

Sauk Valley Community College
July 22, 2024

Action Item 5.3

Topic: Faculty Appointment – Mathematics

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: Drs. David Hellmich and Jon Mandrell

Presentation:

The administration has been in the process of hiring a Mathematics Faculty. The position was advertised on-line on Sauk Valley Community College's website, *Indeed.com*, Chronicle of Higher Education, *HigherEdJobs.com*, and in Sauk Valley Media (the *Dixon Telegraph* and the *Daily Gazette*). The College received thirty-six applications, and four candidates were invited for an on-campus interview. A committee was composed of Brian Johnson, Wendy Rienstra, Brad Smith, and Carrie Conderman. Dr. Patrice Hess, Dean of Transfer Programs and Academic Support Services, served as Chair.

Academic Background: Evan Hunziker received his Master of Education in Mathematics Education from American College of Education and a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University.

Professional Background: Evan has been employed at SVCC since June 2024 as adjunct mathematics instructor. He was a mathematics teacher and Dean of Students for Aquin Catholic Schools for two years.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the appointment of Evan Hunziker as an Assistant Professor II of Mathematics beginning August 9, 2024, at an annual base salary of \$50,492.77.



Evan Hunziker

Mathematics Teacher

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I am a young mathematics teacher who works hard to bring an effective mathematics curriculum to my students using in-person and online learning methods and tools. The prospect of teaching mathematics at a community college is a challenge that excites me because I, like many others, got my start in college education at a community college. My time at Highland Community College as a student was instrumental to my development into the educator I am today. Attending a community college was an easy decision as my Grandfather, who greatly inspired me, had been a mathematics instructor for nearly 30 years at the community college level.

Having graduated from a community college myself in 2020, I have always seen the high value that a community college can have in a person's life. It would be an exciting endeavor to return to that level of education as an instructor and be a part of an educational institution that has allowed so many people to pursue their dreams. Currently I am pursuing a graduate degree in Mathematics Education which I will complete on May 12, 2024, and I intend to continue studying graduate mathematics beginning in the summer of 2024.

My time spent as a mathematics teacher has seen me teaching nearly every area of mathematics at the high school and basic college level. I have taught a wide-range of math classes such as basic algebra, trigonometry, statistics, applied mathematics, and AP Calculus. Furthermore, I have taught these subjects both online and in-person effectively. Through my college education and work experience, teaching mathematics has become quite a natural task to me, and I would value the opportunity to continue to teach mathematics as part of the Sauk Valley Community College Family.

Thank you,
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EXPERIENCE

Aquin Catholic Schools, Freeport, Illinois — *Mathematics Teacher*

February 2022 - PRESENT

- Oversees creation and implementation of high school mathematics curriculum
- Instructs students in grades 9-12 mathematics content such as Algebra, Geometry, Statistics, Trigonometry, Precalculus, and *AP Calculus AB*
- Manages classroom behavior and student participation during instructional activities
- Works with students to guide instruction and oversee learning
- Experience teaching both in-person and online mathematics classes

Aquin Catholic Schools, Freeport, Illinois — *Dean of Students*

August 2023 - PRESENT

- Oversees disciplinary matters and student affairs related to academic and/or behavioral misconduct
- Advises students on matters such as course selection, career paths, and academic assistance
- Collaborates with teachers and faculty to ensure correct procedures and policies are adhered to by the student body
- Developed updated student handbook reflective of legal policies, school regulations, and student expectations for the Aquin Catholic Schools preK-12 system
- Serves as teacher mentor for new faculty with little education experience and/or background

Sneek Farms, Shannon, Illinois — *Farm Manager*

June 2018 - January 2022

- Oversaw financial transactions and accounts
- Organized and oversaw daily tasks
- Ensured timely completion of required tasks

EDUCATION

Highland Community College, Freeport, Illinois

Associate of Science

- Graduated with Honors
- Award winning member of the HCC Forensics team
- Multiple semesters as a teacher's assistant in elementary and high school classrooms
- Experience grading assignments and providing feedback to students

North Central Technical College, Wausau, Wisconsin

Certificate in Mathematics

- Strong background in undergraduate mathematics
- Developed in-depth understanding of mathematics courses such as Trigonometry, College Algebra, and Applied Mathematics

Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah

Bachelor of Arts, Educational Studies

- Vast experience with online & remote education
- Comprehensive knowledge of educational methods and theorems across various subjects; especially mathematics
- Proficient in creating and implementing lesson plans, assignments, assessments, and curriculum

Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah

Master of Science, Curriculum & Instruction

- Developed strong educational curriculum and assessment skills
- Fine-tuned instructional techniques and methods
- Enhanced communication and student outreach practices
- Focused Master's thesis on mathematics education

American College of Education, Indianapolis, Indiana

Master of Education, Mathematics Education

- **Graduation date of May 12, 2024**
- Acquired in-depth knowledge and understanding of advanced mathematics pedagogy and content knowledge
- Developed advanced mathematics skills and comprehension
- *Included 18 graduate credit hours in mathematics/mathematics education content*

REFERENCES

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