

ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – January 2018



SCC hosts combined All College Day and Service Recognition Luncheon

The college held its first combined All College Day and Service Recognition Luncheon on Jan. 9. All College Day consisted of a morning and afternoon session that faculty and staff could choose between. The sessions featured welcome remarks from John Bookstaver, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and enrollment management; a message from SCC President Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D.; a guided pathways presentation and group activity led by

Kathleen Cleary, Ph.D., associate provost at Sinclair Community College (Dayton, Ohio); an institutional effectiveness overview from David Cirillo, SCC professor and assessment project manager; and a diversity overview from Sylvia Edgar, chief diversity officer and Title IX coordinator.

The Service Recognition Luncheon was held immediately following the morning session of All College Day. Faculty and staff celebrating milestone years – including 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of

service – were honored for their contributions to SCC over the years.

This was the first year in the college's history that 30-year service awards were achieved. Thirty-year honorees included Carol Green, part-time faculty member; Denise McCracken, professor; Karen Jones, executive director of global studies and international support services; and Kathy Brockgreitens, assistant vice president for college transitions and support systems.



CDC director receives first SCC President's Award

It is my great honor to announce Kathy Drews, Child Development Center director, as the first recipient of the new President's Award.

"Her accomplishments during the award period of October and November qualified her as a candidate," said Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president. "In addition, her dedication

to the college, passion for student success and innovative leadership were all factors contributing to the decision."

"I was very surprised when I first heard about this award," Drews said. "This campus has many dedicated and hard-working people that make it such a wonderful place for students and employees. I am humbled and thankful to be counted among them."



Kathy Drews, director of the SCC Child Development Center

SCC welding instructors recognized by American Welding Society

SCC welding instructors Pat Cody and Jon Bridegan received awards for excellence in their field at the American Welding Society (AWS) St. Louis Section annual Christmas party and awards ceremony on Dec. 1.

Pat Cody received the District Meritorious Award. This distinction is given to recognize AWS members who have performed some definite or outstanding service to a section, district or the society.

Jon Bridegan was awarded the Section Educator Award. This honor is given as a means of recognizing educators whose teaching activities are considered to have advanced the knowledge of welding of the undergraduate or postgraduate students in their respective engineering institutions.

SCC recently added welding classes to their credit course offerings to meet the demand from local employers seeking skilled workers. Instructors for SCC's welding program teach welding skills to AWS standards, offering students the opportunity to earn an industry-recognized credential, a valuable tool when seeking employment.

Cody and Bridegan joined SCC's General Technology-Welding program in 2014 as part of the MoSTEMWINS Grant Program. To date, this program has produced more than 100 AWS Certified Welders, many of whom are employed in St. Charles County.

For information regarding enrollment in General Technology programs such as welding, supply chain logistics or manufacturing, contact Scott Kearns at 636-922-8667 or skearns@stchas.edu.



Jon Bridegan, Section Educator Award recipient



Pat Cody, District Meritorious Award recipient

SCC establishes music and theatre articulation agreements

SCC's Theatre Department has articulated four Associate of Arts to Bachelor of Arts/Fine Arts transfer agreements with Southeast Missouri State University. Pathways in Theatre Design and Technology, Musical Theatre, Acting and a general Theatre pathway are now available and will fully transfer to SEMO. The Conservatory of Theatre and Dance at SEMO is highly regarded in the region and this

agreement opens up an amazing opportunity for our students after completing their Associate of Arts.

SCC's Music Department has articulated an Associate of Fine Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Music/Bachelor of Music transfer agreement with the University of Missouri-St. Louis. This agreement will allow our students "the most seamless transfer possible" for their degree.



Winter break gives Facilities opportunity to check off numerous campus enhancement, safety projects

Over the winter break, the Facilities Department completed several campus improvements. Carpet was installed in College Center rooms 101 and 201; the first- and third-floor hallways of the Administration Building; and the second-floor hallway of the Student Center.

Work was done on the air handler in the Donald D. Shook Fine Arts Building. Fire alarms were tested in all buildings. Painting took place in the College Center, Café-Bookstore and Administration Building. Plumbing pipes in Student Center were repaired. All fire sprinkler systems were tested.

At the Nursing and Allied Health Building in Dardenne Prairie, the Medical Assistant Program construction was completed, and Phase 3 of the project began after break.

