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**Kyle Weymuth**

2025 Distinguished  
Alumni Recipient

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## From The Foundation Executive Director

Mary K. Treuner

**A**s the executive director of the college's foundation, I write this letter to all of you with immense gratitude as we celebrate a milestone that would not have been possible without your support. Thanks to your generosity, our college just completed the largest capital campaign in its history—because of you and our community giving this milestone has become a reality. Your generosity, dedication, and belief in our mission, we have surpassed our campaign goal—transforming our campus, enriching academic programs, and expanding opportunities for current and future students. Your support has made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful.

This achievement reflects the strength of our community—not only our alumni and friends, but also the encouragement and investment that we have received from state funding. Their belief in the power of education and the future of our institution has been both affirming and vital.

With this success behind us, we are energized for what comes next. In the coming months, we will embark on our next major endeavor: raising funds to build a state-of-the-art athletic complex that will serve our student-athletes, campus community, and fans for decades to come.



We are asking again for your consideration for continuing your generosity—and inspired by the collective spirit that has brought us this far. Together, we can achieve this new goal and continue building momentum for the future of our college.

This edition of the Marathon reflects many success stories. We celebrate our students, graduates, faculty and staff. Our students continue to make a real difference in the world around them. Several athletic programs have also seen outstanding success, with multiple teams qualifying for regional and national tournaments. Our student-athletes not only compete with excellence but also embody the values of leadership, sportsmanship, and academic commitment.

We invite you to remain connected—through updates, events, stories, and opportunities to engage. Your spirit of giving is what keeps our community vibrant, strong, and forward-looking. To contribute to the foundation or our capital campaign. Please contact me at (660) 596-7249 or [mtreuner@sccmo.edu](mailto:mtreuner@sccmo.edu). Thank you for your continued support and dedication to State Fair Community College.

Mary K. Treuner  
Foundation Executive Director





# From the SFCC President

Dr. Brent Bates

**I**n the 1980s (yes, I am an old man), there was a popular television show, "The A-Team," and the leader of the A team, Hannibal Smith used to say, "I love it when a plan comes together."

It has been an incredibly busy year at State Fair Community College and a lot of great things happened. Enrollment was up. Our athletic teams had success. Our foundation successfully completed the largest capital campaign in the college's history. We had two large commencements and two great graduations for our Adult Education and Literacy programs.

At the end of the summer, we had the grand opening celebration for two new buildings on our Sedalia campus west side, the Ellebracht Agriculture and Mechanics and the Campus Housing Complex. That same week the Board of Trustees approved the construction of a new outdoor athletic facility.

The Ellebracht Building provides upgrade and expansion for our Automotive Technology program, adding programming for alternative fueled vehicles and diesel technology. It also provides expansion opportunities in our Agriculture program, allowing us to expand into the important areas of Agriculture Technology and Precision Agriculture. The Campus Housing Complex is a 196-bed residential facility, featuring suite-style rooms and spaces for student engagement. Both these facilities represent a significant investment in housing and training the next generation of talent to meet the future workforce needs of our region.

The construction of the outdoor athletic complex will provide an on-campus competitive home for several of our



sports and will feature turf fields for baseball, softball and soccer, along with new track and field complex.

While all that and more was incredibly exciting, most of it would not have happened if not for planning. All of that caused me to think of Hannibal Smith and the A-Team. "I love it when a plan comes together."

So as we celebrated our plans coming together, we are now making new plans for our future. Our new Strategic Plan, Connecting College and Community: SFCC's Plan for Becoming the Nexus of Education and Community, has just been finalized. The planning process included envisioning the future of State Fair Community College, and it involved a planning team with input from students, faculty and staff and more than 100 community members. From this process came four Transformational Concepts:

- › **Community Hub:** SFCC serves as a source of solutions, opportunities and community enrichment for communities throughout our service region.
- › **K-12 Relationships:** SFCC connects with every high school student in the region, creating a seamless transition to college and a career.
- › **Work, Learn, Thrive:** SFCC students enter the job field equipped with the technical and essential workplace skills employers seek.
- › **Comprehensive Support for Students:** Core supports and academic flexibility make it possible for more students to access college and achieve success.

Teams are now working on strategies to accomplish each of these transformational concepts.

In addition to the Strategic Plan, the college is in the final stages of development of the Campus Master Plan, which will guide our building and grounds development on the Sedalia campus. This Master Plan will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval later in the fall semester.

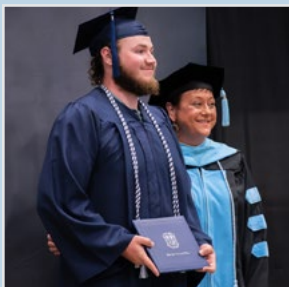
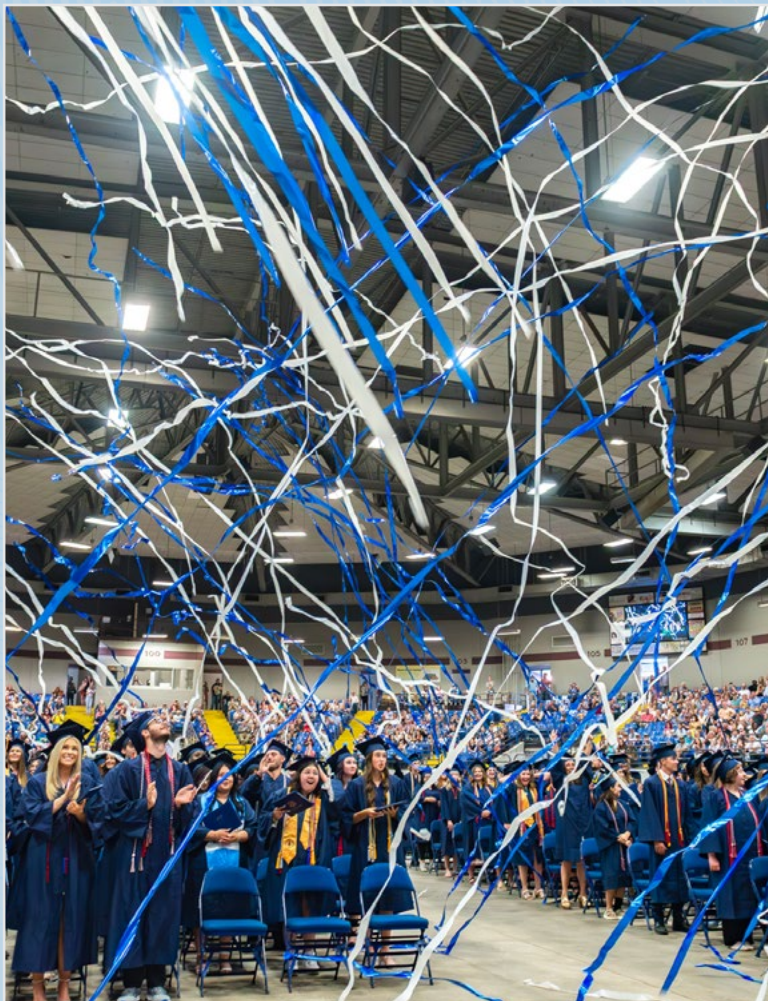
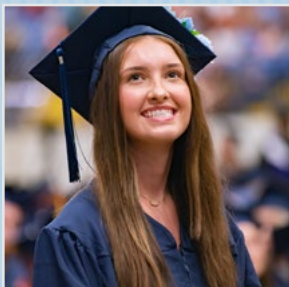
With these two plans in place, the Strategic Plan and the Campus Master Plan, SFCC and its own "A Teams" will identify new opportunities to serve our communities and our students. And then again, I expect we will be saying,

