



## Dr. Strong Remarks

### IMPORTANT DATES

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

**May 5**—Spring Semester Ends

**May 6**—Commencement

**May 11**—Summer Classes Begin

**May 29**—College closed for Memorial Day

**June 5**—Heavy Equipment Operations Classes Begin

**June 19-23**—National SkillsUSA

**June 25-28**—Computer Professions on Demand (CPoD) Program

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

**August 15**—Summer Semester Ends

**August 21**—Power UP/ New Student Orientation

**August 21-25**—Week of Welcome

**August 22**—Fall Semester Begins

**September 4**—College Closed for Labor Day

**September 15**—STC Foundation Annual Benefit Golf Classic

**September 21**—HEO, OPS, PMT, & WLT Family Day

**September 22**—Family Day for all other Linn campus programs

**October 5 & 6**—No Classes

**October 9**—College Closed

**October 14**—Open House at the Main Campus in Linn, MO

As my first year anniversary as State Tech's president quickly approaches, I am reminded of how quickly the college years fly by. I am confident most of you feel the same way. As I often say, not a day goes by when something doesn't impress me at State Tech. It is for this reason I am very positive in spite of significant budget reductions from the State of Missouri. The need for specialized technical education has never been greater and the interest by employers promises a bright future for our graduates. In 2017, we will witness the opening of the Center for Welding Technology and the groundbreaking of our new Applied Health Sciences Center. Growth, stakeholder engagement, and the highest quality of technical education will allow us to flourish in difficult economic times for higher education. I thank you for supporting State Tech and encourage you to watch and share our significantly improved social media sites for daily updates on all the things that make State Tech a premier technical college. If you don't already know it, you will learn very quickly what a special place State Tech is and why I am honored to serve as its president.





## 2017 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 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2017 in the Activity Center on the Linn campus. Participants should arrive 30 minutes prior to ceremony time and report to the Osage County Community Center. Additional commencement details can be found on State Tech's website at this link: <https://eagleonline.statetechmo.edu/ics>.

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

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, the student will make 120 payments (that's 10 years!). The student will pay an extra \$3,810 in interest. Now, if you look at the same loan amount and interest, but pay \$197 per month it would take approximately 60 months (5 years) to pay off the loan debt and would only pay \$1,824 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 are unsure who their loan servicer is.



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

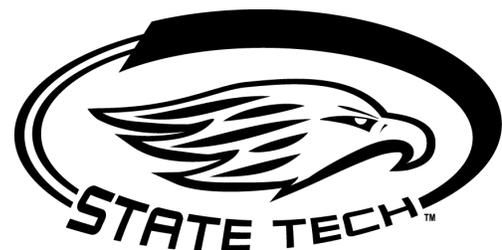
## 2017 FAMILY DAY

Make plans to attend State Tech Family Day on Thursday, September 21, 2017 for Heavy Equipment Operations, Outdoor Power and Sports Technology, Precision Machining Technology, and Welding Technology students or Friday, September 22, 2017 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.

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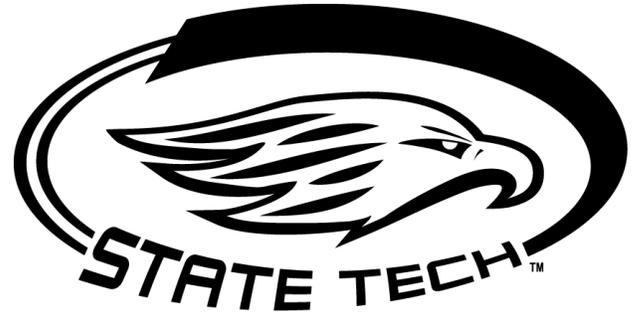


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## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Two of Commercial Turf and Grounds Management students have landed their dream job. Bryan and Coleman Johnson started their career with St. Louis Cardinals Field Crew and Events in March. If you happen to see them at a game this summer be sure to say "Hi."



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## 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.

## 2017 STATE TECH FOUNDATION ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF CLASSIC



**Friday, September 15, 2017**

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 1, 2017

## State Tech Nuclear Program Moving to Main Campus

State Tech's Nuclear Technology program will be moving to the main campus over this summer. This location move ensures students access to the amenities, resources, and experiences that an education at State Technical College of Missouri provides.

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