

Congratulations

SCC President, Dr. Barbara Kavalier, named one of the Region's top Business Leaders

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President's Report



DR. KAVALIER NAMED TO BUSINESS 500

Congratulations to Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D., for being named one of our region's top business leaders by St. Louis Business Magazine.

The St. Louis Business 500 highlights some of the metro area's most impactful, innovative, and inspirational leaders, from C-suite executives to under-the-radar entrepreneurs across an array of industries.

At St. Charles Community College, Dr. Kavalier ensures the institution offers an affordable, high quality-education to all students. With a focus on innovation and meeting the needs of today's learners, SCC is advancing a number of new initiatives, including a new **Regional Workforce Innovation Center** which will open this fall in Wentzville; **The Center for Immersive Learning**, in partnership with Dreamscape, will bring virtual and augmented reality to the classroom; and, this summer, the college's new **Excelsior** will strengthen academic support for students. According to Dr. Kavalier, "We are excited to introduce new innovation and technology to our students and our community."



'SCC' LETTERS ARRIVED!

This month, the new SCC letters were installed and are set up on the SCC Main Campus Plaza, between SCC Main and McGuire Hall. The letters were paid for in part by employees who donate to the SCC Foundation through the Employee Sponsored Program "Cougars Care".

The letters provide a branded photo opportunity for prospective students, families, alumni, employees, and anyone who comes to campus.

EDC STEM BREAKFAST RECOGNIZES STUDENTS

The 2025 STEM Awards Breakfast hosted by the Economic Development Council of St. Charles County was an incredible morning celebrating the community's next generation of STEM talent and local educators leading the way in STEM and STEAM coursework.

The at-capacity event was held at Water's Edge Banquet Center in St. Peters on Friday, March 7. Nineteen exceptional high school students—one from each of St. Charles County's public and private high schools—were honored for their achievements in STEM.

Dr. Kavalier helped hand out the awards to the students, including Carly Humphrey (top) from Orchard Farm, who is dual-enrolled at SCC, and Elizabeth Bowen (bottom) from Wentzville Liberty, who is in SCC's Jazz Band.



DARDENNE CREEK OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Students and community members are invited to the Dardenne Creek Open House on Tuesday, April 8, 5-7 p.m. Programs represented include Culinary Arts, Agriculture, Education, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Pharmacy Tech, Surgical Tech, Phlebotomy Tech, Patient Care Tech, Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Assisting, Medical Billing & Coding, Nursing (LPN, ADN, and Bridge), Welding, Mechatronics, and the Commercial Driving School.

Stop by and meet with faculty and community partners and learn about options for programs and tuition.



SCC HOSTS THE 2025 MISSOURI TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

SCC's science and math faculty hosted and judged the 2025 Tri-County Regional Science and Engineering Fair February 27 – March 1, at SCC. K12 students in Lincoln, Warren, and St. Charles Counties participated in the fair.

The public was invited to come by Saturday, March 1, 1-3:30 p.m., to view the projects. There was a food truck, the Missouri Biotechnology Association, the Ratchet Rockers Robotics Team, and other interactive activities. For a list of winners and more information, visit www.missouritricountysciencefair.org.



SCC LEADERS HOST COLLEGE UPDATE FORUMS FOR EMPLOYEES

SCC leaders hosted three College Update Forums on Wednesday, March 12, with two forums at the Main Campus and one at the Dardenne Creek Campus.

Dr. Kavalier talked about staying vital and relevant while she gave an update on SCC's increasing enrollment and campus improvements under way. For the Regional Workforce Innovation Center coming soon to Wentzville, she showed renderings of the Discovery Lab, which will include simulators and advanced technology showcasing career opportunities in Industrial Trades. She also showed renderings of what's planned for a new Field to Table Institute building, the Dreamscape Lab, the EXCEerator, Pickleball courts, and the Fitness Center.

Todd Galbierz gave an update on the budget, showing SCC in a strong financial position. He followed up by sharing information on future projects.



SCC EMPLOYEE CULINARY COLLECTIVE MARCH EVENT THEME: ISLAND ESCAPE



The **SCC Employee Culinary Collective** was held again on March 13, at the Field to Table Institute, with an Island Escape theme for the menu. This is an opportunity for employees to support our culinary students while enjoying an incredible meal with colleagues.

This month's menu included:

- Island Sliders
- Luau Pork with Hawaiian Slaw, Spicy Grilled Pineapple & Mai Tai Mustard Sweet Potato Brioche
- Seared Tuna with Sweet Chili Shoyu
- TIKI Cocktail Ribs
- SAIMIN Noodle Salad

'BE READY' EVENTS WELCOME AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Over 25 area high schools are visiting SCC as part of the 'Be Ready' Program. Students in their senior year are able to get help with admissions, financial aid and the registration process.

Participating schools include Fort Zumwalt (South, North, West, Hope), Wentzville (Liberty, Holt, Timberland, North Point), St. Charles (High and West), Francis Howell (High, Central, North), Troy Buchanan, Troy New Horizons, Wright City, St. Dominic, Montgomery City, Pattonville, Warrenton, Silex, Clopton, Louisiana, Elsberry, and Winfield.



CENTER STAGE THEATRE PRESENTS 'THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE'

The Performing Arts Department's Center Stage Theatre proudly presented "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" March 6-9. Through this miraculous journey, Edward learns what it is to love, what it is to lose that love, and how to find the courage to love again. SCC employees and students have access to two complimentary tickets.

