

Sauk Valley Community College
October 28, 2019

Agenda Item 3.1.1

Topic: **Acknowledgement – Former Board of Trustee Member, Sharon U. Thompson**

Mission: **Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching and scholarship while engaging the community in lifelong learning, public service, and economic development.**

Presented By: **Dr. David Hellmich**

Presentation:

Sauk Valley Community College remembers Sharon U. Thompson who was selected as the SVCC's Outstanding Alumna in 1992 and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1995.

Sharon's civic leadership was extensive and included the following: Sharon was elected to the Lee County Board in 1972 and was elected Lee County Treasurer in 1974, the first Democrat in Lee County to be elected county treasurer and the third Democrat to hold county office in the history of Lee County; she served 20 years as Lee County Treasurer and was the first Lee County Treasurer to invest county funds in interest-bearing accounts, earning over ten million dollars in interest for the citizens of Lee County; she was elected President of the Illinois County Treasurers' Association in 1982 and was named "Treasurer of the Year" by her peers in 1987; she was elected President of the Illinois Association of County Officials in 1989 and was elected to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund in 1992; and she was selected by the Governor of Illinois to serve on the Property Tax Appeal Board.

Sharon was a friend to Sauk Valley Community College.