


IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 7 —Spring 2018 New Student Registration and Orientation

Dec. 13-14—Fall Semester Finals

Dec. 14—Fall Semester Ends

Dec. 15—Winter Break Begins

Dec. 18-Jan. 1—College Closed

Jan. 2—State Tech Staff Returns

Jan. 3—Spring Classes Begin

Jan. 15—College Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Feb. 19—College Closed for Presidents' Day

Feb. 28— End of 1st 8 Weeks

March 1—Beginning of 2nd 8 Weeks

March 9—Advisory Council Meeting/ No Classes

March 12-16—Spring Break/College Closed

March 15—Scholarship Application Deadline

March 24 —Spring Open House

March 30—Free Day/College Closed

April 6—State Skills USA/No Classes

May 2-4—Spring Semester Finals

May 4—Spring Semester Ends

May 5—Commencement

Dr. Strong Remarks

At State Tech we like to say, “From the Classroom to Your Career, State Tech is the Employers’ Choice!”. I suspect many of you already know what this saying means. I enjoy explaining this to those not so familiar with State Tech. Essentially it means that when it comes to technical education, there is no better place to be and employers would agree. As evidence I might say something like, “A State Tech graduate, on average, 10 years after graduation will make more money than the average four-year regional universities graduate.” or “We have over 97% placement rate.”. I also like to talk about our nearly dozen national rankings comparing us against over 1200 other two-year schools.

One of my pleasures as president of State Tech is being able to brag about our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and all the great things happening on campus at any one moment. As I write this, we have a Health Sciences Center and a Safety Village training area under construction, we are starting new programs in Utility Systems and healthcare, we have just finished a new Welcome Center, and are expanding marketing and branding efforts several fold. State Tech is in growth mode just having accepted our biggest freshman class in school history and expect to continue this trend next fall. We are grateful you have entrusted us with your family members education. We hope you hear about all the exciting things happening on campus and help us spread the word. You can say as we do, “From the Classroom to Your Career, State Tech is the Employers’ Choice!”.



FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

A+ Students

Does your student receive A+ benefits? If so, here are some important eligibility requirements to remember for the 2017-18 academic year:

Initial A+ recipients must achieve at least a cumulative 2.000 GPA at the end of the Fall 2017 semester to be eligible for a Spring 2018 A+ award.

Renewal students must maintain a cumulative 2.500 GPA.

A+ will only pay for classes required for the student's first degree.

A+ will not pay for any retake classes.

A+ will only pay for completed coursework.

A+ eligibility expires 48 months after high school graduation, receipt of an associate's degree, or when the student has completed 105% of credit hours required for their degree program.

Students must be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours) unless they are enrolled in an off-campus internship only or are enrolled in all classes available.

Students who begin full-time enrollment for the Fall 2017 semester must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours to be eligible for a Spring 2018 A+ award.



At the end of each semester students will receive an e-mail notification regarding their eligibility for A+ funding the following semester. Please remind students to check their State Tech student email account regularly. More information regarding the A+ program can be found at <http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php>.

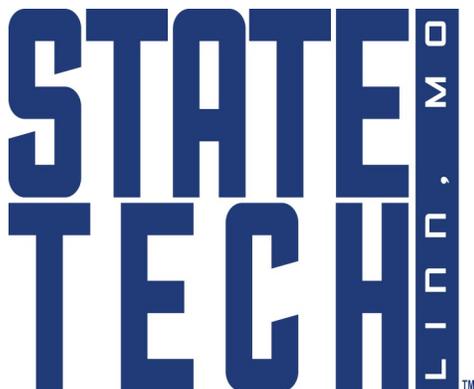
FAFSA Reminder

If your student plans to return to State Tech for the Fall 2018 semester and receive financial aid, a 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form should be completed. This FAFSA form uses 2016 federal tax information and is available now. Students should carefully complete the 2018-19 FAFSA form by using the IRS Data Retrieval tool on www.fafsa.gov. State Tech's college code is 004711. The priority FAFSA deadline is February 1, 2018.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

According to federal regulations, students must make satisfactory academic progress to remain eligible for financial aid. To remain eligible for financial aid, students must maintain an overall semester Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.000 or above on a 4.000 scale. Students must also satisfactorily earn a minimum number of credit hours. Please visit

<https://www.statetechmo.edu/campus-services/financial-aid/satisfactory-academic-progress/> for State Tech's complete financial aid satisfactory academic progress policy. It is extremely important for students receiving financial aid to attend classes regularly. Missing classes can impact their final grades. Please note some funding sources may have more stringent criteria than the 2.000 GPA.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congrats to the State Tech Practical Nursing class of 2017 for a 100% pass rate on the Practical Nursing Licensure Exam!



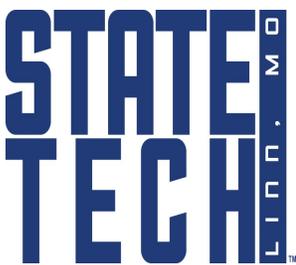
ACADEMIC RECORDS OFFICE AND REGISTRAR UPDATE

We have moved! Like many Student Services' offices, we moved from the Nilges Technology Center to the Dr. Donald Claycomb Information Technology Center over the summer. We love our new home and hope the move makes us more accessible to students.

