

Board of Education Update  
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High School Director  
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### **Staff/Student Recognition**

A big shout out to Miriam Owens for organizing several visits to our building this month. Both the Van Wert and Paulding County Leadership groups visited our facility this month. Each was treated to a student panel who discussed their experiences at Vantage Career Center with the group. Van Wert second grade visit that took place on April 12th. We had roughly 130 second graders tour the building and be exposed to our career technical labs. I also want to commend our students who worked with the second graders. As I walked in and out of the labs it was great to see our students interacting with not only the second graders, but also answering questions that were posted by the parent chaperones. Great work by all involved to showcase Vantage Career Center and also expose young students to the world of career technical education.

### **Upcoming Events**

May 10	Senior "CAP Signing Day"
May 20	Seniors Last Day/Senior Awards Ceremony at VWHS (7:00PM)
May 21	Last Day for Juniors
May 22	Teacher Workday (½ Day)
May 27	Memorial Day

### **Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives Benjamin A. Winans -- Director**

Our Senior Awards ceremony is coming up on May 20 starting at 7:00 PM at the VWHS gym. As always, we would love to have as many of you in attendance as possible. The awards ceremony is truly the proper send-off for a group of students who will have earned their status as Vantage Career Center alumni.

### **Ted Verhoff -- T & I Supervisor**

Twenty students from Vantage recently participated in the Ohio State SkillsUSA competitions held in Columbus and Dayton. Five of these students placed in the top three and received their medals yesterday. They are: Cody Ricker (Carpentry – Lincolnview) 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Cabinetmaking; Jeffrey Neumeier (Construction Equipment – Delphos St. John) 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Heavy Equipment Operations; Zane Bockey (Electricity – Delphos St. John) 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Electrical Construction Wiring; Brody Kreischer (Cosmetology – Van Wert) 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Esthetics and finally, Gavin Grubb (Construction Equipment - Crestview) 1<sup>st</sup> place in Heavy Equipment Operations. Gavin will now represent the state of Ohio at the SkillsUSA National Competition being held in Atlanta this summer. CONGRATULATIONS to all the participants and their instructors for representing Vantage Career Center in a professional and positive way!

The Vantage FFA Chapter qualified for the Ohio State FFA Ag Mechanical Skills that was held at The Agricultural and Technical Institute located in Wooster, Ohio on April 4. I am very happy to announce that out of 22 qualifying teams, Vantage finished second in the state of Ohio. Team members and their individual placing include: Trevor Davis (Lincolnview) 2nd place, Austin Zuber (Antwerp) 16th, and Maddie Osborn (Lincolnview) 35th. On a side note, Trevor missed placing first individually by one point. CONGRATULATIONS to these three students as well as their instructor, Mr. Mike Miller, on a job well done!

Congratulations to the following Auto Collision and Auto Technology students for passing all of their Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Student Certifications. The students are: Auto Technology - Wyatt Brinkman (Ft. Jennings - 10 Tests): Auto Collision- Minnow Searer (Ft. Jennings - 4 Tests), Alexander Buerkle (Antwerp - 4 Tests), Andre' Byrd (Antwerp - 4 Tests), Dale Pennington (Parkway - 4 Tests), and Sara Lawhorn (Antwerp - 4 Tests). Congratulations to these students as these tests are not easy to pass and it is quite an accomplishment to pass all of them.

Advisory Board meetings are wrapping up for the school year as well as Webxam and ASE testing.

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

Mr. Miller's Criminal Justice students are busy finalizing their certifications. Seniors received their APCO training and are now officially Dispatch certified. To cap off the year, they'll explore gangs, prisons and counterterrorism. The juniors are finishing their CPR, First Aid and Stop the Bleed certifications. They'll round out the school year by exploring traffic crash and investigation curriculum.

A huge round of applause for Mrs. Markward! She has almost successfully completed her first year at Vantage Career Center as a NEW Health Technology instructor. We would not have the successes we have without skilled individuals like her who bring their skills and passion to education to help shape our next generations. The juniors successfully have ALL received their STNA certification. The seniors have met their 30 venipunctures which is a requirement to sit for their Phlebotomy certification. Testing took place April 16 and we had 100% passage! Thank you to Reesa Rohrs (retired Health Technology instructor) for helping students along the way with their check-offs and guiding Mrs. Markward this year.

