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AN UPDATE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SC4 launches \$1 million campaign for capital projects, scholarships

St. Clair County Community College and the SC4 Foundation on Nov. 1 launched a \$1 million public fundraising campaign for student scholarships and five capital projects.

The scholarships will provide greater access to a higher education for students. The projects (see accompanying list) will enhance students' learning environment, create more green space on campus and give the community more educational opportunities.

When the campaign launched, \$301,468, or 30%, already had been raised. That included \$201,468 in donations and pledges to the SC4 Foundation from SC4 faculty and staff; members of the SC4 Board of Trustees, SC4 Foundation Board of Directors and SC4 Alumni Association Board of Directors; and other friends of the college. The remaining \$100,000 already raised came from the SC4 Foundation in previously raised money and investment income.



Architectural rendering of McMorrان Greenway and Street Closure project.

"All Aboard: Campaign for Talent, Technology and Tomorrow" aims to raise the remaining money in the public phase of the campaign over two years.

One of the projects, Historical Restoration of Room 312, Main Building, would blend modern technology with historical architectural details.

SC4 sophomore Kelly Norman had a speech class in that room and said having access to a Smart Board and video monitors would be appealing.

"We use a lot of visual aid presentations, and the Smart Board would help us a lot," she said.

Joanne Niederhauser is Girl Scout leader for Troop 50279, made up of Port Huron elementary and middle school students. In April, she took her troop on a tour of SC4's Natural Science Museum to see dinosaur fossil artifacts. A planned expansion through the capital campaign would add another wing on to the museum, allowing SC4 to show more, larger artifact exhibits.

Niederhauser is excited for the expansion.

"I can't thank the college enough for realizing how important it is to have that museum available for kids and adults."

For more information or to make a donation or pledge, visit www.sc4.edu/allaboard or contact David P. Goetze at (810) 989-5761 or dpgoeetze@sc4.edu.

Capital campaign projects

McMorrان Greenway and Street Closure

Estimated cost: \$400,000

Contingent on the city of Port Huron vacating McMorrان Boulevard from Erie Street to River Street, would provide safer pedestrian flow and give the campus a more defined "front door."

Natural Science Museum Expansion

Estimated cost: \$150,000

Would refurbish an area in the Clara E. Mackenzie Building to allow for more effective display of exhibits and pieces now in storage.

Historical Restoration of Room 312, Main Building

Estimated cost: \$150,000

Would reveal the room's high ceiling and associated architectural details and add state-of-the-art technology for teaching and learning.

Campus Innovation Center

Estimated cost: \$50,000

Would renovate the Memorial Room of the Clara E. Mackenzie Building to provide an area to explore and plan innovative ideas.

Campus Signage

Estimated cost: \$150,000

Would include adding, improving and replacing worn building signs and way-finding signs, as well as lighting and QR codes for signs.

Message from the president

SC4 has developed innovative ways to meet the diverse needs of our community.

The college and the SC4 Foundation have launched a \$1 million public fundraising campaign. This campaign will raise money for student scholarships and five capital projects.

Even in a difficult economy, the college must move forward to provide the best resources for our students.

We've boosted our scholarship offerings with some help. The SC4 Foundation Red Carpet Affair in November broke records for attendance and total money raised. It raised \$45,000 to benefit scholarships for students at SC4.



Dr. Kevin A. Pollock

We've continued to make college more accessible for local students.

SC4 is a partner in the new Blue Water Middle College.

The middle college is chartered by St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency. Through the middle college, students in the participating high schools can earn a two-year degree at no cost by attending high school for an extra year.

Also, the second group of students in the early college program partnership between SC4 and the Croswell-Lexington school district started taking classes this fall.

The program allows students to graduate from Croswell-Lexington Early College High School after five years with both a high school diploma from the school district and an associate degree from SC4.

Through the middle college and early college programs and dual-enrollment opportunities, nearly 500 area high school students take classes at SC4.

And as part of the Achieving the Dream national program, we've developed several new initiatives that focus on student success.

This newsletter details these and other SC4 successes from 2011.

To watch a video highlighting the five capital projects, scan this QR code with your smart phone or visit www.sc4.edu/allaboard.



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New SC4 projects help students succeed



SC4 math Professor Cindie Wade, right, helps a student during the SC4 Math Center Open House on Oct. 17.

