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2018-2019 Annual Report

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I. Overview 2018-2019



Overview 2018-2019



Fiscal year 2018-2019 marked the third year that I was fortunate enough to serve the Florissant Valley campus of St. Louis Community College, and just like my first two years, it was filled with exciting new opportunities for our students, hard work from our faculty and staff, and many changes as we work to continue our journey of fulfilling the initiatives found within our College's strategic plan. In the year prior, we worked to "tell our stories" and created a comprehensive annual report to share with our community and our colleagues. To keep this momentum going, we again decided to create an annual report to share highlights, events, and stories that we want to be sure are memorialized, so as not to forget a great idea, a significant accomplishment, or a compelling student journey. You will see each of these elements throughout the annual report, but some of our important highlights over the last year include the following:

- We again sponsored the Greater North County Chamber of Commerce luncheon in April, where we were able to share information about the College and the campus with over 100 high school students, K-12 partners, and business leaders. This year, we also partnered with the St. Louis Community College Foundation to provide an additional scholarship to each of the GNCC scholarship recipients to encourage these bright minds to consider Florissant Valley first.
- We were fortunate to be asked to host the 24:1 Clergy Coalition February meeting, where we presented information about the campus, the College, and our Workforce Solution Group programs. The attendees also heard from some of our Normandy dual enrollment students about the impact the campus has had on their educational aspirations. This year, four of the students from Normandy became the first FV dual enrollment students to earn their associate degree on the same day as their high school diploma through our Gateway to College program.
- We awarded the Dr. Rance Thomas Excellence in Community Partnership Award to the Ritenour School District. Dr. Chris Kilbride, Superintendent, accepted the award on behalf of the district, which has worked to find ways to increase its students' participation in an early college academy, the Emerson STEM Academy, dual credit, and dual enrollment. They will have their first associate degree graduates in 2021.
- Campus faculty and staff were visible in the community throughout the year through the College's STLCC Everywhere initiative, including the Fiesta in Florissant and the opening of the Ferguson-Florissant School District's new STEAM Academy high school. The STEAM students were able to learn about our programs, complete hands-on activities with our faculty, and get general information about applying to and paying for College.

- We encouraged the community to visit us with our first “Meet the Campus Day,” hosted by our Marketing and Communications Coordinator, and our “Preview Day,” which was a campus-wide event that brought nearly 150 people to Florissant Valley in April. These large-scale events were in addition to the multiple enrollment events held throughout the year, both during the week and on Saturdays.
- We served as a community advocate by supporting local organizations like Area Resources for Community and Human Services; Better Family Life; the Christian Hospital Foundation; Community Action Agency of St. Louis, Inc.; Educators for Social Justice; North County Inc.; The SoulFisher Ministries; and all of our local school districts. We do so by providing access to facilities, serving as speakers on panels, and supporting events.

All of this great work is in addition to the events that we host year-round for our students, faculty, and staff to give them opportunities for additional development, to celebrate their achievements, or to provide a premier student experience. From Welcome Week to Commencement and everything in between, the faculty and staff of Florissant Valley go out of their way to **expand minds** and **change lives**. After all, that’s what we do.

Though we couldn’t share all of our events or successes, we have compiled several here for you. We thank you for taking the time to read this report and for continuing your support of our exceptional College and campus.

Respectfully yours,



Dr. Elizabeth Gassel Perkins
Campus President and Chief Academic Officer
St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley



II. 2018-2019 Highlights



St. Louis Community College

2018-2019 Highlights

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- **Collaborated with admissions and enrollment services, and the assessment center** to create and implement the “Got Classes?” event, which was designed to increase the number of continuing students who registered for summer and/or fall classes.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

The Academic Support Center, which includes supplemental instruction, the Math & Science Learning Center, peer tutoring and the Writing Center & Speaking Lab:

- **Served at least 1,125 individual students in the 2018-2019 academic year, with more than 9,000 visits for tutoring services.** Several hundred additional tutoring sessions were held in satellite service areas, which include anatomy & physiology tutoring, tutoring for deaf students, and students in deaf communications studies.
- **Sponsored 12 workshops and events throughout the academic year.** These included “Verse Your Valentine in the Writing Center,” with 59 students participating, and the “Long Night Against Procrastination,” attended by more than 70 students. In a post-event evaluation of the latter, students reported that they found the “Long Night Against Procrastination” both fun and educational. Of those responding,
 - 97% “Strongly Agreed” or “Agreed” that “I was able to identify the steps necessary to complete the assignment I came to work on at this event.”
 - 94% “Strongly Agreed” or “Agreed” that “They met their completion goal for the event.”
- **Students responding to anonymous surveys about their overall experiences in the Academic Support Center were similarly positive:**
 - More than 94% rated the “quality of tutoring I received from my tutor/Supplemental Instruction leader” as “Excellent” 70.79% or “Good” 23.59%.
 - More than 86% reported feeling “comfortable seeking help from the Academic Support Center,”
 - Nearly 82% reported that their “knowledge of the subject area improved due to tutoring and/or Supplemental Instruction.
 - 81% reported improved study and/or academic skills as a result of attending tutoring sessions.
 - 82% reported feeling more confident in their abilities as a result of tutoring.
 - Nearly 81% answered “Yes” when asked “Are you able to complete more problems independently as a result of attending tutoring?”
 - 63.5% reported achieving an improved grade after participating in tutoring.
- **Received Level 1, Stage 2 certification for the peer tutoring program**, from the College Reading and Language Association, after documenting that the tutor training program is rigorous and meets professional requirements and standards. In addition, seven peer tutors achieved CRLA

Level 1, Stage 2 tutor certification. Requirements for certification include completing a 10 hour CRLA certified training program and tutoring a minimum of 25 hours. The certified peer tutors are:

- Alex Beeny
- Latonya Gillespie
- Tonisha Higgins
- Aaliyah Leggs
- Briana McPherson
- Fousseni Ouedraogo
- Suzanne Roussin

ACCESS OFFICE AND DEAF SERVICES

- **Celebrated the accomplishments of students and staff:**
 - 85% of students are in good standing.
 - 89% of students who engaged with the access office registered for courses.
 - 19 students graduated.
 - Two students are Emerging Scholars and three are Student Government Association leaders.
- **Collaborated with Special School District** to spearhead the third annual SSD College Day. These continued efforts have resulted in an increase in referrals from area high schools over the last year. Teacher training on transition efforts continues and all projects are being coordinated districtwide.
- **Combated stigma and attitudinal barriers with meaningful events.** Hosted three social gatherings throughout the year including the annual graduation party held in conjunction with SAP and TRIO. Sponsored Common Hour speaker Tiffany Eickhoff.
 - Led the 39th Annual “Silent Weekend” through Continuing Education. Participants included three student volunteers, six staff volunteers and five faculty and/or adjunct volunteers. Deaf students take on leadership roles in this activity.
 - Engaged with the deaf communication studies and nursing faculty for the “Third Annual Deaf Patient Simulation Activity.” Deaf students acted as patients for nursing and interpreting practicum students. This event won the STLCC and STLCC-Florissant Valley 2019 Innovation of the Year Award.



- Scheduled professional drag queens to volunteer for STLCC's first Drag Show. The drag queen emcee was a graduate of the deaf communications studies program.



- **Connected with our community**

- Supported the “Deaf Visual Arts Festival” with three staff and two student volunteers to assist more than 800 community members who attended.
- Collaborated with the Special School District’s Community Based Vocational Instruction Program for the first full year. Secured campus work sites including campus life, the fitness center, deaf communications, and the nursing department.
- Traveled to Gallaudet University and participated in “Unity Fest,” an international festival. We met the president of Gallaudet.



- **Streamlined technology services.** Worked with the District to secure Scott Armstead, the College’s first coordinator of assistive technology. Services to students are now equalized among the campuses including the sharing of technology such as digital recorders and talking calculators.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

- **Spearheaded information sessions on selected Tuesday evenings targeting prospective students and promoting STLCC’s academic and workforce programs.**
- **Established an AES processing center** that is a separate work space dedicated to processing, operations and behind-the-scenes enrollment functions. Separating this work space now allows admissions and enrollment services staff to engage more fully with students and provide a higher level of customer service.
- **Conducted a tour of the Florissant Valley campus** for 55 sixth-graders and four chaperones from Confluence Academy-South City. Besides the tour, the group enjoyed interactive engagement with several of our programs including: art, music, engineering and the [radio station](#).

- **Improved outreach and recruitment efforts** by combining efforts of District Process Improvement Manager Donte' Harris and the AES team through the use of the Tableau, a software system that provides a means to collect and analyze enrollment data for use in enrollment management planning.
- **Partnered with the St. Louis County Library's Career Online High School's** first and second graduation ceremonies held at the library's headquarters. Chris Fletcher, AES manager, represented the College. Fletcher surprised the graduates with 3-credit hour scholarships to STLCC.

ASSESSMENT CENTER

- **Developed and implemented a successful Transfer Fair** on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Ninety-eight students attended, and 24 colleges and universities participated.

BIOTECHNOLOGY

- **Awarded \$373,371 of direct funding from the National Science Foundation** for the grant "Expanding the Bio-Bench" developed by Dr. Richard Norris, director, and Elizabeth "Betsy" Boedeker, senior research scientist, CRO coordinator, at the Center for Plant and Life Sciences. The grant will fund the development of two new courses in "targeted whole genome editing" that will be added to the Biotechnology Associate in Applied Science degree program.
- **Hosted the first all-black female high school cohort** for STLCC's life science laboratory assistant program at Bio-Research, Development and Growth Park, which is on the campus of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. The LSLA program serves as a pathway for students to earn a Biotechnology AAS degree. Upon completion of this program, these young women will earn their LSLA certificate of specialization by the time they graduate from high school or shortly after. This program provides the necessary skill set to work at entry-level laboratory positions in the biotechnology field.

CAMPUS LIFE

- **Recognized students for leadership, academic achievement, scholastic scholarship, civic engagement, service learning and more at the Student Government Association Award Banquet.** Approximately 300 students, faculty and staff attended the event. Fox 2 reporter Derrion Henderson served as the master of ceremonies. The family of Dr. Joe Worth presented the scholarship bearing his name to the recipient, Maia Clark. Other awards included:
 - Human Services Club, Club of the Year
 - Harriet Johnston, Advisor of the Year
 - Toni Stovall, Officer of the Year
 - Dominique Stepney, SGA Representative of the Year
 - Amber Grice, Dr. Marcia Pfeiffer Leadership Award
- **Developed a leadership program for STLCC-Florissant Valley student leaders.** Twenty student leaders participated in the leadership retreat held at Lake Williamson in Carlinville, Ill. The

retreat was facilitated by Keith Ware, adjunct faculty, history. The retreat helped students strengthen their leadership skills, make connections with other leaders from various clubs and collaborate on program ideas for the upcoming academic year.

- **Honored Toni Stovall, vice president, SGA, who was selected as a Journey to College Student Ambassador for the Missouri Department of Higher Education.** She will represent STLCC, other college students in Missouri and appear in publications, videos, websites and/or social media pages that help students prepare for college.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- **Implemented a new Career Readiness Series** featuring workshops for students focusing on such topics as professionalism, teamwork, use of technology and career management.
- **Hosted successful Career Fairs in the student center during the fall** and spring semesters. There were approximately 65 employers and 170 students at each of the fairs.

