



Culinary Program Launches at SCC

In September, the new SCC Culinary Program was fully approved by the Higher Learning Commission. Starting in October, students can work toward an associate of applied science in culinary arts.

“Students will not only learn how to cook,” said Amy Koehler, provost of the SCC – Dardenne Creek Campus and vice president for workforce and community education, “they will become food experts. The SCC integrative approach to culinary education will provide students the opportunity to study food safety, food security, diet-related disease, and sustainability. The SCC culinary program will produce well rounded chefs ready for the workforce that recognize food as a key component of health.”

Helping lead the program will be Brian Manhardt, director of the Field-to-Table Institute at SCC.

“I began cooking nearly forty years ago,” explained Manhardt, “I’ve held executive chef positions in hotels, country clubs, hospitals, large food service management providers, as well as my own restaurants. Mentoring young chefs has often been a natural part of my day.”

Manhardt added he was drawn to SCC because of its collaborative approach toward culinary arts, agriculture and healthcare.

“Healthy living starts with food knowledge,” he said. “It’s important that all students understand the supply chain of feeding America. Healthcare students need to learn therapeutic

and mechanical diets for patients. Agriculture students will work with culinary students to decide how best to use our fields.”

“We want students to make connections between food, health and sustainability, while advancing their educational and career goals,” said Koehler.

The SCC Culinary Program classes will be held at the Culinary and Agricultural Center on the SCC – Dardenne Creek Campus, which features a bakery, test kitchen and commercial kitchen. Culinary students at SCC will have the opportunity to earn several industry credentials while earning a degree from Serve Safe certifications to first aid training.



Democracy Days Continues Tackling Important Topics

For 21 years, Democracy Days has examined the history, health and functioning of democracy in America at SCC. After moving into the virtual space last year, the event was back in person for 2021.

As always, the event was free and open to students, faculty, staff and the community. The sessions covered a wide variety of topics, including the “Afghanistan in Focus” panel discussion. A last-minute addition, the panel dove into the recent

conclusion of U.S.-led coalition war in the country.

Democracy Days also tackled hot-button issues like critical race theory, transgender rights and equity in education.

If you didn’t get to attend the event, all sessions can be viewed at stchas.edu/democracysdays.

During Democracy Days, the Service-Learning & Civic Engagement Program sponsored a donation drive for the International Institute of St. Louis and

the Immigrant Home English Learning Program (IHELP) of St. Louis.

“The International Institute and IHELP has been collecting items for refugees and immigrants who are making their new homes in the Greater St. Louis area,” said Bryonie Carter, program chair for the Service-Learning & Civic Engagement Program. “Our students answered the call by donating much-needed items to these great organizations.

SCC Welcomes Director of Academic Operations

Dr. Devin Miles joined SCC in September as the Director of Academic Operations. Being new to the area, Dr. Miles is soaking it all in.

“Everyone has been giving me suggestions on where to go and what to eat,” he joked. “Apparently fried raviolis are a thing.”

Dr. Miles brings 12 years of higher education administration experience to SCC, having worked at Boise State University and Oregon College of Oriental Medicine. In his new role at SCC, Dr. Miles will take charge of curriculum processing, assist with HLC and program accreditation processes, and continue pathways implementation.

“I have greatly appreciated the student-first ethos that SCC is trying to instill within all levels of the organization,” Dr. Miles said. “This generation of college students sees us as partners in their education

and careers, and we need to see ourselves as partners as well.”

Using his background in program management, institutional effectiveness, faculty development and student advising, Dr. Miles hopes to create a system that is clear, understandable and user-friendly for every academic affairs department.

“I believe that faculty and staff should be empowered to improve systems and procedures to ensure that student success is achievable,” he said, “and that effective engagement between all stakeholders should be at the forefront of our daily work.”

Dr. Miles has a master’s degree in nonprofit management from Northeastern University and an EdD in higher education administration and continuous improvement from Concordia University.



