



Report to the Community

SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mission

Sauk Valley Community College is an institution of higher education that provides quality learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of its students and community.

Vision

Sauk Valley Community College will be recognized as a benchmark institution of higher education that provides exceptional learning opportunities in response to the diverse needs of its students and community.

Shared Values

Sauk Valley Community College will be recognized as a benchmark institution of higher education that provides exceptional learning opportunities in response to the diverse needs of its students and community.

Respect We respect the worth and dignity of all people.

Responsibility We value and advocate that all take responsibility for themselves, their learning, and the environment.

Fairness We advocate fairness and just treatment of all people.

Integrity We expect and constantly stand for integrity, honesty, and ethical treatment of all people.

Caring We value the creation of opportunities in a caring environment.

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Letter to the Community



We have started the countdown for the celebration of our 50th anniversary and are excited for what is to come in the next year. We hope that you can take the time to read our second annual report to the community and find out how much has been achieved this year.

During the past year we have added several new programs, provided more services to our students to increase retention and future career success, added more information to our website to give greater understanding of our operations and improved our facilities. We have also taken the time to survey our communities and area businesses to gauge our effectiveness in providing services most needed to help our current and future students and help our community grow.

The 2013 report to the community reflects on this past year and points the direction for the future as we continue to encourage our community to “*Be a Sauk Success*” whether it is earning a degree, obtaining education for a job or taking a class for personal interest. The Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and administration at the College thank you for your support and invite you to try new things this year at SVCC.

I am pleased to share this publication and our many accomplishments with you as we work toward another year to remember.

Dr. George Mihel
President



Open House

Community Gets Fired Up at Fire Science Open House

The debut of the fire science degree and certificate programs got the Sauk Valley community “fired up” at the August open house. The College welcomed over 250 guests to the event that showcased the new fire science/EMS building and state-of-the-art learning tools.

After the SVCC administrators and community fire department representatives cut the ceremonial fire hose, guests toured the facilities, met with the fire fighters teaching the courses and checked out the fire trucks and helicopters on display.

Trained firefighters also demonstrated the use of the state-of-the-art flashover simulator used in the programs’ courses and area training. SVCC is fortunate to have one of only three flashover simulators in the state, giving our students the best training available.

Attendees also learned about the abundant support given by local fire departments. “Without our local departments, the program would not be able to function,” said Jeff Bryant, Sr., coordinator of fire science program and Amboy Fire Department chief. The contributions made by our fire department partners have been invaluable and will build a stellar program for current and future students ready to receive an education in the fire science field.





Fundraiser

Fundraiser Raises over \$13,000

Guests “proceeded to party” all night at SVCC’s Red Solo Cup Casino Night Fundraiser in late September.

Three hundred and fifty people, dressed in red, enjoyed a night of fun and entertainment as they played casino-styled games like black jack, roulette and craps. Guests played with “gaming chips” to earn tickets for chances to win big prizes at the end of the night including a 42” plasma television, fine jewelry, sports tickets and a motorized scooter. SVCC had tremendous support thanks to the sponsorships of CGH Medical Center, KSB Hospital, Ken Nelson Auto Plaza, Pete Harkness Auto Group and Wight, Inc.

When guests were not gaming, there was much to do during the college’s fundraiser including bidding on silent auction items, sitting for caricature drawings or indulging on dinner and a sundae bar. Red solo cups were abundant throughout the night as well as in food, decoration and prizes.

When chips were cashed in, prizes and items given away and everyone left, excited for the next fundraiser, SVCC scholarship and student need funds took in a grand total of \$13,000!



Million Reasons Why

SVCC Joined "Million Reasons Why" Statewide Campaign

Fun Facts about Illinois Community Colleges:

- 48 Colleges in 39 Districts across the state
- 3rd largest community college system in America
- 65% of undergraduates in Illinois attend one of our colleges (community colleges receive 12% of Illinois higher education funding)
- 1,000,000 students per year are enrolled in our courses
- Earning an associate degree from an Illinois community college adds \$540,000 in lifetime earnings
- The average tuition & fees are only \$3,100 a year at Illinois Community Colleges
- As major employers and business entities, Illinois community colleges generate billions of dollars in local sales and wages and more than 55,000 jobs
- Nine out of 10 Illinois community college graduates live, work, pay taxes, and raise their families in Illinois; two-thirds have stayed in the community college district where they received their training.
- Nearly 89 percent of the state's recent community college occupational graduates are either working or pursuing additional education.

