

Board of Education Update

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Staff Recognition

As you will see from the schedule below we have several events and competitions scheduled for the month of April. I want to take this opportunity to recognize all our staff members who are planning these events or who have trained our students to properly prepare them for their upcoming competitions. Vantage Career Center is very proud of our staff and the efforts they put into training our students each day!

Upcoming Events

April 3-5 - Vantage Bloodmobile
April 8 - Eclipse Day - Online Learning Day
April 9-10 - SkillsUSA State Competition
April 10-11 - HOSA State Competition
April 15-19 - End of Course Testing
April 25-26 - FCCLA State Competition
May 6 - 10 - Staff Appreciation Week

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

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Thank you to the Board for allowing me to travel to Columbus to the Ohio Career-Technical Administrators (OCTA) Spring Conference. I was able to receive updates in regard to our Perkins Funding and the changes we continue to see in the reporting necessary for these funds. I was also able to hear from various representatives with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Development. The representatives provided some guidance into our programming, academics, special education and also data in regard to our district reporting. Outside of the updates, the time allowed to network with other career technical administrators from across the state provides a great chance to learn about new opportunities we can implement here at Vantage to continue to assist our students.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

The Carpentry program continues to make good progress on the spec house that is located at 502 N. Walnut Street in Van Wert. The shingles are installed as well as all doors and windows. The students also poured the front porch of the house, with some of the students even volunteering

their own time to help finish the concrete after school hours. Thanks to Mr. Robinson and his students in putting forth a great effort in regards to the house construction.

The Vantage FFA Chapter recently hosted the District 4 Ag Mechanical Skills competition. The competition consisted of 13 teams, some coming from as far away as Fremont, Clyde, Tiffin, and Arcadia. The competition consisted of ten timed stations in which each team consisted of three individuals. The students were challenged to complete the ten stations in the allotted time given. And I am proud to say that the team of Trevor Davis (Lincolnview), Maddie Osborn (Lincolnview), and Austin Zuber (Antwerp) finished in first place and will now represent District 4 in the state competition that will be held at The Ohio State Agricultural Technical Institute in April. Congratulations to the students and thanks to Mr. Miller for organizing this competition.

All eight students who recently took their Class A CDL test passed and received their CDL license. Congratulations to the students as well as the Adult Ed truck driving instructors for a job well done!

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

It is crunch time! Staff and students are busy tackling certifications, webXams and other course requirements before the end of the year. A big thank you to our instructors for equipping students with the knowledge and skills to succeed on these assessments as well as continuing to showcase your labs and students as we welcome community members into the building this spring.

Students from Interactive Media and Network Systems competed at the BPA state competition March 7-8. Ella Druckemiller (Jr. Interactive Media/Ottoville) placed 3rd in the state in Fundamental Desktop Publishing and Ella Burkhart (Jr. Interactive Media/Lincolnview) placed 4th in Fundamental Desktop Publishing which qualifies them both for Nationals in Chicago, IL May 10-14. Liz Gent (St. Interactive Media/Crestview) and Madison Harpel (Jr. Interactive Media/Paulding) placed in the top 10.

Students from Health Technology, Health Information Mgmt, and Sports Exercise Therapy competed at HOSA state competition in Toledo, Ohio on April 10-11. The following students will be participating:

Madison Ricker-Ft. Jennings
Lillia Krugh-Crestview
Chloe Stauffer-Parkway

Kamren Johnson-Antwerp
Dominique Hammond-Continental
Peyton Shepherd-Van Wert

Kamrun Smith-Wayne Trace
Melania Kroeger-St. John

Transition to Work students along with instructor, Susan Farr/ job coach, Brenda Wurst have students out in the community at work based learning sites. Limitless Sale by PC Workshop has partnered with TTW to purchase student made items to sell in their store. Seniors are currently working with transition agencies to make final plans post graduation.

Adult Education presented to our Business and Service junior programs to highlight what post-secondary options are available to them.

Van Wert FCS Satellite finished their regional FCCLA competition. Adysenn and Ashlynn Delzeith received a Silver rating in Interior Design Level 3 and are awaiting to see if they will advance on to state competition.

Congratulations to the Van Wert High School FCCLA Chapter for receiving a FACTS (Families Acting for Traffic Safety) grant of \$1250 to complete a seatbelt safety Project. This grant was made possible through the National FCCLA and Ohio Department of Public Safety. One hundred FCCLA chapters throughout Ohio will be receiving these grants. The Van Wert chapter plans to raise awareness, educate and advocate for students to Buckle Up and Get It Together! (Instructor, Lynda Ragan)

Wendy Baumle, Sports Exercise Therapy and her students will run our annual Bloodmobile on April 3,4,5. This event has a lot of moving parts and involves several staff members to help, so thank you to our staff for your help and support.

