Winter wonderland

Around the Area

emma**FLEMING** | Reporter



The Nutcracker Ballet

Photo source: krannertcenter.com

The holiday season is quickly approaching, and that means staying indoors to avoid the cold. But that doesn't have to be the case! There are plenty of events around Champaign-Urbana that get you out of the house. Whether you are wanting a cozy indoor activity or an exciting outdoor evening, there is something for everyone! If you are looking for something to do over winter break, here are 5 events around the area.

The Nutcracker at Krannert

This holiday season, the Champaign Urbana Ballet and the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra will be presenting Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker at the Krannert Center for Performing Arts. Guests are invited to bring items that will help keep the community warm this winter. Coats, hats, gloves, mittens and similar items are what is needed. All the items that are collected will be sent to the Champaign Unit 4 School District and Urbana School District 116. The ballet will be performing Friday, Dec. 7-Sunday, Dec. 9. The ticket price for students is \$30.

Market IN the Square Holiday Edition

Urbana's Market at the Square will head indoors for the holidays. The Market will be held in Lincoln Square Mall and focus around gifts and holiday crafts. Vendors like the Champaign Urbana Potters Club will be at the Market; handcrafted pottery makes for a great gift! The Market IN the Square Holiday Edition will be Saturday, Dec. 8, Saturday, Dec. 15 and Saturday Dec. 22 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Even if you are not looking to shop, it is a great event that gets you out of the house!

Holiday Classics at the Virginia

Rudolph and The Grinch aren't just for little kids! The Virginia Theatre in Champaign will be showing holiday classics that are hard to outgrow this winter break! Some of these classics include Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer on Thursday, Dec. 6, A Holiday in Whoville on Sunday, Dec. 16 and A Christmas Carol on Friday and Saturday, Dec 21-22. Following A Holiday in Whoville, the Virginia will be providing hot chocolate and trolley rides through downtown Champaign. If you are still in the area this winter break, go catch a holiday classic at the Virginia!

Ice Skating at the U of I Arena

Looking for a cheap holiday date location or just a fun day with friends? Don't mind falling on your butt? The University of Illinois Ice Arena offers public skating for just \$6 and it is open for all ages! The ice rink offers lunch time, afternoon and evening skating sessions. The ice rink is open on Wednesday and Friday nights from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1:30-4 p.m. Lunch time skating sessions are Monday-Friday from 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. This is a great holiday activity if you don't mind the cold!

Holiday Showcase at Allerton Park

Allerton Park in Monticello will be hosting a holiday showcase on Dec. 8-11. The showcase will include vendors and business from around the area. Food, shopping and holiday crafts will be included in this special showcase. On Friday, the opening night of the showcase, will be the Kirby Winter Wellness Walk. On this walk, one can walk through a Christmas-light wonderland! Along with the illuminating lights, there will be food trucks and music for attendees to enjoy. Attendees will be able to walk through the gardens and the mansion. To add to the enchantment, there will also be carriage rides around the Allerton Estate provided by the Merrybeth Farm Carriage Service. Head to Allerton Park and Retreat Center website for more information about the showcase!

5 Holiday Activities | Christmas, Navidad, Natal

savannah**WEISHAAR** | Reporter

Parkland College is home to students from all over the world. Many these international students are preparing to travel home for winter break to celebrate Christmas with families. But how exactly will they be celebrating? Parkland students from England, El Salvador, and Brazil provide some insight into their cultures this holiday season.

Food is an important thing in many cultures, especially during holidays. So first and foremost the food needs to be discussed. When questioned about typical

that just as the American holiday of Thanksgiving is ending in the United States, the food migrates to other countries.

Georgia from Bristol, England said, "The food is pretty similar to what we had at Thanksgiving." While Mayra Sosa from San Salvador, El Salvador said, "Christmas for us is like Thanksgiving." So it seems safe to say they enjoyed Thanksgiving--or the food at least. However there were some differences in the Christmas meal Brazil.

