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Scenario: Roadrunner Rising – K–12 Partnerships in 2035

Scenario Summary:

By 2035, the SFCC has deepened its partnerships with regional school districts through the expanded Roadrunner Pathways program. From elementary through high school, students follow clear pathways to college and career, supported by strong collaboration between K–12 educators and college staff.

High school students are automatically enrolled in dual credit cohorts beginning in 10th grade, aligned with both CTE and transfer pathways. College representatives are embedded in school districts, providing support with applications, advising, and career exploration. Students also take part in college prep workshops, career fairs, and campus visits.

Early college awareness begins in elementary and middle school. Kids College summer camps bring young students to campus for hands-on learning, while goal-setting programs in 5th and 6th grades spark early interest in the future. Homework Labs staffed by college students are located throughout the service region, supporting learners at every grade level.

K–12 teachers benefit from ongoing professional development offered by the college and have opportunities to partner with college instructors on aligning instruction and fostering shared goals across systems.

Extended campus sites become integral to the Roadrunner Pathways program, offering services aligned with the main campus and making college experiences tangible and accessible across the region.

In this future, college is visible, accessible, and integrated into every student's journey—starting early and growing stronger over time.

Headline 2026:

SFCC Opens First-of-its-Kind Homework Lab, Partnering Roadrunner Students with K–12 Learners.
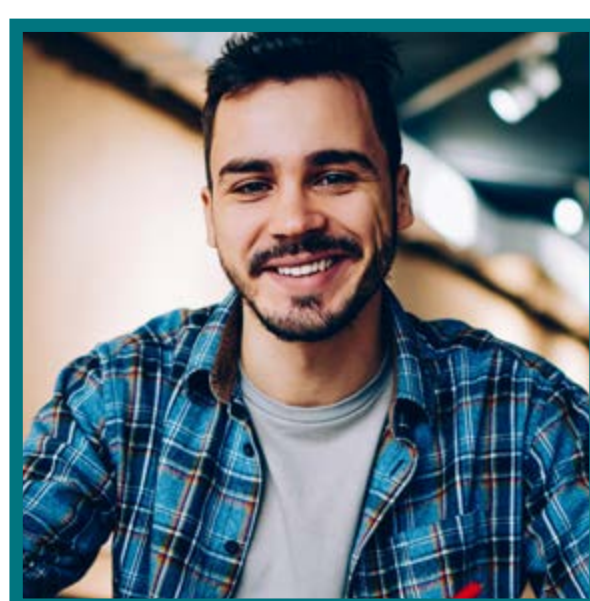
Headline 2030:

State Fair Community College's Service Region Boasts Highest College Placement Score in the Nation.

Headline 2035:

SFCC Aspen Prize Finalist for Innovative Work with K–12 in Literacy Skills and Preparation for College.
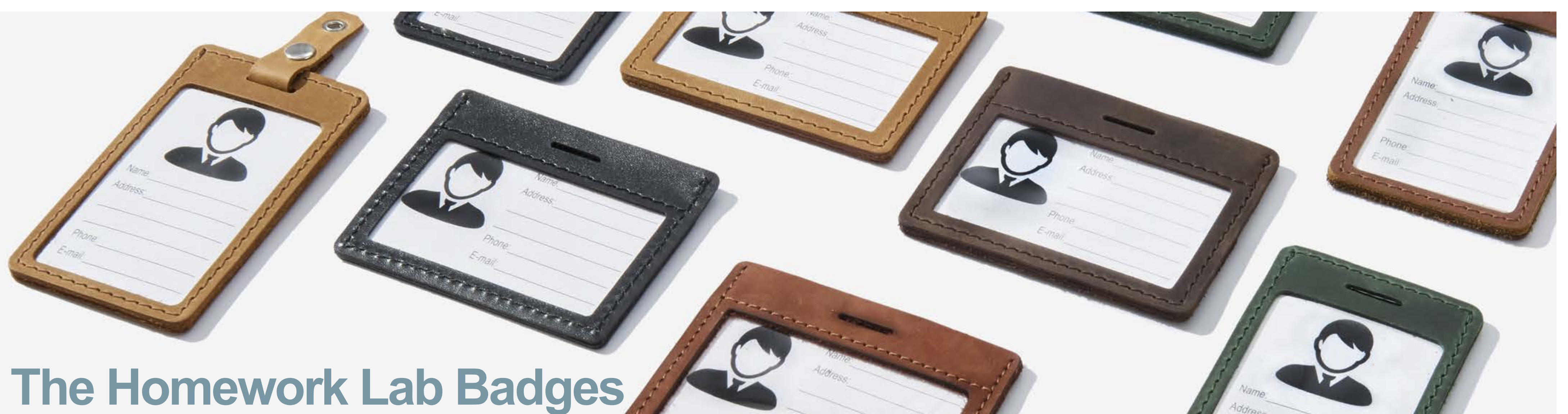
"SFCC connections have helped high school students develop realistic plans and paths to achieve their goals."
– High School Counselor

