

Hello I am Thom Brooks, Vice President for Instruction and Student Services. On behalf of the faculty of SCC, I welcome you to our college.

I congratulate you on your decision to pursue a college education. Working toward a college degree, diploma, or certificate is one of the most important commitments that you will ever make, and finishing that degree will place you in a very unique group. The typical adult in the world today does not have a college degree. In fact, worldwide, fewer than 7% of adults have completed a college education. In the United States that number jumps to 39%, but still the typical American does not have college degree.

Completing a college degree means higher potential lifetime earnings, greater career satisfaction, and an increased likelihood of keeping your job during tough economic times. We are here to help you meet your goal of a college education.

At SCC learning comes first. This means you can expect an emphasis on excellence in all that we do. You may know that SCC is ranked among the top 10 community colleges in the nation and is designated as an exceptional college by the North Carolina Community College System. We earned that national ranking because we were not typical when compared to other colleges. For example, students at SCC are more likely to come to class prepared to learn, having read the textbook and completed homework. Students at SCC are more likely to report being challenged in their classes and surprising themselves by accomplishing more than they anticipated. SCC students are more likely to engage in active and collaborative learning when compared to the typical community college student. And students at SCC are more likely to take advantage of the array of support services we offer like the LAC, Student Support Services, and free tutoring.

I challenge you to continue this tradition of excellence while you are at SCC. We look forward to providing you with excellent instruction in your chosen field and the support to help you meet your goal of a college education.

Again, I welcome you to your college and wish you the best during your time at SCC!