

# S<sup>3</sup> Start Smart at STCC

## Commerce Early College Program

Amazing Opportunity for 10th Graders

### Important Dates

- Applications Due: December 20th
- Mandatory Orientation: January 7 (January 14, snow date)
- Classes start: January 21

Students can earn up to 20 college credits in a specified pathway at no cost!  
Spring 2020 course will be a college success course.

- Pathway Options: Cyber Security, Digital Media, Health, Business, Human Services/Social Work & Criminal Justice

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# Program Details

10th grade students have the opportunity to begin their Career Pathway in January 2020. Students will come to STCC to take our First Year Experience course. This course will be taught on our campus, one day a week for approximately an hour. FYE 100 will be about 1 hour long each week (Tuesday or Thursday).

During 11th and 12th grade, students will continue to take classes at STCC in one of the following pathways:

Computer/Cyber Security ▲ Human Services/Social Work ▲ Health Science  
Business Administration ▲ Criminal Justice ▲ Digital Media/Graphic Design

Students can earn up to 20 college credits, at no cost! Students are responsible for walking to campus on their own. Bus passes will be provided for students to return home.

- ▲ Early bird deadline, December 5
- ▲ Regular deadline, December 12
- ▲ Mandatory orientation, January 7
- ▲ Class starts, January 21 or 23

September 11, 2019

**TO:** High School of Commerce (SEZP) Guidance Staff

**FROM:** Pamela J Westmoreland, Director of Early College Initiatives  
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**RE:** Early College Commerce

Dear Counselors:

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to all of you. I am the Director of Early College Initiatives at STCC. We are super excited about the Early College-Commerce program that will be launched this January (Spring semester 2020). I have been working with Dr. Waters to start the planning and implementation process. In summary, the ECC program will allow students to begin working on college credit for a Certificate of Associates Degree in one of Six specified pathways, listed below. By Fall 2020, this program will replace the current College Now/Dual Enrollment program for Commerce students.

**Pathways:**

Computer and IT Security/Cyber	Certificate Degree
Human Services/Social Work	Degree
Business Administration	Degree
Digital/Graphic/Multimedia Design	Certificate Degree
Health Science	Degree
Criminal Justice	Degree

**Planned Sequencing:**

10 <sup>th</sup> Grade – beginning January 2020:	First Year Experience, 50-75 students
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Fall 2020/Spring 2021	6 Credits over 2 semesters
12 <sup>th</sup> grade – Fall 2021/Spring 2021	Up to 13 credits over 2 semesters

*\*\*There will also be a pathway model for older students, who will be able to enroll in programs through our Workforce Development Department. More details about that initiative will be forthcoming.*

The first cohort of eligible students (10<sup>th</sup> graders) will begin their Pathway by taking our First Year Experience course. This is a one-credit class that will gauge their preparedness for college work. We will also incorporate career exploration into this course and other activities available to Commerce students, including our STEM Day being held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>!

We will be hosting a number of training workshops for teachers, counselors and other school staff. At this juncture, we are hoping to get your impressions on the number of students who might be interested and capable of handling college-level work on a designated career pathway. This is just being used for preliminary planning purposes – you do not need to identify specific students, just the number who you work with who meet the following gpa thresholds.

- Students with a 3.0 gpa or higher \_\_\_\_\_
- Students with a 2.5 to 2.9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Students with a 2.0 to 2.49 \_\_\_\_\_

STCC is committed to this partnership being a huge success. We will be scheduling future information sessions and training workshops with you and your teaching staff in the near future. For the time being, Dr. Waters should be your primary contact. However, as things move forward, you will be working closely with me and an Advisor that we hope to have on board in January.

## **Early College Commerce Student Orientation**

Tuesday, January 14, 2020  
Building 19 – Forum

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| 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. | Students escorted from Commerce to STCC – Pizza                     |
| 1:00 p.m.          | Welcome – Pamela Westmoreland<br>Director of Early College Commerce |
|                    | Greetings – Dr. John B. Cook, President, STCC                       |
|                    | Greetings – Vince Grassetto, Adjunct Professor for FYE 101          |
|                    | Remarks – Dr. Jada Waters, High School of Commerce                  |
| 1:15 p.m.          | Program Overview  |
|                    | Review of class schedule/times/location                             |
|                    | Bus Passes  |
|                    | Student/Parent Questions  |
|                    | Building 19 – mini Tours  |
| 1:30 p.m.          | Group A: Student IDs  |
|                    | Group B: FERPA Release, Registrar’s Office                          |
| 2:15 p.m.          | Return to forum   |
|                    | Gift Card raffles   |