



BUILDING FUTURES, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

2012

# Report to the Community

SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Mission

Sauk Valley Community College is an institution of higher education that provides quality learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of its students and community.

## Vision

Sauk Valley Community College will be recognized as a benchmark institution of higher education that provides exceptional learning opportunities in response to the diverse needs of its students and community.

## Shared Values

Sauk Valley Community College will be recognized as a benchmark institution of higher education that provides exceptional learning opportunities in response to the diverse needs of its students and community.

**Respect** We respect the worth and dignity of all people.

**Responsibility** We value and advocate that all take responsibility for themselves, their learning, and the environment.

**Fairness** We advocate fairness and just treatment of all people.

**Integrity** We expect and constantly stand for integrity, honesty, and ethical treatment of all people.

**Caring** We value the creation of opportunities in a caring environment.

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# Letter From the President



As you read through our first annual report to the community you will see that we have been committed to our annual theme of “building futures, expanding opportunities.” I believe you will agree that in most everything we do, the phrase holds true. As we reflect on our past and prepare for our 50th anniversary in 2015 we continue to provide the quality education our constituents deserve and expect.

Our goal is to provide an environment that is not only stimulating and challenging, but also comfortable, safe and fun. We are serious and committed to continuing to provide the best education experiences possible. Even while facing extremely challenging economic times due, in part, to reduced state funding, we have carefully managed our finances with transparency and operated at the highest level of integrity. We continue to offer affordable tuition while supporting the needs of students and community by updating our facility, providing new and enhanced programs, and leveraging college resources.

This 2012 Report to the Community captures the accomplishment of our students, faculty and staff during the past year. It highlights our desire to serve our current and prospective student and demonstrates how we “build futures and expand opportunities.”

This year has come and gone, but our achievements will make it a year to remember.

Dr. George Mihel  
President



**Features:**

- Reflective white membrane roof with insulation R-30 value
- Energy Star rated mechanical systems
- Insulated, low-e coated glazed windows (lowers demand for artificial lighting)
- Low water-use fixtures
- High output, energy saving light fixtures
- LED fixtures in classrooms, computer lab and office space.
- New data cabling and suspended trays allow for flexibility and support future equipment changes

**Features:**

- Energy-saving LED lighting
- White board painted walls
- New power and data infrastructure
- Internally lined lead walls surround X-ray labs
- Viewing windows lined with special lead acrylic

# Open House

## Showcases Remodeled Wings

Sauk Valley Community College welcomed over 400 guests as it held an open house this April showcasing its newly renovated technology and radiology wings.

*"The whole experience has been very positive," SVCC President Dr. George Mihel said. "To see the support from our community at the open house and other events helps us move forward to making changes to fit our students' needs and create an inviting college experience. Our next project, the remodeling of our biology and chemistry labs, will be completed this fall as well, and we can't wait!"*



