

Alumni & Friends

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CONNECTIONS



Dear Alumni and Friends of Sauk Valley Community College,

Sauk alumni have influenced the community, country and maybe even the world!

Throughout the year we have opportunities to speak to many community groups about the work the College does on behalf of the students. Before we begin talking to a group about new programs, student success, scholarships, sustaining the college for future generations, and other relative topics, we ask all in attendance to answer a very important question with a show of hands...

“How many of you or one of your family members have been impacted by Sauk Valley Community College by taking a class, earning a certificate or degree, or attending a community enrichment program?”

Every time, yes, always...over 50% of the people in the room have their hands high in the air. In fact, many times the show of hands represents closer to 90% of the room. This consistent response made me consider other questions about Sauk alumni. So after looking at the data, here are some things we learned about SVCC alumni that might be of interest to you:

- SVCC has 26,739 alumni (defined as individuals who have earned a degree or certificate or completed 24 credit hours)
- SVCC has 10,351 alumnus (males)
- There are 16,388 alumna (females)
- Nearly 88% of alumni reside in Illinois
- Wisconsin is the next largest home of SVCC alumni, closely followed by Iowa and Florida

Perhaps the most interesting fact is that there are SVCC alumni represented in every state in the union plus England, Guam, Canada, Puerto Rico, Taiwan and the British Virgin Islands. Just take a moment to consider this... *Sauk alumni have influenced the community, country and maybe even the world!*

Be proud and stay connected.

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**Give the Gift
of Education**

BUILDING FUTURES, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Sauk Valley Community College begins its new academic year with renewed focus on **building futures** of the residents of our Sauk Valley area. We believe that a college education will provide students the skills, tools, and knowledge necessary for **expanding**

opportunities available to them. With this, they will move through the various phases of their life, as strong dedicated citizens ready to encounter this ever changing world. You can help by sending your gift today in the envelope provided.

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GROUNDBREAKING!!!



iFiber Comes to Sauk Valley Community College

iFiber will be adding 900 miles of broadband access to existing not-for-profit and public networks through NIU, other major universities and the State of Illinois.

iFiber will benefit schools, libraries, community colleges, healthcare providers, public safety providers,

municipalities, state and local government units by enhancing and extending Internet, video and voice services in Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, La Salle, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago County.

For more information, please visit www.ifiber.org.



2011 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD PRESENTED TO JON MANDRELL

At the 2011 Commencement, Sauk instructor Jon Mandrell was presented the 2011 Outstanding Alumni Award

Mandrell, an officer for the Oregon Police Department from 2003-2009 is also a 2000 graduate of SVCC, finds Sauk to be a second

home. After earning his bachelor's and master's degree in criminal justice from Western Illinois University, Mandrell returned to Sauk to live his dream of teaching others the needed skills and knowledge to excel in criminal justice. He sets an example for students on what it means to be involved on campus as he advises the Criminal Justice Club as well as co-advises Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society. He also assists in the planning of the Criminal Justice Career Fair held at the College.

Outside of his career, Mandrell is involved in his community as a board member of the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Ogle County Juvenile Justice Council and a member of the Sauk Valley Faculty Association. Mandrell resides in Polo with his wife, Kelly, and their two daughters.

The Outstanding Alumni Award recognizes those who have gone on to make a positive and lasting impact on their community or career field. Nominees must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours or completed a certificate or degree at Sauk to be eligible. For more information about the Alumni Award, contact Amy Viering at 815.835.6329, or email at vierina@svcc.edu.

Jon Mandrell and Sammy the Skyhawk

Alum Reunion Planners Needed...

Have you moved away or are you still around the area, but have not been available to keep in contact with your SVCC classmates and have an interest in doing so? We want to hear from you!

