



APRIL 2022

# President's Report



## COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION GROWS WITH NEW FREIGHT FARM

Hydroponic farming, an innovative approach to farming and agriculture, arrived this month at the Field to Table Institute, located at SCC's Dardenne Creek Campus.

The new technology available in the Freight Farm, or container farm, will introduce state-of-the-art learning experiences for students, along with fresh, healthy, organic produce for the region.

"We realize that community colleges of the future must be innovative with workforce and technical programs to provide a high-quality education at an affordable cost," said Amy Koehler, vice president for workforce and community education.

Student leaders and college leaders volunteered time to help

with planting and preparation of the Freight Farm during SCC's Week of Service in April.

Plans include more interaction with the surrounding community, including a farmer's market approach to providing fresh, organic produce, and eventually, the availability of direct-to-consumer products.

The Field to Table Institute brings together culinary, agriculture and healthcare, teaching the concept of going directly from the field to the table, and the connection between farming, food, health care and quality of life. In addition to credit programs, the Field to Table Institute also offers community-based courses in food, gardening, health and sustainability.



## 'BE TRANSFORMED' FOUNDATION GALA AND AUCTION RAISES \$32,000

The St. Charles Community College Foundation raised more than \$32,000 at its gala and auction on Saturday, April 9, at the Ameristar Conference Center in St. Charles. Proceeds support scholarships and enhancements.

The black-tie-optional event brought college and community supporters together to help students get the college education they need to prepare for universities or for meaningful careers.



## CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Barbara Kavalier met with the local Plumbers and Pipefitters Union in Earth City on April 14 to talk about partnership opportunities. She also presented a college update to the St. Peters Aldermen on April 14.

## GEN EDs NOW OFFERED AT DARDENNE CREEK CAMPUS

Students living west of SCC's main campus now have a more convenient option to get those Gen Ed requirements they need. In Fall 2022, eight general education courses will be offered at the Center for Healthy Living, located at the Dardenne Creek campus at One Academy Place in Dardenne Prairie.

### General Education courses include:

College Success Seminar (COL 101), Intro to Communications (COM 101), Microcomputer Applications (CPT 103), English Comp I (ENG 101), Mathematics (MAT 105), Intermediate Algebra (MAT 121), American Government (POL 101), and Intro to the Theatre (THE 122).

The General Education courses join a number of Nursing and Allied Health courses already offered at the Center for Healthy Living.

Start today! Check out the [course schedule online](#), [set up an appointment with an advisor](#), or [register now](#).







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## Pushing limits



### SUMMER AND FALL ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

Want to get ahead this summer? Now is the time! SCC is waiving the out-of-district fee this summer. Regular registration hours are 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday.

To register for summer or fall semesters, email [advising@stchas.edu](mailto:advising@stchas.edu) or call 636-922-8000. Academic advisors are available on a walk-in basis on the second floor of the Social Sciences Building on the main campus.

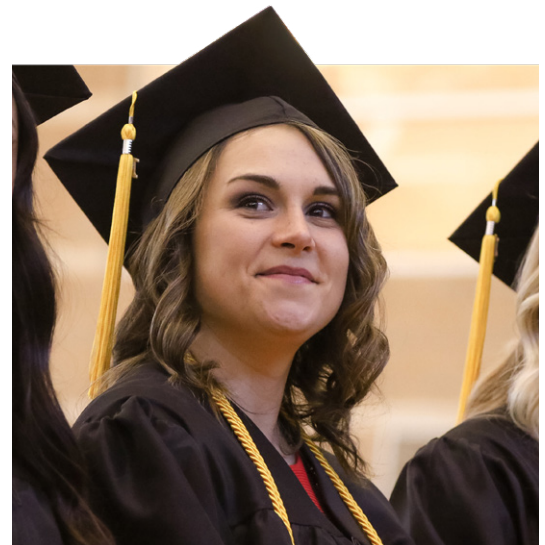
### COMMENCEMENT MOVING TO ST. CHARLES FAMILY ARENA

Returning to an in-person ceremony, after being virtual in 2021 and cancelled in 2020, the 34th annual commencement exercises will be held this year at the St. Charles Family Arena at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14. This will be the

first time commencement will be held at a venue outside of the college.

Of the more than 800 students eligible to graduate, an estimated 250 students plan to participate in the ceremony. Tickets will not be required this year.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony will be Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president. Shirley Lohmar, president of the SCC Board of Trustees, and Holly Martin, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs, will assist with the conferring of degrees and certificates.



### WEEK OF SERVICE OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Students, faculty and staff came together to volunteer their time for the Week of Service, April 3-9. Projects included volunteering at the Crisis Nursery Wentzville, sending cards to hospitalized kids, and preparing SCC's new Freight Farm for agriculture students to use.



## MEN OF COLOR STUDENTS AND MENTORS CELEBRATE

A successful first year of the Men of Color Student Success Program was celebrated on April 20, with students and their mentors coming together. Mentors are leaders in the community who volunteer their time to help students. Students, in turn, benefit from academic coaching and personal development.



## SCC ATHLETES SIGN WITH COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



SCC athletics has had another year of successful athletes and teams. All SCC teams have multiple athletes moving on to extend their academic and athletic careers.

### Congratulations to:

- Kenzie Bensinger (softball)
- Abbey Hultz (softball)
- Mckenna Joern (softball)
- Paige Planner (women's soccer)
- Olivia Reed (softball)
- Cristiano Catarino (men's soccer)
- Jardell Conteh (men's soccer)
- Pablo Costa (men's soccer)
- Dylan Hammond (men's soccer)
- Gatlin Roberts (men's soccer)
- Louis Willis-Falkiner (men's soccer)



## WHAT'S NEW AT PLAZA BISTRO?

Plaza Bistro, located in the Student Center, now has a new online ordering system where you can place an order online, and pick it up when you arrive.



A new loyalty rewards program also is available, where every purchase made at the coffee shop or the restaurant will earn rewards points toward a free cookie or coffee. Learn more at [stchas.edu/food](https://stchas.edu/food).

## FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATE

**Callie J. Daniels**, professor of math, presented at the Missouri Mathematical Association of 2-Year Community Colleges in April.

**Kate Foster**, Instructor of Developmental Math, received the April President's Award.

**Darren Osburn**, professor of communications, was a panelist at the Central States Communication Association's annual conference.

The topic was, "Building Bridges Between Silos: (Re)connecting After COVID," which received the TOP Panel distinction.

**Kevin Patton**, emeritus faculty in biology, was quoted in Chronicle of Higher Education in March 2022, regarding staying connected to disciplines remotely.

**Monica Swindle**, Instructional Designer, Online and E-Learning, received the April President's Award.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Art Exhibition  
April 25-May 27  
Fine Arts Building Gallery

FAFSA Workshop  
10-11 a.m. April 26  
Social Sciences Building 2201

A+ Orientation  
6-7 p.m. May 3  
Zoom

Spring Semester  
Music Concert Series  
7:30 p.m. May 3-5  
Fine Arts Building Theatre

Musical Theatre Performance  
7:30 p.m. May 12  
SSB Auditorium

Commencement  
10 a.m. May 14  
St. Charles Family Arena

Young People's Theatre  
presents 'Oliver!'  
May 19-22  
Fine Arts Building Theatre



Governor Parson was interviewed in front of our welding simulators, brought by SCC's Workforce and Community Education team, at the "Build My Future" construction event for high school students at the St. Charles Family Arena on April 21.

