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Alumni Profile

James Janoskey

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When James Janoskey came to Sauk Valley Community College from Dixon High School in 1984, little did he know that he was beginning a journey in which he would become a managing director of Credit Suisse in London. Credit Suisse is a world-leading financial service company. James works in the London-based investment-banking department, and heads the energy team that advises oil, gas, and power companies for Europe, Russia, former Soviet Union countries, the Middle East, and Africa.

Investment banking in London is a long way from Lee County farming, which is what James thought he might do at one point in his life. James says that after high school he wasn't sure what he wanted to do or if he wanted to go to college. Wisely, his parents helped him “keep the educational momentum” by having him attend Sauk.

“It was absolutely the right decision as it did keep my momentum in education and gave me time to decide where to go from there,” says James. “By the time I left Sauk I had a much clearer picture of what I wanted to do in regards to a job.”

After Sauk, James attended the University of Illinois - Champaign to earn a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance, a decision he made from the combination of a high school class and classes at Sauk with Chick West, professor of accounting.

“He really helped me think about what a degree in business would mean in terms of opportunities as well as make my decision about

going to the U of I,” said James, who added that going to SVCC made him feel more committed and confident about what he wanted out of an education than if he would have gone straight from high school to a four-year university.

After graduating from the U of I, James went to Houlihan Lokey, a mid-sized financial firm in Chicago. Three years later, he decided to get his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago, which included studying at the London Business School as part of an exchange program. From there, he landed on Wall Street. Upon completing his master's degree, he worked for three years for Schroders, a New York investment bank. During this time, he spent a one-year secondment with the London office, which exposed him to international work. In 2000, he joined Credit Suisse with more than five years of international advisory and capital market experience from financial centers across the world. His journey which began at Sauk took him around the world.

James says that at Sauk he found small classes, access to professors, and lots of interaction with a variety of students (some of which have become lifelong friends that he still is in touch with).

“The education and professors are of very high quality. There is a good breadth of programs that allow you to get focused, earn your associate's degree, and, if you want, use it as a stepping-stone to do other things, it is a great opportunity. The community is fortunate to have Sauk.”



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President's Welcome Dr. George Mihel



Hello Friends:

When Sauk Valley Community College began in 1965 as one of the first colleges under the Illinois Community College Act, the expectation was that funding would be configured as a pie split into thirds. One third of funding would come from the state, one third would come from taxpayers, and one third would be generated from tuition and fees. However, as times have changed, so has the funding stratum, and so has the shape of that pie.

Now in 2008, less and less resources are coming from the state, which has created a situation that is truly critical. Educational leaders forecasted at a recent conference that some community colleges will be forced to close their doors within 10 years due to funding problems. This prospect is simply not acceptable. Our mission - to provide quality learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of our students and area communities - is much too important.

Careful planning, prudent spending, and finding alternative funding sources will be absolutely crucial in preparing to sail on what may be very rough economic seas for higher education.

I am committed, along with the SVCC Board of Trustees, to do our utmost to ensure that Sauk Valley Community College will not fall victim to this trend. In spite of the potential trends, I remain optimistic. Because of the enthusiasm and spirit of the members of the Sauk Valley Community College community, challenges like this can and do create new opportunities.

We hope you will enjoy this newsletter and consider contributing to our Foundation's Capital Campaign '08.

Greetings from Sauk Valley Community College's New Director of Foundation and Grants



Dear Alumni and Friends of Sauk Valley Community College:

Let me introduce myself. I am the new director of foundation and grants. While my responsibilities include alumni relations, student housing, fundraising, planned giving, special events, and grant writing, I feel my most important role is to build relationships to strengthen the Foundation's ability to sustain the College.

We at the Sauk Foundation are much like masons who build strong structures brick by brick. Like the mason, the Foundation needs to build strong, long-lasting relationships one by one. Like the underpinning of a building, the support that we give the college is not always visible but makes a difference every day. Every dollar given to support Sauk is like a building block. One by one, each dollar helps build a strong foundation so bright futures can begin for people right here in our community. As alumni and friends of the college, you know firsthand how Sauk changes lives.

