

**Sauk Valley Community College
August 17, 2026**

Agenda Item 3.1.2

Topic: **Harvard Institute for Higher Education**

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

Presented By: **Dr. Jon Mandrell and Dr. Lori Cortez**

Presentation:

Dr. Lori Cortez, Vice President of Advancement, was selected to be part of Harvard University's Institute for Higher Education, along with 55 other educational leaders from around the world. The institute aims to broaden leadership skills to meet the challenges of today's rapidly changing higher education environment. The program consists of 20 sessions, mentoring from accomplished educational leaders, and opportunities to apply learning. Dr. Cortez attended the institute last month on campus at Harvard University and will provide a presentation and review of the session.