

## **Board of Education Update**

Benjamin A. Winans  
High School Director  
March 6, 2025

### **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 24. 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 4                    -- Junior ACT Testing or Local Presentations / Senior Mock Interview/  
March 21                 -- End of the 3rd Quarter  
April 2-4                 – Vantage Bloodmobile

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

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

Mrs. Wendy Baumle and Mrs. Julie Schroeder are working with the Red Cross to plan and organize our annual Vantage Bloodmobile coming up April 2 - 4 in the Trade and Industry Related classrooms. 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.

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

Vantage Career Center hosted the Northwest Ohio SkillsUSA Regional Competition on February 14. There were 17 schools who participated in the event with approximately 700 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. This is the first time in many years where there were no “grievances” filed on any contents.

Vantage also did very well in regards to placing in the top 4 in various contests. Those students' names are:

- Cole English (Continental), Melody Richards (Delphos Jefferson), Case Young (Lincolnview) - Silver in Welding Fabrication
- Austen Kinder (Paulding) - Bronze in CNC Programmer
- Isaac Heitman (Fort Jennings) - Gold in Automotive Service Technology
- Isaak Hagerman (Paulding) - Silver in Welding
- Krista Corzine (Lincolnview) - 4th Place in Automotive Refinishing
- Brody Kreischer (Van Wert) - Gold in Esthetics
- Kal-El Lands (Wayne Trace) - Bronze in CNC Turning
- Isaac Niese (Miller City) - 4th Place in CNC Milling
- Samuel Hasting (Delphos Jefferson), Reagan Clemens (Continental), Maxwell Stork (Paulding) - Silver in Crime Scene Investigation
- Alexander Groch (Delphos Jefferson) - Bronze in Related Technical Math
- Tyler Gurwell (Crestview) - Bronze in Collision Repair Technology
- Payton Scott (Crestview) - 4th Place in Collision Repair Technology
- Conner Harris (Van Wert) - Silver in Criminal Justice
- Jeffrey Neumeier (Delphos St. John's) - Gold in Heavy Equipment Operations
- Wyatt German (Ottoville) - Silver in Heavy Equipment Operations
- Caleb Merritt (Paulding) - Bronze in Heavy Equipment Operations

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 March 18th and 19th and in Dayton on March 7th and 8th.

### **Julie Schroeder – Business and Service Supervisor**

Students from Interactive Media and Network Systems will be competing at the state level for BPA (Business Professionals of America) on March 10-11 in Columbus. The following students will be attending:

- Alex Hefner- Lincolnview
- Noah Landin- Ottoville
- Ezra Webken- Ft. Jennings
- Marley Haunhorst- Delphos St. John
- Gavin Anderson- Crestview
- Xander Bartley- Paulding
- Grayden Clay- Lincolnview
- Haiven Harsh- Continental
- Owen Stetler- Parkway
- Carson Feathers- Delphos St. John
- Riley Wenzlick- Delphos St. John
- Hank Walpole- Delphos St. John
- Blake Schultz- Wayne Trace
- Trenton Thompson- Antwerp

- Ella Burkhart- Lincolnview
- Ella Druckemiller- Ottoville
- Ethan Frederick- Paulding

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.

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

At the Open House Mrs. Hanneman, Mrs. Stechschulte, 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. This year, Student Services also provided an opportunity for interested students to attend a College Credit Plus informational session. This is the second opportunity for students to receive information about College Credit Plus.

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 February 28. Vantage will continue to accept applications throughout the rest of the school year and into the summer months as well. As of 2/21 (before open house) we have received 411 applications as compared to 346 applications on 2/23 last year as compared to 285 applications on 2/20 two years ago.

On March 4th, juniors who have not opted out of taking the ACT will take the ACT test free of charge at Vantage. Students who have opted out of taking the ACT will be listening to four different speakers from the community to prepare them to enter adulthood.

Mrs. Stechschulte will begin to work on scheduling with our juniors and Mrs. Hanneman will be going to our associate schools in April to work on scheduling with our incoming students.

