



Orv Kimbrough, CEO and president of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, addresses graduates at SCC's 27th commencement on May 16.

### United Way leader challenges graduates to take risks, overcome scars

"As I think about what makes us successful as human beings, in addition to a work ethic and the ability to challenge ourselves to be better, we must have faith – a belief in ourselves and beyond ourselves that compels us to jump even when we are afraid," said Orv Kimbrough, CEO and president of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, keynote speaker at the St. Charles Community College's 27th annual Commencement Exercises.

Kimbrough shared his personal story including his educational journey, which included three lessons: "1) It is important to take risks; 2) It is important to jump even when you are unsure of how and where you are going to land; and, 3) Scars are a natural part of life.

If you look closely, we all have them. What will you do with your scars?"

Also addressing a crowd of 1,500 graduates, faculty, relatives and friends was student representative Stephanie Kuhn. Kuhn graduated with an Associate of Arts degree with highest honors, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and plans to transfer to a four-year institution.

In her address, she described the graduates with one word – finishers. "My wish for all of us is that we'll never be void of the personal desire to succeed. That we'll believe in what we choose to do and make it

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Rob Dixon, MCCA executive director and SCC alum

### MCCA leader Rob Dixon is SCC's Distinguished Alum of the Year

As the executive director for the Missouri Community College Association, SCC alum Rob Dixon advocates for community colleges at the state level and wants to give members and colleges a powerful voice in Missouri.

The son of two community college graduates, Rob has grown up valuing education. His mom is SCC's Child Development Center lead teacher, Lea Dixon.

"When we look at issues facing our country and our economy, nothing is more important than investing in education and making sure our colleges and communities are ready to meet the needs of the 21st-century economy," Rob said. "If we don't, we will be left behind."

Rob said his passion for community colleges all started at SCC.

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(Archive Photo) Judge William T. Lohmar Jr. (back row, left) is joined by fellow SCC Board of Trustees members in the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building.

### A TRIBUTE – Judge William T. Lohmar Jr., SCC Board of Trustees

SCC Board of Trustee vice president Judge William T. Lohmar Jr. passed away May 6 following a long-term illness.

"Trustee Lohmar will be deeply missed by all who knew him," said Ron Chesbrough, SCC president. "We are deeply indebted to Judge Lohmar for his service to SCC and to this

community. Our thoughts are with his family."

Lohmar was re-elected in April 2014 for a six-year term. In April 2012 he was elected to the final two years of a six-year term that became open when his son, Timothy Lohmar, was elected as a

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JUDGE WILLIAM T. LOHMAR JR.  
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judge in Missouri’s 11th Judicial Circuit. Lohmar was appointed to the SCC Board of Trustees in January 2011. He was the Board vice president.

Lohmar was a senior judge for the state of Missouri, the St. Charles City Municipal Judge and the senior partner with Lohmar, Staebell and Burlison LLC. Lohmar also served as 11th Circuit Court Judge from 1978-1996 and 2004-2010. He was a partner in the law firm of Lohmar & Lohmar from 1997-2003. He began his judicial career in 1974 as a Magistrate Judge in St. Charles County.

As an advocate of education and professional development, Lohmar served as an instructor at Lindenwood University and the former St. Mary’s College in O’Fallon, Mo. His service also included positions as instructor and panelist for both the National Judicial College in Reno, Nev., and the State of Missouri Judicial Education Committee for the Office of State Court Administrator in Jefferson City, Mo.

Lohmar was a member of the St. Charles County Bar Association where he was a past president. He was a member of the Parkside Senior Citizens Retirement Center Board of Directors and was a past board president for the Jaycees Parkside Village. Lohmar was a past congregational president and member of St. John United Church of Christ.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Southeast Missouri State University and his juris doctorate degree from St. Louis University School of Law. Lohmar and his wife, Shirley, have one child (Timothy) and two grandchildren. He and his wife moved to St. Charles County in 1972.

## FOUNDATION UPDATES



The SCC Foundation received a \$10,000 grant from the UPS Foundation that will be used to develop the Career Explorations Program. The program will connect college students and K-12 students in neighboring districts with job shadowing and mentoring opportunities. The gift takes total giving from UPS to date to more than \$100,000.



The Employee Sponsored Program Committee was able to award \$4,787.25 in campus enhancement funds to some of the mini-grant proposals that were partially funded by the SCC Foundation Board: \$1,000 – SCC Visual Artist Series; \$617.25 – iPads in Recruitment; \$2,770 – Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conferences and Competitions; and \$400 – Naturalization Ceremony.

The ESP Committee also selected 18 recipients to receive \$1,000 scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year.



Rhythm & Ribs, 2014

## SCC to welcome Dr. Zhivegas to sixth annual Rhythm and Ribs on June 4

The SCC Foundation’s sixth annual Rhythm and Ribs fundraiser, with live music, food and dancing, is set for 6-10 p.m. Thursday, June 4, on the college campus.

“Dr. Zhivegas” will take to the main stage at 8:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with SCC Jazz Big Band. At 7 p.m. the rhythm revue hour will include Deja Edwards and Matt Wynn. SCC students Edwards and Wynn are past winners of SCC’s singing competition, “SCC Idol,” and Wynn is an SCC Foundation scholarship recipient.

