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Letter From The President

It has certainly been a summer of change for St. Cloud Technical & Community College (SCTCC). We wish President Helens all the best in her new presidential position and know that she will serve Great Basin College well, just as she did SCTCC.

I am honored and privileged to serve as the Interim President of SCTCC through June 30, 2018. In my role as Vice President of Administration for the past 18 years, I have had the incredible opportunity to work with students, faculty, staff and industry partners and have witnessed the positive impact that we make as a community in the lives of SCTCC students. I am excited for this upcoming year as we continue our tradition of excellence in serving students.

So what does this year of transition look like for SCTCC? In many ways, it looks the same. Our faculty and staff will continue their commitment to prepare SCTCC students for life-long learning by providing career, technical and transferable education. That commitment is evident when touring classrooms, labs and student services. It is evident in the 97 percent placement rate of SCTCC graduates in their field of study. It is evident in the community partnerships and events such as Career One, developed by Career Solutions and hosted at SCTCC, to provide an opportunity for one hundred youth, ages 14-17, to experience life on a college campus, strengthen their math and reading skills, explore career possibilities, and gain real-life work experience at CentraCare Health. SCTCC enjoys a rich tradition of serving students and our faculty and staff are committed to continuing that tradition.

In other ways, it is a time of opportunity. We are excited about the collaboration with St. Cloud State University to expand student opportunities including the development of clearly

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articulated Transfer Pathways for existing degrees and 2+2 degrees in programmatic areas of high workforce demand. In addition, the college looks forward to celebrating community partnerships with the first of an anticipated annual "Brewlash" event featuring local craft beer sampling paired with goulash dishes and artisan breads prepared by SCTCC Culinary Art students and hosted in the Medium Heavy Truck and Auto Body labs. The potential for enhancing student success and expanding community partnerships are endless and we look forward to developing those opportunities.

As we work to enhance student pathways and increase collaboration and partnerships, the SCTCC community will continue to embrace the core values that provide students with a quality, cost-effective education in a nurturing environment.

We are SCTCC and we look forward to working with you, our community partners, as we continue the tradition of an "education that works."

Lori Kloos | Interim President, SCTCC

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Foundation Director Brings Fresh Perspective

Wow! What an amazing year thus far! I am super excited to serve as the St Cloud Technical & Community College Foundation President. I have been with the foundation a little over three years, but I am not new to SCTCC by any means. I have had a presence on the campus for the past eight years. My branch manager position at US Bank has given me opportunities to be at the college during student orientation events. I work closely with the card office, faculty & staff. and have spoken to numerus SCTCC students about financial wellness over the years. I enjoy visiting with the students during the orientation process and love to see the excitement they have for the upcoming school year. I also enjoy working hand-in-hand with the faculty and staff. I have never seen faculty and staff members that care more for students and their well-being than they do at SCTCC. That is one reason why I enjoy serving on the foundation board.

One of my favorite things to do at SCTCC is to review potential scholarship applications. This is such a rewarding experience. It is nice to hear the students tell their story and these stories need to be told! This year the foundation awarded 331 scholarships totaling \$168,649. I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to business and



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Holly J. Swensen Foundation President, SCTCC individual donors who make this possible. Donations make a huge impact on the students. These students give back to our local communities and statistics show 74% of SCTCC graduates work in a 35-mile radius of St Cloud. That is an impressive number!

There are many changes this year at SCTCC. Past President, Joyce Helens, accepted a president's position at Great Basin Community College in Nevada. We wish her well in her new position. An Interim President has been appointed and I would like to congratulate Lori Kloos who will serve in this role. She is not a new face to SCTCC however, as she has held the Vice President of Administration position and Chief Financial Officer since 2000.

There is also a new Foundation Director at the college. I am super excited to be working with Arlene Williams. She brings enthusiasm and a vast network of both personal and business connections to SCTCC. She is passionate about SCTCC and is a graduate of the college herself.

As Foundation President, I invite everyone to attend an old-fashioned garage party fundraising event on October 26th. The SCTCC Foundation will be hosting a Beer & Goulash Festival called BrewLash. There will be 10 hot dishes created by SCTCC's very own student chefs in training along with 30 beer/ciders samples served in commemorative sampling glasses. It is going to be a fun event that the foundation hopes to continue annually.

I look forward to serving as the Foundation President this year. Again, I want to thank everyone who invests in the college through cash donations or in-kind donations of equipment, tools, or material. We appreciate your support! "I am always grateful for any financial help," Jimmy said. "I hope to continue to be funded – not because I'm special – but because I want to be able to help young people in Haiti to build a better life for themselves."

