

**Sauk Valley Community College**  
**April 24, 2023**

**Agenda Item 5.1.2**

**Topic:** Spring Retirees

**Vision:** 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, Dr. Jon Mandrell, Kathy Dirks, Rich Groleau, and Kent Sorenson

**Presentation:**

The College fulfills its mission through the faculty and staff who dedicate their professional lives to being Sauk Valley Community College educators. The following retirees have been among the College's most dedicated staff.

***Judy Astalos***

Judy Astalos retired on January 31, 2023. In 2005, Judy began employment at SVCC in a part-time role as the Evening Switchboard/Receptionist. In 2006, she began to work as an Enrollment Services Specialist, and she stayed in that role until 2011 when she became the College's full-time Switchboard Receptionist. Judy's ability to work through change has been invaluable.

***Mark Jordan***

Mark Jordan retired on January 20, 2023, with 11 ½ years of service to SVCC. Mark began employment in 2011 as Learning Commons Instructional Assistant. Over the years, Mark tutored students in a variety of math and science subjects. His years of experience, his ability to establish rapport with students, and his knowledge of math, biology, and chemistry made him an asset to Learning Commons Tutoring.

***Steven McPherson***

Steven McPherson has submitted his intent to retire effective July 31, 2023. Steve will retire with 20 years of service to SVCC. He came to the College with over 20 years of experience in industrial and consumer electronics. Steve was appointed to the role of Assistant Professor of Electronic Technology in 2003. He was promoted to Associate Professor in the 2010-2011 academic year. His connections with industry partners enrich his courses and the College's ability to provide training to students that meets the needs of employers.

***John Ross***

John Ross retired on February 3, 2023. He began at SVCC in 2012. John worked as a custodian on the evening shift at the College for 10 ½ years and was known for his strong work ethic, ability to work as a team, and willingness to assist others.

***Mike Santos***

Mike Santos has submitted his intent to retire on May 31, 2023, with 6 ½ years of service to SVCC. Mike promotes the LCT by presenting in classes to encourage students to seek tutoring support. His years of experience as a Special Education teacher and Math and Science teacher gave him valuable experience to assist students.

***Rhonda Tompkins***

Rhonda Tompkins has submitted her intent to retire effective April 30, 2023. She will retire with 33 years of service to SVCC. Rhonda began at SVCC as a work-study in 1990. In 1992, she became an Accounting Assistant doing accounts payable and worked as an evening switchboard receptionist. She was promoted to Accounts Receivable Specialist in May of 2020. Rhonda's knowledge of Business Office procedures and Banner are something she has shared with other College staff. She has been a highly effective time member in implementing change.

***Christine Vincent***

Christine Vincent has submitted her intent to retire effective June 25, 2023. She will retire with 15 years of service to SVCC. Christy began at SVCC in 2008 as an adjunct faculty member. She began full-time employment with SVCC in 2011 as Assistant Instructor of Nursing, was promoted to Assistant Professor in 2015, and was promoted to Dean of Health Professions in 2019. Christy has been a valuable mentor to faculty and her passion for the program and students is evident.