SC4 has launched several projects as part of Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count. The national initiative helps member colleges identify strategies to improve student success, close achievement gaps and increase retention.

Achieving the Dream helps to identify problems that prevent students from succeeding and develop programs to help them stay in school and receive a certificate or degree.

SC4's Nursing Department prior to fall semester introduced "Thrival Skills For Nursing Success," a study-skills program tailored for associate degree nursing students and designed to prepare them for the rigors of the program.

Nearly 100 students received four days of intense study preparation.

The Math and Science Department in fall semester opened the SC4 Math Center. The center is staffed by SC4 math faculty and student tutors. Students can drop in for tutoring and math assistance to help them in their coursework.

New students are experiencing a revised orientation process at SC4. The new in-person orientation helps students become better acquainted with the college, its support services and extracurricular activities.

SC4 also has developed a new mentoring program for students called Develop, Reach-out, Educate And Mentor (DREAM).

Two new associate degrees offered in health care fields

SC4 beginning in 2012 will offer two new associate degrees in allied health – health information technology and radiologic technology. The programs will allow students to prepare for a career in rapidly growing health care fields, one clinical and one non-clinical. The radiologic technology degree will prepare students for clinical health careers, while the health information technology degree is ideal for students who want to work in health care but don't want to be a clinical provider. The health information technology program will prepare students to work in a variety of health care settings to manage medical data. The radiologic technology program will prepare students to work in hospital settings, physician's offices, imaging centers and urgent care clinics to administer X-rays for diagnostic purposes. For more information, visit www.sc4.edu/degrees.



Participants get ready at the starting line of the SC4 Alumni Association's Skipper 5K Fun Run or Walk on July 23 in Port Huron. A total of 61 people participated, and the event raised more than \$2,300 to benefit student athletic scholarships.

Alumni association awards scholarships, honors alumnus

The SC4 Alumni Association in 2011 gathered former SC4 students and community members for several events. The 23rd annual Golf Classic on June 5 raised nearly \$22,000 to benefit the alumni association. The association's Skipper 5K Fun Run or Walk on July 23 raised more than \$2,300 to benefit SC4 student athletic scholarships. The association awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 10 SC4 students for the 2010-11 academic year. During its annual meeting Nov. 17, the association named Karl S. Tomion of Port Huron as its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Tomion is city manager for the city of Algonac. He serves as vice president on the SC4 Foundation Board of Directors and co-chair of the foundation's All Aboard: Campaign for Talent, Technology and Tomorrow. Also at the meeting, the association elected two new board members, Dale G. Lashbrook of Kimball Township and the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Seppo of Fort Gratiot. To join the alumni association, visit www.sc4.edu/alumni.



Karl Tomion

Arts projects enrich campus, community

SC4 in 2011 added more initiatives and partnerships with arts organizations as the college looked to increase its role in the arts community.

A major art sculpture created by SC4 alumnus Thomas Pyrzewski was dedicated in October outside the Fine Arts Building. The sculpture was funded by \$14,000 in state and local grants.

For the sculpture, Pyrzewski promoted a "recycle" message by using materials destined for landfills and recycling them into artwork resembling an organic life form.

SC4 continued partnering with arts organizations for events at SC4. New partnerships this year led to the Lexington Bach Festival String Quartet playing the opening concert in September for SC4's Thursday at Noon Concert Series.



Community members shop at SC4's Potters Market in November.

The college during fall semester hosted three art shows in the Fine Arts Galleries. SC4's Potters Market in November offered people the chance to buy handmade art by students, faculty and guests potters.

Four Thursday at Noon concerts offered a variety of music. The SC4 Symphonic Band presented its six-performance summer Twilight Concert Series and holiday shows in October and December. The curtain rose on theatre productions *Fool for Love* in October and *Greetings!* in December.



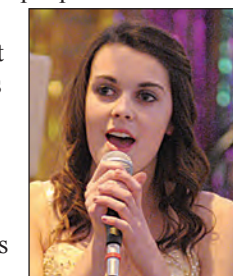
Greg Lane of Greenwood Township, president of SC4's Lambda Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, discusses chapter membership with student Billie Davis of Port Huron during the President's Honors Reception in October.

