

ENDOWMENT OVERVIEW

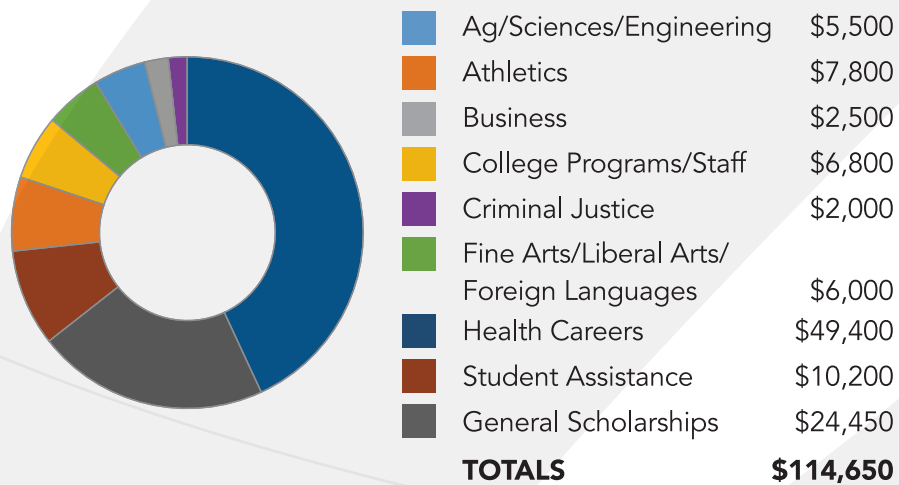
Since its formation in 1965 the Sauk Valley College Foundation's sole purpose has been to provide support to Sauk Valley Community College, its programs, and its students. The Foundation is comprised of a board of 13 volunteer members who live within the College district and assist with developing relationships and capital that support the initiatives of the college and provide scholarships and other forms of support to the students of SVCC.

As of June 30, 2023, the Foundation had received gifts totaling \$753,377.50 from donors, with \$184,655.40 designated as one-time gifts and \$568,722.10 as pledge and recurring gift contributions. To responsibly manage these gifts, the Foundation combines them into an endowment pool with each endowment fund owning shares in the pool. These gifts are invested across a variety of asset classes which assists us in preserving the real purchasing power of the principal invested while providing a stable source of perpetual financial support for our students and the college, even in times of market downturns.

The Foundation has 62 endowed funds that donors have designated for particular purposes such as scholarships, program support and capital improvements. The Foundation follows a distribution policy based on a rate of 3% of a 3-year rolling average of the market value of the endowments as measured on December 31 of each year.

A total of \$107,650 was awarded in endowed scholarships and assistance to students, with an additional \$6,800 provided to the College for program support and improvements during fiscal year 2023. Overall scholarship and awards distribution increased 50% from last year, with the largest increases recorded in Health Careers (85%); General Scholarships (81%), and Student Assistance (72%).

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS ending June 30, 2023



SVCC IMPACT PROGRAM UPDATE

Now in its third year, the SVCC Impact Program continues to grow in enrollment, volunteerism, and retention.

- Enrollment in the Program continues to climb. A total of 1,149 students from the Sauk Valley area are now enrolled in the Program.
- Since June of 2022, students have already completed a total of 25,000 volunteer hours, helping over 200 not-for-profit organizations within the Sauk Valley area. Students have helped as tour guides, nursery assistants, event decorators, food pantry workers, scoreboard keepers, camp leaders and so much more.
- The retention level for students enrolled in the Program remains strong. Currently first-to second-year retention rates are at 68% and second-to third-year retention rates are at 50%.

This program is different from other tuition programs because Impact requires students to earn their tuition by volunteering for 25 hours each year throughout their high school career. The volunteer component benefits nonprofits and community organizations (volunteer partners) by providing volunteers for special events. These volunteer partners are showing Impact students the value of being part of our community, and that we are all working together to invest in their future success.

The Foundation's efforts to secure the necessary funding to create a permanent endowment for this Program has also seen progress. We are grateful for the generosity of donors who have provided contributions and pledges to endow students from Fulton, Prophetstown/Lyndon/Tampico and Milledgeville/Chadwick high schools. That means these particular schools are fully funded throughout the duration of the Program for all of their students to participate in earning their tuition and fees at SVCC.

With a total of 18 schools within the SVCC district and only three years before the first Impact students will begin classes, the Foundation will continue to devote its efforts to secure and steward resources to support the continued growth of the Impact Program. If you would like to donate to the Impact Program or learn how you can transfer your current endowment into the Impact Program endowment while retaining your original scholarship criteria and identity, please contact Lori Cortez at 815.835.6260 or lori.a.cortez@svcc.edu.



