**Sauk Valley Community College**

**March 25, 2019**

**Action Item 4.4**

**Topic: ICCTA Nomination – Business/Industry Partnership Award**

**College Health Metric 7 – The College partners with local agencies to encourage the economic development of the region.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Steve Nunez**

**Presentation:**

The College is pleased to submit the nomination of John Gvozdjak, President and Chief Operating Officer of Frantz Manufacturing in Sterling, for the 2019 ICCTA Business/Industry Partnership Award, which recognizes an Illinois business that has built a successful workforce-training alliance with a local community college. Each nomination is reviewed according to criteria, which include the following:

* History, goals and uniqueness of the partnership
* Examples of innovative curricula, training programs, and/or academic courses developed
* How the business is involved in planning, reviewing and evaluating the college’s curricula and workforce training programs
* How the business supports and promotes the college’s workforce training efforts

Jon has led a group of manufacturers in establishing the Multicraft Extended Internship Program, designed to allow students to concentrate their classes at Sauk Valley Community College in industrial maintenance on Tuesdays and Thursdays while working at local manufacturers as paid interns Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.  This innovative training partnership creates a synergistic learning experience for students who will apply what they have learned in the classroom into their internship and also take experiences from work back to the classroom. It also establishes a connection between the student and employer that can translate to a full time position upon graduating.

Additionally, John has led the re-establishment of a Machining / CNC certificate program at SVCC.  He partnered with private donors to raise the funds to update CNC mills and lathes at the Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC) and was integral in offering input as to how the certificate would be structured.  Employers are in need of machinists and Tool and Die makers as many in their workforce are on the verge of retiring. SVCC, in offering this new program, is creating a new talent pipeline to fill this imminent need.

**Recommendation:**

The administration recommends the Board approve the nomination of John Gvozdjak for the 2019 ICCTA Business/Industry Partnership Award.