

South Central College

Connections

College information of interest to our stakeholders, faculty and staff.

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From the President

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\$4.5 Million DOL Health Grant

Representative Walz announced that South Central College will receive \$4.5 million from a grant program authorized in the Recovery Act. This funding will be used to hire additional workers at South Central College to train southern Minnesotans for jobs in growing industries, like the health care sector and other emerging industries.

This grant will allow South Central College the ability to offer a broader selection of needed health care programs to prospective students in a thirteen county region throughout South Central Minnesota. SCC's certificate offerings will be expanded to offer additional pathways into higher level career fields. These new programs are designed to provide Southern Minnesota with the education necessary to achieve high-wage positions within the health care sector. SCC is pleased to provide support to our regional healthcare employers and expand options for our students.

SCC will establish four health care degree and certificate programs (Health Unit Coordinator, Medical Assistant, Radiography, and Pharmacy Technician), deliver customized certified nurse aide (CNA) training in partnership with Adult Basic Education, and implement a Health Support Specialist Apprenticeship Program. In addition, the Building Health Care Education Pathways project will create a Health Care Careers FastTRAC Academy and provide job placement and retention services for participants.

Greater Mankato Growth Day at the Capitol

Thanks to the leadership of Dr. Richard Davenport, President of MSU and Jonathan Zierdt, President of Greater Mankato Growth and their very productive marketing teams. The "Greater Mankato Day at the Capital" on Friday, February 12 was highly successful. Approximately 150 community members and 26 booth sponsors, including Marsha Danielson in the SCC booth, greeted state legislators on behalf of our region. Presenters Richard Davenport, Brian Whited from ISJ/Mayo, and Jonathan Zierdt entertained the crowd with their enthusiastic community remarks.

Trends & Highlights Presentation

On Wednesday, February 10 your Vice President of Finance & Operations, along with your President and Vice President of Academic Affairs, met with representatives from the Office of the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor Laura King to present the financial trends and highlights for South Central College. Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Riverland Community College and Minnesota State College Southeast Technical also presented. SCC representatives shared the enrollment growth patterns for our college, along with the stability of our finances.

Faribault Campus Capital Bonding Project

Your President, Kymn Anderson, Faribault Chamber President and a number of community leaders are poised to contact legislators and the Governor as they take a second run at the 2010 bonding bill. Higher education finance bills are now moving through the legislature and we will be contacting our area legislators concerning the potential negative impacts on SCC as we plan the next three budget years.