



APRIL 2024

# President's Report

## STUDENTS & EMPLOYEES GET UP-CLOSE LOOK AT ECLIPSE

SCC was close to the path of totality (98 percent) during the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. The Schnare Library hosted a viewing event, and provided glasses and snacks.

Stacey Thater, Associate Professor of Physics, helped students with viewing through an H-alpha telescope. He explained what they were seeing, and provided the photo he took with his phone through the eyepiece of the telescope.

"What made this eclipse different from the one in 2017, was that, while the college wasn't in the path of totality this time, the sun was in a much more active stage," said Thater. "The sun is now near solar maximum, the point in the sun's eleven-year cycle where it is the most active. Surface features like sunspots, filaments, and prominences like the one in the image, are far more prevalent. I don't recall seeing such a rare solar phenomenon in my years of observing, and our students were able to see them live with their own eyes."

## MEGATECH STUDENTS ARE IN DEMAND

For one recent high school grad, landing a job at Newco Coffee was just the career opportunity he was looking for. Ian Slade learned hands-on manufacturing skills in SCC's MegaTech class during his senior year of high school and was recruited to the company as a Mechanical Assembler.

Pat Penning, the instructor of the MegaTech class, said he was proud of Ian and his other students for the work they are doing.

"It is great to see our students are going on to get jobs that are in demand, and that local companies like Newco are willing to partner with SCC to help them," Pat said.



SCC MegaTech students visit Newco Coffee on Thursday, April 4.

SCC's MegaTech class, a career navigation and workforce readiness program, is designed for dual enrollment students. MegaTech explores mechanics, electronics, robotics, and computing. Students earn career certifications like OSHA, and take tours of local companies. This semester the class also visited Patterson Mold and Tool, National Cart Co., WB Industries, and MEMC, among others.

Current students in the MegaTech program are all high school students who attend through an agreement with the Wentzville School District.

## SCC ANNOUNCES COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER JOHN CLARK



John Clark, President and CEO of Masterclock, Inc., will be the commencement speaker for SCC's 36th annual commencement exercises, to be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at the St. Charles Family Arena.

Masterclock is a St. Charles manufacturer and provider of precise timing solutions for a wide variety of applications and industries. He oversees Masterclock's global success with products actively deployed in over 100 countries to provide legally traceable time and frequency signals for critical operations.

John has a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Missouri – Columbia, and attended Duchesne High School prior to that. He was named Outstanding Young Missourian in 2017 by the Missouri Jaycees, and is involved with local groups, including the St. Charles Rotary Club, The Economic Development Center of St. Charles County, and the Boys and Girls Club of St. Charles County.

## AMANDA TURNER NAMED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Amanda Turner, Assistant Professor of Nursing, was named Educator of the Year by the Missouri Organization for Associate Degree Nursing.

Early in her teaching career, she realized that students needed to be able to “see” the patient in the clinical setting. She created an activity that students do during their simulation day, creating a lower-stakes environment, where students apply their knowledge and skills to a complex scenario.

She helped create SCC’s new LPN-to-ADN program, helping with the proposal for the Missouri State Board of Nursing and creating the curriculum that honored the Licensed Practical Nurse’s past education and experience as they bridge to the Registered Nurse program.

Amanda’s students appreciate her open and honest approach and know that Amanda wants them to succeed.



## ANTHONY FREUND RECEIVES 'BREAKING TRADITIONS' AWARD

Anthony Freund (right), a student in SCC’s Occupational Therapy Assistant program, received the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s “Breaking Traditions” award. The award honors students studying for careers that are traditionally chosen by the opposite gender.