We are currently in the middle of a capital campaign to restore, replace, reconfigure, and renovate our antiquated science labs. I am sure many of you have had classes in these labs. Let me say that nothing has changed since the labs opened in the early 1970s. It is past time to make an investment to bring our labs into the 21st century and give current and future students the same quality educational experience you received. I invite every alum and friend of the College that has taken a class in these labs to support this project. Whether it is a gift of \$25 or \$250, together you can make a huge impact.

As part of the capital campaign, the Foundation is also sponsoring a car/cash raffle where you have an opportunity to win a hot red Mustang convertible or \$25,000 cold hard cash. There will be other fun events as well. Continue reading this newsletter for more information.

I am thrilled to be your director and look forward to working with you to build a strong future for Sauk Valley Community College. Please feel free to call, write, or e-mail and let us know how Sauk has changed your life. I will enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Amy Viering

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Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna Award

Nominations Sought for 2008 Outstanding Alum

For more than a decade, the college has recognized the accomplishments and achievements of its alumni with the annual Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna Award presented each year at commencement.

Nominations for the 2008 Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna are open now. We invite you to go to our new website at <http://www.svcc.edu/alumni/> to see a full list of past award winners and to nominate someone online.

This prestigious award recognizes an alumnus (male) or alumna (female) who has gone on to make a positive and lasting impact in his/her respective community and/or career field.

Nominees must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours or have completed a certificate or degree before the year 2003. Nominees cannot currently be pursuing a degree or certificate at SVCC.

For more information on our Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna program, call Shirley Walker at 815/288-5511, ext. 294, or e-mail: walkers@svcc.edu

RED HOT CAR - COLD HARD CASH!

There is no better win-win situation than the chance to win a red hot car or cold hard cash and help contribute to a very worthy cause.

The Sauk Foundation is sponsoring a Last Chance Car Raffle, the second fundraising event that is part of Capital Campaign '08. The grand prize is a 2008 Ford Mustang convertible from the Pete Harkness Auto Group in Sterling or \$25,000 cash.

For this event, 1,100 tickets will be sold at \$50 per ticket or five tickets for \$200. Get your friends together and buy one ticket or a group of tickets. If less than 750 tickets are sold, the cash prize will be 50 percent of the total purse. The winner can choose between either the Mustang or the \$25,000 cash.

The winner of the drawing will be announced at a Last Chance Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, at SVCC in the East Mall. For tickets, call 815/835-6294 or visit svcc.edu/mustang.

For more information, call the Sauk Foundation at 815/288-5511, ext. 294 or e-mail: walkers@svcc.edu

Antiquated Science Labs Focus of Foundation's \$2 Million Capital Campaign

Pay a visit to Sauk Valley Community College's science labs and you will find it is like stepping back in time. Fixtures, lab tables, room layout and much of the equipment is the same as it was when it opened.

That would be fine if the labs were museums, but they are not. Sauk's science labs are used by thousands of students each semester. And now, what was once state-of-the-art is now antiquated and in dire need of replacement.

Enter Capital Campaign '08 . . .

With state funding ever decreasing, the Sauk Foundation took matters into its own hands and launched the \$2 million dollar fundraising effort last August. SVCC President Dr. George Mihel said the College was promised \$1 million in 2006 to fund improvements, but the funds were rescinded by the Governor, and letters to the Governor went unanswered.

The goal of Capital Campaign '08 is to throw a one-two punch to renovate Sauk's science labs and develop new programs and scholarships. The lab renovation includes chemistry, biology, nursing practice, science prep rooms (used to store and prepare chemicals), and balance rooms (used to store instruments, electronic balancers, and weigh materials).

Safety is a priority in the proposed renovation. Major repairs have never been done to the labs and all lab systems are original to the building's construction in the 1960s. The use of these labs has changed through the years, and new safety features and equipment are long overdue. Repairs that need to be done will include:

- Replace the 35-five-year-old lab tables, storage units, and equipment;
- Replace deteriorating gas and water plumbing on lab tables and equipment;
- Replace all mechanical and exhaust systems to meet current safety standards;
- Reconfigure labs and rooms, which need to be remodeled into units with exits leading to the corridor (current configuration has students' backs to the instructor);
- Replace and relocate instructors' tables to include new fume hoods;
- Upgrade sound quality. The labs are currently open floor plans where sound travels limiting class scheduling;
- Replace existing casework and equipment in all rooms to accommodate the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and accessibility requirements; and
- Expand nursing practice labs, which now only provide limited access.

