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University Center grows at SC4

St. Clair County Community College's University Center in 2006 added a bachelor of business administration degree through the University of Michigan-Flint School of Management. Students can transfer up to 62 credit hours earned at SC4 toward the bachelor's degree. Students may complete the degree through the University of Michigan-Flint both on SC4's Port Huron campus and online.

University Center degrees

Central Michigan University:
• Master of arts in education
• Master of science in administration

Ferris State University:
• Bachelor of applied science in industrial technology and management

Madonna University:
• Bachelor of science in child development

Saginaw Valley State University:
• Bachelor of arts in elementary education
• Secondary teacher certification program

Siena Heights University:
• Bachelor of applied science – allied health, trade and technical fields
• Bachelor of arts in multidisciplinary studies

University of Michigan-Flint:
• Bachelor of arts in psychology
• Bachelor of business administration

Wayne State University:
• Bachelor of social work
• Bachelor of science in engineering technology

STRATEGIC PARTNER

Kettering Graduate Center:
• Master of science in engineering
• Master of science in information technology
• Master of science in manufacturing management
• Master of science in manufacturing operations
• Master of science in operations management

ONLINE ALLIANCES

Capella University:
• Variety of degrees

Franklin University:
• Degrees including business, computers, health care

Walsh College:
• Degrees in general business, management, marketing

For more information about university partner programs, visit www.sc4.edu/universities or call (810) 989-5808.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE EVENTS CALENDAR

www.sc4.edu/events

Jan. 8 to 26 ■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
5 Return art show
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

Jan. 15 ■ 6:30 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

A variety of musicians, musical styles, dramatic performances and dance come together for this celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. This event, in its fifth year, is sponsored by the Port Huron branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, St. Clair County Community College, Comcast and the *Times Herald*.
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

Jan. 18 ■ noon to 1 p.m.
Thursday at Noon concert
Guitarist Brian Morris
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

Feb. 5 to March 2
■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
Another World on Paper art show
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

Feb. 8 ■ noon to 1 p.m.
Thursday at Noon concert
Percussionist Kofi Ameywa
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

Feb. 10 Free College Day More than 100 free classes offered

One-hour classes ranging from dancing to model boat building to nature will be taught free throughout the day. Presenters include SC4 professors and staff and local residents who are all volunteering their time to share their expertise with the community. More than 900 people participated last year. There is no fee to attend, but advance registration for sessions is required.
Details: www.sc4.edu/freecollege

Feb. 11 ■ 2 to 4 p.m.
College Goal Sunday
Get your financial aid questions answered about the loan process and get help completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
Free! M-TEC Room 150

Feb. 17 ■ 7:30 p.m.
SC4 Symphonic Band Concert
Two for One
McMorran Auditorium.
Tickets \$5 to \$7, students through grade 12 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Feb. 23 and 24 ■ 8 p.m.
Feb. 25 ■ 3 p.m.
SC4 theatre performance
Star Spangled Girl
Tickets \$5 to \$7. Fine Arts Theatre

March 15 to April 13
■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
44th annual Beatrice Thornton Student Exhibition
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

March 22 ■ noon to 1 p.m.
Thursday at Noon concert
Classical jazz with Doug Krieger
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

March 30
Let's Get to Work
Hands-on help for local job seekers.

Create a resume, practice interview skills with the pros, and learn how and where to look for today's jobs. Sign up for sessions on basic or advanced job-hunting techniques. Practice interview skills and receive feedback one-on-one with community professionals. Local businesses, groups and agencies will explain local resources and share networking experiences.
Free! Details: www.sc4.edu/work

April 22 ■ 2 to 4 p.m.
Patterns Reception
Celebrate the release of the 49th edition of *Patterns*, SC4's student literary and arts publication.
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

April 22 to May 4
■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
SC4 Sophomore Portfolio art show
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

April 26 ■ noon to 1 p.m.
Thursday at Noon concert
SC4 student presentation of Tapestry
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

April 26 ■ 7:30 p.m.
SC4 Symphonic Band Concert
Moments in Time
McMorran Auditorium.
Tickets \$5 to \$7, students through grade 12 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.



