

Opportunity and

ACCESSIBILITY



No matter where the citizens in Southwestern's district live, they are close to a community college education and the prospect for a better life. With three campuses and more than 20 off-campus sites, the 380,000 citizens served by Southwestern have access to flexible class schedules, the best educational resources available and countless learning opportunities to move their lives forward.



Belleville Campus

For the first time, Southwestern offered a summer, three-credit **Music Theater Workshop** at the Belleville Campus. The workshop, which culminated in the production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," drew cast and crew members from across the region, as well as Southwestern students and faculty.



Granite City Campus

In the Fall of 2001, the campus received the **Student Support Services grant** funded through the federal TRIO programs. This program allows for 160 low-income, first generation and disabled students to access services that include peer tutoring; referrals to academic, career and personal counseling; and accommodations for the disabled. The purpose of the program is to increase retention rates, transfer rates and grade point averages for students who may have had limited access to these types of opportunities. The campus will receive more than \$1 million during the next four years to develop new success initiatives and implement the program.

Red Bud Campus

Numbers tell the **Learning Resources department's story of success**. The department is comprised of the Library, Success Center, computer labs and Smart classrooms. The Success Center logged more than 1,600 student visits; more than 132 students accessed personalized tutoring; 6,500 patrons accessed the Library and its resources; more than 500 new resources were added to the Library; the computer lab logged 1,200 student visits; and four Smart classrooms were installed to expand the instructional capabilities of faculty, bringing the total to 15.

Community Education

Stained glass art, basic home repairs, genealogy, and financial management were just a few of the many personal enrichment classes taken by members of the community. Offered through the Community Education Office, more than 3,200 students enrolled in these noncredit classes at the Belleville, Granite City and Red Bud campuses, as well as off-campus sites. This is an increase of 60 percent from the previous fiscal year. For six weeks during the summer, Community Education enrolled 800 children from kindergarten through grade eight in College for Kids, Kids on Campus and the Voyager enrichment programs.