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROGRAM

- **Began its first year of implementation as a District program in January.**
- **Planned and held its first productive Child and Family Development Advisory Board Meeting in May.** The meeting was attended by more than 15 professionals and business owners in the field.
- **Welcomed three new full-time faculty members: Amy Freshwater, Carol Nixon and Jasmin Marshall.** The new faculty have been very busy working on curriculum. They aligned learning objectives with new course objectives CFD 104, CFD 108, CFD 202 and collaboration with faculty on course content for a new course CFD 105.
- **Sent 12 STLCC employees and students to Finland from May 18-26 to study the country's early childhood educational system.** They are: Child Development Laboratory Center staff Anna-Marie Mann, program specialist; Renee Mayse, manager, Child Development Center; and Seena Phillips, child and family development specialist II; CFD faculty Amy Freshwater, assistant professor, child and family development; Jasmin Marshall, assistant professor, child and family development; and Carol Nixon, assistant professor, child and family development; CFD student Heidi Gordon and Janice Nesser-Chu, dean, liberal arts.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY CENTER

- **Held professional development at the center Thursday, Aug. 9–Friday Aug. 10.** Kim Mueller, learning development specialist, and the Employee Assistance Program gave presentations on “True Colors” and “Respectful Interactions.” The center is staffed with knowledgeable and skilled early childhood professionals and these trainings were a nice addition to our toolboxes for working with students, parents and coworkers.
- **Opened the CDLC Rocket Room's Bow Chicka Meow Pet Clinic** Monday, Sept. 10, with an official ribbon-cutting. The children have been very busy taking their animals in for care,

volunteering at or working in the clinic. Did you know that clinics need receptionists, secretaries, accountants, housekeepers, lab techs, vet techs, veterinarians, and community volunteers with many responsibilities to be sure that the animals are well taken care of? It is quite an operation in the Rocket Room!

- **Used the Perkins' grant to help Anna-Marie Mann, program specialist, attend the Parents as Teachers International Conference in Arizona.** Mann learned about resources for supporting parents who have special needs. She also participated in a session focused on supporting diversity.
- **Provided its annual Professional Development Day Wednesday, Nov. 21.** Topics for the day included: "Bull Dogs and Mother Hens, Team Building in Early Childhood Programs," "When are We Going to Grow Up?" "Navigating Adult Relationships," "First Aid" and "CPR" training.
- **Replaced flooring courtesy of capital funding.** The project began in November and was completed in January.

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Garnered honors via Eric Driskill, professor, deaf communications, and Michelle Petterchak, assistant professor, nursing.** The duo won the Innovator of the Year Award for the Florissant Valley campus and districtwide. Their winning project was a collaboration between deaf communications and nursing. The project involved deaf volunteers who became "patients," so nursing students could practice the skills they learned and DCS students could interpret between them.
- **Spearheaded the Deaf Visual Arts Festival April 27,** which was a collaboration between deaf communication studies and Deaf Inc. The event brought over 800 people to the campus to see more than 25 locally and nationally known artists who are deaf and/or performing artists. Eric Driskill, associate professor, deaf communications, chaired the event, which ran from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and was free and open to the public. Local, regional and national sponsors included: Convo, the Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf, the Missouri Arts Council, the Missouri Association of the Deaf, the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Regional Arts Commission, the Rochester Institute of Technology, Sorenson Communications, and St. Louis Community College. St. Louis Community College received recognition from deaf communities across the nation.
- **Held a Fall Speaker Series as part of the mass communications program, which featured:**
 - Anthony Kiekow, executive director of communications, Riverview Gardens School District, and former TV journalist, spoke at STLCC-Florissant Valley Thursday, Oct. 25. Kiekow gave students a brief overview of his academic and professional career, which began at a community college before he transferred to the University of Minnesota.
 - Don Corrigan, author, Webster University professor, media law, global and environmental journalism, and Times Inc. editor-in-chief, spoke Thursday, Nov. 8. Corrigan discussed his experiences in the media world and shared his thoughts on how to build a successful media career.

- **Gave top speakers from communications classes a chance to show off** their speeches at the Communications Students Speakers Showcase held Tuesday, April 30.
- **Hosted annual Media Portfolio Day Friday, May 3.** Graduating mass communications students Kevin Hefley and Kaleb Kellher presented their digital portfolios to a panel of local industry professionals and professors from colleges in the area. The portfolios showcased the skills students gained in the program.

ENGLISH AND READING

- **Continued work towards a developmental education redesign.**
- **Carol Hake, associate professor, English,** was selected as the 43rd David L. Underwood Memorial Lecture honoree. Her lecture “Work in Progress: A Palimpsest” was well attended by faculty, staff, students and alumni. Paul Higdon, professor, music, and Sarah Fielding, associate professor, English, reading, performed at the event.
- **Honored Carlos Blanco, professor, reading** who received the John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award.
- **Lauded Kim Pepples, adjunct faculty, English,** who received the Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award.
- **Sponsored several opportunities for students,** including a writing competition, the student literary magazine and several poetry readings.

FINANCIAL AID

- **Distributed more than 100 “Access Granted” drawstring bags in August** to welcome students and provide them with helpful financial aid and STLCC information.
- **Conducted a “Scholarship Blueprint Seminar” for students** in September. Representatives from Saint Louis University and Webster University were on hand to provide information on the college transfer process.
- **Participated in African American History Month Celebration.** Shawn Harrell, financial aid campus manager, presented the “African American Higher Education Experience” in the Student Center. The presentation highlighted the historical struggles, sacrifices and contributions by African Americans in attaining educational achievement.

FLORISSANT VALLEY GALLERIES

- **Hosted the “26th Annual High School Art Exhibit” Jan. 28-Feb. 14** in the Contemporary Art Gallery. The following schools participated: Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience, De Smet Jesuit, East Saint Louis Senior, Edwardsville, Francis Howell Central, Hazelwood Central, Hazelwood West, Incarnate Word, Kirkwood, Lutheran North, McCluer North, Metro Academic

and Classical, Parkway South, Pattonville, Ritenour and Timberland. The reception included an art department open house and awards ceremony. This event is a major recruiting event for the art programs.

- **Displayed the “2019 Annual Art Department Student Exhibit”** in the Contemporary Art Gallery and Humanities building. First-year work was on view in the Humanities building and advanced student work was shown in the gallery. The exhibit ran April 29-May 9. The reception on Thursday, May 9, also featured the “Sixth Annual Animation Showcase,” which highlighted the year’s best work in animation, storyboarding and motion graphics.
- **Exhibited: Aug. 20-Sept. 20 – Michael Dixon, “Can You Hear Me, Now?;”** Oct. 1-Nov. 1 – “Monica Mason;” Nov. 5-Dec. 6 – Seth Bland, Quinn Briceño, Shabez Jamal, Sam Kennedy, Lee Kratzer, George Lum, Chelsea McDaniel, Genesis Pizarro and Brock Seals, “Alumni Invitational;” Feb. 25-April 4 – “Damia Smith.”
- **Beautified the Administration building with art** exhibited art in Gallery ADMIN. In addition to offering gallery exhibitions in the Contemporary Art Gallery, the walls on the second floor of the Administration building provide an exhibit place for emerging and minority artists. These exhibits tend to run longer and provide an opportunity for artists that may not have the breadth of work required for a gallery show. Gallery ADMIN shows included: “Accumulations,” Curtis Bozif; “The Things We Carry and Other Obsessions,” Ann Miller; and “A Solo Exhibition,” Page Holzenbauer.

KCFV-RADIO STATION

- **Took its collaborative show on the road** to help out at the “World Beats and World Eats: Africa Program” at the St. Louis Community College at Forest Park campus Thursday, Oct. 25. The event was organized by Jeanne Florini, professor, nutrition, hospitality studies, and Layla Goushey, professor, English. KCFV provided music selections that Florissant Valley students enjoyed this past spring. The station also provided some giveaway items, and did a few “call in remotes” from Forest Park. KCFV hopes to expand the program to include the Meramec and Wildwood campuses in the future. Mass communications students also attended the event.
- **Named Alexander Ray the recipient of the 2018 Phillip H. Grogg Award** that recognizes the outstanding broadcast student at Florissant Valley. Ray received the “KCFV Golden Microphone” trophy and a \$500 scholarship. The two runner ups, Deanna Donovan and Venetra Raff-Covington, received a plaque and a \$100 scholarship. The Phillip H. Grogg Scholarship – established in 1983 by former STLCC-Florissant Valley President David Harris – was the first, and remains the only scholarship award in the District named after a student.
- **Put equipment in place to reliably broadcast from other campuses** for events including Archers’ games and campus celebrations.
- **Produced and distributed podcast and broadcast packages** spotlighting happenings on the FV campus, with an eye toward including items of interest on all STLCC campuses. KCFV is looking to have an even greater presence in the community in the near future. The goal is to raise our visibility at community events, and build awareness of STLCC programs and services.

LIBERAL ARTS DIVISION

The liberal arts division houses four departments with three transfer programs, seven CTE programs, 15 disciplines and four Student Learning Laboratories. The division played an important role in supporting Strategic Initiative 5: Promoting accountability, excellence, innovation, continuous improvement, and diversity and inclusion. Special thanks to all the faculty and staff who served on the planning group and subcommittee for SI5, please see their names and other details in the 2017-2018 Florissant Valley Campus Annual Report. During the course of the fiscal year, the division accomplished the following:

- **Fostered an atmosphere in keeping with SI5** by implementing tools to engage faculty and staff. It produced a biweekly e-newsletter that focused on College, campus, department and program events. It also highlighted faculty, staff, student and alumni accomplishments and/or opportunities for campus and community engagement. The e-news is a great source of keeping the line of communication open in the division, engaging faculty in dialogue and opportunities. Full-time and adjunct faculty and staff contribute to its contents.
- **Held biweekly chairs and/or managers meetings; twice a semester all staff and/or faculty division meetings; once a semester program coordinator and/or lead faculty meetings; and three times a year secretarial/support staff meetings.** Additionally, campus social events and gatherings were held twice a year.
- **Approved for the Department of Education Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program grant for the second year in a row. This means the program has funding for the next three years at \$269,147 per year.** The CCAMPIS program targets low-income, Pell Grant-eligible STLCC students who are parents by providing financial support for their child care needs. CCAMPIS promotes increased parent support services via parent and/or child learning events and resource materials, and it promotes professional development for child care services staff. This grant is administered by Janice Nesser-Chu, dean of liberal arts, and Selena Washington, project associate II.
- **Helped plan and coordinate the campus Women's History Month Celebration.** Annie Waggoner was the coordinator. The month included 12 events and a keynote address. This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell. Dr. Campbell is the president of Spelman College, a leading college for women of African descent. Before coming to Spelman, she served for more than two decades as dean of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. An art historian and former curator, Dr. Campbell began her career in New York as executive director of the Studio Museum in Harlem, the country's first accredited Black Fine Arts Museum and a linchpin in Harlem's redevelopment. Dean Nesser-Chu was instrumental in bringing Dr. Campbell to campus.
- **Developed an amazing service learning day** for more than 30 phenomenal middle school students from the Ferguson-Florissant School District. The students who were chosen to experience college for a day were identified as homeless according to the federal McKinney-Vento Act. They were outstanding young learners who joined classes in oral communication, chemistry, theatre, TV, radio and introduction to sociology. LaRhonda Wilson, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, organized this event. Other participants included Fran

Hooker, manager, academic support services; Paul Huddleston, supervisor campus radio; Dan Betzler, professor, deaf communications; Amy Brown-Marshall, assistant professor, communications; Steve Bai, assistant professor, mass communications; and student leaders from the Human Services Club. The Human Services Club collected and donated household supplies for the families and delivered them to the school district. Additionally, they hosted a panel and provided a campus tour for the students and Yolanda Rodgers-Garvin, students in transition homeless and foster care liaison, and other FFSD personnel who accompanied students. The day was capped with a restorative circle led by an amazing community leader, Farrakhan Shegog, founder of Young Voices with Action Inc., and staff member of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis' Save Our Sons Program.