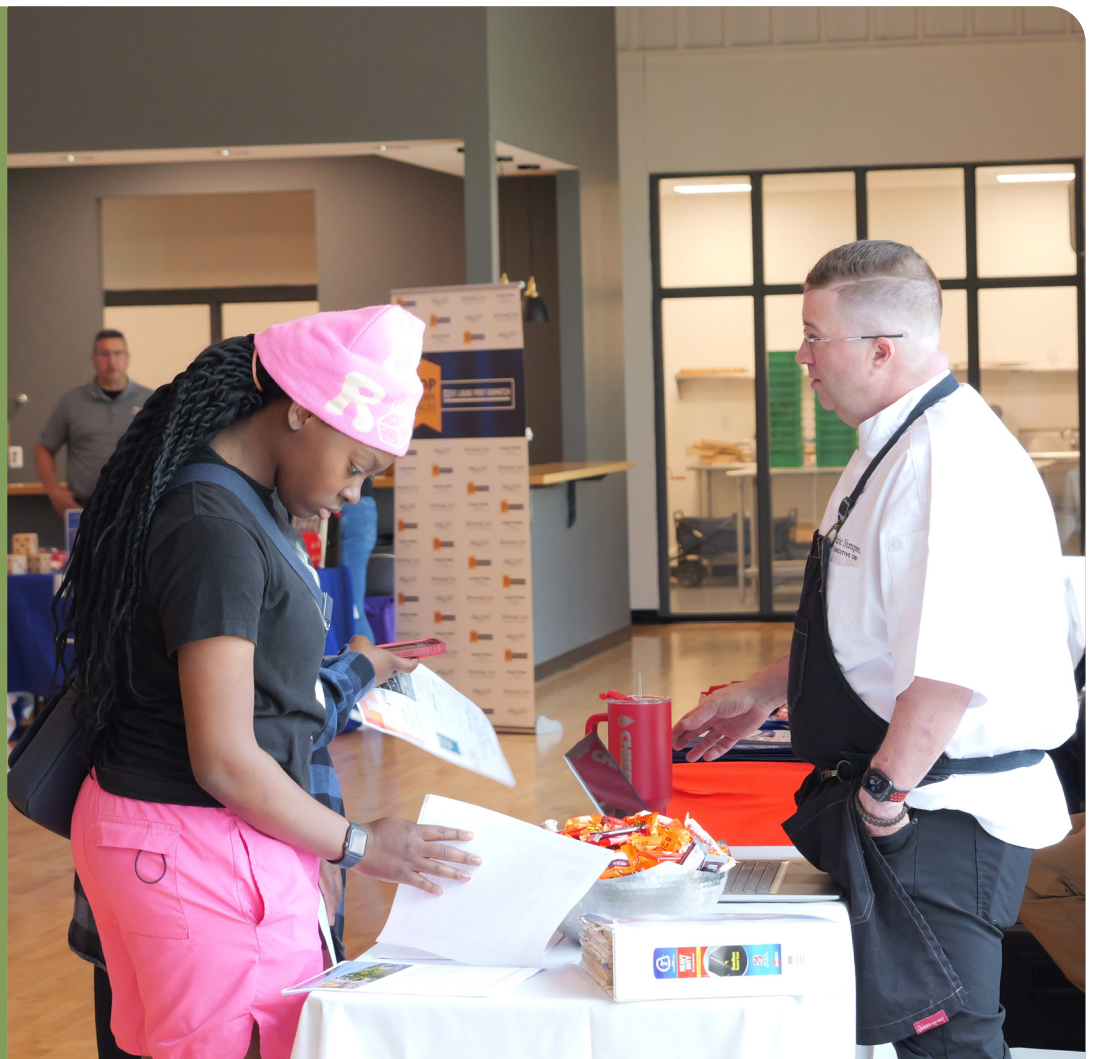
Anthony chose to go into Occupational Therapy after serving in the Missouri Air National Guard as a medic. Restoring people’s abilities to perform the things they need to do every day inspired him to pursue this field. He currently is completing his fieldwork at the Francis Howell School District, and is very involved in activities of SCC’s Student Occupational Therapy Assistant Club.



## DARDENNE CREEK OPEN HOUSE WELCOMES STUDENTS

Students interested in the programs at SCC's Dardenne Creek Campus, were able to meet the instructors and tour the Center for Healthy Living and the Field to Table Institute on Tuesday, April 16.

Programs include Agriculture, Culinary Arts, Education, Health Occupations, Licensed Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Pharmacy Tech, Registered Nursing, and Surgical Tech.

