**Sauk Valley Community College**

**April 25, 2016**

**Agenda Item 3.1.1**

**Topic: Men’s Basketball Honorees**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 2 – The College will continue to emphasize lifetime student success.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Jon Mandrell**

**Presentation:**

As a tribute to the Skyhawks 26-7 record (3rd best men's basketball record in school history), which included winning the Region IV Tournament, Isaiah Box was named All-American and Coach Russ Damhoff was named Region IV Coach of the Year.

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**Agenda Item 3.1.2**

**Topic: Center for Small Business Development**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 4 – The College will be proactive and responsive to community needs.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Steve Nunez**

**Presentation:**

The Sauk Valley Community College’s Center for Small Business Development opened its doors on February 1, 2016. The Center is providing small business counseling and educational programing to the small business and entrepreneurial community in the Sauk Valley Region. Funded, in part, by a local group of organizations located in Lee and Whiteside counties, this Center is working with its partners to establish a culture that supports the small business community.

David A. Buchen is directing the Center. He has worked in the field of small business development for over twenty years. Highlights of his career in this field include the following: program coordinator for the SBDC at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, Home-based and Entrepreneurship Center Director at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, Director of the Regional Office of Communication for the Small Business Administration for Region 5 and Director of the SBDC at Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari, New Mexico.

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**Agenda Item 3.1.3**

**Topic: TRIO Program**

**Strategic Direction: 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.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Jon Mandrell**

**Presentation:**

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) is federally funded, student-oriented program that offers supportive services to help its participants achieve success. The services provided through TRIO are designed to help participants maximize their effectiveness as students and make informed decisions which will lead to a successful graduation and/or transfer. Each TRIO participant is assigned an academic coach (advisor) who offers students the kind of support necessary to take them from enrollment through graduation/transfer. Coaches are dedicated to providing individualized assistance that will enhance the academic, professional, and personal potential of the students who participate in the program.

Additional information on the TRIO program is on the next page.

Summary Report

Sauk Valley Community College

Board **of Trustees**

**Who we are:**

TRIO Student Support Services, sponsored by the US Department of Education provides $1.29 million to Sauk Valley Community College (SVCC) over the course of five years. Since 2000, SVCC has been awarded over $5 million in TRIO funds. TRIO supports 200 low income students, first generation college students, and students with disabilities.

**How we do it:**

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| Personalized advising | Visits to area universities | Help with FAFSA |
| Career advising | University application fee waiver | $600 grant aid scholarships (at least $10,000 each year) |
| Transfer advising | Admission and scholarship essay assistance | Free textbooks, laptops, iPads, Tablets, cap and gown, and calculators |

Volunteering in the community at Sterling Fiesta Days, Granny Rose Animal Shelter, Polo Lifeline Food Pantry, and Whiteside County Senior Center. Volunteering on campus at Jump Start, STEM day, and community parades.

All current members of Student Government Association are TRIO student. SVCC TRIO students have landed internships at The White House, Disney, and Fermilab and obtained positions as engineers, doctors, and directors of non-profit agencies.

Our Team: Two academic advisors/coaches (Tedra Mewhirter and Joe Bright), one administrative assistant (Kari Whittenberg), one workstudy student (Katie Williams) and one AmeriCorps member (Dakota Geesey).

**Results:**

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| Criteria | Expected Rate | Actual Attained Rate 2014-2015 |
| Persistence | 61% | 91% |
| Good Academic Standing | 93% | 99% |
| Associate’s Degree or Certificate | 40% | 69% |
| Associate’s Degree or Certificate AND Transferred | 25% | 64% |