



Photo Caption: Pictured above are Southern State's 2022-23 SOCHE Excellence Awards recipients. From left to right are Dr. Joshua Montgomery, Dr. Julianne Krebs, and Susan Morris.

Southern State Community College honors three employees who will receive SOCHE Excellence Awards

The Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) has recognized three Southern State Community College individuals who have demonstrated excellence in teaching, service, and scholarship. Those honored with the 2022-23 SOCHE Excellence Awards include Dr. Joshua Montgomery, Dr. Julianne Krebs, and Susan Morris.

The Faculty Excellence Award, presented to Dr. Joshua Montgomery, recognizes full-time and adjunct faculty who have made significant contributions to their institution's mission. Dr. Montgomery is the Associate Professor of Computer Science, a Division Coordinator for Applied Sciences, and the eSports Coordinator at Southern State. He serves as the Custom Curriculum Coordinator for the Ohio Coders Project, an initiative that was developed to help K-12 schools in southern Ohio develop coding skills. Dr. Montgomery also volunteers for multiple STEAM droid/robot builder organizations.

The Staff Excellence Award, presented to Dr. Julianne Krebs, recognizes those who go above and beyond the call for service. Dr. Krebs is the Director of Nursing and Dean of Health Sciences at Southern State and demonstrates a passion for nursing practice and a drive to improve the health of the communities served. She utilizes a team approach and values the knowledge and skill of the members. She views community and educational partners as key components of