Student clubs host events to benefit college, community

SC4's student clubs organized numerous events during the fall 2011 semester to benefit the college and community. SC4's Lambda Mu chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society hosted American Red Cross blood drives in September and November and collected food and money for the Blue Water Community Food Depot during the chapter's 29th annual food drive. The chapter also hosted a regional honors conference in October. The *Erie Square Gazette* student newspaper collected 40 coats during a drive to benefit the area's needy. Student Government presented a leadership conference. Campus Progressives and Global Awareness Club were among site sponsors for the 9/11 Tribute Walk organized by the United Way of St. Clair County. Other events sponsored by SC4's student clubs included a student StressBreaker, activity days, concerts, movie showings and a voter registration drive. For more information, visit www.sc4.edu/clubs.

SC4 Foundation presents recording-breaking gala

The SC4 Foundation Red Carpet Affair on Nov. 5 broke records for attendance and total money raised. A total of 314 people attended the formal gala, which raised exactly \$45,000 for student scholarships. Of this year's total, \$5,658 was raised by three local performers as part of the gala's Jazz Extravaganza competition. Red Carpet Affair attendees were asked to "vote" for their favorite performer by filling out a donation pledge card. The winning performer, raising the most money, was singer Ally Evenson of Fort Gratiot. Fifth Third Bank was platinum sponsor for the event, which included more than 50 other sponsors. A drawing featured three jewelry prizes valued at \$1,750 donated by Alexander Fine Jewelers, Coughlin Jewelers and Mosher's Jewelers. Guests dined on specialty food items donated by 15 area restaurants. Visit www.sc4.edu/redcarpet for photos and video from the event.



Singer Ally Evenson of Fort Gratiot won the Jazz Extravaganza competition at the SC4 Foundation Red Carpet Affair.

Professor Berry recognized with national teaching award

SC4 Reading Professor James Berry of Port Huron Township in October was presented the Association of Community College Trustees' 2011 Central Regional Faculty Member Award. The award recognizes outstanding faculty members. SC4 nominated Berry for the regional award. An ACCT Regional Awards committee selected Berry as the winner for the ACCT Central Region, which includes colleges in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin and Ontario. SC4 chose to nominate Berry because he is a champion of student success and has demonstrated excellence in teaching. He has provided leadership in helping to solve challenges to two-year postsecondary education.



James Berry

Archaeology dig at SC4 unearths past

SC4 hosted its first National Archaeology Day event Oct. 22 as faculty from various departments led a small excavation on campus.

More than 45 students, faculty, staff and community members participated.

The dig targeted the locations of a 19th century residence and associated structures. Volunteers unearthed flakes from Native American tool making, a coin dated 1817 and a toy car preliminarily dated to have been made in 1960.

Archaeology also was the theme for SC4's 15th annual Global Awareness Day on Nov. 15. The event, "World Class Archaeological Sites," highlighted archaeology and several sites around the globe and in Michigan.

University Center offers advanced degrees at SC4

The SC4 University Center offers bachelor's degree programs through partner universities on SC4's Port Huron campus.

Ferris State University

- Bachelor of applied science in business administration – professional track in hospitality and tourism
- Bachelor of science in criminal justice

Madonna University

- Bachelor of science in child development

Saginaw Valley State University

- Bachelor of arts in elementary education
- Elementary teacher certification program
- Secondary teacher certification program

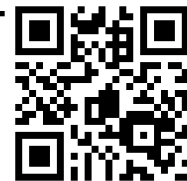
University of Michigan-Flint

- Bachelor of arts in psychology
- Bachelor of science in nursing (RN to BSN)

Walsh College

- Bachelor of business administration in accounting processes
- Bachelor of business administration in management

For more information about the SC4 University Center, scan this QR code with your smart phone or visit www.sc4.edu/universities.



Brittini Bartin, Port Huron
WEB DEVELOPMENT



Christian McGeachy, China Township
TRANSFER STUDIES



Joi Price, Port Huron
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



Craig Schiffelbine, Yale
CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Jessica Bark, Algonac
NURSING



Lester Hendershot, Port Huron
SOCIAL WORK

SC4 students represent various ages, areas of study

More than 4,700 students enrolled in nearly 45,000 credit hours at SC4 during fall 2011. SC4 students ranged in age from 15 to 82.

Top 12 areas of study – fall 2011

1. Liberal arts and general education
2. Nursing
3. Business
4. Law enforcement
5. Science transfer
6. Early childhood education
7. Accounting
8. Corrections
9. Management
10. Networking
11. Administrative medical assistant
12. Medical clinical assistant

Financial aid makes college more accessible

Students at St. Clair County Community College received more than \$18.4 million in financial aid during the 2010-11 school year. SC4 and donors provided \$595,694 in scholarship, grant and loan funds.

