

Sauk Valley Community College
July 27, 2026

Agenda Item 3.1.1

Topic: **Acknowledgements – Dr. James Barber**

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. Jon Mandrell**

Presentation:

Sauk Valley Community College honors the memory of James Lewis Barber, who passed away on April 13, 2026. James had a long and distinguished career at Sauk, first joining the faculty in 1968 as an Assistant Professor of English and earning an appointment to Associate Professor in 1972. In 1974, he stepped into administration as the Director of Community Services, continuing his leadership as the Assistant Dean for Adult and Continuing Services in 1975. He returned to teaching in 1982, serving as a Professor of English until 1997. James was highly accomplished academically, holding a Master of Arts in Speech from the University of Denver and a Doctorate of Education from Northern Illinois University.