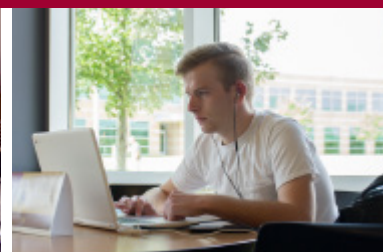


ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – September 2016



State of the College 2016

Revamped State of the College sessions on Sept. 1-2 held true to the theme that faculty and staff are one team in pursuit of one goal – student success.

Before a welcome from the college president, attendees enjoyed refreshments and took part in a personal bucket list table exercise that helped colleagues learn a little about one another.

Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC's new president, offered her first academic year welcome and shared the "Top 10 Things I Love About Missouri" – her new home state:

10. Frozen Custard
9. Casinos
8. Hiking Trails
7. Friendly People
6. Goopy Butter Cake
5. The St. Louis Cardinals
4. Historic St. Charles
3. Toasted Ravioli
2. Passing the Test for My Driver's License
1. St. Charles Community College.

One current student and an SCC alum shared their stories, demonstrating the power of a college education at SCC. Their messages were followed by a brief presentation and video by members of the Employee Sponsored Program, which provides student scholarships and other benefits to the college.

In addition to a team of volunteers guiding students to class, Student Activities provided free popsicles, lemonade, ice cream and snow cones to help welcome back SCC students to campus at the outset of the fall semester.

Helpers, events shine light on first week of fall classes

Campus welcomes new president, Dr. Barbara Kavalier

The campus community welcomed its new president, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, during a reception held the morning of Aug. 19 in the President's suite.

Many faculty and staff took the time to meet Dr. Kavalier and her husband, Jim, while spending time with colleagues and enjoying refreshments in the President's office. Scooter McCougar, the college mascot, joined in on the festivities.

The reception and open house was the first opportunity to meet with the new president and served as an unofficial kick-off to the fall semester.

We can help with that!

Faculty and staff donned bright peach shirts emblazoned with "I can help with that!" and were stationed across campus – indoors and out – on the first two days of the fall semester, Aug. 22-23.

"Helpers" greeted students and provided assistance to those who needed just a little help finding the classes as they maneuvered through the first two days of the term. This was the second year of the student-centered campaign.

"It's exciting to see more and more folks take part in this effort," said Ben Munson, director of creative services, who assists in the event organization. "We hope students, especially our new ones, feel welcome and that it helps minimize some of their first-day jitters."

Student Activities continued the festivities by offering students Welcome Week treats each day including shaved ice, lemonade and more.

Fall enrollment figures better than projected

The college is only four weeks into the fall semester, but it's already time to take stock of enrollment counts as part of the census that provides valuable data about the academic term.

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A look toward a national election is one of the sessions highlighting SCC's Democracy Days, Sept. 19-22

A national election campaign season and a look back at Ferguson are two of the subjects in a broad list of discussions being held Monday-Thursday, Sept. 19-22, on the SCC campus. The sessions are free and open to the public.

Democracy Days' mission is "to examine the history, health and functioning of democracy in America and abroad." The multi-day forum was founded by Michael Kuelker, SCC professor of English, and has been held annually at SCC since September 2001.

Over the event's 15 years, Democracy Days presenters have often been SCC faculty, representing a variety of academic backgrounds. The 2016 speakers feature SCC faculty members from the disciplines of English, reading, political science, history, philosophy, psychology, communications, biology and economics, in addition to SCC staff from the departments of instructional media, Title IX and the library. Joining SCC faculty and staff will be doctoral students from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and librarians from across the region.

"From the beginning I've wanted Democracy Days to be a catalyst for dialogue and to bring what we do at SCC into contact with the larger community on issues that concern us all," Kuelker said.

The event integrates with the college's mission and activities in a variety of ways. Sophomore students enrolled in capstone classes, for instance, have the option of pursuing the issues raised during Democracy Days through research-based essays.

"A college campus is an ideal place to grapple with the issues of our time and this year's Democracy Days has 19 offerings covering broad territory," Kuelker said. "We are covering timely and penetrating topics, and I'm especially pleased that two of the sessions are student-driven forums. Their voices need to be emphasized in what we do at SCC whenever possible."

Democracy Days Schedule

Events will be held in the auditorium of the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building (SSB) or in Room 205 of the Student Center (SC).

Remaining Events:

Tuesday, Sept. 20

10 a.m. – Student Forum on Elections '16 (SSB)

10 a.m. – American Exceptionalism: 1630 to the Present (SC 205)

11:30 a.m. – Ferguson: What Barriers Still Exist Two Years Later? (SSB)

1 p.m. – Muslims in America: Can We Peacefully Co-Exist? (SSB)

Wednesday, Sept. 21

10 a.m. – Conventions, Democracy and the Nomination Process (SC 205)

11:30 a.m. – Donald Trump and the Return of Populism (SSB)

Noon – Article 2 of the U.S. Constitution (SC 205)

1 p.m. – Marijuana Legalization: Panel (SSB)

6:30 p.m. – *Trumbo* [film] (SSB)

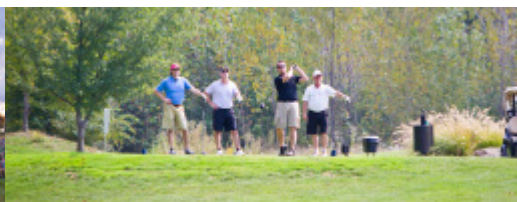
Thursday, Sept. 22

10 a.m. – The Impact of Libraries on Democracy: Past, Present, Future (SSB)

10 a.m. – The Role of Government in a Market-Based Economy (SC 205)

11:30 a.m. – *Trumbo*: A Panel Discussion (SSB)

1 p.m. – Is Democracy Working for All People? (SC 205)



September's Big Events

Foundation brings community together for food, golf

Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Series

Have a family to feed? A date to impress? Enjoy movies and food? Beautiful summer evenings? The Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Series concludes Friday, Sept. 23, with a large lineup of food trucks and a hit summer movie.

The food trucks will start serving and vendors start selling at 5 p.m. in the Blue Parking Lot. At dusk, *Finding Dory* will be the featured film on the lawn of the Technology Building (rain site, College Center gym).

Proceeds from the event will benefit both the Cottleville-Weldon Spring Chamber of



Commerce and the SCC Foundation. For more information, visit foodtruckfrolic.com.

Presidents Classic Golf Scramble

SCC supporters will tee-up to a day of golf, food and friendly competition at the 20th

Annual Presidents Classic Golf Scramble on Monday, Sept. 26, at Old Hickory Golf Club.

The day includes a four-person scramble and two flights, in addition to an assortment of other activities and competitions. A happy hour will be offered with an award ceremony after the session.

Proceeds support student scholarships and academic and program enhancements. For more information, including registering a foursome, contact Caitlin Keele at 636-922-8437 or ckeele@stchas.edu.

For more events and activities at SCC, visit stchas.edu/calendar. To learn about additional ways to support the SCC Foundation, visit stchas.edu/foundation.