

**Sauk Valley Community College  
June 30, 2025**

**Agenda Item 3.1.4**

**Topic:**                    **FY 2025 and FY 2026 Bookends**

**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**

**Presentation:**

Attached are sample highlights of SVCC accomplishments during the current fiscal year and accomplishments to achieve during the upcoming fiscal year.

## Sample of Sauk Accomplishments for FY 2025

- Achieved 97% accessibility rates in online courses
- Achieved the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) pass rates of 95% and the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) pass rates of 91%
- Began renovation to the second-floor north wing for Information Technology office, Sonography classroom, and faculty offices
- Celebrated 20 Illinois High School Diploma graduates, 18 Project VITAL participants, and 79 ESL and GED students who achieved reading-level gains
- Celebrated and honored the legacies of long-time veteran faculty and staff retiring in 2024-2025
- Celebrated the College's 60<sup>th</sup> year of serving the Sauk Valley region
- Completed a successful ACEN accreditation in Nursing (2)
- Completed the AHU replacement
- Completed details for the Sauk Ready textbook program
- Completed the Dillon Mall North and East Door Replacements
- Completed the generator replacement
- ✓ **Completed negotiations with the signing of a three-year full-time faculty contract (3)**
- Completed the T1 Roof
- Completed the Marcos Endowment Challenge, endowing the Polo district with \$600,000 in community funds
- Completed the objectives of the \$2.1 million Title III grant, which improved retention rates by 15% and graduation rates by 13%
- Completed the review of all College Board Policies
- ✓ **Completed the West Mall Plaza outdoor project (6)**
- Continued to bridge gaps in student learning outcomes into the second year of the assessment academy with HLC
- Designated as Military-Friendly
- Earned an all-American first-team honor for SVCC's student-athlete, Katie Drew as she placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the NJCAA DII Women's Championship in golf
- ✓ **Earned the recognition of the most energy-efficient community college in the state according to the Illinois Green Economy Network's energy survey (2)**
- Enrolled the College's first SVCC IMPACT student in the Summer 2025 Term (2)
- Established testing for local police and fire departments
- Expanded testing in the Testing Center with POST, FST, PSI, Measure, ASE, and Insurance Producer exams, enhancing access to professional certification and licensure opportunities
- Expanded the Traffic Safety Program registrations by 33% in FY 2025 (2)
- Facilitated student access to financial aid funds while managing the FAFSA Simplification rollout
- Finalized the Title III grant
- Graduated 157 CDL students in four years
- ✓ **Graduated 96 EMT Basic Training students since 2018 (2)**
- ✓ **Graduated and certified 100 police academy recruits with 100% state exam pass rates (3)**
- Had Phi Theta Kappa return to being a five-star chapter
- ✓ **Held another successful Chocolate Rendezvous (3)**
- Honored Dave Hellmich as he won the ICCTA 2025 Gary W. Davis Ethical Leadership award (3)
- Honored Jon Mandrell for his exceptional support of student success, leadership, and academic excellence as he won PTK's Distinguished College Administrator Award (3)

- Honored with the Lieutenant Governor Award for Excellence in Revitalization, the Impact Program was recognized for its outstanding efforts in revitalizing the community
- Hosted regional ISAC training for financial aid professionals
- ✓ **Implemented Emburse Enterprise workflow solution for employee travel and College credit card expenditures, estimated to save over 1,700 employee work hours and \$33,000 annually (2)**
- Implemented Lumens for BACE
- Implemented Modern Campus registration and marketing platform for SVCC Business and Community Education (BACE)
- Implemented Navigate360
- Implemented OmniCMS
- Installed new bleachers, a gym floor surface, and a press box (4)
- Installed three visiting artist sculptures in the West Mall Plaza, and started to envision designing and creating a permanent SVCC art piece for campus
- Launched DegreeWorks software, Common App, and Navigate360 retention system within Student Services
- Launched new website
- ✓ **Launched Sonography program (3)**
- Made significant revisions to the developmental mathematics curriculum
- Opened the Skyhawk Coffee Bar
- Qualified multiple athletes for Nationals
- ✓ **Reached \$8 million fundraising milestone for the Impact campaign**
- ✓ **Realized another successful Pakistani visit to campus / faculty and students visited Kinnaird College in Pakistan (3)**
- Reorganized the Learning Commons leadership team and added a second librarian
- Replaced the last exterior lights with LEDs
- Served more than 70,000 hours to date of community service hours from the participants in the Impact Program since its inception
- Supported childcare availability in the Sauk Valley area
- Welcomed three new full-time transfer faculty to campus

