

# Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
TESTIMONY



## SVSU ... A REGIONAL PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

- Located in the Great Lakes Bay Region — Midland / Bay / Saginaw counties
- Home to The Dow Chemical Company, Nexteer Automotive, and Amigo Mobility



**RESIDENCE HALLS RANKED #1 IN MICHIGAN**



**Named the best residence halls in Michigan and 20<sup>th</sup> overall nationally**

**NCAA DIVISION II ATHLETICS**

- **SVSU participates in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)**
- **Grand Valley, Wayne State, Ferris State, Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan and Lake Superior State are also in the conference**



**MORE THAN 80% OF SVSU ALUMNI REMAIN IN MICHIGAN**

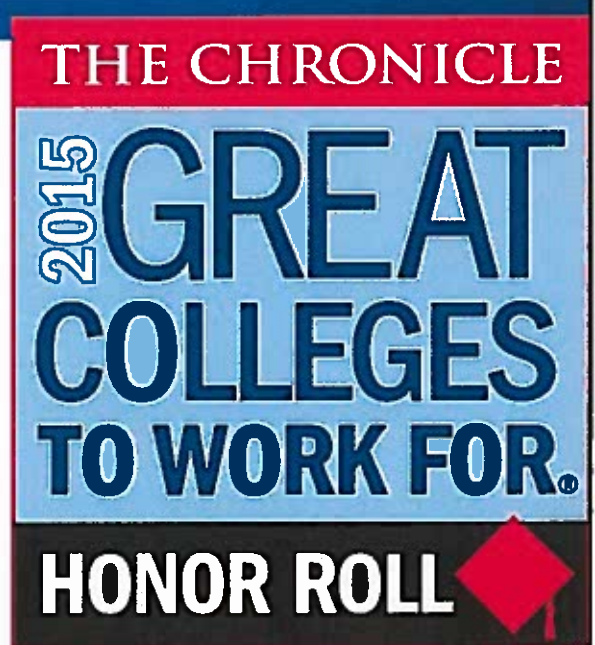


- Many of our alumni start up their own companies
- Two SVSU graduates founded their own company, "Farmlogs"
- Has been featured in the New York Times and Wall Street Journal



**SVSU A "GREAT COLLEGE TO WORK FOR"**

The Chronicle of Higher Education recognized SVSU in 2016 as a "Great College to Work For"