## Ashley Cline - Supervisor of Student Operations

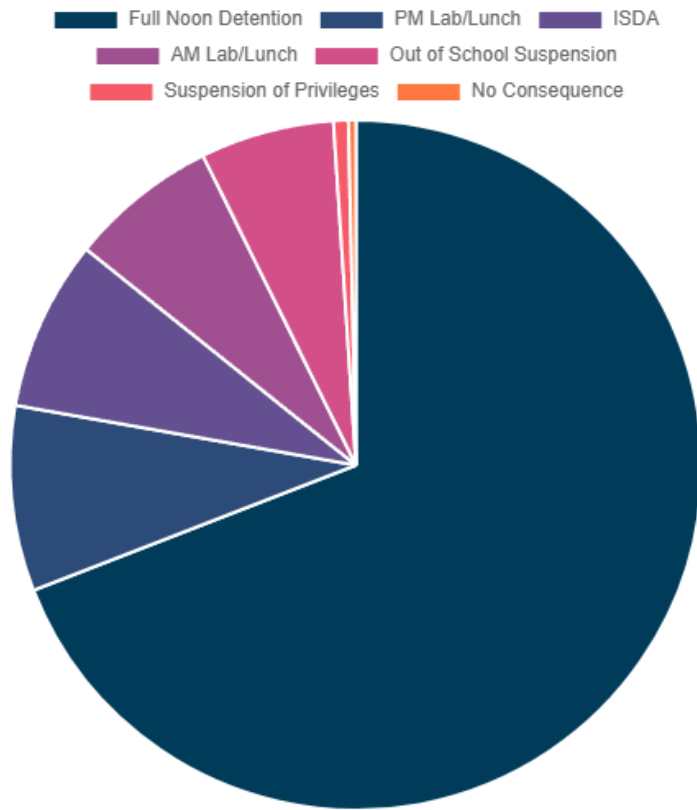
Mock Interviews have been scheduled for students with personnel from many local businesses, offering up their time to interview our students on March 4th.

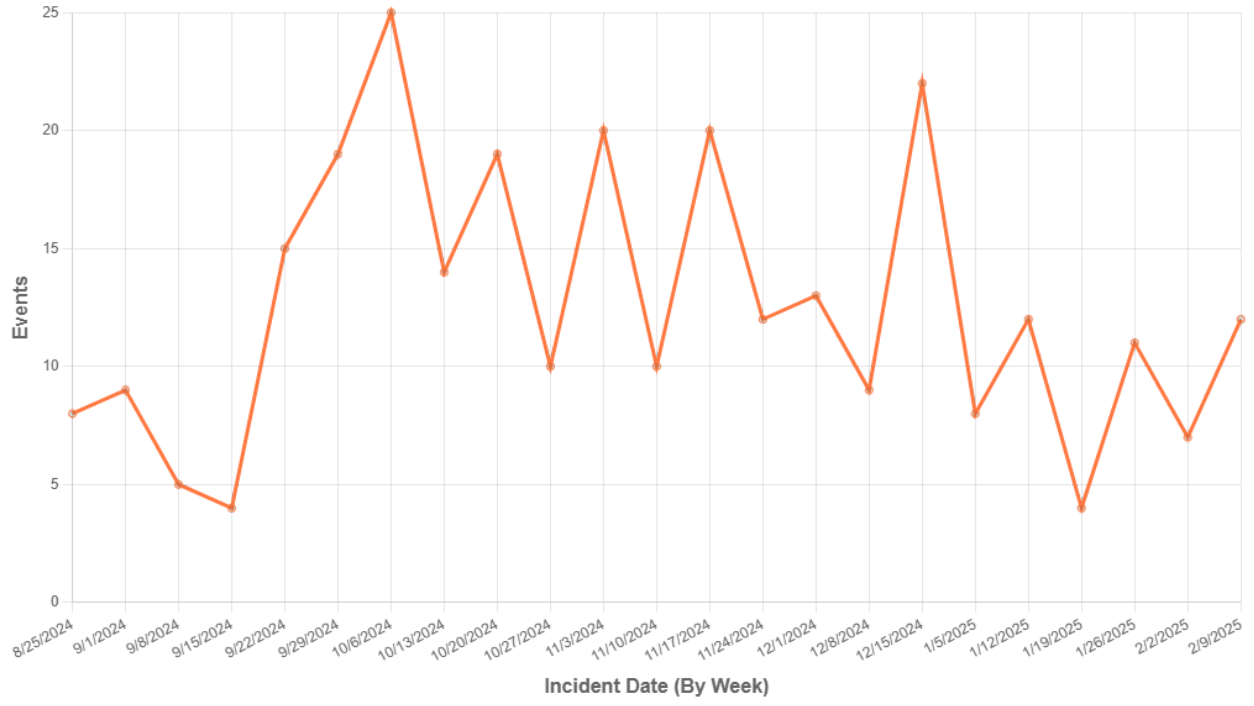
Currently, 38 students are engaged in the Work-Based Learning/Early Work Release program. We have established work-based learning agreements with 31 businesses, representing multiple labs at Vantage.

PBIS- (Positive Behavioral Intervention Support) - Currently 431 students (79.67%) of our students have been recognized for their Positive Behaviors.

