



STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF MISSOURI E-NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2015



IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 10—Spring 2016 New Student Registration and Orientation

Dec. 15-17—Fall Semester Finals

Dec. 17—Fall Semester Ends

Dec. 18—Winter Break Begins

Dec. 21-Jan. 1—College Closed

Jan. 4—State Tech Staff Returns

Jan. 5—Spring Classes Begin

Jan. 18—College Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Feb. 15—College Closed for President's Day

Feb. 26—Advisory Council Meeting/No Classes

March 2—End of 1st 8 Weeks

March 3—Beginning of 2nd 8 Weeks

March 14-18—Spring Break/No Classes

March 15—Scholarship Application Deadline

March 25—Free Day/College Closed

April 1—State Skills USA/No Classes

April 4—CAAP Testing for May and August Graduates

May 3-5—Spring Semester Finals

May 6—Spring Semester Ends

May 7—Commencement

Congratulations to State Tech President Dr. Donald Claycomb for being honored as one of Missouri's Pioneers In Education by the Missouri Department of Education!

FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

A+ Students

Does your student receive A+ benefits? If so, here are some important eligibility requirements to remember for the 2015-16 academic year:

- * Initial A+ recipients must achieve at least a cumulative 2.000 Grade Point Average (GPA) at the end of the Fall 2015 semester to be eligible for a Spring 2016 A+ award.
- * Renewal students must maintain a cumulative 2.500 Grade Point Average (GPA).
- * A+ will only pay for classes required for first degree.
- * A+ will not pay for any retake classes.
- * A+ will only pay for completed coursework. Completed courses are those for which a grade is assigned. If students do not complete a class(es), the tuition and fees for the class(es) will be deducted from the next semester the student receives A+.
- * A+ eligibility expires when the student has completed 105% of credit hours required for their degree program. All completed hours at previous A+ institutions will be used to determine 105%. The number of hours accepted as transfer credit from non-A+ institutions will be used to determine 105%.
- * Students must be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours) unless they are enrolled in an off-campus internship only or are enrolled in their last semester prior to graduation.
- * Student who begin full-time enrollment (at least 12 credit hours) for the Fall 2015 semester must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours to be eligible for a Spring 2016 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>.

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



FAFSA Reminder

If your student plans to return to State Tech for the Fall 2016 semester and receive financial aid, a 2016-17 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form should be completed. This FAFSA form will be available in January 2016. The Financial Aid Office encourages students and parents to complete their 2015 federal tax return as soon as possible. State Tech's priority FAFSA deadline is April 1, 2016 and the college code is 004711-00.

DINING AT STATE TECH

State Tech has dining services available to students. The Main Stream Café is open from 6:30AM to 6:30PM Monday through Thursday and 6:30AM to 2:00PM on Friday. Students can purchase a 14 meal plan (required for on-campus housing residents) for \$1,050 per semester or a 5 meal plan for \$420 per semester. All meals are all-you-can-eat. The College contracts with Great Western Dining Service to provide these services. We are proud to have Barton Bailey as the manager and head chef of the cafeteria. He grew up in Jefferson City and joins us after working several years for a marine biology school on Catalina Island, Avalon, CA. He is very talented and the students have provided lots of positive feedback about the quality and variety of food. Please stop by and visit the Main Stream Café next time you are on campus. It is located in the lower level of the Information Technology Center.



HOUSING UPDATE

State Tech has limited on-campus housing available to students. There are 9 cottages with 8 rooms each that can be utilized as single, double, or triple occupancy. If you are interested in living on campus, please visit <http://www.statetechmo.edu/housing/apply.php> or call Zach Kucsik, the Resident Manager, at 573-897-5165. To secure a room, a signed housing agreement and a security deposit of \$350 payable to State Tech Housing must be received from the student. Rooms fill up fast, so it's a great idea to get the agreement and deposit in well ahead of time of the semester start date. If you are on campus, please stop by for a tour of a dorm room and the housing commons. The commons, available to all housing residents, was recently updated with new pool tables, arcade games, an internet juke box, and new commercial coin operated washers and dryers.



OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS AND REGISTRAR UPDATE

December 2015 Graduation. Diplomas will be mailed to December graduates in January. We still have a handful of potential December graduates who need to apply for graduation. Students must apply for graduation even if they do not plan to participate in a commencement ceremony. State Tech confers degrees every semester (May, July, August, and December), 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 2016 Graduation. We still have 50-60 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 Nilges Technology Center.

May 2016 Commencement. Commencement ceremonies will be held on the Linn campus on Saturday, May 7. There will be a morning ceremony and an afternoon ceremony. Our website will be updated around February with which programs are participating in each ceremony.

Questions: Email registrar@statetechmo.edu.

Spring and Summer 2016 Registration. Registration for Spring and/or Summer 2016 classes is in the advising and enrollment phase right now. Students were emailed on September 22, giving them the details and timeline for registration. 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 100 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!

Congratulations to Machine Tool Technology, Welding Technology, and Nuclear Technology!
These programs were listed in the Community College Week Magazine as the Top 50 Associate Degree Producers in Precision Production and Science Technologies/Technicians.

DID YOU KNOW...

During the month of February, State Tech will be celebrating Career and Technical Education Month! CTE prepares students for a wide range of career opportunities. State Tech has many events planned in February to celebrate CTE month including a "Dress for Success" seminar, Legislative Tour, "Would You Hire an Idiot" seminar, a scholarship workshop, and career shadowing are just a few of the events being scheduled. Students will be receiving more information closer to the event dates.



**OPPORTUNITIES
FOR CAREER SUCCESS**

Scholarships

Scholarships are available to students pursuing degrees in technical education at the college. The State Tech Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2016-2017 academic year. Visit www.statetechmo.edu/admissions/scholarships/index.php for more information or to apply. Unless otherwise noted, scholarship deadlines are March 15.

The President's Report

Check out the latest edition of the [President's Report](#).

STUDENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE**Greetings from Student Activities!**

The Student Government Association (SGA) recently hosted the annual campus-wide Red Cross Blood Drive. SGA also hosted Bongo Ball and a game show on campus for all students.

The Home Builders Association Student Chapter recently hosted a ghost tour of the Missouri State Penitentiary. Students, who signed up for the tour, got to tour the facility and learn some very interesting facts about the prison.

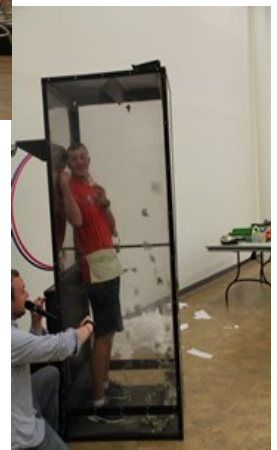
The Veterans Club recently honored the students and local veterans with a ceremony and free lunch.

The Computer Club recently hosted the Annual Chili Cook-Off and a LAN Party.

The Machine Tool Club hosted a fall bingo night on campus with lots of great prizes.

Intramural sports are a great way for students to get involved on campus, meet new friends, and stay fit. This fall, students competed in slow-pitch softball, sand volleyball, 5-on-5 basketball, badminton, wiffleball, disc golf, ping pong, and archery.

Next semester, students can play 3-on-3 basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, ping pong, slow-pitch softball, flag football and kickball. All intramurals are free to students.

**Current State Tech Clubs and Organizations:**

- Student Government Association
- Resident Government Association
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Physical Therapist Assistant Club
- American Public Works Association
- Associated General Contractors
- Computer Club
- SkillsUSA
- Electricity Club
- PAS Club
- Veteran Students Club
- Machine Tool Club
- Phi Beta Lambda
- Home Builders Association Student Chapter

THANKS FOR CHOOSING STATE TECH!

COUNSELING SERVICES UPDATE

The results of the most recent Missouri College Health Behavior Survey, indicate that 86% of STC tobacco users want to quit. In response, STC now has four staff members trained to offer Tobacco Cessation Coaching and FREE Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT). Students, faculty and staff can visit with any of the coaches to receive cessation support and NRT. Anyone in the campus community wanting to quit tobacco can contact Jason Hoffmeyer at 573-897-5110, Becca Mehmert at 573-897-5228, Nikky Nilges at 573-897-5128 or Zach Zucsik at 573-897-5165. This service is provided by State Tech's membership in Partners In Prevention (PIP), a consortium of 21 colleges and universities in Missouri dedicated to prevention of and education regarding high-risk substance use/abuse behaviors by college students.

