



# The Sauk Scout

Our 45th Anniversary!  
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## SVCC BOARD TO MEET

The SVCC Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 20, in the Board Room.

## ADJUNCT FACULTY IN-SERVICE SET

There will be an in-service for all adjunct faculty from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, in Room 1K4.

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

The Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, December 20 through Wednesday, December 22, and closed December 23 through January 2. The LRC reopens Monday, January 3, with hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Thursday, January 6, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, January 7. Regular hours resume Monday, January 10. The Learning Assistance Center will reopen Monday, January 3. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 5; and closed Friday, January 7, for In-Service. Full services and regular hours resume Monday, January 10. Also, the Testing Center will be open next week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## **Holiday Potluck Winner!**

**Kathy Sotelo** shows the three holiday baskets she won at Sauk's annual holiday potluck on Tuesday. College offices donated more than a dozen baskets with the event raising \$640 for the Single Parents Program. Congratulations to all the basket winners and to Miles Gerard who won the 50/50 raffle.

## SERVICE AWARDS CELEBRATION ON JAN. 7

Thirty-three faculty and staff with a combined total of 310 years of service to the College will be honored at a Service Awards Celebration from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, January 7, in the Cafeteria. Those honored will include: 35 years, Cathy Seagren; 25 years, Nancy Breed and Deb Dillow; 20 years, Janet Lynch and Kris Murray; 10 years, Odile Blazquez, Dr. Paul Edelman, Richard Eichman, Cindy Everett, Lori Gonzales, Eric Grennan, Judy Happ, James Kerns, Charles Lee, Pam Medema, and Loren Niemeyer; and five years, Judy Astalos, David Boehme, Heather Gieseke, Suzanne Gorgas, Jeffrey Hardy, Tom Irish, Marcy Lawrence, Carol Machen, Dr. George Mihel, Paul Miller, Ruth Montino, Genevieve Sanders, John Stone, Nick Velasquez, and Elizabeth Yonkers.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- **President's Cabinet**, 9 a.m., Tuesday, December 21, Board Room.
- **HLC SSSS Meeting**, 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 21, Library Conference Room.

## PERSONAL NOTES

### **Thanks for the Wonderful Holiday Cards**

Brian Olmsted, Michelle Mendoza, and Kayla Romano thank all staff and faculty for all the holiday cards and well wishes.

## FROM THE LRC BLOG

### **Research Tip: Define Your Information Need**

In the research process, whether your project involves a five-minute speech or a 20-page paper, the first step is to always define your information need. Before you begin your information search, clarify exactly what kind of information you are searching for. Do you have a thesis statement, an essential question to be answered, or auxiliary questions to help you prove your thesis or answer your larger question?

Without this kind of direction your search for information can become confusing and frustrating. Once you spell out your information need, pull from your thesis or questions keywords and phrases to use when searching the library catalog, online article databases, or the Internet for information. In addition to these words and phrases, try to brainstorm others that tie in with your topic or that mean the same thing. If you strike out with one word, substitute another to see if you get better results. Make sure you use different kinds of information sources and weigh the benefits of one source against another to choose the best ones. For instance, a book is often the best resource because the author is usually an expert who has spent substantial time researching the information, which is then verified prior to being published. A scholarly article can be better than a book when the topic is time-sensitive because journals are published more frequently and usually contain the latest findings in a given field. Don't wait until the last minute to gather your information; allow yourself time to get resources from places besides your own library.

## SKYHAWK SPORTS

### **Women's Basketball**

Thursday, December 30	5:30 p.m.	Vs. Malcolm X at <b>HOME</b>
Thursday, January 6	5 p.m.	Vs. Highland at Freeport

### **Men's Basketball**

Thursday, December 30	7:30 p.m.	Vs. Malcolm X at <b>HOME</b>
Monday, January 3	7 p.m.	Vs. Clinton at Clinton, IA
Thursday, January 6	7 p.m.	Vs. Highland at Freeport

### 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](mailto:olmsteb@svcc.edu); or **Sandi Krause**, administrative assistant Information Center, ext. 385, e-mail [krauses@svcc.edu](mailto:krauses@svcc.edu)

## ADMINISTRATIVE NIGHT DUTY

**Monday, December 20** - No Night Duty

**Tuesday, December 21** - No Night Duty

**Wednesday, December 22** - No Night Duty