

Otto Bremer grant helps immigrants, refugees succeed

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Dr. John Grether and Julie Condon of SCSU recently received a \$30,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation for a pilot project to help immigrant and refugee students succeed in college.

The project will combine existing courses, tailored to meet the needs of that unique population, with services to assess and develop college readiness in language proficiency, reading and writing skills, and basic technology.

Project participants will also learn about American academic norms, such as timeliness, attendance, and student-centered learning — norms that may differ from those of their home countries and thus offer substantial roadblocks to success.