"We eat turkey, chicken, sometimes barbecue, rice, kind of like a vegetable



Georgia Ward from England (12 years old) and her family take a photo with their Christmas crowns on. Photo source: Georgia Ward

Beatriz Meneghin who is from Sao Paulo, Brazil. To clarify, 'vegetable mayo' is exactly what it sounds like--mayonnaise

little overlap between El Salvador and Brazil seeing as they are both Latin American countries. England's



Caption: Beatriz Meneghin from Brazil (5 years old) and her brother get a picture with Santa.

Photo source: Beatriz Meneghin

vegetables mixed in. In addition, the thing called 'pudim' is comparable to flan.

matter Next importance--traditions. These are very different from one another as well as the United States. However, there is a

season is very similar to the United States despite two factors--Christmas Crackers and Boxing Day.

When questioned about Christmas Crackers Ward said, "You do it before you eat and they're these little cardboard things and you hold either end and pull

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picture on Santa's lap with her family.

Photo source: Mayra Sosa

food in their country during Christmas all three students had one thing in common--turkey. It seems

mayo, 'pudim'-- I don't know how you guys call 'pudim'...we eat some passion fruit dessert." said

Lend a Hand for the Holidays:

Champaign County Humane Society Volunteer Opportunities

ashlev**HOUSE** | Reporter

Parkland students who love animals and are searching for a volunteer opportunity this winter can look no farther than the Champaign County Humane Society. Each winter when out of town students leave for the holiday break and others are traveling to visit family, the shelter experiences a shortage of volunteers, which leaves a lot to be done by few in a small amount of time. And luckily there are plenty of ways to get involved.

The first thing to know before volunteering your services is that you should plan on committing: training new volunteers takes up lots of time and resources, therefore they would like you to commit for at least 4 months. Not that that should be an issue; how can you resist so many cute furry faces and wonderful feeling of



Low Maintenance Pet

having done something truly good? You also must be at least 18 years of age to volunteer and attend an orientation meeting at which you can fill out their official paper application to volunteer, as well as gain more information on what exactly each job entails and why it's important. The

orientation will take place just after you finish up your finals, on December 19 at 6:30pm at the Urbana Free Library, so it's the perfect time to get involved.

Once you get registered and take a tour of the shelter, you can select the job you would like to volunteer for and receive

the proper training for it. My personal favorite job when I volunteered there was walking and socializing the dogs. Each dog typically needs a 10 to 15 minute walk a few times day. When temperatures become too hot or too cold,

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CobraVenture AT PARKLAND COLLEGE

Parkland to launch new business cohort CobraVenture

aylaMCDONALD | Reporter

A new business program called CobraVenture will be offered to Parkland students during the Spring 2019 "CobraVenture semester. is a student entrepreneur cohort for current Parkland College students who want to start their own business while still in enrolled in college," the CobraVenture website says. "The cohort model provides for a closeknit group to embark on the process together, through a series of workshops on topics important to getting their businesses started."

Organized and run by Parkland Foundation, Parkland by College Community Education, and by the Office of the Vice President of Communication and External Affairs, the CobraVenture cohort is open to all Parkland students from any program.

"We want it to be open for as many as possible...The only requirement is that thev have to be enrolled in at least three credit hours for Spring 2019. So you can be full or said Stephanie part-time," Vice President Stuart, of Communications and Affairs.

concept is that, no matter what program you're in...if you have the entrepreneurial spirit...the college actually provide to you a structured support to help you be successful at starting that business, and then eventually...give you a platform to help launch the business, some thought process behind developing that business plan, and then connect you with community resources at the end to be able to continue on."

Stuart says that the cohort will be selected this month by an advisory committee and that students will begin to meet for a series of workshops at the beginning of Spring semester 2019.

