



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 522
Marsh Conference Room
Belleville Campus
June 19, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Illinois College, District No. 522 was held Wednesday, June 19, 2019 in the Marsh Conference Room at the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville, Illinois. Chairman Robert G. Morton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

John S. Blomenkamp
Steve Campo
Robert G. Morton
Nick Raftopoulos
Richard Roehrkasse
Dejanae Thomas-Jackson, Student Trustee
Eugene Verdu

Trustee absent:

Philip L. Smith

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Todd Herring, a District #522 resident, addressed the Board of Trustees concerning SWIC's athletic programming. His statement was read verbatim into the public record and appears at the conclusion of these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Morton referred to the consent agenda items to be considered by the Board of Trustees and asked if any trustee desired to have any items removed in order to have them considered separately. Item X.F.6., Appointment of Full-time Public Safety Commissioned Officer at the Belleville Campus was pulled from the consent agenda.

MOTION 06-19-19:01

Mr. Verdu moved, seconded by Mr. Raftopoulos, to:

- approve the minutes of the special Board meeting (Executive Session Review) of May 15, 2019; the Executive Session of the Executive Session Review of May 15, 2019; the regular Board meeting of May 15, 2019; and the Executive Session of the regular Board meeting of May 15, 2019;
- adopt new Board Policy 7017 and new Administrative Procedure 7017AP: Information Technology Breach;
- approve maintenance renewal of the KACE software with DLT Solutions, LLC, Herndon, VA in the amount of \$27,725.65 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;
- approve renewal of service agreement with Call One, Inc., Chicago, IL for telecommunications service at the Belleville Campus, Sam Wolf Granite City Campus, East St. Louis Higher Education Center, Fire Science Training Center, PSOP, and Scott AFB for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;
- approve annual payment of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) database in the amount of \$33,549.90 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;
- authorize payment in the amount of \$15,055 to North American Helicopter, Inc., Sauget, IL for helicopter flight training per agreement approved November 30, 2016;
- adopt by title only Resolution Approving Property Tax Abatement for Taxing District;
- adopt Resolution Approving Property Tax Abatement for Taxing District;
- endorse the FY 2021 RAMP capital request and to submit to the Illinois Community College Board;
- accept continuation of the Americorps grant from the Corporation for National and Community Services received through the Illinois Department of Public Health as fiscal agent in the amount of \$371,685 for the period July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020;
- accept continuation of the City of Belleville, Office of General and Community Assistance, grant in the amount of \$37,000 for the period May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 to replace funding previously received from Belleville Township to support various PSOP programs and ATS;
- approve renewal agreement between Gateway Regional Medical Center, Granite City, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, District #522 to allow Health Sciences students (currently the Radiologic Technology program) to participate in clinical experience;
- approve renewal agreement between Apex Network Physical Therapy, Glen Carbon, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, District #522 to allow Health Sciences students (currently the Physical Therapist Assistant program) to participate in clinical experience;

- approve addendum to Paramedic Agreement between HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon, Illinois and Southwestern Illinois College, District #522 stating the amount per credit hour per student for Paramedic, PreHospital RN and Critical Care Education to be paid by Southwestern Illinois College to St. Elizabeth's Hospital;
- approve renewal agreement between Illinois Department of Transportation - Highway Construction Careers Training Program and Southwestern Illinois College, District #522 to offer the HCCTP at the East St. Louis Higher Education Center;
- approve renewal agreement between Secretary of State's Illinois State Library and Southwestern Illinois College, District #522 to provide literacy grants to Project READ in SWIC's Adult Education Department;
- approve new agreement between St. Clair County Community Development and Southwestern Illinois College, District #522 to fund tuition and fees for a minimum of 30 adult education students who are also St. Clair County residents and approved for enrollment in Certified Nurse Assistant, Fork Lift Safety, Welding and other training programs offered by the Adult Education Division; this grant agreement will also pay for high school equivalency testing fees for low income students who are residents of St. Clair County;
- accept a gift to the college;
- accept the resignation of James Watkins, full-time Commissioned Public Safety Officer at the Belleville Campus, effective close of business May 16, 2019;
- accept the resignation of Courtney Price, Academic Advisor in the Student Services Division, effective close of business June 4, 2019;
- accept the retirement notification of Donna Watson, Executive Assistant for Instruction, effective close of business June 30, 2019;
- appoint Lisa Sumrall to the SWIC EE part-time grant-funded position of ATS Driver effective July 1, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$12.79 for up to 28 hours per week;
- appoint Jhirrica Ware to the SWIC EE part-time grant-funded position of ATS Reservationist effective July 1, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$10.58 for up to 28 hours per week;
- appoint Sonny Wilson to the part-time Public Safety Officer position at the Belleville Campus effective June 20, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$12.80 according to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Southwestern Illinois College and Illinois Council of Police (ICOPS) - Southwestern Illinois College Chapter, 2016-2019;
- appoint Katherine Davis and Caleb Wilson to the two part-time Public Safety Dispatcher positions at the Belleville Campus effective July 1, 2019 each at an hourly rate of \$10.38 according to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between

