

Board of Education Update
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High School Director
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Staff Recognition

A big thanks to Mrs. Miriam Owens for her work in spearheading both the Senior Signing Day event coming up May 3rd, as well as our summer camps which will be held for kids going into 7th and 8th grades June 4-5. Our first ever signing day will allow our seniors to have an official "signing" ceremony with the employer which they will be going to work full time after graduation. We are very excited to share seniors' successes, as well as having another opportunity to catch up with the local businesses who are hiring our students.

We are also looking forward to the 2nd annual Vantage Summer camps. Mrs. Owens is working with Ms. Annette Klinger, our supervisors and lab instructors to plan two very busy and educational days for junior high students across all of our districts.

Upcoming Events

May 3	Senior "Signing Day"
May 21	Senior Awards Ceremony at the Niswonger PAC Center (7:00PM)
May 24	Last Day for Juniors
May 27	Memorial Day
May 28	Teacher Workday
June 4-5	Summer Camps

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives Tony Unverferth -- Director

Our Senior Awards ceremony is coming up on May 21 starting at 7:00 PM at the Niswonger PAC. As always, we would love to have as many of you in attendance as possible. The event center is really a top notch venue, and it helps our awards ceremony to truly feel like the proper send-off for a group of students who will have earned their status as Vantage Career Center alumni.

Congratulations are in order for Senior Lindsey Hill. She represented Vantage yesterday as a finalist for the RK Thompson Scholarship, presented to seniors who have demonstrated self-reliance and exemplary behavior while moving toward life after graduation. Lindsey is truly an amazing representative for Vantage, and deserved the honor she received as a finalist.

Ted Verhoff -- T & I Supervisor

Numerous field trips have been taking place to various businesses throughout the 3 county area. These trips have been very productive and the students/teachers have learned a great deal in regards to the various options that are available to them. Various programs have also visited college campuses in order for the students to get a feel of what it would take to be a successful college student.

Heavy Equipment Technologies student James Boyd (Crestview) was recently awarded a \$1,500.00 cash scholarship from the Associated Builders and Contractors Ohio Valley Chapter at a banquet that was held in Cincinnati, OH. James won the award after submitting a video demonstrating what he has learned at Vantage as well as how he would spend the money (tools and safety gear). James will receive the cash prize once his employer (Sand Ridge Construction) verifies that he is working full time in the heavy equipment industry upon graduation.

The Vantage FFA Chapter recently competed at the State of Ohio FFA Ag Mechanics competition that was held in Wooster, Ohio. The team, consisting of Jared Sukup (Antwerp), Nolan Grote (Ft. Jennings), and Dustyn McCloud (Paulding) finished 4th out of 20 teams that qualified. Dustyn finished 6th and Nolan finished 8th out of 60 individuals who participated.

Five students participated in the Ohio SkillsUSA State Competition that was held in Dayton on April 13th and thirteen students participated at the Ohio SkillsUSA State Competition that was held in Columbus on April 16th and 17th. The results of the top three are as follows:

Senior Precision Machining

- 1st in CNC Turning (**Samantha Backus**) Kalida
- 1st in CNC Technician (**Connor Hoersten**) Ft. Jennings
- 2nd in CNC Milling (**Adam Schnipke**) Ottoville

Junior Precision Machining

- 1st in Precision Machining (**Trevor Siefker**) Kalida

Senior Construction Equipment Technology

- 3rd in Heavy Equipment Operations (**Matthew Schmiesing**) Crestview

Samantha and Connor qualified to represent the state of Ohio at the National SkillsUSA competition that is being held in Louisville, Kentucky this summer. Congratulations to all the Vantage SkillsUSA members who competed as they represented Vantage with the utmost respect and professionalism.

The Vantage FFA Chapter held their annual Parent/Member Banquet on April 18. The banquet was very well attended and the students did a fantastic job! Many awards were handed out including: Honorary Vantage FFA Membership - Mr. Rick Turner, Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Tony Unverferth; Ohio FFA State Degree - Casey Etter (Continental); Honorary State FFA Degree - Mrs. Susan Farr. Both Casey and Mrs. Farr will "officially" receive their awards at the Ohio State FFA Convention in Columbus. Congratulations to all the Vantage FFA Members and Mr. Miller!