"In terms of selecting participants on the front end... we have established advisory committee that will meet in early December that's comprised of Parkland faculty, Parkland administrators, and then outside individuals, foundation donors, and just local business leaders, as well as some individuals that are connected to the entrepreneurial community outside of Parkland," Stuart said. "We'll select the class in December and it'll kick off

actually in January...every other week, more or less, there will be a workshop and students that are a part of the cohort will be able to attend...[workshops be on different topics that are related to business, so obviously there will be sort of an orienting type workshop, a workshop about how to develop your business plan, about marketing, about financial management, and those sorts of types of topics."

Following info sessions about CobraVenture that were held at the beginning of November, Stuart says that the program has received a lot of interest from students of all backgrounds.

"We've received good number of student applicants," Stuart said. "The applications we've gotten so far are from virtually every area of the college and the ideas are creative...we're excited to establish who will be in it, and then we hope to announce that class probably in January."

Students accepted into CobraVenture cohort will have the opportunity to receive up to \$3,000 in seed money for starting their business by pitching their business ideas to a

panel at the end of Spring 2019 semester at a Pitch Showcase event.

"The 'Pitch Showcase'... will happen in May, and it will be a capstone event...for all the CobraVenture participants," Stuart said. "We'll have local business leaders that will be there as part of a panel to evaluate the pitches and we'll award some dollars... that's part of the agreement that the donors have made with the foundation, that there would be specific funds made available to students to help start their businesses. So they're not scholarships, they're not loans...obviously there will be some bigger prices than others for those that do exceptionally well, but we don't want to have any participant walk away empty handed."

is not accepted into the CobraVenture cohort, Stuart says that resources will be made available to all and encourages students who did not apply to still reach out. "We want to help all, so regardless of whether or not students make it into the cohort we'll have resources available to them. It may not be as in depth as CobraVenture the cohort,

Even if an applicant

but... If you submit we'll follow up with you regardless of whether or not you make it in," Stuart said. "There is contact information on the CobraVenture website... so if you missed the deadline you won't be able to be part of the cohort, but if you still want to just stay connected don't hesitate to reach out and say, 'hey I missed the deadline but is there something else that I could be doing or other ways that I can get help to start my own business?'...we're hoping if this is successful that we can continue in future years...I would just encourage students to believe that you could do it too and that there will be people for you to learn from, you don't have to have all the answers today. If you really do have something that you're passionate about we want to uncover that and encourage you to think about the big possibilities because that's why you're at Parkland, that's why you're in college, you're here to explore and then also to take a few risks

Further information about CobraVenture can be found at the Parkland College website parkland.edu.

in a supportive place."

Parkland student becomes entrepreneur

katrina**HALFAKER** Student Contributor

Gopher Mafia Games has long been a staple at Lincoln Square Mall in Urbana everything traditional - whether it be merchandise, open play sessions, or special events. Chris Olson, a third year student here majoring in Communication Studies who focuses on marketing and entrepreneurship, hopes to continue that legacy when he purchases the store. He

says while the name and core concept will not be altered, he plans on making one major change: finding a better location. Within the first year, he also wants to adapt business hours and foster a

stronger sense of community. Olson has always had an interest in gaming, but as he grew older, he began to appreciate how "... mentally and engaging socially tabletop rewarding can be." Openness, inclusivity, the opportunity to connect with people - these are all

aspects of the Gopher Olson

treasures. Aside from his former career in the military, Olson has professional experience in the industry, too. As both a customer and employee at Gopher Mafia Games, he developed a keen sense of what makes the Gopher so special. Going above and beyond, he hopes to give back to patrons "... more than just sell them products." This is a business model Olson is dedicated to creating and maintaining. He wants the

Gopher to thrive of course, but he also wants people to feel comfortable hanging out there - even if it's just for the

atmosphere. While he has not planned a grand re-opening, there may be something celebratory on the horizon after they complete their "big move." Olson says soon they'll be increasing weekend events starting in January "... for gamers and hobbyists to meet new friends while participating in their favorite games."



Sporting Gopher Gear Photo source: **Gopher Maphia Facebook**

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however, they can only go out for quick potty breaks and then into the socialization rooms for playtime. The great thing about dog walking shifts is that there are 3 hour shifts all throughout the day from 8:30AM to 7:00PM that you can sign up for, so you can really find a way to squeeze it into any busy schedule.