*... "I love it when a plan comes together."*

Dr. Brent Bates  
SFCC President



# *Congratulations Graduates!*



State Fair Community College held its Fall Commencement on December 12 in the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Center and its Spring Commencement on May 16 at the Mathewson Exhibition Center on the Missouri State Fairgrounds. Both ceremonies honored students who completed graduation requirements in the fall and spring semesters.



CLASS OF 2025 COMMENCEMENTS



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

## Molly Prichard

Arts and Sciences Distinguished Student  
 Major: Associate of Arts, Summa Cum Laude  
 Hometown: Pacific, Missouri



After graduating high school, Molly knew she wanted to attend a college with an agriculture program. Her passion led her to SFCC, but after arriving, she discovered even more reasons to feel confident in her decision.

"When I got here, I realized SFCC was a great choice because of the affordability, small class sizes and hometown feel," Molly said.

Throughout her time at SFCC, Molly formed strong connections with her peers and professors. "I've made so many friends—not only with other students, but with the instructors as well."

She credits these relationships with shaping her personal growth and leadership skills. Molly served as a freshman representative and later President of the Agriculture Club, president of the TRiO Student Organization supporting first-generation and low-income students, and president of the Collegiate Farm Bureau.

One of the highlights of her academic experience was being selected by the SFCC Board of Trustees and President Dr. Brent Bates to attend the Missouri Community College

Association Summit in Washington, D.C. As part of the annual advocacy trip, she met with Missouri legislators and engaged in policy discussions that shape higher education across the state.

"This trip truly meant a lot to me because it allowed me to see the city of D.C. before I accepted an internship to work there this summer," Molly said.

## A Bright Future...

Molly advises future SFCC students to get involved with clubs and organizations that align with their interests and will help them make friends.

"The connections you make in your two years here will be some of the most valuable connections of your life," said Molly. "Being selected as a Distinguished Student this year for the Arts and Sciences Division truly means a lot to me. It puts a lot of value to all the hard work that I've put in with all my clubs and organizations over the past two years, and it really makes me excited for what I'm going to do in the future."

*"The connections you make in your two years here will be some of the most valuable connections of your life."*



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

## Gregorio Quezada, Jr.

Career and Technical Education Distinguished Student  
Major: Associate of Applied Science, Automotive Technology  
Hometown: La Monte, Missouri

For Gregorio Quezada, Jr., working with cars has always come naturally. What began as a high school interest quickly turned into a clear career path at State Fair Community College.

Gregorio was already familiar with SFCC before enrolling full time, having been part of the Career and Technology Center (CTC) while still in high school. His instructors immediately recognized his potential.

"Gregorio was an awesome student," said Automotive Instructor Matthew Karbinas. "He always did his work, came to class prepared, and was always willing to help his fellow students."

CTC Automotive Instructor James Bengel agreed. "His future is bright," Bengel said.

Gregorio thrived in the Automotive Technology program, building confidence, knowledge and strong relationships along the way.

"When I first came into this program, meeting the teachers and other students—it just

felt great connecting with others," Gregorio said. "They're loving, caring and they taught me everything I needed to know. Whenever I had a question, they never hesitated to help me out."

Being selected as the Career and Technical Education Distinguished Student came as a surprise to him, but one filled with pride.

"It feels great," he said. "I didn't expect it; it came out of the blue."

#### A Bright Future...

After graduating from SFCC, Gregorio went straight into the workforce. He is currently employed assembling custom truck beds and continues to work on cars in his free time to sharpen his skills and expand his knowledge. With a strong work ethic and hands-on experience, Gregorio is well on his way to a successful career in the automotive industry.



*"I'm making my family proud,  
and that's all that matters."*



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

## Gracen Clark

Health Sciences Distinguished Student  
Major: Associate of Arts, Summa Cum Laude  
Hometown: Versailles, Missouri



When she first arrived at SFCC, Gracen was nervous and didn't know what to expect. She sat in the back of the classroom and was hesitant to speak up. However, over time, and with the support of her instructors and peers, she found her voice.

"Honestly, I wouldn't be where I am today without the professors at SFCC, Deanna Barklage, and all of my classmates who helped drive me, pushed me through, and encouraged me to do my best," Gracen said.

Gracen chose SFCC because it was affordable, close to home and offered quality education. It was the Behavioral Health Support program, however, that truly caught her attention.

"SFCC really opened up pathways for me and gave me a ton of options and things I never would have known about without some of the professors," Gracen stated.

During her time at SFCC, Gracen served as president of the Active Minds chapter, promoting mental health awareness

on campus, and was an active member of the TRiO Student Organization. She also contributed to the Campus Issue Resolution Committee (CIRC) and earned first-generation academic honors.

