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One year ago, in our 2005-2006 Chancellor’s Report to the Community, I wrote that St. Louis Community College would focus on our four visional directions to begin reshaping our future. These four visional directions – Learning in Learning, Addressing Facility Needs, Serving the Community and Growing the Life Sciences – are connected in many ways and have led us to several successes as well as provided the paths to address challenges, changes and chances we must take for our future.

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More than 1,000 green roof blocks were installed at the Wildwood campus in June. The trays contain sedum plants that will help overcome the heat island effect from the building.

St. Louis Community College’s Wildwood campus is ready for fall classes. With the first phase of construction completed, the three-story, 75,000-square-foot facility replaces the West County Education Center at the Barn at Lucerne and is designed to serve up to 2,500 students.

Instructional spaces include 18 high-tech classrooms, a multipurpose room, computer labs, a science lab, art studio and academic support areas. The facility also includes a bookstore, food service, student lounge and study areas.

The campus will offer associate degree programs in business administration, general transfer studies and teaching, as well as introductory career and technical education courses, and developmental courses needed to attain degrees.

SLCC also signed a partnership agreement with the University of Missouri-St. Louis that will allow students to take courses at Wildwood leading to a bachelor’s degree in business administration, liberal studies or elementary education.

SLCC-Wildwood is the region’s first “green” roofed college building. Green roof technology combines plant biology, hydraulic engineering and architecture to create an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sustainable rooftop surface that keeps the building watertight and helps to control climate.

The green roof is one of the energy-efficient and environmentally friendly features that will qualify the campus for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. LEED emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

Other features include daylight harvesting and ceiling fans. The building’s lighting system automatically balances to accommodate variations in natural light. Rooms have T-shaped windows to allow more natural light in, as well as light shelves to reflect light further into the room. Ceiling fans in each room uniformly distribute fresh air, enhance ventilation and reduce energy consumption.

The campus also received an award for “green” school building new construction among postsecondary schools from Learning by Design, one of the most prestigious annual reference guides published by the National School Boards Association in partnership with Stratten Publishing & Marketing Inc.

First Class

Pacific High School seniors Brandon Wisdom, left, and Lauren Merriman, right, were among the first students to register for classes at Wildwood. They are pictured with Pam McIntyre, acting president at Wildwood.

Wisdom is taking general education courses and would like to become a teacher and coach at the high school level. Merriman is enrolling through the A+ program, which allows qualifying students who graduate from designated A+ high schools to receive free tuition and fees at public two-year colleges. Merriman is taking general education courses at Wildwood in preparation for transferring to the college’s Forest Park campus to study dental hygiene.
METS Programs Are Key to Missouri’s Future

Science and engineering jobs are expected to increase three to four times faster than the rate of growth for all occupations in the coming decade. However, the number of U.S. citizens earning degrees in key fields such as mathematics and engineering has declined over the last 10 years. At the request of Gov. Matt Blunt, members of a statewide alliance, which includes St. Louis Community College, have created a strategic plan outlining how Missouri can begin to address the importance of math, engineering, science and technology programs to the future well-being of the state and nation. The Missouri Mathematics, Engineering, Technology and Science (METS) Coalition is a collaboration of business, industry, education, government and economic leaders whose charge is to improve preschool-to-graduate level math and science education throughout Missouri.

The plan emphasizes initiatives that not only will improve performance of P-20 students statewide, but also expand the pools of both students who pursue METS careers and METS educators statewide.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Is SLCC’s Innovation of the Year

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, in which accounting students at St. Louis Community College—Meramec prepare tax returns free of charge, primarily for low-income families and the elderly, was named SLCC’s Innovation of the Year. Each year, the Internal Revenue Service partners with higher education institutions and community organizations to provide VITA services throughout the United States. This spring was the fifth tax season for Meramec’s partnership with the IRS in providing free tax preparation services. Sixteen accounting student interns completed an IRS certification course taught by Meramec faculty and were trained to prepare federal and state income tax returns using commercial tax preparation software as well as e-file returns. The program is uniquely designed to incorporate as many aspects as possible from a typical CPA office during tax season. Student interns completed tax returns by appointment each Wednesday from Feb. 21 through April 11. “Students gain practical working knowledge of the field and ultimately learn to pursue a career path with confidence,” said Marcus Ahrens, associate professor in accounting at Meramec: “The ethics component to this program also is unique. By addressing the issues in the simulation, students get an opportunity to think through their ethical positions before they meet similar challenges in their professional life. They also feel they’re really giving back to the community.”

