

Sauk Valley Community College  
August 23, 2021

Agenda Item 3.1.3

**Topic:** FY 2021 Accomplishments

**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

**Presentation:**

The Cabinet identified the ten most important “Accomplishments of FY 2021.” Their feedback follows in alpha order with items in each list bolded (✓) by me.

- Achieved Military-Friendly status once again
- Adapted Solar Energy certificate
- Added 20+ new transfer guides to the Transfer Center website
- ✓ **Advised 141 clients and supported 18 new business starts through the SBDC**
- ✓ **Awarded renewal of TRIO and AmeriCorps**
- ✓ **Began development of the Facilities and Grounds Plan**
- Brought in over \$25,000 to support scholarships and the Chris Byar Student Emergency Fund
- Completed solar field
- ✓ **Completed switchgear project**
- Created campus virtual tour and Google Meets recruitment session
- Established pathways with K-12, increasing access to careers in education and manufacturing
- Established Peer Mentoring program
- Established virtual tutoring with Sauk Scholars
- Expanded health professions access by creating CNA hybrid program
- ✓ **Graduated 5<sup>th</sup> Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program class**
- ✓ **Had multiple sports and individual athletes make history, including 5<sup>th</sup> place national volleyball finish**
- ✓ **Held successful COVID in-person graduation and pinning**
- ✓ **Hosted Dr. Jill Biden, Dr. Miguel Cardona, JB Pritzker, Kwame Kaoul, Cheri Bustos, Julianna Stratton, and Tom Demmer**
- Identified new CDL provider
- Implemented Virtual Writing Lab
- ✓ **Implemented communication to keep everyone informed during the pandemic as well as COVID procedures, including self-screening and SHIELD testing**
- Implemented Nuro retention software
- Implemented on-line and synchronous delivery of classes
- Implemented telecommuting
- Installed new external lighting for parking lots
- ✓ **Installed new Highway 2 sign**
- Kept campus open and classes safe

- ✓ **Launched Impact Pilot Program in Prophetstown and Fulton**
- Launched Sauk Block for dual credit
- ✓ **Launched Sauk Edge, advancing online learning**
- Offered labs hands-on despite ongoing pandemic
- Offered multiple deliveries of orientation in responding to COVID
- ✓ **Planned and utilized federal relief funds**
- ✓ **Planned future foodservice**
- ✓ **Provided Adult Education courses exclusively at SVCC and in hybrid format**
- Provided local HS students of the month with recognition and welcome package

- ✓ **Provided mental health services virtually**
- Provided student aide (i.e. CARES & scholarships to all summer scholarship applicants)
- Showed resiliency and proactive response to the shutdown
- Started renovations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Competed in track for the first time in 40 years
- Updated Digital Media Arts curriculum and added a second certificate
- ✓ **Wrote Higher Learning Commission Self Study**