May 4 ■ 7:30 p.m.
Commencement
McMorran Arena

May 19 ■ 3 p.m.
Children's Theatre
Grandma's Gift
Tickets \$5 to \$7. Fine Arts Theatre

June and July
Reach Out for College Credit
Summer learning adventures for students in grades 6 to 12
A schedule of these one- and two-week credit classes will be posted in late spring.
Details: www.sc4.ed/reachout

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WINTER 2007 NEWSLETTER
AN UPDATE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Drew Darling, Jeddo
Mechanical Engineering

SC4 opens new College Center, Mackenzie building to students

Dozens of new computers, a flowing glass wall and updated science labs are a feast to students' senses.

At the same time, St. Clair County Community College's newly completed \$13 million construction and renovation project equips students with new learning tools and opportunities.

An open house for the community to tour the new facilities is being planned for early February.

The new College Center opened at the end of November. It was renovated and given a 15,000-square-foot addition. It now houses the Learning Resources Center and library along with the Academic Achievement Center.

Students say they like the sweeping gathering spaces and enhanced technology in the library. Wireless technology and an atrium lounge for students also are part of the new College Center.

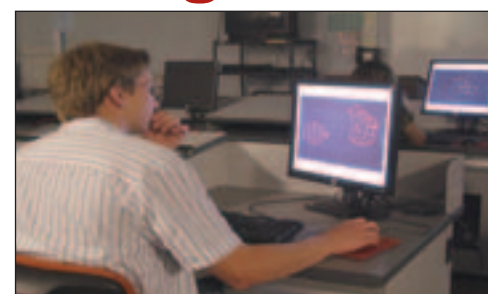
Opening for classes this semester is the renovated Clara E. Mackenzie Building, which has new biology, chemistry and geology labs; a renovated greenhouse; and new math and science classrooms.

Both buildings also received new roofs and mechanical and electrical upgrades.



A new library, wireless technology and student gathering spaces are part of the new College Center.

College asking voters to renew millage in Feb. 27 election



Among numerous projects, SC4 has used the current millage to enhance technology on campus.

St. Clair County Community College on Tuesday, Feb. 27, will ask voters in the college district to renew the college's operating millage.

The millage has been essential in meeting the college's goals of educating residents in St. Clair County. It will be used for job training and retraining for workers; repairing and updating technology, equipment and buildings; maintaining and expanding programs and services; and expanding junior-senior and four-year college offerings.

The current millage allowed the college to create new credit and non-credit certificate programs and training, as well as new associate degrees. It gave SC4 the resources to launch an online class registration and payment system, add wireless Internet to portions of campus, replace computers and expand online classes.

It also provided the community with more than 15 new bachelor's and master's degree opportunities through the college's university partners.

The current millage allowed SC4 to provide the required match to \$4.5 million in state funding toward the college's \$13 million construction and renovation project.

The millage first was approved in 1999 and was renewed by voters in 2003. The current millage expires June 30, 2007.

Voters will be asked to renew the four-year, 0.4951-mill request for July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2011. The request is a renewal, so it will not raise anyone's taxes.

The roughly one-half mill is about 50 cents per \$1,000 of taxable home value, which is about \$25 a year for a homeowner whose home has a market value of \$100,000.

Message from the President

We at St. Clair County Community College are happy to provide answers to many questions facing the residents of our community.

SC4 is the answer for those of you wanting to know where to find an affordable option for a college degree.

Our competitive cost means you easily can earn any of our more than 30 associate degrees. Or, start your education at SC4 and transfer to a four-year university in Michigan or across the country.

SC4 has the answer for strengthening your skills in the workplace.

Our Workforce Training Institute each year offers hundreds of seminars designed to move you up the corporate ladder or earn the skills you need to start a new career endeavor.

