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Shawnee Community College longtime board member Mr. Don Patton announces his retirement from Shawnee College Board of Trustees

May 6, 2020, | Ullin, IL. - Shawnee Community College announced today that longtime college Board of Trustee member Mr. Don Patton has submitted a letter with intent to retire to the board of trustees. Mr. Patton, along with his wife Karla, is a lifelong resident of the local region, where he has served on the board for over 30 years as an extremely active and dedicated trustee. His dedication and wealth of knowledge have provided valuable insight and direction to fellow trustees, and he will truly be missed.

Mr. Patton was recently recognized for his dedication by the ICCTA, receiving the distinguished Longtime Service award in 2019. Additionally, his honors include 5 ICCTA Trustees Education Awards 1996, 2001, 2004, 2008, 2014 as well as many other notable achievements. Mr. Patton's service to his the Shawnee College Community indeed reveals the high value he places on lifelong learning. The understanding he holds regarding the importance of advocacy as it relates to barriers for students in the most vulnerable population located in economically disadvantaged areas is unmatched.

The college community will remember Mr. Patton's legacy of service for years to come, and Shawnee College is genuinely grateful for his commitment to the students in our region.

Due to the vacancy, the remaining members of the Shawnee College Board of Trustees will be tasked with executing the process for identifying nominees and selecting a replacement to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Patton's term. Information regarding the vacancy can be found on the college website shawneecc.edu.

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