Junior Cosmetology along with Mrs. Grothouse will be spending these last few weeks on hair perming and chemical relaxers. Juniors will get to put their skills to the test with their first clients during our summer bootcamp. Brody Kreischer (Van Wert) took 2nd at our state SkillsUSA competition. Thank you to his model and classmate, Ashlyn Bugh (Lincolnview) for sporting his creative makeup design. Senior instructor Mrs. Smith incorporated an eyelash extension curriculum this year and students loved it. Advantage Salon will be closing for the school year after May 2nd. Seniors served over 25 clients a week this year, way to go! We're excited to

announce that Maryannabelle Lands (Wayne Trace) is our very first senior cosmetology student to participate in Early Placement. She's working at New Image in Paulding. Congrats, Maryannabelle! Ohio Cosmetology State Board results to come in the near future.

Great work to the junior students in Early Childhood Education who are gaining practical experience for their CDA credentialing through lab hours and are also substitute teaching at Thomas Edison. Seniors are nearing completion of their CDA testing, and we're proud to maintain a 100% pass rate so far. Mrs. Baker's preschool children are on the countdown to summer. Their last day is May 9th. They will end the year with their preschool program. We will have 8 children moving on to kindergarten in the fall. Congratulations to Marcia Osenga on her well-deserved retirement! We welcome Anna Baker as the new ECE instructor for the upcoming school year.

Mrs. DeWert will be accompanying Ella Druckemiller (Jr./Ottoville) and Ella Burkhart (Jr./Lincolnview) to the National BPA Competition in Chicago, IL May 10-14. Good luck students!

Culinary Arts completed their final catering event for the school year. The RK Thompson banquet and dinner was Wednesday, May 3rd with approximately 200 attendees. Thank you again to Mr. Shardelow and Mrs. Harting for taking on these outside events to serve our community.

Health Information Management, Senior Peyton Shepherd (Van Wert) took 2nd place at HOSA State Competition in Health Informatics. He, along with Mrs. Laing will advance on to national competition June 26-29 in Houston, TX. Others who placed in the top 10 were Madison Ricker (sr. Health Technology/Ft. Jennings) and Dominique Hammond (sr. Sports Exercise/Continental). Thank you Mrs. Baumle and Mrs. Laing for chaperoning students. Mrs. Laing continues to work with area health organizations placing her students out getting valuable work-based learning experiences.

Transition to Work students along with Mrs. Koch's Success class will be planting the school garden. Mrs. Farr and Mrs. Wurst will work closely with students to plan their last staff breakfast of the year.

Our IT Help Desk through Network Systems closed down shop the last week of April. Thank you again to staff and students for allowing students to work on technology pieces throughout the year. Students will also be working closely in May with our Vantage Technology Dept shadowing and helping with various IT jobs to get ready for the 2024/2025 school year.

Mrs. Baulme took her Sports Exercise Therapy students to Parkview Field, Home of the Tincaps last month. This visit allows students to not only see the facility but to hear first hand about the job opportunities available related to their program of study. Their trainers do an excellent job

sharing their educational pathway, job requirements and future professional goals. Seniors are also gearing up for their Physical Therapy Aide and Personal Trainer certifications.

**Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor**

Applications are ongoing. We currently have 374 accepted applications and 32 on a waitlist. Student Services will conduct visits to the home schools from late April through May to hand-deliver the letters regarding the programs they have been placed in for the upcoming school year. These visits will also include assisting students with class registration, answering any questions, and inviting them to be fitted for uniforms at the end of May and beginning of June.

Student Services is working with current Vantage juniors to get them scheduled for classes next school year.

Vantage Career Center is working with local colleges to provide College Credit Plus options to our students.

April 15th-19th was filled with End of Course testing. Special thanks to Stacie Lippi, MaryAnn Falk, Jim Fisher, Mickey McConahay, Stephanie Hanneman, and all academic teachers for all their work in getting students and technology ready for these tests and for helping administer the tests.

# Adult Education Director's Report

## 5/2/24 BOE Meeting

### Program Tuition Review

- Program tuition and fees have been reviewed. Cost Sheets are being presented for approval. .