“The pride this community demonstrates for SCC is remarkable, and we are especially thankful for the outpouring of support we continue to receive for Rhythm and Ribs,” said Betsy Schneider, SCC Foundation director of development.

Ribs vendors will include Mannino’s Market, Ethyl’s Smokehouse and Saloon and Stumpy’s House of Bar-B-Que. Other fare will include gourmet nachos,

hot dogs and veggie burgers by Quintessential Catering. Drinks will include Anheuser-Busch products by Krey Distributing, soda by Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, lemonade by Red Robin, water by Ameristar Casino Resort Spa St. Charles and wine by Terra Firma USA.

The Main Stage sponsors include Ameren Missouri, Mercy and SSM St. Joseph Health Center/SSM St. Joseph Hospital West.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission, which includes entry to the event/live entertainment; \$25 for the Music and More package, which includes lives entertainment and food, beverage and raffle tickets; and \$50 for the VIP package, which includes unlimited beverages, unlimited food, raffle tickets, reserved seating and live entertainment.

For more information, contact Schneider at 636-922-8473, [bschneider@stchas.edu](mailto:bschneider@stchas.edu), or visit [rhythm-and-ribs.com](http://rhythm-and-ribs.com).

## Volunteers recognized for 3,000-plus hours of service



Adult Education and Literacy volunteer tutors were honored at an Appreciation Dinner on April 21 in the College Private Dining Room. This year, 90 volunteers provided more than 3,100 hours of tutoring in the ESL and HSE classes which meet on campus as well as at 11 off-campus locations.

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He was 23 when he completed his service to the Marine Corps and started taking classes at SCC using benefits from the GI bill.

He said his first class, Introduction to Business, with Joe Hartnett, SCC professor of business, sparked his interest in political science.

“Mr. Hartnett’s class was engaging, and it gave me the confidence to pursue my professional interests,” said Rob.

He graduated from SCC with an Associate of Arts degree with emphasis in political science. He then received a transfer scholarship to the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where he graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in international and comparative politics.

Rob did a semester of study at Georgetown in Washington, D.C., and an internship at the Embassy of the Republic of Croatia, also in Washington, D.C.

He and his wife moved to the Springfield, Mo., area where he took a job with the Hollister Chamber. He spearheaded a ballot initiative to expand the taxing district and bring a satellite campus of Ozarks Technical Community College to Hollister, Mo., called OTC Table Rock.

This experience grew his interest in moving big ideas from start to completion, so he chose to pursue a Master of Public Administration degree from Missouri State University.

Rob later made another career change when he became Missouri Community College Association (MCCA)’s seventh chief executive office in January 2015.

“Throughout our community, state and nation, strong community colleges are preparing students for college-level work,” he said.

## SCC, Stephens College agreements ensure successful transfer

Two articulation agreements were recently signed between SCC and Stephens College. A general agreement will ensure students transferring with an Associate of Arts degree from SCC will transfer to Stephens well on their way to a bachelor’s degree. The second agreement is with the Health Information Management program and

provides program-specific articulation ensuring SCC student transfers can move directly into the last two years of the program at Stephens.

Administrators at Stephens and SCC have plans to develop additional program-specific articulation agreements in the arts, according to Chris Breitmeyer, vice president for academic and student affairs.

## Celebrations of Success



SCC student nursing graduates celebrate together among friends, family and new colleagues at the college’s annual RN pinning ceremony on May 14, 2015, in the College Center. “The pinning tradition is a standard that some have ended, but we view it as a valuable moment to celebrate the accomplishments and mark the moving forward of our skilled graduates,” said Amy Koehler, SCC dean of Nursing & Allied Health.

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our goal follow what we believe in,” she said.

This year saw more SCC students graduating than in any other year – 953.

Also during the commencement ceremony, the Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Rob Dixon, executive director of the Missouri Community College Association. Kasey McKee, SCC vice president for college advancement and planning, presented the award.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Ron Chesbrough, Ph.D., SCC president. Rose Mack, president of the SCC Board of Trustees, and Chris Breitmeyer, vice president for academic and student affairs assisting with the conferring of degrees and certificates. The SCC Concert Band, directed by Dave Dickey, and the SCC Singers and Show Choir, directed by Gene Ditch, provided music. The Commencement Marshal was Vicky Herbel, associate professor of sociology. Ushers included cadets from the Eastern Missouri Police Academy and student organizations and college staff.

## MARK THE CALENDAR

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**State Fair Vocal & Acting Auditions** | May 19-20 | 7 p.m. | FAB theater

**State Fair Dance Auditions** | May 21 | 6 p.m. | FAB theater

**State Fair Audition Callbacks** | May 21 | 7 p.m. | FAB theater

**RegFest** | May 28 | 2-7 p.m. | Administration Building

**Outdoor Summer Movie Series: Big Hero 6** | May 29 | **Sundown** | Technology Building lawn

**Rhythm & Ribs** | June 4 | 6 p.m. | Campus Plaza

**Adult Education & Literacy Student Recognition Ceremony** | June 10 | 7 p.m. | FAB auditorium

**RegFest** | June 11 | 2-7 p.m. | Administration Building