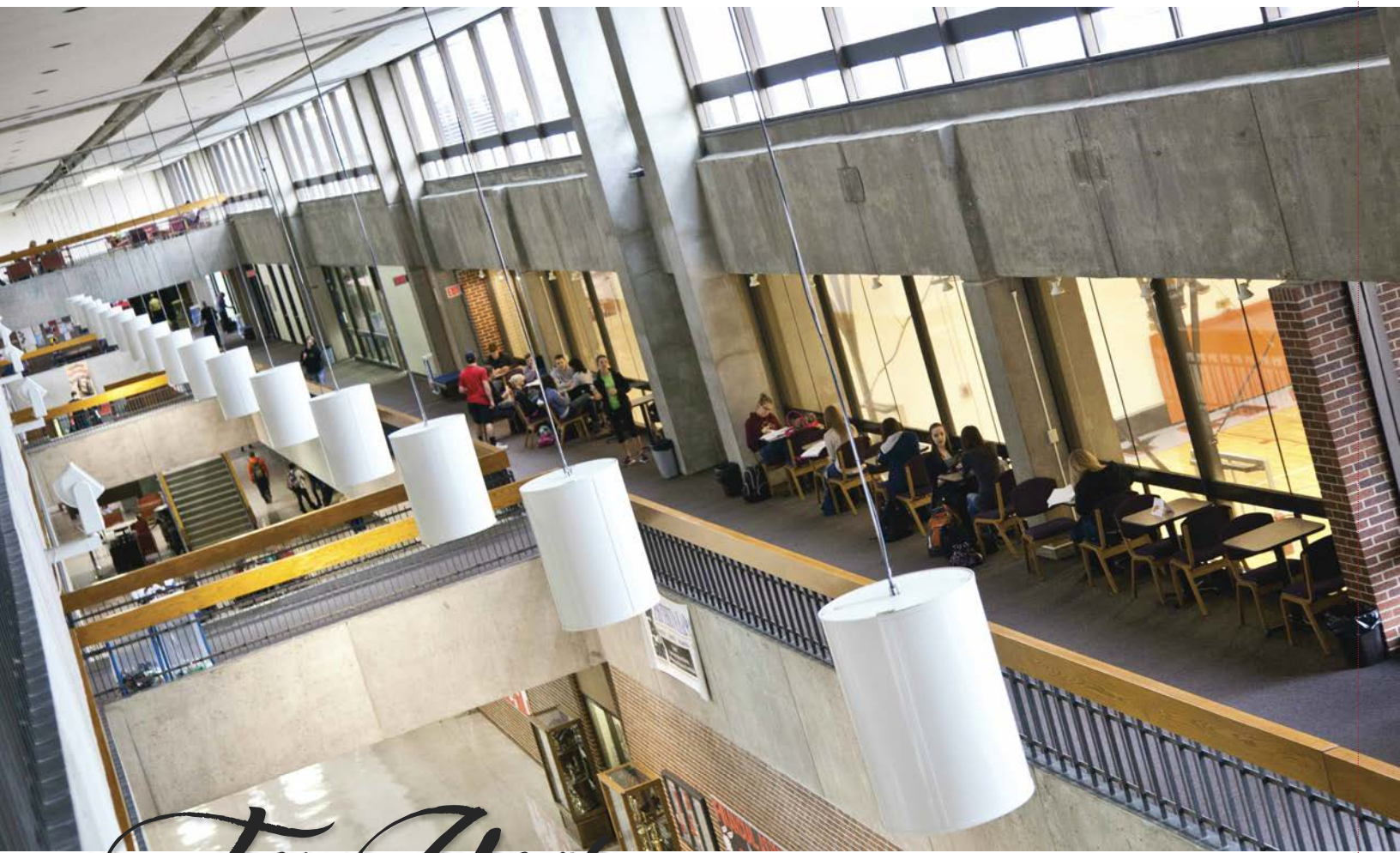
The 15,770 square foot technology wing (which many may remember as the automotive area and vocational technology) will house lab-based programs in wind energy, welding, electricity, HVAC, electronics, hydraulics and more. The 3,350 square foot radiology wing was redesigned with two new classrooms and two fully-equipped X-ray labs (one with digital image technology).



This vision, now reality, will allow for more flexibility for changes in curriculum and technical programs as SVCC continues to meet the training and educational needs of business, industry and the local work force.







# Ten Year

## Accreditation Approved

Following extensive preparation, numerous hours of hard work and a dedicated staff, SVCC received the best news a college can hear from the Higher Learning Commission, “**Ten year accreditation approved.**”

Between September 19-21, the Higher Learning Commission team visited SVCC as part of the accreditation process. Prior to their arrival they also review the self-study SVCC had worked on for the past two years. What the team found was a job well done.

HLC Chairman Dr. Gary Wayne Streit, vice president for academic affairs at Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, said “*We [the team] commend you for producing one of the better self-studies we have seen as it was concise and actually fun to read.*” He went on to say that it was a study that not only made sense but that each criterion within the study matched what the team observed during its visit. “The College has obvious integrity (financially and overall), extensive operational plans to follow, proper use of assessment plans, and excellent teamwork.”