## Sample of Sauk Accomplishments to Achieve in FY 2026

- Advancing access to all students and enhancing instructional delivery to better suit the needs for part-time student success
- Advancing co-curricular assessment to align student learning outcomes across campus
- ✓ **Assisting in the transition of new leadership roles, including hiring the new president (5)**
- ✓ **Balancing the College's Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget (4)**
  - Celebrating Dave's retirement, including the Leadership Legacy Campaign
  - Celebrating SVCC's 60 years
  - Completing the brick replacement on the grotty wall (2)
  - Completing the CDB Outdoor Project
  - Completing the Chiller #1 Rebuild
- ✓ **Completing the Impact Campaign of \$10 million (4)**
  - Completing the second-floor renovation project (5)
  - Continuing advocacy for BSN program (4)
- ✓ **Continuing to work on getting the Public Safety Building (5)**
  - Debuting the new public-facing Help Desk
  - Drafting the HLC Assurance Argument, and completing the accreditation processes for Sonography and Rad Tech
  - Enhancing data-informed decision-making across departments
  - Enhancing the student experience with required course materials through the Sauk Ready Textbook Program (3)
  - Evaluating the use and effectiveness of major IT applications
  - Fostering community engagement to highlight SVCC strengths
  - Graduating the first Sonography cohort
  - Hiring the new Human Resources Director
  - Holding exceptional Fall and Spring Kickoffs
  - Hosting an NIU Education Degree cohort for local school districts
- Hosting the statewide ILACADA Academic Advising Conference
- Implementing and monitoring the new mathematics curriculum
- Implementing the ITS Strategic Plan
- Improving enrollment strategies to use targeted marketing, data analytics, and community outreach to underserved areas
- ✓ **Incorporating automation and/or AI into instruction, student services, and administrative functions (4)**
  - Installing EV Chargers on campus
  - Integrating data-informed decision-making into budgeting, assessment, and strategic planning at all institutional levels to ensure we are prepared for the HLC assurance argument in 2026
- Launching the revised Sauk Cares purpose and service model
- ✓ **Launching the SVCC Faculty Mentorship Program (3)**
  - Migrating FAST
  - Modernizing the Server Room
  - Navigating the effects of the dismantling of the US Department of Education
  - Navigating the potential Title IV changes with proactive planning and compliance readiness
  - Nominating several SVCC folks for ICCTA awards in the spring
- ✓ **Obtaining approvals and awards from the Illinois EPA to proceed with a new wastewater pipe connecting to the City of Dixon (4)**
- ✓ **Planning for the 2026 Bond Issue (3)**
  - Remediating the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Finding over Enrollment Reporting
  - Resurfacing four of the tennis courts
  - Revitalizing campus facilities to support student engagement and safety
  - Strengthening academic pathways through clearer articulation agreements, stackable credentials, and interdisciplinary pathways

✓ **Supporting the first class of Impact students to Sauk Valley Community College in the fall of 2025 (6)**

- Supporting the revised First Year Experience (FYE) program
- Transitioning the TRIO program for sustainable student services (3)

✓ **Updating the College's facilities and strategic master plans (4)**

- Upgrading campus infrastructure by addressing deferred maintenance, modernizing classrooms, and expanding digital access
- Welcoming six new full-time transfer faculty to campus