Since VITA’s inception, 86 accounting students have prepared more than 1,800 tax returns at an estimated cost savings to the community of $250,000 in tax preparation fees. Meramec’s VITA program has become the largest at any college or university in the St. Louis region.
Relay for Life Raises Awareness and Funds

More than 600 participants descended upon the Meramec campus June 22-23 for the second annual Relay for Life Southwest County event in support of the American Cancer Society (ACS). Co-sponsored by SLCC-Meramec, Relay for Life is an overnight event that mobilizes communities to celebrate cancer survivors and caregivers, to honor those who have lost the fight against cancer, and to raise funds for the ACS to provide local services and research funding.

“This year’s Relay for Life Southwest County event truly achieved those goals, and exceeded all our expectations,” said Margie Bonney, event co-chair and SLCC employee. “At this year’s event, 43 teams walked over 3,000 miles, a distance greater than New York to San Francisco, and combined to raise more than $101,000 for the ACS.

Activities and team camps incorporated a “superhero” theme and focused on both real and imaginary superheroes. The evening began with a Survivor’s Lap, with more than 40 cancer survivors being celebrated as the real life heroes who inspire the event. Batman, Superman and Spiderman made appearances to lead the first lap, and Fredbird even stopped by after the Cardinals game to support the event.

Community heroism was honored with an appearance by firefighters from the Kirkwood Fire Department. A 20-person committee, including Meramec employees, community members and local business owners, organized the event. ACS services and information on healthy living were highlighted throughout the event to raise awareness of cancer prevention and to highlight help available in the event of a cancer diagnosis.

Forest Park’s dental hygiene Class of 2007 and its faculty sponsor, Phyllis Ring, participated in the Community Dental Health Fair as part of National Children’s Dental Health Month. The dental hygiene students exhibited table clinics promoting good dental health for families and gave proper tooth brushing instructions at the event.

Michael Fuller, professor in behavioral science at Meramec, and his students moved several tons of soil to help stabilize and restore the Blake Mound archaeological site in Chesterfield, Mo. The students were part of local community efforts to preserve Native American historic burial sites.

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SLCC Prepares for Accreditation Evaluation

St. Louis Community College undergoes an accreditation evaluation at least every 10 years by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). The purpose of this evaluation is to advance the quality of student learning. The next scheduled visit from the HLC team is Jan. 28-30, 2008.

Tangible benefits of accreditation include student eligibility for federal loans, Pell Grants, and other financial aid; the ability to transfer credit to other accredited institutions; and the ability to attract first-rate faculty and students who want a high-quality education.

The HLC has adopted new accreditation criteria since its last visit to the college in 1998. These criteria focus on the effectiveness of an institution as demonstrated by evaluation and assessment through a self-study process, which gives the college a structured opportunity to take an objective look at itself. SLCC’s self-study process began in January 2006 and engages faculty, staff, students and the community in significant conversations about the college’s accountability and ability to provide quality learning and services. This process involved more than just compiling what has been accomplished since the last accreditation; it was an opportunity for the college to define, discover, develop and demonstrate what is working well and to identify areas within the college that may need improvement. And most importantly, it provided a forum in which to share ideas for continuous improvement and to rejuvenate the zest for teaching and the learning process.

More than 400 staff members have worked on the self study through focus groups, surveys and committee membership. The self-study document currently is in the review process and will be sent to the HLC this fall.

College Institutes Cost-Controlling Measures

- On June 30, 2007, 64 employees retired through the Voluntary Separation Program and another 54 are slated to retire Dec. 31, 2007. The program was offered to 629 eligible employees with the opportunity to retain their medical insurance and pay only the employee portion of the monthly premium for up to five years depending on their years of service with the college, or receive $6,500 per year for up to five years depending on their years of service with the college. Of the 629 eligible employees, 18.7 percent elected to participate. The FY08 saving of recurring expense will be more than $430,000, with an estimated savings through FY12 (final VSP benefit year) exceeding $3.9 million.