Finally, Culinary Arts and Criminal Justice will be part of the annual All Boards Dinner. Both programs have spent numerous hours preparing for the event. It is always a big deal for our students to be highlighted as they represent Vantage and their Homeschool.

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

ACT testing was completed on March 5th with make-up testing scheduled to be completed on March 6th and March 14th.

The priority deadline for 2024-2025 applications for Vantage Career Center was March 1st.

Students who missed the deadline may still submit applications for next school year online at VantageCareerCenter.com. We currently have 399 applications as of 3/14/24. This is 55 more applications than last year.

Students will be notified of their tentative acceptance. Acceptance is tentative based upon successful completion of their freshman and sophomore year requirements.

Ms. Temple has been working closely with school counselors to ensure proper program placement for all students interested in Vantage Career Center.

The 3rd quarter was completed on March 22, 2024.

Mrs. Hanneman has begun scheduling for next year with this year's juniors. This includes

College Credit Plus options for those students that meet the college entrance requirements.

Jaime Kipfer will be teaching College Algebra and Trigonometry on Vantage's campus next

school year through College Credit Plus and Northwest State Community College.

End of Course testing and retakes will be done the week of April 15th.

Adult Education Director's Report

4/4/24 BOE Meeting

Ohio Board of Nursing Site Visit - March 27th & 28th 2024 - Will provide an update at the May BOE meeting.

Marketing

- Created an annual marketing plan for Adult Ed to remain consistent and create a constant flow of information to the public. Will evaluate annually.
 - Instructor/Coordinator Highlights
 - Student/Alumni Highlights
 - Continuous program highlights with photos or current classes in action.
 - Highlight instructors/students during national appreciation days/weeks
 - Giving marketing materials a fresh new look, along with 50th anniversary timeline.

Program Cost Analysis

- Conducting program cost analysis with Coordinators. Any changes will be presented at the May/June board meeting for approval.

High School/Adult Education Collaboration

- The high school and adult ed staff have been meeting to discuss the many possibilities we have to collaborate and maximize the opportunities 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.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- **Kooresen came in and had to add spray heads on the hood suppression system in culinary. This was because of the addition of the new fryer.**
- **Tommy and I did some spring cleaning this month. We cleaned out both storage rooms in G hall. Storage racks were purchased through Uline to help organize things.**
- **We did some cleaning and organizing in the us barn and added another pallet rack out there.**
- **We've started taking buses over to Rodoc for pre-inspections.**

Technology Report (03-25-24)

- Participated in a CISA cyber security Seminar hosted by NOACSC. The seminar focused on ransomware, and the resources that CISA can provide in combating cyber security threats.
- Worked with Truland Equipment to provide our Ag program access to the John Deere diagnostic software platform. Students will be able to interface with John Deere tractors using this system.
- This month Mary Ann has been busy coordinating Vantage's mock interview event. Mock interview is held annually, and enables our students to polish their interview skills by interviewing with local employers.
- Mary Ann's classroom technology team continues to meet monthly, and are currently evaluating the tech tools our faculty use to ensure those tools are safeguarding student data.
- Stacie worked with Mickey McConahay to administer the ACT to the junior class.
- Stacie has also been busy working with vendors to order the equipment that has been approved during this years technology permanent improvement process.

Community Relations Report - 3/25/24

Vantage Career Center Adult Education will be attending the Paulding County Career and College Expo on April 3rd. 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 2024 on Wednesday, April 3. 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.

Similarly, Vantage will also host the Paulding Chamber Leadership In Action group on April 10th, as well. We look forward to expanding the reach Vantage has in connecting with local business professionals in hopes to help our students gain a better network and understanding of opportunities within their local communities.

The Vantage Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2024 Inductees will be recognized at the annual all Boards Dinner, Thursday, April 4, 2024. We are proud to announce that the selected Vantage Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Michael Recker, Industrial Mechanics, 2007, **Kalida**, (Unverferth Manufacturing, Plant Manager)
Nathan Arn, Ag Diesel, **Van Wert**, 2008 (Heritage Farm Equipment)

Vantage will once again be hosting the Van Wert City School Second Grade class on Friday April 10th as part of their career introduction and exploration initiatives. We are excited to have these young and impressionable students in our building to be able to put together the pieces of what certain careers look like, what technology is involved, and tools or equipment utilized.

In-Demand Jobs Week will be celebrated throughout the state on May 6 through May 10, 2024. This will be the seventh 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 10, 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:

Paulding County Career & College Expo	Wednesday, April 3, 2024
Van Wert Chamber Leadership Class Visit	Wednesday, April 3, 2024
Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	Thursday, April 4, 2024
Paulding Chamber Leadership In Action Tour	Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Van Wert City School 2nd Grade Tour	Friday, April 12, 2024
Career Advanced Placement "Signing Day"	Friday, May 10, 2024