Federal grant aid	\$9,153,377
State grants/scholarships	\$683,455
SC4/donor grants/scholarships/loans	\$544,919
SC4 Foundation scholarships	\$50,775
Federal/state/alternative loans	\$7,890,857
Student employment/work study	\$123,043
Total	\$18,446,426

Fundraisers, endowments create new scholarships

Numerous efforts in 2011 led to new scholarship opportunities for SC4 students. The SC4 Foundation's Red Carpet Affair in November raised \$45,000 for scholarships. In addition, part of the proceeds from the 23rd annual SC4 Alumni Association Golf Classic in June went to scholarships. Several donations to the college and SC4 Foundation led to new scholarships, including the Mary M. Barss Nursing Scholarship and Kathleen and Irvin Hayward Academic Scholarship.

State funding, economy bring budget challenges

SC4's 2010-11 budget year again presented numerous challenges since the economic position of the college is tied closely to that of the state of Michigan. As a result of ongoing state budget issues, the state's economic conditions and expenses that continue to grow, the college will continue to face significant challenges.

Funding sources

Tuition and fees	\$14,185,249 (44%)
Property taxes	\$10,571,651 (32%)
State appropriations	\$6,729,800 (21%)
Other	\$980,553 (3%)
Total	\$32,467,253

2010-11 budget

Instruction	\$12,224,056 (45%)
Instructional support	\$4,084,468 (15%)
Institutional services	\$4,274,991 (16%)
Student services	\$3,022,628 (11%)
Physical plant operations	\$3,527,148 (13%)
Other	\$135,310 (<1%)
Total	\$27,268,601
Mandatory transfers and plant improvements	\$4,902,145
Total expenses	\$32,170,746



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
- Alternative energy
 - Architectural design/green building
 - Facility and energy management
 - Renewable and alternative energy technology
- Architectural design
- Architectural
 - Civil/site work
 - Mechanical/electrical/plumbing
 - Structural
- Broadcasting: radio/tv
- Business
- CNC programmer/machinist
- Communication design
- Computer applications
- Computer networking
- Computer programming
- Computer Web development
- Criminal justice
 - Corrections
 - Law enforcement
- Early childhood education
- Electrical/industrial
- Electronics and computer technology
- Engineering
- Engineering graphics technology
- Fabrication and design
- Fire science technology
- Freshwater systems – water monitoring and assessment
- Health information technology
- Horticulture/landscape
- Journalism
- Landscape design
- Machine tool
- Management
- Marketing
- Mechatronics
- Medical clinical assistant
- Nursing: LPN and RN
- Radio frequency identification technology
- Radiologic technology
- Robotics/automation technology
- Technology, applied studies
- Therapeutic massage
- Transportation and logistics technology
- 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
- Freshwater studies
- 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



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Through Jan. 20
■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
SC4 Student Invitational Art Show
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

Jan. 16 ■ 6:30 p.m.
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
A variety of musical styles, dramatic performances and dance will come together for this 10th annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. This event is sponsored by SC4's Global Diversity Advisory Council, Port Huron branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the *Times Herald*.
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

Jan. 19 ■ noon to 1 p.m.
Thursday at Noon Concert Series
Pianist Pauline Martin, In Concert
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

Feb. 2 to 23 ■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
1 to 5 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday
Reception: 4 to 6 p.m. Feb. 2

44th annual Beatrice Thornton Student Exhibition
Elementary school student art
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

Feb. 11 ■ 7 p.m.
Jazz & Dessert
SC4 Jazz Band fundraiser
College Center Atrium
Tickets: \$20

Feb. 12 ■ 2 to 4 p.m.
College Goal Sunday
Get your questions answered about the loan process, and get help completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
Free! M-TEC, Room 150

Feb. 18 ■ 7 p.m.
SC4 Symphonic Band Concert
Two for One
McMorran Place Auditorium, Port Huron
Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, free for children through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult

Feb. 23 ■ noon to 1 p.m.
Thursday at Noon Concert Series
The Life and Times of Rosa Parks
Rosie Chapman – storyteller
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