- In response to the request of districtwide student government leadership, students are being offered a new way to pay their maintenance fees beginning fall 2007. The administration and the Board of Trustees partnered with Nelnet Business Solutions (NBS), formerly FACTS Management Co., to serve as the student payment provider. This new automatic payment plan, e-Cashier, will allow students to register early for classes and spread payments over a period of time. Students can enrol in the payment plan through the automatic bank payment or credit card option. A small enrollment fee is charged, but no interest or finance charges are assessed, and there is no credit check. Enrollment is easy and can be completed online.

- The new STLCC One Card is another student-requested initiative that came to fruition during 2006-2007. The Board of Trustees approved a partnership with HigherOne in October 2006. The new OneCard program provides students with an identification card that also can be used to receive financial aid disbursements and refunds from the college, as well as make purchases.

- The final step to implement paperless paydays for employees became effective July 1, 2006, when the college discontinued printing and distributing direct deposit pay stubs. Information from the pay stubs is now available online via Employee Banner Web. Employees no longer have to wait for their direct deposit notices to arrive through interoffice mail or U.S. mail. The new process is timely and more convenient and provides more information for college employees. The college will realize an estimated $12,000 annual savings due to reduced costs for forms and mail.

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- 2. Preparing for the Future
- 3. Student Learning & Effective Teaching
- 4. Acquisition, Discovery & Application of Knowledge
- 5. Engagement & Service

Request for Substantive Change: Online Degree Programs

- Assessment of Institutional Research and Planning, has developed a programmatic, mission-based approach to assessment, emphasizing thoughtful interpretation of data by faculty and staff. This year, assessment projects in the core areas of Career and Technical Education, Developmental Education, General Education, Transfer Education, Workforce and Community Development Education, and Institutional and Student Support are being evaluated by six mission-based assessment committees. These committees are employing two different assessment tools, the “1 DID” model: Inquire, Discover, Interpret, and Develop; and the “LAASIE” model: Listen, look and learn; Act; Another look; Share the news; Improve and celebrate; and Excel. Three additional committees – Divisions and Departments, Governance, and Internal and External Communication – and an assessment council offer support to the mission-based committees.

SLCC Case Study: Results and Accountability

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Forest Park Graduate’s Motivation Comes from Sons

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2007 Commencement Speakers

• Ronda Fitch, 36, was an active member of Florissant Valley’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter and worked part-time in the Academic Support Center. She also served as emcee of the 2007 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Asingle parent who was eager to seek a new path in her life, Fitch took seven years to complete her associate’s degree in general transfer studies. She will attend Washington University and study communications or psychology. Her goal is to be a motivational speaker.

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• John Coveyvus, 23, is a former member of the Missouri National Guard. He helped initiate the Global Justice Project at Meramec, a club devoted to raising awareness and support to stop oppression and poverty internationally. He earned an associate’s degree in general transfer studies and received a New Century Scholar through the Elizabeth Gray Danforth Scholarship to attend Washington University. He hopes to study political science and international relations or biology. His goal is to work in the social justice arena with human and drug trafficking as well as support the growth and education of underdeveloped communities internationally.

Meramec Was the Right Place for 18-Year-Old Graduate Bound for IU

Joanna Rowe is mature beyond her years. Home-schooled as a youngster, Rowe began attending Lorain County (Ohio) Community College at the tender age of 16 in pursuit of an associate degree. Following a family move to St. Louis in 2005, Rowe sought out an institution at which she could complete that associate degree. During her extensive research of colleges in the area, people told her that the instructors at Meramec provided experience beyond the textbook. Meramec proved to be a perfect fit for the self-motivated Rowe.

While attending Meramec, Rowe had a principle role in three theatrical productions, and served as a supplemental instruction leader. SI leaders are presented as model students of particular subjects — they attend classes, take notes, read assigned material and meet with other students in the class three or more times a week to discuss and answer questions about course material and key concepts.

In May, Rowe, now 18, earned her associate’s degree in general transfer studies as well as a merit scholarship to Indiana University in Bloomington, where she has been admitted to the honors program and will study theater and business.

“I was able to explore my own strengths and weaknesses, develop the courage to embrace my passion for the theater, and be exposed to leadership in the community around me,” she said. “The teachers and the overall attitude of students at Meramec gave me the opportunity to discover myself.