FOUNDATION YEAR IN REVIEW



Law Library Gift: In the fall of 2022, Henry S. Dixon and Linda A. Giesen gifted the Dixon Family Law Library to SVCC. This extraordinary collection contains books from the 1860's to present day and provides a history of Illinois law for the past 156 years.



2023 Chocolate Rendezvous: On February 11 the college campus was once again transformed into an elegant venue for the **Chocolate Rendezvous**. Over 600 guests enjoyed an evening of live music, mouthwatering hors d'oeuvres, scrumptious chocolate desserts, and fireworks. A total of \$43,175 was raised to support the earned tuition initiative-the SVCC Impact Program. The 2024 **Chocolate Rendezvous** is scheduled for the evening of February 17, 2024 so mark your calendars to get tickets while they last!

ALUMNI AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE 2023 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY –



Distinguished Alumni Award – Roberto Carmona, Associates in Arts (1985) Masters in Public Administration, Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Roberto credits SVCC for providing the tools, educational environment, and academic support needed to succeed academically and professionally. As President of Carmona Strategic Solutions, he has helped a variety of businesses and organizations develop strategic priorities. Roberto is a nationally recognized thought leader and requested speaker in leadership, development, and strategy.



Alumni Achievement Award – Diana Merdian, Liberal Arts Degree (2007); Bachelor of Arts and Masters in Education, Ashford University.

Diana has dedicated her life to serving the community that has given her so much. She credits her parents and older siblings with providing models of what it means to be a part of the community. As the first Latina mayor of Sterling elected in 2023, she continues to work tirelessly to serve the residents and community of Sterling.



Rising Star Award – William "Bill" Wescott, Associates in Arts

Bill Wescott was awarded an honorary Associates in Art degree for his lasting contributions to the college and the Sauk valley community. Bill has served on the Sauk Valley College Foundation Board since 2013 and is currently president of the Board. He plays an integral role in assisting with strategies and connections for the Impact campaign. Besides serving as a member of the Foundation, Bill is very active in the community, serving on various boards and organizations throughout the Sauk Valley region.

RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT



Bailey Award for Business Education – BRITTANY GEIGER

"I was honored to learn that I was chosen for this scholarship. I work full time at Borg Warner and am a single mother to a great teenage boy. I am also a volunteer chair of sponsorships and vendors for the Dixon Petunia Festival. It is my goal to earn my Associates in Arts and transfer to a university to earn my Bachelor's in Business Administration. Thank you."



Lee County 40&8 Voiture 409 Endowment for Nursing – STERLING GWIN

"I want to thank you so much for this generous scholarship. With the help of this scholarship my expenses have been lightened allowing me to be able to focus on my schooling. I currently work with the nursing staff in the Emergency Room at KSB Hospital. After graduating I plan to continue there as an RN."



Jerry Weston Mathis Memorial Scholarship – MICAJAH CLARK

"I am extremely grateful and ecstatic to be the recipient of this scholarship. It assists me tremendously with tuition and allows me to get closer to achieving my Associates in English. My overall goal is to obtain my Doctorate in English."



Bob Beelendorf Memorial Endowment Scholarship – SARAH-ELIZABETH HAENITSCH

"I was excited to receive this scholarship and am deeply appreciative of this support. I am currently a sophomore at Sauk and active in many things. I am a student worker, a member of TRIO and of Phi Theta Kappa. I participate in competition dance and assistant teach at Eastman School of Dance. Thank you for making this scholarship possible."



Rory Miller Memorial Agriculture Scholarship – DANA MERRIMAN

"I am beyond thankful to be the recipient of this scholarship. Being a student at Sauk has already opened up opportunities for me to take part in events such as the Illinois Ag Ed bus trip. It was a great experience and provided me with resources that will help me in the future. I appreciate the support and the belief in me as a student."

Thank you

We are grateful for the generosity of the many donors, like you, who believe that Sauk Valley Community College is worthy of their investment. Every gift contributes to the people, programs, and places at Sauk. On behalf of the Sauk Valley College Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support of Sauk Valley Community College.

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Impact Mission

The SVCC Impact Program will harness the collective power of Sauk Valley partners and communities to create an effective, supportive, sustainable path for students to pursue a college education and achieve career success through lifelong learning, public service and economic advancement.

Thank you

SAUK VALLEY COLLEGE
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**Endowment Financial
Report & Year in Review**
July 1, 2022 — June 30, 2023

Thank you