March 1 to 22
■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
1 to 5 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday
(Galleries closed March 9, 10 and 11)
Reception: 4 to 6 p.m. March 1
44th annual Beatrice Thornton Student Exhibition
Middle school and high school student art
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

March 23 and 24 ■ 7:30 p.m.
March 25 ■ 2 p.m.
SC4 theatre performance
Stop Kiss
Fine Arts Theatre
Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors age 60 and older

March 25 to April 17
■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
Reception: 2 to 4 p.m. March 25
Mike Henry, watercolorist
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

March 29 ■ noon to 1 p.m.
Thursday at Noon Concert Series
An Dro – World Music Ensemble
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

April 12 ■ noon to 1 p.m.
Thursday at Noon Concert Series
The Royal Garden Trio – jazz
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

April 14
Free College Day
More than 100 free classes offered
One-hour classes ranging from dancing to computers to nature will be taught free throughout the day. Advance registration for sessions is required.
Registration begins March 25.
Details: www.sc4.edu/freecollege

April 14 ■ 7 p.m.
SC4 Symphonic Band Concert
Moments in Time
McMorran Place Auditorium, Port Huron
Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, free for children through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult

April 19 ■ noon to 1 p.m.
Thursday at Noon Concert Series
SC4 student presentations
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

April 22 to May 4
■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
2012 Patterns Art Work and Sophomore Portfolio Show
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

April 22 ■ 2 to 6 p.m.
Patterns Reception
Celebrate the 54th edition of *Patterns*, SC4's student literary and arts publication.
Free! Fine Arts Theatre, College Center Atrium

May 4 ■ 7:30 p.m.
Commencement
McMorran Place Main Arena, Port Huron

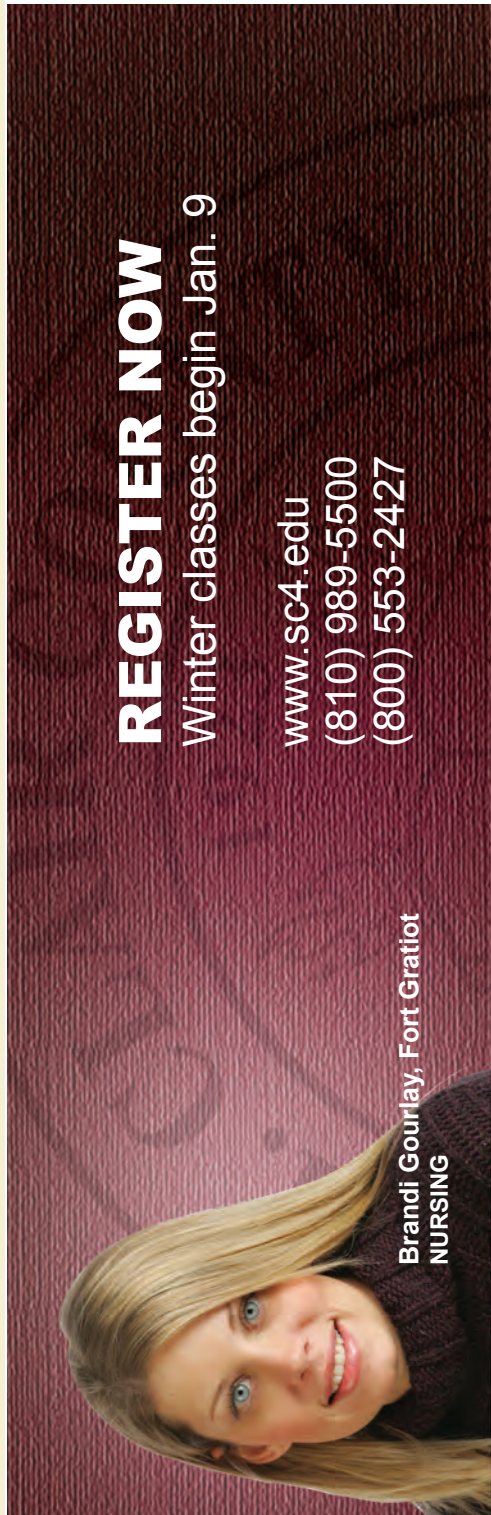
May 7 to June 8
■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays
SC4 Student Art Show
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

May 12 ■ 2 and 7 p.m.
Children's Theatre
Edward, the Owl and the Calico Cat
Fine Arts Theatre
Tickets: \$5

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