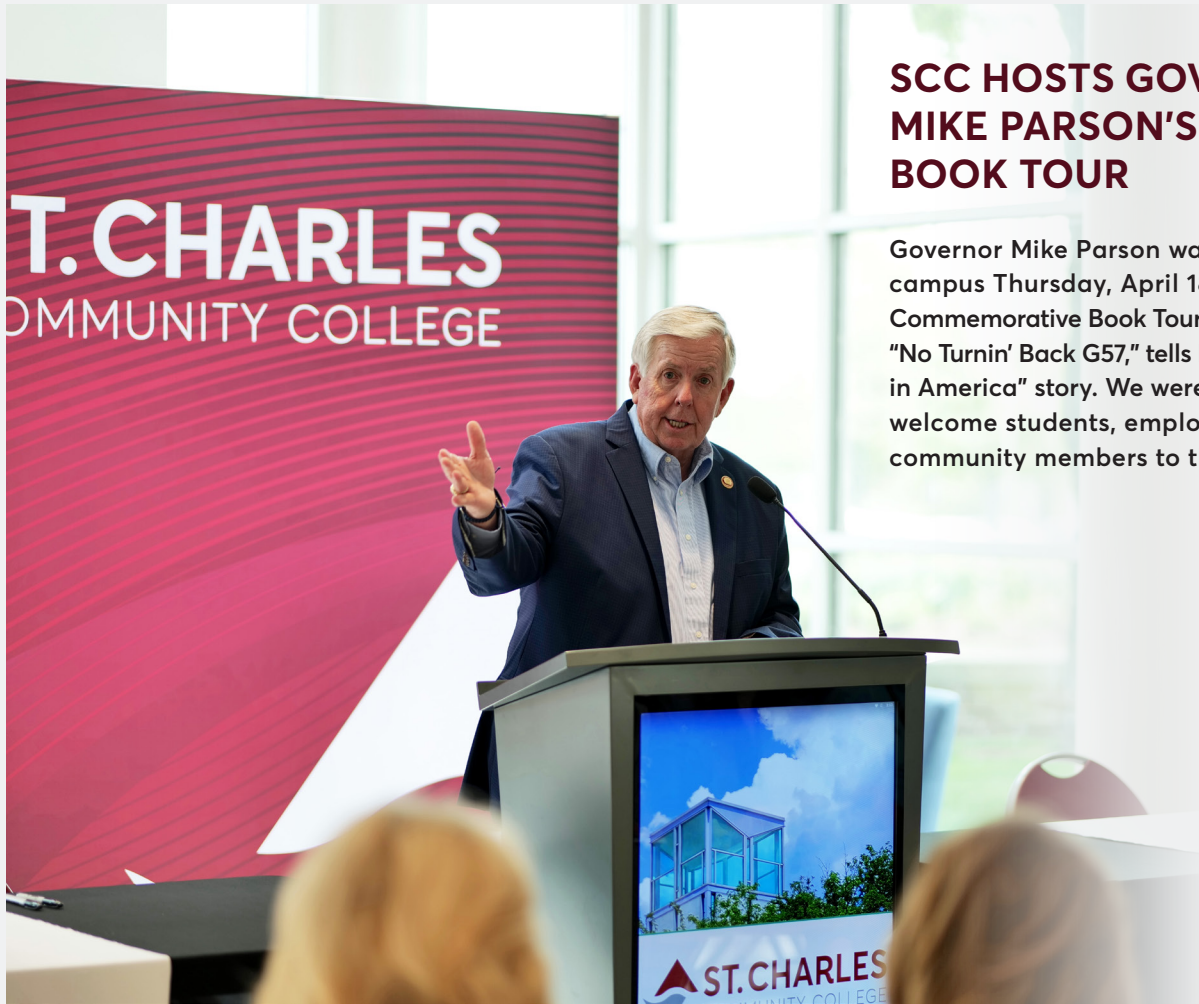


## 'THE MOVIE GAME' DELIGHTED CROWDS APRIL 18-21

The romantic comedy for the stage tips its hat to pop culture and pays homage to such classic films as 'The Philadelphia Story', 'Annie Hall', and 'When Harry Met Sally'.

## SCC HOSTS GOVERNOR MIKE PARSON'S BOOK TOUR

Governor Mike Parson was on campus Thursday, April 18, for his Commemorative Book Tour. His book, "No Turnin' Back G57," tells his "Made in America" story. We were proud to welcome students, employees and community members to this event.



## COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE MAY 3

SCC is proud to introduce a program that puts students in the driver's seat, training for an in-demand career as a commercial driver.

The Open House will be Friday, May 3, 9 a.m. – noon, at 625 Parr Rd., Wentzville, MO 63385.

## YOU'RE INVITED

TO SCC'S NEW COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOL

## OPEN HOUSE





## SHELLEY MACHENS JOINS SCC AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL CAMPUSES

Shelley will lead operations for the Dardenne Creek Campus, the Technical Center in Wentzville, and the new Regional Workforce Innovation Center. She has more than 20 years of experience in the medical industry. Her most recent position was as Vice President of Business Development at Applied Silver. She also held senior leadership positions at Aerobiotix, Inc. and Abbott Laboratories. Shelley has a Master of Business Administration from Lindenwood University and a Bachelor of Arts in Biological Science from the University of Missouri – Columbia. She currently serves on SCC's Foundation Board. She and her husband own a farm in Orchard Farm.



## FAMILY, PETS CAME TO CAMPUS FOR FAMILY FUN DAY

SCC employees, along with their family, friends and pets, attended a lunch on Friday, April 12. Special thanks go to Human Resources and Food Services for hosting this event.