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

Juniors in Medical Office Management, Network Systems, and Interactive Media went to UNOH for a campus tour and scholarship test, on Friday, April 5. Students had the opportunity to talk with instructors and ask questions about the programs they have to offer. Juniors also had the opportunity to fill out an application and the application fee was waived. Juniors will have the opportunity to return next October for another scholarship test more specific to their program as well. The top scholarship awarded for this day will be \$5000. Culinary Arts students prepared and catered Vantage's All Boards dinner on Thursday, April 4 for approximately 110 persons. The dinner featured an appetizer table, salad bar as well as an entree line with several choices of meat, potato, vegetable and dinner rolls. Instructor Robin Burns and students set-up the commons area for this event. 5 juniors/seniors from Health Technology attended their HOSA State Conference April 9-10. Junior Bridget Martin placed 2nd in the state and will be traveling to Orlando, FL in June with instructor Leigh Carey. Students in FCCLA attended state competition April 24-26. Results will be mentioned in the June board report.

Mike Knott – Student Services Supervisor

1. Applications are ongoing (Currently 254 compared to 295, 293, 281, and 256 in previous years). Prospective students have been sent letters letting them know which program they have been placed in for next school year.
2. Mr. Knott is visiting home schools throughout May to speak with students who have applied for next year, and to invite them to get fitted for their uniforms in the month of June.
3. Student Services is working with current Vantage juniors to get them scheduled for classes next school year.
4. Vantage Career Center is working with local colleges to provide College Credit Plus options to our students.
5. The last week of April was filled with End of Course testing. Special thanks to Stacie Lippi, MaryAnn Falk, and all academic teachers for all their work in getting students and technology ready for these tests.

Ohio Technical Center
Director's Report by Missy McClurg
May 2nd School Board Meeting

I'd like to introduce Kelli Bergstrom as a new full time instructor for our Practical Nursing Program . Kelli has worked in both inpatient and outpatient nursing for the past 13 years at The James Cancer Hospital at OSU and most recently at Mercer Health, in both leadership and patient care capacities. We are happy to have her on our team.

Today and tomorrow we have 13 of our high school students testing for their Class A CDL licenses. We wish them luck and thank everyone working with us to help provide this training for students.

Ohio Means Jobs was in our Student Resource Center yesterday to provide employment related services and information on their incentive program to current high school and adult ed students as well as any potential new students. They will be back on Monday, May 20th from 3pm-6pm. The OTC will be participating in OMJ "In Demand Jobs Week" this Thursday at their Van Wert Office.

Next year all of our healthcare programs, STNA, Medical Assistant and PNP will have a Vantage uniform so they will be easily identifiable in clinical settings. We have recently renegotiated our Vancrest MOU to provide training for their STNA needs with wrap around education and employment services through the OTC.

Important upcoming dates include our All Program Advisory Committee Dinner and meeting on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 pm in the Commons, Police Academy Graduation June 5th at 6:00 pm in the Commons, and Practical Nursing Program Graduation Thursday, July 8th at 6:00 pm in the Commons.

We are finalizing our 2019/2020 course brochure with plans to have it mailed to Van Wert and surrounding communities in May. We've moved the mailing up by almost 2 months to hit our open enrollment periods. We are also doing a mailing to all graduating seniors from our 13 associate schools of our upcoming enrollment dates and program information in May.

To provide an Enrollment update as of 4/16/19, CDL summer classes full with 14 inquiries. Practical Nursing 32 Applications submitted, 14 completed & passed WorkKeys - 9 scheduled for HESI - 2 completed HESI. Medical Assistants - 11 Applications submitted, 6 starting WorkKeys, working with high school students to improve WorkKeys scores. Police Academy - 6 interested and working on newly revised paperwork.

May 28th is another Medical Aspire orientation for healthcare students who may need extra help preparing for WorkKeys or HESI testing. There are links for practice websites on our adult education page of the school website under assessment.

Thank you to the Van Wert Chamber of Commerce for recently featuring the OTC as a business of the week. We are working with the Van Wert and area chambers to provide discounted online and customized business training needs for CEU and professional development needs.

The Van Wert Business Advisory Council has raised \$4,500 to provide the Education on Location event here at Vantage the week of June 17th for 20 teachers from Vantage, Van Wert, Lincolnview and Crestview. We are seeking 2-3 business and industry professionals to lead discussions each day on soft skills needed in the workplace. If any of our Vantage Board Members are interested, please let me know and we will be happy to add you to our schedule.