

## **Board of Education Update**

Benjamin A. Winans  
High School Director  
June 1, 2023

### **Staff Recognition**

I would like to take this time to thank the entire Vantage staff for an excellent 2022-23 school year. We could not ask for a better group of people to help guide our students to success each school year. Our staff also helped with set-up and completion of our annual Senior Awards Ceremony on May 23. It was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without the tireless efforts of our lab teachers to get their students prepared and in order. Each year Mrs. Beth Evans takes the lead on getting the career passports stuffed, which is a huge process. Kudos to Beth and her crew for getting this completed in a very timely manner. This event could not happen without the help from Mrs. Gail Gillett, Mrs. Alaina Ellis, Mrs. Miriam Owens and Mrs. Lisa Yearling, who generated all of the documents distributed that day. Finally, thanks are also in order for Mr. Jim Fisher who compiled all of our scholarship information.

### **Upcoming Events**

June 5, 6, and 7, 2023 -- Uniform Fitting for New Students  
June 6, 2023 -- Van Wert County Education on Location Vantage Visit  
June 8, 2023 -- Paulding County Teacher Bootcamp Vantage Visit  
June 22, 2023 -- Vantage BOE July Meeting

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

### **Benjamin A. Winans -- Director**

As we break into summer our maintenance and technology staff are working diligently to begin the tasks necessary to get the building ready for another school year. Our supervisors are beginning to work on scheduling, getting students fitted for uniforms and checking to be sure lab/classroom supplies are ordered. The supervisors do a great job behind the scenes in the summer time to set the stage for the next school year. We hope to see our safety grant items come this summer and be implemented in the building as we continue to do what is necessary to keep our students and staff safe.

Our points system which was put in place several years ago to mirror what many companies in the area are doing with their employees continues to be a success. Roughly half of our students did not obtain any points throughout the year and received various awards for this. The system also creates conversations with associate school personnel and parents in regard to the student interventions, which has also been a huge success in correcting inappropriate behavior.

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

The Precision Machining, Electricity, and Industrial Mechanics programs were invited and took a tour of Advanced Automation's new facility located in Van Wert. The students, as well as the Vantage faculty, were amazed at the size and scope of the robotic industry and everything that can be done with robots. The facility was amazing and the students gained a better understanding of what employers look for in prospective employees.

Approximately 20 students took their American Welding Society certification test on May 17 and 18. The students will receive their results before school is dismissed on May 25.

The juniors who are returning to Vantage have been re-measured for their program uniforms while the incoming juniors will be measured on June 5, 6, and 7. Any incoming student who cannot attend during that time has been instructed to set up an appointment individually during the rest of the month of June.

As of May 20, there have been 11 students who have received their class A CDL. 3 more students will be taking their driving test within the next 2 weeks.

The following awards were presented at the Senior Awards Ceremony:

- Robbie Seffernick Memorial Award - Katie Knepper, Delphos Jefferson High School
- Industrial Mechanics Senior of the Year - Drew Crossgrove, Continental High School
- Precision Machining Student of the Year - Nick Foppe, Kalida High School
- Marcus Landin Memorial Award - Andrew Peck, Kalida High School

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

ALL seniors from Health Technology took and passed their Phlebotomy exam and achieved their certification.

Sports Exercise Therapy has several students test and pass their Personal Trainer certification. Students will also be testing for the Physical Therapy Technician Certification at the end of the month.

Culinary Arts juniors and seniors took their ServSafe Manager certification. 12 students earned this credential.

Senior Cosmetology students completed their final client requirements along with reaching the 1500 hours to schedule their Ohio State Board of Cosmetology exam.

Early Childhood Education had a successful end of the year preschool program. Children received certificates and 4 students graduated and will be heading off to Kindergarten. Seniors completed and passed their CDA certification.

Van Wert FCCLA had a successful state competition. One student advanced on to the national level which will be held in Denver, Colorado, July 2-7, 2023.