SCC Named 2020 Tree Campus by Arbor Day Foundation

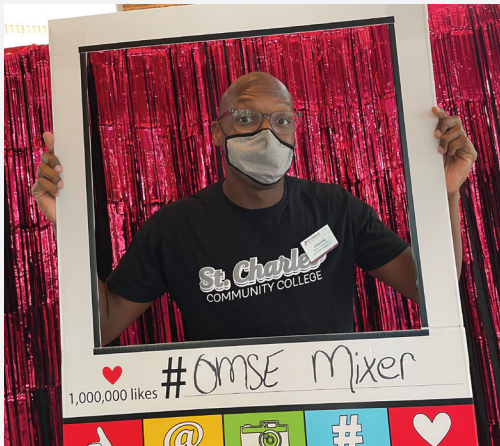
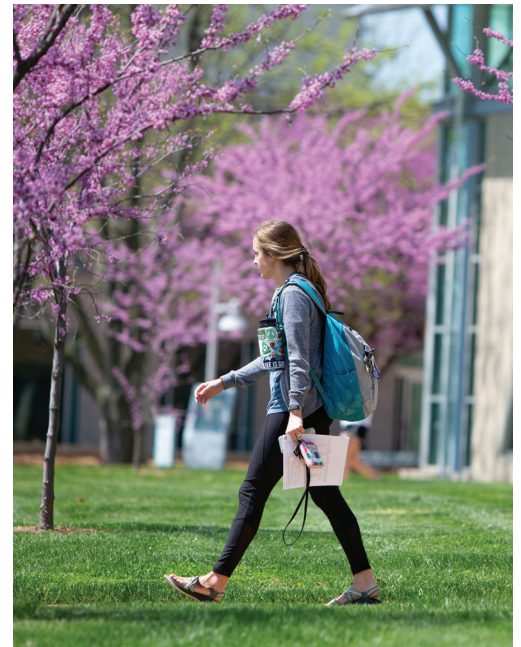
Whether it's the changing of the leaves in the fall or the blossoming of flowers in the spring, St. Charles Community College takes a lot of pride in the beauty of its campus year-round. Because of our efforts, we are excited to announce SCC has been named a "Tree Campus" by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Tree Campus Higher Education is a national program that honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.

According to the official award letter, "St. Charles

met the five core standards for effective campus forest management, including establishment of a tree advisory committee, evidence of a campus tree care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance, and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects."

The letter added SCC's trees provide spaces of refuge and reflection to students, staff, faculty and the community, and "your entire campus community should be proud of this work and the leadership of Todd Clements (SCC Grounds Manager) and the committee."



Students Welcomed Back to Campus With Open Houses

Free pizza, popcorn and a chance to get to know the services SCC offers on campus – September was filled with fun opportunities for students.

Career Services, the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement and Student Life invited students into their new space in the College Center.

Student Services spent several days in the SSB Auditorium to talk Pathways and help new students plan their future at SCC. The Nursing and Allied Health Program also held an open house at the Dardenne Creek Campus.



Faculty/Staff Update

Vicky Herbel, sociology professor, had her class recently participate in a social experiment on campus in September involving Bubble Tea. Students were able to enjoy the Taiwanese drink while learning about experiencing new cultures and culture shock.

Dr. Joe Baumann, English professor, recently placed the following stories in national publications: “Glass Hammers” in Defunkt Magazine, “Every Day Is a Day for All of Us” in House of Zolo, “Smokers” in Adelaide Literary Magazine, “Melt With You” in Phantom Drift, “Before Something Else Is Gone” in The Boiler, “You’re a Star” in Cerasus Magazine, “The Night of Missing Children” in Released, “A Thing Is Only Known When It’s Gone” in Muddy Paw Press, and “The Husbands” in Flora Fiction.

Dr. Nicole Pinaire, biology associate professor, was recently selected to participate in a National Science Foundation grant for the Community College A&P Educational Research (CAPER) group. She will learn new educational research methods over the next two years.

Sylvia Malta, human services associate professor, has accepted an appointment to the AARP Missouri Executive Council. She will help create and monitor the progress of an effective state plan to carry out AARP’s strategic priorities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Science of Addiction

Noon – 1 p.m.
Sept. 28
SSB Auditorium

Office of Multicultural Student Engagement Game Night

5-7 p.m.
Sept. 29
College Center

Library Book Sale

Oct. 4-6
Learning Resource Center

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Oct. 7-10
FAB

Skill Shop Series

Researching Careers and Majors
5-7 p.m.
Oct. 7
Zoom

Tuesday Tips: Anxiety

Noon – 1 p.m.
Oct. 12
Zoom

Faculty Recital

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Oct. 23
SSB Auditorium

Our Mission

SCC serves our community by focusing on academic excellence, student success, workforce advancement, and life-long learning within a global society. We celebrate diversity and we enrich the economic and cultural vitality of the region by providing an accessible, comprehensive, and supportive environment for teaching and learning.

Our Vision

Our passion for student success is reflected in an array of innovative academic, career/technical, workforce development, and community programs. Our partnerships and cultural opportunities enrich and transform our community.

Our Values

Student Success: We commit to provide the finest instruction, resources, and support services to enhance the growth and development of our students.

Communication and Respect: We value respect and encourage open communication within the college community.

Service: We engage, support, and seek to inspire our students, community, and colleagues through our commitment to providing excellent service.

Innovation: We pursue innovative approaches to enhance teaching, document student learning, and improve operations.

Inclusion: We maintain an environment where diversity of thought is embraced, and where student, staff, faculty, and community diversity is supported.

Collaborative Decision Making: We seek diversity of thought in making informed decisions.

Accountability and Responsible Stewardship: We protect and manage the resources entrusted to us.

Learning for Life: We recognize learning as a continuous process

