

**Sauk Valley Community College**  
**April 22, 2024**

**Agenda Item 3.1.2**

**Topic:** Spring 2024 Retirees

**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, Dr. Jon Mandrell, Dr. Patrice Hess, and Joe Strabala-Bright

**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 retirees have been among the College's most dedicated staff.

**Noel Berkey**

Noel Berkey began working at Sauk in 1991 as an Instructor of English. In 1995, he was promoted to Assistant Professor of English. In 2019, Noel was promoted to Assistant Professor II of English. Noel serves as a faculty leader. He has been praised for his commitment to providing students with meaningful and challenging educational opportunities. Sauk thanks Noel for his service to SVCC and our community.

**Bridget Burren**

Bridget Burren started working as an Learning Assistance Center Aide in 2008. In 2018, with the change to the learning commons, her title was changed to the Learning Commons Instructional Aide. Bridget's skills make her a great tutor to our students. She has been praised for her work with students and has been described as being able to boost the confidence of students. Her obvious mastery of math inspires student confidence. Sauk thanks Bridget for her service to SVCC and our community.

**Jane Grove**

Jane Grove began employment at SVCC in 2003 as the Enrollment Services Specialist. She worked in this position until 2009 when she switched to working as the Administrative Assistant to Admissions and Records. From 2015 until her retirement in 2024, Jane worked as the Enrollment Management Specialist. During her time at Sauk, Jane served on the Institutional Effectiveness Committee. She has been described as being a calm personality and a great support for her coworkers. Sauk thanks Jane for her service to SVCC and our community.

### **Pamela Medema**

Pamela Medema was hired by SVCC on January 3, 2000, as a Records Analyst in the Office of Admissions and Records. She was promoted in April 2001 to Registrar, in January 2010 to Enrollment Services Coordinator/Registrar, and on July 1, 2014, to the Director of Enrollment Services/Registrar. Even before many of the current COVID-19 restrictions were in place, Pam had been working to convert items online to ease the registration process for students. One of the products of her efforts was Dual Credit registration being moved to an online platform. Pam continually works hard each year to ensure that the College is abiding by FERPA guidelines and Title IX complaints. She has also been instrumental in maintaining compliance for ICCB audits. In 2005, Pamela was elected President of the Illinois Community College Admissions and Records Officers Organization. During her presidency, she conducted the researched and penned the initial letter that resulted in the ICCB Administrative Rules amendment removing the Constitution requirement for Illinois community college associate degrees. This amendment benefited all community colleges in Illinois and thousands of community college graduates. Sauk thanks Pamela for her service to SVCC and our community.

### **Jane Verbout**

Jane Verbout began her journey at Sauk in 1991 as the Learning Assistance Center (LAC) Clerk. She worked as the LAC Secretary from 1993 to 2001 and as the LAC Administrative and Technical Assistant from 2004 to 2006. In 2006, she was promoted to LAC Coordinator. In 2018, with the change to the learning commons, her title was changed to the Learning Commons Tutoring Coordinator. In 2023, Jane received the Outstanding Full-Time Staff Award. She has been described as being dedicated and loyal to ensuring a high quality and support for students in the learning commons. Jane has been a supportive leader and respects her staff and colleagues. Sauk thanks Jane for her service to SVCC and our community.