

# *The Sauk* **Scout**

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## CONGRESSMAN FOSTER TO RETURN TO SAUK

Congressman Bill Foster (14th District) will be here Saturday, January 30, for a follow-up visit to see new equipment in the nursing and welding labs that he helped the College obtain last year.

## SAUK VALLEY AREA CHAMBER HONORS VIRGINIA JOHNSON

**Virginia Johnson**, director of academic development, was among the individuals recognized for their accomplishments at the Sauk Valley Area Chambers of Commerce's 97th Annual Dinner and Awards Program held January 21. Virginia received the Sauk Valley Area Chamber's "Friend of Education" Award. Congratulations!

## SSS, ALAS TO PRESENT RACIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

Student Support Services and the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) will present Racial Justice: It's Everyone's Responsibility from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, in Room 2K2. Rebecca Muñoz-Ripley and Carol Fitzgerald of the YWCA of the Sauk Valley will actively engage participants to learn more about diversity, how it works in our society, and how to respond to it. Participants will develop an understanding of barriers that different groups may face, learn to see "invisible rules" of our culture, find out how people from different groups experience the world, and look at ways to help build a better world. There is no charge to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

## SAUK TO HOST RONALD REAGAN 99TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

**Michael Reagan**, eldest son of President Ronald Reagan, will be the keynote speaker at the Ronald Reagan 99th Birthday Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 6, in the Cafeteria. This non-partisan luncheon is part of Eureka College's observance of the 99th anniversary of the birth of its most famous alum. Part of the proceeds from this event will go to develop a new academic scholarship for Sauk students that transfer to Eureka College. Michael is president of the Reagan Legacy Foundation, which raises support for institutions that continue the legacy of his father (including Eureka College). Tickets are \$99 each and are available by calling ext. 345.

## SGA TO SPONSOR BLOOD DRIVE ON FEB. 22

The SVCC Student Government Association will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, February 22, in the West Mall. For more information, call **Ann Goley** at 815- 677-0521.

## FACULTY DISCUSSION HOUR SET FOR FEB 3

A Faculty Discussion Hour will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, in Room 1K4.

## **SVCC BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

At Monday night's Board meeting, the SVCC Board of Trustees, Dr. Mihel reported that:

- Spring enrollment is up 2.4 percent in headcount and 11.5 percent in credit hours;
- The State of Illinois sent half of Sauk's apportionment payment. Sauk will continue to cut costs internally.
- Trustees Lisa Wiersema and Scott Stoller will attend the ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., February 7-10.
- Rep. Bill Foster will visit Sauk Saturday, January 30, for a follow-up visit to see new equipment;
- Architect Interviews will begin January 29;
- Sauk will host the Ronald Reagan 99th Birthday Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 6; and
- Plans are in the works for the College's 45th Anniversary Celebration to be held in June.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved the Protection, Health and Safety Project Completion for 2009;
- Approved the retirement request of Jeanine Tufty, assistant professor of nursing, effective August 14, the President and Board recognized Jeanine's 20 years of service;
- Approved the appointment of Deb Dillow as Freedom of Information Act officer and Judy Happ as alternate;
- Approved the appointment of Deb Dillow and Judy Happ as Open Meetings Act designees;
- Affirmed the part-time faculty list for spring;
- Affirmed the resignation of Jennifer Salamone effective January 15;
- Approved Board Policy 623.01 *Student Organization Policies* for second reading; and
- Approved closed session minutes of December 21, 2009.

The Board's next regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 22, in the Board Room.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, 10 a.m., Monday, February 1, Board Room.
- **President's Cabinet**, 9 a.m., Tuesday, February 2, Board Room.
- **Scholarship Committee**, 9 a.m., Wednesday, February 3, Board Room.
- **HLC Steering Committee**, 3:45 p.m., Thursday, February 4, Library Conference Room.
- **Foundation Fundraising Committee**, 4 p.m., Thursday, February 4, Board Room.

## **TECH TIPS FROM IT DEPT.**

### **Online Publications - What your IT department is reading**

- **Campus Technology**, <http://campustechnology.com/>
- **EDUCAUSE**, <http://www.educause.edu/>
- **Innovate**, <http://www.innovateonline.info/>
- **T.H.E. Technology Horizons in Education**, <http://thejournal.com/>
- **Tech & Learning**, <http://www.techlearning.com/>
- **The Chronicle of Higher Education**, <http://chronicle.com/>
- **EDTECH**, <http://edtechmag.com/>

### ***The Sauk* Scout**

*The Sauk Scout*, the weekly in-house newsletter of Sauk Valley Community College, is published weekly during the fall and spring semesters .

#### **Deadlines to submit items for publication:**

- 3 p.m. on Wednesdays (fall and spring).

Submit items for publication via e-mail or hardcopy to **Brian Olmsted**, coordinator of public relations, ext. 219, or e-mail: [olmsteb@svcc.edu](mailto:olmsteb@svcc.edu); or **Sandi Krause**, administrative assistant Information Center, ext. 385, e-mail: [krauses@svcc.edu](mailto:krauses@svcc.edu)

### **i3 Innovative Internet Instruction Workshop**

The IT Dept. will offer an Innovative Internet Instruction Workshop (i3), from February 8 through April 11. This online course will help participants learn theory and instructional design strategies while creating an online course. Visit <http://www.svcc.edu/UserMenu/employees/it/i3/index.html> to register or for more information.



## **CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **Are you Concerned About Someone on Campus?**

People engage in all kinds of behavior that raise concern about their well being. These include:

- A striking change in personality and personal habits.
- Infrequent class attendance with little or no work completed.
- Listlessness, lack of energy, or frequently falling asleep in class.
- Marked change in personal hygiene.
- Impaired speech and disjointed thoughts.
- Expressing threats to harm others or commit suicide.
- Excessive weight loss or gain.
- Frequent or high levels of irritable, unruly, abrasive, or aggressive behavior.
- Bizarre behavior that is obviously inappropriate for the situation.
- Appearing to be overly nervous, tense, or tearful.
- Having a history of violence.
- Access to or possession of guns, knives, or other weapons.

If you are concerned that an employee or student may pose a risk to him/herself or others,

- Encourage him or her to speak with a SVCC counselor immediately,
- Accompany him or her to the counseling office,
- Call the counseling office at ext. 208 and tell them you need to speak to a counselor about an emergency.

### **What If My Concerns Turn Out to be Unfounded?**

The potential for damage is much greater from doing nothing than by reporting your concerns. Please err on the side of caution.

### **Can Concerns be Expressed Anonymously?**

Yes. You can simply telephone the counseling office and not identify yourself.

### **Is This a Violation of FERPA?**

No, this is not a violation of FERPA as FERPA protects the privacy of educational records from unauthorized disclosure. The Sauk Valley Crisis Assistance Team is comprised of professionals trained to respond to personal issues, and will operate within FERPA and other applicable confidentiality rules.

### **What Happens After Informing a Counselor of a Concern?**

The most important thing to know is that the individual will receive appropriate assistance. The only goal is to help the individual. Counselors and/or the Crisis Assistance Team will provide the broadest scope of assistance possible. As always, what you can do to help yourself (and others) now is to stay healthy - get plenty of exercise and rest, eat a healthy, balanced diet, and learn healthy ways to manage stress. If you have questions or comments on this, or any other security or emergency procedure, contact **Tom Gospodarczyk** at ext 402, or e-mail: [gospodt@svcc.edu](mailto:gospodt@svcc.edu).