

ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JANUARY 2022



Welcome to the Spring 2022 Semester

COVID-19 prompts some classes to go remote

Welcome to the spring semester and 2022. We did not imagine we would need to contemplate a change, and though it felt like things were returning to normal, a new surge of COVID cases has caused SCC and many other institutions to rethink the start of the spring semester.

From January 24 through February 6, lecture-based courses that were previously scheduled as in-person or hybrid for spring are being moved temporarily to remote (synchronous) learning.

Workforce, healthcare, career and technical education lab, clinical and fieldwork courses, performance/studio-based courses in art, music, and theater; and some science courses containing a lab (including lecture portions of classes attached to a lab) will continue to operate in-person.

Our hope is to return to the original in-person spring schedule after this time.

[More info: stchas.edu/backtoclass](https://stchas.edu/backtoclass)



Thank You Enrollment Services!

Extended hours help 'rally' for spring enrollment, classes begin Jan. 24

Extended hours for registration were available on Saturday, Jan. 22, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Registration, advising and financial aid staff were available to assist students with registering for spring classes. Classes begin January 24.

Inservice Week Events Bring Faculty Back Together Virtually

SCC faculty met virtually this week to prepare for the spring semester. The All-Faculty meeting included a special presentation on “Social-Emotional Learning” by Dr. DeDe McCullough.

Other sessions included “Mental Health Triage and Suicide Prevention” by Erin Schnurbusch and Kelly DeGeare, “Self-care and Wellbeing” by Vi Rajagopalan, “Open Educational Resources” by Theresa Flett, “Program Review” and “Assessment” sessions

by Dr. Chris Hubbard Jackson, “Book Club Introduction” by Julia Wilbers and Rebecca Klemme Eliceiri, “Online and Hybrid Course Development” by the Online Education and Learning department, as well as division and department meetings.



Governor Parson's Address Is Good News for SCC

On January 19, Governor Parson delivered his **State of the State Address** to the General Assembly.

Included in the Governor's address was his proposal for supporting **workforce and education**. According to Parson, "Now is the time to double down on workforce development and skill up Missouri's workforce." Several years ago he established the **Fast Track** program aimed at providing financial aid to adults who are pursuing a certificate, degree, or industry-recognized credential in a high-demand workforce area.

He has allocated \$4.7 million to this grant and calls for the program to be permanently established.

To support the **capital improvement projects** for community colleges and four-year universities, he allocated \$470 million of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. The total allocation for community colleges will be \$79 million. From this, **SCC hopes to receive \$18 million** for SCC's future expansion of workforce and technical education in Wentzville.

The Governor also allocated \$31,496,061 for **MoExcels** (workforce development funding); the community colleges in Missouri will receive \$19,521,918, out of which, SCC will be allocated **\$2.3 million**.

Parson continues to support the A+ program and is proposing an increase of \$6 million in funding. New scholarship funding is being allocated to dual credit/dual enrollment students. He has placed \$7 million in the budget to fund the new scholarship program.

SCC Foundation Scholarship Application Opens

Thanks to the generosity of the surrounding community, more than \$120,000 in scholarships are available for students. The online application is now open, and only one application is necessary to be applied to all scholarships.

More info: stchas.edu/scholarships



Pinning Ceremonies Celebrate Nursing and OTA Graduates

Graduates from Nursing and Occupational Therapy Assistant programs participated in pinning ceremonies in December 2021.

“We are so proud of these students, who have persevered to meet their goals,” said Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president.



New Culinary Community Education Classes Begin in February

“Italian Cooking,” “Croissants and Danish,” and “Macarons” are just a few of the upcoming Community Education classes available in the new Culinary and Agricultural Center at the Dardenne Creek Campus.

Learn more: stchas.edu/learnforlife

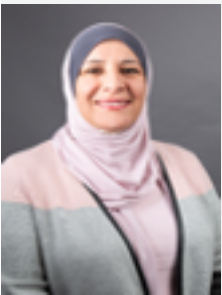


Faculty/Staff Update

Kennedy Tipton, Academic Advisor, received the December 2021 Prwresident's Award for staff.



Dr. Ranya Taqieddin, Assistant Professor of Biology, was selected as a participant in the ImmunoReach Faculty Mentoring Network.



Brian D. Smith, Professor of Art, gave a lecture at the St. Louis Camera Club, about composition and negative space.



Dr. Joe Baumann, Assistant Professor of English, received an Iron Horse Literary Review First Book Prize from the Texas Technical University Press, for his short story collection, "Sing With Me At the Edge of Paradise."

Jackie Radle, Chair, Developmental Mathematics Department, received the December 2021 President's Award for faculty.



Bryonie Carter, Associate Professor of English, completed the French translation exam, as part of her work toward a Ph.D. in American Studies at Saint Louis University.



James Martin, Associate Professor of Music, performed Bass Trombone with the Bach Society of St. Louis, at the Christmas Candlelight Concert, held at Powell Symphony Hall, in December. It featured performances with Grammy award-winning baritone, Nathan Gunn.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**OMSE Student Success Workshop
Best Practices for Managing
Your Time on Campus**
1 p.m. January 26
College Center

Photography From Abroad Exhibit
Jan. 31-March 4
Fine Arts Building Gallery

Resume & Cover Letter Skill Shop by Career Services
Feb. 7 and 8
Zoom

Baseball vs. Lewis & Clark CC
2 p.m. Feb. 22
Athletic Fields

**Center Stage Theatre Presents
Little Women**
February 24-27
Fine Arts Building Theater

SCC's Performing Arts Department worked to recruit students last week at the Missouri Thespian Conference in St. Louis. The conference is for theatre and musical theatre students and faculty.