Spring and Summer 2018 Registration. Registration for Spring and/or Summer 2018 classes is in the advising and enrollment phase right now. By November 22nd students should have their finalized spring and/or summer schedules. Students who lose their schedules before the start of the semester can print new ones from State Tech's portal (EagleOnline) via www.statetechmo.edu. Billing information is available to students in the portal.

Student Holds. Over 110 students currently have holds on their accounts that prevent them from registering in future classes and returning in the spring semester. Students should have been emailed about the details of the holds, so they should know whom to contact to resolve the issues. These really need to be resolved as quickly as possible so the students can register in future classes.

Grades and Unofficial Transcripts. Paper grade reports are not mailed to students at the end of the semester. Students should log into EagleOnline and click on the My Grades link under the Student Info tab to get their grades. Unofficial transcripts are also available here.



Many vehicle insurance companies allow students to mail in unofficial transcripts in lieu of the college completing a form for students to renew their Good Student discounts!

December 2017 Graduation. December graduation will be here before we know it! The semester ends on December 14th, and graduation reviews will be done once all fall grades have been submitted. Diplomas will be mailed to December graduates during the last week of January. Students must apply for graduation even if they do not plan to participate in a commencement ceremony in May. State Tech confers degrees every semester, but commencement ceremonies are held in May only. Graduates from the previous fall semester, spring applicants, and approved summer applicants may participate each May. Watch for commencement details on the State Tech website, www.statetechmo.edu, in the spring.

May 2018 Graduation. We still have over 230 students who still need to apply for May graduation. It's good for students to apply for May graduation during the fall semester so that a graduation review can be conducted before starting the last semester of classes. This gives students the opportunity to make any necessary schedule changes before classes begin. Please ask your student if he/she has applied for graduation, and if not, please encourage him/her to submit the application for graduation as soon as possible. The application is available on State Tech's website and at the Academic Records Office in the Information Technology Center (Room 101).

May 2018 Commencement. Commencement ceremonies will be held on the Linn campus the first Saturday in May 2018. Our website will be updated around February with which programs are participating in each ceremony and ceremony details. Students will be notified via their State Tech email addresses also.

Questions: Email registrar@statetechmo.edu.

Support State Tech

You are an important part of the College's success! For this the Foundation for State Technical College of Missouri is grateful.

The Foundation supports the College by providing additional funding to help fulfill its mission to prepare students for profitable employment and a life of learning. The students and faculty at State Tech are at the heart of our institution, and supporting them is our most important priority. Private contributions ensure we can accomplish this mission, allowing our college to thrive.

The Foundation encourages you to support the College with a donation – no matter the amount – to the Foundation. With your support the College will remain a premier two-year technical college capable of training tomorrow's skilled workforce.

We thank you for your support of State Tech!

For more information or to make a donation, please contact the Foundation Office: 573.897.5135 – foundation@statetechmo.edu - www.statetechmo.edu/foundation

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HEALTH SCIENCE BUILDING UPDATE

The Construction of the Health Science Building is moving along well. We are close to having the building closed in for the winter as the roof is nearly complete. Inside the building, the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work is all currently being “roughed in” in the walls and ceilings. Drywall and insulation is currently being installed on the exterior walls. On the exterior, the brick wainscot has been laid, while the EIFS walls are being prepped now. After the EIFS is installed the metal installation will begin. The Plaza continues to progress with more concrete being poured each week. Substantial completion of the building is slated for March 28th, while final completion is April 28th.

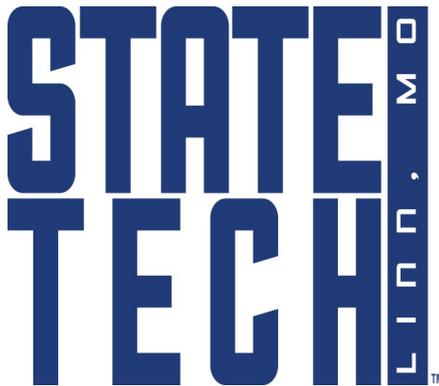


SCOPE OF TITLE IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities in federally funded schools at all levels. If any part of a school district or college receives any Federal funds for any purpose, all of the operations of the district or college are covered by Title IX.

Title IX protects students, employees, applicants for admission and employment, and other persons from all forms of sex discrimination, including discrimination based on gender identity or failure to conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity. All students (as well as other persons) at recipient institutions are protected by Title IX – regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin – in all aspects of recipient’s educational programs and activities. If you have any questions, please contact one of the

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State Tech is proud to announce a partnership with Missouri One Call to bring a “Safety Village” to campus. Missouri One Call has graciously donated \$50,000 to start the initial construction of a new project called “Safety Village.” “Safety Village” will be a real world cityscape of about two city blocks complete with buried utilities, water, sewer, and telecommunications. The area will become a state-of-the-art training facility for State Tech students and Missouri One Call employees. Check out the full article [here](#).

Congratulations to State Tech’s Heavy Equipment Technology and CAT Dealer Service Technician programs for achieving re-accreditation by the AED Foundation!!

Congratulations to State Tech’s Automotive Collision Technology program. They have met the requirements for NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) re-certification!!