



Position Profile

Dean of the College of Education

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SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) is one of Michigan's 15 public colleges and universities and is the youngest institution in the state. Founded in 1963, the university is located on 748 acres approximately 6 miles from downtown Saginaw in Kochville Township, Saginaw County.

SVSU offers over 100 academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels with approximately 8,500 students at its main campus in University Center. SVSU offers programs of study in its five colleges which include Arts and Behavioral Sciences, Business, Health and Human Services, Education and Science, Engineering and Technology.

There are approximately 1,300 staff and faculty working together to enhance the lives of students from 42 different nations. The university also enjoys partnerships around the world, including Japan, China, Taiwan, Ghana, India, Mexico, and Argentina.

SVSU competes athletically in Division II offering programs for men and women in a variety of sports including basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming, and many others. Men's athletic offerings include the football program while women's offerings include the softball program. In addition to varsity athletics, there are many club sports allowing students to compete and grow their athletic passion at a collegiate level. Campus recreation programs have encouraged more than 2,000 students to compete in at least one program ranging from personal training to fitness classes to a wide range of intramurals.

Saginaw Valley State University was accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association as a baccalaureate degree-granting institution in 1970. In 1980 the HLC/NCA continued this accreditation and granted accreditation at the master's degree level. In 2013, SVSU added its first doctoral program in nursing. These accreditations have been retained continuously since the original accreditation. SVSU also has ten programs that have been awarded specialized accreditations, including being selected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching to receive its 2015 Community Engagement Classification, marking SVSU as a university that is exceptionally engaged with the community it serves. To learn more: <https://www.svsu.edu/>

SVSU Guiding Principles

Mission

SVSU transforms lives through educational excellence and dynamic partnerships, unleashing possibilities for impact in its community and worldwide.

Vision

SVSU will be renowned for its innovative teaching, experiential learning and state-of-the-art facilities and will be the first choice for those striving for personal and professional success.

Core Values

- Passion for academic exploration and achievement
- Supportive environments focused on student success
- Diversity and inclusivity
- High standards for ethical behavior and financial stewardship
- A safe, friendly and respectful campus climate
- Community engagement

Strategic Goals

1. SVSU delivers high quality academic programs that lead to student success, improved retention and enrollment stability.
2. Its people, climate, and culture transform lives.
3. SVSU is widely known across Michigan as a sought-after institution of higher learning.
4. SVSU is financially robust, fosters sound business practices, and is noted for operational excellence.
5. SVSU's community engagement activities drive regional and institutional success both locally and worldwide.

University Leadership

President Donald J. Bachand

Donald J. Bachand was appointed Saginaw Valley State University's fourth president in February 2014. He first joined SVSU in 1978 as an assistant professor of criminal justice after serving with the Detroit Police Department for ten years. He rose through the ranks at the university serving as dean and provost.

Dr. Bachand earned his bachelor's degree at Mercy College, a master's degree at the University of Detroit, a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan and he completed an executive management program at Harvard University.



