

**Sauk Valley Community College**  
**July 31, 2023**

**Agenda Item 4.1.3**

**Topic:**                   **FY 2023 and FY 2024 Bookends**

**Mission:**               **Sauk Valley Community College is an institution of higher education that provides quality learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of its students and community.**

**Presented By:**       **Dr. David Hellmich**

**Presentation:**

**Sample of Sauk Accomplishments for FY 2023**

- Acknowledged artistic talents of Jenny Bumba and Jim Grot
- Acknowledged Kent Sorenson as the “Smokin’ Skyhawks” won second place in Brew, Blues, and BBQ rib cook-off
- Assisted several Ukraine families through CDL and Adult Education Programs
- Celebrated Dr. Lori Cortez as the winner of the Chamber Champion from the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ **Closed-out Federal HEERF grants**
- Completed a successful ICCB Recognition visit
- Completed another great year in TRiO
- ✓ **Completed several facilities projects including the first phase of the bathroom renovation, nursing lab remodel, and greenhouse (7)**
- ✓ **Completed successful audits for the College and the Foundation (2)**
- Created the Career Closet
- Decreased energy usage below FY 2022
- ✓ **Enrolled first full cohort of Impact students who volunteered 14,000 community service hours (5)**
- ✓ **Established the SVCC Police Academy and graduated its first class (7)**
- Executed a well-attended and positively received Child Fair, the first since 2019
- Expanded mental health services to students
- Expanded offerings in the Testing Center to students and the community
- Expanded the Sauk Valley Leadership Program class to 25 students in the 2022-2023 cohort
- Garnered attention for the Agriculture Program from the community regarding the first crop of sunflowers and hosting several agriculture and FFA events on campus
- Held a successful Commencement that combined pinning and health professions commencement (2)
- Held a successful Freedom 5K for Veterans Day
- ✓ **Held another successful Chocolate Rendezvous with \$40,000 raised for the Impact Program (4)**
- Honored faculty member Lauren Orton who won an award from the Botanical Society of America called the Public Policy Award (2)

- Hosted Illinois Speaker of the House Chris Welch
- ✓ **Implemented a successful Traffic Safety Program (3)**
- ✓ **Implemented new strategic plan with emphasis on ties to budgeting (6)**
- Implemented the Health Professions ICCB Path Grant
- Increased multimedia and videography efforts and created a multimedia lab as part
- Increased online accessibility for students
- Increased study abroad opportunities for SVCC students.
- ✓ **Issued Series 2022 Funding Bonds to secure capital funding through Fiscal Year 2027**
- Obtained funding for the Animal Science lab
- Offered 26 social/educational/cultural student activity events with 1,716 in attendance
- Processed \$4 million in financial aid and scholarships
- Provided peer mentoring support to students
- Qualified for Nationals in multiple sports
- Recognized by All In Campus Democracy Challenge for being a “Most Engaged Campus” (3)
- Recognized for their outstanding service, the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Sauk Valley Community College received the 2023 Customer Service Award from the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce
- Secured hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding to support student initiatives
- ✓ **Signed several transfer agreements with four-year partners (5)**
- Sponsored 30 major student club activities
- Student completion of 215 degrees and 451 certificate

#### **Sample of Sauk Accomplishments to Achieve in FY 2024**

- Carrying out the BACE trip to Ireland and offering a trip to Iceland
- Collecting data for TRIO SSS grant reapplication
- Completing clean audits for the Foundation and the College
- ✓ **Completing several facilities projects, including AHU replacement, baseball/softball storage area, generator replacement, phase 1 HVAC upgrade, phase 2 of the bathroom remodel, West Mall Plaza renovation, press box, and agriculture building design (4)**
- Completing the DIME form process
- Coordinating monthly workshops for veterans
- ✓ **Creating new Paramedic and Sonography Programs (3)**
- ✓ **Designing a new website with increased accessibility (4)**
- Developing a plan to improve HR technology
- Enhancing annual budget document with supplemental schedules
- Establishing partnerships to effectively utilize the SVCC Greenhouse
- Expanding SVCC Police Academy (3)
- Expanding the assessment process beyond the classroom
- Expanding the Writing Center
- ✓ **Expanding transfer agreements and transfer center vision**
- Finalizing the Title III grant
- Focusing on HLC accreditation best practices
- Following up on possible new criminal justice building on campus (3)
- ✓ **Fundraising for the Impact Program (3)**
- Hosting Pakistani students as part of study abroad visit (2)
- Implementing a Board Policy for capitalization of expenditures in accordance with GASB 87 and 96

- ✓ **Implementing new college-wide assessment plan (4)**
  - Implementing software needs of various departments
  - Implementing the FAFSA Simplification Plan and Student Aid Index
  - Implementing travel and expense management software for SVCC purchasing and employee reimbursements
- ✓ **Increasing enrollment (2)**
  - Increasing land partnerships in the Agriculture program
  - Increasing offerings with the Sauk Valley Theatre Alliance
- ✓ **Negotiating a new faculty contract (2)**
  - Obtaining ACEN Reaccreditation in Nursing
  - Operationalizing a new committee structure
  - Prioritizing third-party provider and IT software subscriptions
- ✓ **Refining strategic budgeting procedures and investing in the Strategic Directions (2)**
  - Securing \$3,750,000 in State funding towards West Campus Project
  - Starting horticulture classes in the greenhouse.
  - Supporting Impact Program students
  - Supporting the Police Academy
- ✓ **Updating the facilities master plan (3)**