We are looking for alum who may be interested in joining a committee to help plan a SVCC Alum reunion. We are also looking for any ideas you have for events. Whether it is picnics, dinners, dances, outings or any other events that will bring SVCC alum together, we would like to hear about them. Please contact Amy or Sharri at 815.835.6345.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 14

Vic Henley — Comedian
7:00 pm @ Theatre

September 19-21

HLC Accreditation Visit

October 5

Andres Lara —
The Cuban Guy

Homeless at 16 ...
Millionaire at 26
12:30 – 1:30 pm @ 1K4 &
6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Theatre

October 19

Disability Awareness Program
12:30 – 1:30 pm @ East Mall

October 21-23

SVC Foundation Used
Book Sale @ Northland Mall,
Sterling, IL

21st - 4:00 – 9:00 pm

22nd - 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

23rd - 12:00 – 4:00 pm

October 31

Blood Drive —
9:00 am – 3:00 pm @ West Mall

November 11-20

Almost, Maine @ Theatre

11th-12th - 7:00 pm

13th - 2:00 pm

18th-19th - 7:00 pm

20th - 2:00 pm

November 17

Chris Carter — Mentalist
7:00 – 8:30 pm @ Theatre

December 1

World's AIDS Day —
Matt Appleman
12:30 – 1:30 pm @ East Mall



Brian Healy performing as Claudius in the SVCC Shakespeare Hike.

“FOR ME, COMING BACK TO SAUK IS LIKE COMING HOME.”

Brian Healy of Dixon, Illinois, spent the day with SVCC speech and theater students sharing what he has learned since he left Sauk Valley Community College. He told the students who gathered in the Jerry Mathis Theatre, a familiar place for Healy, that “you too can do this. You may not know where your education will take you...you may

not know what opportunities are out there, but this place helped me. And I want to help you.”

When asked why he wanted to take time out of his demanding schedule to be at Sauk, Healy said, “For me coming, back to Sauk is like coming home. Giving back is small in comparison to what I took from Sauk and the dedicated instructors.”

Brian is finishing his Ph.D. in Speech Communication with a specialization in Performance Studies at Southern Illinois University. Last fall he was honored by SIU’s Kleinau Theatre by having his original production “Cutting the Fat” accepted into its season.

When Brian was at Sauk, he was involved with numerous productions and performance festivals, including Edward Albee’s “The Zoo Story,” Moises Kaufman’s “The Laramie Project,” and perhaps most memorably as the Creature in our 2003 production on “Frankenstein.”

Brian encourages other alumni to “give back” to Sauk and its students. The college is always interested in alumni sharing their time, talents, and knowledge with students. Take a little time to give back. Brian said, challenging other alumni, “it is the least we can do!”



“I’M A LIFE-LONG LEARNER AT SAUK”

Building Futures & Expanding Opportunities

– Karen Newman, Nursing Major
Will pursue her Master’s of Science in Nursing

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SAUK SPECS:

General Information:

President	Dr. George Mihel 5th President appointed July 2005
Year Founded	1965
Size of Campus	144 acres
Size of Main Building	449,000 sq ft
School Motto	Sauk Makes it Possible, You Make it Happen
Mascot	Skyhawk, a mythical bird
School Colors	Red, White and Black
Contact Information	815.288.5511 / svcc.edu

Programs Available:

Total Number of Degrees and Certificates Available	106
Number of Transfer Degrees Available	40
Number of Career Degrees Available	19
Number of Career Certificates Available	47
Number of New Programs Created in Past 5 years	15

Cost to Attend:

In-District Tuition Rate Per Credit Hour	\$99
Out-of District Tuition Rate Per Credit Hour	\$256
Out-of-State Tuition Rate Per Credit Hour	\$284
Tuition Rate for Internet Based Courses	\$99
Est. Annual Expense for District Resident	\$3168



Looking for a special gift for "someone who has everything?"

Would like to honor a retiree, but not sure how?

Want to express gratitude for a job well done?

Give the Gift of Education

We have the answer...a donation to Sauk Valley Community College in their name is that perfect gift. What a great way to honor, show appreciation, or thank someone special. Please consider a donation to the college, because the gift of education is a precious gift. **For assistance in making a contribution, please call Amy or Sharri at 815.835.6345.**



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