

Board of Education Update

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High School Director
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Staff Recognition

As always, our Christmas buffet was full (of people and excellent food). Special thanks are in order for Ms. Robin Burns and her crew of talented culinary students.

Mrs. Amy Grothouse and Mrs. Miriam Owens, along with the VCC and Cosmetology “elves” were able to put together several fundraising efforts (from ugly sweater contest, to penny stall, to \$2 hair extensions) that raised several thousand dollars and toys for Toss-a-Toy. Toss-a-Toy is a local initiative that provides toys for families in need around Van Wert county (and the surrounding counties). Their efforts helped over 530 families in our area have gifts under the tree for Christmas. We’d also like to thank the staff at Lee Kinstle for allowing us to use their trucks to lug our “stage-load” of toys to their final locations.

Upcoming Events

January 21 -- Martin L. King Day (No School)
February 1 -- Sophomore Visit Day

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

Tony Unverferth -- Director

We continue to work with our special services department to research and develop a possible Transition to Work program. We have visited Butler Tech’s program, had good discussions with Tri Star, and will be visiting Penta Career Center to scout their program (which is known as exemplary across the state) in January. This is still in the exploratory stage, and nothing would be started until the 2020-21 school year at the earliest.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

Various students are getting their paperwork filled out in order to start participating in the Early Placement program. The students who qualify have been able to start working at their job placement site since January 3rd.

The Ag and Industrial Power Technology, Auto Collision, and Auto Technology programs have started to take their ASE Student certification tests. The students are not quite finished with all the tests but so far the results look very good.

Instructor Gary Cearns (Welding) attended five ½ days of training at General Dynamics (Lima) in preparation of the training that will be taking place at Vantage Career Center. Mr. Cearns said the training was very thorough and challenging.

Six students from the Construction Equipment Technologies and fourteen students from the Ag and Industrial Power Technology programs have finished the required forty hours of “classroom” training. The students will now be broken down into groups of four in order for them to get the forty hours of driving and “on the road” training. Once that is complete they will be able to test for their CDL license.

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

Early Childhood Education students, Marcia Osenga/Instructor, and Rhonda Davis/Preschool Head Teacher prepared the preschoolers for a Christmas program on Monday, December 17th. Parents, grandparents, and friends attended this 6:30 pm program in the commons areas.

Jr Health Technology took a field trip on December 7th to Country Inn near Paulding to sing Christmas carols, share Christmas cards, and visit with residents. After a lunch at Pizza Hut, the class went shopping at Walmart for Christmas tree angels (children from a prison ministry) to purchase gifts that were delivered to First United Methodist Church, Van Wert. Instructors Leigh Carey planned this event.

Amy Grothouse plus her VCC students collected money for Toss A Toy through various fundraising activities including \$1 jeans & \$1 ugly Christmas sweater day, change stall in academic classes, mani/pedi day, and sold hair extensions. The grand total raised was \$4,077. Amy and her students went shopping on December 12th...amazing!

Students in Medical Office Management and Senior Health Technology joined forces and volunteered to be bell ringers for Salvation Army yearly Red Kettle Campaign at our Walmart. Students' stated that it truly was rewarding seeing smiles on the customers faces as they listened to the students singing and dancing to holiday music while ringing the bell. Instructors Diane Font and Wendy Baumle.

Mike Knott – Student Services Supervisor

1. We had a good 1st semester here at Vantage Career Center, which ended on Dec. 21st.
2. Throughout January Mr. Knott will be visiting the associate schools and presenting to the sophomore classes about the opportunities available at Vantage Career Center. The presentation includes a video detailing the 17 programs available followed by a question and answer session.
3. Sophomore Visit Day – February 1st – Close to 800 sophomores from our 13 associate schools will be coming to visit. This gives these sophomores the opportunity to visit two of our programs for one hour in each. Sophomores will be given hands on training for the hour to determine if they would like to pursue these labs for their junior and senior year.
4. Academic staff members have been working with our students who will need to take any portion of the End of Course Testing this Spring. Teachers are taking extra time to work with

students before and after school to be certain that they are prepared for the tests which will be administered April 23rd - 30th.

5. Student Services Staff will have a presentation for sophomores and their parents who are interested in attending Vantage next school year at the February Open House.
6. Vantage Career Center will be administering the ACT this Spring, February 21st.

OTC Director's Report

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Fire Charter

The Ohio Technical Center of Vantage now has an Ohio Department of Public Safety accredited Fire Charter! Our visit on December 12 went well, and we want to take the opportunity to thank all of our departments and Firefighter Training Program Advisory Committee Members as well as our Coordinator, Brian Ankney for the support, advice, and time they contributed to making this program a reality.

We are preparing to offer our first Firefighter 1 class in February. At this point, we believe we have between 6 and 8 potential students

The Van Wert Fire Department is currently in the process of obtaining a container to use as a prop for the training program which will be located on our campus. Mr. Delano's Construction Equipment Program helped us out by laying the stone to provide a base for this unit.

CDL

The high school CDL students have completed their classroom work and the CDL instructors are working with their secondary teachers to set schedules so the students can complete the driving portion of their program. We currently have 14 students who will be working to complete their training prior to graduation, and another 6 students whose birthdays fall later in the year and will probably need to complete their driving after school is out.

General Dynamics Land Systems Pre-Employment Training

Our participation in the General Dynamics pre-employment training continues. We have submitted proposals for the additional equipment and materials we will need to deliver the welding training.

The Allen County office of Ohio Means Jobs is the lead provider for the recruiting events to attract workers to these positions. Recruiting has begun and Vantage is listed as one of the schools participating in the training. We have volunteered to provide events here at Vantage and are looking forward to beginning assessment for potential welders in late January.

The overall proposal to provide this training for the machinists, welders, and assemblers is over \$200,000.00