Another great job to volunteer for is cat kennel assistant. These volunteers come in from 8:30AM to 11:00AM throughout the week to change out any litter or soiled bedding or toys in the cat kennels, as well as feed cats without dietary restrictions--employees with proper training

take care of these special felines. This is one of the most important jobs at the shelter, as proper sanitation means everything in this kind of environment. Illnesses and disease can spread so easily with so many animals in any place, especially with the amount of visitors the shelter sees in a day. Volunteer efforts to keep the cats and kittens in clean, healthy kennels are crucial.

You can volunteer for a similar position cleaning small critter cages; these shifts take place at the same time as the cat kennel assistant shifts, and involve similar duties. Plus, according to their volunteer webpage, after the completion of 4 shifts you can move up to small critter socialization! Who doesn't want to play with a fluffy bunny?

There are many, many more ways to get involved at CCHS, including folding newspapers, medical lab assisting (for those with proper certification and training), and even fostering! Even if you don't have the time in your schedule, you can still make a contribution to the shelter in the form of donations. Not only do they have a wishlist on Amazon you can shop from (search for Champaign County Humane Society Wish List), they provide a pretty extensive list on their website detailing what they're in need of. This includes items like Paw-Safe Ice Melt for the winter, food for any kind of creature (canned or dry), toys, treats, and more, as well as things like bleach, gloves, dish soap, and brooms. You can find the full list on their



Certified Cuddle Monster

website (www.cuhumane.org or www.cuhumane.org/donate/ wishlist.aspx).

On their website you can also find full information on volunteer opportunities, or email Breanne,

Photo by: Ashley House volunteer coordinator their

Breanne@cuhumane.org,

or you can simply visit their

volunteer orientation meeting

on the 19th of this month.

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them apart with someone else. Inside of them there is always a crown--lots of different colored crowns--and you wear them. Then they have a really bad Christmas joke and everyone reads theirs out loud. Then they always have a toy or something like a bottle opener or mini cards."

Ward found when mentioning Boxing Day to American friends and instructors at Parkland she

got some pretty strange looks, "I realized no one knew what I was talking about. We have Boxing Day. It's the 26th of December ... I had to look it up because I didn't actually know what it was. It's just a national holiday, so everyone gets the day off work. It started because that's the day servants would have a day off and their bosses would give them a single present in a box. So that's why it's called Boxing Day." In short, while Americans have to go back to work, the English get an extra day of Christmas.

El Salvador and Brazil have

some different traditions as well. Sosasaid, "Onthe 24th we stay up and go to a family members house. We reunite every single family there... we open the gifts at 12. The dinner is the 24th, we call it 'Noche Buena', 25 is christmas--Navidad. On "Noche Buena" before the dinner--every single family goes to the church because there is a service. Then we go to a family members house, we eat, and between that time we do fireworks. We save the biggest one for 12."

While children in the US are sleeping awaiting Santa, kids in El Salvador are already opening gifts, "They don't go to sleep. They think Santa comes very fast and then the gifts are there. They are playing or doing fireworks and then their parents say 'Oh Santa came!' and there are the gifts."

Brazilians seem to follow a similar tradition, Meneghin said, "The whole family comes together. We start on the 24th and when it's midnight we hug everybody, we say 'Merry Christmas!' then we go eat and exchange the presents."

Some of these foods or traditions may seem strange to Americans, but it is important to

remember that things done here seem strange to international students too.

Meneghin said, "Here you guys have socks for Santa and the presents go there-- I don't know why." When told that the 'socks for Santa' were called 'stockings' she said, "It is not normal in Brazil. We don't have stockings."

So while everyone may eat different foods such as vegetable mayo or celebrate in different ways like Christmas Crackers, one thing is clear-family is what it's all about.

