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# President's Report

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**Dr. Ranya Taqieddin**

Assistant Professor  
of Biology

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**Dr. Ranya Taqieddin**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, received the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. The Excellence in Teaching Awards program, sponsored by Emerson, annually recognizes educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area – from kindergarten teachers to college professors – who are examples of excellence in their field. According to President Kavalier, "Dr. Taqieddin exemplifies excellence in teaching. She is passionate about the success of her students." **Congratulations Ranya!**

## COUGAR COMEBACK, ICY WEATHER AND VIRTUAL REGISTRATION START THE SPRING '24 SEMESTER

The Cougar Comeback event on Wednesday, Jan. 17, welcomed students back to campus for the Spring 2024 Semester. Then icy weather caused the first day to be cancelled.

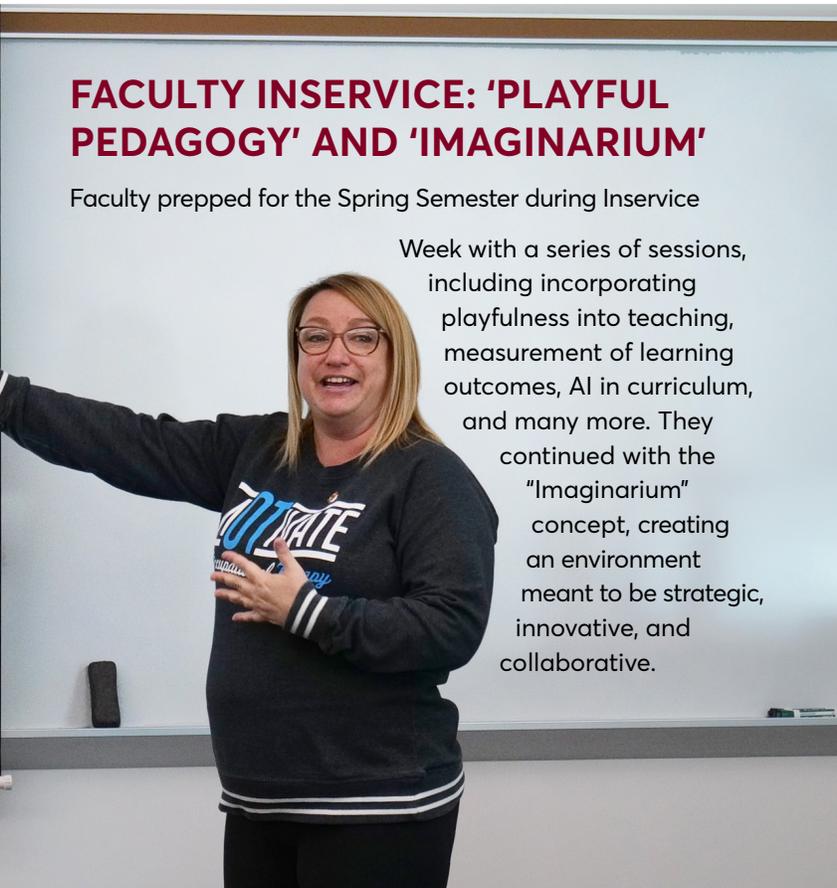
Fortunately, students could still find advising and registration assistance virtually, and on a couple Saturdays in January. Semester enrollment numbers were up 2.4 percent in headcount, and 1.4 percent in full-time equivalency.



## FACULTY INSERVICE: 'PLAYFUL PEDAGOGY' AND 'IMAGINARIUM'

Faculty prepped for the Spring Semester during Inservice

Week with a series of sessions, including incorporating playfulness into teaching, measurement of learning outcomes, AI in curriculum, and many more. They continued with the "Imaginarium" concept, creating an environment meant to be strategic, innovative, and collaborative.





## RECRUITMENT REVS UP

### SCC has a new Recruitment and Outreach Team

First row (left to right): Ryan Judd, College Recruiter/Navigator, Dana Degnan, Tammie De Los Santos, Executive Director of Outreach and School Relations, Laura Powell, Recruitment and Outreach Manager, Julie Miles, Recruiting Assistant, and Mary Ann Tischler, Admissions Assistant. Second row (left to right), Megan Merseal, Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Miranda Schilling, Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Lizzy Herbel, College Recruiter/Navigator, and Brooke McMillan, College Recruiter/Navigator.

The team did over 90 college/career fairs and high school visits in the fall of 2023, including Cardinals Career Day at Busch Stadium, and the Amazon Distribution Career Choice Event.



You may see their new, SCC branded car around town.

## NEW SIGN ACTIVE AT DARDENNE CREEK

A new electronic sign is now active at the Dardenne Creek Campus, which can be seen from I-64/40. It was funded by Proposition Community College, as part of the infrastructure and modernization of facilities. Similar to the two signs at the main campus on Mid Rivers Mall Drive, the signs display content created by SCC's Marketing Department.





## FOUR FROM SCC ACCEPTED INTO NSF MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Left to right: Monica Hall-Woods, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Mara Voracheck-Warren, Ph.D., Dean of Mathematics and Sciences, Tammie De Los Santos, Executive Director of Outreach and School Relations, and Amanda Sizemore, Assistant Vice President of Workforce, Technical and Community Education, were accepted into a mentorship program with about 20 other groups across the U.S. to aid them in writing a National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education grant.



## A TIME TO CELEBRATE

Faculty and staff gathered to celebrate the semester while also giving back to the community through a campuswide sock donation at the annual Winter Social, hosted by Human Resources. Thank you to all our employees for a great year!



## FACULTY MEMBERS SELECTED FOR NSF RESEARCH

**Nicole Pinaire**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology, and **Ranya Taqieddin**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, were selected to participate in the National Science Foundation's Community College Anatomy and Physiology Research, a multi-layered program focused on evidence-based instructional practices and educational research. Training, research in the classroom, writing, presentations, and mentorship are part of the program, which will help provide insight into instruction practices.