LIBRARY

- **Visited by more than 84,900 people** who checked out books, used computers and other offerings; for example, the Writing Center and supplemental instruction.
- **Checked out more than 13,000 items.** Included in this number were more than 2,800 laptop checkouts.
- **Faculty facilitated 62 classroom visits and discussions** from various departments such as sociology, English, communications, human services and Smart Start.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

This office exists to help students, staff and faculty tell the unique St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley story. A few marketing and communications highlights include the following:

- **Secured media coverage of the STLCC-Florissant Valley campus.**
 - Welcomed Rachel Sudduth, digital content producer for KMOV, to STLCC-Florissant Valley's "Meet the Campus Day" Oct. 3. During the event, Sudduth met with Dr. Elizabeth Perkins, president, and received an overview of the campus. Sudduth toured the yard, stayed for lunch and ended the day interviewing employers who were on site for the Career and Networking Fair being hosted simultaneously by STLCC's career and employment services office. She also interviewed STLCC-Florissant Valley students and staff. Sudduth left with a list of possible story ideas shared by Shantana Stewart, marketing and communications coordinator and chair of the event. Sudduth published the article "'Meet the Campus' Day invites students, media to explore STLCC Florissant Valley" as a result of her time on campus.
 - Earned "rock star" status July 2018 for securing STLCC-Florissant Valley multiple media spots associated with the Child Development Laboratory Center's "Week of the Young Child Celebration," including newspaper, radio, television and internet stories. Stewart was honored again in February 2019 for drawing the media's attention to FV's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. event.
- **Drafted the Florissant Valley Campus 2017-2018 Annual Report.** The 68-page report was presented to the Board of Trustees, other District leaders and distributed to community partners.

- **Served as co-chair of the Strategic Initiative 3, Recruitment and Outreach committee.** In this role, Stewart shepherded the group by helping it develop its goals for the year, booked meeting spaces, developed agendas, led the canvassing effort and contributed to the success of Preview Day and the Speakers' Bureau. The group met five times during the fiscal year. The SI3, Recruitment and Outreach committee agreed to canvass communities, develop a Preview Day to showcase the campus and establish a Speakers' Bureau.
- **Targeted people who visit campus with a sandwich board advertising campaign.** From prospective students who intentionally visit campus to sign up for classes to community members who simply visit to exercise — guests can't help but notice the sandwich boards strategically positioned at the Student Center, track and other key locations on the yard. The Academic Support Center and Campus Police liked the idea so much they also purchased sandwich boards to advertise their offerings. The MAC sandwich boards on campus mirror the advertising STLCC-Florissant Valley displays monthly on North County Incorporated's digital billboards found along Interstate 270 and McDonnell Boulevard facing west. Stewart also used an existing FV campus sign as a billboard. She developed a temporary billboard by covering a portion of Florissant Valley's campus sign that faces I-270 to market Florissant Valley's April 6 Preview Day. After this event ended, she developed a different temporary billboard to market the push for fall enrollment.
- **Marketed STLCC-Florissant Valley programs and activities** via numerous community and news outlets including the following: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Community News, DELUX Magazine, Educators for Social Justice, Ferguson Times, Ferguson Twilight Run, FOX 2, Girls Incorporated of St. Louis, Greater North County Chamber of Commerce, KMOV, LaunchCode, Laura's Run in association with the Little Bit Foundation, National CineMedia, North County Incorporated, Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Saint Louis Zoo Boogie Friday Night Concert Series, STL Cinemas, St. Louis Alliance for Reentry Summit, St. Louis American and The SoulFisher Ministries.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

- **Dr. Linda Collins, associate professor, history**, was selected as Educators for Social Justice's 2018 Courageous Educator of the Year.
- **Annie Wagganer, assistant professor of sociology and coordinator of the honors program**, was named the 2019 Cross Papers Fellow by the League for Innovation in the Community College. As the winner, she received a \$2,000 stipend to support research and writing of the 2019 edition of the Cross Papers. In February, she presented the Cross Papers, No. 22 on the topic, "Developing Expert Learners: Addressing Faculty, Student and Societal Bias" at the League of Innovations Conference in New York City. Traditionally, the Cross Papers are used as a guide for faculty and staff to reach diverse groups of students who attend community colleges.
- **The sociology program collaborated with the League of Women Voters** to present an Issues Forum Saturday, Oct. 27, to help people become more informed voters. This event was open to the campus and public.

- **Dr. Howard Rosenthal presented “Suicide Prevention: A Crash Course in Emotional Life-Saving”** as a part of the Center for Teaching and Learning Faculty Lecture Series.
- **LaRhonda Wilson, associate professor, sociology, anthropology,** and Wesley Bell, associate professor of criminal justice, participated in National Voter Registration Day at Harris-Stowe State University Tuesday, Sept. 25. The event included clinics, workshops and registration. Bell gave the opening remarks. The theatre program also promoted its upcoming production “Exonerated” directed by Dan Betzler, professor, deaf communications.
- **The social science department hosted an annual film series** and discussion every Friday in October.

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS BUSINESS DIVISION

- **Organized and conducted numerous tours of the engineering department’s technology laboratories for schools, prospective students and industry partners.** This department draws interest due to its cutting-edge programs in engineering science, precision machining and engineering technology.
- **Hosted the FIRST Robotics competitors from around the region,** as well as the Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science competition for the St. Louis area. These high school robotics competitions brought student representatives from nearly every high school in the St. Louis region and beyond to Florissant Valley.
- **Held numerous contests and student activities for the campus.** Several math contests were organized and hosted by the math department. The accounting faculty introduced students to the Missouri Society of CPAs, and obtained students paid internships for tax preparation companies. Science faculty contributed as judges at area science fairs. Health and wellness department faculty contributed their expertise for activities conducted by the Florissant Valley Wellness Committee.
- **Initiated renovation of the space that will house Emerson STEM Academy dual credit participants.** This renovation, made possible by a grant from the Emerson Corporation, will support student learning in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math and increase participation and success for north St. Louis County students. The Florissant Valley campus will play an important role in increasing STEM career development for area students.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **Responded to the community by offering assistance and hope** to displaced Vatterott College students. Several staff from admissions and enrollment services, academic advising and financial aid, manned the STLCC Mobile Unit stationed near the closed college and provided information and alternatives to students for completing their education.
- **Claimed bragging rights for the achievements of Rosita Lewis,** director of TRIO, who was awarded the STLCC-Florissant Valley Adria Award. The Adria Award recognizes a woman who exemplifies dynamic service.

- **Merged the career development department with academic advising** in an effort to optimize the student experience and enable students to receive information, guidance and support in the area of career exploration early in their educational journey. Additionally, students had the opportunity to utilize a new tool, Focus 2, which provides self-assessment and information on various career options.
- **Honored the dedication and many years of service provided to STLCC** and its students by Gwen Nixon, manager of campus life, and Rosita Lewis, director of TRIO, who both retired in July.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- **Provided more than 1,100 individual meals to students experiencing food insecurity.**
- **Sponsored domestic violence and sexual assault awareness programming** in collaboration with the access services, counseling, campus life, TRIO, the sociology department and others.

TERRY M. FISCHER THEATRE

- **Attendance rose by 36% over last season.**
- **Presented five theatrical productions** including “The Exonerated,” “Twelfth Night,” “A Street Car Named Desire,” “The Glass Menagerie” and “An Evening of One Acts.”
- **Held two post-show events in partnership with the sociology department** after “The Exonerated,” performances, which were produced by the theatre. The events included a Q&A with the sociology department and the cast, as well as a panel discussion that included an exonerated inmate, a lawyer, legal scholar and other social justice reformers.
- **Hosted 40 campus and community-based events** along with technical and staging support for the: Chancellor’s Forum, DCS Pinning, Deaf Visual Arts Festival, Districtwide FY20 Draft Budget Presentation, Gateway to College Graduation Ceremony, Grogg Award Ceremony, Liberal Arts Division Meeting, Martin Luther King Day Celebration, Medical Marijuana Forum, Music Department Concerts, Nurses Rehearsal and Pinning Ceremony, Orchestra Performances, PTK Induction, “Rent” performance, Staff Development Day, Suicide Prevention Lecture, Underwood Lecture, Women’s History Month keynote address, “World Beats and Eats” and more.
- **Renovated the roof and made other necessary improvements.**

TRIO

- **Hosted the World Climate Simulation role-playing exercise** of the U.N. climate change negotiations in October. Student participants gained climate change awareness and were able to find out how their proposed policies would impact the global climate system in real time using the interactive C-ROADS computer simulation. Participants earned a certificate of participation from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

- **Twenty student participants of the STLCC-Florissant Valley TRIO program graduated and transferred to four-year institutions.**

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

- **Held its 23rd Annual Portfolio Day Monday, Oct. 29.** It is a great opportunity for second-year students to learn about transfer opportunities and collect feedback from institutions on their work. Portfolio Day is also an opportunity to see firsthand, the strong and exciting visual work being created at our National Association of Schools of Art and Design accredited institution by students in the general fine arts, graphic communications and photography programs. Last year, 80% of students were accepted for admission and several were offered scholarships. This year, there were more than 19 representatives from prestigious art and design schools, colleges and universities who reviewed students' portfolios and gave presentations about their institutions. The schools included: The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Columbia College Chicago, Maryland Institute College of Art, Washington University in St. Louis, Pennsylvania Academy of Art and Design, Ringling School of Art & Design and San Francisco Art Institute.
- **Presented information about Florissant Valley's three art programs to local high school art classes.** These visits gave potential students an opportunity to meet art faculty and learn about the College's outstanding art programs. The visits usually took place on Fridays. There were approximately six recruitment visits in the fall and 11 visits in the spring.
- **Took students from the general fine arts, photography and graphic communication programs on a whirlwind tour of Chicago in April.** Students boarded the bus at 5:30 a.m. to spend the day visiting art museums, galleries, film and/or animation studios. In the morning, the students toured the campus of the Chicago Art Institute and visited the Museum of Contemporary Art. In the afternoon, the groups split up to explore downtown Chicago art galleries.
- **Shared three STLCC-Florissant Valley Symphony Orchestra performances in the theatre for the campus and community to enjoy.** The March concert benefited the St. Louis Warrior Support Foundation and raised hundreds of dollars on their behalf.
- **Hosted annual ART IN Saturday, April 28.** ART IN is a late-night session that provides students with an opportunity to catch up on studio work, participate in a variety of demonstrations and workshops, as well as enjoy a night of creating art. Approximately two students, 12 instructors and demo artists attended. Students engaged in figure drawing, shoe painting, metal pour demos, worked on projects, played video games and just hung out. The event, which at one time continued all night, lasted from 4 p.m. to midnight.