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Parkland Students Homelessness, Hunger This Winter

paulBENSON | Reporter

The holidays are coming up. It's a time for sharing, caring, and staying warm. This can be a very uplifting time of year for most. Though for some people, these can be very difficult times, especially for those without housing security. It is no secret that in Champaign we have a growing number of homeless people and a very small amount of resources to help. We don't have as many homeless people as we did after the Great Recession, but recently homelessness has been on the rise. Just in time for winter. The graph above, was put together from data collected by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission. This is bad for Champaign in general, but it also effects colleges such as Parkland. According to the Association of American Colleges and Universities, a 2016 study, Hunger on Campus: The Challenge of Food Insecurity for College Students, analyzed responses from 3,800 students from 12 different states and found that: "48 percent of students faced food insecurity in the previous month, with 22 percent reporting 'very low levels of food security that qualify them as hungry.' Foodinsecure students in that study were more prone to housing insecurity. Within the past year, 64 percent experienced housing insecurity, while 15 percent reported homelessness, 'the most extreme form of housing

insecurity."

What was more disturbing is that the Hunger on Campus report also found that, "students with food insecurity had paying jobs (56 percent), enrolled in meal plans (43 percent at fouryear institutions), received Pell Grants (52 percent), took out loans (37 percent), and used SNAP (25 percent)." Not only has there been an increase in homelessness, but the systems we have in place tend to complicate matters more than ideally providing enough assistance. Clearly, we need a more direct approach to helping those in need.

According Parkland's Dean of Students, Marietta Turner, "There is a rise on the homelessness challenge, and the recent study from the Association of Community Colleges said as many as 3 out of 7 students can be facing homelessness at any point in time." College these days is very costly and even people with jobs can't afford food let alone housing, tuition, and books. As a student, how can you be sure that you won't be one of the 3 out of 7? Turner says, "What I tell people is, you don't know who you are sitting next to in class who may be homeless. A lot of times they'll work their job, they'll come here and sleep, they'll go to the library, they couch surf, and they might have two or three friends that they can stay with for a length of time. It's difficult and I refer students to as many resources as possible." There is a stigma towards homeless people

Number of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness by Year Legend: Number of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness 210 200

Homeless population over the years in Champaign county

Graphic from: CCRPC

regarding laziness, but the reality is that in America you can have a full-time job and juggle going to college and be homeless. In fact, as Turner points out, the increase in part-time college students is in part, because students have to work full-time jobs in order to keep up with the serious financial struggles that they face. Sadly, for homeless Parkland students who aren't experiencing domestic abuse, Turner says "I don't have much housing help for students, and that to me is devastating.'