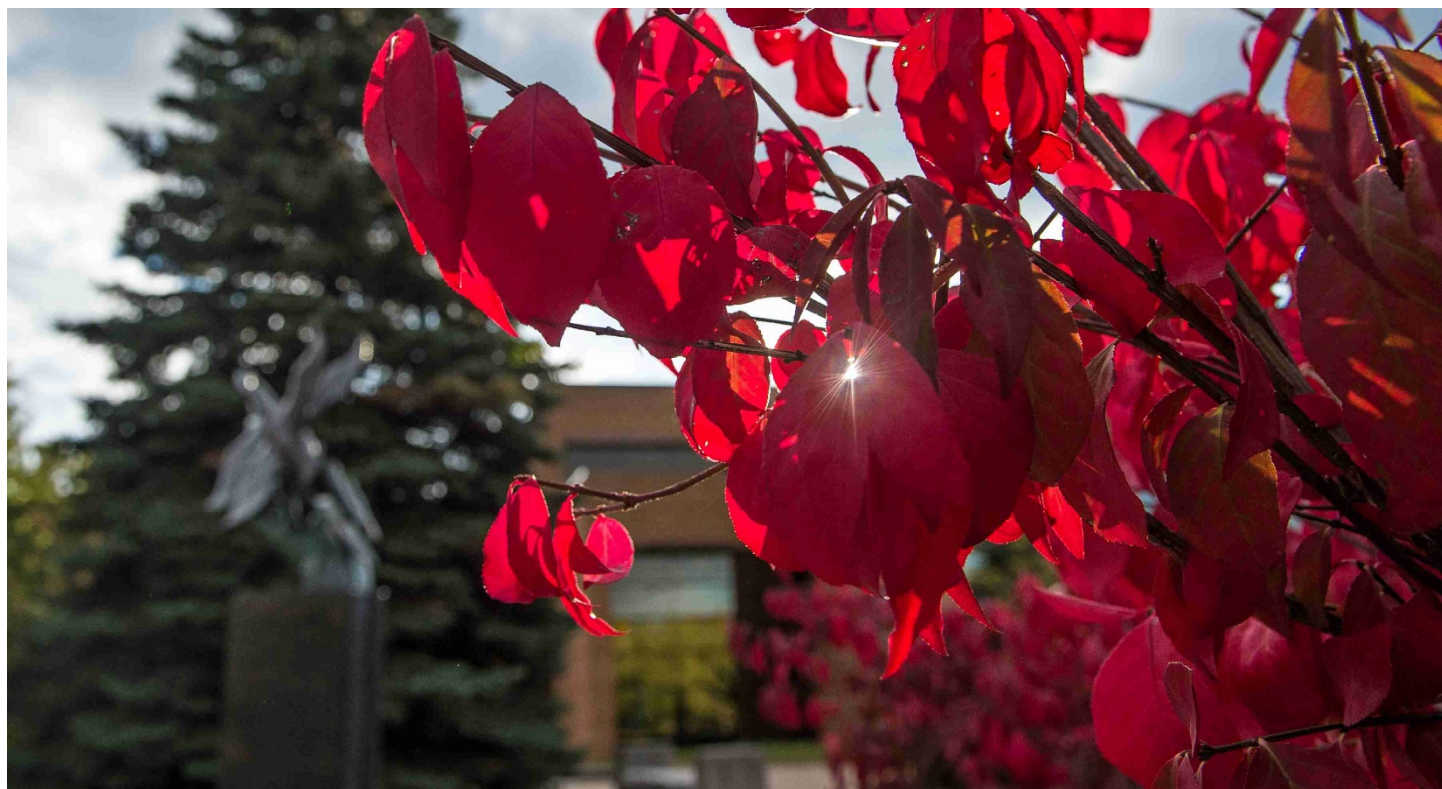
Dr. Deborah Huntley

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Deborah Huntley was appointed as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs in 2014. She came to SVSU as a chemistry professor in 1998 and was Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for three years prior to serving as Dean of the College of Science Engineering and Technology. She received SVSU's Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research in 2006. She has authored or co-authored 35 articles published in scholarly journals.

After coming to the university, she played a leading role in securing grants from the Dow Chemical Co. and Dow Corning. A major component of both programs is improving the education of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in the Great Lakes Bay Region at the middle school, high school, and college levels.

Dr. Huntley also worked for 14 years at Oak Ridge National Research Laboratory in Tennessee as a research chemist. She holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from Cornell University where she also earned a master of science degree and she completed a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Connecticut.





COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Going beyond teaching the basics, Saginaw Valley State University's College of Education prepares teachers to inspire students to be the leaders and thinkers of tomorrow. SVSU's College of Education offers programs in initial teacher certification, a variety of master's and specialist degree programs, special education administration approval programs, and a wide range of endorsement programs which are designed to provide quality educational opportunities for teachers and school leaders at the lowest tuition rate of any public university in Michigan.

Students study under professors who have long-standing reputations in the state as experts in their field. Coupled with 300 hours of field-experience before student teaching (more than other undergraduate degrees), students are fully prepared for their own classroom and have a placement rate of 95 percent.

Morris Hood Jr. Educator Development Program

This program offers a free pre-college summer orientation for incoming freshmen and introduces them to support services available to all students enrolled in the College of Education.

Accelerated Certification with Residency (ACR)

The ACR is a non-degree, accelerated teacher preparation program approved by the Michigan Department of Education. This program is designed specifically for students who have already earned a baccalaureate and are interested in a teaching career. The program includes a residency in a school setting for the entire school year along with courses that provide theory and practice in teaching.

Living Learning Community (LLC)

The LLC is a housing option for prospective educators to live in the same area and engage in leadership opportunities. The intent is to build a community of educational leaders and scholars within the first year of being on campus.

Literacy Clinic

The Literacy Center fosters motivation for reading and utilizes the latest technology to help sustain that energy. Tutors use assessments completed by participants to build individualized lesson plans to maximize each participant's potential.

International Partnerships

The university is committed to providing global educational experiences for their students including those in the College of Education. SVSU partners with universities abroad to provide international students with a quality American education experience and brings diversity to the Michigan campus. These experiences include student exchange, faculty exchange

Mission

The mission of the College of Education is to serve the regional, state, and global partners by preparing educators, surrounding them with collaborative learning communities, while fostering personal, academic, and professional growth through multiple, varied, and rigorous learning opportunities.

Vision

The College of Education will become a key resource to the region and a leader in educator preparation.

and, in some cases, dual degree programs. There are more than 15 partnerships established. For a list of those partnerships please click here: <https://www.svsu.edu/officeofglobalengagement/internationalpartnerships/>

Gerstacker Fellowship

The Gerstacker Fellowship Program, established in 2005, is funded with a \$1.5 million endowment by the [Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation](#). The purpose is to provide a leadership development program for a select group of premier teachers and administrators each year and to create a new cadre of educational leaders throughout the State of Michigan who will increase the quality of K-12 education in their communities.

