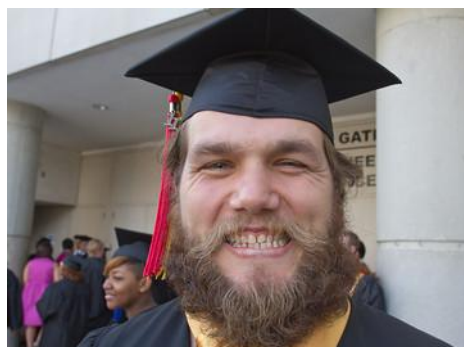




Mondaymemo

JUNE 13, 2011

CONGRATS GRADS!



A grand day of celebration...St. Louis Community College conferred degrees on 2010-11 graduates in a joint ceremony of the Florissant Valley, Forest Park, Meramec and Wildwood campuses, Saturday, May 21 at the Scottrade Center. Nearly 1,000 students marched in the processional.



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FOREST PARK



Relive the day in a series of three photo collages on our webpage: [Commencement Exercises 2011](#)

Photos by David Kennedy

Also see Lynn Venhaus' Facebook postings with some additional behind-the-scenes photos.





Make It In America

Auto Tech's Mitch Walker (left) and President Cindy Hess welcomed U.S. Representatives Steny Hoyer and Russ Carnahan to Forest Park May 18.

Photos by Lynn Venhaus



Back to the future in Auto Technology

Congressman Russ Carnahan returned to Forest Park May 18 with a powerful friend—Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer, who was the U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leader from 2007-11 and represents Maryland's Fifth District.

Carnahan and Hoyer hosted a "Make It In America" forum in Forest Park's Automotive Technology shop for more than 50 local business, industry and labor leaders, discussing ideas for revitalizing American manufacturing, creating jobs and helping small businesses grow.

Auto Tech was chosen as the site for the forum because of its innovative training in hybrid electric vehicles—the program garnered a \$50,000 grant last fall from the *Training for Tomorrow Initiative*.

Medea, Cosmic Freaks & Donuts: Theater season promises variety

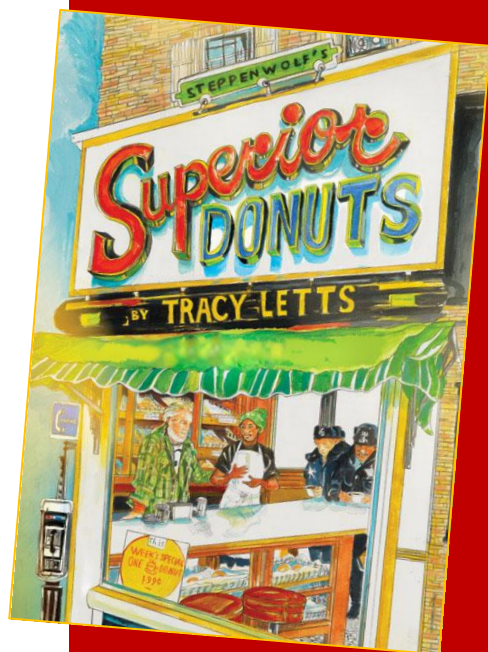
A retelling of Medea, a comedy-drama from acclaimed playwright Tracy Letts, a reader's theater of eccentric characters, and the traditional one-act festival comprise the upcoming theater season at Forest Park, just announced for 2011-12.

21ST ANNUAL ONE-ACT FESTIVAL

The season opens with five area colleges participating in the 21st Annual One-Act Festival. Tim Daly will direct the Forest Park play. Three performances are set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16-17, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m. Audition dates will be announced.

FREAKS OF THE COSMIC CIRCUS

Theater professor Carla Moody will direct "Freaks of the Cosmic Circus," which she also compiled. It's a reader's theater performance of odd and eccentric characters from classical to contemporary prose, poetry and drama selections. The show will run for four performances, Nov. 3-5 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. Audition dates will be announced.



SUPERIOR DONUTS

A comedy-drama about embracing the past and the redemptive power of friendship will be presented in February. “Superior Donuts” by Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Letts will be staged Feb. 23-25 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. Community Relations’ own Lynn Venhaus, who also teaches as an adjunct instructor in Communications, will direct. This Steppenwolf Theatre production played on Broadway in 2009, starring Michael McKean and Jon Michael Hill (Tony nominee for supporting actor). The play focuses on Arthur Przybyszewski, who owns a rundown donut shop in the uptown neighborhood of Chicago, and Franco Wicks, a black teenager who is his only employee and wants to change the shop for the better. Auditions for the nine roles will take place at 7 p.m., Dec. 14 and 15.

MEDEA, A HOMEGIRL’S STORY

The final presentation will be “Medea, A Homegirl’s Story,” by Mary Krell-Oishi, directed by Carla Moody. The retelling of Euripides’ tragic story of Medea is done in both classical and contemporary language. Performances will be April 19-21 at 8 p.m., and April 22 at 3 p.m. Audition dates will be announced.