We are your answer for enrichment and arts. Take a class with our talented faculty simply to bolster your knowledge of a hobby or passion. Our theatre program and our Symphonic Band each year provide enjoyable diversions from everyday life.

Our faculty and staff worked tirelessly in 2006 to provide even more answers.

New degree programs introduced in mechatronics, international business and landscape design continue to reflect job needs of tomorrow.

We've premiered offerings at Anchor Bay and Marlette high schools as well as workforce training seminars at Anchor Bay. SC4 also has started offering non-credit senior adult classes.

So bring us your best questions. SC4 prides itself on giving not only answers, but solutions.

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SC4 sets, reaches numerous goals

St. Clair County Community College completed all 32 of the near-term initiatives the college developed for 2006 to enhance SC4's offerings to students and the community.

Among the new programs that resulted from those initiatives were:

- Associate degrees in international business, landscape design and mechatronics.
- Alternative energy certificate leading students to careers in the design, building and maintenance of stationary energy systems using wind, passive solar, photovoltaic and hydrogen fuel energy.
- Bachelor of business administration degree through University of Michigan-Flint.
- Articulation agreements allowing seamless transfer of SC4 credits into certain Northwood University and Oakland University programs.
- Articulation agreement with the Great Lakes Maritime Academy at Northwestern Michigan College allowing students to begin education for a career in Great Lakes shipping.
- Non-credit entrepreneurship classes focusing on accounting, financing, finding customers, insurance, legal issues and taxes.
- Non-credit certificates in certified nurse aide, office assistant and paraprofessional teacher assistant.
- Firefighter academy.
- Non-credit senior adult classes on topics ranging from computers and the Internet to investing and disaster preparedness.
- SunGard Higher Education partnering with the college to provide information technology services, including a 24/7 helpdesk and wireless Internet.
- Sister college agreement with the University of San Carlos in Port Huron's sister city of Chiquimula, Guatemala, paving the way for the sister colleges to share joint educational projects.
- Credit and non-credit course offerings at Anchor Bay High School.
- Alumni mentoring program plan for students in collaboration with the Student Success Center.



"I like SC4's smaller class sizes. Compared to going to a larger university, you get more assistance and it's nice that the teacher actually knows your name."

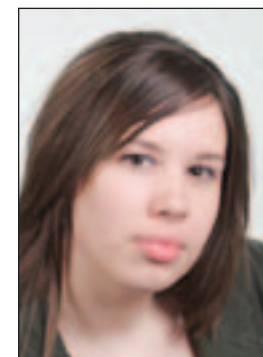
Adam Owen, Fort Gratiot
Marketing major

SC4 students represent various ages, areas of study

More than 4,200 students enrolled in more than 39,600 credit hours at SC4 during fall 2006. SC4 students ranged in age from 13 to 78.

Top 12 areas of study – fall 2006

1. Liberal arts and general education
2. Nursing
3. Elementary education
4. Business
5. Criminal justice
6. Secondary education
7. Personal enrichment
8. Science transfer
9. Management
10. Early childhood education
11. Accounting
12. Radiologic technology



"The scholarships that I've won have completely paid for my education thus far. They have taken away the financial burdens of tuition and books so I can focus on my studies and other campus endeavors."

Cory Christian, Berlin Township
Math and physics education major

Financial aid makes college accessible to students

Students at St. Clair County Community College received more than \$6.8 million in financial aid during the 2005-06 school year. Of that, \$326,841 was in the form of scholarships and grants. SC4 and donors provided \$158,318 in scholarship funds.

Federal grant aid.....	\$2,633,884
State grants/scholarships.....	\$1,450,920
SC4/donor grants, scholarships.....	\$158,318
Federal and state loans.....	\$2,486,881
Student employment/work study.....	\$166,408
Total.....	\$6,896,411

Web developer credits SC4 for 'exciting career'

I knew that earning a college degree would help my career, but I wasn't expecting to see results this quickly in a job that I love.

