

## **Board of Education Update**

Benjamin A. Winans  
High School Director  
March 2, 2023

### **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 27. 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 7                   -- Junior ACT Testing / Senior Mock Interview  
March 17                 -- End of the 3rd Quarter  
March 29-31             -- Vantage Bloodmobile in the Cup and Saucer

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

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

Mrs. Wendy Baumle and Mrs. Paula VanTilburg are working very hard with the Red Cross to plan and organize our annual Vantage Bloodmobile coming up March 29 to 31 in the Cup and Saucer. 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**

There were a total of 32 businesses, 2 county economic agencies, and 1 college represented at the Vantage Open House that was held on February 27. The businesses 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. Those in attendance included:

Alexander-Bebout, Alliance Automation, All Temp Refrigeration, APT, B-K Tools, Braun, Crown, Tenneco, GROB, Heritage Equipment, Kenn-Feld, Mercer Landmark, ODOT, Paulding -Putnam Electric, UA Local #776 Pipefitters, UNOH, REV Recreation, Paulding County Economic Development, Van Wert Works, Industrial Millwright Services, Global Precision Parts, Unverferth Manufacturing, Danfoss(EATON), Tuttle Construction, Lima Millworks, Miller Brothers, Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters, Weigand Construction, Progressive Stamping, Endera, ELMCO, Raabe Ford, Window Creations, Progressive Stamping, and Verhoff Machine & Welding. Thank you to all the groups who helped in making the Open House a huge success.

On February 16, the Vantage FFA hosted 10 schools from throughout Northwest Ohio District 4 . The schools competed in Ag Power and Diagnostic District competitions which consisted of 5 stations that were set up by five local businesses/dealers. Special thanks to Mike Miller and his students, as well as the businesses, for setting up and hosting this event.

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

March is an exciting month for many reasons. We are heading into Spring which means sunshine and longer days. It also starts an extremely busy time of year for our instructors. I try to remind everyone to take one day at a time and enjoy the adventure.

We have multiple field trips in the Business & Service department this month. BPA will be competing at the state level March 9-10. HOSA will be competing at the state level March 16-17.

All Cosmetology students will be traveling to Charles Penzone Salon & Spa in Columbus for a day of learning about this very successful organization and the career opportunities it provides for cosmetologists. The seniors will be venturing out on 2 additional opportunities in our community traveling to an area nursing home and well as a high school to provide services.

Sports Exercise Therapy will be traveling to Rhodes State Community College visiting the Borra Center which is home to EMS, Nursing, RES, OTA and PTA departments. Students will have the opportunity to see all the labs and participate in hands-on activities as well as a school tour.

Sports Exercise Therapy will also be hosting our annual Bloodmobile March 29-31. 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.

10/10 students from Health Technology took and passed their state STNA test on the first try. The second 10 will test February 22. Seniors have started their required “successful venipunctures” to meet the requirements needed for their certification. Contact Leigh Carey, if you would like to volunteer for students to practice with you.

Culinary Arts has SEVERAL events in March and April. Serving lunch to 1st-5th grade group of students from VW, serving lunch to 8th grade group from VW, providing items for our Open House, donating cupcakes for the United Way/Council of Aging Cupcake War, organizing a cheese ball fundraiser to be picked up before Easter break and working on their ServSafe Manager certification.

The following businesses participated in our annual Open House: Van Wert County Jail, Ohio Highway Patrol, Van Wert Health, Wee Care Daycare, Victorium Learning Center, Meadows of Delphos, Tressa Lynn Photography, Hometown Therapy and Great Clips, Union Bank, PNC Bank, The Marketing Junkie, Van Wert Manor, Grand Lake Health, and Paulding County Hospital.

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

At the Open House Mr. Fisher 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 2022-2023 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 2/20 (before open house) we have received 285 applications as compared to 246 applications on 2/15 last year as compared to 283 applications on 2/24 two years ago.

On March 7th, 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.

# Adult Education Director's Report

## March. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 BOE Meeting

### Open House

- Adult education will be participating in the Taste of Vantage Open House. All coordinators will be available and interacting with guests. The nursing staff plans to bring Susie along to interact with guests as well.

### Achademix

- Training is rescheduled for March 15th & 16th.

### High school visits & Career Fairs

- Maria Diltz will be visiting the following schools:
  - Delphos Jefferson-Seniors
  - Delphos St John's-Seniors
  - Lincolnview-Seniors
  - Wayne Trace-Seniors
  - Kalida-Juniors and Seniors
  - Continental-Seniors
  - Antwerp-Seniors
  - Paulding-Seniors
  - Paulding County Career Day April 4th
  - Van Wert County Career Fair March 9th

### Welding

- Currently Interviewing for a welding instructor - very good candidates
- Offering a class starting at the end of March
- Gary Cearns will be doing customized training for a local manufacturing company.

