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ACADEMIC DRESS

For all academic purposes, the colors associated with different subject areas include the following:

Accountancy	●	Drab
Agriculture	●	Maize
Arts	○	White
Business	●	Drab
Economics	●	Copper
Education	●	Light Blue
Engineering	●	Orange
Fine Arts including Architecture	●	Brown
Humanities	○	White
Law	●	Purple
Library Science	●	Lemon
Medicine	●	Green
Nursing	●	Apricot
Oratory (Speech)	●	Silver Gray
Pharmacy	●	Olive Green
Philosophy	●	Dark Blue
Physical Education	●	Sage Green
Public Administration including Foreign Service	●	Peacock Blue
Public Health	●	Salmon Pink
Science	●	Golden Yellow
Social Work	●	Citron
Theology	●	Scarlet

ACADEMIC DRESS

The color of the traditional academic gown worn by community college graduates is charcoal. In 2016, as part of the 50th anniversary, Sauk Valley Community College transitioned the academic regalia to the color red.

CORDS

- **Red, White & Blue Cords:** Military Veterans
- **Gold Tassles & Cords:** Members of the international honor society for two-year colleges, Phi Theta Kappa
- **White Tassles & Cords:** Members of the TRIO Student Support Services Program

GOWN SLEEVES

- **Bachelor's Degree:** long, pointed sleeves open wide at the end
- **Master's Degree:** closed sleeve with a tail that hangs down from the base of the sleeve
- **Doctoral Degree:** round, bell-shaped sleeves trimmed with three velvet chevrons
Two strips of velvet trimming also run down the front of this gown. It is the only higher degree gown that has any trimming.

HOOD

The hoods for all degrees are satin-lined with the official color of the institution that granted the degree.

The trim on the hood, by contrast, is the color distinctive to the subject matter to which the degree pertains (see left).

- **Bachelor's Degree Hood Trim:** 2" wide, 3' long
- **Master's Degree Hood Trim:** 3" wide, 3.5' long
- **Doctoral Degree Hood Trim:** 5" wide, 4' long
- **Bachelor's Gown, No Hood:** members of the faculty whose specialized educational preparation did not lead to a bachelor's degree
- **Doctoral Gown, Bachelor's or Masters Hood:** members of the Sauk Valley Community College Board, as with members of the governing body of any college or university, are entitled to wear the doctoral gown. However, the hood they wear must represent the degree they actually hold.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

ΦΘΚ PHI THETA KAPPA

Phi Theta Kappa is an international academic honor society that recognizes scholarly achievement among students at two-year colleges. At Sauk Valley Community College, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher to be invited to join and maintain a GPA of 3.25 or higher to remain eligible for membership. The college's chapter has achieved Five Star status, reflecting the dedication of its members and faculty advisors.

ΑΝ LAMBDA NU

Lambda Nu is the national honor society for radiologic and imaging sciences. The Alpha Omega chapter at Sauk Valley Community College recognizes students in the Radiologic Technology program who demonstrate outstanding academic performance.

V VETERAN RECOGNITION

A U.S. veteran is an individual who has served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, or in the Reserve or National Guard, and was discharged under honorable conditions, in times of war or peace. Sauk Valley Community College is proud to be recognized as a 2026–2027 Military Friendly School.

IM IMPACT PROGRAM

Impact students at Sauk Valley Community College participate in a program that enables high school students, within the district, to earn tuition and mandatory fees for up to three years. This distinction is awarded upon completion of defined academic and community service requirements.

SNAI STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

The Student Nurses Association chapter at Sauk Valley Community College is a student-led organization that supports and promotes the professional development of nursing students. As part of the statewide association, it provides resources and opportunities for students enrolled in associate, baccalaureate, and diploma nursing programs.

COMMENCEMENT & PINNING CERMONY PICTURES

Images from today's events will be available for free download from the QR codes below.



4:00 p.m.
Commencement &
Pinning Ceremony



6:30 p.m.
Commencement
Ceremony



Sauk makes it possible – *You make it happen*

In 1965, the citizens of Lee, Whiteside, Ogle, Bureau, and Carrol counties came together to establish a college that would strengthen the region. For six decades, Sauk Valley Community College has evolved to fulfill the changing needs of its communities. This is a place where futures are shaped, skills are developed, and where dreams begin.

As we commemorate this remarkable 60th anniversary, we do so with great honor. This milestone is a testament to the support of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and communities. Without your trust, passion, and commitment, this occasion would not have been possible.

Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching & learning while creating opportunities by engaging the community in lifelong education, public service, & economic development.

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