Just over a week before graduation, Gracen learned she had been selected as the Distinguished Student for the Health Sciences Division.

"This is such an honor because of how many kids got nominated and how much of a leader everybody is, and they chose me," she said. "I just hope that I can show future students in the Behavioral Health Support program that it may be hard, and it may be trying, but you can do it. And you can come out with some great honors."

### A Bright Future...

Gracen plans to continue her education at Missouri State University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work while working at Compass Health, with plans to later earn a master's degree.

*"My professors really brought me out of my shell. I kept with it, and I thrived—I did so well."*



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

## Aleyah Chapman

Early College and Career Distinguished Student

Eugene Cole R-V High School

Major: Associate of Arts, Cum Laude

Hometown: Eugene, Missouri

Before she finished high school, Aleyah believed that one of the best ways to achieve her goals was by staying ahead of the game. For her, that meant enrolling in dual credit courses online through State Fair Community College.

"I have a big drive that led me to start taking dual credit courses," Aleyah said. "I wanted to succeed, and I knew the best way to do that was to get ahead of the curve!"

Aleyah graduated high school with a 4.2 GPA and earned Academic All-State and All-Conference honors in volleyball, along with the Triple A Award for Aptitude, Attendance, and Attitude. She served in leadership roles in National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders

of America, SkillsUSA, and Student Council, while also being active in varsity athletics and her church community. Her volunteer work includes tutoring, food drives, blood drives, and church events.

**A Bright Future...**

Aleyah will attend Missouri Valley College on academic and athletic scholarships to study Exercise Science, with plans to earn a Doctorate in Physical Therapy and open her own clinic.

"The classes that I took at SFCC truly prepared me for what's ahead by giving me the opportunity to receive knowledge beyond high school and before the next steps in my college career and occupation," she said.

*"Always remember that you can do anything you put your mind to! If it was easy, everyone would do it."*





## 2025 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT

Kyle Weymuth





# KYLE WEYMUTH: A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

For Kyle Weymuth, the road to success has always been rooted in community, family and integrity. A proud alumnus of State Fair Community College and a respected business leader in Central Missouri, Weymuth was named the 2025 recipient of SFCC's Distinguished Alumni Award. He was also honored to serve as the keynote speaker for the college's spring commencement ceremony on May 16.

As the fourth-generation owner and Dealer Principal of the W-K Family of Dealerships, Weymuth has carried forward a legacy that began over a century ago. Founded in 1919 by his great-grandfather, the family business started as W-K Chevrolet and has since grown to serve a broader region under Kyle's stewardship. Today, Weymuth, alongside his brothers, ensures that the company remains not just a fixture of local commerce but also a cornerstone of community support.

"My earliest memories are of washing cars at the dealership during summer breaks," Weymuth said during his commencement address. "Those experiences taught me the value of hard work and the importance of relationships."

Raised in Cole Camp and a graduate of Benton County R1, Weymuth embodies the values of small-town Missouri. He enrolled at SFCC after high school, drawn by its strong academic programs, supportive community, and the chance to play basketball as a Roadrunner. He graduated in 2006 with his associate degree before earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Missouri in 2008.

Weymuth credits SFCC as a pivotal stepping stone in both his personal and professional journey.

"State Fair was more than just a college to me," he said. "It was a place that helped me grow into who I am today. It gave me a sense of direction, a sense of belonging—and friendships that have lasted a lifetime."

His commitment to giving back mirrors the opportunities he once received. Weymuth serves on multiple boards, including the Missouri Auto Dealers Association Executive Committee, the Sedalia Economic Development Board, and the SFCC Foundation Board, where he currently serves as treasurer. He is also a past member of the Boonville Chamber of Commerce.

Beyond his professional duties, Weymuth is a passionate advocate for local causes. Through the W-K Family of Dealerships, he supports a wide range of charitable initiatives, including the Boys and Girls Club of West Central Missouri and various regional nonprofit organizations.

"Being part of a family business means being part of something bigger than yourself," he said. "We're not just selling vehicles—we're building relationships. We have a responsibility to our customers, our employees and our community."

That sense of responsibility extends into every facet of Weymuth's life. At home, he is a devoted husband to his wife, Kelli, and a proud father to their two children, Kellen and Klara Jo. Whether coaching Kellen's basketball team or cheering on Klara Jo from the sidelines, Weymuth prioritizes family above all.

"My kids are my greatest joy," he said. "Being a dad is the most important role I'll ever have."

As commencement speaker, Weymuth shared heartfelt advice with SFCC's newest graduates. He encouraged them to pursue their passions, stay connected to their roots, and never underestimate the power of perseverance.

"Success doesn't happen overnight," he told the class of 2025. "It's built on long days, strong values, and the people who believe in you."

For SFCC, honoring Kyle Weymuth as this year's Distinguished Alumni is more than a recognition of professional success—it's a celebration of leadership, service and unwavering dedication to community. Through his words and actions, Weymuth continues to inspire others to lead with integrity, give generously and stay true to the place they call home.

Nominations for the Distinguished Alumni award are accepted online throughout the year. Go to [www.sfccmo.edu/alumni](http://www.sfccmo.edu/alumni) to learn more and submit nominations.



## 2025 FACULTY &amp; STAFF NEWS AND AWARDS

## Employee of the Year

Kaley Hobbs



**Kaley Hobbs**, has been named the 2025 State Fair Community College Employee of the Year, a recognition that highlights her unwavering commitment to student success, academic excellence and community engagement. As a longtime English faculty member and Associate Dean of Communication Studies and Wellness, Hobbs has consistently gone above and beyond to create an inclusive and motivating classroom environment where all students feel empowered to grow and achieve. Her dynamic teaching style, combined with a deep understanding of individual learning needs, has earned her not only high praise from students but also the respect and admiration of her colleagues.

Throughout the 2024–2025 academic year, Hobbs demonstrated exceptional leadership both in and out of the classroom. Whether mentoring new instructors, spearheading student support initiatives, or volunteering her time for campus-wide events, she continually modeled the mission, vision and values at the heart of SFCC. Her dedication, creativity and positive influence have left a lasting mark on the college community, making her a truly deserving recipient of this year's highest employee honor. The award reflects not only her individual accomplishments but also her profound impact on the lives of those she teaches and works alongside.