***What does accreditation mean for SVCC?*** By being an accredited institution credits students earn are able to transfer to other institutions, financial aid is available for students and degrees are more credible to employers. With no focus visits or reports needed for the next ten years means that the self-study produced by SVCC formed criterions and goals that the Commission saw to be fit for the College and being met at the highest level possible. The study also included areas that SVCC believed needed improvement and outlined steps to be taken to progress which the Commission supported.

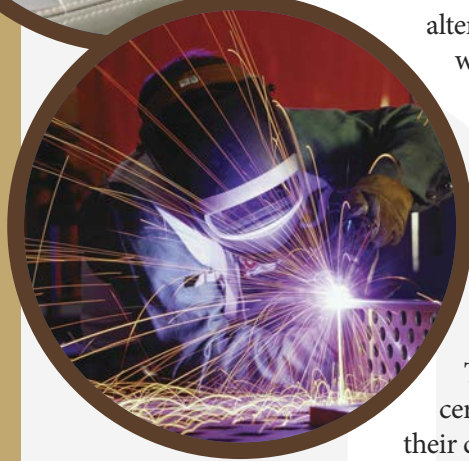
# New Programs

## Offer New Opportunities

SVCC students will be given more opportunities to learn as the Illinois Community College Board approved degrees and certificates to be offered starting in the summer of 2012. These new programs include sustainable technology, solar energy, pipe welding, multicraft and fire science.



Associate in Applied Science degrees will now be available in the areas of multicraft, sustainable technology and fire science. The multicraft program provides graduates the skills and knowledge of mechanical engineering technology with electrical and electronic services to be able to maintain, design, develop, test, and manufacture electronic and computer-controlled mechanical systems, such as robotic assembly machines. Students will also be able to select a specialization in alternative energy, electrical, electronics, HVAC, welding, or wind energy. Another field of interest where an associate in applied science can be obtained is in sustainable technologies. Graduates entering this field will have a varied background as they study green energy technologies including solar, geothermal and small wind. They will also gain knowledge and skill in electrical and electronics systems as well as fluid power.



The new fire science program offers a degree and certificates to students interested in pursuing or advancing their career in the field. Over 20 local fire departments and businesses worked with SVCC to develop the new state-of-the-art program by helping with curricula, equipment donation and remodeling the new fire science building. The fire science program will offer courses in areas such as hazardous materials, management, service vehicle operation, tactics and strategies, building construction and more.

Students interested in completing a program in a shorter time frame will be interested in the new certificates available at SVCC. The solar energy certificate will provide graduates with expertise in electrical and electronic systems as well as fluid components to enter the work force as solar energy installers and technicians. A new certificate in pipe welding will also be available for students with experience in welding looking to expand their training. The pipe welding program will instruct students to use several types of welding technologies and positions (vertical, angled, small, horizontal, etc.) needed in the field.





# Testing Center

## Approved Pearson & Prometrics Site

Many have to travel outside the district to complete various certification and licensure testing for programs such as Adobe®, Cisco®, CompTIA®, Citrix®, Novell® and Microsoft® and more. This is not the case anymore as Pearson VUE® and Prometric Services Testing Systems recently approved SVCC's Testing Center to deliver exams.

*"This is just another way the community can take advantage of our resources,"* stated Chris Shelley, SVCC dean of informational services. *"It is exciting to be able to partner with Pearson VUE and Prometrics and able to relieve the stress of traveling farther distances for those needing to take these certification exams."*

Testing candidates taking a Pearson VUE exam will be able to register for tests online through the Pearson website or at SVCC's Center. Those completing Prometrics' exams will be able to register online at the Prometrics' website. Several of the exams will also allow candidates to view their scores following completion at SVCC's Testing Center.