Loy Enjoys Environmental Awareness by Taking a Hike

Will Loy has a simple lesson plan for students in his environmental literature and environmental issues classes — take a hike.

The mission of the professor in English, who was named the 2007 Meramec Faculty Lecture Award recipient, is to help his students understand the importance of direct experience with and preservation of the natural world. Much information is available on bookshelves, on the Internet and from environmental agencies. But the best classroom, according to Loy, is right in your own backyard.

During that hike, Loy encourages students to observe a small plot of land on campus for several weeks, make notes and then write a report about their findings. Many students, he says, admit it’s the first time they’ve paid any close attention to a part of the environment they walk through every day. One student who took the class in fall 2006 wrote that she is more environmentally aware, but felt guilty because she unintentionally contributes to the problem on a daily basis. Many students — and people around the world — feel the same way. They are affected with a condition Loy describes as “eco-angst” — a deep-seated anxiety about the ecological decline, which is caused by human activity. Some are slightly more optimistic, and others believe science and technology eventually will save the day.

Loy believes future generations must first understand and feel the inherent beauty and worth of the environment before they can assume responsibility for guiding its future.

“We can be sure our children and our students experience their home environment, whether they are urban or suburban, city or country,” he said. “We can ensure they get to know this home place intimately, like a good friend.”

The best way to start, as Loy says, is to take a hike.

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• A task force of teacher education faculty from the state’s 12 community college districts developed a new Associate of Arts degree in teaching that will be offered statewide beginning fall 2007. The AAT degree will allow community college students who transfer to any participating four-year institution within Missouri to receive full credit for their approved 62 hours of lower-division education courses. The program will be offered at all four St. Louis Community College campuses.

• Cindy Epperson, associate professor in sociology at Meramec, participated in the “Opening the Capacity of American-Vietnamese Community Colleges” conference held in Vietnam and is working on a chapter for a book on the international community colleges movement.

• Kelly Ballard, associate professor in math, and Qulten Ilhan, associate professor in humanities, both at Meramec, were selected to participate in the Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad: Religious Pluralism as Exhibited in Two Secular Muslim States — Syria and Turkey.
Faculty, Staff and Trustees

Steven G. Collins, Ph.D., associate professor in history at Meramec,
Donald R. Cusumano, Ph.D., professor in psychology at Forest Park; and Paul E. Higdon, the director of music at Florissant Valley, received Emerson Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Ashok Agrawal, dean of mathematics, science, engineering and technology at Florissant Valley, was elected a fellow of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).

Ann Brand, director of campus community relations at Florissant Valley, received the 2007 Elmer Belsha Leadership Award from North County Inc. in recognition of 30-plus years of outstanding support and dedication to nonprofit organizations.

Chancellor Henry Shannon, Ph.D., received the Lifetime Achievement Award from MOKAN in recognition of his distinguished career and contributions to the construction building industry. He also was appointed to the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) Board of Trustees, a national nonprofit organization that creates and manages effective learning strategies for working adults through partnerships with employers, higher education, government and labor.

Mitchell Walker, professor and chair of the automotive technology program at Forest Park, received the 2007 Breaking Traditions Postsecondary Educator Award from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Center for Career Education.

Kevin Coleman, adjunct communications instructor at Forest Park, won a Black Reel Award from the Foundation for the Advancement of African-Americans for Best Independent Minor Feature for his film Snapshot.

David Mirikittani, volunteer wrestling coach at Meramec, joined his father Ron, the head wrestling coach, as an inductee into the National Junior College Athletic Association Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Meramec President Lynn Suydam, Ed.D., retired January 1 after serving 7½ years as campus president. He was instrumental in identifying the site and conceptualizing the plans for the South County Education and University Center. He also was given inclusion of civic engagement and service learning into the core curriculum at Meramec and advanced service- area high school partnerships to help students successfully transition from high school to college.

Anisha Morrell-Charter, coordinator of recruitment and student services at Meramec, was appointed to the St. Louis Airport Commission by Mayor Francis Slay. Her term expires in 2010.

The Airport Commission is responsible for planning, development, management and operation of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.