III. Strategic Initiative 3



St. Louis Community College

Strategic Initiative 3

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND RELATIONSHIPS

Strategic Initiative 3, Recruitment and Outreach Committee

- **Leaders:**
 - **Strategic Initiative 3 Co-Chairs:** Steve White, dean, science, technology, engineering, math and business office; and Shantana Stewart, marketing and communications coordinator
 - **Recruitment and Outreach Committee Chair:** Chris Fletcher, manager, admissions and enrollment services
 - **Recruitment and Outreach Committee Co-Chair:** Erika Malone, coordinator, admissions and enrollment services
- **Married Committees:** When charged to help lead this effort, it made sense to marry Strategic Initiative 3 to our Recruitment and Outreach efforts, so we decide to join forces. The College got two committees for the price of one, because ultimately the committee's objective was to expand the reach of the College.
- **Members:** Willie Banks, Deborah Carter, Eric Driskill, Terrence Freeman, Robert Miller, Jenna Mueller, Lisa Myers, Dr. Elizabeth Perkins, Michael Quintero, Teresa Thornhill and Mary Wagner
- **Special thanks to:** Dennis White, director of strategy and planning initiative in the chancellor's office, who met with Steve White and Shantana Stewart to ensure Florissant Valley's plans aligned with the's effort; Renee Thomas Woods, associate professor of Communications and her FV Advertising Class that also shared ideas with the committee as it brainstormed on the best strategies to adopt.
- **SI3, RR Goals and How the Committee Measured Success**
 1. **Canvassing:** Employees invited people to STLCC-Florissant Valley's Preview Day by leaving flyers on doors as they canvased neighborhoods, community centers, businesses and the surrounding community to help spread the word about Preview Day. Steve White and Shantana Stewart led this effort.
 2. **Preview Day of the Campus:** STLCC neighbors and the larger community were invited to visit Florissant Valley to enjoy family-friendly activities and learn more about programs and offerings at the College on Preview Day, which was Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Erika Malone and Chris Fletcher led this effort. The day included information tables on programs that the College offers, tours of the campus, performances by the Dancing Diamonds, food trucks and more.
 3. **Community Outreach:** A Speakers' Bureau was created where STLCC representatives gave talks targeting youth groups or programs in the community, for example, churches, the YMCA, recreational centers, high schools, etc. Erika Malone led this effort.
 - Ultimately the committee hoped to attract students and build the confidence that the community had in the College as a result of Preview Day. The committee agreed that it would consider the canvassing effort and Preview Day successful if Preview Day drew at least 100

people. The committee agreed that it would consider the Speakers' Bureau successful if members spoke to at least 100 youth by July 1.

- Preview Day drew nearly 150 guests.

- Speakers Bureau members spoke to at least 100 youth by July 1.



IV. A Year in Photos



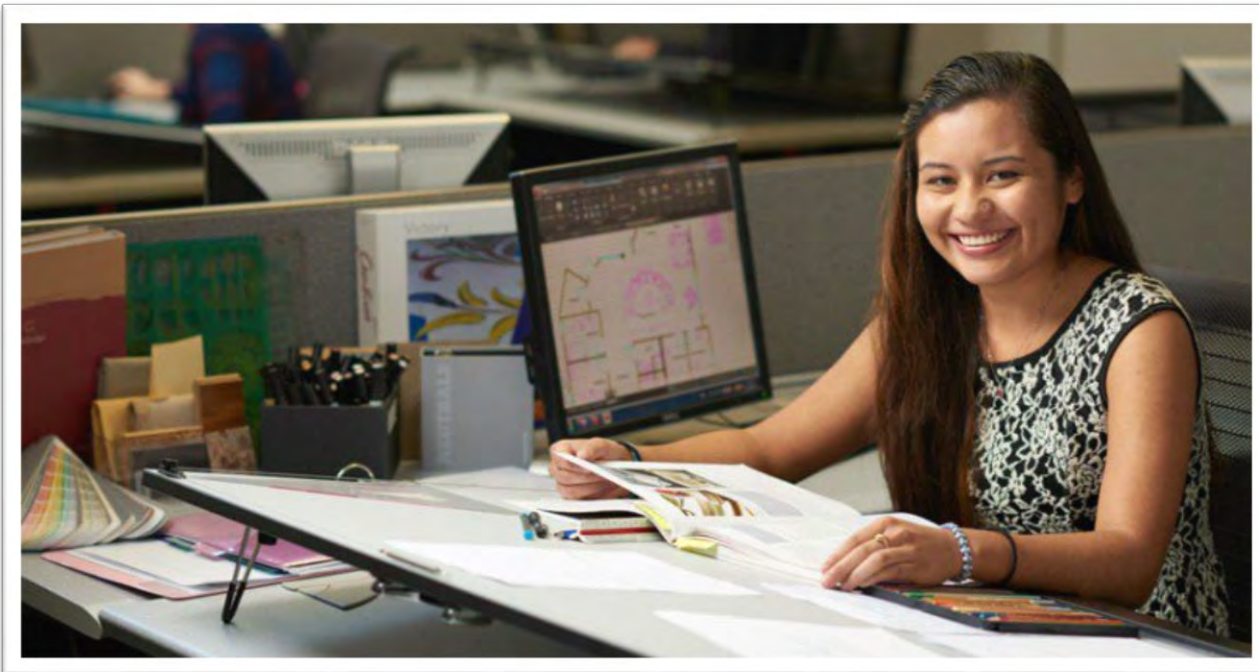
St. Louis Community College

A Year in Photos

JULY 2018



STLCC's Bio-Bench Workshop gave teachers hands-on biotechnology lessons.



Archers studied and explored various careers simultaneously.

AUGUST 2018



Exhibition opening by Michael Dixon



The 2018 State of the St. Louis Workforce Report

SEPTEMBER 2018



The men's soccer team

OCTOBER 2018



Exhibition opening by Monica Mason



KMOV participated in "Meet the Campus Day."

NOVEMBER 2018



Emerging Scholars Award Banquet



Anthony Kiekow, former TV journalist, spoke with mass communication students.

DECEMBER 2018



Several students were initiated into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.



Glitz and glamour was required at the annual holiday party.

JANUARY 2019



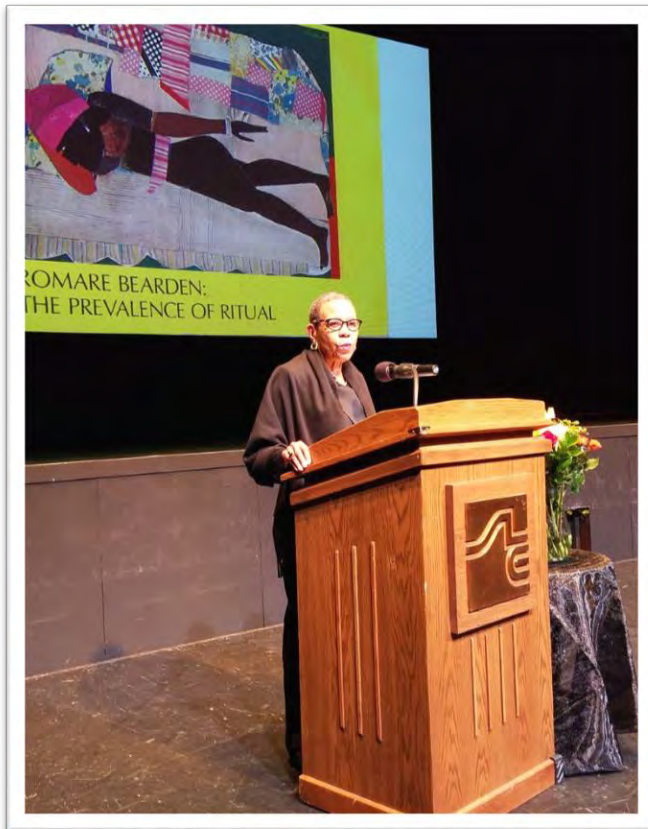
2019 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

FEBRUARY 2019



Dr. Linda Collins, associate professor, history, was selected as Educators for Social Justice's 2018 Courageous Educator of the Year.

MARCH 2019



Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell gave the Women's History Month keynote address.

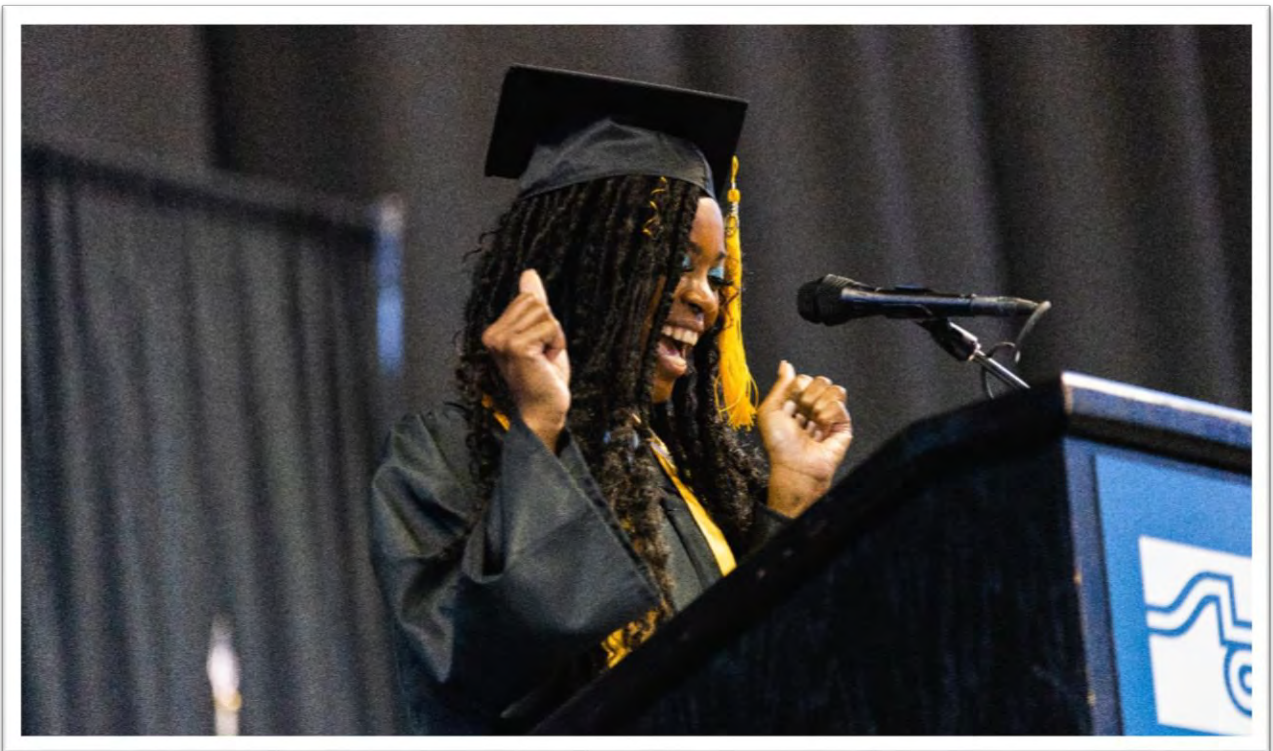
APRIL 2019





The community learned about various STLCC-Florissant Valley programs, saw demonstrations and enjoyed food trucks at Preview Day.

