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SVCC Granted Reaccreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) has reaffirmed accreditation for Southside Virginia Community College. The SACSCOC is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices among the diverse institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Latin America and other international sites approved by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees.

SVCC was notified recently that the SACSCOC Board of Trustees reaffirmed accreditation on June 14, 2018. The notification stated, "No additional report was requested. Your institution's next reaffirmation will take place in 2028 unless otherwise notified."

Dr. Al Roberts, SVCC President, said, "We are elated to receive the reaffirmation of accreditation for our college. The reaccreditation process is a huge undertaking and we have been successful only due to the diligence and committed effort of the entire college community working towards one goal, one mission."

Accreditation means that the institution has (1) a mission appropriate to higher education, (2) resources, programs, and services sufficient to accomplish and sustain its mission, (3) clearly specified educational objectives that are consistent with its mission and appropriate to the degrees it offers, and that it is (4) successful in assessing its achievement of these objectives and demonstrating improvements. Accreditation by SACSCOC is a statement of the institution's continuing commitment to integrity and its capacity to provide effective programs and services based on agreed-upon accreditation standards. Accreditation is necessary for SVCC to participate in Federal Financial Aid programs and for transfer credit acceptance by other universities and colleges.

SACSCOC has six core values which are integrity, continuous quality improvement, peer review/self-regulation, student learning, accountability and transparency. The mission is to assure the educational quality and improve the effectiveness of its member institutions.

SVCC is a two-year institution of higher education established as part of the statewide system of community colleges created by the 1966 Virginia General Assembly. The college serves the largest area of any of the community colleges in Virginia, a total of 4,200 square miles. The Christanna Campus in Alberta was opened in 1970 and the John H. Daneil Campus in Keysville was added a year later. The college operates off-campus sites also.