Southwestern Illinois College and Illinois Council of Police (ICOPS) - Southwestern Illinois College Chapter, 2016-2019;

- appoint Mercedes Fernandez to the full-time position of Public Safety Commissioned Officer at the Belleville Campus effective July 16, 2019 at an annual salary of \$38,188 (\$18.36 per hour);
- appoint Lynn Niermann to the part-time grant-funded SWIC EE position of Advocacy Representative effective July 1, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$10.58 for up to 15 hours per week;
- appoint Zachary Ingles to the part-time SWIC EE position of English Specialist at the Belleville Campus Success Center effective July 16, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$24.86 for up to 28 hours per week;
- appoint Jacqueline Croffett to the part-time grant-funded SWIC EE position of Special Project Coordinator: HSE effective July 1, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$23.31 for up to 28 hours per week;
- appoint Tammy Shryock to the part-time grant-funded SWIC EE position of Special Project Coordinator: Vocational Programs effective July 1, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$23.31 for up to 28 hours per week;
- appoint Jennifer Charles-Ajao, Erica Johnson and Monica LeGrand to the three full-time tenure track faculty positions of Nursing Education/Nurse Assistant Instructor effective August 12, 2019 each at the Master 0-14, Step 1 (\$49,453) based upon the faculty salary schedule of the current MOU with any future adjustments made to the salary schedule;
- appoint Mitchel McFarland to the full-time tenure track faculty position of Welding Technology Instructor at the Belleville Campus effective August 12, 2019 at Below Master, Step 1 (\$46,599) based upon the faculty salary schedule of the current MOU with any future adjustments made to the salary schedule;
- appoint Dr. Mary Ruetters to the full-time administrative position of Dean of Arts and Humanities effective July 8, 2019 at an annual salary of \$96,000 at salary grade 9 and subject to the provisions of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators;
- appoint Stanley Hatfield to the full-time administrative position of Interim Dean of Math and Sciences effective July 1, 2019 at an annual salary of \$135,000 at salary grade 9 and subject to the provisions of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators;
- hire part-time faculty in the Technical Education Division for the Summer 2019 semester and continuing in accordance with the terms and conditions of the current collective bargaining agreement with the adjunct faculty:

Jason Anderson, Aviation Pilot Training
Zachary Augustine, Aviation Pilot Training
Christopher Kiel, Aviation Pilot Training
Zachary Lucas, Aviation Pilot Training

Jayson Sepe, Aviation Pilot Training;

- hire part-time faculty in the Health Sciences & Homeland Security Division for the Fall 2019 semester and continuing in accordance with the terms and conditions of the current collective bargaining Agreement with the adjunct faculty:

Veda Traw, Nurse Assistant;

- hire a sufficient number of student workers in the Arts & Humanities Division at the Belleville Campus;
- hire a sufficient number of student workers in the Math & Sciences Division at the Belleville Campus;
- hire part-time non-union instructors in the Community Education Department for the Summer 2019 Kids on Campus Program:

Tyler Herron	Theatre Camp
Katharine Adams	Hola!
Kristin Flor	Pick a Book, Now Let's Cook
Donyelle DeMarse	Reach for the Sky Theme Park;

- approve transfer request for full-time Commissioned Public Safety Officer Jordan May from the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus to the Belleville Campus effective June 20, 2019 subject to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Southwestern Illinois College and the Illinois Council of Police (ICOPS) - Southwestern Illinois College Chapter, 2016-2019; and
- ratify the part-time and temporary faculty and staff actions for May 2019 according to Board Policy 3005, Recruitment, Selection and Appointment of Faculty and Staff.

Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Dejanae Thomas-Jackson (advisory), Mr. Blumenkamp, Mr. Campo, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Smith. **PASSED**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION 06-19-19:02

Mr. Roehrkasse moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to approve the bills:

Education Fund	\$ 845,144.54
Operations & Maintenance Fund	373,823.15
Bond & Interest Fund	266,287.50
Restricted Purposes Fund	396,663.88
Trust & Agency Fund	19,314.47
Audit Fund	1,100.00
Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	38,945.50
 Grand Total All Funds:	 \$1,941,279.04

Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Dejanae Thomas-Jackson (advisory), Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Campo, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Smith. **PASSED**

PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairman Roehrkasse stated the committee had no additional items.

FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Roehrkasse presented the master agreement negotiated by the Board Attorney with Farnsworth, Fairview Heights, IL to provide architectural services. Trustee Campo pulled this item from the consent agenda at the May 15, 2019 meeting and stated he had no problem with Farnsworth, but he questioned the selection process to become more knowledgeable. Mr. Campo reported that two of the largest St. Louis metropolitan architectural firms would recommend FGM, so he thinks there needs to be a little more investigation.

MOTION 06-19-19:03

Mr. Roehrkasse moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to approve master agreement negotiated by the Board Attorney with Farnsworth, Fairview Heights, IL to provide architectural services for the college. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Dejanae Thomas-Jackson (advisory), Mr. Roehrkasse, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Campo, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Absent: Mr. Smith. **FAILED**

PERSONNEL, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Chairman Morton presented the retirement notification of Dr. Janet Fontenot, Dean of Business Division and Acting Dean of Arts & Sciences, effective close of business June 30, 2019. Trustee Campo pulled this item from the May 15, 2019 consent agenda, but he stated a lot of his questions were answered. He added that Stan Hatfield is a good choice as Interim Dean for Math and Sciences. Mr. Campo directed the minutes reflect that he thinks Dr. Fontenot is a great lady who has done a lot for the school. She was always fair and he wishes her the best of luck.

Trustee Campo stated the vacancies in Instruction make things a little bumpy and recommended administration fill positions quicker. Trustee Verdu replied he doesn't think this Board has ever filled positions just because they were vacant.

MOTION 06-19-19:04

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Raftopoulos, to accept the retirement notification of Dr. Janet Fontenot, Dean of Business Division and Acting Dean of Arts & Sciences, effective close of business June 30, 2019. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Dejanae Thomas-Jackson (advisory), Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Campo, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Smith. **PASSED**

Chairman Morton presented the appointment of the full-time position of Public Safety Commissioned Officer at the Belleville Campus effective July 16, 2019 at an annual salary of \$38,188 (\$18.36 per hour) that was pulled from the consent agenda to reflect a corrected start date of August 1, 2019.

MOTION 06-19-19:05

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to appoint Todd Huskey to the full-time position of Public Safety Commissioned Officer at the Belleville Campus effective

August 1, 2019 at an annual salary of \$38,188 (\$18.36 per hour). Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Dejanae Thomas-Jackson (advisory), Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Campo, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Smith. **PASSED**

DEDICATION AND RENAMING OF FIRE SCIENCE TRAINING CENTER

President Mance stated he has been asked by faculty, staff and Trustee Campo to name a conference room or a building after Clay Baitman, who is retiring June 30, 2019 after approximately 40 years of service to the college. Mr. Mance reported one of Mr. Baitman's greatest passions was firefighting, and he was instrumental in the design and planning of the Fire Science Training Center constructed on Freeburg Avenue in Belleville. Mr. Mance felt dedicating and renaming the Fire Science Training Center to the Clay Baitman Fire Science Training Center was most appropriate. A dedication ceremony will be held later this year.

MOTION 06-19-19:06

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas-Jackson, to adopt by title only Resolution Dedicating and Renaming the Fire Science Training Center to the Clay Baitman Fire Science Training Center. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Dejanae Thomas-Jackson (advisory), Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Campo, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Smith. **PASSED**

MOTION 06-19-19:07

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to adopt Resolution Dedicating and Renaming the Fire Science Training Center to the Clay Baitman Fire Science Training Center. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Dejanae Thomas-Jackson (advisory), Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Campo, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Smith. **PASSED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Mr. Raftopoulos moved, seconded by Mr. Verdu, to move into Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. to discuss personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) and collective bargaining (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Dejanae Thomas-Jackson (advisory), Mr. Blomenkamp, Mr. Campo, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Roehrkasse, Mr. Verdu and Mr. Morton. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Smith. **PASSED***

There was consensus to return to regular session at 5:45 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action as a result of Executive Session.

REPORTS

President's Report

President Mance submitted his report and requested it be read into the public record.