MAY 2019



The 2019 Commencement Speaker graduated from STLCC-Florissant Valley.



SGA Annual Awards Banquet

JUNE 2019



Longtime leaders were celebrated as they retired.



V. Florissant Valley in the News



'MEET THE CAMPUS' DAY INVITES STUDENTS, MEDIA TO EXPLORE STLCC FLORISSANT VALLEY

Rachel Sudduth, Digital Content Producer

Posted Oct 7, 2018



STLCC Florissant Valley Job Fair

FERGUSON, Mo. (KMOV.com) – There are dozens of job fairs along with ‘Career Days’ at numerous colleges in Missouri but St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley allows potential students and media to get a first-hand look at their campus!

As the only college located in Ferguson, Missouri, this particular campus offers engineering science, communications, general arts studies, and so much more.

On Oct. 3, I attended ‘Meet the Campus’ Day which offered media and journalists a chance to meet with Provost Dr. Elizabeth Gassel Perkins, tour the campus, and have one-on-one time talking to students and staff.

I was able to discuss career opportunities with current students who attended the Career and Networking Fair also being held on campus Oct 3.

Tawhidullah Amini, who is originally from Afghanistan, attended the job fair for the first time. “It was pretty eye opening,” said Amini. “Most people (employers) are looking for people with specific experience with a certain degree.”

Amini said he is currently employed but has one more year left at Florissant Valley before he plans to transfer to finish off his Bachelor’s Degree in Biology.

He plans to follow up with emails to learn more about various companies including Spectrum, Air Force, and the United States Coast Guard.

Dozens of students lined up to hand out resumes and listen to any critiques at the one-day fair.

Aaron Stapleton, Recruiting Specialist at Missouri Botanical Gardens, was at the fair looking to hire students, seasonal positions, and even retired candidates.

Stapleton gave a few tips as key advice before heading to a job fair, “Dress to impress, that’s number one. Always have a good resume and make sure it’s updated.”

For students that do not have previous work experience, Stapleton says to add volunteer service and include any duties or tasks you accomplished during that time.

“Research the company you want to work for and first impression is everything,” said Stapleton.

Students have the option to select professional clothing from the “Clothes Closet” at Florissant Valley before heading to the job fair or anytime they are heading to an interview off campus.

The clothes are donated by employers or other students, but they are previewed by employees at Florissant Valley to ensure they are high-quality, clean, and ironed.



Engineering Technology Center



Advanced Manufacturing Center (Credit: STLCC Florissant Valley)



Clothes Closet

“We have a clothes closet to select items for the event if they feel they don’t have the right items to meet the employers. We give them different information about job leads, some information before they meet with the employers, and things to expect, like greeting the employer,” said Davis Moore, Manager of Career Development at Florissant Valley and Forest Park Campus.

Practice makes perfect according to Moore, “You learn more through practice so attending this event gives you a chance to see how things are ran and it gives you a chance to network.”

The rest of the ‘Campus Day’ tour allowed me to meet with school officials include Eric Shultis, gallery director of the Contemporary Art tour and Kevin Porter, the supervisor of the Technology Learning Center.

As a journalist, I was amazed by the KCFV-FM tour guided by Paul Huddleston, supervisor of Campus Radio.

During my quick visit to 89.5 KCFV-FM, I learned about STLCC alumni and meet students working on radio projects and radio station student managers.

The student managers talked with me about securing internships in media and the ability to work at station and take courses.

Florissant Valley offers so much to communication students because there is also a television station for students, The Forum for print writers, and of course the radio station.

If you're interesting in continuing students or enrolling as a first-time college student, visit the STLCC Florissant Valley [website](#).



'Can You Hear Me, Now?'

**Exhibition on view at STLCC-Florissant Valley
The exhibition explores personal, societal and aesthetic
struggles surrounding identity**

Artist Michael Dixon explores the personal, societal and aesthetic struggles of belonging to both "white" and "black" racial and cultural identities, yet simultaneously belonging fully to neither in the exhibition, "Can You Hear Me, Now?"

"Too Wedded to the Material Gains Derived From a Racist System" and other works by the professor of art and chair of the Art and Art History department at Albion College are on view Aug. 20-Sept. 20 in the Contemporary Art Gallery at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. The College is located at 3400 Pershall Road, in St. Louis. The art gallery is in the Instructional Resources building, Room 111. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



An opening reception was scheduled for Aug. 30 in the art gallery. Gain insights into the artist's perspective, social context and the process for creating the artwork during an artist's lecture, planned for Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. in the Humanities building, Room 112.

Dixon was born in San Diego and has a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Colorado Boulder. Among other honors, he is the recipient of the 2016-2017 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant and has shown work both nationally and internationally in public and private institutions.

For more information, contact Eric Shultis, gallery director and professor of fine arts, at eshultis@stlcc.edu.

STLCC hosts Enrollment Express events Saturday, Jan. 5 and 12

St. Louis Community College will host on-campus events to help students complete the enrollment process in the New Year.

Enrollment Express events are planned Saturday, Jan. 5 and 12 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at STLCC's Florissant Valley, Forest Park, Meramec, South County, Wildwood and William J. Harrison Education Center locations. Students are encouraged to RSVP for Enrollment Express at stlcc.edu/express.

During Enrollment Express, admissions and enrollment services staff will be available to assist students in the enrollment process and answer questions. Both events offer opportunities for students to build connections and expand their knowledge about STLCC's programs and services, whether they are just getting started or already admitted.

Students who are just getting started can:

- Apply online to get a jump-start on enrollment
- Learn about STLCC program options
- Get answers to questions about financial aid
- File ACT scores or take a placement test

Students who are already admitted can:

- Attend a New Student Registration Workshop for first-time college students
- Meet with an academic advisor
- Get help registering for classes
- Sign up for a payment plan or pay for classes
- Have their student ID photo taken
- Activate their mySTLCC email account

STLCC Enrollment Express locations:

STLCC-Florissant Valley
3400 Pershall Road
St. Louis, MO 63135

STLCC-South County
4115 Meramec Bottom Road
St. Louis, MO 63129

STLCC-Forest Park
5600 Oakland Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110

STLCC-Wildwood
2645 Generations Drive
St. Louis, MO 63040

STLCC-Meramec
11333 Big Bend Road
St. Louis, MO 63122

William J. Harrison Education Center
3140 Cass Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63106

About St. Louis Community College
Established in 1962, St. Louis Community College is the largest community college district in Missouri and one of the largest in the United States. STLCC has four campuses: Florissant Valley, Forest Park, Meramec and Wildwood. The College annually serves more than 50,000 students through credit courses, continuing education and workforce development programs. For more information about STLCC, visit stlcc.edu

STLCC-Florissant Valley and NCCU's 2019 Dr. MLK Jr. Celebration

Sign a gigantic birthday card for Dr. King Jr. and hear rousing
speeches and choir performances
St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley and North County
Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice will host its annual
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The celebration's theme is "Standing
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tional Love."

Shawntelle Fisher, STLCC-Florissant
Valley alumna and founder/CEO of
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The reception is from 5-6 p.m. on
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Terry M. Fischer Theatre, located at
3400 Pershall Road. The program fol-
lows from 6-7 p.m.



Participants will have an opportunity to sign a gigantic birthday card for Dr. King, which measures 60" x 120," and see the talents of North County youth on display as current and former STLCC-Florissant Valley students lead the celebratory program. The celebration's student speaker is Marc Wallace; student emcee is Tia Wilks; and vocalist is Daniel Allyn. Participants will also hear winning speeches from NCCU's Oratorical Contest and music from local choirs.

In addition to being inspired by rousing speakers and choir performances, guests will learn more about why the Ritenour School District is being honored with the 2019 Dr. Rance Thomas Excellence in Community Partnership Award.

"Ritenour School District was chosen because of its commitment to its entire community, its special programs focused on serving often underrepresented individuals and its work in creating a strong partnership with our campus," said Dr. Elizabeth Gassel Perkins, campus provost.



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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT FLORISSANT VALLEY

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FLORISSANT, Mo. –

Shantana T. Stewart, marketing and communications coordinator of St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley and Shawntelle L. Fisher, founder/CEO of The SoulFisher Ministries join us in the studio to invite viewers to visit St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley to celebrate the birthday and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by signing a gigantic card for him.

Participants will also hear winners of the North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice's oratorical contest and learn about the inspirational journey of keynote speaker Shawntelle Fisher, STLCC-Florissant Valley alumna and founder/CEO of The SoulFisher Ministries.

<https://fox2now.com/2019/01/20/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-celebration-at-st-louis-community-college-at-florissant-valley/>



FLO VALLEY, NCCU CELEBRATE MLK

Alumna Shawntelle Fisher of SoulFisher Ministries to keynote

American staff Jan. 18, 2019



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VI. Florissant Valley Rock Stars and Awards



St. Louis Community College



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ROCK STARS!

MYRTLE ALEXANDER, CAMPUS LIFE

A huge thank you to the following members of the Celebrations Committee who went above and beyond decorating the MPR for the July retirement celebration.

BOB ANTALICK, SHIPPING AND RECEIVING

No matter how big, how small or how many Bob always delivers our packages with a smile. In addition, if you need something moved safely on campus, Bob is your man as he is experienced at moving anything you need moved. Finally, if you ever have a question about your deliveries, Bob gets back to you right away.

KELLY ASKEY, ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

Thanks to Kelly's hard work and expertise, the peer tutoring program achieved Level 2, Stage 1 certification from the College Reading and Language Association. Kelly provided extensive documentation and data demonstrating that the tutor training program is rigorous and meets professional requirements and standards. According to the CRLA guidelines, Level 2 "is contingent on the program maintaining Level 1 training certification and focuses on metacognitive and psychosocial requirements for tutoring."

BYRON AUSTIN, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

We want to thank the men and women in facilities and grounds for all their help the morning of the bomb threat. We had students and staff on parking lot 18 with a few blankets. They helped move students between cars to block the wind, they gave up their coats, and found extra blankets from their personal vehicles. They provided the College vans and their own personal vehicles for staff and students to get warm and stay safe. Their kindness and assistance protected and calmed the students and most certainly had a huge impact on the success of the building evacuation.

RACHAEL BADELL, STUDENT

Rachael never missed a class and was always prepared! She was amazing at making connections with the language that required critical thinking. Rachael worked great with other students in the class during partner work – she was always very patient and understanding with others!

WILLIE BANKS, FINANCIAL AID

I was ineligible for financial aid due to credit hours. I felt really discouraged and didn't want to come back to school, but Willie helped with my appeal and made me feel better about the whole process.

PATTI BARNES, ASSESSMENT

Getting Navigate off the ground has been no easy feat, but Patti has worked hard with her counterparts to learn, understand and implement this important new tool. She's admirably led her FV team in the use of Navigate with our students, and hopes are high for its success!

WAYNE BARNES, STUDENT

Wayne served as a student volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

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AMY BIRD, ACCESS OFFICE

Thank you, Amy, for providing vital information to our adjuncts about the access office and student affairs during their orientation. And thanks for coming in on a Saturday to do so!