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CentraCare Donation is Largest in SCTCC Foundation History

Aiming to ease the shortage of healthcare professionals in Central Minnesota, CentraCare and SCTCC have had a long-standing partnership. They collaborate on program needs, medical equipment, and clinicals. And when the college shared with CentraCare the challenges of limited space, and equipment that was becoming outdated- CentraCare stepped up with a \$500,000 donation to help fund a much-needed Biology Lab Renovation and Expansion at the college.

"It was the largest gift we have ever received in the College Foundation, and it was given because CentraCare Health understands the need!" said Arlene Williams, SCTCC Foundation Director. "They take their responsibility to provide quality care to the community very seriously, and put their money where the need is."

David Borgert, CentraCare's Director of Community & Government Relations said, "CentraCare has not typically made these kinds of investments. But we see the incredible value and need for this project."

"When CentraCare needed more sonographers, we created a sonography program," said Kelly Halverson, Dean of Natural and Health Sciences. "When they needed people to repair their medical equipment, we established the Biomedical Repair program."

Over the years, CentraCare has contributed to many of SCTCC's healthcare programs by way of used medical equipment, operating room space, and hosting students for their clinical rotations.

"SCTCC has become an important partner in training our workforce. CentraCare is also heavily involved in educating our workforce by providing clinical opportunities for students from about a dozen educational institutions. On any given day, there are almost 300 students doing their clinicals at CentraCare," David said. About 80 percent of SCTCC healthcare graduates go on to work for CentraCare Health. "SCTCC is an incredible resource for us. We have worked with them on the types of programs we need and they have been incredibly responsive. What we have is a true partnership"

SCTCC approached CentraCare earlier this year with a proposal for support that outlined the challenges of the current biology labs.

"The current labs have become outdated, overused, and pretty crowded," Kelly said. "There is not enough space nor enough class offerings for the throughput we want and need in our healthcare programs."

"We have a vested interest in expanding the pipeline. The current workforce will be considering retirement in the next few years and we do not have enough people coming out of these programs," David said.

Each day, the biology labs are in use from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Many of the health science programs have wait lists and classrooms are beyond capacity. SCTCC wants to provide students with expanded classrooms that incorporate the latest technology to enhance student learning.

SCTCC graduates about 270 healthcare professionals each year. With the planned renovations and expansions, CentraCare and SCTCC hope to double that number in the coming years.

"The goal of the partnership between SCTCC and CentraCare Health is to keep healthcare professionals in Central Minnesota; our students are known to choose seek their jobs primarily in the Central Minnesota region. If we can provide that opportunity and get state-of-the-art technology, students who want a career in the sciences will want to come to SCTCC," Kelly said.

State-of-the-art technology includes a virtual dissection table, telepresence capabilities in the classroom, simulation equipment, and other high-technology tools like what are used in the healthcare field.

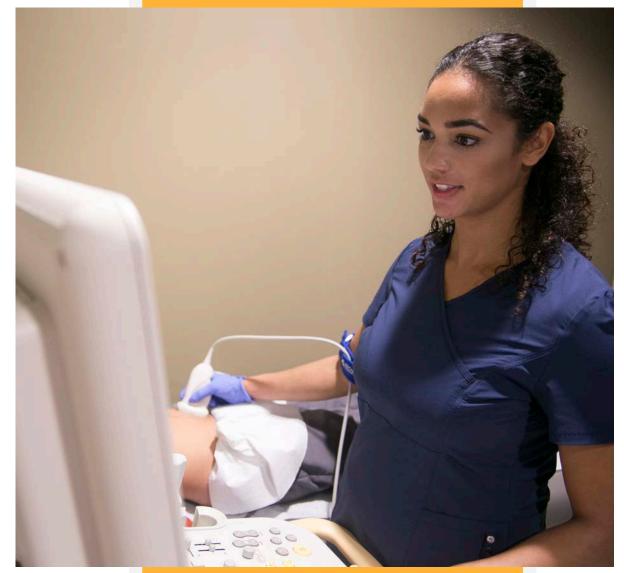
The dreams go beyond the biology lab renovations. The healthcare community in Central Minnesota is exploring how they can join forces for a simulation center, which would be available to all healthcare training institutions.

The spirit of Collabortaion in our community is incredible

-David Borgert, Director of Government and Community Relations, CentraCare

Right now, the planning committee is gathering proposals for architectural design. The hope is for the renovated labs to be complete for the 2018-2019 school year.

If you would like to support the SCTCC Biology Labs Renovation and Expansion please contact Arlene Williams, Foundation Director at 320-308-5937.





