

Board of Education Update

Benjamin A. Winans

High School Director

March 7, 2024

Staff Recognition

We would like to give a big thanks to Mrs. Miriam Owens for her tireless efforts in planning, organizing, and executing another successful Open House and Taste of Vantage event February 26. We had hundreds of former students, community members from all of our local areas, as well as prospective students and their families with us that night to see all we have to offer. Thank you also to our staff and student ambassadors who volunteered their time to help show off the things they are doing/building in their labs. Finally, we need to thank our entire staff for always proving why Vantage is a great place to learn and work.

Upcoming Events

March 5	-- Junior ACT Testing / Senior Mock Interview
March 22	-- End of the 3rd Quarter
March 28 - April 1	-- Spring Break
April 3-5	-- Vantage Bloodmobile

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

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Mrs. Wendy Baumle and Mrs. Paula VanTilburg are working with the Red Cross to plan and organize our annual Vantage Bloodmobile coming up April 3 - 5 in the Cup and Saucer. It takes much 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.

On Wednesday February 21, 2024 we conducted our Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Stakeholder team meeting in regard to the annual compliance requirements for our Federal Perkins funding. Included in this meeting were high school staff members, adult education staff members, a current Vantage high school student, community members, business owners and economic development representatives. From this meeting we will develop our district plan for the use of our Federal Perkins funds. Thanks to all who attended and assisted in this process.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

Vantage Career Center hosted the Northwest Ohio SkillsUSA Regional Competition on February 16. There were 20 schools who participated in the event with approximately 800 people participating. This total includes the 5 competitions that were held off site in Lima at the Ohio State Beauty Academy as well as the Carpentry and Electrical contests that were held in Rossford. Sincere gratitude is given to all the Vantage High School and Adult Education staff

members who gave freely of their time and did an outstanding job. The representatives from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce were extremely happy with the results and gave many compliments in regards to the planning as well as how the actual competition day went. Vantage also did very well in regards to placing in the top 3 in various contests. Those students' names are:

- Jadrick Buffin (Delphos Jefferson) - Silver in Job Demonstration A
- Katie Knepper (Delphos Jefferson), Peyton Wilson (Continental), Kayden Slygh (Delphos Jefferson) - Silver in Welding Fabrication
- Griffin Nienberg (Kalida) - Gold in CNC Technician
- Wyatt Brinkman (Fort Jennings) - Silver in Automotive Service Technology
- Luke Bockey (Delphos St. John's) - Silver in Welding
- Zane Bockey (Delphos St. John's) - Gold in Electrical Construction Wiring
- Brody Kreischer (Van Wert) - Bronze in Esthetics
- Mason German (Fort Jennings) - Gold in CNC Turning

We would also like to congratulate the instructors of the above students. These students will now get the opportunity to represent the Northwest Ohio region in the Ohio SkillsUSA state competition that is being held in Columbus on April 9th and 10th.

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

Diane Laing (Health Information Management) and Kayla Cross (School Nurse) have teamed up and introduced a nationwide initiative called Project Adam to our staff. The mission of this initiative is to save lives by empowering schools to be prepared for a sudden cardiac arrest. This project brings the opportunity to have a "Code" team to help someone unresponsive and who may need CPR, we would have more hands on deck to help the survival of the individual. This promotes awareness and effective emergency responses from others rather than just medical personnel.

Students from Interactive Media and Network Systems will be competing/participating at the state level for BPA (Business Professionals of America) on March 7-8 in Columbus. The following students will be attending

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| • Ella Burkhart-Lincolview | • Noah Landin-Ottoville |
| • Ella Druckemiller-Ottoville | • Nathan Boyer-Antwerp |
| • Ethan Frederick-Paulding | • Jacob Cruz-Ft. Jennings |
| • Mac Harpel-Paulding | • William Hall-Parkway |
| • Madie Schneider-Antwerp | • William Molloy-Parkway |
| • Elizabeth Gent-Crestview | |

Sports Exercise Therapy will also be hosting our annual Bloodmobile Mobile the first week of April. This event has proven to be a success here at Vantage with the help of Wendy Baumle, event organizer, our students and staff who participate and all the other staff members who have moving parts in making this event successful.

Several students from Health Technology took and passed their state STNA test on the first try. Seniors are working through Phlebotomy check-offs and will be starting their required “successful venipunctures” to meet the requirements needed for their certification.