Questions: counselors@statetechmo.edu

CAREER SERVICES UPDATE

Greetings from Career Services. Our staff are located in the Nilges Technology Building room 107 with office hours Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We are happy to assist students with finding part time jobs, internships, and/or full time jobs. Our staff work diligently to connect students with employers, but it takes planning and action on the student's part as well. All current students have access to our job posting system called **HireEagles**. **HireEagles** is free for students, alumni, and employers to use 24/7. We encourage students to become familiar with **HireEagles** because as a graduate they have access to **HireEagles** free for a lifetime.

A few things that your student can do to prepare for the job market.

- View jobs in **HireEagles**
- Participate in a **Practice Interview** (formerly known as Mock Interview) on campus
- Participate in **Real Interviews** on campus
- Attend **Employer Presentations** on campus
- Attend the **Career Expo**. The past 2 years we have had over 100 companies participate in our Annual **Career Expo** in February on the main campus. Through **HireEagles**, students can research the companies that will be attending. By researching the companies ahead of time, students will be prepared to talk to those employers and make a good impression at the **Career Expo**. Many companies choose to schedule interviews the afternoon of the **Career Expo**. Students and alumni are encouraged to submit their resume through **HireEagles** to employers who will be attending the **Career Expo**. **Please encourage your student to do the following:**
 - Complete and or update their profile in **HireEagles**
 - Upload a current copy of their **Resume** into **HireEagles**
 - View the employers who have registered to attend the **Career Expo** in **HireEagles** and submit a **Resume** to each of the companies they are interested in



SCHOLARSHIPS 101 WORKSHOP

Students will have an opportunity to attend a workshop early in the spring semester that will provide tips and ideas for completing successful scholarship applications. Topics will include essay writing, selecting the best references, and common mistakes to avoid.

Questions: Becky.Dunn@statetechmo.edu

2016 State Tech Career Expos
 February 10, 2016 @ the Main Campus in Linn, MO for all majors except CTG, DAT, MNT, PTA
 March 2, 2016 @ at the ATC in Mexico, MO for Nuclear Technology students

If you have any questions, please email careerservices@statetechmo.edu

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STATE TECH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ⇒ State Tech has been accredited by the **Higher Learning Commission** for another ten years.
- ⇒ Financial Aid received the MDHE Default Prevention Grant for 2015-2016 academic year.
- ⇒ The **Design Drafting Technology** program received recertification at the Design Drafter Level from the American Design Drafting Association through August 31, 2016 .
- ⇒ The **Automotive Technology Program** received reaccreditation from the National Automotive Technician Education Foundation (NATEF) through February 27, 2018.

STATE TECH FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ⇒ **Katherine Berry**, Physical Therapist Assistant Department Chair/Instructor, was awarded the 2015 Governor's Award for Excellence in Education.
- ⇒ **Diane Heckemeyer**, Civil Engineering Technology & Design Drafting Technology Department Chair/Instructor was inducted into the Missouri S & T Academy of Civil Engineers.

Congratulations to Chris Cox, Automotive Technology Department Chair, on being interviewed for *Parts and People Magazine!*
 Check out the article [here](#).

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Staff Changes in the Library

Change is afoot in the State Tech Library. After seven years as Director of Library Services, Mrs. Fran Stumpf has stepped down to Associate Library Director and will be working on campus 30 hours per week. Ms. Christina Prucha has been hired to take her place as Director of Library Services. She comes to us from St. Louis where she was the cataloger and archivist at Logan University in Chesterfield. She is enjoying the students, campus, and of course, the library, here at State Tech. Outside of getting to spend her days in the library, she loves to hike and bike and is really looking forward to getting to bike new parts of the Katy Trail that she hasn't explored yet.

New Library Displays

Did you know the library at State Tech showcases numerous displays? In November, our staff highlighted the books we have in our hunting and radiology collections. Early in November, we also featured military materials and memorabilia to commemorate Veteran's Day. The displays are always a source of conversation and we welcome visitors, students, faculty, and staff to come and view them whenever they are on campus. If you can't make it to campus, follow us on Facebook where we often post pictures of our displays and other interesting information - <https://www.facebook.com/statetechmolib>.