RHONDA BOYER, STUDENT

Rhonda served as a student volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

ROY BRETHAUER, CAMPUS POLICE

Officer Brethauer came to CWI because someone was trying to get into my vehicle. He acted with complete professionalism and calmed the situation. I have great respect for our officers, and it is good to know that we have a great police department here at Florissant Valley and throughout the District.

HELEN BROWN, ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Florissant Valley's office of admissions and enrollment service is known Districtwide for being one of the most efficient student service offices in the district. A strong contributor to this distinction is Helen Brown. Helen has been a devoted member of the STLCC-FV team for 31 years. During this time, the office of admissions and enrollment services has seen countless changes in practice, procedures and policy. Helen continues to show the ability to adapt to changes and learn quickly, while at the same time maintaining the high level of accuracy needed when maintaining student records. Recently, the office of admissions and enrollment services went through a reorganization on campus, establishing a processing center, separate from our student engagement and enrollment center. Helen, once again, has adapted to a new role of leading the efforts in our processing center, and she continues to excel demonstrating high level performance.

AMY BROWN-MARSHALL, LIBERAL ARTS

Amy helped us secure our student speaker and our student emcee for our annual MLK event and gave the welcoming address this year! She was also a dedicated member of the committee and helped us to create a wonderful opportunity for our campus, our college and the community. Thank you for all of your help!

DIANE CALLANT, ACCESS OFFICE

Since I started working for STLCC-FV, Diane has helped me out so much in making sure I have what I need for both my disability and being deaf. She makes sure I have the proper tools to use when needed i.e., seminars, meetings, etc. Diane always goes out of her way with such a amazing personality and making you feel so welcome. She is a rock star in my book!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ROCK STARS!

ROCHELLE CANION, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

I had two students in my class who suddenly became quite angry with each other. I took them out in the hallway to discuss the matter. Rochelle happened to be cleaning nearby and upon hearing the disagreement (which wasn't hard with the shouting), Rochelle stepped in with a few pearls of wisdom regarding their behavior and the possible implications of their all-too-public fight. She made these points with a bite of humor and a smile, and consequently, the students calmed down to the point where they could rejoin the class. Rochelle saved the day, class and possibly their semester.

OFFICER CAPLES, CAMPUS POLICE

We would like to recognize Officer Caples as a Flo Valley Rock Star. Last week Officer Caples responded to a situation in which an individual's car became disabled in front of campus. In addition to bringing the student to counseling and then the student assistance program, where he heard the full situation, Officer Caples went above and beyond by taking the woman to pick up her daughter from day care and then transporting them to the place they were staying. Already going above and beyond, Officer Caples offered more help to this woman when he obtained an application for housing and took it back to her, so she could try to get into permanent, stable housing.

DEB CARTER, STUDENT AFFAIRS

Thank you, Deb, for hosting a session on supporting student success through student affairs during adjunct orientation! It takes a special person to give up a Saturday for the betterment of others!

PATTY CHAPERLO, ACCESS OFFICE

For the 100th time, Patty was there today to accommodate a last-minute test request. She is always there to help our students in a pinch. Patty is our Prime Notetaker and/ or Support Person in the access office. She has worked with us for more than 15 years wearing many hats (taking notes, assisting in the classroom, reading and/or writing for tests, delivering tests, transcribing, working the front desk, coming in early, staying late ... going over and above every day for students and the access office. We can't express enough how much we appreciate her. Thank you, thank you, thank you Patty! You're the Best!

ZAHRYA CLEMONS, STUDENT

Zahrya's poem, "Voice to My Life," was selected as the winner of the 2018-2019 Flo Valley Writing Competition in this category. Congratulations to Zahrya and thanks for sharing your talent with us!

ARIAL COLLINS, STUDENT

Arial never missed a class and was always prepared! She has quite an impressive memory! There was so much vocabulary, but Arial must have studied a lot to remember so much so quickly! She worked extremely well with the other students at her table and always participated cheerfully during class activities – I'll never forget her smile!

JOE COOPER, NURSING

Joe has been extremely helpful in solving problems dealing with the use of Banner 9, and I have been able to share these solutions with other members of our department. Thanks to Joe, several staff in E & T are now more productive in Banner 9.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ROCK STARS!

MICHELENE COX, ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

Mickey staffed our table at Preview Day for the entire four hours, holding many engaging and warm conversations with potential students.

MATHEW CROOK, TREAT AMERICA

Whether it's a complete breakfast for more than 100 volunteers on a Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 a.m., lunch for more than 100 visiting students, an order for a full meal with white linen for several dozen or just a couple items for a meeting or seminar, Chef Mathew makes sure your food is prepared as ordered and arrives just in time for your event.

LEE DOUANGKEOMANY, CENTER FOR PLANT AND LIFE SCIENCES

Lee is constantly looking for ways to get college and degree opportunities in front of a wider audience.

MONAI DOUGLASS, CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Monai is brand new to Florissant Valley, but you wouldn't know it. She and her colleague, Susan Ryan, planned and implemented a fantastic Career Fair for the Florissant Valley Campus. One hundred sixty-seven students and community members were able to engage with 65 different employers. The MPR was set up wonderfully and Career Development received many positive comments from employers and participants. Way to go with a great student-centered event!

ERIC DRISKILL, LIBERAL ARTS

Eric went out of this way to help me with my project. His help has really made a difference!

REGINA DRISKILL, ACCESS OFFICE

Regina presented at a Common Hour Nov. 9 and did an awesome job! Her topic was on Deaf Services and she talked about the deaf culture, deaf etiquette, and interpreters. She kept it interesting, fun and a learning experience. I look forward to any other presentations she does in the future.

TIM ECKARDT, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Recently the electrical sockets on the brick wall of the student center facing the Taurus sculpture damaged. Tim responded to our call and worked tirelessly until they were all repaired. Tim always, always, always does an excellent job on the repairs we (TRIO and Campus Life) needs. Thank STLCC FV for him being here on our campus.

STEVE EHLEN, STEM

Steve has been extremely instrumental in the EET program. The three-channel stereo amplifier project (that the ABET auditors were very impressed with) could not have been possible without Steve taking control of designing and making the chassis to accommodate all of the electronic subassemblies students needed to install and test. Steve coordinated all of the cabinet assembly, finishing and driver mounting ready for students to design and test electronic circuit boards for high performance results. Virtually every major project that our EET students are required to complete Steve has played a critical role in making it possible. Steve continues to perform critical roles supporting roles for FIRST Robotics, PLTW, TEAMS and WYSE Support. Steve also keeps on top of safety issues as Engineering Technology Department Safety Coordinator.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ROCK STARS!

PATTY ETTLING, ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

Patty went above and beyond in preparing advertising, artwork and organizational ideas for the Long Night Against Procrastination.

PEGGY FEUERSTEIN, COPY CENTER

Peggy Feuerstein went "above and beyond" to expedite a stalled RICOH copier service request on behalf of the Academic Support Center. After RICOH's robo phone system failed to connect me with a company representative, Peggy generously helped by setting up a service appointment online, keeping us updated, and forwarding the service ticket. She also offered useful advice on submitting service orders in the future. It is a pleasure to acknowledge Peggy's professional expertise and good judgment in all copying and printing tasks, as well as her obvious pride in doing a first-rate job.

CHRISTOPHER FLETCHLER, ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Chris tirelessly looks for ways to improve our enrollment and outreach to students. He does an excellent job of motivating student affairs staff to go that extra mile to serve students and to champion the college and its programs. He has a positive attitude and is a great collaborator. Chris is always on board to assist in whatever way he can, and he embraces the "Students First" philosophy. Thank you for all you do, Chris.

JEANNE FLORINI, LIBERAL ARTS

Jeanne coordinated the volunteer efforts for the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. Not only did she secure a number of student and alumni volunteers, but she also worked the event that weekend, meeting with community members and providing them with activities and information about STLCC. Thanks for your many hours of service, Jeanne!

TERRY FREEMAN, STEM

Terry secured our high school choir for the MLK Celebration this year, Hazelwood Central. Without Terry's help, we would not have had this important aspect of our event. He was also a dedicated member of the committee and helped us to create a wonderful opportunity for our campus, our College and the community. Thank you for all of your help!

KEVIN GERSTENECKER, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Kevin is always a team player and makes sure our building repairs are kept up. He is always a pleasure to work around. Kevin always thinks about the student first, and makes sure safety is first with the student in mind. We are thankful for Kevin Gerstenecker.

CHRISTINE GILBERT, LIBERAL ARTS

She is outstanding. She understood quickly and easily how to build the new corequisite courses for English, she cross-listed and numbered the sections intuitively, and she communicated her departmental scheduling needs to all necessary parties in a timely, organized way.

RYAN GOETZ, CAMPUS POLICE

Officer Goetz came to CWI because someone was trying to get into my vehicle. He acted with complete professionalism and calmed the situation. I have great respect for our officers, and it is good to know that we have a great police department here at Florissant Valley and throughout the District.



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RONNIE GOODSON, TREAT AMERICA

Alice and Ronnie make visiting the cafeteria a pleasure, and they are always ready to help out when needed. A perfect example occurred just last week. We had many more students attend an event than we had expected. Despite their other responsibilities serving lunch to hungry students, both Alicia and Ronnie leapt into action to make sure that we had enough food for our event. It would not have been successful without these dedicated employees.

ABBIE GULLEDGE, STUDENT

Abbey never missed a class and was always prepared! This girl went above and beyond by creating Quizlet games and study worksheets that she sent to me, so I could share them with the entire class! Thank you Abbey! She had a special rapport with others at her table and worked great in the group setting.

ANITA HAMILTON, STEM B

Anita volunteered to take minutes for our Strategic Initiative Committee meetings. Anita has provided professional and accurate minutes for all of our meetings this semester. Additionally, Anita took it upon herself to make sure all committee members received calendar invites for each meeting. Anita provides the minutes to all committee members for review. This voluntary assignment has been undertaken, and carried out with distinction in addition to her normal duties. I very much appreciate the effort Anita has expended for this important role.

GREGORY HANEBRINK, CAMPUS POLICE

I am nominating Gregory Hanebrink for his outstanding contributions to the Florissant Valley campus. He diligently maintains campus vehicles all year long.

JENNIFER HARMON, STUDENT

Jennifer served as a volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

SHAWN HARRELL, FINANCIAL AID

Shawn has allowed me to "borrow" work study students on several occasions to assist me in promoting various campus initiatives and campaigns. The students have helped to switch out sandwich board images, hang door and window clings, posters, and the like.

DOROTHY HARRIS, STUDENT

Dorothy was the first one to class every day! She never missed a class, and seemed to enjoy class! When I think of Dorothy, I think of her determination. Learning a language is very challenging, but Dorothy never gave up! What a positive student to have in class!



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KEVIN HAYWOOD, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

We want to thank the men and women in facilities and grounds for all their help the morning of the bomb threat. We had students and staff on parking lot 18 with a few blankets. They helped move students between cars to block the wind, they gave up their coats and found extra blankets from their personal vehicles. They provided the College vans and their own personal vehicles for staff and students to get warm and stay safe. Their kindness and assistance protected and calmed the students and most certainly had a huge impact on the success of the building evacuation.