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VEX Robotics Teaches Life-Long Skills

Robotics Skills:

Confidence, camaraderie, teamwork, perseverance, creativity, communication, programming, coding, social networking, operating under pressure, time management...

Save the Date MN State VEX Robotics Championship February 2-3, 2018 St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center

In 2010, SCTCC hosted Minnesota's first VEX Robotics state tournament at the Whitney Center in St. Cloud with 22 competing teams. Earlier this year, the same tournament was hosted at River's Edge Convention Center with 160 competing teams, an estimated 5,000 spectators, and thousands of students excited about and engaged in the competition.

To bring awareness to the robotics program, Aaron Barker shares about VEX Robotics and its effect on students and the community. Aaron is an electronics and energy faculty member at SCTCC who spearheads the VEX Robotics program in Central MN.

What is VEX Robotics?

VEX Robotics is a competition-based program where student teams design and build a robot that competes against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. VEX Robotics incorporates all facets of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

How does if work?

The challenge is different each year. Students spend all year building, competing, and tweaking their robot.

VEX Robotics explains this year's challenge: The challenge is played on a 12'x12' square field. Two alliances – one "red" and one "blue" – composed of two teams each, compete in matches consisting of a fifteen second autonomous period followed by one minute and forty-five seconds of driver-controlled play.

The object of the game is to attain a higher score than the opposing Alliance by Stacking Cones on Goals, by Scoring Mobile Goals in Goal Zones, by having the Highest Stacks, and by Parking Robots.

Who can get involved?

Robtics programs are available for 6th – 12th graders throughout the country. In



Minnesota alone, there are over 250 VEX Robotics teams. To locate a team near you, visit www.robotevents.com and search the map view for active teams.

"One of the great things about robotics," Aaron says, "is that there is a place and a need for every type of student – the "jocks," the "nerds," the introverts, the extroverts, the guys, the gals – everybody."

Why did SCTCC get

involved?

Aaron saw a need for technical skills in the workplace, but noticed a trend of secondary schools eliminating their technical education programs.

"The need for these types of skills in the workplace is significant," Aaron said. "At SCTCC, we see it as yet another way to get involved in the community and become an influence at the K-12 level - hopefully driving students to SCTCC in the future."

How does robotics offect our community?

"Robotics is everywhere," Aaron said. "We have an incredible amount of manufacturing, technical, and engineering opportunities in our community. The future of those companies are these kids." Joan Schatz is the Co-President of Park Industries, an industry-leading manufacturer in St. Cloud. Her son Eric was part of the local Boy Scouts program when they started a VEX Robotics team and her husband serves as a VEX Robotics Mentor.

"VEX Robotics provides students an opportunity to function in a team environment beyond sports. Not every kid is athletic. It helps those kids who need a different outlet," Joan said. "As an added benefit, it is preparing these students with real-world skills that they will contribute to our trades and industries."

What skills do students build?

The obvious skills the students build in VEX Robotics are technical and mechanical in nature. Joan said the students use some of the same software in VEX that they do at Park Industries. "That is a huge benefit



to us if some of these students come to work for us," she said. "They already know our software, so their training time is reduced and they understand our processes better."

"The skills taught by VEX Robotics competition is everything we look for in our associates. Not just the technical skills, but leadership skills," Joan said. "When a robot breaks down and the students are forced to fix it during the competition, it teaches perseverance and conflict management. They also must maintain good relationships with not only their own team, but opposing teams, as they may be partnered with that team in the next round. Not many programs teach these types of skills," she said.

How can I support the program?

"The VEX Robotics program is creating future employees for Central MN. It is getting kids interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) careers that they might not have thought about before," Joan said.

There are several ways to get involved with VEX Robotics – provide financial support, volunteer at events, be a mentor, or join a team. For more information, contact Aaron Barker at abarker@sctcc.edu or 320-308-6518.



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NEW CYCLONES LOGO

CAPTURES SPIRIT OF STUDENT ATHLETES

The SCTCC Cyclone athletic teams have a fresh, new look that combines a rich legacy with a competitive personality.

"Athletics is really important to the college," said Jason Fischer, SCTCC's Head Baseball Coach. "It not only draws students here who may not have come here otherwise, but it also helps students build confidence, friendships, and community."

This year you will notice a new look for the Cyclones as we transition to a new logo that incorporates life, personality, and legacy.

The rebranding process took close to a year and was spearheaded by Missy Majerus, Athletic Director at SCTCC. "We saw the rebrand as a great opportunity," Missy said. "It gave us a chance to really evaluate who we are and who we want to be."