# What a Difference

## A Year Makes

- Sauk Valley Community College and ABC AmeriCorps organized a **9/11 Tribute** in honor of the 10th anniversary. As part of the display, the Sauk Valley community was able to see and touch a piece of a Twin Tower beam collected from the site. Participants also attended an emotional lecture given by Marlene Hilliker, SVCC counselor, on her experience as a first responder after the attack on the World Trade Center.



- For the second year straight, SVCC hosted the **NJCAA Region IV Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament**. Eight schools competed for the championship. Both SVCC teams competed in the semifinals, narrowly missing a chance at the championship title.
- SVCC hosted, for the first time, the **Region IV Women's Tennis Tournament** in October with eight teams competing.



- The **28th Annual Child Fair's** 40+ community exhibitors featured hands on activities and games for over 1,700 participants. Children and their families also watched "If You Give a Cat a Cupcake" performed by the Emerald City Theater Group as part of the experience. The purpose of the Child Fair is to increase awareness of education and overall family well-being.



- The Child Fair debuted a special guest for children, SVCC's **Science Sammy**. Science Sammy helped "future scientists" with their take-home projects and made sure to give out more family science experiments to do at home. He will travel around the district to elementary schools to demonstrate more science experiments and teach why Science is Super!"



- **Student Support Services** at SVCC had 60 students graduate this year with many transferring to schools such as University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University to major in areas including engineering, education, psychology, criminal justice and healthcare. Ninety-four percent of SSS students held good academic standing as they utilized services including tutoring, study skill workshops and study groups.



- SVCC was named a “**Military-Friendly School**” by G.I. Jobs Magazine based on criteria of academics, financial benefits, flexibility, military student enrollment and support. The College was ranked in the top 20% of all colleges and universities nationwide for its services to veterans which includes counseling assistance for veterans and the campus club, Student Veterans Organization.

- SVCC’s 2012 **health pinning ceremony** recognized 75 individuals’ completion in the radiology and nursing areas. The 2012 **commencement** recognized 524 degree completions including student commencement speaker, Karen Newman. Tom Demmer, Republican candidate for the 90th State House District, gave a compelling commencement address as he motivated graduates to not just work hard but to get involved outside of the classroom. The ceremony also awarded this year’s Outstanding Alumni Award to Kristina Nystrom for her success in the radiology field.



- Graphic Design USA magazine honored SVCC’s Graphic Designer Jenny Bumba with three **2012 American Inhouse Design Awards** in the categories of viewbook, invitation and posters.

- SVCC was chosen to host the ground breaking ceremony for the new 900 mile network that will affect more than 500 community institution as well as 280,000 households and 16,000 businesses within nine counties. The **iFiber network**, funded by a \$68.5 million NTIA BTOP grant, will increase speed and accessibility to technology services within not-for-profit institutions such as community colleges, K-12 schools, universities, healthcare facilities, libraries and government facilities.

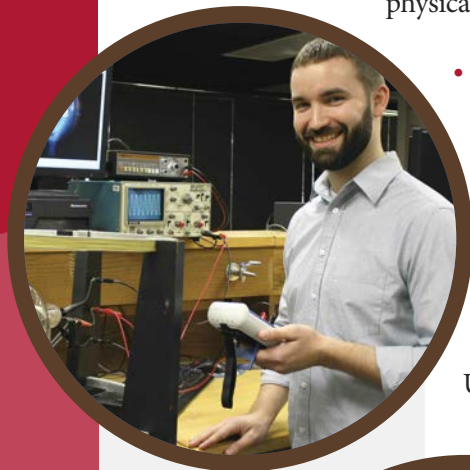


- The **Student Leadership Academy** at SVCC held in February, March and April put its high school participants in the seat of a leader. The fifteen high school participants from across the district organized a leadership day for over 60 fifth grade students as their final project. Each high school student went away with a better understanding of careers, higher education and the importance of leadership skills.

- The SVCC Business Office worked with the **Whiteside and Lee/Ogle County Public Transportation** to provide bus passes to students, paid through financial assistance, to ensure that transportation is available for everyone.



