



Lindsay Brand is one of St. Charles Community College's newest faculty members in fall 2015. Brand's English classes, like the one shown above, take place in the John M. McGuire Humanities Building.



New faculty members display continued standard of excellence

St. Charles Community College added six full-time, annual-status faculty members this fall whose qualifications demonstrate the continued high standard of excellence among SCC faculty.

New faculty members include Lindsay Brand, instructor of English/literature; Debra D'Arcy, instructor of nursing; Deepika Jagmohan, associate professor of computer science; Davida Murphy-Smith, assistant professor of nursing; Emily Steffen, instructor of nursing; and Kimberly Willbrand, assistant professor of accounting.

Get to know a few of the new faculty:

Debra D'Arcy – Debra, SCC nursing and allied health instructor, brings a vast array of nursing experience to SCC. Most recently, Debra worked as an AHA Training Center coordinator where she focused on teaching instructors. Her career has taught her that everyone learns differently – which she sees as an important attribute for any instructor.

She completed an Associate Degree Nursing program and continued to work on her Bachelor of Science nursing degree at Purdue University-Calumet Campus. She went on to earn a Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Missouri with a specialty in public and community health and school health. She is nationally certified through the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a clinical nurse specialist in public and community health and is a nationally certified nurse. "I became a nurse because I love helping people," she said. "What led me to SCC is I love to teach people how to save lives."

Deepika Jagmohan – Deepika, associate professor for computer science, comes to SCC with more than 12 years of experience as a computer science instructor at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and five-plus years of industry experience as a software engineer and developer. Her parents taught her to value making a positive difference in

others' lives, which motivated her to pursue a career in education. Deepika has a Master of Science degree in computer science from Lamar University and a Bachelor of Engineering degree in computer engineering from Mangalore University in India. "Teaching is the best way to make a constructive, life-changing influence," she said.

Lindsay Brand – Lindsay, English instructor, joins SCC with teaching experience in alternative programs for St. Louis County and City public schools, as well as adjunct experience at multiple regional community colleges. She holds an Associate of Arts degree in general studies from East Central Community College, a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, a Bachelor of Science degree in education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a Master of Fine Arts degree in writing from Lindenwood University. "As a community college graduate myself, I am a huge advocate for community colleges. Community colleges are uniquely positioned to offer people an opportunity to pursue their education," she said.



Attending the recent ACCT Congress in San Diego were (from left) Joyce Lindstrom, Ph.D., SCC math professor; Rose Mack, SCC Board of Trustees president; William Pundmann, SCC Board of Trustees secretary; and Pamela Cilek, SCC Board of Trustees vice president.

Board Members, faculty attend and present at ACCT

SCC Board of Trustees President Rose Mack and Vice President Pamela Cilek attended the Association of Community College Trustees conference Oct. 14-17 in San Diego, Calif. Also attending and presenting at the annual leadership congress were William Pundmann, Board of Trustees secretary, and Joyce Lindstrom, SCC professor of mathematics.

Pundmann and Lindstrom co-presented with faculty and trustees from McHenry County (Ill.) College on “Reducing the Need for Developmental Math” on Thursday, Oct. 15. Lindstrom, along with math instructor Jackie Radle, lead the Achieving Success in Math Program at SCC that encourages high school students to enroll in math in their senior year in order to be successful in college-level mathematics. Chris Breitmeyer, vice president for academic & student affairs, also attended.

Academic honor society inducts 30 members

The Alpha Xi Chi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society inducted some 30 members from the summer and fall terms at a ceremony held Oct. 18 in the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Science Building auditorium.

Debbie Zamora, Missouri PTK Alumni Association president, gave the keynote address.

Three faculty and staff members were honored by students as mentors, selected for their guidance and support – Marvin Tobias, associate professor of psychology; Teresa Lovan, food services cashier; and Renee Copher, adjunct math faculty.

The Chamber Choir performed, and Gene Ditch, professor of music and music program chair, was congratulated on his upcoming retirement.

Faculty advisors for the organization include Christy Gant, instructor of English/literature; Rachel McWhorter, instructor of English/literature; and Ron Pettus, associate professor of political science.

Wentzville School District hosts Project Lead the Way Career Fair at SCC

More than 900 Wentzville high school students participated in a two-day Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Career Fair held Oct. 12-13 on the SCC campus. The fair featured more than 30 presenters from companies including Boeing, Enterprise Holdings, Monsanto, Pfizer and National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC).

PLTW offers students a hands-on curriculum that incorporates science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) into real life projects and includes a career exploration component which prompted the district’s first PLTW Career Fair in 2012.

