

**Sauk Valley Community College
November 24, 2025**

Agenda Item 3.1.3

Topic: **Agri-King Greenhouse Partnership**

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:

Created in 2023, the SVCC Agriculture Program added a greenhouse to expand access to horticulture topics and foster new community partnerships. Over the past year, the program has been working closely with Agri-King, headquartered in Fulton, Illinois, to collaborate on a new research initiative within our facility. This partnership offers opportunities to co-develop crop production infrastructure, engage students in research and testing, and strengthen the regional ag-tech workforce pipeline. As part of the collaboration, Agri-King has made a generous donation to the Impact Program to support our ongoing fundraising campaign. An overview of the partnership will be provided.