### LPN - RN Transition Pinning

- The LPN-RN Transition Pinning Ceremony was held Apr 18, 2024 , where 18 students were celebrated for successfully completing the program.
- 2025 enrollment is underway with 30 people pending enrollment.

### Practical Nursing

- 2024 Pinning Ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 8th.
- 2025 enrollment is underway with 23 people pending enrollment.

### Police Academy

- 2024 Graduation is set for May 23rd.
- 2025 enrollment is underway with 10 people pending enrollment.

### High School/Adult Education Collaboration

- The high school and adult ed staff are moving forward with collaboration for our high school students. More to come on this in the near future.
  - Visiting other schools to tour their facilities and discuss how they are currently collaborating.
  - Taking advantage of what other schools have learned and using it to implement possible options at Vantage.
  - Our main goal is for our students to be successful. We plan to start out small and hope to grow from there.

### Super Rapids

- UNOH has received all equipment purchased with Super Rapids funds. Vantage has received a portion of the order, robots are estimated to be shipped mid May.

### Ohio Board of Nursing Site Visit

- Visit went extremely well. Both programs are meeting all requirements. There was 1 finding for LPN-RN involving a preceptor that was self-reported and corrected immediately and a plan put in place to prevent the issue from happening in the future. The representative from the state was extremely impressed with our programs and does not see an issue with getting a full accreditation when presented in July.

### CDL DOT Site Visit

- The DOT Site Visit occurred on 4/15 and went very well.
  - Hartzel Bryant was complimented on his record keeping.
  - All tractors and trailers passed inspection.

### Police Academy State Audit

- The Police Academy state audit took place on 4/19, all went well.

## **Maintenance Report**

- **We had a meeting with the OFCC about the software we've been using. He was very impressed with our facility.**
- **Bill May was forced to resign because of serious health problems and Diane has also been off health reasons. Tommy, Isaac and I have been doing the best we can to keep this place running in tip top shape.**
- **WE had a couple roof repairs patched from Ohio/Indiana roofing.**
- **It's been extremely busy with getting vans and buses ready for field trips and skills.**

## Technology Report (04-19-24)

- Installed new Security Camera NVR purchased with security grant funds. This will help improve the performance of the system.
- Received 60 new workstations that will be deployed later this spring.
- Upgraded our Google Workspace domain to Google Education Plus. This will provide the district with enhanced security features, and increased functionality of Google Classroom.
- Stace was notified that we have received our final payment for the K12 Network Grant through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. The district received a total of \$1,951.00
- Stacie finished work on updating the certificates for the districts wireless network.

## **Community Relations Report - 4/19/24**

Vantage hosted the Van Wert City School Second Grade class as part of their career introduction and exploration initiatives. We are grateful to Van Wert 2nd grade staff as well as parents who have spent time making this field trip happen every year. These young and impressionable students were able to catch a glimpse of all 18 of our high school programs and were able to put together the pieces of what certain careers look like, what technology is involved, and tools or equipment utilized.

A new group of student ambassadors for the 2024-2025 school year are being interviewed and selected as the face of Vantage, their program, their home schools, and their communities. A leadership day will be held with various activities to help build on teamwork and develop a more concrete leadership foundation to build skills for their future careers. Vantage is looking at another large group of new student ambassadors, and we look forward to having them on board to introduce the new incoming juniors to Vantage.

Vantage will host the 6th annual Career Advanced Placement Signing Day on Friday, May 10, 2024 highlighting seniors who have confirmed full time employment upon graduation. During the event, employers will sign a certificate with students solidifying the partnership. Signing Day was initiated directly from the Lt. Governor's office in celebration of In-Demand Jobs week, and Vantage has celebrated hundreds of students and employer connections in the last 6 years. We want to thank all the instructors and employers who have worked hard to get the students opportunities and to maintain the partnerships that we value.

Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated May 6 through May 10. Various activities and special gifts will be given to staff throughout the week.

Vantage will be participating in our local communities summer parades this season, and we are looking forward to having the new group of student ambassadors to support Vantage in their communities! A parade schedule will be sent out to Staff for participation.

### **Upcoming events students and staff should look forward to are the following:**

CAP Signing Day	Friday, May 10
Teacher/Staff Years of Service Awards & Retirement Recognition	Wednesday, May 22
Summer Parades Schedule - A list will be sent out for staff participation.	