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President's Report



SCC BREAKS GROUND ON REGIONAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION CENTER IN WENTZVILLE

Expanding west, St. Charles Community College held a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, for its new, innovative, future-focused, Regional Workforce Innovation Center. It will be the first building on the college's new 55-acre campus, at the corner of Interstate Drive and Schaper Road in Wentzville.

SCC's Regional Workforce Innovation Center will prepare the region's workforce for jobs in technology, advanced manufacturing, robotics, sustainable energy, healthcare and more. The college anticipates opening the center in the fall of 2025.

Governor Mike Parson spoke at the event, along with St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann, SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC Board of Trustees President Mary Schnare Stodden, and SCC Sr. VP for Administrative Services and Chief Operating Officer Todd Galbierz. They were joined by key representatives from the community and business and industry.

"Workforce development and education are a top priority for our administration. We're proud to see St. Charles Community College committed to working with local business and industry leaders to help meet our workforce needs in the region and

across the state," said Governor Mike Parson.

"This new center will be the premier technical training and education center in this region," said SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D. "We recognize the rapidity at which technology is changing the world of work, and this center will help us better prepare students for desirable jobs."

SCC will introduce new programs in advanced manufacturing, including battery technology, electric and autonomous vehicles, renewable wind and solar energy, high-tech processes



and robotics. In addition to providing education and training for students, the college will have a "Make-it Center" lab where students in middle and high school can explore new technology such as how a 3-D printer



works and even operate a robotic arm. An introduction to advanced manufacturing technologies and other skilled trades will be available for students with options to earn associate degrees and certificates.

AWARDEES ANNOUNCED AT MISSOURI COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION



St. Charles Community College awardees were recognized at the Missouri Community College Association's 59th Annual Convention and Trade show in November.

Sharon Schreiber, Administrative Assistant, received the Classified Staff Achievement Award for the entire state, which is presented to a staff member who has had a positive impact on their college.

"Sharon consistently demonstrates exceptional dedication, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to supporting St. Charles Community College," said Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC President.

Additional Recipients

Lamar Rucker, Plant Executive Director at GM Wentzville Assembly, Distinguished Business & Industry Award.

Bob Ronkoski, Chief of Police, Administrative Professional Leadership Award.

Kim Mercurio, School Coordinator and Assistant Dean, Excellence in Teaching Award.

SCC's Department of Academic Affairs, MCCA Innovation Award.

KEN KERSHAW JOINS SCC AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Ken Kershaw joined SCC on Nov. 6, as the Executive Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer. He is responsible for financial operations and reports to Todd Galbierz, Senior VP for Administrative Services/COO.

"Ken brings extensive experience in management, finance, treasury, human resources, and information technology,

and we are pleased to welcome him to the SCC team," said Galbierz.

During his 35-year career, Kershaw has led global businesses through rapid growth in complex market and financial conditions. Ken and his wife, Kris, live in Wentzville. Their two sons and families, including five grandchildren, also live in the St. Charles County area.



INGRID CASILLO NAMED 2023 COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Ingrid Casillo, Lead Teacher and Coordinator of the English as a Second Language program, received the 2023 Community Champion Award from the Community Council of St. Charles County.

Casillo has worked with the immigrant community in St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren, and Pike counties for more than 20 years. During her time at SCC, she has recruited, tested, taught, assisted, and encouraged more than 5,000 non-native speakers. She has worked tirelessly in the community to spread the word of the free English as a Second Language classes for adults at the college and off-site campuses. She also has guided instructors with care,



expertise, and organization.

"Ingrid is a champion for our students, and works carefully with teachers to

ensure that even though they teach part-time, they have everything they need," said Mandy Rose, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education.

WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM FINISHES IN ELITE EIGHT IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT



Campbell Slemmer

The SCC Women's Soccer Team made college history in this fall 2023 season. They made it all the way to the NJCAA Division 2 National Championship in Tucson, where they won one and lost one. While they did not advance to the final round, they finished their season 16-2-0, earning the titles of MCCAC Conference Champions, Region 16 Champions, Central District Champions, and were in the Elite Eight at Nationals.

The Cougars also had a 10-game winning streak at the end of the season and stayed nationally-ranked all season.

Players receiving All Region recognition were Campbell Slemmer, Maria Fernandes, and Charlize Williams. Slemmer was named to the All National Tournament Team. Tim Mosby was named Region 16 Coach of the Year.



PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

SCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year colleges, held an induction ceremony Nov. 10, to recognize the academic achievements of its new members.

Over 80 students were inducted as new members.



'TIS THE SEASON IN THE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" took the stage Nov. 9-12. The story of the pageant was a delightful holiday comedy based on the best-selling young adult book by Barbara Robinson. The Music Department's Fall Concerts included the Orchestra,

Concert Band, Jazz Band Chamber Choir, and SCC Singers. Recitals were held on Nov. 8 and Nov. 15, which gave SCC students the opportunity to shine as solo artists, as they took the stage to perform some of their favorite vocal and instrumental works.



STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN BIOSTL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Six SCC students, along with Mara Vorachek-Warren, Ph.D., Dean of Mathematics and Sciences, joined around 60 high school, college, and non-degree learners at the BioSTL building in the St. Louis Cortex Innovation District, an urban innovation hub focused on technology and economic development, in October. They will visit three more sites this winter and spring. They are learning what it's like to work at STL's many biotechnology or biomanufacturing companies, while pursuing an Associate of Science degree at SCC.

(Left to right)
Kaitlyn Gniatkowski (Chemistry),
Sophia Vollmar (Chemistry),
Nick Johnson (Chemistry),
Nya Kearbey (Chemistry),
Gabiella Webb (Engineering),
Olivia Whitfield (Chemistry).



FOUR FROM SCC PRESENT AT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Rex McKanry, Tammie De Los Santos, Pat Penning and Amanda Sizemore presented their project, "Creating Technician Pathways in Mechatronics for the Industry 4.0 Workforce," at a conference in Washington, D.C., in October.

The American Association of Community Colleges, with the support of the National Science Foundation, brought together more than 850 NSF ATE grantees and

their project partners to focus on the critical issues related to advanced technological education.

SCC received \$465,000 from the NSF in 2021 for the Mechatronics and Megatech programs, addressing regional workforce needs for technicians in advanced manufacturing/automation systems, industrial maintenance, and applied engineering/integrated technology.



SCC CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY

The 2023 Veterans Day Ceremony was coordinated by the SCC Student Veterans Organization and the Office of Veterans Services. Army SPC Tim Taylor, Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient, gave the keynote address.

The ceremony also included the SCC Chamber Choir and Color Guard.

The Library also coordinated with the SVO and posted pictures of friends and family during the month of November.