- The Adult Education Department and Project VITAL teamed with the Sterling Public Library, Girl Scouts of America, The Wallace School Family Literacy Program and F.U.S.E. to host the first **Children's Day** at Sterling Public Library. Children's Day is a holiday celebrated worldwide to honor children and their welfare. Over 100 children attended the event to learn about literacy and culture. Each went away with a bundle of donated books.
- SVCC first-year student **Kala Karrow** received a summer internship with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, to focus on her studies in medicine. Kala was chosen out of 7,000 applications to be part of the 1,100 summer intern class. She will work with some of the world's leading scientists researching neuroimaging, physical therapy or genetic traits.



- Following graduation this year, computer science major **Josh Halstead** headed to Knoxville, Tennessee, for his summer internship at the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Josh will work in the Center for Nanophase Materials Science where he will investigate the mechanisms of alloyed-nanoparticles.



- Ten student members of SVCC's **Association of Latin American Students (ALAS)** attended the 30th National USHLI Conference held in Chicago. The purpose of their trip was to increase their leadership skills to help recruit minority students to continue education at Sauk and expand knowledge about the Latino culture. Students heard nationally prominent speakers, attended advanced leadership skills development workshops and had the opportunity to participate in an exhibit show which included employers with internship and employment opportunities.

- 2011 graduates of SVCC's nursing program achieved an **88 percent pass rate** in the associate degree nursing (ADN) program and a **100 percent pass rate** in the LPN program on the national nursing licensure exam (NCLEX) on the first try. The state and national pass rate for the ADN program is 88 percent while the LPN program's state pass rate is 87 percent and 85 percent at the national level. The 2011 graduates of the radiology program achieved a **100 percent pass rate** on the JRCERT national exam on the first try with the national level pass rate at 92 percent.



- Anita Carney joined the SVCC team as the **Career Services Coordinator**. Career Services will work with SVCC students in job searches and preparation to help obtain part time and full time jobs as well as internships. She will also work with Sauk Valley employers to develop trained workforce, expand employment opportunities, organize job fairs and develop relationships between students and employers.



- Jerry Mathis Theatre saw a packed house for the first shows directed by SVCC's **new theatre director/instructor**, Anna K. Kurtz. Her fall show, *Almost, Maine*, made audiences connect and laugh with the characters as they fell in and out of love. In the spring, families enjoyed singing, dancing, and stories of Charles Schultz's Peanuts in the musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. A special alumni event was held during the Sunday matinee for families to enjoy Charlie Brown treats and meet the cast following the show.



- **Ana Salgado**, student activities/cross cultural services coordinator, received the 2012 YWCA's Women of Achievement's Louise Bittorf Sullivan Inspirational Woman Award. Salgado was recognized with this honor because of her efforts to empower the Latino youth in the community.

- Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society's sold out fundraiser, **Concert for a Cause**, raised \$6000 as it featured singer/songwriter Damon Johnson (guitarist for bands such as Alice Cooper and Thin Lizzy) and a silent auction. The group donated the money to four community groups, Shining Star of Dixon, PADS in Sterling, TechGyrls of Rock Falls and the United Way of Whiteside County.



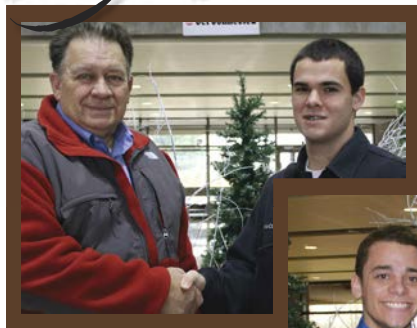
- This year's **Student Support Services and Student Government Associations' Student Leadership Awards and Graduation Banquet** treated every guest like a star at the Academy Award-themed event. Every nominee in each category deserved an award for their achievements and dedication to the school. Award winners included: *Organization of the Year*–Criminal Justice Club, *Advisor of the Year*–Jon Mandrell (Criminal Justice Club), *Student Services Leadership Award*–Tashina Pennington, *Program of the Year*–Phi Theta Kappa's Concert for a Cause and *Outstanding Student of the Year*–Josh Halstead.