I started taking dual credit classes at SFCC in high school, and now I'm a full-time student here. Having that early start made the transition so much easier. I already knew my path, and the support has been there every step of the way.
– SFCC Student

"I used to think college was something far away—now it's part of my life every day. I've already earned credits, met instructors, and figured out what I want to study. Roadrunner Pathways made it all feel possible."
– 11th Grade Student, Dual Credit Cohort

The Homework Lab Badges

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Scenario: State Fair Community College – A National Leader in Student Success

Scenario Summary:

By 2035, SFCC is known across the country for putting students first. Its "Roadrunner Rocks" approach helps every student succeed, starting from the moment they show interest. Students get online orientation and access to their books on day one. Smart technology tracks who might be struggling and connects them quickly to tutoring, mental health support, or financial aid—before small problems become big ones.

The college has removed many of the barriers that used to impede student success. Free meals are available every day. Classes are flexible, with in-person, online, and hybrid options. There's on-campus child care, and students can work at the college to help pay for school while gaining job experience.

SFCC has modernized its approach to education. Courses are personalized and self-paced, supported by 24/7 assistance from AI and human staff. Teaching is enhanced by regular professional development focused on engaging, inclusive, and career-relevant methodology. Hands-on learning and apprenticeships are emphasized, replacing traditional textbooks with practical materials and real-world projects.

The college has also strengthened student support and expanded outreach to underserved communities. Extended campus sites serve as points of entry, offering accessible online orientations and day-one access to learning resources, ensuring students across the region benefit from SFCC's signature support.

With clear paths to jobs and four-year degrees, SFCC helps students stay on track, graduate with confidence, and succeed in whatever comes next.

Headline 2026:
State Fair Community College Launches 'Roadrunner Rocks' to Redefine Student Support from Day One.

"From the moment I applied, it felt like SFCC already knew what I needed. I had my schedule, books, and even a mentor by the time classes started. I've never felt more supported."
– First-Year Student

Headline 2030:
SFCC Expands Access and Equity: Career-Connected Learning, Free Meals, and Mental Health Support Now Standard.

"As a working parent, the flexible classes, free meals, and childcare made it possible for me to come back and finish my degree. SFCC isn't just a college—it's a community that lifts you up."
– Student

Headline 2035:
SFCC Wins Million-Dollar Aspen Award for Reaching Record-Level Student Retention.

"This Aspen award validates the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff in creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment for all students."
– Faculty Member

Roadrunner Rocks Journal (Provided to Every New Student)
A physical, pocket-sized guided journal that students receive at orientation and use throughout their first year to reflect, plan, and track their journey.

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Scenario: State Fair Community College – Work, Learn, Thrive

Scenario Summary:

By 2035, State Fair Community College is a national leader in earn-and-learn education. Students gain real-world experience, earn income, and build careers while completing their education. Through flexible, competency-based programs, they move at their own pace—earning stackable credentials in fields like healthcare, agriculture, welding, and digital design. Short-term certificates in areas like phlebotomy, CNA, mental health, and EMT help students enter the workforce quickly, with the option to return as their careers grow.

SFCC's programs are shaped by employers and constantly updated to match workforce needs. Every extended campus acts as a hands-on training hub. Students work in real-world spaces like business incubators, manufacturing labs, and pop-up shops. They earn while they learn, gaining skills in everything from construction to digital media. Employers can subscribe to training packages and send workers for customized upskilling, supported by short-term housing and seasonal institutes like summer welding camps.

Career services begin on day one. Students build digital portfolios and track certifications and experience in real time. The college offers résumé help, interview prep, and transportation to hiring events across the region. Internships, apprenticeships, and micro-internships are part of every program. Job placement support is open to students and the broader community alike.

