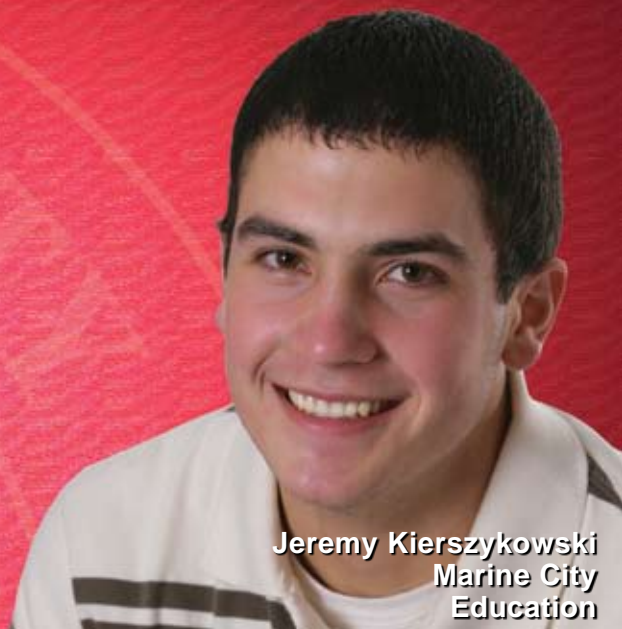


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AN UPDATE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Faculty, staff, students team up to help SC4 campus go 'green'

St. Clair County Community College is using teamwork and technology to make environmentally friendly changes to its 25-acre Port Huron campus.

The college has installed "green roofs" on portions of three buildings. A green roof consists of a layer of live plant material applied over a standard roof. The vegetation reduces water runoff, provides natural insulation and adds natural vegetation to campus. It also soaks up carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas.

SC4 was the first community college in the state to use green roofs. The roofs are on parts of the Fine Arts Building, Clara E. Mackenzie Building and North Building gymnasium.

The roof on the Clara E. Mackenzie Building also will serve an educational purpose. A doorway provides access to a walkway surrounding the roof. This allows college faculty to teach students about the technology, including what vegetation is used and the construction methods applied to the roof.

SC4 also is working to develop new ideas through a green initiatives committee of faculty, staff and students looking at energy conservation, environmental education and recycling.

Other green initiatives began last winter, when SC4 installed a wind turbine and solar panels on campus for students in the college's alternative energy program.

For more information about SC4's alternative energy program, visit www.sc4.edu/energy.



Workers in June install a green roof atop a portion of SC4's Fine Arts Building.

SC4 among groups clearing path for students to attend college

SC4 is one of 12 organizations in St. Clair County working to increase the number of students graduating from high school and completing at least an associate degree.

The initiative will incorporate programs and resources to give students a clear path to an associate degree. The project includes information from the national KnowHow2GO campaign.

Ten school districts and colleges, the Community Foundation of St. Clair County and the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County are partners in the initiative.



SC4 is one of a dozen organizations collaborating to increase the number of St. Clair County students completing at least an associate degree.

The effort will begin for students in kindergarten and continue through high school. For example, a college access office planned at Port Huron High School will help students and parents understand the options for attending college and navigate the process.

The organizations also will work to maximize existing scholarship options to open more opportunities for county residents to attend college. SC4 and the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency will offer special summer programs and outreach to students from sixth through 12th grade eligible for Michigan's Tuition Incentive Program. The program provides 100% funding for eligible students to pursue an associate degree.

In addition, an advertising and marketing campaign will show the value of college. And local business leaders will talk to middle- and high-school students about the real-world need to get a degree.

The community foundation also is in the early stages of exploring options for guaranteeing that every graduating high school senior

would receive a 100% scholarship to pursue an associate degree within the county.

For more information, visit www.sc4.edu/collegepathway.

From the interim president

St. Clair County Community College is proud to be a source of career and educational opportunities for area residents during these challenging economic times.

Thousands of students this semester are proving that a solid education and job training can enhance their lives and communities.

Among these students are displaced workers from Blue Water Automotive Systems.



Kirk A. Kramer

A task force at the college organized an information night, career exploration seminars and individual appointments to help these workers. These endeavors helped to give them the confidence and the understanding to remain competitive in today's job market.

We also have unveiled several new work-force training programs offering skills and knowledge for in-demand jobs.

And SC4 is working to ensure students reach college right away. SC4 is one of 12 partners working to increase the number of St. Clair County graduating seniors who complete at least an associate degree.

