



# STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF MISSOURI E-NEWSLETTER

MAY 2016



## IMPORTANT DATES

**May 5**—Heavy Equipment Operations Classes End

**May 6**—Spring Semester Ends

**May 7**—Commencement

**May 12**—Summer Classes Begin

**May 30**—College closed for Memorial Day

**June 6**—Heavy Equipment Operations Classes Begin

**June 20-24**—National SkillsUSA

**June 26-29**—Computer Professions on Demand (CPoD) Program

**July 4**—College closed for Independence Day

**August 16**—Summer Semester Ends

**August 22**—Power UP/ New Student Orientation

**August 22-26**—Week of Welcome

**August 23**—Fall Semester Begins

**September 5**—College Closed for Labor Day

**September 15**—HEO, MTT, OPS, & WLT Family Day

**September 16**—STC Foundation Annual Benefit Golf Classic

**September 30**—Family Day for all other Linn campus programs

**October 7**—No Classes

**October 10**—College Closed

**October 14**—Open House at the ATC location in Mexico, MO

**October 15**—Open House at the Main Campus in Linn, MO

## State Technical College Announces New President



The Board of Regents announces the appointment of Shawn D. Strong, Ph.D. as the next president of State Technical College of Missouri.

Strong is presently Dean of Business Technology and Communication at Bemidji State University/Northwest Technical College (BSU/NTC) in Bemidji, MN. BSU/NTC is a regional comprehensive master's granting institution with enrollment of approximately 6,500 students.

Strong's professional experience includes fourteen years with Missouri State University, nine years of which were as the Department Head of Technology and Construction Management. He also served in a similar capacity with the Department of Fashion and Interior Design. Before becoming a faculty member at Missouri State, Strong was a Graduate Assistant at Iowa State University. Prior to his employment in higher education, Strong worked in business and industry. He was a Maintenance Technician for Packerland Packing in Hospers, IA and a Maintenance Manager at Heritage Industries in Wayne, NE.

Strong graduated from Northwest Iowa Technical College in Sheldon, IA in 1993 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Mechanical Construction Technology. In 1996, Strong completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from Wayne State College in Wayne, NE. Strong also graduated from Wayne State with a Masters of Business Administration in 1997. Strong has a Ph.D. in Industrial Education and Technology from Iowa State University in Ames, IA.

"I can't say enough about the State Technical College of Missouri," said Strong. "When I think of some of the characteristics of excellence in higher education State Tech seems to have them whether it is dedicated students, faculty and staff, a focused statewide mission, outstanding academic programming, engaged employers, or impressive facilities."

Strong stated that he would be remiss if he didn't thank current State Tech President Dr. Donald Claycomb whose leadership helped make State Tech what it is today. "As a result of his legacy I believe this is the most attractive position in the country," he said.

Strong's philosophy is that every decision should be routed in the attitude, 'What is in the best long term interest of the student?' In addition, he believes advocacy is the primary role of the president and is much easier when you are supporting a culture that strives for excellence.

To read more of this article on Dr. Strong click [here](#) or visit our website [www.statetechmo.edu](http://www.statetechmo.edu).



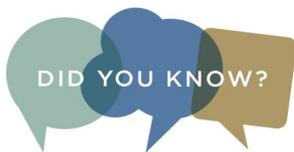
## 2016 COMMENCEMENT

State Technical College of Missouri (State Tech) confers degrees every semester (spring, summer, and fall), but commencement ceremonies are held in May only. Graduates from the previous Fall semester, Spring candidates, and approved Summer candidates may participate each May. Commencement ceremonies will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2016 in the Activity Center on the Linn campus. We are excited the Nuclear Technology participants will be joining us at the Linn ceremonies this year! Participants should arrive one hour prior to ceremony time and report to the Main Stream Café in the Information Technology Center. Additional commencement details can be found on State Tech's website at this link:

[https://eagleonline.statetechmo.edu/ICS/Home.jnz?portlet=2016 Commencement Information](https://eagleonline.statetechmo.edu/ICS/Home.jnz?portlet=2016%20Commencement%20Information)

Questions: Email [registrar@statetechmo.edu](mailto:registrar@statetechmo.edu).