SVCC knows there are a million reasons why community colleges are the place to start higher education. That is why the College joined many others to support the Illinois Community College Board's *A Million Reasons Why* print and social media campaign.

What reason did SVCC join? There are nearly a million students per year educated through Illinois community colleges, millions of alumni who attended colleges and millions of reasons why employees, students and community members chose community colleges as a place to be educated and to work.

To show support, employees appeared in *A Million Reasons Why* t-shirts for a photo opportunity during in-service, on the first day of the spring semester and several special college events thereafter to promote the importance of education to students and the community.



*ICCB "A Million Reasons Why," 2013



Career Fair

Provides Network and Job Opportunities

SVCC proved to be a resource for community members and students at the “Sauk Careers” Fair, drawing over 250 people in May. The free event gave the public a chance to learn about Sauk career programs and what jobs they could obtain with a degree or certificate.

Anita Carney, SVCC career services coordinator, organized the fair to educate the community on the importance of education and professional development. “Our Careers Fair brings education, networking and employment all under one building to help people understand what is needed in today’s workforce,” she stated.

Over 30 local businesses, including Nippon Sharyo, E.D. Etnyre, Frantz Manufacturing and more, networked with individuals to showcase their business. Attendees also had opportunities to apply for jobs at various companies on location at the fair.

In addition to having employers, the fair also featured workshops in interviewing techniques, resume building and human resource outlooks.

Year in Review

- A major change can now be seen on the third floor at SVCC as the 40-year-old **biology labs** underwent renovation prior to the start of the fall semester. The new, spacious labs have updated equipment, modernized learning areas and also house bio and chemistry instructor offices.



- Former **FBI Agent Candice DeLong** presented to a packed room this spring. She gave audience members an inside look at life as a woman in the FBI with cases such as tracking the Uni-bomber, posing as a madam for a call girl ring and going undercover as a gangster's moll.
- Over 100 SVCC students found out that they could be leaders as long as they had the right mind set and dedication during two **Emerging Leaders Conferences**. Last fall, Del Suggs spoke on how to manage time and develop interpersonal skills to reach for any dream. A second opportunity came in the spring when Ryan Penneau made each student realize he or she could be a leader with hands-on workshops and interactive team exercises.



- Forty SVCC employees participated in the College's **Get Active program**. Employees entered in activity time throughout the year to earn points toward prizes. The group worked hard and met goals as they logged a combined total of 1,500 hours of activity.

- **Congressman Adam Kinzinger and Congresswoman Cheri Bustos** visited SVCC to tour the campus along with the new technology wing and bio labs and also discuss how to improve and promote higher education.



- Woodlawn Arts Academy of Sterling and SVCC collaborated to debut **Shakespeare in the Park** during the summer of 2012 with "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The production, directed by SVCC director Anna K. Kurtz, showcased the talents of many local adult actors with six free performances for the community to view on the back lawn of Woodlawn. The show saw over 350 people in attendance.

- Skyhawk volleyball player **Kalli Scheppers** put the star on top of an outstanding season for SVCC as she was named to the NJCAA Division II All-American second team as a freshman. Scheppers also helped the Skyhawks make it to the Region IV tournament championship game.
- The Skyhawk softball team clinched the **Region IV championship** title and advanced to the national tournament in Clinton, Mississippi this spring. **Kaiti Mathey** became the first SVCC softball player named to the NJCAA's Division II All-American third team. Mathey was also named an Academic All-American.



- Russ Damhoff, SVCC athletic director and men's basketball coach, earned his **500th career win** in the 2012-13 season with a win against Blackhawk East. The milestone came during Damhoff's 27th year in the position.
- Western Illinois University – Quad Cities and SVCC met in May to sign an agreement that will allow students to concurrently enroll at both institutions to obtain a **bachelor's degree in recreation, park and tourism administration**. Students will apply to both schools, and if accepted by WIU, will be able to take classes at both institutions to finish the degree in three years.



