

ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – February 2017



SCC and OPO Startups partnership underway

A partnership is underway with St. Charles Community College and OPO Startups, giving SCC students and alumni free access to the co-working center from noon-8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

“Our students will play a key role in the growth and success of the local economy for years to come,” said Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president. “Giving them networking opportunities and work space access like this is invaluable to both the students and the community.”

SCC's space was dedicated in OPO, whose mission is to promote and grow the regional digital startup community in St. Charles, on Jan. 25. There is a table with SCC signage for students and alumni that provides a work space for startup companies of their own.

“In the spirit of collaboration and networking, giving our students and alumni the ability to connect with these entrepreneurs and experts in a common space is truly invaluable to our community,” said Lauren Dickens, interim dean of business, science,



SCC students and administrators gathered Jan. 25 for the space dedication ceremony at OPO Startups in St. Charles.

education, math and computer science.

“The OPO attracts brilliant entrepreneurs.

WAIT – THERE'S MORE!

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SCC faculty and staff convene for 2017 State of the College

SCC faculty and staff met on Feb. 10 for Dr. Barbara Kavalier's first State of the College address and service recognition program. Attendees heard updates on Dr. Kavalier's listening tour findings and vision for the college going forward. Todd Galbierz, vice president for administrative services, also presented on the budget and facilities.

New employees were highlighted and those who are celebrating a milestone year of service at the college were recognized. “We all extend our appreciation to these honorees for their dedicated service as we continue our work in fulfilling the mission of St. Charles Community College,” Dr. Kavalier said.

“So many turned out in support of our honorees and what a delight it was to see them recognized for their many contributions to SCC! One of the highlights of the day for me was seeing our talented students perform,” said Jessica Trimborn, HR administrative coordinator at SCC.



St. Charles Mayor visits with SCC president

Sally Faith (left), mayor of the City of St. Charles, made it to campus Jan. 25 to meet with the college president, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, for the first time. Mayor Faith once served the college as a Board of Trustees member and later as the director of development.

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Support student scholarships at SCC Trivia Night!

Friday, Feb. 24, 6-11 p.m. | SSB
\$25/person or \$200/table of eight



Dr. Barbara Kavalier, SCC president, addresses guests at the SCC Legislative Meet and Greet on Feb. 3 in the Student Center.

President hosts Legislative Meet and Greet Feb. 3

Dr. Barbara Kavalier welcomed four state representatives to the college on Feb. 3 for her inaugural Legislative Meet and Greet as president of SCC.

Representatives in attendance included Kurt Bahr, District 102 Representative; Robert Cornejo, District 64 Representative; Chrissy Sommer, District 106 Representative; and John Wiemann, District 103 Representative – all of whom represent part of the college’s service area. Nick Schroer’s legislative aid also attended (District 107).

These legislators got a sneak peek at the college’s workforce partnerships and new and expanding programs from Dr. Kavalier; Kasey McKee, vice president for college advancement and planning; Jean Ehlmann, Board of Trustees

president; John Bookstaver, Ph.D., interim vice president for academic and student affairs; Heather Simmons, senior human resources generalist at National Cart Co.; and Sandra Thomas, SCC student.

Simmons spoke on SCC’s relationship with National Cart Co. – one of SCC’s many workforce partnerships – and how it came about.

“Our vice president of operations came to me and stated he was on the plant floor watching our welders,” Simmons said. “He pointed out some of our best welders and asked that I get in contact with the school they attended and ‘become their best friend.’ Upon some investigating, I found that all of them came from SCC!” SCC now plays a large role in the success of National Cart Company’s recruitment and growth.

“As National Cart Company continues to grow, we will need to add more skilled welders to our team,” Simmons said. “It is crucial that the welding grant continues to grow at SCC. Welders are in demand in St. Charles County and the best way to prepare for the growth and demand is to continue offering the benefit of education.”

“The support of our local legislators is vital to the success of SCC and community colleges as a whole,” Dr. Kavalier said. “We were excited to be able to provide our representatives with just a small glimpse at all the amazing work that goes on at SCC.”



Rep. Kurt Bahr (St. Charles, District 102) speaks with a group of students and administrators at the SCC Legislative Meet and Greet on Feb. 3.



Rep. John Weimann (St. Charles, District 103) speaks at the SCC Legislative Meet and Greet.

Food Services receives perfect grade following Health Department inspection

The St. Charles County Health Department took part in a Jan. 30 inspection of Scooter’s Place, located in the SCC Student Center. The college was notified by the Health Department that Scooter’s Place achieve a grade of 100 percent on that inspection.

“How exciting! An excellent job to the Food Services staff,” said Pat Haynes, director of food services and the bookstore.

The Health Inspector will return at a later date to inspect the Café-Bookstore.