After earning my associate of applied arts in Web development and associate of applied arts in computer programming at SC4, I had a job within weeks at ePrize LLC, an interactive promotion agency in Royal Oak.

The SC4 faculty prepared me for an exciting career as a Web developer. I now help create the Web pages that are viewed by thousands of people at eprize.com.

Whether it was the caring instructors, financial aid assistance or the convenience of a nearby college, SC4 was the answer to my career goals.

Erik Woods, Kimball Township
SC4 Alumnus, Class of 2006



From left, Michael Kerr, Wendy Krabach, Kathy Smith, Larry Smith and Sandy Kerr were among those attending the SC4 Foundation Red Carpet Affair.

SC4 Foundation pledges money for college, students

The SC4 Foundation in 2006 continued its mission of advancing St. Clair County Community College. The foundation pledged \$96,478 toward renovating the College Center plaza at the college's main campus in Port Huron. It also raised nearly \$25,000 through its Red Carpet Affair gala Nov. 4 to benefit the college. For more information, visit www.sc4.edu/foundation.

College offers classes at Anchor Bay, Marlette

St. Clair County Community College expanded the number of extended learning centers this fall by offering college-level credit classes at Anchor Bay and Marlette high schools. Anchor Bay High School is part of the Anchor Bay School District and is in Ira Township. Marlette High School is part of Marlette Community Schools. SC4 also has extended-learning centers in Algonac, Bad Axe, Imlay City, Peck and Yale.

Alumni association awards scholarships, honors alumna

The SC4 Alumni Association in 2006 gathered former SC4 students and community members for several events.

The 18th annual Golf Classic on Sept. 15 raised \$17,897.50 to benefit the alumni association and the SC4 Athletic Department. During its annual meeting Nov. 13, the alumni association named Bethany Belanger of Port Huron as its Distinguished Alumna of the Year. The alumni association also awarded scholarships to SC4 students Kaitlin Brown of Yale, Nicole Ledsworth of Kimball Township and Kenisha Williams of Port Huron. To join the alumni association, visit www.sc4.edu/alumni.



Bethany Belanger
The SC4 Alumni Association in 2006 gathered former SC4 students and community members for several events.

Kristy Ayotte, Kimball Township
Executive assistant, Citizens First

Workforce Training Institute helps students further careers

St. Clair County Community College's Workforce Training Institute continued to expand its programs in 2006. New Ready-to-Work certificates designed to help students quickly prepare to enter the job market include certified nurse aide, office assistant and paraprofessional teacher assistant. Workshops on topics such as auditing, manufacturing and teambuilding also debuted during fall semester at Anchor Bay High School in Ira Township. In addition, the institute completed its first two firefighter academies, with the most recent class graduating 15 firefighters Dec. 9. Hundreds of other workshops — on campus, online and at business and industry locations — also continued to provide critical skills to working professionals in 2006.

Week of SC4 events marks 10th Global Awareness Day

St. Clair County Community College celebrated its 10th anniversary of Global Awareness Day with events Nov. 13 through 16. They were presented by the SC4 International Cultural Education Committee in conjunction with International Education Week. Events included films; a televised seminar featuring Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mohandas K. Gandhi; workshops; and a reception for SC4's international students.

SC4, SunGard offer new, enhanced technology

SC4 has partnered with SunGard Higher Education to provide a new level of education technology for students and college employees. As the college's information technology partner, SunGard has developed a 24/7 helpdesk and wireless Internet in the College Center and Clara E. Mackenzie Building. In 2007, a new SC4 student e-mail system will debut.



Student Jennifer Palmer, left, alumna Todd Dymtryshyn and student Nicole Ledsworth compete in Phi Theta Kappa's ski-dueling benefit for the American Cancer Society.

