Serving those who serve … it’s our duty
Homefront Resource Center connects service members, veterans, and their families to community

Each year, more and more veterans enroll at SCTCC to explore and further their career development. Countless others may not self identify as a service member or veteran. All must try and make sense of the complex challenges, opportunities and benefits available to them through their service.

Homefront Resource Center is designed to be a premier, innovative, campus-based center where community resources can come together to support service members, veterans, and their families.

The center, in the heart of SCTCC campus, will provide a welcoming space for veterans to connect with other veterans. In addition, center staff and partners will help veterans and their families connect with and navigate local, state and federal services and resources. Advocacy in the areas of education, employment, housing, wellness, and family also will be available.

“We need to make sure we are doing everything we can to support military families and veterans,” President Joyce Helens said. “It’s an honor to serve them.” cont. on page 2

A special thanks!
The Homefront Veterans Resource Center would not be possible without the partnership of these organizations.

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In addition, thanks to the more than 120 individuals and 73 organizations who provided valuable feedback and insight on the development of the resource center in March 2013.
A class act
Designing space for liberal arts and sciences


These three words are at the core of transforming 9,566 square feet of vacant, unusable space at SCTCC.

When the dental hygiene and dental assisting programs moved to the new Health Science Building in 2010, they left an expanse of space in the center of SCTCC’s largest building. Today, a vision for that space includes multi-purpose classrooms to serve the more than 2,000 students in liberal arts and sciences courses as well as an art lab.

Modular furniture would allow for reconfiguring and repurposing for classes of 35 or more students easily.

The renovation cost of $625,000 has been submitted as a legislative capital bonding request for 2016.
Give. Receive. Repeat.
It's a straightforward process for owner of Peter's Body Shop

Roger Bonn began working at his father's auto body shop in high school. He didn't know much about the work at the time, but thanks to his mentor, Vern, he learned the tools and tricks of the trade.

"You can't do that anymore. You can't take 25 percent of your best people's time to teach new employees and fix a dent in a door quickly," Roger explained. "They got exposed to new technology too."

Roger understands developing curriculum for the industry is a delicate balance between doing what national organizations say is important now for certification and what local shops know to be their reality day in and day out. That's why he’s an active member of SCTTC's Auto-body program advisory board as well as local, state, and regional trade organizations: to be a voice. And he doesn't stop there.

His investment of time, talent, and funding extends beyond the program that is most familiar to him. In fact, Roger served as president of the SCTTC Foundation Board (which his father helped establish in 1996). He also was an unwavering voice in the DRIVEN Campaign for the renovation and expansion of the medium/medium/ heavy truck labs in 2013. Specifically, Roger logged many miles, speaking on behalf of industry and the college at the State Capital, economic forums, and legislative visits around the state. Finally, his family has invested in student success by providing annual scholarships.

For him, it’s a natural part of doing business.

"We want to give back to an industry that has been very good to our family and business. And we want to help those who might not have the wherewithal to change their lives," Roger said. "If we can attract people to this industry and give back to the industry, this will build up a strong work force for years to come and make a such a difference in our industry and medium/medium/medium truck labs in 2013. Specifically, Roger logged many miles, speaking on behalf of industry and the college at the State Capital, economic forums, and legislative visits around the state. Finally, his family has invested in student success by providing annual scholarships.

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-Krista Mellum

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I am pursuing degrees in Energy & Electronics Instrumentation & Process Control, Robotics & Automation Technology, and Mechatronics. Last year, I graduated from Royalton High School as class Salutatorian. In my speech, I spoke of the potential that resides in each one of us and of the opportunities we have been blessed with so that we can chase after our dreams. Scholarship donors like you allow students everywhere to reach for the stars and achieve their dreams. Thank you for your contribution and investment in me. I wish you the best and hope to return your kindnes by brightening our community’s horizon in the years to come.”

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From the bottom of my heart, I would like you to say thank you! You are helping me with my education, so I can get an amazing job in Advertising and Web design. I am a mother of 3 beautiful daughters. You are helping me give them a better future. I am so grateful for people like you willing to help. —Amber Siegel

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When I was growing up in Sri Lanka, I was a member of a big family. We were five boys and three girls. My father was a hard-working science and math teacher, and mother was a homemaker. We did not have much and shared whatever we had among the siblings, the extended family of uncles, aunts, and the village. It was never a one-way street. Anyone who had excess always shared with others. When it comes to knowledge, god’s gift, we shared it with anyone without hesitation. I remember the neighborhood kids stopping by to ask questions. My father and brothers explained answers without any expectation. When I came to the United States of America to pursue higher education, my older brothers brought my cousin and me, put both of us through college, and paid for our room, board and education expenses without any expectation of pay back. One of my brothers passed away in 1998.

I dream of taking care of my other brother when he is elderly, but he does not have any expectation from me.

"I give to keep my brother’s memory alive and remember his support of my education. I want to pay forward what I received."

It is because of my family history that I give to St. Cloud Technical and Community College Foundation. I give to keep my brother’s memory alive and remember his support of my education. I want to pay forward what I received. When I started giving, I realized happiness is seeing the fruits of giving. If everyone helps and supports our neighbors like back home, we have a better community to live in. Especially in St. Cloud. At St. Cloud Technical and Community College we do not give our students a fish, but we teach them how to fish. Imagine, if every one of our students starts teaching the people whom they know how to fish, all of us will be better off. Rising tides raise all boats. When everyone gains knowledge, ignorance is wiped out. The world will be a better place for all of us to live in.

I invest what it costs to buy a cheap cup of coffee at the gas station every day, a dollar. I encourage everyone to invest a dollar a day in our community’s future that will make a huge impact to our students’ life and our future.

If you’ve been paying attention to local media, no doubt you’ve seen the news stories about the buzz happening at St. Cloud Technical and Community College. From the tiny house project, to the new media center and renovated classrooms, to the Homefront Resource Center for active military, veterans, and their families. SCTCC is living its core values of innovation and collaboration in order to fulfill its vision to be the school of choice for so many smart, talented individuals.

The SCTCC Foundation exists to undergird these efforts and help make the vision a reality. We do this by securing investments of time, insight, and financial support that has an immediate impact on the educational experience at the College, our students, and of course, central Minnesota. And this year’s investment has been great.

Of note, the Foundation has experienced a 25% increase in faculty and staff giving, which signals SCTCC provides more than a job … it has a mission that resonates. We also welcomed a 24% increase in attendance at our annual fundraising event “Night of 1,000 Laughs.” In addition, we’re grateful for the continued support from long-term investors, including U.S. Bank and its grant to jumpstart the Homefront Resource Center, Xcel Energy scholarships for students in the high-demand manufacturing sector, and a Community Pillar grant from Bernick’s Family Foundation that routinely recognizes SCTCC’s important role in the region.

The impact of this investment is far reaching.

Access to an affordable education took on greater meaning this year with a 38% increase in the number of students awarded SCTCC Foundation Scholarships as well as a 41% increase in dollars awarded.

Providing Education that works moves beyond the classroom and labs to include advocacy and assistance to active military, veterans, and their families, as described in the “Serving those who serve” article in this report.

The impact will be felt for decades as we continue to graduate highly skilled and highly engaged citizens in our region and strengthen the fabric of our community.

Thank you for being a part of these efforts.

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