

Sauk Valley Community College
June 24, 2024

Agenda Item 3.1.4

Topic: **FY 2024 and FY 2025 Bookends**

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

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Presentation:

Attached are sample highlights of SVCC accomplishments during the current fiscal year and accomplishments to achieved during the upcoming fiscal year.

Sample of Sauk Accomplishments for FY 2024

- Achieved goal of Canvas courses being at least 97% accessible
- Acquired and implemented WC Online and revamped the Learning Commons Writing Center space
- Awarded 671 degree, certificates, and credentials to graduates
- Celebrated the legacies of long-time veteran faculty and staff retiring in 2024-2025
- Completed over 37,000 hours of community service through the Impact Program
- ✓ **Completed several facilities projects, including bathroom renovations, generator project, air handler project, greenhouse, and coffee shop (8)**
- Completed the 3-year cycle of the Early Childhood Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity grant
- Completed three faculty sabbaticals, providing great outcomes to the College including the new Constructive Dialogue course
- Created several university partnerships
- Created capital assets Board policy
- ✓ **Earned the 2024 All-Sports Award for Sauk Athletics in the Arrowhead Conference and sent several athletes to nationals (5)**
- Established the Learning Commons Collaboration Room (3K3) with new furniture and technology, serving students, staff, and the community
- Expanded horticulture offerings through a partnership with the University of Illinois Extension (2)
- Expanded the Writing Center, including its physical space
- Graduated another successful Sauk Valley Leadership class, including three Sauk staff
- ✓ **Graduated over 100 law enforcement officers in the SVCC Police Academy while reaching 100% enrollment and pass rates (5)**
- Grew Sauk's exemplary faculty by hiring new full-time and adjunct faculty while expanding the Psychology Department by one full-time faculty member
- Grilled for another second-place finish with the Smokin' Skyhawks at the Annual Blues, Brews, and BBQ event in Dixon
- ✓ **Had excellent pass rates with Radiology at 100%, 88% at ADN, and LPN at 92%**
- Held another successful Graduation/Pinning and Adult Education Awards night
- ✓ **Held another successful *Chocolate Rendezvous* (4)**
- Honored as President Hellmich was published in Stephen Nacco's work titled "Narratives and Strategies of Effective Leadership in Community Colleges" where he reflects on his leadership as a community college president
- Hosted Pakistani students and faculty from Kinnaird College for Women and sent a team to Pakistan as part of a study abroad exchange (4)
- Implemented DegreeWorks
- Implemented DUO Push to keep us cybersafe (3)
- Implemented Help Desk Signage
- Improved facility efficiency through HVAC automation and lighting upgrades, some of which were paid for through IGEN participation (3)
- Installed high quality audio system in the Dillon Mall
- Installed SVCC giant letters in front of campus (2)
- Launched a new course evaluation platform with Smarteval's to provide more meaningful results to faculty
- Made significant progress with the West Mall Plaza project (3)
- Navigated the complexities of the FAFSA simplification process
- Obtained the Illinois Community College Board's recognition that occurs every five years

- Obtained \$175,000 award from State of Illinois to put towards West Campus Mall project
- ✓ **Obtained approval to begin Sonography Program, purchased much of the required equipment through State grant funds, and hired coordinating faculty member (7)**
- Outpaced the state of Illinois's average enrollment increases for both semesters in 2024 (Fall 2023 and Spring 2024)
- Raised \$7 million for the Impact Campaign (70% of goal), including \$473,000 for Polo Community Schools Impact Program
- ✓ **Reaffirmed AA-/Stable through S&P Global Ratings, indicating the College's bonds are investment grade, and S&P views the College to have a very strong financial risk profile and sound management practices**
- Received clean audit on the FY24 veteran compliance survey
- Received grant funds from Reaching Across Illinois Libraries System (RAILS)
- Received Program Participation Agreement approval from Department of Education for five-year cycle
- ✓ **Received the Universal Access Award from Simple Syllabus (awarded to an institution who shows a commitment to communicating curriculum to their students in an open and accessible format**
- Recognized by the All-In Campus Democracy Challenge as having a Highly Established Action Plan (3)
- Recruited over 1,300 students for the Impact Program
- ✓ **Retained over 70% of high school Impact Program participants through continued volunteerism**
- Revamped adjunct and supplemental contact process
- ✓ **Revamped the colleges assessment process including a new suite of general education competencies and means for tracking outcomes within canvas (3)**
- Sponsored CEO and Academy cohorts
- Updated computers in Testing Center and CIS lab