Illinois Community College Trustees Association

Trustee Roehrkasse provided the ICCTA Board Highlights of actions taken at the June 6-8, 2019 meetings of the ICCTA Board of Representatives and requested any questions be directed to him.

The ICCTA Executive Committee Retreat will be held August 2-3, 2019 at John A. Logan College in Marion.

The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will be held September 13-14, 2019 at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield Doubletree Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Hoerner stated he had nothing further.

MISCELLANEOUS

Trustee Blomenkamp called attention to the \$5,000 recurring fee that appears monthly on the attorney's bill and questioned the duration of the charge and what the college receives in return. He directed a report of expenditures dating back to 2008 (when former president Dr. Georgia Costello was hired) be provided to the trustees.

Trustee Blomenkamp questioned why first reading of proposed amendments to Board policies concerning return to work of SURS annuitants and professor emeritus status did not appear on the agenda. President Mance stated he pulled it so basically the topic dies. Mr. Blomenkamp directed the topic be taken back through committee for action.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Verdu moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas-Jackson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. The motion carried.

Approved: **07.17.19**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Morton
Chair, Board of Trustees

Beverly J. Fiss
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

President and members of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your service.

My name is Todd Herring, I am a 25 resident of the district and the father of Garrett Herring, a Dean's List student athlete at SWIC.

Roughly a year ago in the wake of significant funding unknowns, the board had some difficult decisions to make to balance their budget and the athletic program took a heavy hit with respect to personnel and resources.

In the wake of declining student enrollment, I am asking to reconsider your position and think outside the box and possibilities with respect to athletics. For today's comparison I take your attention to the east and look at the Illinois Eastern Community College District. When you look at just the baseball and softball programs of the 4 schools (Wabash, Olney, Lincoln Trail, and Frontier) in the district, you will see just the athletes in these 2 sports make up 13% of ALL FULL TIME STUDENTS in the district. At SWIC, they make up less than 1% of the full time student body. Less than 3% of baseball athletes on the rosters at these schools are in district. One could make an inference that recruiting athletes is GOOD business, if not GREAT business for their district as the majority of the players are receiving a partial or NO scholarship.

A good product starts with good people. All the head baseball coaches in the IECC member schools are full time employees. How does a district with 1/2 the budget and 1/2 the enrollment fund FOUR full time baseball coaches? We were fortunate in the baseball program here at SWIC to find someone last year who would invest his time and passion on a rather limited payroll. Yet, his impact is being held back by the lack of an assistant coach or specifically adequate funding for an assistant coach. Lincoln Trail posted a position this past week paying \$15,000 for an assistant baseball coach plus housing. SWIC is offering \$2400. That number is embarrassing. SWIC's coaching payroll is less than positions pay at the local high schools. We should be thinking outside the box and giving the option for another part time position i.e. Academic Advisor in connection with our coaching position as a way of offering more dollars and a combined position. In the name of one of our core values of Excellence to be a premier community college, I am asking for your consideration for adequate funding in the coaching positions really for all sports to put them on a level playing field with districts that would be considered less fortunate.

Parents and athletes are willing to look for opportunities to follow their dreams and your increased investments in the current programs and considering new programs in athletics can lead to more enrollment for the school. I have had the opportunity to visit all the campuses in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference this past year and look at their facilities. SWIC is a gem and with its proximity to the St. Louis Metro puts it into an opportunity to be an elite destination for student athletes given the right attention and investment.

Again, thank you for your time and attention along with your service. I'm always available should you have anything you wish to discuss and of course, GO BLUE STORM.

Southwestern Illinois College
Faculty Professional/Scholarly/Service Activities

April and May 2019
(and earlier items not included previously)

Presented by Julie Muertz, Dean of Health Sciences and Homeland Security

Kim Snyder, Coordinator, Physical Therapist Assistant Program and Michelle Kujawa, Full Time Instructor, Physical Therapist Assistant Program, Bob Lutz, Adjunct Faculty, Physical Therapist Assistant Program, hosted the Illinois Physical Therapy Association Southern District Meeting here at SWIC on April 30th. The continuing education topic was Evaluation and Treatment of the Overhead Athlete. This was followed by a business meeting addressing current IL legislation and issues affecting physical therapy and donations were collected for the Shoes4Kids program associated with the APTA NEXT national conference in Chicago this June. We also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Physical Therapist Assistant!

