

## **Board of Education Update**

Anthony R. Unverferth  
High School Director  
March 7, 2019

### **Staff Recognition**

We would like to thank Mrs. Miriam Owens for her tireless efforts in planning, organizing, and executing another hugely successful Open House and Taste of Vantage event February 25. We had hundreds of former students, community members from all of our local areas, as well as perspective students and their families with us that night to see all we have to offer. Thank you also to our amazing staff and student ambassadors who graciously volunteered their time to help show off the phenomenal things they are doing/building in their labs. Finally, we need to thank our entire staff for always proving why Vantage is such a great place to learn and work. Everyone showed up with a smile to help us promote the wonderful programs and services we offer to both high school students and adults here at Vantage.

### **Upcoming Events**

March 12 -- Junior ACT Testing (Make-up from original schedule of Feb. 20)  
March 14-15 -- Quarter Break...NO SCHOOL  
March 20-22 -- Vantage Bloodmobile in the Cup and Saucer

## **Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives**

### **Tony Unverferth -- Director**

FFA week was held at Vantage February 19-22. Due to some weather and other extenuating circumstances, we had to move some of the usual events around to the following week, but we are very proud of Mr. Mike Miller and his students for the way they worked through the issues to raise money and awareness for the many great values of the Future Farmers of America. We also held our 3rd Senior Mock Interview event on February 21, with the help of nearly 30 local business professionals who volunteered their time to help our students prepare for real-life interviews. We hope to share more positive feedback from interviewers and our students in the coming months. Thank you again to all who participated!

Finally, Mrs. Wendy Baumle and Mrs. Leigh Carey have been working very hard with the Red Cross to plan and organize our annual Vantage Bloodmobile coming up March 20-22 in the Cup and Saucer. Last year, we set another record in number of donations, and therefore earned a great deal of scholarship money for one of our students in the process. It takes a lot of time, effort, and organizational skills to pull this event off successfully each year. We certainly appreciate the efforts of all involved, as well as our students and staff who have the courage and strength to give blood at this event.

## **Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor**

Various speakers from numerous businesses have been to Vantage recently speaking of the careers that are available with them as well as wanting to further talk to individual students in regards to employment.

Twenty-seven students participated in the SkillsUSA Ohio Northwest Regional Championships that was held at PENTA Career Center on February 15. The top three students in each contest advance to the state level. Vantage had seven students place in the top three thus heading to the State SkillsUSA competition in April. The students qualifying for state competition include:

- \*Violet Taylor (Criminal Justice - Parkway) – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Extemporaneous Speaking
- \*Korbin Hartman (Criminal Justice - Crestview) – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Job Skill Demonstration
- \*Sami Backus (Precision Machining - Kalida) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in CNC Turning
- \*Adam Schnipke (Precision Machining - Ottoville) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in CNC Milling
- \*Tyhana Wolff (Cosmetology - Continental) - 1<sup>st</sup> in Cosmetology
- \*Connor Hoersten (Precision Machining – Ft. Jennings) – 1<sup>st</sup> in CNC Technician
- \*Dan Ramey (Welding – Wayne Trace) – 1<sup>st</sup> in Welding

There were 20 businesses and two colleges represented at the Vantage Open House that was held on February 25. The businesses/colleges attended the Open House in order to help promote the various careers that would be available to the future students if they indeed chose to attend Vantage. The main function of the businesses was to encourage the potential students to consider a career that has ties to the various Vantage programs.

## **Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor**

Students from Interactive Media, Network Systems, and Medical Office Management competed in regional Business and Professional Association (BPA) skilled and judged events on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Apollo Career Center. The results were announced on January 29 at UNOH Event Center in Lima, Ohio. Twenty-five students are eligible to compete at the state BPA March 14-15 in Columbus.

Students from Culinary Arts competed in regional FCCLA skilled and judged events on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Sinclair Community College. We had a Gold finish in the team event of Product Development and a Bronze finish in Applied Math and presentation. The Gold finishers will find out next week if they will advance on to state competition.

Students from Health Technology competed in regional HOSA - Future Health Professionals on February 1<sup>st</sup>. 4 seniors and 1 junior have advanced on to the state competition on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

As Ted may have already mentioned, students in Cosmetology as well as Criminal Justice competed at their regional competition on February 22nd at Penta Career Center. Cosmetology had one state qualifier and Criminal Justice had two state qualifiers. State competition will be held April 16-17.

Junior Health Technology students sat for the STNA written and clinical testing the week of January 28th. All students passed the Skills portion of the state testing with an 80% or better. 87% of the students passed the written portion of the state testing with an 80%.

Interactive Media senior, Ashley McCleese designed a billboard for Turn Right & Go Straight, a drug addiction recovery program sponsored by the Pentecostal Way Church on Leeson Avenue in Van Wert. The billboard will go up on March 1 on the billboard near Eaton on Main St./Lincoln Hwy.



Client: Vantage Career Center - TRAGS 2  
AE: Joe Stanovich  
Size: Poster Flex  
Date: 2/11/2019  
Artist: Agency  
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## Mike Knott – Student Services Supervisor

At the Open House Mr. Fisher and Mr. Knott were able to speak with prospective sophomores and their parents. This allowed them to cover the general guidelines that we have here at Vantage as well as also provide the students and parents with more in-depth information about our day to day operation. The meeting concluded with a question and answer session, which allowed students and parents to get any additional information about Vantage that they had not already received.

The online application process for next school year is currently open. The priority deadline for Vantage Applications to be turned in for the 2019-2020 school year will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. Vantage will continue to accept applications throughout the rest of the school year and into the summer months as well. As of 2/22 (before open house) we have received 178 applications as compared to 173 on 2/16 last year and 186 two years ago on 2/16.

On March 12th, all juniors will take the ACT test free of charge at Vantage.

Mr. Fisher & Ms. McConahay will begin to work on scheduling with our juniors in March.

The Vantage Poetry Out Loud competition was held at the end of January and this year's winner was Gunnar Stemen, Network Systems student from Delphos St. John. Gunnar competed at Regionals on February 13th.

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

We had a very successful open house with all of our office staff, several coordinators and students participating. Nursing spots are filling fast so those interested should start on the application process as soon as possible.

Our next STNA class is April 1st and we are working with the Putnam County ESC to provide a new STNA class for high school students.

Our next welding class is Advanced and starts March 19th.

Our first Fire Fighter class started tonight.

Nursing, Medical Assistant, Police Academy, STNA, Customized Training and Welding program videos are finished and available on the Vantage YouTube channel. We will be using these videos along with our new Virtual Reality tour as we talk to our homeschool seniors and during open enrollment times on social media.

Our Medical Assistant and PNP programs have the One Year Option and we are working on formal articulation agreements with local community colleges for students to receive credit towards their Associate's degree and obtaining their RN.

New classes for next year include a 280 welding and 150 hour machining class, a combined CPR and First Aid Saturday class and a free job prep/softskills class each quarter for 19-20 school year for all past, current, and future students.