### Budget

- I am meeting with the treasurer on a weekly basis to better understand her reports.
- We will be incorporating a different tracking system in July at the start of the new fiscal year.
- Planning to meet with each coordinator to give them a breakdown of their program and ask for projections for the next academic year.
- There will be another financial aid disbursement in May.
- State disbursement received Feb. 15th.

### Short-Term Certificate Grant

- The application will be opening in March or April for next year.
- All career centers spend their money very quickly and it is being noticed at the state level and funding was doubled for the next year by the state.
- We are hoping for an increased allocation of these funds.

### CDL State Financial Aid Program

- Applications are currently being reviewed and they will be making awards in the next month or so.

# Maintenance Report

- The one flag pole light was out and needed replaced. The cost of the new light was \$1,600 for a led replacement.
- Qualls mechanical delivered the new heat pumps for ECE 2 weeks ago. We opened up the boxes to make sure everything will hook up correctly. They'll be installed during spring break.
- The paint booth in auto body had a complete pm done on it this week and was advised to have this done every 2 years. During the pm they found a few things that need replaced due to age and wear.
- A group of local fire men came through with an instructor that are going through training to become fire inspectors. The tour lasted about 5 hours.
- We've started taking buses over to Rodoc to get their pre-inspections done. I had to get them over there sooner because of all the field trips in March.

## Technology Report (02-20-23)

- Stacie and I deployed a mobile lab with 10 laptops purchased through Rothacker for the Electricity program.
- We retired our old VAMT virtual server, and replaced it with a new VAMT virtual server running Windows Server 2022. VAMT is used to license Microsoft Windows, and Microsoft Office products.
- With the growth we've been experiencing district wide, we will need to upgrade our broadband package for the coming school year. Stacie, and I have begun the process of planning for that.
- Mary Ann collaborated with administration to design a tool to track hours for Vantage's work based learning program.
- Mary Ann has also been busy planning for Vantage's annual Mock interview event. She has scheduled more than 200 Seniors with over 35 interviewers. Mock interview will take place on March 7th.
- While the Senior class is participating in Mock Interview, our Juniors will be taking the ACT. Stacie has been collaborating with the guidance department to prepare 260 Chromebooks for this test.
- Earlier in the month Mary Ann worked with the guidance department to create communication dashboards for all of our member schools. These dashboards will help with many things including communicating graduation requirements, and Vantage application status.

## **Community Relations Report - 2/22/23**

Preparations for the Vantage annual Open House, set for Monday, February 27, 2023, is in motion. Food vendors, such as Millie's Cafe, Black Angus on Main, The Moose Landing, The Creamery, Canalside Burgers and Brew, Puckerbrush Pizza, and our very own Culinary Arts program are going to provide us with amazing food samples. DJ Ron Burt of Magic Moment Entertainment will be the evening's Emcee. The Vantage Open House is a great opportunity for new potential high school and adult education students, community members, employers and alumni to come visit the facility, speak to instructors and get a better understanding of what opportunities are available to fill their needs.

Vantage will begin the nominations for NEW student ambassadors for our 2023-2024 school year. Vantage student ambassadors are individuals who represent Vantage, their program, their home school, and their community through strong leadership characteristics. We are very proud of our 2022-23 student ambassadors as they represented Vantage in parades, the Day of Caring Food and Blood Drive, Build Your Future, Project 216, Veterans Day fundraiser, Christmas in the Park Volunteering, and many more. This year's 45 ambassadors really set the tone for the following group of students and we are proud of their accomplishments in and out of the classroom.

Competition season has just begun and Vantage students are grabbing on to some substantial hardware! We would like to congratulate all students who have competed in Business Professionals of America, HOSA Future Health Professionals, and SkillsUSA, and wish all who will be going to State competition the best of luck!

In-Demand Jobs Week will be celebrated throughout the state on May 1 through May 5, 2023. This will be the sixth year the state has recognized and celebrated In Demand Jobs Week, which is designed to promote Ohio's most in-demand and fastest-growing industries through statewide hiring, education, and training events. Vantage will celebrate by holding a ceremony on Friday, May 5, recognizing our students who have signed on for full-time jobs with local employers upon graduation.

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

Vantage Open House / Taste of Vantage	Monday February 27, 2023
Van Wert Chamber Leadership Class Visit	Wednesday, April 5, 2023
Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	Thursday, April 13, 2023
Career Advanced Placement "Signing Day"	First Friday in May, 2023