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An Interview with Dr. Christine Sobek

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Dr. Christine Sobek, a career educator and administrator at two Illinois community colleges, College of Lake County and Waubensee College. Dr. Sobek reviews the responsibilities and duties of community college administration. She 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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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. Christine Sobek was born in Hammond, Indiana in October, 1954. She earned her BA from Purdue University, her MA from Michigan State, and her Doctor of Education degree from Northern Illinois University. She has over thirty years of community college experience – eleven years at the College of Lake County and the rest at Waubensee Community College at Sugar Grove, Illinois. She has held several administrative roles: Provost, Executive Vice President for Educational Affairs, Assistant Vice President for Instruction, Assistant Vice President for Student Development, and Dean of Student Involvement. In 2001 she became the fourth President of Waubensee Community College, which serves 30,000 students and 1200 Faculty Staff.

This interview covers Dr. Sobek's experiences at Waubensee Community College over a 23 year period. Waubensee Community College now is housed in 4 campuses- Sugar Grove, Aurora, (downtown), Aurora Rush-Copley, and Plano. In the interview, Sobek talks about the school's mission, strategic planning, specialized programs, relationships with four year schools and public/private high schools and industry, the school's fiscal challenges, the school's future and how the college has dealt with the demographic change occurring in the community college district.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Waubensee Community College; Mission Dual Credit; Green Jobs; Allied Health Programs; Economic challenges; Accrediting North Central Association; Strategic Plan; Building construction; 4 Campus sites; Pell Grant; PTELL; Board of Trustees; Illinois Community College Board; Illinois Articulation System

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