

**Sauk Valley Community College  
December 20, 2021**

**Agenda Item 3.1.1**

**Topic:**                   **Fall Retiree – Linda Osborn**

**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:**

The College fulfills its mission through the faculty and staff who dedicate their professional lives to being Sauk Valley Community College educators. The following retiree has been among the College's most dedicated staff.

Linda Osborn, fondly known in the Sauk Valley as “Mrs. O,” is a proud Sauk Valley Community College Alumna, graduating with an Associates in Liberal Studies. In March of 2006, Linda earned a Bachelor degree in Applied Behavioral Sciences from National Louis University. Prior to being a Sauk employee, Linda worked at the Sterling Schools as a Title I Reading Assistant. Her time in that position earned her the “Dr. James Garnett Effective Teacher Awards 2015-2016: K-2 Support Staff of the Year.”

Mrs. O began her professional journey at Sauk Valley Community College in January of 2020 as the Foundation and Communication Specialist. She continued to excel at this position until her retirement in September of 2021. During her time at Sauk, Linda was known for her positive attitude and willingness to help others. She loves to collaborate, and her work ethic is impressive. She was called the model of adaptability as she handled the changes that came with the Chocolate Rendezvous and COVID remote work.

Linda worked on several projects during her time at Sauk. A few projects were creating a welcoming environment for the 2020 Chocolate Rendezvous, editing the *2020 Report to Community*, nominating the Foundation for the *Shoulder of the Wheel* award, and taking leadership of the Student Retention program by creating a system to contact over 4,000 former, current, and prospective students. Linda also served on different committees, such as the employee recognition, program review, and OPIC. She is a proud Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and lives by the motto “Service Above Self.” We thank Mrs. O for her dedication to education both at SVCC and Sterling Schools.