

**Sauk Valley Community College
May 19, 2025**

Agenda Item 3.1.1

Topic: **National Manufacturing Day**

Strategic Direction: **Workforce Development – Sauk Valley Community College meets the workforce needs of the region through effective and responsive programming and services for all learners.**

Presented By: **Drs. David Hellmich and Jon Mandrell**

Presentation:

National Manufacturing Day, celebrated annually on the first Friday in October, is an event designed to showcase modern manufacturing and inspire the next generation of manufacturers. The goal is to emphasize the importance of manufacturing to the economy, promote career opportunities, and encourage students to explore careers in the manufacturing pathway in the Sauk Valley. Since 2012, the College has partnered with numerous local organizations and industry leaders to provide not only an engaging day of exploration for high school students, but also a year-round initiative focused on strengthening manufacturing education and workforce development in the region. A presentation outlining the program and its history will be provided.