



MARCH 2022

President's Report

SCC FULLY MEETS ALL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

The Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) Institutional Actions Council reviewed the report submitted by the site visit team that evaluated our college back in November 2021. According to the Commission: IAC concurred with the evaluation findings and voted to affirm the institution's eligibility to select the Standard or Open Pathway for reaffirmation of accreditation.

This means that the college did not receive any findings or recommendations.

"In my experience, it is rare that this happens," said Dr. Barbara Kavalier. "We could not have achieved such incredible success without the dedication and support of everyone at SCC. The team was very impressed by our ability to see where we are and where we want to be and recognized that we have many exciting opportunities for growth. They appreciated our efforts in meeting the workforce needs of our community and said that we were progressive, and that we clearly demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit."

SCC PARTNERS WITH AMAZON'S CAREER CHOICE PROGRAM

St. Charles Community College welcomes Amazon employees to start or continue their college education through participation in the company's Career Choice program.



All SCC classes and programs are now available to students in Amazon's Career Choice program, which covers tuition for its hourly employees. SCC joined the program in December 2020.

Beginning in March, Amazon's Career Choice program expanded in the U.S. to pay full college tuition for employees at hundreds of education partners across the country. In addition to funding associate and bachelor's degrees, Amazon's Career Choice program also funds high school completion, GEDs, and ESL proficiency certifications. Amazon launched this program originally in 2012.

"We welcome all who want to get a college education, and we are proud to partner with Amazon for this program, which helps our community members to pursue their education and career

goals," said Holly Martin, Ph.D., SCC Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

For more information about the programs available at SCC, contact Devin Miles, SCC Director of Academic Operations, at 636-922-8246, or dmiles@stchas.edu.

To register for SCC classes, visit www.stchas.edu.

For more information about Amazon's Career Choice program, visit <https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/workplace/career-choice>.

SCC HOSTS ST. CHARLES COUNTY MAYORS

The St. Charles County mayors held their monthly mayoral luncheon on March 3, at the Field to Table: Culinary and Agricultural Center.

Dr. Barbara Kavalier presented, sharing with them the innovative projects at SCC, while they enjoyed lunch prepared by our culinary students.



MEN OF COLOR STUDENT SUCCESS SUMMIT BROUGHT PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS TO SCC



SCC held the 2022 Men of Color Student Success Summit on March 4 with more than 50 students from area high schools participating. Students had the opportunity to hear from keynote speaker, Stan Pearson, who gave a dynamic presentation on power planning, connection, and personal achievement.

The Men of Color Student Success Program promotes student success by providing on-going support for students who identify as males of color, as they transition from high school to college. Students who participate in the program receive a scholarship, personal coaching, and join a cohort of students navigating college life together.

For more information or to apply to the program contact: Chris Cross at ccross@stchas.edu or visit SCC's website: <https://www.stchas.edu/about-scc/diversity/men-of-color-student-success-program>



SIGNING DAY EVENTS HELP STUDENTS 'BE READY' FOR COLLEGE

SCC is hosting Signing Day events for area high school seniors who have chosen to attend the college.

To date, students from Silex, Wright City, Timberland, Liberty, Orchard Farm, Warrenton, Francis Howell and Francis Howell North have attended the "Be Ready" events. SCC staff helped the students to navigate the admissions, financial aid and registration process. There are 18 total high schools participating this year.

"College is a new experience for these students, and this program helps them prepare for their first semester," said Barbara Stratman, SCC recruitment manager. "These students not only learn about the resources SCC has to offer, but also get assistance registering for classes."

SCC recruitment staff, along with high school guidance counselors, walk students through every step of the admissions and enrollment process, including the application, placement assessments, college visit, and registration.



BE READY
BE EXTRAORDINARY. BE SCC.

SCC FOUNDATION INVITES GUESTS TO 'BE TRANSFORMED' AT APRIL 9 GALA & AUCTION

The Foundation's Gala and Auction will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 9, at the Ameristar Conference Center in St. Charles. The evening will help support scholarships and enhancements to classrooms.

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

At the event, guests can expect

delectable food and drinks, live and silent auction items, raffles and an inspiring and informative program about the college, its extraordinary programs and the students who benefit every day.

Visit <https://one.bidpal.net> to purchase tickets or begin bidding. Tickets are \$150. Sponsorships start at \$1,500 and include a table of eight.



FALL 2021 DEAN'S LIST ANNOUNCED

St. Charles Community College is proud to announce the Fall 2021 Dean's List. More than 1,100 students were included on the prestigious list, achieving at least a 3.5 GPA last semester.

Full-time students who earn a 3.50 or above semester grade point average in 12 or more semester hours of credit and part-time students who earn at least a 3.50 GPA for each cumulative 12 credit hours are named to the Dean's List.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Center Stage Theatre
Presents *The Giver*
April 7-10
Fine Arts Building Theatre

Week of Service
April 3-9
service@stchas.edu

SCC Foundation Gala & Auction
Saturday, April 9
Ameristar Conference Center

Spring Holiday
College Closed April 15-16

Baseball vs. Jefferson College
March 31
Athletic Fields

Softball vs. Metropolitan
Community College
April 2
Athletic Fields

PRESIDENT HOSTS NEW LAKESIDE CHAT FOR NEW EMPLOYEES

To become better acquainted with SCC's newest employees, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, held a Lakeside Chat on March 16. This informal meeting allowed participants an opportunity to share information about each other and to meet and interact with Cabinet members.

CAREER SERVICES PLANS 'JUMP START YOUR JOB SEARCH' EVENT APRIL 19

Students don't have to wait until they graduate. They have an opportunity to "Jump Start Your Job Search" today by attending an interactive event Tuesday, April 19, 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the College Center Rotunda. Students can get a resume and cover letter critiqued by a career consultant, participate in a mock interview with a human resources professional, get a headshot photo taken for your LinkedIn profile, and learn about all of the job opportunities in our community.

Before the event, students can shop the Career Closet and get dressed to impress. Career Services provide free gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for SCC students.

There is no need to RSVP. Light refreshments will be provided.



FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATE

Sylvia Malta, Associate Professor, Human Services, received the February President's Award.

Ingrid Casillo, ESL Lead Teacher in Adult Education and Literacy, received the February President's Award.

Assistant Professor of English, **Dr. Joe Baumann's** story, "We Adore These Bodies Until They Are Gone" was chosen as a finalist for the *Third Coast Magazine* 2022 fiction contest.