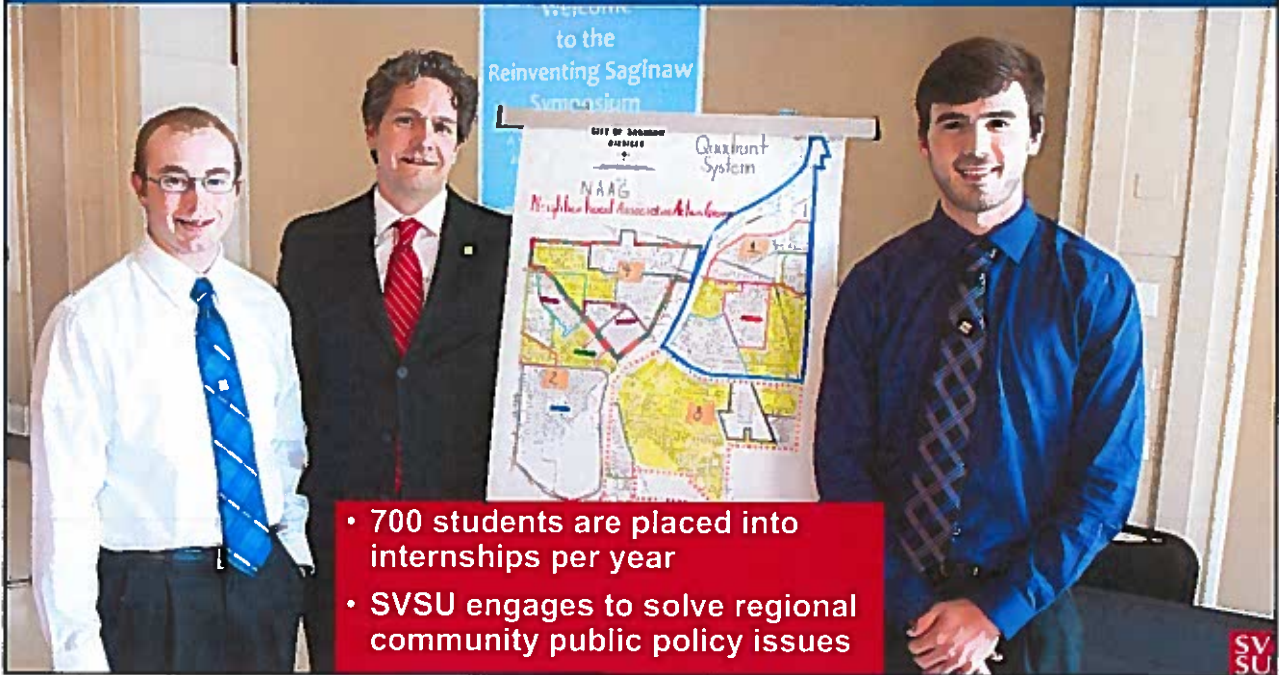


**A CARNEGIE COMMUNITY-ENGAGED UNIVERSITY**

- **SVSU received the Carnegie Community Engaged Classification in 2015**
- **Only 7% of accredited institutions of higher learning receive this classification**



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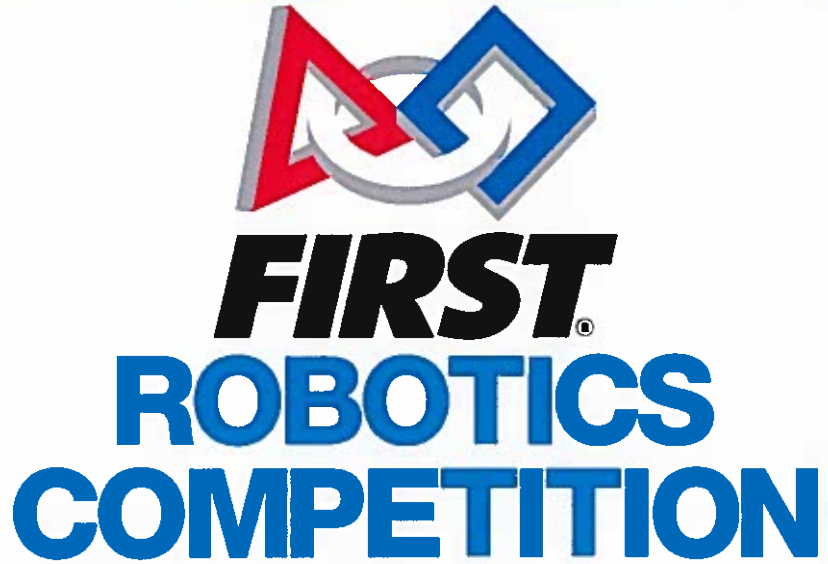


- **700 students are placed into internships per year**
- **SVSU engages to solve regional community public policy issues**



**HOSTING THE 2017 FIRST ROBOTICS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

- SVSU will host the 2017 FIRST Robotics State Championship
- Would not have happened without support from The Dow Chemical Company, Consumers Energy and The Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau



**INCREASING LEADERSHIP CAPACITY**



- Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute
- Great Lakes Bay Youth Leadership Institute
- Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy





### STEVENS CENTER FOR FAMILY BUSINESS



- Host conferences, facilitate professional development programs and offer seminars
- Businesses range from Spence Brothers Construction to the Bavarian Inn Restaurant & Lodge



### PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



- Students have raised \$550,000 through the "Battle of the Valleys" competition since 2002
- Dedicated to organizing and leading the annual "Relay for Life"





### HIGH QUALITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



- More than 90 academic programs
- Meeting the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students
- Library renovation underway

### REMAINING ACCOUNTABLE



- SVSU agrees that performance metrics should assist with remaining accountable to the State
- Applaud the Governor and members of the legislature for maintaining accountability
- Consider other variables when categorizing institutions (attachment from North Carolina is in packet)



### TRADITION IN PARTNERSHIPS WITH MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGES



- Reverse transfer agreement with Delta College
- Various partnerships with Kirtland (Grayling), Mid-Michigan (Harrison / Mt. Pleasant), Mott (Flint) and St. Clair (Port Huron) community colleges
- Strong RN-to-BSN program with both Delta and Kirtland Community Colleges; current open seats in the program with both Delta and Kirtland

### FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS ARE A PRIORITY



- SVSU has an average class size of 22 students
- Various on-campus tutoring centers are located within our renovated library
- SVSU continues to work with various foundations to make college for affordable for first-generation students



# Thank You