## STATE TECH IN THE NEWS



State Technical College of Missouri has been named the best two-year college in Missouri by Best Colleges. BestColleges.com recently

published a list of the top 19 two-year schools in Missouri with State Tech being ranked at the top of the list.

"To be ranked number one in the two-year sector based on national data is an honor for the entire State Technical College of Missouri community," said Donald Claycomb, president of State Tech.

Claycomb stated it was especially important when taking into consideration the top three four-year institutions in Missouri which includes Washington University in St. Louis; College of the Ozarks in Branson; and Truman State University in Kirksville.

According to BestColleges.com, more than 140,000 students in Missouri currently attend the state's 55 public and private two-year institutions. State Tech's fall 2015 enrollment was 1,274 students. The enrollment represented 86% of Missouri counties and nine other states.

The rankings provided by BestColleges.com are compiled using the latest information from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and College Navigator databases, both of which are reputable sources maintained by the National Center for Education Statistics.

BestColleges.com is dedicated to helping students find the college that best meets their needs by providing the information needed to make informed higher education decisions.

## 2016 FAMILY DAY

Make plans to attend a State Tech Family Day on Thursday, September 15, 2016 for Heavy Equipment Operations, Machine Tool Technology, Outdoor Power and Sports Technology, and Welding Technology students or Friday, September 30, 2016 for all other Linn campus students. Additional details will be sent closer to the event dates.

Family Members will have an opportunity to:

- Show support for their favorite State Tech Eagle and see firsthand what their student has learned.
- Attend class, take a campus tour, and hear what's new this year.
- Eat lunch with their student.
- Enjoy a free day pass to the Activity Center.

Questions: Email [admissions@statetechmo.edu](mailto:admissions@statetechmo.edu)

## STATE TECH FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ⇒ **Terry Franchini**, Electronics Engineering Technology Instructor, was awarded the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in Education.
- ⇒ **Shannon Voss**, Civil Engineering Technology Department Chair, was awarded the State of Missouri Breaking Traditions Outstanding Educator Award.

## State Tech Health Science Programs Moving to Main Campus



The Board of Regents for State Technical College of Missouri have decided that the college will move all Health Science programs currently located in Jefferson City to the main campus.

President Donald Claycomb stated that this move breaks with a long tradition of the programs being located in Jefferson City and the transition will present challenges. "It is further recognized there are both pros and cons for students, faculty and staff," he commented. "It is believed this decision is in the long-term best interest of both students and the college."

Currently the Health Science programs are located in two buildings in Jefferson City. Dental Assisting Technology, Medical Radiologic Technology and Practical Nursing Technology are located at the Nichols Career Center. The Physical Therapist Assistant program is located at Capital Region Medical Center's southwest location.

According to Claycomb, State Tech gave careful consideration to staying in Jefferson City. "Both building and leasing were considered," he said. "However, members of the Board of Regents believe it is in the best interest of State Tech to own college property on campus."

There are approximately 110 students and employees being effected by the move to Linn. "Students in those programs will be closer to college services that include financial aid, counseling, library and activities," said Claycomb. "Students will also have opportunities to interact with other students outside their program of study."

The Health Science programs have many clinical sites in Jefferson City. "We do not anticipate a change to those clinical sites," said Claycomb. "We value our partnerships with the health care providers in Jefferson City." The Board of Regents has directed staff to develop plans to move the programs. Current faculty will have the opportunity to assist in the design of the new facility on the main campus.

A date has not been established for the transition. Claycomb stated that consideration will be given to the needs of the current health program space providers and the construction timeline.



