production of the videos. Additionally, he was truly helpful in getting classrooms set-up for hybrid learning."

"It is very rare to find someone who is willing to go above and beyond on a project that isn't their own. I am deeply grateful for all his hard work in helping me to finish this project. It is truly refreshing to find someone like Nick to work with."



Lindy McGuire Graduates From MCCA Leadership Academy

Each year, the MCCA Leadership Academy provides opportunities for networking with leaders from community colleges across the state. One person is selected to join the Leadership Academy from each Missouri community college, and St. Charles Community College was proud to nominate Lindy McGuire, dean of health sciences and campus operations, to the program in 2021.

"I was honored to represent SCC at the Leadership Academy," she said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to join the class of program alums."

During the week of Sept. 28 – Oct. 1, McGuire developed knowledge of shared governance, engaged with state legislators to understand the legislative process, and discovered new methods of communications. She also had the opportunity to support transformative change and reflect on the qualities and strengths a leader must possess in higher education.





All Staff Meeting Focuses on HLC, Diversity

St. Charles Community College staff came together on Oct. 14 for a chance to connect with fellow employees and brainstorm ideas to strengthen the college.

During All Staff Day, Vice President Todd Galbierz presented a college update, including a financial update and a progress report on campus facilities. After a brief wellness break, the staff

broke into small groups for breakout sessions.

The breakout sessions allowed staff from different departments to discuss the Five Pillars of Service Excellence and the Students First Initiative, the upcoming Higher Learning Commission visit to campus in November, professional development opportunities and best practices, and diversity and inclusion on campus.

“The ‘Let’s Get Inclusive’ breakout activity focused on our biases in everyday life,” said Martha Kampen, executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion. “The goal was to show how easy it can be to gravitate toward what is familiar. It’s important to be mindful of different people and perspectives.”



Flu Fighter Event Draws Hundreds to SCC Campus

In partnership with BJC and the St. Charles County Health Department, St. Charles Community College hosted a free flu shot clinic on Oct. 8 in the College Center.

Flu Fighters garnered widespread media coverage leading up to the event – including stories on KSDK, Fox 2 and KMOV broadcasts and online.

The event was also marketed through St. Charles Community College external and internal channels.

According to Amy Koehler, vice president for workforce and community education, several faculty and student volunteers helped at the event. “We had an amazing turnout for the event,” Koehler said. “With all the attention on

getting a COVID vaccine, it is important that we remember the flu is still out there. By getting a flu vaccine, you are helping protect yourself and the campus community.”

More than a thousand vaccines were administered throughout the day.

A Cake is More Than Just a Cake for SCC Adult Student

Every year, from kindergarten to high school, Phoebe Holtsclaw's mother got a cake for her children on their first day of school.

"We each got our own individually decorated cakes with our name, grade and the year on it," explained Holtsclaw.

When the Wentzville native decided to go to college, she didn't think the tradition would continue. She was wrong.

"I wasn't expecting a cake this year because I'm an adult, but it was such a sweet surprise when I came home on my first day of college to find a cake in the fridge!"

Before registering for classes at St. Charles Community College this fall, Holtsclaw had been out of high school for many years.

"I chose a different route back then," she recalled. "I got married right out of high school, traveled, occasionally worked at my husband's business and volunteered at church."

After getting married, Holtsclaw had visions of becoming a stay-at-home mother. As her plans changed, she decided it was time to further her education.

"I suddenly had this ambition to go back to school," expressed Holtsclaw. "I still hope to be a mother someday, and while I don't know when that will be, I know when the time comes, I will be ready."

Though it's been several years since Holtsclaw was in school, she feels right at home at SCC.

"Being 25 and coming back to school has been an amazing experience," beamed Holtsclaw. "I've found there is no age limit to learning."

She admits she's taking a casual approach – enrolling in only a few general education courses. So she didn't get too overwhelmed.

"I didn't want to get overwhelmed," she admitted. "Right now, I'm slowly working towards a business degree. I want to be prepared to take care of the family business if I needed to."

After SCC, Holtsclaw would love to attend a four-year university to continue her education.

"I've thought about attending SLU, Fontbonne or even Mizzou, my mom and uncle's alma mater," said Holtsclaw.



Dr. Kavalier, Trustees, County Executive Attend ACCT Conference

In October, Dr. Kavalier was joined by the Board of Trustees and St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann at the Association of Community college Trustee Conference in San Diego.

SCC was selected to present a session titled

"About Community: Reimagining the Value of Partnerships. During the presentation, the College highlighted the College's public/private partnership for student housing and child care services, healthcare partnerships with SCC's Center for

Healthy Living, and innovations in culinary and agriculture – including the recent purchase of a Freight Farm.



Faculty/Staff Update

Dr. Monica Hall-Woods, biology professor, was selected to participate in a Zoom workshop given by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York over the summer to learn more about incorporating DNA barcoding into the classroom as a course-based undergraduate research.

Dr. Joe Baumann, English professor, participated in a Zoom reading sponsored by ImageOutWrite, an offshoot of the LGBTQ+ organization OutWrite based in New York. Additionally, he recently placed the following stories in national publications: “Sing With Me On the Edge of Paradise” in Subnivean, “Where Can I Take You When There’s Nowhere to Go” in Rappahannock Review, Rappahannock Review, and “Mort” in Vast Chasm Magazine.

Becky Thorn, music associate professor, was invited to adjudicate (judge) for the 2021 St. Louis Metro 8 All-District Auditions for vocal students at De Smet High School. It was a wonderful day of networking with local music educators and giving valuable feedback to high school altos auditioning for All-District Choir.

Dr. Ranya Taqieddin, biology professor, and **Dr. Jerol Enoch**, instructional designer, served on the Planning Committee and the Awards subcommittee of the conference. They proposed a modification to the annual award to emphasize the significance of diversity, equity and inclusion in teaching excellence for instructors and instructional designers alike. As a result, the award has a new name, I.D.E.A (Inclusion. Diversity. Equity Award), and has a new rubric adapted to meet this goal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Crip Camp – A Disability Revolution Documentary Screening
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 26
SSB Auditorium

Week of Service
Nov. 1 – 6
Off Campus

The Thanksgiving Play
Various Times
Nov. 11 – 13
Theater

Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 24 – 27

DSS Student Panel
1 – 2 p.m.
Oct. 27
SSB Auditorium

Skill Shop Series: Professional Documents
12 – 1 p.m.
Nov. 9
Zoom

UNREAL Art Exhibit
Oct. 25 – Nov. 14
FAB Gallery

Fall Semester Concert Series
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Nov. 30 – Dec. 2
Theater



In October, hundreds of students took part in the Latin Festival on campus sponsored by the Multicultural Student Engagement Office.