

Alumni & Friends

CONNECTIONS

Fall 2017



Dr. David Hellmich, President
and Kit Lillyman

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Kit Lillyman

Former SVCC Spanish and French instructor, Kit Lillyman, bestowed a \$25,000 endowment upon the Sauk Valley College Foundation in the spring of 2017. Kit worked at SVCC for forty years as a language arts instructor. She fondly recalls working in “Old Ironsides” on the east end of campus. After earning her education and traveling the world, Kit yearned to be a part of the Illinois Community College system.

In 1967, she began working at SVCC teaching foreign languages. Alumna Theresa Shoulders can attest, “I took

Spanish with Kit Lillyman; during a Memorial Day parade, she was in front of her house and introduced me to the people at her house, ‘Oh, this was one of my best students!’ and so it was very nice. That’s what I would say about Sauk, as a student you’re very comfortable there.” Kit continued to see Sauk progress until 2007, when she retired. Her scholarship will assist transfer-seeking students, with preference given to those majoring in foreign languages. As an endowment, Kit’s gift will help support generations of Sauk students.



Rochelle Bollman and family



Sauk Bestows First Honorary Degree, Associate in Fine Arts, to Andrew Bollman

In 2016, the Sauk family lost beloved alumnus, volunteer, and leader, Andrew Bollman. Andrew’s legacy exemplifies the best of Sauk – he generously gave his time and considerable expertise to help ensure generations of students would have the opportunities to pursue their dreams. The honorary degree recognizes persons of exceptional distinction and was awarded posthumously at the 2017 May Commencement by the SVCC Board of Trustees.

A 1996 Sauk graduate, Andrew participated in the Honors Program and was the college’s student trustee. An attorney in Dixon, Andrew served as chair of the SVCC Board of Trustees and President of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. More recently, Andrew’s wife, Rochelle, established the Andrew Bollman Memorial Endowment. The endowment will support technology and other program needs for Sauk AG. Andrew was a self-described farm boy, always seeking the latest technology in agriculture, and this endowment reflects his enduring commitment to SVCC.



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PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

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Alumni are those who earned a degree, certificate or completed 24 credit hours.



Dear Alumni & friends,

At Sauk Valley Community College, we are doing everything we can to build on the traditions of success you helped create:

The Multicraft Extended Internship Program, a partnership between Sauk and area industry, creates a highly skilled, in-demand labor force to drive the economies of the Sauk Valley.

The Small Business Development Center – a partnership between the college, the cities of Dixon, Rock Falls and Sterling, Lee and Whiteside counties, and area banks – is helping local entrepreneurs begin or grow their small businesses.

Sauk's Agriculture Program, created with input from area experts, is celebrating its first class of students taught by Dr. Ryan Anderson.

The Academy at SVCC is a newly created dual-credit option that provides elite high school seniors access to an engaging college experience built upon academic excellence and leadership principles.

The SVCC Leadership Program – a collaboration of the college with area Chambers of Commerce – is improving the Sauk Valley through identifying emerging leaders, broadening their knowledge of our communities, and motivating them to become business and community leaders.

Sauk also continues to responsibly steward our resources—cutting operational expenses by over 5% and working with our dedicated Foundation Board to expand scholarship opportunities for students.

Sauk is *your* college. It continues to be the **First and Best Option** for folks looking to improve themselves and for communities wanting to be better. We are always looking for ways to improve and to help our communities.

Please share your thoughts (david.m.hellmich@svcc.edu)!

David M. Hellmich

Dr. David Hellmich, President



AG IS BACK!

AG is back at Sauk, and the Foundation has included this exciting new program as a funding priority for the 2018 fiscal year. After months of strategic planning, the Foundation Board is moving forward with plans to build the resources that will help Sauk AG grow into a successful academic program.

Created in partnership with local industry members including production, business, agronomy, and farm owners, Sauk AG is the right program at the right time for our students and the Sauk Valley area. This is a crucial time for Sauk AG and the Foundation, in collaboration with Ag instructor Dr. Ryan Anderson and Vice President Dr. Jon Mandrell, is committed to securing the resources that will help fund student scholarships, curriculum development, and other program needs.

To learn how you can become part of this exciting initiative, please contact the Foundation office at 815.835.6329 or via email at foundation@svcc.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 16 • 12:30pm

AG Program Ground
Breaking Ceremony
Test Plots –
East side of campus

October 23 • 9-3pm

Fall Blood Drive
Dillon Mall
Save time and
register online:
redcrossblood.org

October 26 • 7pm

Hilarious Hypnotist
Dan Lornitis
Mathis Theatre
Admission is Free

October 31

Spring Scholarships
Deadline for applications
svcc.edu/scholarships

November 11 • 10am

Freedom 5k
Sauk campus
Early bird rate &
Free t-shirt if registered
by November 1
svcc.edu/freedom5k

November 22-24

Thanksgiving break
Campus closed

December 22-Jan 2

Holiday closure
Campus closed

February 17 • 2018

A Chocolate Rendezvous
Mark your calendar
for an evening of
Decadent Treats

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

KIRK HOOKS

Last May, the Foundation presented the Outstanding Alumni Award to Lieutenant Kirk Hooks. Kirk attended Sauk while still in high school and graduated with his Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice in 1985. He transferred to Western Illinois University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement Administration.

Kirk worked with the Ogle County Sheriff's Department, the Ashton Police Department, the Prophetstown Police Department, and the Illinois State Police. During his 27-year career with the Illinois State Police, he earned the respect and admiration of fellow law enforcement officers throughout the state.

Kirk received numerous awards and letters of commendation for his exemplary professionalism and commitment, including a commendation for his work during the investigation of Operation Island Express, a case worked in conjunction with the

Department of Homeland Security. Lieutenant Kirk Hooks is truly a Sauk Success.

The nomination period for the 2018 Outstanding Alumni will begin in January 2018. Awardees are honored during the May Commencement ceremony. Mark your calendar and visit the Sauk alumni page to make your submission(s).



SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

GLENN SAUTER

Recently, Sauk suffered the sudden loss of a committed and caring instructor, Glenn Sauter. To honor Glenn's dedication to Sauk's students, the Glenn Sauter Memorial Scholarship has been established by his wife, Vicki Sauter. Glenn worked to advance the education of Sauk's Adult Education students. For Glenn, this included reaching into his own pocket to help students pay for their GED tests. The Glenn Sauter Memorial Scholarship continues this legacy by helping students with GED testing fees and scholarship assistance. It is Vicki's hope that Glenn's support will be felt for many years to come. To find out how you can give to this fund, please contact the Foundation office.

