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An Interview with Dr. George Mihel

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Dr. George Mihel has been president of Sauk Valley Community College since 2005. This interview covers the history of the college from 1965 to 2013. Dr. Mihel was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

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Dr. George Mihel, *Education is Key-Community College*, #EC-A-L-2013-79

Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. George Mihel was born in Oak Park, Illinois in 1947. He graduated from Lyons Township High School in Chicago's western suburbs in 1965. He attended Lyons Junior College and graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in 1970. He earned a master's degree from Northern Illinois University in 1972 in Instructional Technology. Later he earned a Doctorate from Northern Illinois in 1988. Dr. Mihel taught high school level math and science from 1970 to 1978, and at the college level in Oregon from 1978 to 1982. From 1982 to 2013 he has served as a College Administrator in Michigan, Nebraska, Kansas, and Illinois. He became President at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, Illinois in 2005.

Dr. Mihel discusses his experiences at Sauk Valley Community College, and also relates his own experiences at Lyons Junior College (now College of DuPage) as well as community colleges outside of Illinois.

Subject Headings/Key Words: History of Sauk Valley Community College; campus construction and site selection; challenges for community colleges; comparisons with other state community colleges; program development

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