College of Education Highlights:

- 98% employment rate of SVSU's "Early Childhood" and "Elementary" education degree graduates since 2012.
- SVSU education graduates have been included in the 2016 Elementary Teacher of the Year, 2014 Michigan Middle School Social Studies Teacher of the Year, 2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year, 2013 Michigan Principal of the Year, and 2012 Michigan Creative Writing Teacher of the Year.
- 98% of SVSU graduates were rated effective or highly effective in their first year by their employers. These teachers are well prepared for the workforce.

The programs offered through the College of Education are accredited through the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.





THE OPPORTUNITY

Dean of the College of Education

Saginaw Valley State University seeks applications for the position of Dean of the College of Education. The SVSU College of Education (COE) is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and is a regional and state leader in teacher education and in the preparation of educational leaders.

Housed in a modern facility with excellent instructional technology in its classrooms, the COE offers programs in Teacher Education (Elementary, Early Childhood, Special Education, and Middle/Secondary) along with graduate programs in teaching and educational leadership.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities:

- Serve as Chief Academic Officer of the College of Education.
- Provide leadership for strategic planning including developing and enhancing academic programs, both traditional and online in the College.
- Promote and facilitate interdisciplinary programming and collaboration within the College and across the university.
- Foster an environment that strives for inclusivity and excellence in communication.
- Ensure continued accreditation and state approvals.
- Develop strong partnerships with K-12 schools and the Michigan Department of Education.
- Oversee recruitment, supervision, and professional development of a strong and diverse faculty and staff.
- Manage College budget, course scheduling, and staff.
- Participate in university governance and functions, including service on standing and ad hoc committees and represent the College to external constituencies.
- Assist the SVSU Foundation with donor cultivation and fund-raising.
- Work with faculty and the Office of Sponsored Programs on grant development.

Qualifications:

- Earned Ph.D. or Ed.D. from an accredited institution.
- Administrative experience in higher education including fiscal and budgetary responsibility.
- Experience with academic program development, assessment and accreditation processes.
- Demonstrated experience in strategic partnerships among colleges, local school systems, service areas, post-secondary institutions, off-campus programs, community, and state educational partners. K-12 experience is desirable.
- Evidence of strong interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills, and the ability to work effectively with internal and external constituents.
- Demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity and equal opportunity.
- Evidence of high standards of both professional integrity and ethics.
- Demonstrated knowledge of state and national trends in teacher preparation.
- Strong commitment to and proven leadership in participatory governance within the university.
- Experience in a collective bargaining setting preferred.
- Evidence of successful grant procurement and administration.





PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDACY

Confidential review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled; parties who apply by **October 22, 2019**, will be given first consideration. Please submit your CV and cover letter outlining your interest in and suitability for this position and provide a list of 5 references. To apply online, go to <https://theapplicantmanager.com/jobs?pos=su178>

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GREAT LAKES BAY REGION, MICHIGAN

Saginaw Valley State University offers many options for social activities — both on and off-campus. The Campus is in the heart of the Great Lakes Bay region. Big-name concert venues, breathtaking waterways, and lively downtown scenes are minutes away.

Midland, Bay City, Saginaw, and Mount Pleasant are the heart of the Great Lakes Bay Region. From the bustle of Downtown Saginaw to the quiet agricultural communities of Gratiot County, the Great Lakes Bay Region spans diverse communities throughout the heart of Michigan. Thanks to its blue-collar heritage and convenient access to the rest of the world, people find that the Great Lakes Bay Region is a great place to live, build a career, and raise a family.



Population: The Great Lakes Bay Region is home to more than 500,000 residents.

Education: More than 32% of adult residents have earned a college degree.

Businesses: The area has large clusters of chemical, manufacturing, and agricultural businesses.

Few places can compete with the wildlife, parks, and outdoor activities available in the Great Lakes Bay Region and there is a wide range of activities for educating and entertaining families such as:

- [BAYSAIL APPLIEDORE SCHOONERS](#) who are a nonprofit organization that provides personal development opportunities through shipboard and land-based educational experiences.
- [RAIL TRAIL](#) is a network of former railroad tracks converted into paved nature trails to refresh the mind and body.
- [BAY CITY STATE PARK](#) where you can camp, hike, and bike along the banks of the Saginaw Bay also known as a hot spot for bird watching.

There is also a vibrant arts and entertainment scene including the [CASTLE MUSEUM](#) and the [TEMPLE THEATRE](#) with its neo-classic design.



At the end of the day, you can relax at the oldest microbrewery in America, [Frankenmuth Brewery](#), while overlooking the Cass River. Yes, Pure Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region is home to experiences that simply can't be had elsewhere!

To learn more about the Great Lakes Bay Region, please visit the following:

Great Lakes Bay: <https://www.gogreat.com/>

Downtown Bay City: <http://www.downtownbaycity.com/>

Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.saginawchamber.org/>

