**Sauk Valley Community College**

**March 26, 2018**

**Action Item 4.3**

**Topic: 2018 Outstanding Full-time Faculty Member Award**

**Strategic Vision: Sauk Valley Community College will be a leader in student achievement while expanding access to higher education across the Sauk Valley Region.**

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

**Presentation:**

The College has awarded Janis Jones with the 2018 ICCTA Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award; she will represent SVCC for the 2018 ICCTA Outstanding Full-time Faculty Award.

*Academic background:* Ms. Jones received a master’s degree in teaching/instructional strategies from Rockford College and a bachelor of arts in English from University of Illinois.

 *Professional background:* Ms. Jones has been teaching at Sauk as an Assistant Professor of Education since August 2013. Previously, she was employed by West Carrol District #314 as a middle school language arts teacher instructing 6th - 8th grade students in literature, writing, and grammar. She also worked at the Riverview Center Sexual Assault Prevention Agency in Savanna.

*Comments from nomination:* Janis is currently teaching Education and Early Childhood Education at SVCC. Her instruction and engagement in the classroom are extraordinary and provide a focused and personal touch, which represents SVCC well. She lives the mission of SVCC of teaching and scholarship, along with providing outstanding public service. . . . her teaching expands far beyond the boundaries of the classroom. For example, this past year, she has led a transitional math team from area school districts as part of building the new transitional math courses that are required by the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Many colleges are struggling with this endeavor, but Janis has fearlessly taken this on. She also led and created PASS (Partnership Advocating for Student Success) four years ago and has coordinated it initiatives and the annual summit, which brings together all educators from the community and beyond, including fifteen area high school districts.

 **Recommendation:**

The administration recommends the Board approve the nomination of Janis Jones for the 2018 ICCTA Outstanding Full-time Faculty Member Award.