In addition, SC4 is recognizing the need for green energy and training for jobs in this field. Green roofs, alternative energy equipment and a green campus committee of faculty, staff and students are bringing the national trend toward green jobs here to St. Clair County.

But what we continue to be most proud of are our students' accomplishments in the classroom, on campus and in the community. Our Lambda Mu chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, for example, continues to be recognized for its leadership and service.

After 85 years, St. Clair County Community College remains the source of new opportunities for students and workers. We are proud to help you reach your goals.

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SC4 offers help to displaced workers

SC4 beginning in September completed several endeavors designed to help displaced Blue Water Automotive Systems workers find a new successful career path. More than 700 workers were out of work when the company's St. Clair County plants closed over the summer. SC4 in response to news of the plant closings formed a task force to address ways to help the local workers.

An information night Sept. 16 on campus explained degree and training options for today's jobs and prepared workers to take steps in the right direction toward a stronger future.

Three career exploration workshops Oct. 7 and 8 took employees to the next level of their career search. The workshops guided employees through the steps of finding a new career to fit their interests. Participants also filled out SC4 applications and signed up for individual placement testing, academic advising and financial aid appointments.

SC4 has applied its career development resources at several other events since the Blue Water Automotive programs, including presentations for Michigan Works! clients in October and November. The college also participated in an education fair Nov. 12 at Johnson Controls – Plastech in Crosowell.

The college has developed a resource guide and Web site to help unemployed workers of all industries find new avenues to success.

For more information about resources for displaced workers, visit www.sc4.edu/backtowork.



SC4 Training Administrator Bonnie DiNardo answers a question at an information night for Blue Water Automotive Systems workers. The Sept. 16 information night explained degree and training options for displaced workers.

College expands work-force training

SC4's Workforce Training Institute offered new programs to area workers and business and industry in fall 2008. Several programs were designed to get workers quickly into a new career.

A pharmacy technician training program was offered in Port Huron and Marlette. Students got an introduction to various pharmacy practice settings and received instruction in drugs, basic physiology, drug interactions and daily pharmacy operations.

New classes in medical transcription and medical receptionist also prepared students for entry-level positions in various health-care settings.

In addition, SC4 has developed two classes, automotive technology and electrical systems, to prepare students for the Automotive Service Excellence certification, as well as two classes, culinary techniques and culinary sanitation, which fulfill partial requirements for certification with the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation and American Culinary Federation. These classes will be offered in winter 2009.

Finally, a consortium that includes SC4 was honored Sept. 12 at Automation Alley's Awards Gala 2008.

The Southeast Michigan Community College Consortium received the Educational Program of the Year award for its Centers of Expertise concept. The award recognizes an outstanding education curriculum that results in a skilled labor force in southeast Michigan.

SC4 twice has benefited from the Centers of Expertise Concept and grant dollars. The college in March was awarded a \$2 million grant to establish a Center of Expertise in transportation, distribution and logistics. SC4's grant will provide the program and equipment to train more than 400 workers in the tracking and movement of goods.

The consortium in 2007 also enabled SC4 to receive a \$56,000 grant for the advanced manufacturing and alternative energy curriculums. The funding helped to provide the college's wind turbine and solar panels. The two SC4 programs were funded in whole or part by grants awarded under the Community Based Job Training Grants, as implemented by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.

For more information about these and other training programs, visit www.sc4.edu/training.



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SC4 students represent various ages, areas of study

More than 4,500 students enrolled in more than 43,000 credit hours at SC4 during fall 2008. SC4 students ranged in age from 14 to 80.

Top 12 areas of study – fall 2008

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

Financial aid makes college more accessible

Students at St. Clair County Community College received more than \$9.5 million in financial aid during the 2007-08 school year. SC4 and donors provided \$414,251 in scholarship, grant and loan funds.

Federal grant aid	\$3,417,795
State grants/scholarships	\$1,529,505
SC4/donor grants/scholarships/loans	\$395,051
SC4 Foundation scholarships.....	\$19,200
Federal/state/alternative loans	\$4,046,243
Student employment/work study	\$172,524
Total	\$9,580,318

State funding, economy bring budget challenges

SC4's 2007-08 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	\$11,182,626 (37%)
Property taxes	\$10,395,943 (34%)
State appropriations	\$7,194,400 (24%)
Other.....	\$1,495,761 (5%)
Total	\$30,268,730

2007-08 budget

Instruction	\$9,900,616 (39%)
Instructional support	\$3,508,480 (14%)
Institutional services	\$4,308,507 (17%)
Student services	\$2,630,859 (10%)
Physical plant operations.....	\$3,358,454 (13%)
Institutional technology	\$1,845,812 (7%)
Other.....	\$124,305 (<1%)
Total	\$25,677,033
Mandatory transfers and plant improvements	\$3,695,321
Total expenses.....	\$29,372,354



Lambda Mu chapter members Janice Kenny of Marysville and Dan Martiny of Port Huron sort food drive donations.