The committee selected Flint Group, a Minnesota-based marketing agency with an office in St. Cloud, to create the fresh look and feel. "Flint Group blew us away. They really understood who we are as an organization and were able to catch the vision of where we wanted to go with our Cyclones brand," Missy said.

Flint Group met with and gathered perspectives from students, community members, coaches, faculty, and athletes while creating the new brand identity.

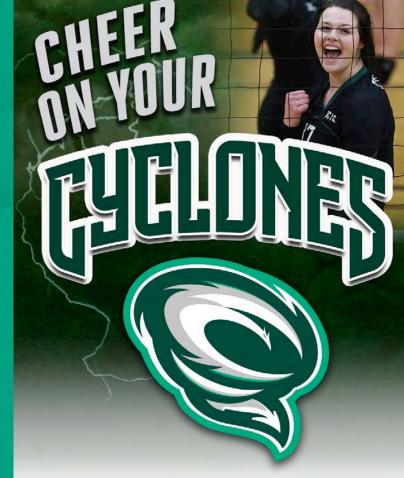
The new logo is an iteration of the old, which incorporates the legacy built since SCTCC joined the NJCAA in 2004.

If you look closely, you'll notice the likeness of a beast character within the logo. Missy explained, "since the Cyclones do not have a mascot, we wanted to incorporate a face to our athletic brand that encompasses competition, aggression, and strength."

Missy said the logo exudes movement, personality, and life. The logo is the essence of the student athletes at SCTCC and their competitive spirit.

For information on Cyclone Athletics and schedules, visit www.sctccathletics.com.

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"We will always listen, consider, and find a solution to meet the learning styles of our students," Mike says.

New Dean Focuses

on Industry Partnerships to Fill Workforce Gaps

Mike Mendez brings enthusiasm, experience, consistency, and authenticity to the halls of SCTCC this fall as the new Dean of Skilled Trades and Industry.

Mike has 20 years of experience in higher education, has a passion for leading people, and is focused on student success.

Curriculum Design

New technologies have produced new opportunities in curriculum delivery, and SCTCC will evolve to meet students' unique learning styles.

"Not all students learn in the same way," Mike said. "We need to work with faculty and students to design experiences that focus on different learning styles."

Mike has his Master's Degree in Learning Technology and a strong interest in curriculum design and assessment. VP Carolyn Olson said, "his skillset is the perfect combination for what we need."

Mike explains that when students feel heard and have a voice in the structure of their curriculum, they start envisioning themselves in the program. When students are learning in a way that is best for them, it fosters excitement, passion, confidence, and student success.

Partnerships

Mike will also focus on community and industry partnerships to identify gaps in the workforce and design programs that fill those gaps.

"As industries change, we need to change with them," Mike said. "This includes adjusting program outcomes and course level objectives to meet the needs of the industry."

Relationships with K-12 schools are as important as those with the industries.

"High school students and their parents need to know they can make a good living in the skilled trade industry," VP Olson said. "Mike will build the relationships with area K-12 schools and make that connection."

Mike is sure that once students know what SCTCC offers and how we structure curriculum based on their learning styles, it will open new doors and attract new students to the college.

In Mike's role as Dean of Skilled Trades and

Industry, he will oversee 19 programs, 34 faculty, over 600 students, and work with countless industry and community partnerships.

"Mike is already doing a fabulous job and we are excited to see his skills in action this year and in the upcoming years," VP Olson said. "He is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Community College Leadership. He is full steam ahead and we are thrilled to have him."

With Mike, SCTCC has four deans in total – Kelly Halvorsen, Dean of Natural and Health Sciences; Kristina Keller, Dean of Business and IT; Melissa Lindsey, Dean of Liberal Arts and Transfer Studies.

"With the four deans that we now have in place, I feel like we really have the dream team," VP Olson said.





John Haller's Legacy Lives On

On a beautiful, sunny, 70-degree day in June, 21 teams gathered to celebrate life and legacy at the John Haller Memorial Golf Tournament at Territory Golf Club in St. Cloud. John was the Director of Student Life and Athletics at SCTCC before an aggressive cancer took his life in July 2013.

"John was instrumental in bringing college athletics to SCTCC. The athletic department did not exist prior to him. He led us from club-teams into the NJCAA," said Jason Fischer, SCTCC's head baseball coach.

John loved sports and SCTCC, so to honor his memory, John's family started a legacy fund that benefitted the SCTCC Foundation, athletics, and student athletes.

