**Sauk Valley Community College**

**April 22, 2019**

**Agenda Item 6.1.1**

**Topic: Spring Retirees**

**Mission: Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching and scholarship while engaging the community in lifelong learning, public service, and economic development.**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Steve Nunez**

**Presentation:**

The College fulfills its mission of providing quality learning opportunities through the faculty and staff who dedicate their professional lives to being Sauk Valley Community College educators. The following retirees have been among the College’s most dedicated faculty and staff:

* Dr. Dennis Day – 35 years of service – began his journey with Sauk in 1984 as an Instructor for Business and CIS. He was awarded an honorary Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business and Information Systems in 1987. In 1986 and 1987, he represented the College as the Interim Director and as the Director of the SVCC Educational Program at Dixon Correctional Center. Before working at Sauk, Dr. Day taught at Shawnee Community College and John Logan Community College. At SVCC, he was promoted to Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and then Professor beginning in the 1995-1996 school year. He has promoted the accounting and business fields to students and assisted graduates to find employment.
* Janis Jones – 6 years of service – began teaching Education and Early Childhood Education at SVCC in 2013. Her instruction and engagement in the classroom provided a focused and personal touch. She lives the mission of SVCC of teaching and scholarship, along with providing outstanding public service. Her teaching expanded far beyond the boundaries of the classroom. For example, 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. She also led and created PASS (Partnership Advocating for Student Success) and has coordinated initiatives and the annual summit. Over the years, Janis has worked diligently to establish the Gateways credentials within the Early Childhood Education program, has grown the Education and Early Childhood Education Program, and has been a driving force in creating opportunities for students.
* Mike Sullivan – 17 years of service – has been a cross-country coach at Sauk Valley Community College since 2002 and served as the Interim Athletic Director during the 2017-2018 academic year. Mike has a Career and Technical Educator endorsement and Professional Educator license through the Illinois State Board of Education and taught at Whiteside Area Career Center for many years. He has been an excellent role model and coach to Sauk’s athletes.