Ara Cruz, associate professor in behavioral sciences at Meramec, and Donna Halsband, coordinator of academic service learning/civic engagement at Meramec, received a Faculty Innovation Award from the Missouri Community College Association for their cultural diversity awareness project, which exposed pre-service teachers to the modern multicultural student population.

Meramec faculty members Robert Harmes, associate professor in biological science, and Jody Martin de Camillo, Ph.D., professor in psychology, received an MCCAA Faculty Innovation Award for their biology poster presentations project, which encourages self-directed learning and improves student communication skills.

Florissant Valley faculty members Christopher Stephens, professor in communications, and Carol Berger, Ph.D., professor in philosophy and humanities, received the MCCD Global Educator Award for the Italian studies learning community. The program involves students, staff and community members and includes a year-long study of foreign language and culture, as well as group travel to Italy for one week.

Cecilia Johnson, professor in human services, was named the 2007 Forest Park Teacher of the Year.

Patricia Williams, manager of library services at Florissant Valley, was named the 2007 David L. Underwood Memorial Lecture Award recipient.

Trustee Dolores Gunn, M.D., received the Health-Care Heroes Community Outreach Award from the St. Louis Business Journal. Awards were presented to 22 individuals for their heroic devotion to health care in categories of allied health, community awareness, innovation, community outreach, lifetime achievement, nurses, physicians and public policy.

Joann Ordinachew, Ph.D., was elected to an unprecedented third term on the SLCC Board of Trustees. She currently represents trustees statewide on the Missouri Community College Association Board of Directors and serves on the Association of Community College Trustees’ (ACCT) Diversity Committee.

Trustee Denise Chachere presented a session on mediation tips for education settings in May. Chachere also serves on the ACCT Public Policy Committee.

Trustee Margo McNeill served on the college’s Board Policy Review Committee.

Trustee Michael Rohrbacker was the guest speaker for the Florissant Valley Emerging Scholars Banquet.

Trustee Robert Nelson was elected board president for 2006-07 and delivered remarks during the SLCC commencement ceremony.

Carol Lupardus, assistant professor of teacher education at Florissant Valley, was elected president of the Missouri Association of Colleges of Teacher Education/Community College Division.

Cathy Dierberg, director of instructional resources, received the Ronald R. Bohley Award from the Missouri Library Association and the Missouri Library Network Corp.

Diane Sterrett, manager of allied health continuing education at Forest Park, was elected president of the board of directors at the Missouri Institute for Community Health.

Darlaine Gardetto, associate professor of sociology at Meramec, was elected as the two-year college representative to the Teaching and Learning of Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

Michael Ward, dean of allied health and natural sciences at Forest Park, was elected to a four-year term as the regional director of The Americas by the Board of the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists.

The Meramec horticulture department received Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence Business/Commercial Award from the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Community Forestry Council.

Craig Klimczak, vice chancellor of technology and education support services, was invited to participate in the 5th annual National Security Forum at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

Students

Alan Maryan, LaKeisha Green and Jennifer Pipenas received regional awards in the Breaking Traditions Award Contest, sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Center for Career Education.

Maryan is studying nursing at Meramec while Green is in the biotechnology program at Florissant Valley. Pipenas received honorable mention; she is an engineering student at Florissant Valley.

Florissant Valley’s Student Government Association received the Special Events Programming Award at the Missouri Community College Association Rally for Education Day in Jefferson City. The group earned the award for the community holiday party members organized in December. Student participants were Elaine Coomer, Josh Tooley, James Bryant, Ryan French, Janice McIntosh, Gabriel Milien, Davis Thomas and Tameka Reed.

Forest Park’s Student Government Association received the Make a Difference Award at the MCCAA Rally Day. The group earned the award for its We Are Family Community Service Project, through which members provided a meal, recruiting presentation and personal care packages to the women who reside in the YWCA Transitional Housing program. SGA members raised more than $300 from a Valentine’s Day fundraiser to purchase food and personal care items. Participants were Derek Collins, Tonya Johnson, Monica Bostic, LaKeisha Dean, Melissa Manning, Bobette Anderson and Amanda Williams.

Carolyn Bowles, teacher education major at Meramec, was elected state secretary of the Missouri National Education Association Student Program. Bowles also served as president of the Meramec SMINE chapter.

