

**Sauk Valley Community College  
September 28, 2020**

**Agenda Item 3.1.1**

**Topic: Introduction of 2020-2021 Sauk Academy Class**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 1 - Increase Access to Educational Opportunities**

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

**Presentation:**

Created in 2016, the Sauk Academy is in its fourth year. This cohort-based dual-credit program is offered to local high school seniors. This year's cohort consists of thirteen students from Ashton-Franklin Center, Bureau Valley, Dixon, Fulton, and Sterling. As part of the program, the students complete the General Education Core Curriculum (GECC), which is 37-38 transferrable credit hours. Students attend several classes together and participate in a leadership seminar together each Friday.

The Academy is built on the following four educational tenants:

- Academics – challenge students with rigorous college classes and high academic standards;
- Leadership – develop leadership skills by engaging students in discussions with community leaders in the Sauk Valley area;
- Service – highlight and promote service opportunities that benefit the Sauk Valley area; and
- Cultural, Historical, and Scientific Appreciation – develop more appreciation of the world by having Sauk faculty lead local educational excursions and experiences.