- **Alan Pfeifer**, former Dean of Information Systems, was appointed Academic Vice President.
- Music instructor Kris Murray received the **2012 Illinois Alliance for Arts Education's Music Educator Award**. Murray was nominated by a former student for her use of technology in the classroom.
- **Jill Horn**, adjunct math instructor, published her second book, "The Development of a Mathematical Mind," in April. The book focuses on ways to encourage math in everyday lives from toddlers to adults.

# Scholarships

## Building Futures With Over 100 SVCC Scholarships

Nate McCoy receives the Chief Oetting Fire Science Scholarship from retired Chief A.G. Oetting



The Reverend James Jaeger Theater Arts Scholarship is presented to Alejandro Valdés by Reverend James Jaeger



John Nelson, assistant professor business, gives Andrew Cessna the SVCC Business Department Scholarship



As part of a special banquet, Jennifer Shedoksy, Abigail Davis, Joshua Halstead and Angela Richmond earn SVCC Honor Program scholarships



Kiwanis President Geoff Vanderlin shakes hands with Taylor Preston, recipient of the Dixon Kiwanis Club Academic Scholarship



Courtney Miller smiles with Amy Viering, dean of community outreach, after receiving the Leydig Memorial Scholarship



Dixon Kiwanis Health Program Scholarship, presented by Kiwanis President Geoff Vanderlin, goes to Jennifer Jensen