## 2025 FACULTY &amp; STAFF NEWS AND AWARDS

Instructor, Adjunct and  
Staff Member of the Year

DANIELLE BROOKS

**INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

**Danielle Brooks**  
Biology Instructor

Brooks sees her role as more than delivering content.

"My mission isn't just to teach science," Brooks said. "It's to teach students how to learn hard things—not just today, not just in my class, but for life."

Students praised Brooks for her passion and positivity. One wrote, "She's always upbeat and cares about what she's teaching us." Another shared, "She has made my learning experience wonderful. She truly impacted my knowledge of the human body."



RENEE YOUNG

**ADJUNCT OF THE YEAR**

**Renee Young**  
Math Instructor

"Positivity is a cornerstone of my approach to teaching," Young said. "I strive to be a source of inspiration, guidance and encouragement, helping students build not only their knowledge but also the confidence to apply it."

Students consistently praised Young for her compassion and responsiveness. One student wrote, "She's the most understanding and accommodating of any of my instructors." Another said, "She's the only instructor who has made me feel truly cared for as a person."



LEAH MULLEN

**STAFF OF THE YEAR**

**Leah Mullen**  
TRiO Student Success Coach

Leah believes student success begins with genuine connection and care.

"Even a simple smile or greeting can brighten a student's day and remind them they matter," Mullen said. "I strive to build meaningful relationships by listening, remembering what's important to them, and showing that I truly care. As a former State Fair student, I know how powerful it is to feel seen and supported—and now, it's my mission to offer that same support to others."

Students described Mullen as supportive, encouraging and deeply committed. One wrote, "She's been a tremendous help to everyone—whether it's figuring out schedules or pushing us to get homework done."





## 2025 FACULTY & STAFF NEWS AND AWARDS

### Retirees



**JULIE CRAWSHAW**

Mathematics Instructor  
30 years / 1995-2025



**DONNIE LUPER, JR**

Art Instructor  
35 years / 1990-2025



**DR. RHONDA FRAZELL**

Psychology Instructor  
31 years / 1994-2025



**DIANE BROCKMAN**

Controller  
29 years / 1995-2024



**VICKI WEAVER**

Daum Museum  
Curator of Education  
26 years / 1999-2025

**BECKY BEYDLER**  
Business Instructor  
23 years / 2002-2025

**ALEX BLISKAVKA**  
Custodian  
24 years / 2001-2025

**STACEY KLEIN**  
Student Success Navigator  
31 years / 1993-2024

**JAMES TRUJILLO**  
Maintenance Supervisor  
35 years / 1990-2025



## DOUG FREED RECEIVES AWARD OF DISTINCTION AT THE 2024 ANNUAL MCCA CONFERENCE.



*Freed's works have been featured in New York City, Boston, Miami, Chicago, San Francisco, Houston, Charleston, St. Louis and Kansas City.*

The Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) held its annual conference in Branson last November, where Doug Freed received the Award of Distinction from his nomination by State Fair Community College. The award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated sustained service and commitment to their local community college. It is one of the highest honors MCCA bestows.

"As a talented artist, as a charter art faculty member, and as the founding director of the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, Douglas Freed has had a tremendous impact not only on State Fair Community College, our students and the communities we serve but also on the State of Missouri," said College President Brent Bates. "He is an impactful artist and teacher, and we are so proud that he was honored by the Missouri Community College Association with the Award of Distinction."



Dr. Brent Bates and Doug Freed at the MCCA Conference.

Freed's 40-year tenure at SFCC began Aug. 1, 1968, as the one-man Art program in the original structure of the college, affectionately nicknamed Plywood U. He served as chairman of the Art program for many years and watched his program reach one pinnacle after another—the opening of the Goddard Gallery in 1995, followed by the opening of the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art in 2002. Freed served as the Director of the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art at State Fair Community College until his retirement in February 2008.

Freed was the principal advisor to Dr. Harold Daum, a local radiologist, in assembling his collection of contemporary art. Freed helped build the Daum Museum collection from 200 objects to over 800 since its opening. He served as curator for over 50 exhibitions, several of which toured other museums. Freed has stayed active in his community and has served on several boards, including two terms as president of the Sedalia Arts Council of which he is a founding member.

An established prolific artist himself, Freed's works have been featured in New York City, Boston, Miami, Chicago, San Francisco, Houston, Charleston, St. Louis and Kansas City. He has had over sixty solo exhibitions. His work is in the Missouri museum collections of the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art in Sedalia, St. Louis Art Museum, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas City, Mildred Kemper Museum of Art in St. Louis, Springfield Museum of Art, and the Museum of Art and Archeology at the University of Missouri in Columbia.



**2025**  
**2026**  
*Season*  
*SFCC Arts*

# Calendar of

## September

### THE PATRONS

**Sept. 18 – March 1**

Daum Museum of Contemporary Art

### LINDSEY DUNNAGAN

**Sept. 18 – March 1**

Daum Museum of Contemporary Art



## October

### AS YOU LIKE IT

**Oct. 1-5 @ 7:30 pm**

**Oct. 4 @ 6:30 pm** (dinner theatre)

**Oct. 5 @ 2 pm**

Stauffacher Theatre

### FALL INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

**Oct. 7 @ 7 pm**

Stauffacher Theatre

### FALL CHORAL CONCERT

**Oct. 9 @ 7 pm**

Stauffacher Theatre

## November



### Elephant & Piggie's "We Are in a Play!"

Book and Lyrics by Mo Willems

Music by Debra Wicks La Puma

Based on the Elephant & Piggie books  
by Mo Willems

**Nov. 17-21 @ 8:45 am, 10:45 am,  
12:30 pm** (school performances)

**Nov. 22-23 @ 2 pm** (public performances)

**Nov. 22 @ 1 pm** (lunch)

Stauffacher Theatre

## December

### WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

**Dec. 2 @ 7 pm**

First United Methodist Church

### JINGLE ON THE GREEN

**Dec. 4 @ 6 pm**

Sedalia Campus

### FALL STUDENT THEATRE SHOWCASE

**Dec. 5-6 @ 7 pm**

Thompson O'Sullivan Studio Theatre





# Events



## March

### THESE SHINING LIVES

March 4–8 @ 7:30 pm

March 7 @ 6:30 pm (dinner theatre)

