

Board of Education Update
Benjamin A. Winans
High School Director
May 1, 2025

Staff/Student Recognition

It's been a busy month as we begin to work toward the end of the school year. Tentative acceptance letters were sent to applicants, our final principal meeting of the year was conducted, and we are beginning to work on a schedule for next school year.

I would be remiss if I did not give a quick shout out to our students and staff who all worked well together as we conducted our full evacuation drill. Special thanks to our local law enforcement and safety personnel as well. The drill went well and all involved did a great job, we pride ourselves on making the safety of staff and students a top priority at Vantage.

Upcoming Events

May 5 - 9	Staff Appreciation Week
May 9	Senior "CAP Signing Day"
May 15	Seniors Last Day of School
May 19	Senior Awards Ceremony at VWHS (7:00PM)
May 20	Last Day for Juniors
May 21	Teacher Workday (½ Day)
May 26	Memorial Day

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

Our Senior Awards ceremony is coming up on May 19 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

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

The Carpentry House Project is nearing completion and getting ready to be auctioned off this summer. The students are doing a great job on it along with their instructor, Mr. Robinson.

The CDL program finished the first group of students with all seven of the students passing their tests. The final four students for the year are close to finishing their driving hours and will be testing shortly. The total number of high school students obtaining their CDL is now at 105.

Mr. Edwards and the entire Auto Collision program students are inviting their parents and guests into Vantage on May 9th in order to see all the projects that the students have completed this school year.

Special thanks to the Welding program and Mr. Cearns for completing a big project (foldable brackets) for the Parkway Athletic Building. The Construction Equipment Technology program, the Electricity program, as well as the Industrial Mechanics program have also been doing numerous projects for various community organizations and receiving great publicity for Vantage Career Center.

Julie Schroeder – Business and Service Supervisor

Criminal Justice students are busy finalizing their certifications. Seniors received their APCO training and are working toward becoming Dispatch certified. The juniors are finishing their CPR, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed certifications. Mr. Miller is collaborating with local law enforcement agencies to secure more field placement opportunities for his students during the 2025-2026 school year.

Mrs. Markward has completed her BGSU coursework and is now eligible to apply for an Advanced Career Tech Workforce Development License! All juniors have successfully received their CNA (formerly STNA) certification. Fifteen seniors have completed 30 venipunctures, which is a requirement to sit for their Phlebotomy certification. Phlebotomy certification testing will take place on May 7th.

Junior Cosmetology students, 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. Mrs. Grothouse and Mrs. Smith incorporated eyelash lift and tint into the curriculum this year. The Avantage Salon closed on April 30th. We're excited to announce that we have six cosmetology students who are on early work placement in our local communities! Ohio Cosmetology State Board results are expected 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 volunteer opportunities. Seniors are nearing completion of their CDA testing, and we currently have a 100% passage rate for those who have tested. The countdown to summer is on for the preschool students; their last day of school and end-of-year program will be held on May 8th. Thank you to Mrs. Moreno for all of her hard work during her first year as our Preschool Head Teacher. Congratulations to Mrs. Baker as she has also completed her BGSU coursework and will be eligible for an Advanced Career Tech Workforce Development License!

Mrs. DeWert and the Interactive Media students have been hard at work creating door number stickers and installing them around the school. This is an initiative that came out of the Safety Committee. Students recently completed their Adobe Certification testing; the juniors took the

Photoshop test, and the seniors took the Animate test. In order to keep up with local job market demands, Mrs. DeWert plans to change her senior first-semester course from Web Design to Video and Sound; she has been working to develop a new curriculum for this change.

Mr. Shardelow, Ms. Hannekratt, and the Culinary Arts students have been very busy. They have been hard at work on a variety of certifications such as OSHA 10, ServSafe Handler, and ServSafe Manager. On Thursday, April 17th, Senior Culinary Arts students displayed their cake projects in the Commons for students and staff to vote on their favorites and bid to take one home via a silent auction. The Cup & Saucer closed for the school year on April 25th.

Health Information Management Senior, Melania Kroeger (St. John's), took 6th place at the HOSA State Competition in Medical Spelling. Congratulations, Melania and Mrs. Laing. Medical Assisting Juniors are currently participating in a 30-hour shadowing rotation at Van Wert Ohio Health. Thank you to Mrs. Laing and Emily Lichtenberger of Ohio Health for all their hard work and collaboration to make this opportunity a reality for our students.