SFCC's model is built on partnership, flexibility, and real-world results. Employers have a seat at the table, helping shape programs through advisory boards and strategic planning. With updated equipment, expanded training sites, and a focus on entrepreneurship, State Fair Community College has become the region's workforce engine—fueling success for students, communities, and employers alike.

Headlines 2026:

Job Placement Numbers Lead All Community Colleges in the State.

SFCC Establishes Alliance with Unilever, Hitachi, and Scholastic in Capital City.

Headline 2030:

New Technology Building Named After Recent Alumnus.

Headlines 2035:

SFCC Students Earn as They Learn with Real-Life Work Opportunities.

Vo-Tech Is Back! SFCC Upends the Career and Tech Model.

"As I was working on my computer science degree, I partnered with a local IT company troubleshooting real issues. I am graduating with an employment offer."
– Student

Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would land a job in Dallas making more money than I ever thought possible."
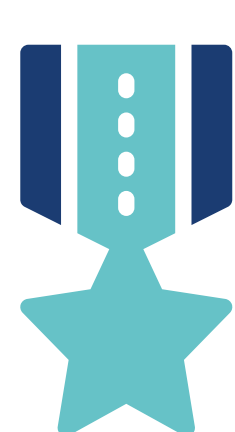– Recent Graduate

"This alliance is going to fundamentally change our workforce development and set a precedent for other communities."
– Local Business Owner

K-12 → Higher Learning → Military Service → Career → Secure Varifiable Digital Credentials → Career Advancement → Lifelong Learning → Comprehensive Learner Record

The Learning Ledger

A blockchain-based digital transcript that records every micro-credential, skill badge, and work-based experience a student earns, accessible to employers, universities, and lifelong learners. It symbolizes SFCC's commitment to personalized, lifelong, and verifiable learning that seamlessly integrates education and employment

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Scenario: State Fair Community College – A Community Hub

Scenario Summary:

By 2035, State Fair Community College is more than a place to earn a degree—it's a true community hub. The main campus and extended campuses across the region are alive with activity every day, welcoming families, entrepreneurs, lifelong learners, and visitors.

Learning and growing at SFCC is for all ages, from Kids College to dual credit to traditional college enrollment. K-12 students can find support at Homework Labs staffed by college students. Specialized resources and free classes for senior citizens bring life-long learning to fruition.

The college provides more than education; partnerships are everywhere. Local businesses, government, and arts groups share space and collaborate with students on real-world projects. Health Sciences students work through Clinical Care Connect to provide health screenings, dental hygiene, and vaccines. The teaching farm operates a garden, market, and café. Libraries and tech hubs offer tutoring, digital literacy classes, and innovation labs. Working alongside WAFB's Military Family Readiness Center, SFCC connects service families to the college and community.

The main campus features an event center that hosts speaker series, summer camps, art shows, and major gatherings. Outdoor classrooms, walking trails, and the "Barnatorium" create space for family events, kids' activities, and movie nights. Athletic fields hosts intramural games and tournaments.

Extended campuses reflect the same energy. They've become trusted local hubs, offering events and programming, and providing space for community use. They are deeply connected to the needs of their own communities.

With welcoming spaces, extended hours, and year-round programming, SFCC has become the heartbeat of the region—centers where learning, connection, and community thrive.

Headline 2026:
SFCC Hosts Kaysinger Spring Championships for Baseball and Softball at New Athletic Complex.

Headline 2030:
SFCC Continues Growth with Grant for New Community/Ag Collaboration Center.

Headline 2035:
SFCC's Hub Model Becomes Blueprint for Rural Revitalization as Colleges Nationwide Replicate Its Community-Integrated Campus Design.

"SFCC is the crowning jewel of community colleges in Missouri."
– Community Member

"I saw a lot of potential in SFCC's agriculture program, and I believe this will become a hub for Central Missouri farmers and ranchers and the Sedalia community."
– Business Owner

"Before I even applied, I was here every summer for Kids College and movie nights. Now I'm earning my degree and running pop-up events with my classmates. SFCC has always felt like my place."
– Business and Marketing Student

The Teaching Farm
Grand entrance to the farm, which leads to outdoor classrooms, a community garden, outdoor experiences, and market retail space with all Missouri products

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Scenario Summary:

By 2035, State Fair Community College is a national leader in tech-driven, AI-powered education. From the first interaction, students are supported by AI systems that personalize their experience—offering automated advising, AI tutoring, and early alerts that help them stay on track before problems arise.