Cynthia Winfield, Associate Professor, Nursing Education Program, along with the 1st year nursing students, participated in the PSOP Passport to Wellness Health Fair at SWIC PSOP in Belleville, IL on April 26th.

Jill Bingheim, Professor, Nursing Education, and Jane Ohl, Associate Professor, Nursing Education, attended the "Learn About Lungs" Symposium sponsored by Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL on March 22, 2019.

Jane Ohl, Associate Professor, Nursing Education, as well as several second-year Nursing students, assisted with Basic Life Support classes at Belleville West High School, Belleville, IL on April 16, 17, and 23.

Susan Wessel, Professor, Nursing Education, as well as several second-year Nursing students, assisted with Basic Life Support classes at Belleville West High School, Belleville, IL on April 23.

Diane Dodd, Coordinator, Respiratory Care Program, completed a 16 week course CI 563: Curriculum Models at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville in Edwardsville, IL on May 8th.

Diane Dodd, Coordinator, Respiratory Care Program & RCSA Sponsor, attended the RCSA meeting held in Belleville, IL on April 29th.

Diane Dodd, Coordinator, Respiratory Care Program, attended a recruiting event at Highland High School in Highland, IL on May 3rd.

June President's Report
from
Student & Community Development

AmeriCorps

- This summer is the **BIGGEST** in the 25-year history of Belleville AmeriCorps at Southwestern Illinois College! This summer, 64 members of Belleville AmeriCorps are serving as camp counselors and volunteer coordinators to over 300 elementary-aged campers at four summer camps in Belleville: (1) West End Summer Camp, (2) Abraham Lincoln Elementary School Summer Camp, (3) Westhaven Elementary School Summer Camp, and (4) Franklin Neighborhood Community Association Summer Camp at Franklin Elementary School!

PSOP

- The PSOP **Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)** held an orientation for new volunteers on April 12th. This group of incredible women got a beautiful surprise when Staci Oliver came to introduce herself and welcome them to the program. All involved were able to celebrate the new titles they gained that day- Foster Grandparent and our new Chief Student & Community Development Officer! The Foster Grandparents are excited to welcome ALL these strong women to their family.



- PSOP's **FGP's annual recognition** was held on April 18th at Belle Court Place in Belleville. Volunteers were honored for another year of dedicated service to the children in their communities. Louise Lewis, volunteer at the Delta Childcare Center, was the recipient of the annual **Eugene Verdu Award of Excellence**. In her 12 years of service she has invested over 16,800 hours in the children of East St. Louis and is a true mentor, friend, and support for all who know her. Each site had a chance to recognize their volunteers personally, and many shared individual stories of success and strength with the help of their volunteers. The keynote speaker, Rachel Jackson, founder of Project Compassion in Belleville, inspired and motivated the volunteers to continue to mold the future generations and help set them on a path for success. All those in attendance shared tears, laughter, and a renewed sense of commitment to helping their communities through the Foster Grandparent program.
- **FGP Staff** attended the annual Southern Illinois Volunteer Conference held at Bellecourt. One of our Advisory Council members, who is also a Foster Grandparent, was able to attend as well. It was a day of new ideas, networking, and hitting the refresh button.
- **FGP staff** were interviewed for a documentary that is being filmed on one of our partner sites, IMPACK. Since the Foster Grandparents have such a special role at the center, filmmaker Kenita Jalivay wanted to hear the perspective of our program on the site as well as the founder, Ms. Geanette Wilson. The center is a not-for-profit community center that has afterschool and summer programming in Sparta, IL and will be celebrating 15 years of service this fall.

- **FGP Site staff** have completed their end of year evaluations on their volunteers, as well as the outcomes on the children supported. There are so many positive comments to share but here are just a few:

