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SAUK RECEIVES 'INNOVATION AWARD' FOR NIOIN PROGRAM

The College has been honored with the **2010 Innovation Award** from the Illinois Council of Community College Administrators' (ICCCA) for its work with the Northern Illinois Online Initiative for Nursing (NIOIN). This is the first time Sauk has received this prestigious award. Sauk shares this award with Rock Valley, Kishwaukee, and Highland Community Colleges.

NIOIN is the first locally-controlled online nursing program in the state (and possibly the nation) that is a cooperative between educational institutions, which makes it unique from other online nursing programs. Sauk and the other schools offer NIOIN in addition to their traditional



Receiving the **2010 Innovation Award** at the recent Illinois Council of Community College Administrators' Conference are (from left to right): Heather Peters, director of nursing Kishwaukee College; Janet Lynch, dean of health careers, SVCC; Kathy Johnson, NIOIN coordinator retired; Lois Lundgren, assistant dean of health careers, Rock Valley College; and Cassie Mekeel, coordinator of nursing, Highland College.

nursing programs to help combat the nursing shortage. NIOIN is as challenging and demanding - if not more so - as a traditional program. Thirty of 31 graduates have passed the NCLEX examination, and the program boasts a 28-member NIOIN faculty from all four colleges. NIOIN has received positive feedback from participating faculty, students, and new employers. NIOIN's road to success began in 2005. Area nursing leaders attended a presentation on an online nursing program at an Arizona community college. They wanted such a program but desired more local control and evaluation for quality instruction. Together, they forged a partnership, brought in the Workforce Investment Board, and eight area hospitals. NIOIN was approved in 2008. That December, the first 31 students were accepted and began classes in January 2009. All 31 students graduated on time with a 100 percent retention rate.

YEAR END PAYROLL REMINDER

December paydays are the 13th and 22nd. Turn in December 1-15 attendance and timesheets on Monday, December 13. You will need to estimate your time for the 14th and 15th. If you estimate ends up wrong, it can be adjusted on your next check. December 16-31 attendance and timesheets are due Monday, January 3, 2011.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR CATHY SEAGREN

There will be a reception to honor Cathy Seagren from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, in the Business Office. Cathy retires December 31 after 35 years at Sauk. Light refreshments will be served.

LAC POSTS HOLIDAY HOURS

During winter break, hours for the Learning Assistance Center (LAC) will be:

- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, December 10, and Monday, December 13, and Friday, December 17;
- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 16
- **CLOSED** Monday, December 20, through Friday, December 31;
- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, January 3, through Wednesday, January 5;
- 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 5; and
- Closed Friday, January 7, for Spring 2011 In-Service.

Full services resume Monday, January 10. Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO HOST 'COOKIES WITH US'

The Staff Development Committee will host Cookies With Us from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, in Room 2K2. Stop by to enjoy holiday cookies, treats, beverages, and more.

TESTING CENTER POSTS HOLIDAY HOURS

Testing Center Hours through Wednesday, December 22 will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays. The Center is closed Fridays.

RAD TECH INFORMATION MEETING SET

There will be a Rad Tech Information Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, in Room 2E8A.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Emergency Preparedness**, 10 a.m., Monday, December 6, Board Room.
- **Program Review Committee**, 1 p.m., Monday, December 6, Room 2K2.
- **President's Cabinet**, 9 a.m., Tuesday, December 7, Board Room.
- **Retention Committee**, 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 7, Room 1F7.
- **HLC/SSSS**, 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 7, Library Conference Room.
- **Program Review**, 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 7, Room 2K2.
- **Nursing Faculty**, 9 a.m., Thursday, December 9, Library Conference Room.
- **Staff Development Committee**, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, December 9, Room 2K2.
- **Single Parent Committee**, 10 a.m., Friday, December 10, Board Room.

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 and bi-monthly during the summer.

Deadlines to submit items for publication:

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

Submit items for publication via e-mail or hardcopy to **Brian Olmsted**, coordinator of Public Relations, ext. 219, or e-mail olmsteb@svcc.edu; or **Sandi Krause**, administrative assistant Information Center, ext. 385, e-mail krauses@svcc.edu

ADMINISTRATIVE NIGHT DUTY

Monday, December 6 - Kathryn Snow

Tuesday, December 7 - Amy Viering

Wednesday, December 8 - Russ Damhoff

Thursday, December 9 - John Ditto

SKYHAWK SPORTS

Women's Basketball

Saturday, December 4	Noon	Lincoln Tournament- at Lincoln
Tuesday, December 7	5:30 pm	Vs. Olive Harvey at HOME

Men's Basketball

Saturday, December 4	TBA	DuPage Tournament at Glen Ellyn
Friday, December 10	TBA	Highland Tournament at Freeport

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY

Closing the College in Case of a Winter Storm

An approaching winter storm is always a cause for concern. Many students and staff travel roads that are prone to drifting and icing, and many are affected when their children's schools close. An unplanned closure affects class and testing schedules, athletic and other events, as well as visitors to the campus. As a result, the decision to close the College, or remain open is not taken lightly.

Monitoring the Storm

Monitoring a winter storm that approaches during the night begins in the early morning hours while most of us are asleep. Weather radios in some of the administrators' homes provide a notification whenever a storm warning is issued. Several weather radios are also located in offices on-campus and are monitored if a storm approaches during the day. Internet sites, radio stations, and television stations are monitored for the weather, road conditions, and other weather-related closings.

Making the Decision to Close

The decision to close is made by the president or his designee upon recommendations from designated staff that monitor the storm. The decision is made as early as possible to keep people safely off the road, but will be made at anytime as conditions worsen. A closing decision covers all classes, events, and the building.

If a winter storm is forecasted when you have a special event scheduled, contact the president in advance if you want the event to not be canceled. While Sauk may remain open during a storm, be considerate of students that may miss class due to hazardous roads, or if their children's schools, childcare centers, etc., are closed due to the weather.

Publicizing the Closure

The decision to close will be publicized in as many ways as possible, including Sauk's website, radio stations throughout northern Illinois, and TV stations in the Quad Cities and Rockford. Tell students **NOT TO CALL** Sauk to check on a closure. Have them check public sources.

Monitoring the Storm Yourself

If you wish to monitor winter storms on the Internet, here are a few sites you may find helpful...

- Illinois road conditions: <http://wrc.gettingaroundillinois.com/winterroadconditions/>
- Iowa road conditions: http://www.511ia.org/roadConditions.asp?area=IA_statewide
- NOAA National Weather Service: www.weather.gov
 - Shows warnings & forecasts; click on national map for detailed information & forecasts
- Davenport forecast: www.weather.gov/davenport. Monitors approaching QC weather from the west.
- Romeoville forecast website: www.weather.gov/chicago. Monitors weather after it moves east of the QC.

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.