

Sauk Valley Community College
July 28, 2025

Agenda Item 3.1.2

Topic: **Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program**

Strategic Objective: **Grow partnerships with local businesses and community organizations to meet the workforce needs of today and tomorrow.**

Presented by: **Dr. David Hellmich**

Presentation:

In 2015, Sauk Valley Community College invited area chambers of commerce to develop and lead the Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program. The mission of this program is to positively affect the economic vitality and civic wellbeing of our Sauk Valley communities through identifying emerging leaders, broadening their knowledge of our communities, and motivating them to become business and community leaders. Next week, this program will launch its tenth cohort of emerging community leaders from across the Sauk Valley. To date, 137 persons have graduated from this program, 24 being SVCC staff, and 23 students are registered for this year's class, three being SVCC staff. The College holds four of the 12 Board seats.

A review of this program will be provided and a sample of the college's graduates from the program will share their insights of the program.