ANA HEIN, STUDENT

Ana is such a responsible student! Ana even contacted me before the first class meeting to let me know about a day she would have to miss. After that, she never missed a day and was always prepared! She has a remarkable memory and was always willing to participate and help others. Students like Ana are so appreciated!

GREG HENEBRINK, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

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KATHLEEN HEUER, STUDENT

Kate never missed a class and was always prepared! She came prepared for class and asked questions as needed. Kate always worked well with others during group work and was willing to participate cheerfully.

HUBERT HINTON, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

When a rental client arrived earlier than scheduled to view the MPR, Hugh offered his time and expertise with room setup to answer questions and offer suggestions. The client was impressed with Hugh.

FRAN HOOKER, ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

Thanks for sharing information about the academic support center and ways that the center can help support students during adjunct orientation! Thanks also for giving up a Saturday to do so!

PAUL HUDDLESTON, LIBERAL ARTS

A round of applause to Paul Huddleston, general manager of KCFV for his help in putting together an awesome playlist for the July campus retirement celebration. Paul went above and beyond selecting the top five songs for the years our retirees were hired. Fun Stuff.

ERICA JOHNSON, ALUMNA

Erica served as an alumna volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.



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GARY KAUCHER, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

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BOBBIE KESTERSON, STUDENT

Bobbie served as a student volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

VICKI KETTENACKER, BUSINESS SERVICES

We would like to thank Vicki for the very insightful presentation on the budget and other business matters. We appreciate the time you took to help answer our questions and address our concerns. You rock!

DAVE KOBE, STEM B

Dave continues to find new ways to motivate students to challenge themselves with real world hands on learning projects. This semester students built large display countdown times for the first Robotics Organization in St. Louis, LED power meters for the audio lab, modified speaker crossovers for improved sound, and tested a new design for an audio amplifier.

STACEY LAMPMAN, LIBRARY

Stacey continues to do an amazing job in organizing the Technology Petting Zoo in the library each year. Stacey had to rethink the setup this year due to ASC now being in the library. She created a setup that got students in and out of the event quickly. New this year were the 3D printers from engineering. Way cool!

LIZ LANG, STUDENT

Liz served as a student volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

AALIYAH LEGGS, STUDENT

Aaliyah served as a student volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

KATHY LEWIS, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Kathy consistently helps in any way she can to keep the campus president's office running smoothly. Kathy is instrumental in meeting deadlines and always asks questions for clarification purposes.



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AARON LINDER, CAMPUS IT

Without any advanced notice, Aaron agreed to meet with a rental client to discuss A/V equipment in the MPR. At first the client seemed apprehensive and challenging but by the end of the meeting it was apparent that Aaron answered all their questions and concerns. The client left the meeting happy and excited.

STEVE LIPINSKI, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

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PAT LOBAIDO, MAIL SERVICE

Pat is very friendly. She goes above and beyond her job. Pat dropped off a FedEx envelope personally. Pat is always upbeat and pleasant. Thanks, Pat!

KIM LOVE-AUSTIN, BUSINESS SERVICES

Kim has been a great asset to the business services office. Kim is very professional and does her job with enthusiasm and confidence. She is very much a team player and truly cares about the quality of her work. Kim is an effective member in our department and without a doubt an asset to the entire campus community. She assists the cashiering department when needed and has helped to train Laura Westhoff, our new business service specialist. Kim easily adapts to new work processes and assists other campus departments as needed. She will take the extra steps to ensure her responsibilities are completed meticulously and in a timely manner. Her relationship with students and staff is outstanding. Kim has a positive, pleasant attitude and wonderful personality. She enjoys her job and has helped make it a fun place to work.

VIRGINIA LUGGE, ACCESS OFFICE

Virginia has gone above and beyond in her work with deaf services. She has been a valuable resource working with CBVI students. She created educational resources that were designed to fit the needs of the students. Virginia is dedicated to student success and always goes the extra mile to be sure the students have what they need to be successful. We are all lucky to have her as part of the team and we appreciate all of her hard work!

DANIELLE LUSK, STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Danielle Lusk should be recognized for her leadership in developing and expanding the use of case management software for the benefit of St. Louis Community College. These efforts have already had a positive impact on the student experience and will continue to do so in years to come. Danielle puts the needs of students first in everything she does in her work with the Student Assistance Program and as case manager for the Florissant Valley Behavior Intervention Team.



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ERIKA MALONE, ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

I would like to say thank you to Erika for putting together an incredible first Preview Day. It was a day filled with excitement, collaboration and community - complete with perfect weather. Thank you for going above and beyond to highlight our awesome campus!

MARK MARTCHINK, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

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SCOTT MARTIN, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Scott's response time on requests is outstanding and he always confirms when the job is completed. He has a "students first" attitude. Thank you Scott for all your hard work!

SAM MAUL, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

While we were tending to the Biotech Club Flower Garden, he stopped by a couple times to check on us and see if there was anything we needed. He's always keeping our flowers watered. Everything is growing so well. Sam, thank you for your help in keeping our flowers alive!

MARIE MCCOOL, THEATRE

Marie took the time to help a student navigate Blackboard. She stayed with the student through the whole process and helped with another issue the student had. She was very patient and professional!

DUANE MCFALL, CAMPUS IT

Installed a cord for a broken IR display monitor. This was important, because he travels throughout the District and he accomplished this quickly on a day he was on campus.

TOM MCGOVERN, STEM

Tom has been on a mission to help engineering technology students, who have left the college due to employment or other issues, graduate. Most of these students only need a course or two to graduate and all have been thankful that someone from the college reached out to them. This semester Tom has been able to help more than 30 students.

DWAYNE MORGAN, CAMPUS LIFE

Not only did Dwayne play a pivotal role in getting our MLK Celebration ready for delivery, but he also organized the MLK Awareness Day on the same day! Dwayne also shared information during the ceremony about all of our upcoming FV events, bringing even more awareness of FV to the community. Of course, he was also a dedicated member of the committee and helped us to create a wonderful opportunity for our campus, our college, and the community. Thank you for all of your help!



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TYLER NAHIK, STUDENT

Tyler served as a student volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

JANICE NESSER-CHU, LIBERAL ARTS

Janice was instrumental in bringing our keynote speaker for Women's History Month, Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell, to campus. Because of her tireless work for several years, Dr. Campbell joined our month-long celebration and provided an inspiring kickoff to a truly great month of events. There were so many elements necessary to get Dr. Campbell to campus, but Janice navigated all elements and coordinated efforts with a variety of departments to ensure that she not only arrived but presented in front of a full house.

ELLIS NICHOLSON, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

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TYRONE NOLAN, FINANCIAL AID

Tyrone gives great customer service to our financial aid students in the computer lab! He is patient and helpful to our students.

JENNIFER ORZEL, BUSINESS SERVICES

Jennifer's leadership during the building evacuation on March 12 was a perfect example from the textbook. She remained calm, focused and got everyone to work together in a safe and orderly manner. Jennifer assessed the phone call of a bomb threat with the cashier and campus police and then implemented a chain of information by instructing selected staff to inform others outside the immediate area of the situation. Once outside the building, Jennifer directed foot traffic away from the campus.

JASON PARSONS, CAMPUS LIFE

On Wednesday, April 13, Jason helped me track down equipment missing from Business Services. Once the equipment was located, Jason continued to help by borrowing a rolling cart to move the equipment back to my department and placed it in its proper location. Jason went out of his way to be helpful and to make certain my department had what was needed. The equipment was six stanchions which are heavy and awkward to handle.

EDWARD PFEIFER, LIBRARY

Edward deserves rock star status because he is always willing to go the extra mile to assist anyone who enters the library. This would include answering any question asked, and if he doesn't know the answer, he will research the question until he finds an answer. There are many students who seek Edward to ask their questions, because of their past experiences with him and the service they received.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ROCK STARS!

MARTIN PFYL, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Martin, from the day he started working here, has exceeded our expectations of our housekeeping staff. (Especially since we are messy.) Martin always makes sure to go out of his way to help us carry large trash items. He also is very understanding when we make a mess in our room and he is great about making sure our classrooms look amazing each night. He is one of the hardest working people that I have ever met in my life. His work ethic is outstanding, he does his job with perfection and he has the most positive attitude and the kindest heart. Martin is a rock star because he is always willing to go above and beyond to complete extra tasks when teachers ask for help and he puts the time and effort into making our center look beautiful day in and day out! Sometimes he is on his hands and knees and sometimes he is extended up the walls. He bounces in each day with a smile, knowing he will be coming into whatever aftermath has been left by the mischief of the children and staff. We are blessed to have someone so committed to the CDLC and to St. Louis Community College.

KARANA PHILLIPS, ONLINE LEARNING

The first week of classes, I needed some help with my online class. I know it was a very busy time for her, but Karana stopped what she was doing and helped me. Every time I need her, she makes herself available and does so with a smile on her face.

DEANDRE POOL, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

He likes to be called “Dre.” Dre works as a housekeeper in the Communications building. Dre is a rock star, because he is happy to do his job. He cares about everything being clean from ceiling to floor. He removes all the furniture from the classrooms to maintain the floors even in the middle of a semester. I have heard students mention how clean he keeps the entrance interior and exteriors. It shows how much he cares when you walk through his building. The service he provides is not limited to housekeeping; he goes out of his way to help with anything students, faculty or staff needs. Dre is a “rock star” for sure, because his positive personality and happy energy results in all of us having a better day.

LEEUWEN RELABO, ALUMNUS

Leeuwen served as an alumnus volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis’ Festival of Nations event Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm, and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

MARKELL ROBINSON, ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Markell is dedicated and hardworking. He is extremely organized and focused on student success! Markell continuously is developing best practices, and successfully manages routine activities efficiently and effectively. Markell is a high energy, positive force and provides a personal touch to everything he does. He exhibits true professionalism, and genuinely cares about delivering quality work to STLCC. Markell strives to integrate vision and execution when strategically planning and working collegiate events. He is a collaborative, creative team player who is easy to work with, and fosters great relationships with faculty, staff, students and visitors of STLCC. He is very attentive to detail, cares deeply and goes above and beyond the call of duty in pursuing excellence.



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RHONDA ROBINSON, CAMPUS LIFE

A huge thank you to the following members of the Celebrations Committee who went above and beyond decorating the MPR for the July retirement celebration.

THOMAS RUSSELL, ACCESS OFFICE

Thomas and Regina organized an awesome club trip to Washington, D.C. to visit Gallaudet University. I know they spent a lot of time planning and organizing the trip. The trip was one of the best I've gone on. It was so well thought out and fun. I learned a lot and gained more experience for the field I plan to go into. It was so cool to socialize and meet deaf people from other states as well as see one of the most important colleges in deaf culture. I feel like my receptive and expressive skills really improved as a result of this trip. Being able to experience the things I did, as a result of Regina and Thomas' hard work means a great deal to me. I can't thank them enough.

SUSAN RYAN, CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

With only a few months of employment under her belt, Susan worked with her colleague, Monai Douglass, to plan and implement a great Career Fair on March 26. One hundred sixty-seven students and community members were able to engage with 65 different employers. The MPR was set up wonderfully, and Career Development received many positive comments from employers and participants. Susan is a great example of "Students First!"