Holt, Liberty and Timberland have all received national certification for their PLTW courses that include Biomedical Sciences, Human Body Systems, Principles



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of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Aerospace, Computer Science and Software Engineering. “The Career Fair is an excellent opportunity for our high school students to explore a variety of STEM-related professions all in one place,” said Curriculum Coordinator Karen Hill. “We appreciate the support of our local businesses and universities that bring their professions to life for our students.”

SCC takes home 12 regional awards for institutional marketing

SCC’s Marketing and Communications Department was the recipient of 12 regional awards at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations District 5 fall conference in Lincoln, Neb.

Just over 200 entries were submitted from 21 member colleges across 41 categories in the annual competition. SCC won the following awards: Gold – Feature Writing (Zsantee Tapley feature), Original Photography-Manipulated (Corey Porter), Folder (Returning Learners), Brochure-Single (Emergence), Newsletter (Chuck) and Viewbook (2014-16); Silver – Social Media/ Online Marketing Campaign (Instagram), Original Photography-Manipulated (Zombies), Brochure-Single (Freshman-Sophomore Recruitment), Annual Report (2013-14); Bronze – Computer Generated

Illustration (Star Wars Scooter) and Flier-Single (Mental Health).

The Medallions Awards were presented on Sept. 20. Heather McDorman, vice president for enrollment and marketing services, and Brynne Cramer, public relations coordinator, attended the conference. Other team members are: Ben Munson, director of creative services; Kelly Paladin, graphic designer; Aimee Sagaser, graphic designer; Amber Peterson, marketing specialist; Nick Hogan, website coordinator; Karen Decker, website specialist; and Vicki Seagraves, marketing assistant.

A council of the American Association of Community Colleges, the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations provides professional development and support to marketing and PR professionals at community and technical colleges. SCC is a member of District 5, including Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, the Canadian province of Manitoba, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.



SCC to host week-long veterans celebration, open to public, Nov. 9-12

St. Charles Community College will bring the community together to celebrate Veterans Day with a series of events Nov. 9-12. Events are free and open to the public.

Veterans Week Celebration – 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9, College Center Gymnasium

Lt. Clifford B. Smith, Army Air Corps veteran, will give the keynote address. The ceremony will include the SCC Concert Band under the direction of David Dickey, the SCC Choir under the direction of Gene Ditch and local veteran organizations and their color guards. SCC President Ron Chesbrough will welcome students, faculty, staff and community members.

Lt. Smith earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Missouri in 1942. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps that same year. As a flight engineer, he flew with an 11-man crew to Saipan in November of 1944. He bombed Nagoya on Dec. 18, 1944, and was ditched near Kita Iwo at dusk.

On Dec. 19, 1944, Smith was rescued by an American Navy Submarine – the USS Spearfish. He went 26 days on patrol with the Spearfish along the coast of Japan and returned to Saipan to complete 31 missions.

Smith was discharged from the Army Air Corps in August 1945.

He continued his career at Ralston Purina, now Nestle Purina PetCare Company, in the Engineering Department for 30 years. He spent the next 40 years operating CB Smith Co., a



2014 Veterans Ceremonial March

manufacturers representative firm for water and waste-water treatment equipment.

SCC Student Veterans Panel – 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, auditorium of the Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building

Hear about life from the student veteran's perspective. All panelists are current SCC students who have served in the military. This event is sponsored by the Student Veterans Organization (SVO).

Veterans Ceremonial March – 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the flagpole outside the Learning Resource Center

Campus and community members are welcome to join the ceremonial march around campus to honor and recognize our veterans. Hosted by the Student Veterans Organization, the ceremonial march will begin near the

flagpoles outside the Learning Resource Center, rain or shine.

Comedy Warriors: Healing Through Humor Film – 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, auditorium of the Social Sciences Building

The documentary, *Comedy Warriors: Healing Through Humor*, follows five severely wounded Iraq/Afghanistan veterans who were given the opportunity to explore their experiences through the healing power of humor. The event, sponsored by SVO, will have free popcorn.

“Life Before, During and After the Military” Keynote – 6 p.m. Thursday Nov. 12, auditorium of the Social Sciences Building

The keynote will feature SCC students and be delivered by George Polette, SFC, retired United States Army, and Mark Meirink L. Cpl., United States Marine Corps.

