**Sauk Valley Community College**

**March 26, 2018**

**Action Item 4.5**

**Topic: Awarding Honorary Degree to Kathryn (Kit) Lillyman**

**Mission: Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching and scholarship while engaging the community in lifelong learning, public service, and economic development.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Lori Cortez**

**Presentation****:**

As a former Sauk Spanish and French instructor, Kathryn (Kit) Lillyman worked at the College for forty years beginning in 1967. After earning her education and traveling the world, she yearned to be a part of the Illinois Community College system. She fondly recalls working in “Old Ironsides” on the east end of campus. Lillyman continued to see Sauk progress until 2007 when she retired. In 2017, she bestowed a $25,000 endowment upon the Sauk Valley College Foundation, which assists transfer-seeking students with preference given to those majoring in foreign languages. As an endowment, Lillyman's gift will help support generations of Sauk students.

**Recommendation:**

Awarded by the Sauk Valley Community College Board of Trustees, the honorary degree is a high form of recognition offered by the College to persons of exceptional distinction. The administration recommends the Board, per Board Policy 109.02, award an Honorary Associate in Arts Degree to Kathryn (Kit) Lillyman.