ALEXIS SAMUELS, STUDENT

Alexis served as a student volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

MARCHE SCOTT, STUDENT

Marche served as a student volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

BROCK SEALS, ALUMNUS

Brock served as an alumnus volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

SCOTT SHEWMAKER, IT

I can't say enough about the great work that this end user technology specialist provides when responding to various technical IT support request. He always responds professionally, is extremely knowledgeable, courteous, patient and solves the problem(s). Per Google.com, Scott is "capable of producing desired results without wasting materials, time, or energy ... He is, in fact, so good at doing his work, he's seen as efficient when he does it" and therefore has become proficient!

JOAN SIMMONS, CASHIER'S OFFICE

Joan acted quickly and alerted our department (business) about the bomb threat. She is a rock star!



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SHARON SIMMONS, STEM

Sharon has been indispensable for scheduling and handling requests when I am out of the office. This month, particularly, Sharon assisted with various communications while I was away at a conference.

SOPHIE SKROSKA, STUDENT

Sophie's short story, "Of Dragons and Spiders and Witches and Things," was selected as the winner of the 2018-2019 Flo Valley Writing Competition in this category. Congratulations to Sophie and thanks for sharing your talent with us!

ALEXIS SMITH, STUDENT

Determination. Alexis was not going to let Spanish get the best of her! Alexis never missed a class and came prepared for every meeting. She was great at asking questions. Her questions came as a result of deep thinking about the vocabulary and structures that we studied. I so appreciate her participation, thought and determination!

JEFF SMITH, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

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LA VAUGHN SMITH, ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

With more than 30 years of service to the Florissant Valley campus and the STLCC districtwide community, LaVaughn has, and continues to show leadership and expertise in Banner functionality, serving as one of the districtwide Subject Matter Experts for the recent implementation of Banner 9. In addition, LaVaughn continues to manage the campus Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, which is a web-based tool used to monitor information on nonimmigrant students who attend STLCC-Florissant Valley. LaVaughn also continues to be a consistent and knowledgeable "go-to" for our new and continuing students, faculty and staff who run into barriers relative to admission and enrollment service processes.

MARCUS SMITH, LIBERAL ARTS

Thank you Marcus for having the "Student First" attitude! You took the time to find the resources and ways to help a student. I appreciate your teamwork! You are also very professional and courteous.

MORGAN SMITH, STUDENT

Morgan served as a student volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.



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BARB STEELE, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

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JASMINE STEWART, STUDENT

Jazz never missed a class and was always prepared! She was a quiet student, but a very hard-worker! Jazz has an amazing memory – there was a lot of vocabulary, but Jazz was always ready. She worked very well with other students for group work, participating cheerfully in classroom activities. What a great student!

SHANTANA STEWART, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Shantana helped to coordinate all of the communication efforts of the MLK Celebration and provided a press release for the event. Additionally, because of her leadership, we had a 10 foot card at the event! It was an awesome addition to an already great program. The card brought attention to the event, and even landed us coverage on Fox 2 - she and Shawntelle Fisher, our keynote speaker, provided information about the MLK Celebration on the news! She and Shanda also worked to make sure that we had gifts for our speakers and students this year.

HONORATA TAMANAHA, STUDENT

Honorata served as a student volunteer at the International Institute of St. Louis' Festival of Nations event on Aug. 26. We greatly appreciated the time, enthusiasm and dedication you provided as you interacted with the public in a positive and informative manner.

KIM TAYLOR, CAMPUS LIFE

One of our students was unsure of how to use the bus to get home. Kim came over and showed her how to use the app and plan her trip!

ALICIA THOMAS, TREAT AMERICA

Alice and Ronnie make visiting the cafeteria a pleasure, and they are always ready to help out when needed. A perfect example occurred just last week. We had many more students attend an event than we had expected. Despite their other responsibilities serving lunch to hungry students, both Alicia and Ronnie leapt into action to make sure that we had enough food for our event. It would not have been successful without these dedicated employees.

LISA THOMAS, ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

For our January writing center staff meeting, Lisa developed a fascinating and enlightening workshop on helping students improve their reading skills. The expertise and materials Lisa provided will make our tutors more effective in supporting our students' academic success. We are grateful to have such a gifted and experienced teacher on our staff.



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ROGER THOMAS, LIBRARY

Roger is always helpful and generous with coworkers especially when you are new! He loaned me a laptop while I was waiting on my surface and a dry erases board!

ERIK TUCKER, ACCESS OFFICE

Erik, an interpreter with deaf services in the access office, is always willing to help out and go the extra mile to get a job done regarding forms that need to be processed or anything else that needs to be done. I really appreciate having him on our team!

KAREN WADE, LIBRARY

Karen served as the co-chair of the Women's History Month committee, and the calendar of events at Flo Valley was incredibly extensive, diverse and engaging. Our students had the opportunity to attend and experience a variety of sessions, panels, activities and lectures thanks to the great planning and leadership of Karen.

ANNIE WAGGANER, LIBERAL ARTS

Annie served as the co-chair of the Women's History Month committee, and the calendar of events at Flo Valley was incredibly extensive, diverse and engaging. Our students had the opportunity to attend and experience a variety of sessions, panels, activities and lectures thanks to the great planning and leadership of Annie.

PHIL WALKER, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Phil found one of our students who uses a wheelchair out in the parking lot. This was a very cold day and our elevators were out. We did not know the student was coming to campus. Phil helped to get him out of the cold and navigated him to the accessible route. Phil even came back to get the student when he was done!

SHANDA WALKER, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Shanda helps take care of so many details and makes sure that everything happens correctly. This is especially true for the MLK Celebration. She made sure that folks received their gifts, got all of the SSRs taken care of, scheduled meetings for the committee, shared minutes and notes to keep us on track and supported all other committee members in the work they did. Thanks for being such a help during this entire process!

ANNETTE WEBB, FINANCIAL AID

Annette works the front desk and is so polite and informative to our students. She is an asset to Florissant Valley!

LAURA WESTHOFF, BUSINESS SERVICES

Laura took on the rental process as soon as she stepped in the door and has done a wonderful job. We have been very busy getting rental requests, and she has handled it like a pro. Laura is very detailed and a great communicator.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ROCK STARS!

EDMOND WHITE, FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

On April 12, 2019, Edmond stopped the task at hand to assist me with a rental client. I forgot to include the registration tables with the reservation, but by the time the client was done voicing his concerns, Edmond had two tables and four chairs in place. Edmond acted fast and professionally.

STEVE WHITE, STEM

Dean White recently provided interventions for a student, which allowed him to have a very productive semester in his IS 116 course. Because of the mentorship provided by Dean White, the student was timely with his assignments, receptive to critique, took responsibility for his assignments being completed correctly, had excellent class behavior, had professional and sincere interactions with his professor and passed his IC3 Key Applications certification! Again, thanks, Dean White for the time spent mentoring this student. You helped lay a foundation that he can build upon semester after semester. You are a "rock star!"

T. WILLIAMSON, THEATRE

Thank you to T. Williamson for helping me get the van, removing the last bench row seat, and loading the keyboard Friday during a snow shower, so that I could assist with the Foundation Gala! Thank you also for coming to campus on Saturday night and helping me with all of the unloading.

LARHONDA WILSON, LIBERAL ARTS

Thank you, LaRhonda, for sharing information with our adjuncts about Service Learning opportunities and for giving up part of your Saturday to do so!

FLORISSANT VALLEY AWARDS

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Deborah Baumgartner	Terrence Freeman	Gwendolyn Nixon	James Sodon
Matthew Benoist	Lisa Gale-Betzler	Richard Norris	Amy Sonderman
Cindy Campbell	Carol Hoogland	Margaret Oney	Richard Unger
Ana Coelho	Rosita Lewis	Kammool Robinson	Donna Wallner
Janice Fitzgerald	Afzal Lodhi	Mary Roy	Dianna Waters
Drew Foster	Marc Marion	Susan Serns	Anne Wessely

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES WITH FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

Melphina Amos	Joseph Cooper	Stuart Hamilton	Lynn Selders
Allison Ballard	Phyllis Davis	Michael Metroulas	Ellen Stillwell
Kimberly Barr	Eric Driskill	Michelle Petterchak	Stephen White
Amy Brown-Marshall	Beth Elam Michaud	Rhonda Robinson	Whitney Williams
Samantha Compton			

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES WITH 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Darryl Alford	James Gillespie	Elida Kraja	Rita Pernik
Heather Allen	Ryan Goetz	Kimberly Love-Austin	Amy Sherwin
Phyllis Clayborne	Anita Hamilton	Erika Malone	Edmond White
Regina Driskill	Carrie Kinzel		

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES WITH 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Rob Ebest	Emily Lasek	Suzanne Saum
Thomas Flynn	Timothy Layton	Scott Schneider
Katherine Gordon		

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES WITH 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Stacy Foster	Carol Hoogland	Sharon North
Steve Hehr	Amy McMurray	Richard Unger

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

James Mense	Diane Nikonowicz	Roger Thomas
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RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES WITH 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Helen Brown

Brenda Robertson

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES WITH 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Robert Miller

Susan Watkins

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES WITH 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Steven Ehlen

Marge Henry

RECOGNITION OF HONORS PROGRAM FACULTY

Vicky Aitken

Ron Ebest

Julia Jenner

Rita Pernik

Linda Bangert

Thomas Flynn

Elida Kraja

Howard Rosenthal

Daniel Betzler

Donna Friedman

Robert Langnas

Sue Saum

Neelima Bhavsar

Joanne Galanis

Emily Lasek

Amy Sherwin

Brian Bozek

Lisa Gale-Betzler

Tim Layton

Eric Shultis

Amy Brown-Marshall

Scott Gevaert

Christine Lewis

Chris Stephens

Margaret Coates

Christine Giancola

Chih Yu Lin

Renee Thomas-Woods

Ana Coelho

Katherine Gordon

Mark Manteuffel

Linda Vredevelde

Yvonne Cole

Janessa Hall

Scott Martin

Annie Waggoner

Tim Courtois

Kevin Hall

Mike Metroulas

Dawn Weber

Tom Courtois

Barb Hufker

Rokhaya Ndao

LaRhonda Wilson

Eric Driskill

FLORISSANT VALLEY CAMPUS INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD AND STLCC DISTRICT INNOVATION OF THE YEAR

Eric Driskill

Michelle Petterchak

ROUECHE AWARD WINNERS

Carlos Blanco

Michael Quintero

Pat Suess

PART-TIME CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Terrine DeClue

Betty Riner*

ADJUNCT FACULTY OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Ron Lizorty

Kim Pepple*

Walter Staas

FULL-TIME CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Myrtle Alexander*
Diane Callant
Joseph Cooper
Peggy Feuerstein

Anita Hamilton
Kimberly Love-Austin
Scott Martin

Aileen Murphy
Brenda Robertson
Sharon Simmons

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Maurice Davis
Steven Ehlen

Danielle Lusk
Erika Malone

Dwayne Morgan*
Jennifer Orzel

NEW FACULTY OF THE YEAR

Jasmine Marshall*

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE NOMINEES

Myrtle Alexander
Joseph Cooper

Maurice Davis
Paul Higdon*

Dwayne Morgan
Aileen Murphy

2019 DAVID L. UNDERWOOD MEMORIAL LECTURER

Steven Ehlen

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