Performances for all plays will be free and open to the public, and staged in the Mildred E. Bastian Center for the Performing Arts.

Make the Scene

Submit your stories to student newspaper

The Scene student newspaper is published about every two weeks. We invite you to submit notices of activities, events or projects; story ideas (news, feature or sports); classified ads; or letters to the editor. Each "press release" should include the basics of who, what, when, where, how and why, as well as a contact number for more information.

In addition, we always are looking for bright, dependable, motivated students to serve as reporters, editors, photographers, layout designers, illustrators, cartoonists, graphic artists, advertising representatives, etc. Working at a student newspaper is a great experience, and it looks good on a resume.

Please share this information with others who might be interested. Contact us at ext. 9140, the_scene_fp@yahoo.com, fax ext. 9474 or stop by the newsroom in Student Center 138 on Wednesdays or during other office hours.

--Teri Maddox, (618) 210-5443

Graduation is on HEC-TV, too!

Speaking of graduation, you can watch the program from start to finish on HEC-TV at 11 p.m., June 15-17. In St. Louis City, that's Ch. 13; in North, South and West counties, it's Ch. 26; and in the Overland area, it's Ch. 10. You may also buy a DVD in the bookstore for \$3 beginning June 15.



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Summertime...and campus living gets easy...but you can catch up on all the daily news by following Lynn Venhaus’ posts on our Forest Park Facebook page.

Lynn posts daily updates, including photos, on campus happenings. Click on the Facebook logo above and sign up. It’s as easy as typing in your email address and password.

And don’t forget to “friend” us—we’re up to 669 friends...you could be 670!



50 Years in 2012!

You've probably heard that St. Louis Community College will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2012.

Discussions are currently under way on activities and festivities to best mark this important milestone.

However, a sneak preview of historical highlights already is posted on Facebook. Pat Weston, who works in Auxiliary Services at Meramec, has established a 50th Anniversary Facebook page, which has a photo album of 1960s photos from the Florissant Valley, Forest Park and Meramec campuses. Check it out at this link, [STLCC 50th Anniversary](#), walk down memory lane and see a blast from the past!

Weston encourages everyone to share memories on this special Facebook page, and is also looking for photos and other memorabilia.

Please share your stories about how St. Louis Community College has changed your life or someone you know, as well as remembrances of your years at STLCC or remembrances of anyone at the college who impacted your life.

Email your comments to Weston at pweston@stlcc.edu.

And stay tuned for more 50th Anniversary news this fall.





10 questions with Sharon Marquardt

TAKE 10

Sharon Marquardt becomes one of two district Athletics Managers, along with Johnna Kinney, on July 1, and will move to the Highland Park Annex. She came to Forest Park in Spring 2004 as assistant volleyball coach, then became an assistant softball coach and an adjunct P.E. instructor that fall. She has been the co-head softball coach the past two seasons. She attended Lewis and Clark Community College after high school, and earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from McKendree University. She has lived in Freeburg, Ill., for the past six years, with her husband Terry, who is the K-9 officer on the Freeburg police force, and their three children – daughters, 11 and 4, and son, 7.

1. Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Valmeyer, Ill.

2. Where did you go to high school?

Valmeyer High School. I played softball, volleyball and was a cheerleader. We went to school in modular classrooms, because of the Valmeyer flood of 1993; I graduated in 1995. Most 16-year-olds are getting their driver's licenses, and we were living through the flood. As a community it was a rough time. But we're a tight-knit kind of community.

3. What do you like most about your job?

I like dealing with the athletes. I'm like their mom figure here. They come and see me when their mom's not around. I know how they think and what trouble they might be up to, and how I can prevent it! For the third year in a row, our softball players had the highest GPA. Education is very important to the softball players.

4. Who has had the greatest influence on your career?

In high school, it was Karla Bivins, my volleyball coach. She was my mom away from home. In college, it was my softball coach, Evelyn Bean at McKendree. My dad died last year – Ray Hoffman, at age 54 – and I didn't realize until he was gone, how much I depended on my dad. I didn't give as much credit to my dad as I should have when he was alive.

5. What would people be surprised to know about you?

I'm one of those girls who likes to get dirty. I grew up on a farm, with the horses and cows, and I like to be working outside, running with the dogs and the cats, and the animals.

6. What do you do in your leisure time?

I like to hang out with my husband and kids, and my family and friends. I plant flowers. I used to play in a fast-pitch softball league with my sisters, but I had knee surgery. My daughter plays select softball, my son's in football.

7. What's your favorite movie, book, music or TV shows?

I love the movie musicals – "Grease," "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." As for music, I'm a country girl all the way. On TV, I like "House" and "Law and Order" – I hate reality shows. We watch a lot of sports.

8. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

There is nobody like me, so I'd have to play myself.

9. What three words would friends use to describe you?

Reliable, dedicated and funny.

10. What's at the top of your bucket list?

I want to see the Grand Canyon someday. I want to pay the house off in the next 15 years, and see my kids grow up.