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Barbara R. Kavalier, Ph.D.

Dr. Barbara Kavalier serves as President and Chief Executive Officer for St. Charles Community College (SCC), located in the greater St. Louis Region. SCC's two campuses serve six counties in one of the fastest-growing areas in Missouri. With 10 years of experience as a CEO, Dr. Kavalier has held senior leadership positions at some of the most successful multi-college districts in the country, including Dean of Institutional Research and Effectiveness for the Dallas County Community College District, Vice President of Student Services at San Diego Mesa College, and President of San José City College in Northern California.

Dr. Kavalier's passion for the mission of the comprehensive community college, coupled with an entrepreneurial spirit, has contributed to many accomplishments and innovative practices within higher education. During her tenure at SCC, Dr. Kavalier initiated an innovative public/private partnership to establish student housing, provided leadership to a successful multi-million-dollar bond campaign, garnered legislative support to secure more than \$1.5 million for workforce education, and implemented new strategies that helped the college consistently exceed budget and enrollment goals.

As a first-generation, low-income community college graduate, Dr. Kavalier is an advocate for equity and social justice. She has led the development of many programs and services that contributed to the success of underrepresented students, including establishing the national Achieving the Dream program at Tacoma Community College. As President of San José City College, she launched the African American/Latino Male Summit and introduced the SAFE Zone Project to advance the success of LGBTQ students. At SCC, Dr. Kavalier established the President's Council on Race and Diversity and created the first joint admissions program in Missouri with a Historically Black University.

Dr. Kavalier has a distinguished record of service with national, state, and local organizations. She serves on the board for the St. Louis Regional Chamber, the United Way Greater St. Louis board, and is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges Commission on Public Relations, Advocacy and Advancement. Dr. Kavalier is a Distinguished Graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where she also was recognized as the first Senior Roueche Fellow. She received the St. Louis Region Most Influential Business Woman of the Year Award and was recognized by Who's Who in Diversity and Color.

As a nationally established researcher and presenter on key issues in higher education, Dr. Kavalier has written many articles and co-authored two books. Her success as a leader has been strengthened by her experiences in the classroom. She served as an adjunct faculty member in the Graduate School of Education at San Diego State University, a Visiting Scholar at The University of Texas at Austin, and adjunct faculty with the Dallas County Community College District.

Dr. Kavalier holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from The University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Science in Business and Human Resources from Amberton University, a Bachelor of Science in English/Education from Texas Christian University, and an Associate Degree from Mountain View College. Dr. Kavalier lives in St. Charles with her husband, Jim, a retired community college faculty member.