## COUNSELING SERVICES UPDATE

Counseling Services works together with all faculty members in carrying out the counseling program at State Technical College of Missouri. Academic, social, and vocational concerns are addressed in the Counseling Office. If additional counseling services are required, the college staff refers the students to qualified counselors off-campus. The counselors do not attempt to make decisions for students; rather, they seek to help students make responsible decisions for themselves. Counselors use numerous resources to assist students, with one of the major resources being Partners in Prevention. Partners in Prevention (PIP) is Missouri's higher education substance abuse consortium dedicated to creating healthy and safe college campuses. The coalition is comprised of 21 public and private college and university campuses across the state. Through our involvement in PIP, State Tech counselors have access to many useful programs listed below.

- CHEERS – designated driver program
- Drive Save Drive Smart – encouraging safe driving practices
- SMART (State of Missouri Alcohol Responsibility Training) – training for safe practices for those who own or work in any Missouri establishment licensed to sell alcohol
- ALR – Ask Listen Refer – online suicide prevention training
- MO Safe Rx – educates students on the dangers of prescription drug misuse
- Step UP! – prosocial behavior and bystander intervention program that educates students to be proactive in helping others
- E-chug – provides students their alcohol use profile
- Sexual Violence Prevention – sexual assault prevention education



Questions: [counselors@statetechmo.edu](mailto:counselors@statetechmo.edu)

## FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

Is your student graduating with student loan debt? If so, here is some helpful information. Students have 6 months after leaving college before they have to start repayment. During this time, if they can pay any towards their student loan(s), it will reduce the total amount paid in the long run.



How much does that student loan really cost? For example: If a student has \$10,000 in student loan debt and only makes the minimum monthly payment of \$115.08, the student will make 120 payments (that's 10 years!). The student will pay an extra \$3,809.64 in interest. Now, if you look at the same loan amount and interest, but pay \$197.07 per month it would take 60 months (5 years) to pay off the loan debt and would only pay \$1,824.18 in interest. If the student can pay extra at any time, they will owe less in interest. (This example is based on a Federal Subsidized Stafford loan with an interest rate of 6.8%, with no periods of forbearance.)

If your student has trouble repaying their student loan(s), once in repayment, there are options to reduce the monthly payments or postpone payments. Students should talk with their loan servicer for more information on these options. Students are always welcome to call the financial aid office at State Tech if they don't understand these different options or are unsure who their loan servicer is.

Questions: [financialaid@statetechmo.edu](mailto:financialaid@statetechmo.edu) or 573-897-5121

## CAREER SERVICES UPDATE



REMINDER – State Technical College offers FREE “Lifetime Career Services Assistance”. If your student is seeking employment, please remind them

to check their HireEagles account for current job openings. Employers who wish to hire State Technical College students/graduates post their job openings in HireEagles. If your student is allowing employers to view their resume and profile, remind them to keep that information updated. If your student forgets their log in information or needs assistance please contact Career Services at [careerservices@statetechmo.edu](mailto:careerservices@statetechmo.edu).

## Funding for the Future...Investing in Tomorrow's Eagles

Ranked among the best nationally, State Technical College of Missouri serves a unique role as one of the leading two-year technical colleges in Missouri and the Midwest region. State Tech has built a reputation as a highly specialized, student friendly college with an exceptional reputation with business and industry. The College stands alone as Missouri's first and only public higher education institution with a statewide mission devoted solely to technical education at the Associate of Applied Science Degree level. To remain a premier two-year technical college capable of training tomorrow's skilled workforce, the College seeks private support for a comprehensive campaign for capital improvements, program and equipment enhancements, and endowment funds. Click [here](#) to donate today.

### 2016 STC FOUNDATION ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF CLASSIC



Friday, September 16, 2016

Redfield Golf Course, Eugene, Missouri

18-Hole Course | 4-Person Scramble  
Noon Shotgun Start

For further details or to arrange your sponsorship and team registration, please contact Ashley Anderson.