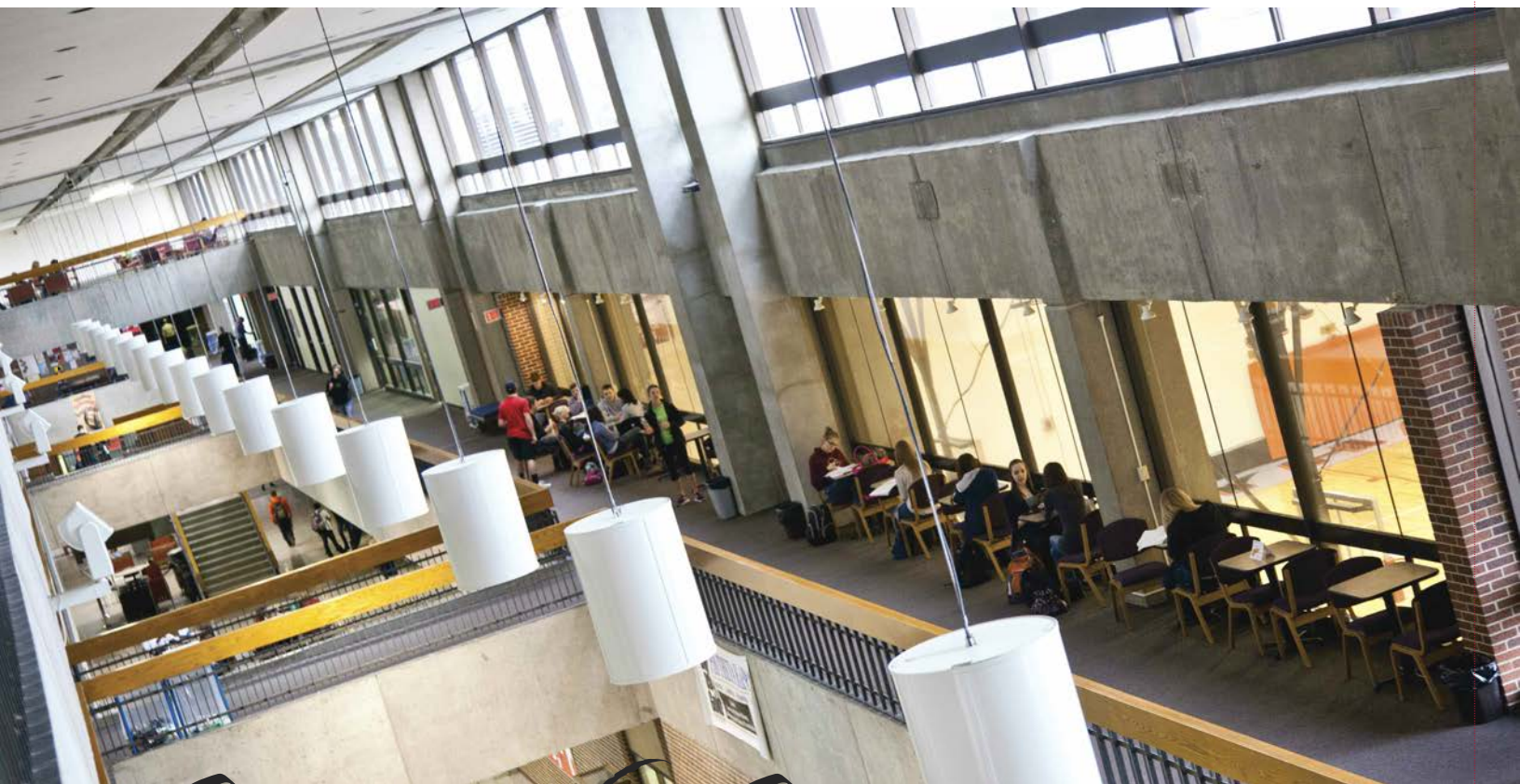


Tyler Keime accepts the Cancer Federation Scholarship from Amy Viering, dean of community outreach



Opportunities continue through the Sauk Valley College Foundation.





# Compare the Cost

Students attending a four year institution and students attending SVCC for two years followed by a four year institution will both earn the same degree. The only difference is the price a student must pay to earn that degree. Get a quality education at an affordable price. Use some “common cents.”

**Cost per credit hour: \$101**

**Sauk Valley Community College average cost of tuition for two years is \$6060\***

\* Tuition quoted as full-time (15 hours) fall and spring semesters, based on 2012-2013 rates

\*\* Tuition and fees based on averages for 2011-12 academic year, full-time (15 hours)

Cost of tuition & fees at the following institutions for two years\*\*:

Augustana College	\$66,726	Monmouth College	\$57,300
Aurora University	\$38,500	National-Louis University	\$36,476
Benedictine University	\$49,300	North Central College	\$59,466
Bradley University	\$52,800	Northern IL University	\$23,708
Columbia College	\$40,188	Northwestern University	\$83,966
DePaul University	\$60,000	Olivet Nazarene University	\$55,180
Eastern IL University	\$21,066	Quincy University	\$48,280
Elmhurst College	\$44,991	Robert Morris College	\$46,532
Eureka College	\$37,500	Rockford College	\$51,340
Governors St University	\$17,320	Roosevelt University	\$51,025
IL State University	\$24,460	Southern IL University	
IL Wesleyan University	\$72,784	Carbondale	\$22,076
Knox College	\$68,628	University of Chicago	\$83,706
Lake Forest College	\$73,640	University of IL -Chicago	\$19,523
Lewis University	\$49,540	University of IL -Springfield	\$23,920
Loyola Univ of Chicago	\$79,360	Univ of IL - Urb/Champaign	\$28,828
MacMurray College	\$39,800	Western IL University	\$18,980
McKendree College	\$48,380	Wheaton College	\$57,920
Millikin University	\$57,524		

# Quick Facts

**Location**

Dixon, Illinois

**Founded**

1965

**Accreditation**

The Higher Learning Commission,  
North Central Association  
230 S. LaSalle, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604

**Campus Size**

144 acres with one main building  
of 449,000 square feet

**Enrollment**

4,321 enrolled in 2011-12

**Student  
Demographics**

Students come from 18 in-district  
high schools, 29 different counties,  
15 states and 3 countries other  
than the United States