- The **SVCC marketing department** earned awards from two national groups during the year. Higher Ed Marketing Group selected the College as a winner in the 28th Annual Educational Advertising Awards in the following categories: logo design (Student Activities) – bronze award, internal publication (The Hawk's Nest) – merit award and imprinted material (View Book) – merit award. The department also received a Graphic Design USA American Inhouse Design Award for poster series (Student Activities).
- The SVCC Board of Trustees appointed **Andrew Bollman** as the new chairman. The Board also welcomed newly elected trustee Paula Meyer. The College said farewell to long-time trustee, Dr. William (Bill) Simpson who served for over 30 years. A scholarship in Bill's honor has been established by President Mihel, many of the trustees, faculty and staff at SVCC.
- **Student Support Services** at SVCC had 78 students graduate this year with many transferring to schools such as University of Illinois-Chicago and Northern Illinois University to major in areas including engineering, biology, psychology, criminal justice and healthcare. Ninety-seven percent of SSS students were in good academic standing as they utilized services including tutoring, study skill workshops and study groups.
- SVCC, the University of Illinois Extension and the YWCA of the Sauk Valley's Immigrant Family Resource Program worked with 20 families (61 participants) in their **Families United for a Strong Education (FUSE) program**. This bilingual program offered to Hispanic/Latino English language learners with children assists participants in setting higher education goals and improving quality of life.

- This spring the SVCC retention office launched the **SVCC Employee/ Student Mentor Program**. The program matched SVCC employees with students wanting support and direction. In its debut semester, the program had 33 employee volunteers comprised of faculty, staff and administration and matched 28 of them with students. The pairs met at least twice during the semester on campus (many several times more) and logged over 40 mentoring hours.
- This year the College had the privilege of displaying sections of the **AIDS memorial quilt** during early winter. Three sections of the 54-ton handmade tapestry hung over the balcony in the east mall for students and community members to view.



- The Business & Community Education Office hosted an **OSHA Safety Conference** in early March with over 230 in attendance. Participants selected five sessions from tracks including constructions, safety, health and grain with presentations including preventing falls to accident investigation.
- SVCC launched the new, online edition of the student newspaper, "**The Red Tail**," in February with over 4,000 views in the first month. The newspaper is written and designed by students and comes out each month in the fall and spring semesters. To view "The Red Tail," visit svredtail.com
- SVCC students can now have information sent straight to their cellphones with **text alerts**. SVCC expanded its emergency text alert system to include nonemergency alerts such as SVCC news, important dates and events. This is a free service to anyone wanting more information about SVCC.



- The **29th Annual Child Fair's** 40+ community exhibitors featured hands-on activities and games for over 1,700 attendees. Children and their families also watched "Alice in Wonderland" performed by the Emerald City Theater Group as part of the experience. The purpose of the Child Fair is to increase awareness of education and overall family well-being.
- **ABC AmeriCorps** of SVCC received a federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service for 2012-2015. Only 29 programs in the state of Illinois were chosen for this grant. ABC AmeriCorps utilizes the funding by partnering with education programs and community based agencies to increase academic and life skills of children, youth and families in the Sauk Valley.