Phi Theta Kappa chapter serves students, community

SC4's Lambda Mu chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society sponsored an academic conference and completed numerous service projects in 2008. Lambda Mu hosted a Leadership/Mock Chapter Conference on Sept. 26, 27 and 28, drawing 97 attendees from 13 chapters around the state. The conference provided training about how to successfully operate a chapter. The SC4 chapter also presented four satellite seminars on global topics and sponsored American Red Cross blood drives on campus. The chapter's 26th annual food drive in December collected food and money for the Blue Water Community Food Depot.



From left, Julie Moak of Fort Gratiot, Jane McCandless of Port Huron and Melanie Weiss of Fort Gratiot examine more than \$12,000 in donated jewelry at the Red Carpet Affair.

SC4 Foundation quadruples student scholarship awards

The SC4 Foundation in the past year awarded 44 scholarships totaling \$67,700 to St. Clair County Community College students. That's more than quadruple the dollar amount awarded in the previous year, when the foundation awarded 19 scholarships totaling \$16,000. The foundation also raised more than \$26,000 through its Red Carpet Affair gala Oct. 25 to benefit the college. The gala was co-sponsored by Citizens First and Lawrence Jewelers. For more information, visit www.sc4.edu/foundation.

College welcomes 8 overseas international students for fall

Eight overseas international students studied at SC4 during the fall semester. They are Francis Chijongwe of Zimbabwe, Abu and Mohamed Fadika of Siere Leone, Rebeca Kelly of Brazil, Muenfun Ninnoy of Thailand, Christiane Schmidt of Germany, Rajabo Shabani of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Torpong Wongwattanakit of Thailand. The SC4 international students took part in a Foreign Exchange/International Student Mixer on Nov. 18 as part of the college's Global Awareness Day. The mixer allowed the SC4 international students to meet local foreign exchange high school students and their host parents.



SC4 Professor C. Brent Forsgren gives a presentation on immigration and politics during Global Awareness Day.

Global Awareness Day leads international education efforts

SC4 presented several events in fall 2008 offering international educational opportunities to students and the public. The college's 12th annual Global Awareness Day on Nov. 18 presented events focused on the topic "Global Migrations." SC4 also offered a showing Oct. 23 of the foreign film *Pan's Labyrinth*. And on Nov. 21, the college offered a bus trip to the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn. Leading the events were SC4's International Cultural Education Committee and Global Awareness Task Force.

85th anniversary celebration continues with several events

Throughout 2008, SC4 celebrated the 85th anniversary of its founding in 1923. Twenty-two SC4 and SC4 Alumni Association representatives participated in the Rotary International Day Parade on July 9 in downtown Port Huron. The college and alumni association also presented Homecoming festivities July 10 with a special Homecoming tent on the lawn in front of the gym. Faculty and staff socialized with alumni, family and friends. And in honor of the anniversary, the SC4 Foundation used a 1920s theme for its Red Carpet Affair gala Oct. 25.



Members of the SC4 Jazz Band perform July 26 in the college's Fine Arts Theatre as part of the Twilight Concert Series.

Art events invite community to look, listen, learn at SC4

Several visual and performing arts productions entertained audiences in fall 2008. The annual Thursday at Noon Concert Series opened on campus in September, featuring free monthly musical performances from professional artists. Three student art shows filled the Fine Arts Galleries during the semester, while the Potters Market in November featured hand-made work for sale from students, faculty and guest potters. The SC4 Symphonic Band and SC4 Jazz Band thrilled audiences with a five-performance summer Twilight Concert Series and holiday shows in October and December. The college's theatre discipline offered performances of *Italian American Reconciliation* in October and *Christmas Belles* in December. For a list of upcoming events, visit www.sc4.edu/arts.