Transition to Work students, along with Mrs. Webster's Success class, will be planting the school garden. Students are hard at work, under the guidance of Mrs. Farr and Mrs. Allen, creating freshies, decor, and soaps to stock up our local vendors before summer break.

Network Systems Junior, Owen Stetler (Parkway), qualified for nationals in the BPA Server Administration using Microsoft competition. Congratulations to Owen and Mr. Regedanz on this great achievement. Our IT Help Desk through Network Systems closed down shop on April 28th. Thank you again to staff and students for allowing students to work on technology pieces throughout the year.

Mrs. Baulme took her Sports Exercise Therapy students to Parkview Field, home of the Tincaps, last month. 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. This year, the Vantage Bloodmobile collected a record number of units of blood; for these efforts, the American Red Cross will provide \$5,000 to be awarded to Vantage seniors in the form of scholarships.

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

Applications are ongoing. We currently have 320 accepted applications with 114 on the waitlist. Student Services will conduct visits to the home schools from late April through May to assist students with class registration, answering any questions, and inviting them to be fitted for uniforms at the end of May.

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 7-15 was filled with End of Course testing. Special thanks to Stacie Lippi, MaryAnn Falk,, Stephanie Hanneman, Audrey Stechschulte and all academic teachers for all their work in getting students and technology ready for these tests and for helping administer the tests.

Ashley Cline - Supervisor of Student Operations

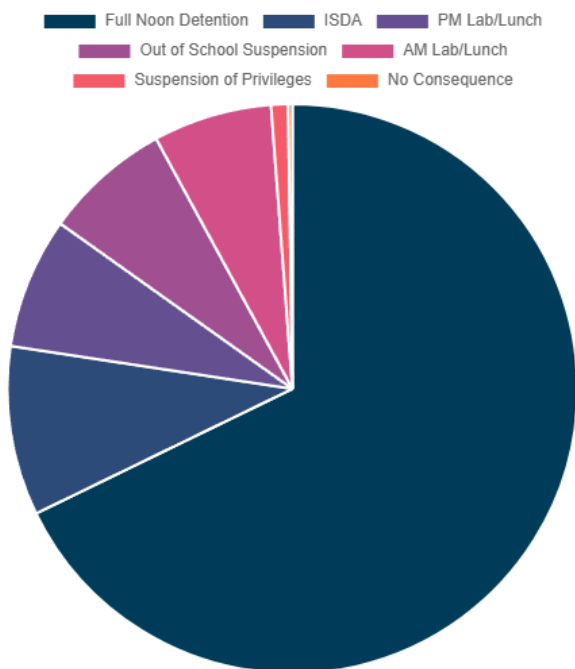
Currently working with juniors on who is interested in employment opportunities - will share this information with our county economic developments.