- Radiologic technologists can now continue their education at SVCC with **the new computed tomography (CT) certificate program**. The 16-credit hour program allows those with a radiologic degree to learn how to use computed tomography technology to produce cross sectional anatomic images of the human body, radiation treatment planning and nuclear medicine PET scanning.
- The **Student Veterans Organization** raised over \$450 to donate to the Dixon Veterans Memorial Park. The group held several fundraisers during the 2012-13 including a successful Valentine's Day carination sale.
- SVCC was named a "**Military-Friendly School**" by G.I. Jobs Magazine for a fourth year in a row based on criteria of academics, financial benefits, flexibility, military student enrollment and support. The College was ranked in the top 20% of all colleges and universities nationwide for its services to veterans which includes counseling assistance for veterans and the campus club, Student Veterans Organization.
- 2012 graduates of SVCC's nursing program achieved a **90 percent pass rate** in the associate degree nursing (ADN) program and a **94 percent pass rate** in the LPN program on the national nursing licensure exam (NCLEX) on the first try. The state and national pass rate for the ADN program is 90 percent while the LPN program's state pass rate is 85 percent and 84 percent at the national level. The 2012 graduates of the radiology program achieved a **100 percent pass rate** on the ARRT registry exam on the first try with the national level pass rate at 93 percent.
- SVCC's 2013 **health pinning ceremony** recognized over 80 individuals' completion in the radiology and nursing areas. The 2012 **commencement** recognized 752 degree and certificate completions including student commencement speaker, Valbona Bajrami. Bob Sondgeroth, Whiteside County regional superintendent and SVCC alum, spoke to graduates about their courage to continue their education and encouraged them to push others to attend a place like SVCC. During commencement, Darin DeHaan, chief of police for Oregon, Illinois, received the 2013 Outstanding Alumni Award for his achievements in law enforcement.
- **Assessment of Academic Achievement** projects focused faculty attention on the general education competencies Reading, Technology, and Quantitative Reasoning. The faculty discussion of collected classroom data resulted in two significant proposals: one for the development of a self-assessment for incoming students to determine their readiness for using computers and another that SVCC review and revise a long-standing reading concurrency policy. In addition, for the first time, classroom assessment data was collected into a database developed in-house.



Scholarships

Building Futures With Over 100 SVCC Scholarships



John Nelson and Chick West, business faculty, present **Graham Boll** and **Matt Groharing** the SVCC Business Department Scholarship.

Val Wittman, CIS professor, shakes hands with **Daniel Rodriguez**, recipient of the SVCC Computer Information Systems Scholarship.

Dixon Kiwanis Health Program Scholarship, presented by Kiwanis Secretary Dick Holtam, goes to **Jessica Hufford**.

Joseph Catalano accepts the Cancer Federation Scholarship from Amy Viering, dean of community outreach.

Bryce Erbes and **Tyler Behrends** receive the Chief Oetting Fire Science Scholarship from retired Chief A.G. Oetting.

Kayli Witzleb smiles with Amy Viering and Karol Teal, PFLAG representative, after receiving the Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays scholarship.

As part of a special banquet, **Andrew Cessna**, **Abigail Davis**, **Len Michaels** and **Allison Byrd** earn the SVCC Honor Program Scholarships.

SVCC presented 68 students the Sauk Scholar award for 2012-13. Any graduating senior in the top 10% of his or her class is eligible for this free tuition scholarship.

Opportunities continue through the Sauk Valley College Foundation.



Compare the Cost

Students attending a four-year institution and students attending SVCC for two years followed by a four year institution will both earn the same degree. The only difference is the price a student must pay to earn that degree. Get the quality education you deserve at an affordable price. Use some “common cents.”

Cost per credit hour: \$103

Sauk Valley Community College average cost of tuition for two years is \$6180*

* Tuition quoted as full-time (15 hours) fall and spring semesters (does not include lab fees or textbooks)

** Tuition and fees based on averages for 2012-13 academic year, full-time (15 hours)

Cost of tuition & fees at the following institutions for 2 years**:

Augustana College	\$71,670	Monmouth College	\$63,654
Aurora University	\$39,800	National-Louis University	\$38,900
Benedictine University	\$51,700	North Central College	\$62,142
Bradley University	\$56,578	Northern Illinois University	\$22,993
Columbia College	\$43,155	Northwestern University	\$87,558
DePaul University	\$63,300	Olivet Nazarene University	\$56,180
Eastern Illinois University	\$21,860	Quincy University	\$51,670
Elmhurst College	\$62,900	Robert Morris College	\$59,200
Eureka College	\$40,120	Rockford College	\$52,720
Governors State University	\$18,232	Roosevelt University	\$53,200
Illinois State University	\$25,452	Southern IL University	
Illinois Wesleyan University	\$75,968	Carbondale	\$23,055
Knox College	\$76,572	University of Chicago	\$89,148
Lake Forest College	\$79,684	University of IL-Chicago	\$32,312
Lewis University	\$51,870	University of IL-Springfield	\$19,076
Loyola Univ. of Chicago	\$83,174	Univ. of IL Urb/Champaign	\$44,780
MacMurray College	\$58,300	Western Illinois University	\$22,363
McKendree University	\$50,680	Wheaton College	\$60,260
Millikin University	\$57,638		