Ms. Edwards says of her FG Ms. Norman. "Beautiful Spirit inside and out! Very nurturing to students and adults. I highly recommend her for any situation that requires calm and peace. She brings both in her personality. One of her assigned students was selected as most improved student on his state standardized assessment in reading." Ms. Howard says of her FGP Ms. Brown: "Our FG was an asset to our class. She had a special relationship with the whole class. All students looked forward to her attending and their special relationship with her. They all respected and loved "Granny". Ms. Brown worked with all the students although she was assigned a few. Some of the lower level students reached their goals, and some attained a grade level above their starting grade level." Jacqueline Johnson says of her FG Darlene Waller: "Mrs. Waller worked with students who had challenges adapting to classroom expectations as well as those who fell behind academically. She had the task of pulling a few students to give additional help with a lesson and even one on one time for extra help at their level. Two of the students she was working with went from knowing little to none of the alphabet to knowing them all by March! One of the male students with behavior challenges was very easily calmed when she talked to him because of the relationship they built."
- **The Service Coordination (housing program) office** was a big contributor to the success of the Esquiline and AgeSmart Community Resources' efforts to satisfy a grant they received to serve the community in the area of healthy living. "Sole to Soul" speakers talked on various topics and lunches were served. PSOP's Service Coordination staff assisted by allowing the first three meetings to be held at sites they serve. They further supported this effort by identifying and inviting people to attend. The Esquiline and AgeSmart met their attendance quotas, and the Seniors and disabled benefitted from the presentation of useful information and a free lunch.
- **The PSOP Activities Program** took a group of 50 happy seniors on a motor coach trip to San Antonio, Padre Island, and the Gulf of Mexico. Several travelers were able to fulfill bucket list items during this trip! All travelers had a wonderful time!
- On May 7th, the **Activities Program** took a group of Seniors to a St. Louis Cardinal's Game at Busch Stadium. The Seniors enjoyed hot dogs and Cracker Jacks and the promotional giveaway was a St. Louis Cardinal's T-Shirt.
- Did you know that the **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day held in April 2019** collected 6,636 pounds of prescription drugs in the Southern District of Illinois? Madison County collected 897 pounds with a similar amount of 892 pounds in St. Clair County. PSOP and Senior Corps programs (**RSVP, SCP, and FGP**) promoted the event to their participants.
- **Memorial Hospital** is a vital part of our community and meets our service target in the area of Healthy Futures. The Memorial Hospital Auxiliary currently has a pool of **84 RSVP volunteers** serving in various supporting roles in the hospital. Two RSVP volunteers, **Judie Loudon and Pearl Spies, were recently recognized for their combined service of 25,000 hours.** Spies has volunteered more than 16,000 hours and Loudon more than 9,000 hours. Spies was a charter member of the auxiliary and helped to canvas the neighborhood for donations. Spies offers excellent advice, "Get involved as much as your time and energy will allow. You can over commit, and it's a balancing act of what is best for you, family, and community. You think about how you are helping others but sometimes forget how you have been helped." Loudon was taught the value of volunteering as a child. She helped to start a clown therapy program at the hospital and continued serving Memorial for 21 years including multiple terms as President.

She also helped to start a Youth Health Fair that has seen more than 30,000 students participate. You will likely find Loudon volunteering at a number of sites in St. Clair County. Her words are "Anyone can write a check; but by giving of yourself and doing for others, there's a greater sense of purpose. I have never given to benefit myself, but volunteering gives me energy and a sense of purpose. It has made me a better wife, mother, friend, and person." You will find Loudon volunteering daily at PSOP, greeting our clients and offering a smile.

Student Life Services

Student Support

- Student Life Services, with the help of the Success Center staff, hosted Welcome Week greetings Monday through Wednesday June 3-5 in the lobbies of the Main Complex, Liberal Arts Building and the Information Sciences Building. On Wednesday, June 5, Student Life treated students to free hot dogs, chips and cookies as a welcome to summer students.
- Student Life and Career Services hosted Olympic Gold Medalist and motivational speaker Dawn Harper-Nelson to campus on Tuesday, June 11 for the Leadership and Career Development Speaker Series. Harper-Nelson, an East St. Louis native, shared her journey from her early years as small girl in East St. Louis, to UCLA on scholarship, to an Olympic Gold and Silver medalist, competing in two Olympic Games. She spoke to an audience of approximately 100 students, faculty and staff about maintaining your focus and staying the course when life's obstacles block the path to your dreams.

Student & Community Development Officer

- Ensured quality Student Development by facilitating CBITAT/Disciplinary meetings and providing mentoring support to enhance successful SWIC student experiences.
- Facilitated ongoing individual and departmental meetings with staff to enhance relationship building and increase understanding of daily responsibilities in each service area.
- Continued research related to a "College for Life" programming opportunity at SWIC.
- Participated in annual Title IX required training; convened Title IX Coordinator/Investigative Team/Public Safety Officer meetings to initiate revisions to Board Policy 7021 and 7021AP.
- Coordinated the annual Student Handbook project as outlined in Board Policy 4017, in preparation for the 2019-2020 district wide availability via the college website and distribution by request.
- Coordinated review of the annual Student Rights & Conduct guidelines as outline in Board Policy 4017, to ensure updated materials are prepared for 2019-2020 district-wide distribution.