

Board of Education Update

Michael Knott
High School Director
January 13, 2022

Staff Recognition

Special thanks to Gail Gillett and Paula Vantilburg for organizing a 13 days of Christmas countdown for staff and students. Staff were surprised with activities and small gifts of appreciation that really helped lift the spirits of everyone leading into the holiday break. Thank you Santa's elves!

Mrs. Ashley Cline, Mrs. Sarah Koch, along with the Interact Club were able to put together fundraising efforts that raised \$5500 for Toss-a-Toy. Toss-a-Toy is a local initiative that provides toys for families in need around Van Wert county (and the surrounding counties). Their efforts helped families in our area have gifts under the tree for Christmas.

Upcoming Events

January 17 -- Martin L. King Day (No School)
January 28 -- Sophomore Day

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

Mike Knott -- Director

We are excited to provide several opportunities over the next couple of months for prospective sophomores and parents to see what programs are available at Vantage. Mrs. Owens and Ms. Temple will do presentations in the schools throughout the month of January. Sophomores will be visiting on January 28th and the building will host an open house on February 28th.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

On December 13th & 14th the Ag & Industrial Power students attended the first session of training provided by the Kenn-Feld group in Van Wert. This partnership and training has been in the works for almost 2 years. 3 members of the Kenn-Feld staff came to Vantage and worked with the Juniors on dealership skills and work order completion, time management, and bad habits that cost companies money. The seniors were taken to the dealership and participated in a full combine inspection on the first day and learned the electrical/hydraulic overview of combines on the second day. Instructor Mike Miller spent the second session with service manager Brian Richey (a former student and Vantage alumni) learning the new diagnostic program Kenn-Feld has set our program up with to learn basic diagnostics on John Deere equipment.

I want to give a huge Thank You to Andrew Drerup, Brian Richey, and Mike Miller for getting this partnership started. Students will be doing 2 more days of John Deere training in January.

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

Junior Health Technology students finished up their clinical check-offs for their STNA certification. They will now begin reviewing in preparation for testings to obtain their STNA.

CTSOs (BPA, HOSA, FCCLA, SkillsUSA) are beginning to work on regional competition.

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

We had a good 1st semester here at Vantage Career Center, which ended on January 7th.

Throughout January Mrs. Owens and Ms. Temple will be visiting the associate schools and presenting to the sophomore classes about the opportunities available at Vantage Career Center. The presentation includes a video detailing the 17 programs available. We will also be using the Vantage website to promote Sports Exercise Therapy, explain the application process, and then follow up with a question and answer session.

Sophomore Visit Day – Is scheduled for January 28th. Close to 900 sophomores from our 13 associate schools will be coming to visit. This gives these sophomores the opportunity to visit two of our programs for one hour each. Sophomores will be given hands-on training for an hour to determine if they would like to pursue these labs for their junior and senior year.

Academic staff members have been working with our students who will need to take any portion of the End of Course Testing this Spring. The End of Course tests will be administered the week of April 4th.

Vantage Career Center will be administering the ACT this Spring, March 15th.

Adult Education Director's Report Jan. 13th, 2022 BOE Meeting

Courses in Progress:

- EMT – 2 classes running now, 2 starting in the next month
- PNP – started 2nd phase
- Welding – Started ¼ - 9 students
- Police Academy continuing through May
- Customized Trainings – continuing at Braun, Johns Manville and prepping for Cooper Farms and Trucent.
- HS CDL – finishing up the classroom portion this week.

Move to Thomas Edison

- Move is complete
- Working through some technology issues, and some misc. items that need addressed.
 - Several items are on backorder due to inventory issues.

CTX Funds

- Working with Buckeye Education Systems to purchase Electronic Training Boards for Customized Training.

Medical Assisting/Phlebotomy

- Taking a break from offering Medical Assisting. Looking at starting a Phlebotomy course the end of February. Phlebotomist jobs are considered in-demand in the State of Ohio.
 - Allison Singer taught Phlebotomy for the Medical Assisting Program and is willing to teach a stand-alone class.
 - Dr. Laing's office in Van Wert has several staff member he is waiting to send.
 - Cost sheet will be presented to the Board in February.