

Sauk Valley Community College
March 22, 2021

Action Item 4.2

Topic: Outstanding Full-time Faculty Member Award

Strategic Vision: 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, Dr. Jon Mandrell, and Kathryn Snow

Presentation:

The SVCC Outstanding Faculty Award recipient is, in turn, nominated by the College for the 2021 ICCTA Outstanding Full-time Faculty Award. This year's recipient and nominee is Dr. Odile Blazquez.

Academic background: Dr. Blazquez received a Master of Science degree in Written Communication in 2009 and completed post Master's degree work in Adult, Continuing and Literacy Education in 2018 from National Louis University. She earned a Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the Technologic Institute of Santo Domingo.

Professional background: Odile has been employed at Sauk Valley Community College since 2000 as an adjunct faculty member and in the Adult Education Department. In 2016, she became a full-time faculty member teaching English and Language Arts.

Comments from Nomination: Odile does a remarkable job of reaching all students and being not only a great lecturer, but also hands-on with instruction and assistance to students. Her commitment to providing personal service and education to students is extraordinary. Odile has been highly regarded by the college community and regularly receives high praise and marks on feedback for her instruction.

Dr. Blazquez has been integral in developing innovations and new curriculum, most notably this past year as we worked through new deliveries in COVID. By offering a hybrid-based delivery of instruction, students were able to attend class synchronously while seeking her for assistance on campus, if needed. Furthermore, Odile was integral in developing the first-ever Morrison/Fulton High School "Sauk Block" for students on the west end of our district to attend classes synchronously. Previously, providing access to courses was a great challenge. Today, students can take up to 12 hours by tuning into SVCC courses via live streaming. This newfound access has been integral for those students where distance was a barrier.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the nomination of Dr. Odile Blazquez for the 2021 ICCTA Outstanding Full-time Faculty Member Award.



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Illinois Community College Trustees Association
401 E. Capitol, Suite 200
Springfield, IL 62701-1711

Dear Trustee Association:

The Sauk Valley Community College Board of Trustees would like to nominate Dr. Odile Blazquez for the ICCTA 2021 Full-time Outstanding Faculty Award.

Dr. Blazquez received a Master of Science degree in Written Communication in 2009 and completed post Master's degree work in Adult, Continuing and Literacy Education in 2018 from National Louis University. She has also received a Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the Technologic Institute of Santo Domingo.

While being employed at Sauk Valley Community College since 2000, she has been as an adjunct faculty member and worked in the Adult Education Department. In 2016, she became a full-time faculty member teaching English and Language Arts.

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Dr. Blazquez has been integral in developing innovations and new curriculum at the college, most notably this past year as we worked through new deliveries in COVID. By offering a hybrid-based delivery of instruction, students were able to attend class synchronously, but also seek her for assistance on campus, if needed. Furthermore, Dr. Blazquez was integral in developing the first ever Morrison/Fulton High School "Sauk Block" for students on the west end of our district to attend classes synchronously. Prior to this, providing access to courses was a great challenge. Today, they can take up to 12 hours by tuning into SVCC courses via live streaming. This newfound access has been integral for those students where distance was a barrier.

On behalf of the Sauk Valley Community College Board of Trustees, I respectfully request that you consider Dr. Odile Blazquez as a candidate for 2021 ICCTA's Full-Time Faculty Member Award.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Thompson, Chair of the Board of Trustees
Sauk Valley Community College District No. 506

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