Quick Facts

Location

Dixon, Illinois

Founded

1965

Accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission,
North Central Association
230 S. LaSalle, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604

Campus Size

144 acres with one main building
of 449,000 square feet

Enrollment

4,143 enrolled in 2012-13

Student Demographics

Students come from 18 in-district
high schools, 29 different counties,
15 states and 3 countries other
than the United States

Faculty

46 full-time and 90+ part-time

Student-to-Faculty Ratio

17:1

Annual Tuition

Approximately \$3090 per year
(based on 15 credits/semester).
Financial aid, scholarships,
grants and loans available

Scholarships

Approximately \$136,465
awarded in scholarships,
grants and Sauk Scholars

Academic Year

Semesters— fall, spring, summer

Degrees & Programs

45 transfer degrees, 22 career
programs and 52 certificate
programs

Academic Honors

Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa
(one of eleven chapters in Illinois),
President's List and Dean's List

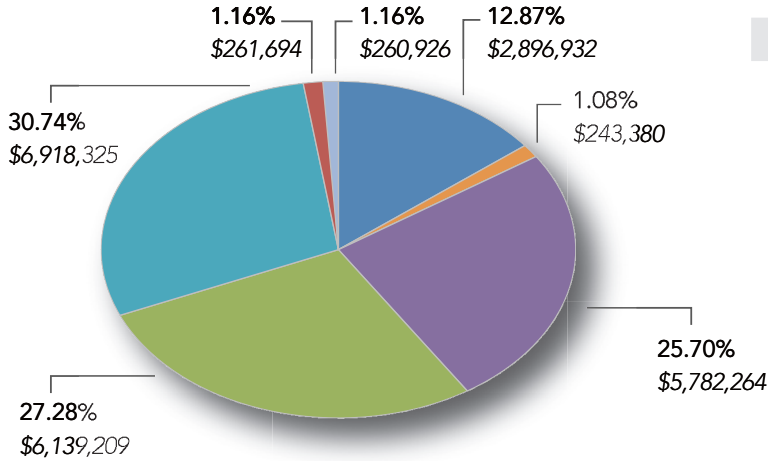
Athletics

10 sports—
5 each in men's and women's

Student Clubs & Organizations

20+, students also encouraged
to form new clubs

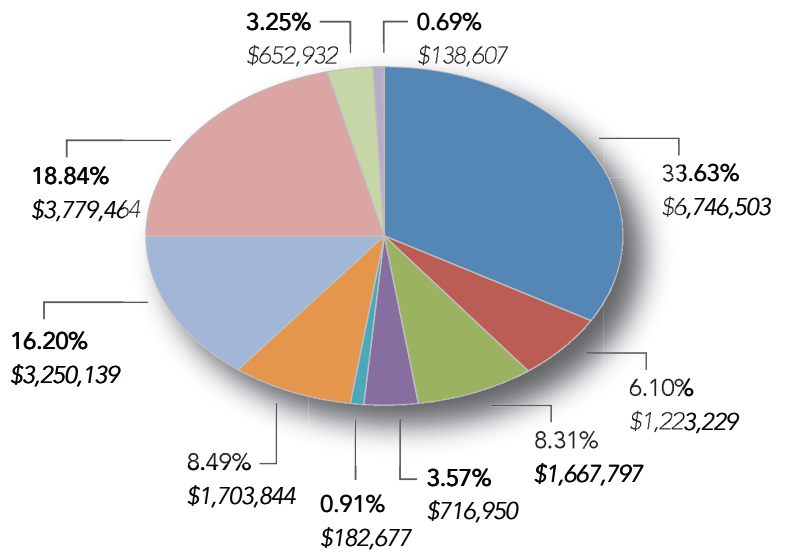
Finances



Revenues by Source

- Tuition and fees
- Interest income
- Federal sources
- State sources
- Local property tax
- Auxiliary
- Other

Operating Expenses



- Instruction
- Academic support
- Student services
- Public services
- Independent operations
- Operations and maintenance
- Institutional support
- Scholarships, grants and waivers
- Depreciation
- Interest

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Spring 2014 Registration

November 4 (web)

November 11 (regular)

Summer/Fall '14 Registration

April 7 (web)

April 14 (regular)



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