March 8 @ 2 pm

Stauffacher Theatre

### SPRING INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

March 10 @ 7 pm

Stauffacher Theatre

### SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

March 12 @ 7 pm

Stauffacher Theatre

## April

### STUDENT ART SHOW

April 9 – May 10

April 9 @ 6 pm, Reception

Goddard Gallery

### LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

April 22–26 @ 7:30 pm

April 25 @ 6:30 pm (dinner theatre)

April 26 @ 2 pm

Stauffacher Theatre

### PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION and CONCERT

April 28

6:15–6:45 pm, Reception

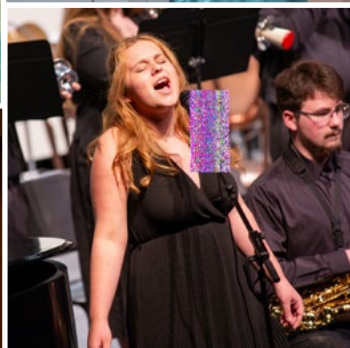
7 pm, Concert

## May

### SPRING STUDENT THEATRE SHOWCASE

May 7–8 @ 7 pm

Thompson O'Sullivan Studio Theatre





## SFCC FOUNDATION ANNUAL GALA

*Fun, Flair and Philanthropy*

*“The new athletic complex will offer dedicated spaces for baseball, softball, soccer, and track & field ... a tremendous asset for our students and community.”*

An evening brimming with laughter, dining and spirited bidding unfolded on March 29, when the State Fair Community College Foundation hosted its Annual Gala at the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Center on the Sedalia campus.

Designed to support the ambitious Athletic Complex Capital Campaign, the event drew community members eager to make a difference while enjoying an unforgettable night.

The public was warmly welcomed as doors opened at 5:30 p.m., setting the stage for a lively gathering. Guests mingled over cocktails and appetizers at 6 p.m. before savoring a delectable dinner at 6:30 p.m. Sweet indulgence followed with a Dessert Dash, leading into an exciting live auction conducted by Garber Auctioneers. Throughout the evening, SFCC Board of Trustee member **Justin Hubbs** skillfully guided the program as Master of Ceremonies, keeping the crowd engaged and energized.

“I was thrilled to host this year’s gala and announce our capital campaign,” shared **Mary Treuner**, executive director of the SFCC Foundation.

“The new athletic complex will offer dedicated spaces for baseball, softball, soccer, and track & field — a tremendous asset for our students and community.”

Guests sported casual or athletic-inspired attire, adding to the relaxed yet festive atmosphere.



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## STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

### Gratitude to Our Generous Supporters

The SFCC Foundation extends heartfelt thanks to all donors and sponsors whose generosity made the Gala such a success. Their contributions helped fuel the vision for the new athletic complex and demonstrated an inspiring commitment to the students and community of SFCC.

*Save the Date!*  
The next gala will be March 28, 2026.





## ATHLETICS

## LADY ROADRUNNERS EARN REGION 16 POSTSEASON HONORS

Two State Fair Community College student-athletes received postseason recognition from Region 16 coaches following the 2025 season.

Sophomore outfielder and middle infielder **Jordan Crooks** of Leeton was named to the All-Region 16 Second Team in the outfield. Sophomore utility player **Bailey Haselhorst** of Kansas City earned Second Team honors as both an infielder and utility player.

Crooks was also selected to the Missouri Community College Athletic Conference First Team, with voting conducted by conference coaches.

Crooks posted a .373 batting average while playing in 50 games. She hit three home runs, drove in 14 runs, scored 36 times, and stole 16 bases.

Haselhorst batted .309 in 46 games. She hit seven home runs, tallied 29 RBIs, scored 29 runs, and stole seven bases.

Head Coach **Michele Rupard**  
Assistant Coach **Madison Love**



Jordan Crooks

Bailey Haselhorst



# ROADRUNNERS BASEBALL EARNS POSTSEASON ACCOLADES

Eight members of the State Fair Community College baseball team have earned postseason honors for their performances. Awards were determined by votes from coaches in Region 16 and the Missouri Community College Athletic Conference. The Roadrunners finished their campaign with a 32-17 record and made an appearance in the Region 16 Tournament.

Sophomore outfielder **Devin Wassmann**, of Platte City, was named First Team All-Region 16 as a designated hitter. Sophomore pitcher **Nate Bartlett**, of Lee's Summit, earned First Team All-Region honors as a starting pitcher. Freshman outfielder and pitcher **Collin Ross**, of Branson, was selected to the Second Team as an outfielder, while freshman pitcher **Jacob Tellman**, of Jefferson City, joined him on the Second Team as a starting pitcher.

In addition to their All-Region accolades, several Roadrunners were recognized by the Missouri Community College Athletic Conference. Bartlett was named to the All-Conference First Team, while Wassmann, Ross and Tellman were selected to the Second Team along with sophomore outfielder and first baseman **Dayne Wimberly**, of Platte City, sophomore pitcher **Parker Lambeth**, of Springfield, and sophomore outfielder **Caleb Briggs**, of Lee's Summit.

Two players also received recognition for their defensive efforts. Sophomore middle infielder **Sam Paule**, of Washington, was named to the Region 16 Division I Baseball All-Defensive Team as a second baseman. Ross received the same defensive honor as an outfielder.

Wassmann played in 45 games this season, finishing with a .292 batting average. He hit 11 home runs, drove in 41 runs, scored 35 times, stole six bases, and totaled 40 hits. Bartlett made 12 appearances, including 10 starts, and compiled a 5-1 record. He pitched more than 60 innings striking out 92 batters, walking 30 and posting a 3.00 ERA.

Ross batted .351 in 47 games during his freshman campaign. He recorded 52 hits, including eight doubles, four triples and two home runs. He also tallied 36 RBIs, 30 runs scored and nine stolen bases. Tellman appeared in 13 games, 11 of which were starts, and earned a 4-4 record. He finished the season with a 3.88 ERA over 58 innings, striking out 75 and walking 24.

