

Sauk Valley Community College
March 22, 2021

Action Item 4.1

Topic: **Honorary Degree**

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**

Presentation:

Per Board policy 109.02, an Honorary Degree is a high form of recognition offered by Sauk Valley Community College to persons of exceptional distinction. To be awarded the honorary degree, the nominee must have made exceptional and lasting contributions as a notable life achievement to the College and/or to the Sauk Valley community. Ed Andersen is such a person.

Within the Sauk Valley, Ed provided seminal leadership to CGH Medical Center, joining the hospital in 1975 and serving as president and CEO from 1996 to 2013. He led the hospital through numerous building projects, including the addition of several centers, the Cardiac Cath Lab, and the hospital's north wing. Under his leadership, CGH maintained the standards of care of one of the top hospitals in the state. Additionally, Ed has provided leadership to the Greater Sterling Development Corporation, Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, CGH Health Foundation, Sterling Noon Rotary Club, and Wesley United Methodist Church.

At the College, Ed is the longest serving Trustee, with his first tenure being from November of 1983 to November of 1990 and his current tenure being from February of 1995 to the present. He has served as Chair of the Board of Trustees, provides consummate advice, especially regarding the College's finances, and has taught Financial Accounting for the College. Sauk Presidents and Chief Finance Officers anxiously await Ed's insightful and pointed questions when the annual audit is presented to the Board. The College has thrived for decades with the leadership of Trustee Ed Andersen.

Recommendation:

Awarded by the Sauk Valley Community College Board of Trustees, the honorary degree is a high form of recognition offered by the College to persons of exceptional distinction. The administration recommends the Board, per Board Policy 109.02, award an Honorary Associate in Arts Degree with a Business - Accounting Major to Ed Andersen for his exceptional and lasting contributions to Sauk Valley Community College and to the Sauk Valley.