

Board of Education Update

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Staff Recognition

Step Into Your Future was held here at Vantage Saturday, January 26. We hosted dozens of middle-school girls to explore several programs that would be considered “non-traditional” for them according to our state and federal guidelines. Mrs. Miriam Owens and Ms. Annette Klinger led the way in organizing our events, while several of our staff members and students donated their time and efforts to show off what these students could learn if they choose to come to Vantage someday. Our data shows that over 25% of girls who have participated in this program eventually enroll at Vantage.

We would also like to recognize Mr. Mike Knott, Mrs. Owens (again) and our entire staff for welcoming over 700 Sophomores from all of our home-school districts for Sophomore Visit Day (February 1st). It takes a lot of time and effort in organizing effectively, as well as developing projects that will really show these sophomores what they could learn should they choose Vantage for the 2019-20 school year. This is a huge event to promote our school to prospective students, and I will have an update on how many students we have signed up for various programs on the night of the board meeting. Many of these same sophomores will then bring their parents to our Open House and Taste of Vantage event February 25 at 5:30PM. That night, they’ll be able to meet with their potential instructors and see potential lab spaces while asking any questions they might have about Vantage.

Upcoming Events

<i>February 14</i>	-- Program Picture Day
<i>January 18</i>	-- President’s Day (No School)
<i>February 21</i>	-- ACT Testing for Juniors, Mock Interview Day for Seniors
<i>February 25</i>	-- Vantage Open House & Taste of Vantage

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

Tony Unverferth -- Director

Our Seniors are currently preparing for their Mock Interviews in English classes, as well as labs. We have roughly 30 local business professionals across each field we currently teach coming in to help conduct these thirty minute interviews with our Seniors. The feedback we’ve gotten from the first two years on this day has been phenomenal (both from students and the interviewers), and several of our students will turn their mock interviews into real interviews through their performance. Mary Ann Falk and our Senior English teachers deserve a great deal of credit and thanks for their help in organizing the event and preparing our seniors to succeed when it gets here.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

Over 25 businesses and organizations have been invited to participate in the Vantage Annual Open House that will be held on February 25 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. The businesses/industries have been asked to set up a display advertising not only their business, but also the fact that they are offering good paying jobs that the new and existing students can make a career of. The specific businesses will be located in the hallway next to the lab that the business closely aligns with. Both the Trade and Industrial as well as the Business and Services programs are participating in this endeavor.

There are 27 students who will be participating in the Ohio SkillsUSA Regional Competition that will be held at Penta Career Center on February 15. Anyone who places in the top three at regionals will be able to participate in the state SkillsUSA competitions that will be held in Columbus. Any award winners will be mentioned in the March board report.

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

Junior Health Technology students sat for the STNA written and clinical testing the last week of January and first week of February. Juniors in Health Tech have also partnered with OSU Extension of Van Wert County and Van Wert Health to discuss community health, lifestyle & wellness. The end-goal is to come up with a community leadership project and to perform it within our community in an effort to educate and promote healthy living. It's a pretty awesome experience they have invited our students to join forces in promoting! They have 5 working lunches scheduled for their meetings.

All CTSO students are in the process of preparing for their regional competitions. BPA travels to Apollo Career Center, HOSA travels to the University of Toledo, FCCLA Culinary Arts travels to Sinclair Community College, FCCLA Early Childhood travels to Upper Valley Career Center and Skills USA travels to Penta Career Center for their competitions.

Medical Office Management will be transitioning to Health Information Management next year. The focus will be on electronic health records, billing and coding, importance of health insurance and medical terminology. Certifications could include electronic health records, billing and coding specialist, CPR, OSHA, and HIPAA. All recommendations by our advisory board.

Mike Knott – Student Services Supervisor

1. Sophomore Visit Day – February 1st – Over 700 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 of the programs. 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.
2. Academic staff members have been working with our students who will need to take any of the End of Course Tests this Spring. Teachers are taking extra time to work with students before and after school to be certain that they are prepared for the test which will be administered April 23rd-30th.
3. Student Services Staff will have a presentation for sophomores and their parents who are interested in attending Vantage next school year at the February 25th Open House.
4. The annual Poetry Out Loud contest was held at Vantage on the evening of January 31st.
5. Staff have been working with students in preparation for the Senior Mock Interview Day which will happen on February 21st.
6. Juniors will also take the ACT at Vantage this month.

Ohio Technical Center
Director's Report by Missy McClurg
February 7th School Board Meeting

We are working with Jobs Ohio on a proposal to provide funding for stackable short and long term CNC and Welding adult programs for the Fall of 2019 and Spring of 2020. The proposal will include equipment and marketing of the new classes.

We are close to finalizing the Statement of Work proposals with Jobs Ohio to provide training in Machining, Welding, and Assembly for General Dynamics.

Thank you to Vancrest for their donations of 2 additional medical carts for our Practical Nursing Program! Students are now in Phase 3, have completed all their skills lab check offs, and are now moving from long term care to the hospital. They will be on the floor providing clinical care 2 days per week. We are accepting applications for next year's program for 24 students, and those interested should contact our new Enrollment Coordinator Maria Diltz.

I'd like to introduce Maria Diltz as our new Enrollment Coordinator. She is a great addition to our staff as a Vantage high school and adult education graduate. Maria still serves as Co-Coordinator at the Delphos Area Chamber of Commerce, is the Delphos Tri-County Woman of the year and is our Healthcare Customized Training Coordinator.

The first Firefighter 1 class will hold orientation in mid February with 10 students for the first class.

EMT students are beginning their assessment phase. A new STNA class began this week with 8 students and Basic Welding with 9. CDL is continuing to work with the 20 high school students moving out to the range, and we've had interest from seniors in other districts about taking the program through adult education in the future.

In March and April we will be meeting with seniors in all of our associate schools along with Vantage junior and seniors to provide information over our OTC programs. This is a new initiative through the OTC that has not been done in the past.

We've created a virtual reality tour that we will be using for school visits and events as well as the upcoming Vantage Open House.

Working with the Business Advisory Council, we are offering a summer teacher connections camp including local business and industry tours. I will serve as the Adjunct instructor to provide 15-20 teachers 3 credit hours through Ashland University. K-12 teachers from Vantage, Van Wert, Lincolnview and Crestview teachers will have the opportunity to attend.

All of our OTC Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data collection and surveys were completed 3 weeks early. Thank you to Jackie Gunsett, our Financial Aid Coordinator who does an excellent job in collecting and inputting this data!