Culinary Arts Cup & Saucer will be opening the restaurant on Wednesdays and Thursdays for lunch in the month of March. Anyone interested in a lunch reservation can email Mrs. Harding: harding.c@vantagecareercenter.com

Transition to work visited Limitless in Paulding so students could learn employment expectations and possible opportunities that may be available to them in the future.

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

At the Open House Mrs. Hanneman and Ms. Temple 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 2024-2025 school year will be March 1st. Vantage will continue to accept applications throughout the rest of the school year and into the summer months as well. As of 2/23 (before open house) we have received 346 applications as compared to 285 applications on 2/20 last year as compared to 246 applications on 2/15 two years ago.

On March 5th, all juniors will take the ACT test free of charge at Vantage.

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

Adult Education Director's Report

3/7/24 BOE Meeting

Ohio Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program - *No new updates on this.*

- Application was submitted on 12/15/2023
- Asking for Equipment totaling \$998,811.45 to enhance the following High School programs:
 - Construction
 - AG
 - Electrical
 - Industrial Mechanics
 - Criminal Justice
 - Health Information Management
 - CDL

Nurse Education Assistant Loan Program (NEALP) - *We have been accepted as a provider. The application will open as soon as the FAFSA rollout is complete.*

- The Ohio Department of Higher Education's (ODHE) Nurse Education Assistant Loan Program (NEALP) is a forgivable loan that provides financial assistance for Ohio nursing students that are enrolled in a nursing program at one of our Ohio approved institutions.
- Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program funding for Future Nurses.
- Provides financial assistance to Ohio students enrolled for at least half-time study (or accepted for enrollment) in approved Ohio pre-licensure nurse education program who intend to serve as nurses after graduation.
- Funding Type: Loan.
- Funding is provided by an educational surcharge on the biennial licensure renewal fee paid by all licensed LPN's and RN's.
- Annual award for the 2023-2024 academic year is \$1,650/year.
- Awards based on EFC.
- Recipient must serve as a full time nurse in Ohio for five years to qualify for 100 percent loan cancellation.

Ohio Board of Nursing Site Visit - March 27th & 28th 2024 - Evaluating both programs

Super Rapids

- Agreement has been received and funds were deposited on 2/16/24. We have started the ordering process.

Tech Cred

- Our application was approved in the amount of \$13,000. Several employees will be taking advantage of the opportunity to enhance their skills in the following areas:
 - Google
 - Microsoft Office Specialist
 - FANUC Robotics
 - AI for Marketers
 - Certified Digital Marketing Professional

High School Visits

- Maria has scheduled visits with all associate schools except the following who have not responded to her emails:
 - Ottoville
 - Ft. Jennings
 - Paulding
 - Parkway

Maintenance Report

- **A cutting edge was purchased for the push box on the tractor. This way the cutting edge will wear out instead of the push box.**
- **We installed a tow package on the big white van, so when we go to competitions we can rent a trailer from ace. This will eliminate taking another van.**
- **I'm looking into terminating our contract with Aramark. The service has been spotty as well as the product quality. I'm looking to start service with Cintas.**
- **I had a quote done for a bigger door to the H mechanical room. The door is too small to bring supplies in and out of.**
- **F and S was in to give us a quote for replacing the carpet in the entry ways at the district office, student entrance and high school office. I'm looking to have the Vantage V put in the flooring.**

Technology Report (2-23-24)

- Hosted the NOACSC Western Buckeye monthly tech meeting. The meeting was focused on cyber security risk threat assessment.
- We proudly participated in the Skills USA contest hosted at Vantage. I provided tech support, Mary Ann was a coordinator for the prepared speech contest and Stacie manned a check in station for the first aid CPR contest.
- Worked to address issues on the Digital Watchdog security camera system. One of the NVR's had developed a bad hard drive, which will be replaced under warranty on 2-28-24
- Stacie is working on submission of eRate form 471 which determines our discount percentage rate for the district's internet service. Historically the percentage covered is between 60-70% depending on student numbers, and the number of free and reduced lunch recipients.
- Mary Ann has assembled a classroom technology advisory team, and they met for the first time this month. They discussed implementation strategies for emerging technologies, training needs and how best to track / improve digital tools.
- Mary Ann also attended the ABC's of artificial intelligence professional development event at Crestview.