MARK THE CALENDAR

Fibers Invitational | Through Nov. 6 | FAB gallery and annex, FAB, Room 106

Scary Movie Marathon: *The Babadook* | Oct. 27 | 6:30 p.m. SSB auditorium

Pumpkin Carving Contest | Oct. 28 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Scooters Place, Student Center

Student Recital | Oct. 28 | Noon | FAB, Room 118

Feel Better Fast! Workshop | Oct. 28 | Noon | Student Center Private Dining Room

Scary Movie Marathon: *The Gallows* | Oct. 28 | 7 p.m. SSB auditorium

LAMDA “Shakespeare’s First Folio” Master Class | Oct. 29 | 1-3 p.m. | FAB theater

Katie Rodriguez Banister: “Woe Isn’t Me!” | Oct. 29 | 2-4 p.m. Student Center, Rooms 205/206

Scary Movie Marathon: *Tucker and Dale vs. Evil* | Oct. 29 | 6:30 p.m. | SSB auditorium

***Two Spirits*, film and discussion** | Nov. 3 | 11:30 a.m. | SSB auditorium

Veterans Week Celebration | Nov. 9-12

Lunchtime BINGO | Nov. 12 | 11:30 a.m. Scooter’s Place

Technology Job Fair | Nov. 12 | 5-7 p.m. Technology Building first-floor atrium

YPT’s *The Nifty Fifties* | Nov. 14 | 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. SSB auditorium

SCC Fall Student Art Exhibition | Nov. 16-28 | FAB gallery and annex, FAB, Room 106

Lunchtime Musicians: *Two Worlds* | Nov. 16 | noon-1 p.m. | Scooter’s Place

***También la lluvia*, film** | Nov. 17 | 6:30 p.m. SSB auditorium

Center Stage Theatre’s *Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music* | Nov. 18-22 | FAB theater

Student Recital | Nov. 18 | Noon | FAB 118

***The Hundred-Foot Journey*, film** | Nov. 18 | 6:30 p.m. | SSB auditorium

“The Real Story of the First Thanksgiving” | Nov. 19 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Scooter’s Place

SCC Coffeehouse | Nov. 19 | 7-9 p.m. SSB student lounge

College closed Nov. 25-27 | Thanksgiving

Test Success Workshop | Nov. 30 | Noon | Student Center Private Dining Room

Music Department Sophomore Recital | Dec. 4 | 7:30 p.m. | FAB theater

Music Department Faculty Recital | Dec. 5 | 7:30 p.m. | FAB theater

FOUNDATION UPDATES

SCC Foundation Presidents Classic Golf Scramble raises more than \$48,000

The SCC Foundation raised more than \$48,000 at its 19th annual Presidents Classic Golf Scramble Monday, Sept. 28, at Old Hickory Golf Club in St. Peters. Proceeds will fund scholarships and academic enhancements.

“We are so thankful to our generous community members who came out to support the college at this event,” said Betsy Schneider, SCC director of development. “They are helping to ensure that our hard-working students will receive a high-quality education.”

Richard Jensen, CEO of RX Systems, Inc., and Kelly Felber, small business banking at Commerce Bank, were co-chairs of the planning committee for this year’s golf scramble.

First State Bank and RX Systems, Inc. were the “Eagle” sponsors. “Birdie” sponsors were Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital and Progress West Hospital; Botz, Deal & Company, P.C.; Mercy, SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital - St. Charles; and SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital - Lake Saint Louis. “Par” sponsors included Acropolis Investment Management LLC, Cintas, Commerce Bank, Enterprise Bank & Trust, Modern Business Interiors, NHC HealthCare and Rehabilitation, Paric Corporation and UPS.



EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE

SCC development director named to magazine's Beyond the Best

St. Charles Community College's Betsy Schneider, director of development, was selected for *Streetscape Magazine's* 2015 Beyond the Best Award. The Beyond the Best Award recognizes executives, employees and board members in St. Charles, St. Louis and surrounding areas.



“The creativity, energy and expertise Betsy brings to the SCC Foundation is invaluable,” said Kasey McKee, vice president for college advancement. “We are proud but not surprised by her receiving this honor. It is well-deserved.” Betsy has a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Kentucky. To learn more about the award, visit streetscapemag.com/events/special-events/beyond-the-best.



Discover eMagazine provides glimpse at the people and programs making a difference at SCC

SCC’s Fall 2015 issue of *Discover eMagazine* is now online, offering stories, news and events that illustrate SCC’s value to the community.

This issue features an alum who has returned to extol the virtues of SCC to future students; a staffer whose dedication to health and wellness has translated to new degree opportunities; and a high-tech certificate program that will help underemployed returning learners advance in their careers, among other stories of faculty, staff and student success.

Postcards encouraging residents to register for spring credit classes were mailed on Oct. 26 to homes in and around St. Charles County; the postcard also pointed to stories and information in *Discover*, including the latest news and events open to the public as well as an award-winning video short that provides a peek at life at SCC.

Visit discover.stchas.edu today and share your favorite articles on Facebook and forward the links to colleagues, friends and family to share the stories and news of *your* community college!



Kasey McKee, vice president for college advancement, completed the Planning Institute 1 with the Society for College and University Planning Institute. The institute is designed

for higher ed leaders who want to move their strategic plan from the shelf to implementation.