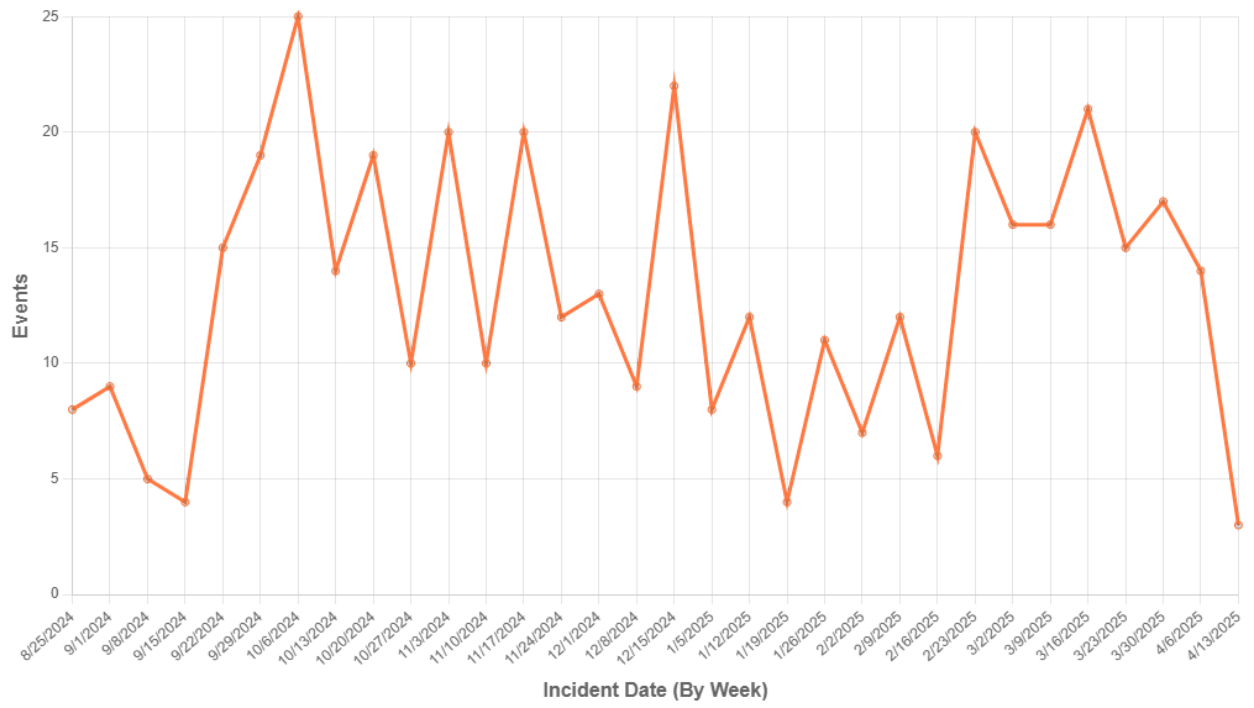
Currently, 49 students are engaged in the Work-Based Learning/Early Work Release program. We have established work-based learning agreements with 40 different businesses, representing multiple labs at Vantage.

PBIS- (Positive Behavioral Intervention Support) - Currently, 52 students (83.70%) of our students have been recognized for their Positive Behaviors.

Attendance - As of 4/15/2025 - Seniors attendance rate =94.4% Juniors attendance rate = 95.1% - Attendance Rate for all students = 94.8%

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 regarding discipline on the following page.





Adult Education Director's Report 5/1/2025

Welding Grant

- **\$50,000 Equipment Grant**
 - Gary Cearns and I worked on a grant through AWS in the amount of \$50,000
 - Due 3/14/2025
 - Review and approval of grants will take approximately 2 months.

Police Academy Graduation

- May 7th, 2025
 - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 - Potential of 12 graduates (pending Physical Fitness Test)

Customized Training

- OSHA 511 General Industry Standards Certification
 - Terri Schmenk recently completed this class and passed the exam, so we're now able to offer this training.
- Current classes:
 - FANUC - multiple classes, multiple companies
 - Electrical/Arc Flash
 - Leadership/Management Courses Customized for local employers
 - Blueprint Reading
 - Fork Truck

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- A roll off dumpster was delivered to collect aluminum cans for the Interact Club's German Exchange Program
- LED lights were installed in the High School office.
- 2 fire doors were replaced that were not up to fire code.
- The buses are undergoing their annual pre-inspections at Rodoc.
- 11 field trips have been planned for the month of April 2025
- CIH of Fort Wayne, Indiana, will begin the replacement of key fob hardware on the entry doors due to the current system's deterioration and malfunction.

~

Technology Report (04-17-25)

- Performed an operational review of our panic button system to ensure that functionality aligns with expectations. There are 3 panic buttons in total located under the receptionist's desks in the High School, Adult Ed, and District offices.
- Began assessing maintenance needs, and new deployments for the summer months.
- Began preparing obsolete equipment for sale on GovDeals.com
- Stacie began ordering the approved P.I. equipment
- Began the onboarding process for ParentSquare. ParentSquare is the district's new messaging system, and will replace Remind as our primary means of disseminating information.
- Participated in the district-wide evacuation drill on 04-16-25. All systems performed as expected.
- Stacie is working with the nursing program to evaluate, and select a new learning management system. Moodle, the current LMS will not sign a data privacy agreement, and we would rather use a company that will.
- Stacie worked with Gail and Kayla to review, and strengthen our HIPAA controls within Progressbook.