



MAY 2025

President's Report

SCC CELEBRATES 37TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SCC held its 37th annual commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 14, at the St. Charles Family Arena. This year, more than 1,000 students applied for graduation and nearly 400 students participated in the ceremony.

The speaker was Maxine Clark, Founder of Build-A-Bear Workshop®, a teddy-bear themed retail-entertainment experience. She told the story of her own career and encouraged students to do what they are passionate about.

"One thing I have learned for certain: unless you walk out into the unknown, the chance of making a profound difference in your life is pretty low," Clark said. "I can't give you advice on how to be resourceful or use more creative techniques in your thinking, but I can encourage you to look inside at what makes you happy, what you love, what makes you smile every day, and what you are passionate about. Listen to your heart."

Also addressing graduates, faculty, relatives, and friends, was student representative Sandra Swartz. Swartz is a soccer player who was selected to the First Team All-Region and recognized as an All-American. She has maintained a strong academic record, earning placement on the Dean's List and graduating Magna Cum Laude. She plans to study computer engineering with a minor in mathematics, while continuing to compete in soccer at the collegiate level.

"Today is a celebration of everything we've worked for and overcome," Swartz said. "We've learned more than what was in our textbooks – we've learned how to make it through in our own way."

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Barbara R. Kavalier, Ph.D., SCC president. Amy Koehler, Ed.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs, assisted with the conferring of degrees and certificates.

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NURSE PINNING CEREMONY



SCC FOUNDATION CULINARY AND WINE SHOWCASE DINNER RAISES OVER \$50,000

The annual "Be Transformed" dinner was held Friday, May 9, at the Field to Table Institute. Supporters, friends, and alumni enjoyed a meal prepared by SCC's culinary students. Proceeds support scholarships and academic enhancements.

The menu included a charcuterie station, salad with asparagus and crispy artichoke heart, pork medallions with rhubarb bigarande sauce, pecan vanilla cake with caramel cremeux, and more. Nobeis Vineyards provided wine pairings.

Guests participated in games and bid on auction items like diamond earrings from Vincent Jewelers, an Anheuser Busch VIP experience, and a Hollywood Casino night out package. The Emcee was Leo Anglo from Vincent's Jewelers.

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped with this event.



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