



AUGUST 2023

President's Report



WELCOME TO FALL 2023

Welcome to the beginning of the fall semester and the 2023-24 academic year. The semester began Monday, Aug. 21, with students once again filling our campus with energy, reminding us how important our work is in meeting their needs.

Cougar Comeback, hosted the week before the semester by Student Activities, gave students the opportunity to connect with peers, have some fun, explore campus

resources, take campus tours, and get student IDs.

Employees volunteered to greet and direct students, helping them to find their classes.

Student Activities and Student Government folks were out on campus giving out water, snacks and swag to our students. On Tuesday they offered a cool treat by serving Italian ice.



WELCOME

Dr. Bridgett Golman will serve as Interim Vice President of Student Affairs. She is an executive consultant with the Registry for College and University Presidents and has been a senior leader in higher education for 28 years. She has held positions at research universities, public universities, and community colleges. Dr. Golman has a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, a Master's in student personnel services, and an Ed.D. in educational leadership and curriculum instruction.

'IMAGINARIUM' CONTINUES TO INSPIRE FACULTY

Faculty came together for their in-service week, continuing the "Imaginarium" concept they started last semester, intended to spur creativity and new ideas. The event gave hands-on access to new technology like holograms and Virtual Reality, along with an open collaboration space and breakout sessions on topics like welcome videos, AI, ChatGPT and more. A guest speaker presented on "Trauma-Informed Classroom."



EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION HONORS FACULTY AND STAFF

Congratulations to the faculty and staff recognized for their extraordinary service to St. Charles Community College on August 17. Each of the 96 distinguished employees reached a significant milestone in their career. Our success would not be possible without their dedication to student success and commitment to SCC's mission.



FAMILY FUN DAY BROUGHT OUT EMPLOYEES, FAMILY AND PETS

It was a day to bring your family members to work, including furry family members too. We were able to meet the family members of our employees, including pets, at our Family Fun Day cookout on the Campus Plaza, Friday, Aug. 18.



'PIPPIN' PRESENTED BY THE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT'S CENTER STAGE THEATRE JULY 27-30



The award-winning musical was directed by **Johanna Beck**, an SCC alum, and native of St. Charles. She currently is a theatre teacher and director at Mehlville High School. She has a Master of Arts degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago and a bachelor's degree in Theatre Education from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She was excited to be back to her roots at SCC.



The Men's and Women's Soccer Teams both won their first two games of the season. Go Cougars!



The SCC Foundation received \$10,000 from the IT Serve Alliance to support STEM scholarships.



The Involvement Fair was Thursday, offering an opportunity for students to explore and join various clubs and activities.



The international student orientation was held Wednesday, Aug. 16, with 40 new international students.