Wimberly played in 43 games, recording a .313 batting average. He hit nine home runs, drove in 41 runs, scored 35, stole three bases, and contributed 46 hits. Lambeth made 17 appearances out of the bullpen and was a key component of SFCC's relief corps. He went 6-1 with four saves, a 2.36 ERA, and 36 strikeouts in 34 1/3 innings pitched.

Briggs played in 49 games and was a consistent presence in the outfield. He posted a .318 batting average with 54 hits, three home runs, 32 RBIs, 55 runs scored and 17 stolen bases.

These postseason honors highlight the contributions and achievements of a talented group of student-athletes who helped lead the Roadrunners through a successful 2024-25 campaign.

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Head Coach **Jud Kindle**  
Assistant & Hitting Coach **Jordan Dey**  
Assistant & Pitching Coach **Bill Cain**



Devin Wassmann



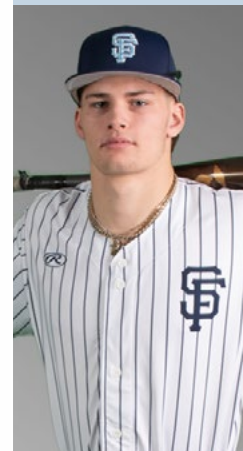
Nate Bartlett



Collin Ross



Jacob Tellman



Dayne Wimberly



Parker Lambeth



Caleb Briggs



Sam Paule



# COACH JUD KINDLE RECEIVES DIAMOND NINE AWARD

Head baseball coach **Jud Kindle** was recognized last spring for his contributions to baseball as a student-athlete and coach with the Diamond Nine Award at the Wilson Logistics Arena in Springfield.

The award is given to "former All-State baseball and softball players from Missouri high schools, colleges and the pros, or to those who have made positive contributions to the game," according to a release from the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

"I was blessed to have the opportunity to play for great coaches and mentors like Ross Dey, Jeff Mays, Coach Dave Van Horn and Coach Keith Guttin during my career," said Kindle. "I had the opportunity to coach some outstanding players and work with great assistant coaches throughout my career. This award would not be possible without all of them. I would also like to thank State Fair Community College and Athletic Director **Darren Pannier** for the opportunity he gave me nine years ago to lead the baseball program. I also have to thank my family for their continuous support throughout my journey as a player and coach."

Kindle is in his ninth year at SFCC and has earned 224 career wins as head coach of the Roadrun-

ners since the program was reinstated in 2017. He has helped more than 57 former Roadrunner student-athletes continue their academic and athletic careers at four-year institutions.

"Coach Kindle is very deserving of this award," said SFCC Athletic Director Darren Pannier. "He is not only a coach but also a mentor to all the student-athletes he has coached. Coach Kindle not only teaches the game of baseball but also teaches life lessons that go beyond the field. We are honored to have Coach Kindle leading our baseball program at State Fair Community College and congratulate him on this outstanding honor."

Kindle brought a wealth of coaching experience to SFCC. He began his coaching career at Missouri State University in Springfield as an assistant in 2004-05. He later served as head coach of the Chillicothe Mudcats in the MINK League, a collegiate summer league, in 2008.

From 2009 to 2015, he coached and managed the Sedalia Bombers, also a MINK League team.

As a player, Kindle began his collegiate career at Crowder College, where he graduated with an Associate of Arts in 2002. He earned NBC All-American honors as a sophomore and received the James



Payne Academic Award. He was inducted into the Crowder College Hall of Fame in 2012. He later transferred to the University of Arkansas and then to Missouri State University, where he concluded his playing career and was named Missouri Valley Conference First-Team Catcher of the Year in 2004.

He played minor league baseball for the Ozark Ducks in Ozark, Missouri, in 2004 and the Evansville Otters in Evansville, Indiana, in 2005.

Kindle graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia and earned All-State honors as a catcher in 2000. He holds a Bachelor's in Physical Education and a Master's in Health Promotion and Wellness Management both from Missouri State University.

# SFCC BRINGS HOME TWO ALL-AMERICAN FINISHES AT OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The men's and women's outdoor track and field teams wrapped up their season at the NJCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships held May 15-17 at Gowans Stadium.

Sophomore **Isaiah Waller** from Versailles earned All-American honors in the hammer throw with a mark of 55.78 meters, earning second place. He also placed ninth in the discus with a throw of 49.30 meters. Freshman **Tucker Singer** earned All-American recognition, finishing fifth in the shot put with a throw of 16.60 meters.

Sophomore **Jasper DeGraffenreid** from Eldon finished 12th in the shot put with a mark of 14.61 meters. Freshman **ZeShaun Ballance-Gray** from Kansas City placed 14th in the triple jump with a leap of 14.06 meters, and freshman **Demarii Williams** from Rolla was 15th in the shot put at 13.99 meters. Sophomore **Jess Cornick** from Mason City, Iowa, ran the 800 meters in 1:55.39, finishing 28th. The Roadrunners placed 20th overall in the men's team standings with 12 points.

On the women's side, sophomore **Bailey Haselhorst** from Kansas City recorded the top finish for the Lady Roadrunners placing 12th in the javelin with a throw of 35.70 meters. Freshman **Izzy Sabala** from Hermitage placed 15th in the same event with a throw of 33.74 meters. Freshman **Jocelyn Nunez** from Independence placed 16th in the long jump with a mark of 5.06 meters.

"We had a nice culmination to a very successful season," said Head Coach **Brad Hagedorn**. "We have preached consistency all year, and it showed up at nationals. The athletes performed well and represented our school and team excellently. Congratulations to Isaiah and Tucker for placing in their events and earning All-American honors."

Head Coach Cross Country, Track & Field **Brad Hagedorn**  
Head Coach Cross Country, Assistant Track & Field **Kellin Loch**  
Assistant **Jeff Crouch**



Isaiah Waller



Jasper DeGraffenreid



ZeShaun Ballance-Gray



Demarii Williams



Jess Cornick



Tucker Singer



Jocelyn Nunez



Bailey Haselhorst



Izzy Sabala



## NEW SEASON, NEW FACES



### Jeremy Jackson Head Coach, Men's Basketball

Jeremy Jackson joins SFCC from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College where he compiled a 159-53 record over seven seasons, including five 20-win seasons and seven consecutive top-25 national rankings. A Stockton, California native, Jackson led his teams to a program-best No. 3 national ranking during the 2024-25 season.