Attendance - As of 2/18/2025 - Seniors attendance rate =94.6% Juniors attendance rate = 95.1%  
- Attendance Rate for all students = 94.9%

Discipline—The numbers for discipline during the same time period are very comparable to last year's, except for detentions, which are still much higher than last year. Please see the charts on the following page regarding discipline.





## **Adult Education Director's Report 2/6/2025**

### **Customized Training**

- Awarded an additional \$27,444.92 for the CTX Grant, bringing the total for FY25 to \$77,444.92.
- We have several customized training classes in the next couple of months with local businesses, including two new to the Van Wert area.

### **Work Ready Grant**

- Awarded \$21,967 for FY25 to be used now through June, 2026.

### **Fire Instructor Class - Starts 2/24/25**

- 12 Students
- Class runs for 4 weeks
- Will be held at Van Wert Fire Department

### **Volunteer Fire Class - Starts 3/11/2025**

- 13 Students
- Class runs for 5 weeks

### **Monthly BLS/CPR Classes**

- Monthly as needed, 3rd Thursday of the month during the day.

### **Paulding County Healthcare Roundtable**

- **Mar 3, 2025**
- Held at the Paulding County Economic Development Office
- 13 facilities invited, including educational institutions

# Maintenance Report

- **Ayers installed the new mini split in the main tech closet. We bypassed the one unit because of continuous cost in repairs.**
- **We had a busy few weeks to help get things ready for Skills USA.**
- **There were some heating problems in the Adult Ed. part of the building. One of the heat pumps had a leak at one of the pressure switches.**
- **IWI came out to do repairs on the dust collecting system in carpentry. There was a bad self-cleaning cylinder, and we were able to use an open cylinder on the unit.**

## Technology Report (02-24-25)

- The HVAC system in the main server room has been replaced, and is back to normal operation. A big thanks to the maintenance department for all their work getting this resolved!
- Attended Session 5 of the Ohio Cyber Reserve's cyber security seminar series concerning network configuration and maintenance controls at NOACSC in Lima.
- The department completed eRate form 471 vendor walkthroughs. The district is utilizing eRate category 2 funding to replace our wireless access points, and top of rack switches.
- Mary Ann trained all Vantage administrators on how to use the Remind messaging system.
- Mary Ann helped to launch the online Sophomore application for the 2025-2026 school year, and readied resources to support e-Learning online make up days should they be required.
- Hosted the NOACSC Western districts tech meeting. Thank you to Paulding, Antwerp, Crestview and Van Wert for attending. A special thank you to Gail Gillett for providing hospitality for our guests.



## **Community Relations Report - 3/24/25**

The Vantage Career Center Open House was a tremendous success! The event showcased our exceptional programs, dedicated staff, and state-of-the-art facilities that make Vantage a leader in career and technical education. Reflecting on the evening, there was strong attendance as we welcomed over 200 prospective high school students all eager to explore the opportunities available at Vantage. With them included parents, community members, and business leaders. There were also engaging demonstrations while hands-on program demonstrations gave visitors an interactive look into the skills students develop in our labs and classrooms. Our Student Ambassadors also played a vital role in guiding guests, sharing their experiences, and showcasing the benefits of their career-technical education. Several local businesses and industry partners attended to discuss workforce opportunities and the strong pipeline Vantage creates between education and employment.

We would like to specifically thank all of our major Diamond Sponsors: Black Angus Catering Company, Canalside Burgers and Brew, Moose Landing Country Club, Millie's Cafe, and Convoy Road Coffee Roasters. Other supporters included our Platinum Sponsors: Dark Horse Productions, TRULAND Equipment, All Temp Refrigeration, Lange Photographics, Central Mutual Insurance, Lee Kinstle Chevrolet and Taylor Auto Sales, VTF Excavation, Unverferth Manufacturing, Speed Pro Machines, Schrader Realty, and Vancrest of Van Wert.

Vantage Career Center Adult and Post-secondary Education will be attending the Paulding County Career and College Expo on April 2nd. We are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and engaging with students who may want to pursue our Vantage post-secondary programs to further their skills and career knowledge.

Vantage is eager to invite and host the Van Wert Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class of 2025 on Wednesday, April 2. Select Vantage students will be highlighted during a panel/Q & A session to share their unique and personal education journeys. The Leadership class will then get to tour the facility to explore both high school and adult programs, as well as the critical elements that make each student's career paths successful.

The Vantage Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2025 Inductees will be recognized at the annual all Boards Dinner, Thursday, April 3, 2025. Currently the selection committee is reviewing possible candidates and will have a final selection set for the All Boards Dinner.

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

Paulding County Career & College Expo  
Van Wert Chamber Leadership Class Visit  
Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Wednesday, April 2, 2025  
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Thursday, April 3, 2025