



MAY 2022

# President's Report

## SCC HOLDS 34TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES; FRANCIS LEVINE, PH.D., SPEAKS

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

In her keynote address, Francis Levine, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Missouri Historical Society and Missouri History Museum, told graduates, "Right now, more than ever, we need critical thinkers and attuned listeners. We need those thinkers who can listen to evidence as well as the needs and historical experiences of the community," Levine said. "If your plans were interrupted, how you responded made the difference between success and despair."

Of the more than 800 students eligible to graduate, over 200 students participated in the ceremony.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was 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, assisted with the conferring of degrees and certificates. The SCC Concert Band, directed by James Martin, and the SCC Chamber Choir, directed by Becky Thorn, with Dr. Mihyun Lee, on piano, provided the music. The Faculty Marshal was Nicole Pinaire, Ph.D., associate professor/faculty member of the year.





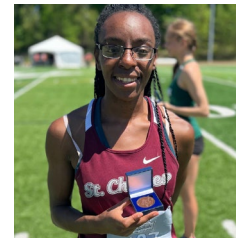
## SCC TRACK & FIELD TEAMS RECEIVE FIRST ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

The men's and women's track and field teams brought home a lot of hardware from the 2022 National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Championships in Troy, New York, in May. The men's team took sixth with 47 points. The women also were successful with 41 points and an eighth-place finish.



Jonah McHaffie led the men's team with a first-place finish in the 3000-meter steeplechase and 5000-meter run. This led to McHaffie being a first-team All-American in both events. Tevon Williamson finished his season as a second-team All-American with second-place finishes in the 110-meter hurdles, and the high jump.

On the women's side, Grace Bostic led the way, also becoming a first-team All-American with her first-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles. She also had a second-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles, earning second-team All-American. Julianne Hanson finished as an honorable-mention in the 400-meter dash, as she took third in the race.



In addition, SCC had individuals and relay teams earn medals as 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th place finishers.

This was the first trip to the national NJCAA Championship for the Cougars, and Bostic and McHaffie are the first track and field All-Americans in college history. The Cougars' inaugural season began in 2020 but was canceled due to Covid-19.

## ALL COLLEGE DAY AND LONGEVITY AWARDS HELD APRIL 29

The All College Day and Longevity Awards recognized employees for milestone years. The following 25-year employees will get to select a tree on campus which will have a plaque recognizing their services: Deborah Phillips, Liz Quiggins, Stacey Thater, Mark Williams, Beth Finders, Theresa Flett, Daniel Lindsay, Lina Takacs, Rich Christianson, and Nancy Graviett.

Employees with 30 years of service will have a bench on campus with a special plaque denoting their service: Joan Koechig, Lee Ann Nelson, Yvonne Koch, Wally Obremski, Brian Smith, and Knut Tarnowski.





## FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The annual Faculty Celebration recognized faculty who received continuous appointment and sabbaticals. Faculty receiving promotions also were recognized. Faculty of the Year awards were:

**Fixed Term:**

Michelle Trantham, English

**Part-time Faculty of the Year:**

Liam Cassidy, English

**Part-time Faculty of the Year:**

Theresa McKell, Math

**Full-time Faculty of the Year:**

Bryonie Carter, English



## 2022 STUDENT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

SCC celebrated student achievement at the annual Student Awards Banquet. The event honors outstanding students in the classroom and in leadership roles on campus. Faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate individuals they have witnessed accomplishing extraordinary things around campus.



Max Greenwood received the President's Rising Star Award and Scholarship, for exemplifying leadership in work, both on and off campus. Max is a student in our Agriculture program. He is graduating and will transfer to Southwest Missouri State after completing an internship with Bayer this summer.



Aniyah Sy received the Maria Espinoza Presidential Leadership Award and Scholarship, for outstanding contributions to our campus community. The award is named in honor of Maria Espinoza, the Phi Theta Kappa president from SCC, who passed away in January 2015.

## NURSE AND OTA PINNING CEREMONIES HONOR GRADUATES

Nursing students were recognized May 17 and Occupational Therapy Assistant students were recognized May 6. Ceremonies were held at the Dardenne Creek Campus. The pinning is a symbolic welcoming into the profession.





## STUDENTS PERFORM SPRING CONCERTS, RECITALS AND MUSICAL THEATER

The SCC Music Department showcased the talents of our students, faculty and community with performances by Singers, Chamber Choir, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Orchestra. The Musical Theatre Practicum class performed an hour-long performance of fully staged and costumed scenes from *Les Misérables*, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Pipe Dream*, *Little Women*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Into the Woods*, *Carrie*, and *Heathers*.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

May Mini-Session Begins  
Monday, May 23

College Closed for  
Memorial Day  
May 27-30

Young Artist Training Program  
Presents Jazz Camp  
June 12-June 17

Summer Classes Begin  
Monday, June 13

College Closed for Juneteenth  
Monday, June 20

## LIONEL BART'S OLIVER! PERFORMED MAY 19-22 BY YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE



## FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATE

**Dr. Nicole Pinaire**, Associate Professor of Biology, is one of 12 community college Anatomy and Physiology educators around the country participating in the CAPER NSF grant through the University of Minnesota.

**Michael Kuelker**, Emeritus Faculty, served on the Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Commemoration Day) planning committee at the St. Louis Holocaust Museum, for the 20th consecutive year.



## SCC MEN OF COLOR FEATURED ON KSDK

Our Men of Color program recently was featured on KSDK! The story gives an in-depth look at the program, and the success it is bringing to SCC students.

To see the story visit: [https://www.ksdk.com/article/sports/college/men-of-color-st-charles-community-college-students/63-f260dae2-84f4-4994-b790-6a8e2df98977?fbclid=IwAR1nhj1-DCd7cMZry9CmEw7Si\\_b67Qs40zPwnJmZn\\_tj\\_tJybAn9YDvrz4k](https://www.ksdk.com/article/sports/college/men-of-color-st-charles-community-college-students/63-f260dae2-84f4-4994-b790-6a8e2df98977?fbclid=IwAR1nhj1-DCd7cMZry9CmEw7Si_b67Qs40zPwnJmZn_tj_tJybAn9YDvrz4k)