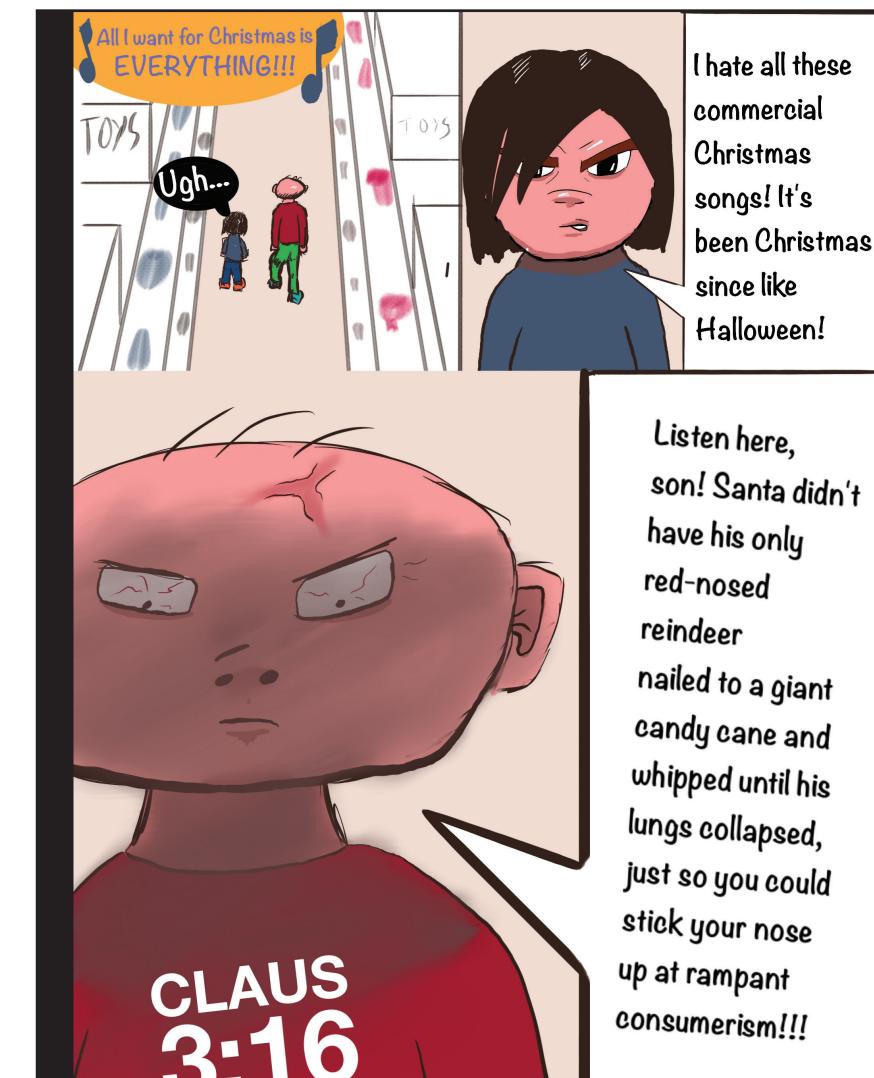
"I had a student last year who literally was living in a car and managed to graduate -had made the dean's list. On the dean's list for two semesters and was homeless." Turner said. "Our director of our pantry, Katie Thomas, told me a story in our last meeting, of a lady who came here this summer to take a certificate through our business training center. She had the

promise of a job if she finished this certification. She came to the area living in her van, because it was a six or eight-week certification. She was eating out of our pantry, and finished her certification, and was able to land her job. She came back after she got the certificate completed and told the pantry director, 'I would not have been able to finish this program. You don't understand, I was out of work. This certification, this training, meant that I was gonna land this job. If I hadn't had the support of the people here, I wouldn't have been able to do this." It goes to show, just because someone is homeless, does not mean they deserve to be homeless, that they do not work/search for jobs, or that they are irresponsible with their finances. You might find yourself interacting with someone who is without housing security or who has previously struggled with

housing security, and sometimes

you might never know.

With the holidays approaching, let's try to take care of one another. A better world for the unfortunate, is a better world for everyone, and even small donations can make a big difference. If you know a friend who is struggling with housing, why not help them out through the holidays? The National Health Care for the Homeless Council, cites that "Seven hundred people experiencing or at risk of homelessness are killed from hypothermia annually in the United States." So, this is a dangerous time for the homeless population in general and maybe for some Parkland students. If you're having trouble with housing security contact the Dean of Students office. There aren't many resources available, but if it's an emergency or if domestic violence is involved, then the Dean of Students could be a good place to start.



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On Fire

morgan**PARRISH** | Photographer

Parkland The Cobra basketball team remains undefeated at 9-0 and show no signs of slowing. The team, coached by Anthony Figueroa, assisted by Coleco Buie and Liam Slesinski is set to play again this coming Saturday, the 8th, against Richard J. Daley.



Ty Walter Jr. drives baseline looking to score two for the Cobras.



Ty'ohn Trimble goes up for the layup as his teammate, Darrin Bellinger holds a defender back.



Yaakema Rose Jr takes on four defendants and still manages to score two for the Cobras.



Yaakema Rose Jr gets up, scoring another two for the Cobras.



Darrin Bellinger jumping for the Cobras against Olivet Nazarene JV. The ending score was Cobras 105 to 46.