College groups raise money to help community needs

St. Clair County Community College organizations gave back to the community through several fund-raising events during fall semester. The Lambda Mu Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society raised \$2,000 through its Oct. 14 ski-dueling competition to benefit the American Cancer Society. The honor society also organized its 24th annual food drive in December to benefit the Blue Water Community Food Depot. The drive collected 9,462 pounds of food and \$1,110. The Educational Support Personnel's annual Silent Auction, Craft and Bake Sale on Dec. 6 raised \$1,301. The money was split between the ESP scholarship fund and the Marysville-based 1171st Family Readiness Group, which supports the Michigan National Guard's 1171st Area Support Medical Company in Iraq.

Three new associate degrees focus on growing fields

Students can choose from three new associate degrees that started at SC4 this fall. An international business associate degree gives students a comprehensive look at international trade, monetary systems, cultural differences and international politics. The new associate degree in landscape design, turf and greenhouse management enhances SC4's former horticulture associate degree. And a new mechatronics degree merges mechanics, electronics, robotics and computer programming.



Two middle school students create pottery during one of the Summer 101 arts classes.

Summer 101 gives students a head start on college

Hundreds of students participated in SC4's Summer 101 programming in June, July and August. Summer 101 was a group of classes and camps that gave fun, hands-on learning for students in grades 3 through 12. "Reach Out for College Credit" provided intensive learning situations in seminar-like settings for grades 6 through 12. Also featured were sports camps and career academies.

SC4 articulation agreements give more transfer options

St. Clair County Community College has signed articulation agreements with Northwood University in Midland, Oakland University and the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City. Students can take up to 91 credits at SC4 that will transfer to Northwood's bachelor of business administration degree. An agreement with Oakland University allows SC4 students to transfer a block of 62 credits toward any of Oakland's nine engineering bachelor's degrees. Students also can begin taking classes at SC4 that will transfer to the maritime academy. Upon graduation from the two-year academy, students will earn both an associate degree in maritime technology from Northwestern Michigan College and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ferris State University.

Whether your goal is to become job-ready quickly, get a promotion or take your education to the next level, SC4 will help you get there.

Associate degree and certificate programs

- Accounting
- Administrative executive assistant
- Administrative legal assistant
- Administrative medical assistant
- Agricultural technology
- Alternative energy
- Broadcasting: radio/tv
- Business
- Civil architectural technology
- CNC programmer/machinist
- Commercial art technology
- Communication design
- Computer applications
- Computer networking
- Computer programming
- Computer Web development
- Criminal justice
 - Corrections
 - Law enforcement
- Early childhood education
- Electrical/industrial
- Electronics technology
- Engineering
- Engineering graphics technology
- Fire science technology
- International business
- Journalism
- Landscape design
- Machine tool
- Management
- Marketing
- Mechatronics
- Medical clinical assistant
- Nursing: LPN and RN
- Paraprofessional teacher assistant
- Radiologic technology
- Robotics/automation technology
- Technology, applied studies
- Therapeutic massage
- Welding and cutting technology

Transfer options

- Accounting
- Agricultural science
- Animal science
- Anthropology
- Architectural engineering
- Art
- Automotive engineering
- Biology
- Broadcasting
- Business administration
- Chemical engineering
- Chemistry
- Child development
- Civil engineering
- Communication design
- Computer science
- Corrections
- Counseling
- Criminal justice
- Economics
- Education
- Electrical engineering
- English
- Environmental science
- Fine arts
- Foreign language
- Forestry
- Geography
- Geology
- General business
- Health care administration
- History
- Horticulture
- Human development
- Human resources
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Math
- Mechanical engineering
- Medical records
- Music
- Nursing
- Occupational therapy
- Pharmacy
- Philosophy
- Physical therapy
- Physics
- Political science
- Pre-dentistry
- Pre-law
- Pre-medicine
- Psychology
- Radiologic therapy
- Social work
- Sociology
- Veterinary medicine



Mitch Blount, Memphis
CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Angela Otulakowski, Port Huron
NURSING



Suzan Brown, Port Huron
WEB DEVELOPMENT



Alicia Ruff, Kimball Township
EDUCATION



Jason Heilig, Capac
BIOLOGY



Swindar Logue, East China Township
FINE ARTS