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Entry Deadline: September 2, 2016

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## Title IX

Title IX focuses on the adverse consequences faced by victims of gender discrimination and sexual harassment and creates obligations for the College to investigate and to provide a “prompt and effective remedy.” If the victim is a student, Title IX means among other things, that the College must provide a safe environment that does not interfere with the victim’s right to pursue an education. The College incurs this obligation when a victim has given notice to a “responsible employee,” or when the College, in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known about the assault or harassment. As with the other laws, the definition of “responsible employee” under Title IX would allow the College to treat only some faculty and professional staff as mandated reporters, but with the possibility of confusion and risk of institutional exposure. Therefore, all faculty and professional staff at State Tech have specified responsibilities.

### Title IX Coordinator Responsibilities and Duties

Pursuant to Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and 34 C.F.R. Part 106, State Technical College of Missouri’s Title IX Coordinator is the designated agent of the College with primary responsibility for coordinating College Title IX compliance efforts. The Title IX coordinator’s responsibilities are critical to the development, implementation, and monitoring of meaningful efforts to comply with Title IX legislation, regulations, and case law. In broad terms, the Title IX Coordinator oversees monitoring of College policy in relation to Title IX law developments, implementation of grievance procedures, including notification, investigation and disposition of complaints; provision of educational materials and training for the campus community; conducting and/or coordinating investigations of complaints received pursuant to Title IX; ensuring a fair and neutral process for all parties; and monitoring all other aspects of the College’s Title IX compliance.

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Greetings from Student Activities!

- The STC Award Ceremony was held on April 21 in the Vehicle and Power Center. Over 170 awards were presented to students.
- Phi Theta Kappa recently inducted 75 new members.
- Students had the opportunity to play Mini Golf hosted by the Physical Therapist Assistant Club.
- The Electricity Club hosted a Skeet Shoot at the local range for all students.
- The Machine Tool Club hosted a Fishing Tourney for all students at Ben Branch Lake.



### 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

## State Tech Bookstore News

The State Tech bookstore is open from 7:00AM to 4:00PM Monday through Friday. There are lots of new styles and new colors of exclusive State Technical College of Missouri merchandise. One of the newest additions to the bookstore merchandise available are ornaments, key chains and license plates made by State Tech's own Machine Tool Technology students. All proceeds are used for machine tool club activities.

Did you know that you can order items from the bookstore by calling 573-897-5124 or by email at [bookstore@statetechmo.edu](mailto:bookstore@statetechmo.edu)? Items can be shipped anywhere in the United States for a flat rate of \$7.00 for up to 2 items. Additional shipping charges may apply for 3 or more items. Items must be paid for in full before they are shipped. The bookstore accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express.

Watch for the bookstore to be available online in the near future!!!!



## State Tech Main Stream Cafe

The Main Stream Café, located in the lower level of the Information Technology Center is open from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM Monday through Thursday and 6:30 AM to 2:00 PM on Friday. Students can purchase a 14 meal plan (required for on-campus housing residents) for \$1,050 per semester or a 5 mal plan for \$420 per semester. These prices are a 20% discount from the walk-in rates. All meals are all-you-can-eat. The newest addition to the Café is a 3-flavor soft serve ice cream machine. Flavors offered include chocolate, vanilla, and chocolate/vanilla twist. The ice cream is all you can eat for students with meal plans or for anyone that purchases a meal in the cafeteria. Faculty, staff, and students can also stop by for just an ice cream dish or cone for only \$1.25.



### Keep In Touch

We love to hear from our alumni! And we love to keep you informed of what's happening at your alma mater.

Please help us keep our records up to date with your current address and telephone information. We send a variety of mailings throughout the year which include the TECHnique magazine, invitations to events on campus, and reunion information. [Select this link to update your contact information today!](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

Central Methodist University (CMU) offers two degree programs at State Tech's main campus in Linn, MO. Through a formal agreement with State Tech, students with an AAS degree can complete a Bachelor of Applied Science in Management or a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies – Entrepreneurship Emphasis from CMU.

Questions: [pgillman@centralmethodist.edu](mailto:pgillman@centralmethodist.edu)

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