### **Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor**

1. Senior Awards Assembly was held on May 23rd @ 7:00 pm in the Van Wert High School gymnasium
2. Junior students' last day of school was May 25th.
3. Academic teachers from different academic departments will be attending various professional development opportunities over the summer.
4. Ms. Temple visited schools to talk and pass out a fun facts about Vantage to those students who have turned in applications for next school year. Our intervention coordinators also visited schools throughout May to prepare incoming students for next year.
5. Enrollment numbers for the 2023-2024 school year continue to change as applications from our associate schools come in and students make their final decisions.
6. Mr. Fisher and the administration have been working hard on job placement for outgoing graduates.
7. All junior students took the ACT in March. We will be using these scores for students to see if they qualify for College Credit Plus. College Algebra & Trig will be offered next year at Vantage, taught by Mrs. Kipfer, through Northwest State.
8. Students participated in end-of-course testing during the week of April 24th.

**June 1st Board of Education**  
**Adult Education Director's Report**

**Achademix Training – May 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- New implementations
  - Admissions Management Module
  - Moodle/Gradebook Connection
  - Electronic Sign in Sheets for student attendance
  - An Industry Portal
  - Community Board for Users to interact and ask questions
  - An upgrade to Achademix as a whole
  - We will be implementing online enrollment with the next STNA class.

**Public Safety**

- New staff have settled in nicely. I have had several people comment how impressed they are with what they have seen so far.

**CDL**

- Both June classes are full, day and evening, July is tentatively full.

**Police Academy**

- 17 interested, PT testing mid-June, have had a few additional inquiries in the last few days.

**Welding**

- New instructor is doing well. Enrollment is good, Intermediate welding just started.

**Fire**

- Class starting early to mid-June. 10 students are confirmed, with 2 more possible.

**EMT**

- Vantage Class finishing early June, Payne class runs through late summer.
- Next class scheduled for fall.

**Customized Training**

- Working with several area businesses on some exciting new customized training programs, which will be held in the labs here at Vantage.
- Continuing partnerships with many area businesses.
- Terri Schmenk attended the Phase II Fanuc training in Auburn Hill MI.

**Budget**

- Finalizing 22-23 AY.
- Forecasting 23-24 AY.

- Waiting on payment from HS share of fuel/repairs
- Billing HS for 2<sup>nd</sup> group of students for CDL Training

**Follow up to ADP requests for Age breakdown**

- My contact at the state did not have demographics broken down by age as requested.
- All data was taken from the Census Bureau website, which is difficult to manipulate.
- We will continue working to get this information.

## Technology Report (05-19-23)

- Worked with our Network System students to deploy 250 new Chromebooks
- Prepared for Senior Awards at VWHS
- Started prepping the old Chromebooks for sale on GovDeals.com
- Stacie focused on getting PO's submitted in advance of the May 15th cutoff
- Mary Ann provided training on website management, compliance and best practices to community relations, and Adult Ed.
- Mary Ann also helped publish the student handbook for the 2023-2024 school year

## Maintenance Report

- The company that planted the grass seed last year around the public safety site has been out to re-seed. It didn't come in very well at all from the fall.
- We've been getting a few summer request forms tuned in and Tommy and I have been getting them completed.
- The exercise equipment has come in for the workout room and they are all in place.
- We're in full mowing season right now. We're having to mow about every 5 days.
- Garmin Miller has been out to start the parking lot replacement process. As far as putting together plan for budgeting purposes.
- We've started cleaning out the storage barn, so we can get some racking up for better organization.
- Highway patrol performed its yearly bus inspections and they all passed.

## **Community Relations Report - 5/24/23**

Vantage hosted the 5th annual Career Advanced Placement Signing Day on Friday, May 5, 2023 , highlighting seniors who have confirmed full time employment upon graduation. During the event, 20 employers signed 32 students. Signing Day was initiated directly from the Lt. Governors office in celebration of In-Demand Jobs week, and Vantage has celebrated hundreds of students and employer connections in the last 5 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 was celebrated through various activities and special gifts from local businesses who showed support to our Vantage staff by bringing beverages and breakfast items to the school. We appreciate these businesses in recognizing the hard work and efforts are staff put into Vantage students.

A new group of student ambassadors for the 2023-2024 school year have been selected. A leadership day was held with various activities to help build on teamwork and develop a more concrete leadership foundation to build skills for their future careers. Vantage has 42 new student ambassadors and we look forward to having them on board to introduce the new incoming juniors to Vantage.

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:**

Teacher/Staff Years of Service Awards and Retirement Recognition - Friday, May 26th

Summer Parades Schedule - A list will be sent out for staff participation.