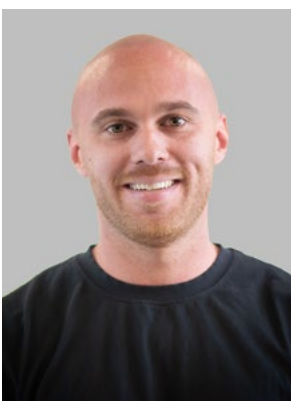
### Bryan Adams Assistant Coach, Men's Basketball

In his first season with the Roadrunners, Bryan Adams brings experience as both a coach and player at the collegiate and high school levels. He most recently served as an assistant coach at Central Methodist University, focusing on player development, recruiting, and academic support. A former player at William Jewell College and Missouri Southern, Adams has also worked as a high school head coach and teacher in Missouri.



### Roberto Tucker Associate Head Coach, Men's & Women's Soccer

Roberto Tucker returns to SFCC after a stint at Western Texas College. Previously, he helped guide the Lady Roadrunners to a program-best 10-4-2 season in 2022 and set a school record for goals in a single match. With over three decades of experience including professional, collegiate and high school coaching, Tucker holds multiple U.S. Soccer Federation licenses and a U.S. Soccer Coaches National Diploma.



### Kellin Loch Head Cross Country Coach / Assistant Track & Field Coach

Promoted to Head Cross Country Coach in 2025, Kellin Loch has helped both Roadrunner squads to three straight Region 16 Division II championships. A three-time All-American and record-holding 800m runner at the University of Central Missouri, Loch is also a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and a Registered Dietitian.

## Lady Roadrunners Earn Spot at Nationals



The State Fair Community College Lady Roadrunners capped one of the most successful seasons in program history with their fifth appearance in the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. SFCC, the No. 20 seed, fell 67-49 to 13th-seeded Arizona Western College in the first round on March 25 at the Ford Wyoming Center.

SFCC earned its first national tournament appearance since 2014 by winning the Region 16 Tournament Championship, finishing the season with a 24-7 record – the program's best mark since 2010-11. Head Coach **Nicole Collier** was named District Coach of the Year after leading the team to its fifth straight NJCAA Academic Team Award.

In the tournament game, sophomore guard **Madison Johnson** of Harrisonville paced the Lady Roadrunners with 12 points, while freshman forward **Shae Wright** of Grandview added nine off the bench. Sophomore forward **Kayla Sullivan** of St. Louis pulled down 10 rebounds. Despite strong efforts, SFCC struggled offensively, shooting just 28 percent from the field.

The 2024-25 campaign continued Collier's steady rise with the program. Since arriving in 2021, she has guided SFCC from single-digit wins to consecutive 20-win seasons, while also building a strong academic tradition.



## SFCC ATHLETICS HOSTS 14TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**F**riends and supporters of Roadrunner Athletics participated in the 14th annual State Fair Community College Golf Tournament, held Monday, July 28, at the Sedalia Country Club. The event raised more than \$20,000 through a live and silent auction to benefit athletic scholarships.

The Championship Flight was won by the team of Adam Braverman, Kevin Balke and Andy Fowler with a score of 54. The A Flight title went to the team of Seth Fraley, Dalton Zaremba and Rusty Rice with a score of 61 in a playoff. The B Flight was claimed by Justice Fluty, Rhett Brengarth and Keith Schawo, also in a playoff, with a score of 65. In the C Flight, the team of Sarah Manuel, Tammy Kerksiek and Michael Desmond secured the win in a playoff with a score of 68.

The SFCC Athletic department extends sincere thanks to all event sponsors whose support made the tournament possible. Title sponsors were W-K Chevrolet Buick GMC and McDonald's. Putting Clock sponsors included Mammoth and Tyson.

Driving Range sponsors were Landmann Title, Osage Gun and Pawn, Anchor Point CPA, Capstone Precision Group, CrossFit Sedalia, Robert Treuner Masonry, Jim's Tire, Ditzfeld, CED, Bothwell Peak Sport/Spine, Colton's Steakhouse & Grill, and Kehde's Barbecue.

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# MISSOURI STATE LEADERSHIP & SKILLS CONFERENCE

## SkillsUSA

**S**FCC students brought home 15 medals from the SkillsUSA Missouri State Leadership & Skills Conference this year with several earning the chance to compete on the national stage in Atlanta.

Twenty-one SFCC students competed at the state contest, held at State Technical College of Missouri in Linn. Because SFCC does not have a district-level competition, students advance directly to the state level, where SkillsUSA offers both individual and team events in a variety of technical fields.

The SFCC team earned six gold, two silver and seven bronze medals. Gold medalists advanced to the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) in June, the largest showcase of career and technical education students in the nation.

### STATE MEDALISTS

#### SFCTC

Automated Manufacturing Technology Team - Gold

**Buzz Harris**, Smithton  
**Jason Dieckman**, Cole Camp  
**Braden Poe**, Cole Camp

#### SFCC

Automated Manufacturing Technology Team A - Gold

**Ross Johnson**, Lincoln  
**Gage Young**, Pilot Grove  
**Ashton McCampbell**, Windsor

Automated Manufacturing Technology Team B - Bronze

**Dillion Huddleston**, Sedalia  
**Benjamin McKeenan**, Warrensburg  
**Savanna Tracy**, Prairie Home

Automotive Service Technology  
**Conor Miller**, Sedalia - Bronze

Welding Sculpture  
**Eli Kindle**, Sedalia - Gold  
**Joseph Sokolov**, Sedalia - Silver

Welding  
**Jordyn Gates**, Independence - Gold

Welding Fabrication  
**Wesley Bartholomew**, Otterville - Bronze  
**Alexandra Bridges**, Speedway, IN - Bronze  
**David Thomlinson**, Lamonte - Bronze

Industrial Motor Control  
**Eric Thomas**, Green Ridge - Gold  
**Trenton Hardy**, Sedalia - Silver



Secondary Automated Manufacturing Team  
 Left to right: Jason Dieckman, Buzz Harris, Matt Parker (CTC instructor), Braden Poe



Post-Secondary Automated Manufacturing Team - Left to right: Gage Young, Ross Johnson, Ashton McCampbell



Welding Sculpture Contestant Eli Kindle (left) with his ram sculpture and country singer Craig Morgan (right)



Welding contestant, Jordyn Gates



Left to right: Standing-Jordyn Gates, Alex Bridges, Joseph Sokolov, Ashton McCampbell, Gage Young, Braden Poe, Buzz Harris, Savanna Tracy, Ross Johnson, Dillion Huddleston, Eric Thomas, Trenton Hardy. Kneeling: left to right - David Thomlinson, Wes Bartholomew, Eli Kindle, Ben McKeenan, Conor Miller



Eight students competed at the NLSC, accompanied by advisors **Matt Parker** and **William Ivie** of SFCC's Precision Machining program and **Seth Stucker** of SFCC's Welding program.