The Parkland Womens Basketball team is doing well with a record of 6 -1. Here, Gemma Recasens, a sophomore guard, leads the fast break scoring two for the



This is Chelsea, a local service dog in Champaign. She visited the school Monday. November 26h in honor of Parklands Stress Less Week.

Warfel, Rose Jr. Named Cobras' November Athletes of the Month

her weekend was 17 kills in the

National Semifinal against No. 3

Johnson County and her 15th

double-double of the season in

the National Championship match

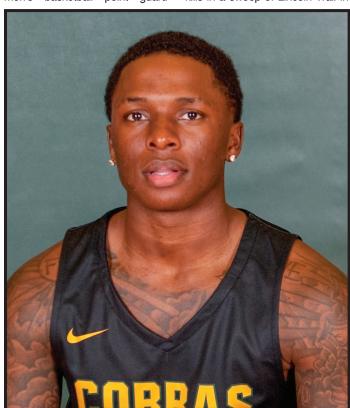
against No. 1 Coffeyville. Overall

this season, the six-rotation outside hitter led the Cobras in kills, kills per set, total attacks and points, while also finishing second on the team in digs and third in

service aces.

PARKLAND ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

CHAMPAIGN, III. - Parkland College Athletics has named freshman volleyball outside hitter Ryleigh Warfel and sophomore men's basketball point guard capped off her first collegiate season with four double-digit kill performances in five November matches. Hitting .329 in the month of November, Warfel began her five-match performance with 10 kills in a sweep of Lincoln Trail in



Yaakema Rose

Yaakema Rose Jr. as its November Athletes of the Month. Warfel helped lead the Cobras to its 2018 NJCAA National Runner-Up finish, while Rose Jr. has helped spark the Cobra basketball team to nine straight wins to begin the season.

A product of Downs, III., and Tri-Valley High School, Ryleigh Warfel

"Every year, freshmen tend to go through ups-and-downs on the court. Sophomores do as well, but the variance tends to be quite a bit less. Ryleigh worked so hard in her freshman year, both physically and emotionally. We were asking her to change and improve in many aspects of her game while also asking her to perform eachand-every weekend. That's difficult to do as one is going to tend to get worse before they get better if they are truly committing to the changes. Ryleigh had some struggles midseason but she kept focused on those improvements, and it really showed at Nationals where she played her absolute best of the season in each match. Her season is a testament that hard work pays off and while it may be difficult at times to see the end result when one is in the middle of those struggles, she trusted her coaches, teammates and most importantly, herself, and she was outstanding when we needed her most."

Earning the Male Athlete of the Month honor, Yaakema Rose Jr. led the Cobras basketball team to an undefeated (8-0) opening month of the season. Leading the team with 14.8 points per game



Ryleigh Warfel

through the end of November, Rose Jr. reached double figures in seven of the team's eight games, finishing with nine points in the lone other game. A versatile point guard, Rose Jr. is hitting 45.2-percent of his shots from the field, and 78.3-percent of his freethrow attempts, while also dishing out 3.6 assists per game while only committing 1.1 turnovers per game. Overall, Rose Jr.'s contributions has helped orchestrate a Cobras offense that ranks among the most efficient in the county with an average of 89.3 points per game -32nd in NJCAA DII - and only 9.8

Photo source: Chad Beyler

turnovers per game - 10th in the NJCAA DII. Highlighting his month was Rose Jr.'s game-winning three-pointer with 2.9 seconds remaining against Lake Land on November 17.

"Yaak has had a great start to the season," said head coach Anthony Figueroa on his sophomore point guard. "As well as he has played individually, he only cares about the team winning!"

Rose Jr. and the Cobras are back in action this Saturday, December 8, when they host Richard J. Daley College at 4 p.m. central time.

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the District J Championship and

was named to the Region 24 All-

Region team following the match.

At NJCAA Nationals, the first-

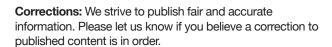
year Cobra averaged 14.4 points

per match and 4.25 kills per set

on her way to being named to

the NJCAA Championships All-

Tournament team. Highlighting



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