



MAY 2023

President's Report

SCC HOLDS 35TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Randy Schilling Speaks

SCC held its 35th annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13, at the St. Charles Family Arena. Of the more than 900 students eligible to graduate, nearly 300 students participated in the ceremony. The speaker was Randy Schilling, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of MuniBit, and Founder/Owner of OPO Startups.

"As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, remember that change is an ever-present constant," said Schilling. "The world will continue to evolve, and technology will persistently advance. Get messy and embrace this change with open arms, maintain an insatiable appetite for learning, and never lose your sense of curiosity. Congratulations to the Class of 2023! May your journey be filled with innovation, growth, and success."

Also addressing graduates, faculty, relatives and friends,

was student representative Carson Howe. Howe was President of the Student Government Association and a member of the Multicultural Student Association. Howe plans to transfer to the University of Missouri-St. Louis to get a bachelor's degree in political science.

"At this moment, we should all feel inspired, not just by what we've done as an individual, but also by what we've done as a community, and as a college," said Howe. "All our trials and tribulations have led to this moment, but we couldn't have done it without the people we have around us."

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Barbara R. Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president. Amy Koehler, Vice President for Academic Affairs, assisted with the conferring of degrees and certificates.

PINNING CEREMONIES HONOR GRADUATES

Pinning ceremonies were held in May for Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant and Medical Assistant students. The pinning is a symbolic welcoming into the profession.



SCC'S NURSING PROGRAM RECEIVED \$150,000 FROM THE MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF NURSING

SCC is among 14 colleges and universities to receive a grant through the Nursing Education Incentive Program, designed to increase the physical and educational capacity of professional nursing programs in the state. SCC will use the grant funds to add a simulation technician position and the necessary technology to expand clinical placements in specialties such as pediatric nursing and support higher student enrollment.



SCC PARTICIPATES IN STUDY FOR NCHEMS

Representatives from SCC, along with other colleges and universities in the state, participated in an extensive study related to a potential new funding model for higher education in Missouri. The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD) contracted with the **National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS)**, to make recommendations for a new funding model and for improving efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public higher education in Missouri.



MEGATECH STUDENTS MODIFY TOYS TO HELP KIDS

Students from the pilot year of the MegaTech program delivered toys, which they adapted as part of their class, to the St. Louis Children's Specialty Care Center. The toys will be distributed to young patients with developing motor skills.

As a service-learning component to the class, working with Switched Adaptive Toys brought meaning to concepts they are learning in class, like electrical/electronics, soldering, engineering, lean manufacturing and problem solving.

MegaTech introduces dual-enrolled high school students to advanced manufacturing and mechatronics. The program also addresses workforce needs and gives students a pathway to start their education at SCC.



NEW DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES COMING IN FALL 2023

To meet regional needs, we are making efforts to train, develop and advance the workforce. We are building relationships and working with business and industry to develop programs where students will learn skills that will elevate their earning potential and prepare them for careers that are in demand.

We are proud to introduce the following programs, degrees and certificates coming in Fall 2023:

- Commercial Driving School
- Associate of Applied Science in Mechatronics Engineering Technology
- Associate of Applied Science in Interdisciplinary Technologies
- Associate of Science in Nursing (LPN Bridge)
- Certificate for Plumbing & Pipefitting
- Certificate of Specialization for Hydraulics & Pneumatics

- Certificate of Specialization for Electrical-Electronics Systems
- Certificate of Specialization for Facilities Maintenance Systems
- Certificate of Specialization for Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Certificate of Robotics & Automation Systems

Coming in Fall 2024: Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology



FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The annual Faculty Celebration recognized Faculty of the Year Award winners.

Full-time: Corey Porter, Professor of English

Part-time for Workforce, Health and Technical Sciences: Harry Fiebelman, Teacher of Culinary

Part-time for Humanities and Social Sciences: Shelly Combs, English Adjunct Faculty

Part-time for Business, Science, Art, and Math: Tracy Bono, Business Adjunct Faculty

Fixed Term: Margaret Johnson, Agriculture Instructor

RETIREMENT CONGRATS

Congrats to the 2022-2023 retirees and thank you for your service to SCC. Kathy Brockgreitens, Callie Daniels, Mark Eller, Amy Fitzwilliam, Thomas Fogue, Blanca Guzman, Carolyn Hantack, Patricia O'Leary, Allison Ouellette-Kirby, Martin Ramirez-Gallardo, Deborah Schultze, Mary Smithson, Lisa Schwab, Lynne Snyder, Ginny Tiller, Connie Veal



Callie Daniels (center), Professor of Math, celebrated her retirement.



UPDATE

Rex McKanry, Dean of Technical Sciences, earned his Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership from Missouri Baptist University.

FOOD SERVICES GETS 100

Congrats to the SCC Food Services Department for receiving a 100 rating on their Food Establishment Inspection Report by St. Charles County Public Health. They've been receiving a 100 every six months since 2017.





SCC held its first MegaTech recognition ceremony on Thursday, May 18, celebrating the first class of high school students who completed the MegaTech program.



The First Responders Meet and Greet, hosted by SCC's Campus Police Outreach Task Force, was held Tuesday, April 25.



Goat Yoga, by Student Activities, was part of a week of relaxation before finals.



The Spring Semester Concert Series in May included performances from choirs, bands and orchestra, as well as individual students.



The Nursing and Allied Health Open House provided an overview of non-credit health occupation certifications, as well as credit programs, such as Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Medical Assistant and more.



SCC Performing Arts Department's Young People's Theatre presented "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," May 18-21.