In its 4th year, the golf tournament raised over \$10,000 and had more corporate sponsorships than ever. 22 teams competed and socialized in John's honor. The winning team, appropriately, included John's son, Joel Haller, Bob Zins, and Chad Marolf.

The dollars raised by the John Haller Legacy Fund have endowed two annual scholarships at SCTCC. As the dollars grow so will the number of SCTCC students impacted by his life through his scholarships!

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Arlene Williams

Brings Fresh Perspective as Foundation Director

Eight out of the twelve siblings in Arlene Williams' family attended SCTCC. They are eight of the many reasons Arlene believes so much in the college and its mission. "8 siblings in 6 different areas of study, all are gainfully employed, supported their families, and some have retired on the education they received here. It's hard to argue with that kind of success," said Arlene.

Arlene graduated from SCTCC in 1988 from the Sales & Management program. "The classes, role playing, and DECA competition set the path for my entire career," she said. "And if you ask around, you might be surprised at how many very successful central Minnesota careers started right here!"

In October 2016, Arlene was hired at SCTCC as Foundation Director.

"The Mission of the SCTCC Foundation is to enhance quality educational opportunities for a broad and diverse population by cultivating, and securing financial and community resources. Basically we boost what the college does" says Arlene

"Arlene has the perfect skillset for her role," Vice President Carolyn Olson said. "Arlene is well-networked and builds authentic relationships that benefit the college and the community. She does an excellent job representing SCTCC."

Born and raised on a small farm in Luxemburg and a graduate of Tech High School, Arlene is passionate about the St. Cloud community

and has a deep desire to see it succeed and grow.

"Central Minnesota has so much opportunity – in education, culture, and in job potential," Arlene says. "I love working with the community and business owners to help provide the workforce they need to continue making Central Minnesota thrive. People say SCTCC is one of St. Cloud's best-kept secrets- and I say "That has got to change!" "

Arlene sees enormous potential in skilled trades and industry. "It's our point of differentiation, and the demand for these graduates may be greater than ever! "Arlene said. "The college is doing a fantastic job of working with business and industry to determine where the



Arlene Williams serves popcorn at Summertime by George with her St. Cloud Rotary club.

Stearns County Born & Raised Hometown: Luxemburg Grade school: St. Wendelin Catholic School High school: St. Cloud Tech College: SCTCC - '88 SCSU - '17

jobs are. Now we have to do a better job letting our kids know of the career opportunities and how well these jobs pay! "

"It's an exciting time to be at SCTCC; we are the most affordable, our placement rate is outstanding, and the demand for our programs is strong." Arlene said.

Arlene and her husband Mark reside in St. Cloud where they raised their two daughters, Kathryn, a junior at Denver University, and Maria a junior at Cathedral High School. Arlene is active in her church, her children's school, and recently joined the Downtown Rotary.

To learn more about the SCTCC Foundation and to make a donation, visit www.sctcc.edu/foundation.

Interim President Kloos

Sets Framework for Future College President

Interim President Lori Kloos is no newcomer to SCTCC. In fact, Lori has a 19-year history with the college and two of her children attended SCTCC.

Interim President Kloos served as a Business Manager for one year before becoming the Vice President of Administration, a role she served in for 18 years. When previous President Volkmuth took a leave in 2006, Interim President Kloos served as acting President for three months, gaining invaluable experience and insight for a role she had not anticipated she would serve in the future.

Earlier this year, nominations were considered for the Interim President role. Interim President Kloos was nominated by several members of the college including faculty, administration, and student senate.

"Working with Vice President Kloos, we are always informed, treated with respect, and learn so much about not only the financial picture but how it relates to the academic and student affairs plans," read a nomination letter provided by Vice President Carolyn Olson.

Interim President Kloos took office in August of this year and will serve until a permanent President is hired in July 2018.

"The college is positioned well," said Interim President Kloos. "We have a lot of opportunities, and we are in a strong position, both financially and academically." Interim President Kloos' priorities this year will include setting the tone for the incoming President, developing the pillars of success, setting goals that align with Minnesota State, and setting the framework to achieve those goals.

"It is hard not to get excited when you see the opportunities we have," Interim President Kloos said. "We have the ability to partner with the community and add programs as they become relevant. It's outstanding!"

After her term as Interim President, she will return to her role as Vice President of Administration at SCTCC. "I have the best interest of the college in mind," Interim President Kloos said. She further explained that she is invested in SCTCC and the community, so ensuring positive relationships is important to her.

"I am incredibly honored that I was chosen for this position. My time as Interim President will be spent working together with college faculty, staff, and the community to improve and enhance student success," said Interim President Kloos.





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