Renovation would include a three-month demolition/construction period. An architect will plan and develop asbestos abatement work that would be completed between fall and spring semesters. The State of Illinois will conduct a sealed bid process to hire a contractor to complete the work.

Blast from the Past



Sauk Specs

General Information

President	Dr. George Mihel, 5 th president; since July 2005
Year Founded	1965
Size of Campus	144 acres
Size of Main Building	449,000 square feet
School Motto	Sauk makes it possible, you make it happen
Mascot	Skyhawk, a mythical bird
School Colors	Red, white, and black
Contact Information	815-288-5511 www.svcc.edu

Programs Available

Total Number of Degrees and Certificates Available	96
Number of Transfer Degrees Available	34
Number of Career Degrees Available	20
Number of Career Certificates Available	42
Number of New Programs Created in Past 5 Years	20

Cost to Attend

In-District Tuition Rate Per Credit Hour	\$82
Out-of-District Tuition Rate Per Credit Hour	\$244
Out-of-State Tuition Rate Per Credit Hour	\$278
Tuition Rate for Internet Based Courses	\$82

Est. Annual Expense for a District Resident to Attend Full-Time	\$2,400
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Foundation Raises \$12,000 at Draw-Down Dinner



To support Capital Campaign '08, the Foundation has planned several fun events. The first event, a Leap Year Draw-Down Dinner Dance, raised \$12,000, and a Last Chance Car Raffle is going on now. Other possible events include a wine tasting, a golf tournament, art auction and/or sports equipment auction, and a planned giving seminar. Visit Sauk's website for more information.

The Sauk Foundation is a non-profit Illinois corporation chartered exclusively for educational purposes. Formed in 1965, the Foundation broadens educational opportunities and services available to Sauk students, alumni, and to the College community at large. The Foundation focuses its efforts on funding programs, activities, and projects consistent with the goals of the College that are outside the scope of available funds from normal revenue sources.

Members of the Sauk Foundation include officers John Thompson, president, Dixon; Daniel Hawkins, vice president, Sterling; Marc Melton, secretary, Prophetstown; and Laurie Burkholder, treasurer, Morrison.

Sauk Foundation board members include Marilyn Blum, Ashton; Molly Brockmann, Dixon; Jeff Davey, Sterling; Thomas Densmore, Sterling; Mary Pat Dixon, Dixon; Dr. Thomas Finney, Sterling; Nancy Mayfield, Dixon; Kim Pettygrove, Dixon; John Prange, Morrison; Edward Raley, Polo; Sandy Segneri, Rock Falls; Joan Wiff, Sterling; Louis Wigginton, Dixon; and BJ Wolf, Sterling.

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW through May 21st

A WINNER?

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2008 Red Ford Mustang Convertible or \$25,000 cash

Courtesy of Pete Harkness Auto Group
V6, automatic, leather interior. Upgrade available-see dealership for detail.
Winner responsible for income and sales tax, license, and title.

Last Chance Party Thursday, May 22 - Sauk Valley Community College
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Hors d'oeuvres & Open Bar (beer & wine only)

Subject to 750 tickets sold. If not, cash prize will be 50 percent of total purse. Only 1100 tickets will be sold
Winner responsible for income and sales tax, license and title.

\$50 per ticket or 5 for \$200

Tickets available at 815/835-6294

or online at www.svcc.edu/mustang



PETE HARKNESS AUTO GROUP

Capital Campaign 2008 The Sauk Foundation

The Sauk Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization that secures, manages, and distributes funds for scholarships, programs, and capital projects at Sauk Valley Community College that cannot be supported by the annual operating budget of the College.

Visit our New Alumni Website at <http://www.svcc.edu/alumni/>