As part of the third phase, the college will add six new virtual hospital rooms and a computer classroom that will hold 100 students, expand the Moulage room and improve access to the existing virtual hospital control room.

New electrical wiring is going in at 808 Corporate Center in Dardenne Prairie for the college's new welding program.

WINTER SOCIAL WRAP-UP

The Special Events Committee hosted the college's annual winter social event on Thursday, Dec. 7, to celebrate and show gratitude for SCC faculty and staff. Channeling "throwback Thursday," guests partied to the theme of Ice Baby – A '90s Winter, with good food and good fun. Attendees enjoyed a '90s-themed dance rehearsal, costume contest, snowball fight, desserts and more.



Dale Bax, vice president of Bax Engineering, spends time with students from Francis Howell, Troy Buchanan and Wentzville schools during the Career Explorations Alliance Fall Career Week in November.

SCC receives \$10,000 from AT&T for college and career readiness program

St. Charles Community College's Foundation received a \$10,000 contribution from AT&T to support the Career Explorations Alliance, a program that focuses on college and career readiness through job shadowing and mentorships.

"When professionals invest in young people and students become better-prepared for college and a career, the entire community benefits," said Dawn Thornton, Career Explorations Alliance program manager.

The number of people participating in the program continues to grow as more students request to shadow engineers, nurses, attorneys, graphic designers and many other professionals. More than 550 students participated this November.

"Having access to this network of professionals is a tremendous help to students as they prepare for their future careers," said John Sondag, president of AT&T. "We are encouraged

to see so many students and community members working together with the college to build this outstanding program."

Thanks to AT&T and other corporate partners, participating schools only pay a modest stipend for their students to participate. Schools include the five public school districts in St. Charles County, Lincoln County School District and St. Charles Community College.

AT&T's support for the Career Explorations Alliance is part of the company's ongoing commitment to education. AT&T's signature philanthropic initiative, AT&T Aspire, drives innovation in education through technology, social innovation and relationships to ensure all students have the skills they need to succeed in school and beyond. Since 2008, AT&T has committed \$400 million to programs to help millions of students in all 50 states and around the world.

Professionals, educators or students interested in job shadowing or mentoring should contact Dawn Thornton at dthornton@stchas.edu or 636-922-8373.

SCC Foundation Board announces mini-grants

The SCC Foundation received more than \$54,000 in requests this year and, with the addition of an anonymous donation, the Foundation Board committee made awards on Dec. 5 totaling more than \$26,000. Grant recipients include:

- Biology: Enhancing Student Learning the molecular models explaining the flow of genetic information
- Chemistry: pH Meters
- Chemistry: Analytical Balances
- ESL: Computer Aided-Language Learning for ESL 115
- Learning Resource Center: 3D Printer Filament
- Learning Resource Center: Expanding Internet Access for Students with Wifi at the Library
- NAH: Medical Assisting – Preparing the Classroom – Sterilization Procedures
- NAH: Medical Assisting – Preparing the Classroom for Pediatrics
- NAH: Medical Assisting – Preparing the Classroom for ECG
- NAH: Two nightstands for beds in the Nursing Assistant Lab
- Student Life: Assistive Technology
- Student Life: Documentary showing of "Angst"
- Transfer Mathematics: Area High School Math Tournament
- Workforce Development: 3D scanner for WFD manufacturing/industrial training

"The Foundation Board mini-grant committee would like to thank everyone who submitted proposals for review this year," said Betsy Schneider, executive director of Foundation. "With so many worthy projects, it was a challenge to narrow down awards."

MCCA LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST



Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., and Brynne Cramer, communications manager, meet with Rep. Bryan Spencer in Jefferson City, Mo., to discuss SCC growth opportunities. The two attended an MCCA legislative breakfast on Jan. 10 at the Missouri state capitol to discuss the community college's legislative agenda and meet with other community college presidents and chancellors.

MARK THE CALENDAR

SCC Painting Invitational | Jan. 29-Feb. 23
FAB Gallery (Reception: 6-8 p.m. Jan. 31)

Safe Zone Training | Friday, Feb. 9 | 1-3 p.m.
SSB 1102

SCC Speaks Freely | Tuesday, Feb. 13 | College Center rotunda

Coffeehouse | Thursday, Feb. 15 | 7-9 p.m.
SSB student lounge