Florissant Valley student Mahmoeedin Mahmoeedin was elected as one of five international officers for Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two- year colleges. He will serve as the Division III Vice President and will travel extensively representing St. Louis Community College and Phi Theta Kappa. Mahmoeedin is the first student from SLCC ever to be elected to an international position.

Forest Park’s Sean Danner-Smith placed second in the 2006-2007 League of Independent Filmmakers’ Student Film Competition for his one-act play, “Penguins in a High School.”

John Dahlheim, culinary arts student at Forest Park, was named the 2006-2007 Junior Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation Chefs de Cuisine Association of St. Louis. He also won the 2007 Chef of the Year Gala Awards.

The team of Richard Braznell, Joel Corman, John Dahlheim and Kendall Uyehara, all students in the culinary arts program at Forest Park, were crowned the 2006 American Culinary Federation National Bar. G. Haldan Knowledge Bowl Champions.

Amanda Korte, a student in civil engineering and environmental technology at Florissant Valley, received a $2,000 Tools for Tomorrow Scholarship from Grainger and the American Association of Community College Foundations, as well as a tool kit from Grainger.
Preliminary Fiscal Year-End Results as of June 30, 2007

The firm reported the basic financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the college, and the changes in the financial position and cash flows ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. It noted no matters involving the college’s internal control over financial reporting and its operation to be material weaknesses.

SLCC Receives Favorable Audit from External Firm

St. Louis Community College received an unqualified, or a “clean,” audit from its independent auditing firm Clifton Gunderson LLP for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

The St. Louis Community College Foundation is the official fund-raising and private gift-receiving agency for the college. The foundation’s mission is to raise funds and solicit, receive and administer private gifts, grants and bequests for the college.

Foundation highlights from 2006-07 include:

- **Total Revenues**: $148.7 million
- **Total Expenditures and Transfers**: $148.5 million
- **Number of new scholarship funds established by the foundation**: 14
- **Number of students who received scholarship financial assistance in 2006-07**: 500
- **Total funds awarded to students in 2006-07**: $155,761
- **Amount of funds available as a result of the 14 new scholarships**: $345,000

The St. Louis Community College Foundation Scholarship program continues to grow.

The Office of Institutional Development provides districtwide leadership and support to faculty and staff in acquiring external funds outside the primary sources such as tuition, state appropriations or local property taxes.

**$11,625,098** Total grants and contracts awarded to the college in 2006-07

Selected highlights of grants received include:

- **$571,200** From Georgetown University for Florissant Valley to implement the Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships (CASS) program to train 14 deaf students from Central America and the Caribbean in basic electronics and computer repair
- **$424,297** From the National Science Foundation for Florissant Valley to implement the St. Louis Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Scholars Academy that provides 20 scholarships for students in biotechnology, chemical technology, computer science, engineering science and engineering technology
- **$146,534** From the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment for the college’s Workforce and Community Development Employment and Training Center to implement soft skills, resume development and job skills workshops for job seekers
- **$13,333** From the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for Forest Park to implement an Early Childhood Child Care grant to expand and enhance services at the campus Children’s Center
- **$11,000** From St. Louis ArtWorks for Meramec to serve as a teaching organization for a summer youth employment program in the arts

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<td><strong>Total cash, pledges and equipment/software donations raised through the foundation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>BJC Healthcare pledge for a three-year commitment to expand the radiologic technology and respiratory therapy programs at Forest Park</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Emerson donation of process controls equipment for the Emerson Center for Engineering and Manufacturing at Florissant Valley</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Anheuser-Busch Foundation pledge to support construction of the new William J. Harrison Education Center in the JeffVanderLou Neighborhood</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Unigraphics Corp. donation of Solid Edge CAD/CAM software for the Harrison Center</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Anonymous donation to establish an endowed scholarship fund in nursing</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Michael McMillan donation to establish an endowed scholarship fund and internship for a student enrolled in political science/economics at Forest Park</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pfizer, Inc. donation for five pieces of equipment for the biotechnology and chemical technology programs at Florissant Valley</strong></td>
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<td><strong>AT&amp;T Foundation donation to support establishment of an ITV classroom at Florissant Valley to expand the distance learning curriculum to students in more rural portions of Missouri in collaboration with four-year public universities</strong></td>
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