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SCC faculty, students are recognized for achievements by MCCA

Amanda Shipley is recipient of Gold Scholar Award by Coca-Cola Foundation

Two St. Charles Community College students and a faculty member were recently honored by the Missouri Community College Association in Jefferson City.

The students were named to the All-Missouri Academic Team, an honor bestowed on the state’s top community college students.

Max Leible is using the A+ scholarship to attend SCC. He’s planning to attend UMSL in the fall as a junior finance major and hopes to interview for internships with major corporate finance organizations. He will bring considerable experience to the table, having started three small businesses and served as an econ tutor at SCC. Leible has been named to the college’s dean’s list and is the vice president of fellowship and fundraising for his campus PTK chapter.

Amanda Shipley is studying nursing at SCC and plans to transfer to UMSL to get a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She’d like to continue her studies, ultimately earning a nurse practitioner degree. Shipley currently works as an admitting representative for Mercy Healthcare and is vice president of service for SCC’s PTK chapter. She is on the dean’s list.

Shipley is also a Gold Scholar Award recipient from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Each year the foundation honors the 150 highest-scoring All-USA Team members from around the country by presenting them with gold, silver or bronze medallions and a stipend.

Each student received a scholarship made possible by a donation from MOHELA, the state’s not-for-profit secondary market lender and servicer in the student loan industry.

Faculty Award

Amy Koehler, SCC associate professor of nursing, received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The award, which was presented by the Missouri Community College Association at a ceremony in Jefferson City, is given to the top community college teachers in the state each year. The Excellence in Teaching award includes a proclamation from Missouri Governor Jay Nixon.
MARK THE CALENDAR

- Juried Art Exhibition, FAB – March 3-April 11
- Shrek The Musical, FAB – March 21-30, 28-30
- SCC Coffeehouse, SSB – April 3
- Election Day – April 8

SCC Phi Theta Kappa chapter wins awards at regional convention in Branson

SCC’s Alpha Xi Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society took home honors at the Missouri Regional Convention in March.

SCC student Ashley Whitehead received an Outstanding Member Award for the Missouri Region. The chapter received the Phoenix Award turning a negative situation into something positive. Finally, the chapter also received 5-Star Status at the national level.

“We’re so proud of our students and looking forward to the PTK annual convention in Orlando next month,” said Christy Gant, PTK faculty advisor. “Ashley has a chance to receive her award at the national level as well.” Gant will also facilitate a session at the pre-conference “academy” for students.

Community gardens to become a part of campus beautification

The SCC Green Team started a community garden program this spring to encourage campus gardening and green efforts. Seven plots make up the garden located between the Student Center and Blue Parking Lot.

Anyone directly affiliated with SCC may apply to manage a plot each growing season, March through November. Plots are required to have something planted no later than May 13. For info, email dporter@stchas.edu.

Adjunct anthropology instructor is featured on local radio shows for archaeology find

SCC anthropology adjunct faculty member Joseph Galloy, Ph.D., was recently featured on St. Louis Public Radio for discoveries made during the excavation that occurred during the building of the Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge in St. Louis. He was one of two experts interviewed by Don Marsh for St. Louis on the Air for St. Louis Public Radio, 90.7FM KWMU.

Galloy, who is the Metro East research coordinator for the Illinois State Archaeological Survey based in Wood River, Ill., was involved in the excavation of remains of an ancient American Indian settlement that was discovered hidden in East St. Louis during construction for the new bridge across the Mississippi River. One artifact unearthed was a stone goddess fertility figurine that was found in its entirety, Galloy said.

The dig ended a year and a half ago but since then archaeologists have been analyzing what has been found. During the interview, Galloy said “…within our sample we see some different areas — areas where people are clearly going about their daily lives in residential neighborhoods. We have other areas that are closer to what we call the ceremonial core of the city … we have things like large public buildings where politics may have been discussed, temples.”

The interview can be found online at http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/update-archaeological-discoveries-made-possible-new-mississippiriver-bridge. The Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge opened to traffic on Feb. 9.

Galloy can also be heard in an October 2013 interview on the Radio Arts Foundation (107.3 FM) regarding the St. Louis Art Museum’s new exhibits on the North American installation. The interview can be found at http://www.isas.illinois.edu/news/galloystlouis.shtml.

Galloy is teaching two sections of ANT 102 Cultural Anthropology this spring. He has been an adjunct instructor at SCC since 2011.

SCC/General Motors Robotics Challenge sees record participation

Record numbers of middle and high school students competed at St. Charles Community College in the 16th annual Robotics Challenge on March 7, hosted by General Motors Wentzville Assembly Center and St. Charles Community College’s Workforce Development Department.

Student teams used LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robotics kits and worked together to design, build and program a robot modeled after a real-life pedestal spot welder used in manufacturing at General Motors. Brian Steber, senior manufacturing engineer at GM Wentzville, wrote the challenge. “It’s really all about the kids,” Steber said. “They’ll remember this for the rest of their lives because it gives meaning to what they’re learning in school.”

Students were judged on their teamwork and presentation, in addition to design and engineering. Judges not only evaluated students, they also gave them practical advice. “They are learning a big-picture approach to problems,” said Ward Silver, an electrical engineer and judge. “In addition to engineering they learn planning and budgeting and how to connect financial resources.”

More than 160 students competed in the Robotics Challenge this year. There were 29 teams from seven middle schools and three high schools, which were divided into four divisions.

First place teams were “Tektite Welders” from Barnwell Middle School, “The Bow Ties” from Barnwell Middle School, “Cougars” from Fort Zumwalt North Middle School and “Nerdvana” from Winfield High School.