**Faculty**

40 full-time and 106 part-time

**Student-to-Faculty Ratio**

17:1

**Annual Tuition**

Approximately \$3030 per year  
(based on 15 credits/semester).  
Financial aid, scholarships,  
grants and loans available

**Scholarships**

Approximately \$136,465  
awarded in scholarships,  
grants and Sauk Scholars

**Academic Year**

Semesters— fall, spring, summer

**Degrees & Programs**

40 transfer degrees, 19 career  
programs and 50 certificate  
programs

**Academic Honors**

Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa  
(one of eleven chapters in Illinois),  
President's List and Dean's List

**Athletics**

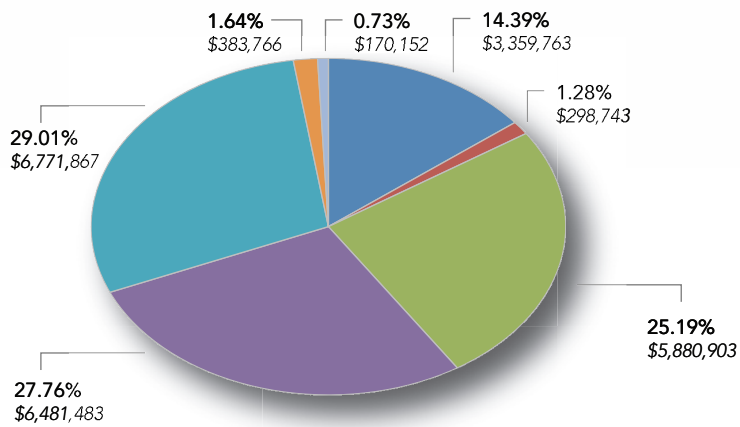
10 sports—  
5 each in men's and women's

**Student Clubs &  
Organizations**

19+, students also encouraged  
to form new clubs



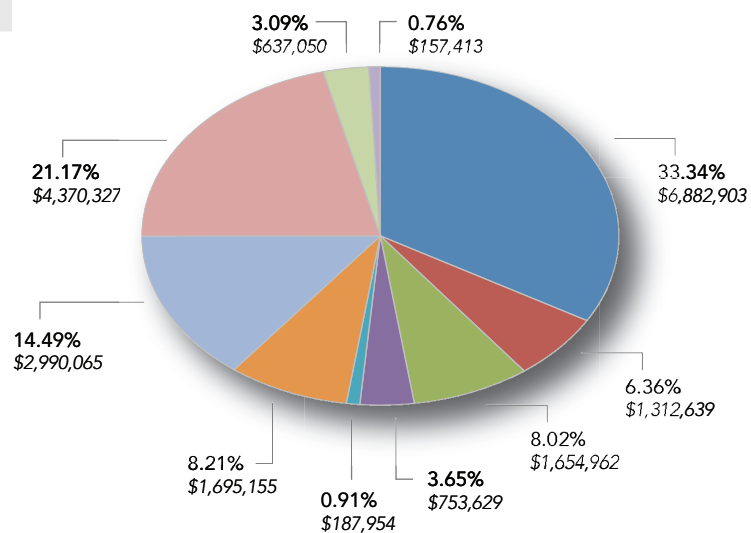
# Finances



## Revenues

- Tuition and fees
- Auxiliary
- State sources
- Federal sources
- Local property tax
- Interest income
- Other

## Expenses



- Instruction
- Academic support
- Student services
- Public services
- Independent operations
- Operations and maintenance
- Institutional support
- Scholarships, grants and waivers
- Depreciation
- Interest

## **Build Your Future at SVCC!**

**Fall '12 Semester Begins August 20**

**Spring '13 Registration**

November 5 (web)

November 12 (regular)

**Summer/Fall '13 Registration**

April 1 (web)

April 8 (regular)



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