The NLSC drew more than 19,000 participants in 2025, including nearly 6,900 student competitors. The week-long event included an opening ceremony with keynote speaker Mike Rowe, contest orientation, competition days, the SkillsUSA TECHSPO trade show, and a closing awards ceremony.

## NATIONAL RESULTS

### SFCTC

CTC Automated Manufacturing Technology Team – 7th place

### SFCC

Automated Manufacturing Technology Team A – 11th place

Welding Sculpture – **Eli Kindle**, 20th place

Welding – **Jordyn Gates**, 31st place

To help fund the trip to Atlanta, members of SFCC's Tech Ed for Tomorrow (TEFT) student organization coordinated a raffle featuring three custom items: a guitar sculpture donated by SFCC Welding alumnus Mason Barnett, a propane-powered flaming cactus built by TEFT members, and a stainless steel firepit with laser-cut parts donated by ProEnergy in Sedalia. The raffle raised more than \$3,000, all of which supported student travel.

TEFT connects students in technical programs and offers opportunities for professional growth and community engagement. The organization hosts Lunch & Learn events throughout the year, bringing local industry partners to campus to share information about their companies and careers.

## PHI THETA KAPPA STUDENT SPOTLIGHT PTK Awards

### Two SFCC Students Named to 2025 PTK All-Missouri Academic Team

State Fair Community College students **Katelyn Crafton** and **Hetvi Thakkar** were recognized and named to the 2025 All-Missouri Academic Team by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the national honor society for two-year colleges.

The Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) honored Crafton and Thakkar, along with other top scholars from across the state, at the PTK Awards Luncheon on April 10 at Stephens College in Columbia. Each student received a PTK medal, certificate, and \$250 scholarship in recognition of their academic excellence and leadership.

"SFCC is proud of Katelyn and Hetvi for their commitment to academic excellence and their positive impact on campus and in the community," said SFCC President **Dr. Brent Bates**. "Their selection to the All-Missouri Academic Team reflects their hard work, integrity and dedication to success."



From left, Dondi Ramirez, SFCC student navigator; Edward Overholt, guest of honoree Hetvi Thakkar; Hetvi Thakkar; Dr. Brent Bates, SFCC president; and Stephanie Hull, PTK advisor



From left, Kim Crafton, mother of honoree Katelyn Crafton; Dondi Ramirez, SFCC student navigator; Katelyn Crafton; Dr. Brent Bates, SFCC president; and Stephanie Hull, PTK advisor



### About the All-USA Academic Team Program:

The All-Missouri Academic Team is part of a national program that recognizes the academic achievement, leadership and service of outstanding community college students. PTK partners with corporate sponsors to coordinate the Academic All-USA competition. The top Missouri candidates are then selected for state-level honors by MCCA.



## RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE Ellebracht Agriculture & Mechanics

**The new Agriculture and Mechanics Building, named in honor of Steve and Karen Ellebracht, stands as a state-of-the-art, 66,000-square-foot facility dedicated to hands-on technical and agricultural training. Thanks to the Ellebrachts' generous support through the Driving Growth, Harvesting Tomorrow capital campaign, the \$20 million building will serve as a hub for precision agriculture, agricultural mechanics, automotive and light diesel technology, and commercial driving programs. The facility features modern classrooms, specialized laboratories and collaborative learning areas and is now open for classes.**

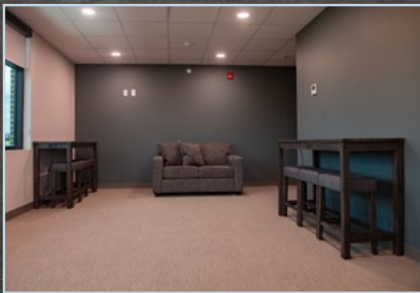






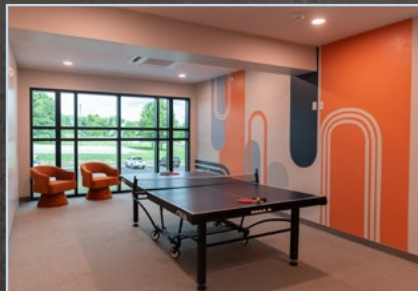


## RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE Campus Housing Complex





With 196 beds, the new Campus Housing Complex expands SFCC's capacity for on-campus living—boosting student engagement, retention and community life. Inside, students can enjoy a welcoming common area with a kitchen and lounge, plus a ping pong table on the second floor for recreation. Washers and dryers are located throughout the building, and a second-floor seating area with large windows offers scenic views for study or relaxation. This modern, student-centered space reflects SFCC's commitment to enhancing the college experience both inside and outside the classroom.





# Open House Celebration

ELLEBRACHT A&M

On Friday, Aug. 1, State Fair Community College proudly hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening to celebrate two exciting additions to the Sedalia campus—the new Campus Housing Complex and the Ellebracht Agriculture and Mechanics Building. The event drew a large crowd of community members, local business representatives and SFCC supporters. Two ribbons were cut, one for each building, marking the official opening of these important campus enhancements. Guests enjoyed tours of both facilities and a delicious hamburger lunch provided by the SFCC Foundation and served by the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. The day was filled with pride, connection and anticipation for the opportunities these new spaces will provide.







## CAMPUS HOUSING COMPLEX



MURALS by artist Kelsey Raines





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