Sample of Sauk Accomplishments to Achieve in FY 2025

- Acquiring public art for and installing it on the West Mall Plaza
- Advocating for increased four-year degree access
- ✓ **Assessing the staff salary schedule (2)**
- Authoring the first Equity Plan, which highlights various trends in enrollment, persistence, advancement, completion, and credit hour accumulation across various demographic groups
- Bringing the elevators to new heights with new lifts and renovated the interiors
- Completing the ACEN site visit with reaccreditation of ADN and LPN programs
- Completing the baseball/softball storage and press box
- Completing the final phase of the bathroom remodel in the Dillon Mall (2)
- ✓ **Completing the TRiO grant-writing process and receiving grant renewal (2)**
- Completing the West Mall Plaza (5)
- ✓ **Continuing efforts to educate and inform the college and community on Artificial Intelligence (3)**
- Continuing to increase enrollment
- Continuing to plan for college staffing succession (2)
- Creating new partnerships through the Sonography Program
- Developing stronger partnerships with universities
- Enhancing the student experience with required course materials
- Enrolling the first cohort of Impact students in the pilot program (3)
- Ensuring the College has a balanced budget
- Establishing a new organization structure within Admissions and Advising
- ✓ **Evaluating the use and effectiveness of major college information technology applications (2)**
- Expanding the art area's physical space
- Expanding the Learning Commons Writing Center support team with an additional professional tutor
- Expanding Business and Community Education through a new non-credit registration and marketing platform
- Exploring new affordable book deliveries for students, including Follett's Equitable Access and the formation of an Open Educational Resource (OER) Committee
- Finalizing year five of Title III
- Hosting another successful visit for our partners at Kinnaird College in Pakistan
- Hosting the Dixon Historic Theatre group and its productions in the Mathis Theatre
- ✓ **Implementing a new three-year faculty contract (4)**
- Implementing Chrome River
- Implementing Lumens for BACE
- Implementing OmniCMS
- Implementing the new agreement with Follett
- ✓ **Implementing the new assessment plan (4)**
- Implementing the new Title IX policies and procedures
- Implementing the new website
- Implementing the *Sauk First* marketing campaign
- Implementing new travel and expense management application
- Incorporating AI into instruction, student services, and administrative functions
- Increasing enrollment and retention efforts
- Installing new bleachers into the gymnasium (2)
- Integrating A+ Attendance tool for all courses
- ✓ **Keeping the college safe from cyber and other evil doers (3)**

- Launching DegreeWorks software and Navigate360 retention system within Student Services (2)
- Marketing the West Mall Plaza and greenhouse to the community
- Observing the colleges 60th anniversary of being the communities' college serving the Sauk Valley region
- ✓ **Obtaining approvals and awards from Illinois EPA to proceed with new wastewater pipe connecting to City of Dixon (4)**
- Opening the Skyhawk Coffee Bar with a goal to reach a net-surplus with campus food service operations (2)
- Planning for Impact student enrollment (3)
- Promoting academic support services among dual-credit students
- Promoting the Sonography program
- ✓ **Pursuing new Public Safety building partnership (4)**
- ✓ **Raising \$1 million for the Impact Program (3)**
- Receiving approval to implement a BSN program
- Recruiting and retaining students in the Impact Program
- Remodeling the second floor D-F area
- Replacing lights along the northside sidewalk and the under-hang lights
- Replacing lights in the East parking lot
- Securing the Illinois Community Colleges' CDB funds to break ground on Sauk Valley Community Colleges new agriculture building (2)
- Update the facilities master plan (4)
- Updating Cameras in Testing Center
- Updating physical areas of the college to find unused space
- Using grant funds to increase visibility, awareness of services, accessibility, and usage of the Learning Commons Library