Classrooms look nothing like they used to. Holographic lessons, AR/VR simulations, and 4D study pods make learning immersive in fields like nursing, welding, and agriculture. Virtual instructors and interactive digital walls bring content to life, while biometric tools and AI chatbots track engagement and well-being in real time.

The campus itself runs on smart technology. IoT systems manage everything from navigation and scheduling to materials delivery and cybersecurity. Classrooms are flexible, tech-rich spaces built for collaboration. Students use digital wallets to track progress, credentials, and career goals, advancing at their own pace through stackable, modular courses.

But tech doesn't replace people—it enhances the human side of education. Faculty and staff are trained to use AI as a tool to build connection, increase access, and support every learner. From virtual office hours to holographic campus guides, SFCC has created a high-tech, student-centered environment where innovation and equity go hand in hand.

In this future, SFCC isn't just keeping up with technology—it's leading the way, offering one of the most advanced and responsive learning experiences in the country.

Headline 2026:

SFCC Launches AI-Powered Student Success Hub: A New Era of Personalized Support Begins.
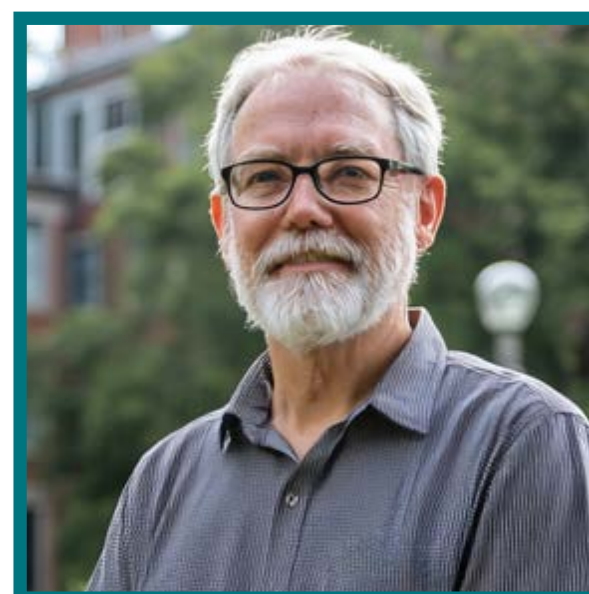
Headline 2030:

Virtual Labs, Smart Classrooms, and Holograms: SFCC Reinvents Learning for the Next Generation.
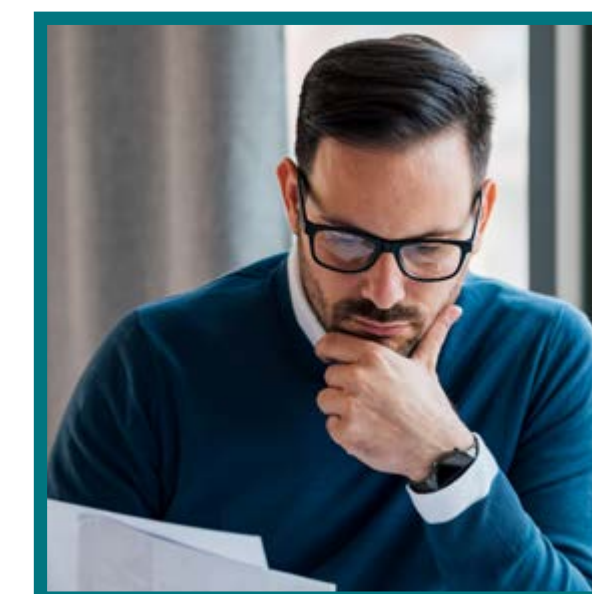
Headline 2035:

State Fair Community College Named Nation's Leading Smart Campus.

"My AI advisor checks in with me before I even know I need help. It's like having a personal support team built into my schedule. And the VR labs? They make learning feel real."
– Pre-Health Science Student

"Technology hasn't replaced the human connection—it's enhanced it. I spend less time managing logistics and more time coaching, mentoring, and helping students grow."
– Faculty Member

"Our goal was never just to digitize college—it was to humanize it through smart design. Everything we've built, from holographic classrooms to biometric wellness tracking, puts students first."
– Campus Technology Director

"RoConnect Band" – Wearable Campus Assistant
A sleek, wearable device issued to all SFCC students at orientation that integrates wellness, academics, and real-time campus interaction.

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