Alumni association awards scholarships, honors alumnus

The SC4 Alumni Association in 2008 gathered former SC4 students and community members for several events. The 20th annual Golf Classic on June 6 raised more than \$24,000 to benefit the alumni association. During its annual meeting Nov. 10, the alumni association named St. Clair County Circuit Judge Daniel Kelly of Fort Gratiot as its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. The alumni association also awarded scholarships to SC4 students Sean Allen of Marysville, Nicole Armstrong of Marysville, Nathan Drake of Fort Gratiot, Erin Lamb of Marysville, Katie Miller of Kimball Township and Tiffany Rheume of St. Clair. To join the alumni association, visit www.sc4.edu/alumni.



Daniel Kelly

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, certificate programs

- Accounting
- Administrative executive assistant
- Administrative legal assistant
- Administrative medical assistant
- Agricultural technology
- Alternative energy technology
- Broadcasting: radio/tv
- Business
- 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
- Facility and energy management
- Fire science technology
- International business
- Journalism
- Landscape design
- Machine tool
- Management
- Marketing
- Mechatronics
- Mechanical engineering
- Medical clinical assistant
- Nursing: LPN and RN
- Radiologic technology
- Robotics/automation technology
- Technology, applied studies
- Therapeutic massage
- Water quality field operations
- 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

College Night, Transfer Fair draw hundreds to campus

About 900 high school juniors and seniors and family members attended SC4's annual College Night on Oct. 16. Representatives from more than 50 colleges, universities and armed services branches provided information and answered questions. Earlier that day, about 100 SC4 students attended a Transfer Fair, where representatives from more than 40 colleges and universities answered questions about the transfer process.



SC4 student Jessie Taylor of Port Huron, right, talks with Michigan State University Admissions Counselor Elizabeth Guerrero about transferring to MSU. Taylor was attending SC4's Transfer Fair.

University Center degrees available on SC4 campus

Central Michigan University:

- Master of arts in education
- Master of arts in educational technology
- Master of science in administration

Ferris State University:

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

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

Wayne State University:

- Bachelor of social work

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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.

Jan. 12 to Feb. 27

■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays

Chris Walker photography show
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

Jan. 19 ■ 6:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

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

Jan. 29 ■ noon to 1 p.m.

Thursday at Noon concert

Dearing Concert Duo
Flute, vocal, classical guitar
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

Feb. 8 ■ 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. 12 ■ 7 p.m.

SC4 Symphonic Band Concert

Two for One
McMorran Auditorium, Port Huron
Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, free for children through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult.

Feb. 20 and 21 ■ 8 p.m.

Feb. 22 ■ 3 p.m.

SC4 theatre performance

The Zoo Story and *The American Dream*
Fine Arts Theatre
Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors age 60 and older. Dinner theatre Feb. 21: \$25 for dinner and show.

Feb. 26 ■ noon to 1 p.m.

Thursday at Noon concert

Compañeros de Flamenco
Dancers, vocal, guitar
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

March 21 to April 19

■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays

41st annual

Beatrice Thornton Student Exhibition
Free! Fine Arts Galleries

March 26 ■ noon to 1 p.m.

Thursday at Noon concert

Bob Gorinac, jazz pianist
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

April 4

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. Presenters include SC4 professors and staff and local residents who all are volunteering their time to share their expertise with the community. More than 1,100 people participated last year. There is no fee to attend, but advance registration for sessions is required. Registration begins March 15.

Details: www.sc4.edu/freecollege

April 16 ■ noon to 1 p.m.

Thursday at Noon concert

SC4 student presentation of Tapestry
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

April 18 ■ 7 p.m.

SC4 Symphonic Band Concert

Moments in Time
McMorran Auditorium, Port Huron
Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, free for children through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult.

April 22 ■ noon to 3 p.m.

SC4 Career Fair

Free! M-TEC, Room 150

April 23 ■ noon to 1 p.m.

Thursday at Noon concert

Olga Tcherniak and Friends
Free! Fine Arts Theatre

April 24 to 30 ■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays

Patterns art show

Free! Fine Arts Theatre

April 26 ■ 2 to 6 p.m.

Patterns Reception

Come celebrate the release of the 51st edition of *Patterns*, SC4's student literary and arts publication. Free!
Fine Arts Theatre, College Center Atrium

May 3 to 8 ■ 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays

SC4 Sophomore Portfolio art show

Free! Fine Arts Galleries



May 8 ■ 7:30 p.m.

Commencement

McMorran Arena, Port Huron

May 16 ■ 3 p.m.

Children's Theatre

Jack and the Beanstalk
Fine Arts Theatre
Tickets: \$5.

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.edu/reachout

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