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Pam Lau, Executive Vice President of Parkland College happily announces the goal of the SWFT program. She explains that the program is a perfect component to the mission of Parkland as it engages the community in learning.

Parkland launches workforce equity program

In a press conference last Thursday, Parkland Officials and Illinois House member, Carol Ammons, announced the launch of Parkland's new Support for Workforce Training (SWFT) program.

According to Thursday's press release by Parkland College, Parkland was one of 15 pilot community colleges to participate in the \$18.7 million Workforce Equity Initiative. Parkland College was granted \$1.5 million of this sum of money. The goal of the statewide program is to train 1,500 adults in areas with high demand workers. This current grant period will run from October of 2019 to September of 2020.

Tom Ramage, President of Parkland College, said that, "this initiative has such potential to do great things for this community. It is the single largest one-year, competitive grant that this college, I think, has ever received."

At the press conference, District 103 Illinois House Representative Carol Ammons said that she worked closely with the Legislative Black Caucus to begin addressing the workforce disparity across the state.

Ammons explained that the caucus considered what could be done to, "eliminate involuntary



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By **MASON GENTRY**

unemployment, underemployment, and issues of disparity in particular areas of wage earners."

She went on to explain that the goal of the SWFT program is to make it easier for more people in the community to find jobs at \$15 an hour or at an otherwise livable wage.

Ammons said that, "Participants may receive a number of scholarships, waivers, and stipends, for the necessary classes and training to further their careers." She also said that these would include resources such as childcare, transportation and other non-monetary tools to ensure that the individual can succeed in the program and later in their life.

When considering large scale programs, the source of money has always been integral in its effectivity.

Ammons explained how

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Local food pantries help feed families

By **KERRY LIPPOLD JR.**

Food pantries and other charitable organizations provide the perfect opportunity for people to give back to the community. There are so many people helped each day by these organizations, and they are looking for your help during this season of giving. By spending a short time in this type of environment, you can see how grateful and impacted patrons of the pantry truly are. They have plenty of opportunities to contribute from donating to volunteering.

Located in the M-Wing of Parkland College, you will find one of the Champaign area's food pantries. The Wesley Food Pantry, which also has another location in Urbana, plays a significant role in our community by providing for families facing hunger.

During the month of August, according to their Facebook page, the Wesley Food Pantry helped feed over 331 households, 1068 individuals, and 385 children. During the month of

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Source: **Evie Newman**

Eleven Parkland College students attend the ICCSA Leadership Conference held in Joliet, IL on Oct. 18-19. The students were from many different nationalities and backgrounds, but they all had the desire to learn about being leaders.

Student leaders attend ICCSAA Conference

By **LINDSAY COX**

The theme for the weekend of Oct. 18 was that of leadership. Last Friday, eleven of our very own student leaders attended the ICCSAA Leadership Conference held in Joliet, Illinois. Like any new experience, the group of eleven started their journey with a hint of nervousness. The students were from many different nationalities and backgrounds, but they all had one thing in common which was the desire to learn about being stronger leaders.

At the awards banquet, Parkland received an honorable mention for the Ed Snyder Merit

Book Award from the Illinois Community College Student Activities Association (ICCSAA). A merit book is a binder that showcases the activi-

ties and services provided by various organizations at Parkland. The banquet also had an inspirational guest speaker, Toby Causby. Causby moved the audience with his speech titled, "Leadership and the

Leaders aren't born, they are made.

Immortal Band-Aid Lady." Toby spoke of how everyone wants to lead for the sake of the title, but how servants are the real leaders. Causby emphasized

round table discussions where they shared ideas about what each of their clubs were doing, how to improve them and how to better serve each of our communities.

Being able to network with others who value growth and the well-being of others was an amazing experience for the leaders. The night ended with various forms of entertainment and snacks where all attendees of the events were able to engage with one another.

Saturday started early for

that the world is in in dire need of leaders who put others needs before their own. Leaders aren't born, they are made; we can all be a servant-leader. After the speech, the student leaders broke out into

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Board of Trustees get updates on Carl D. Perkins Grant

By **ANDREW WANER**

According to the Board of Trustees meeting that was held on Wednesday, Oct. 23 Parkland College will be using a \$643,000 Carl D. Perkins grant they received for the academic year of 2020. The grant is used to strengthen its career and technical programs and support students in underrepresented groups. Through the Strengthening and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), the U.S. Department of Education is providing over \$1.2 billion in federal aid this year to aid CTE programs around the country.

Executive Vice President, Pamela Lau, reported that the Perkins funds will be used in several important manners. One of these manners, is with the development of an apprenticeship office that will accelerate apprenticeships offered at Parkland. The funding will also provide career exploration

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the Lieutenant Governor of Illinois was doubtful that the state could support a program like SWFT in each community college. So, instead of doing so, they created 15 pilot programs funded by the WEI.

“Part of that process was figuring out where the best use of the dollars could be, where the partnerships already exist, and

where we know we can actually meet the goals of the actual grant,” said Ammons.

By the next budgetary cycle, Ammons hopes to double the 1.5-million-dollar grant.

Pam Lau, Executive Vice President of Parkland College, said at the press conference that the SWFT program, “will provide free, short-term training to underserved populations in our community

college district, 505.” She explained that the outcomes are expected to fulfill the mission of Parkland by engaging the community in learning.

Parkland’s WEI grant Administrator and VP for Communication and External Affairs, Stephanie Stuart, on Thursday, said that, “One of the key components of the SWFT grant is that more than 60 percent of our participants are going



Photo by **Mason Gentry**

Stephanie Stuart announces the operation and specifics of SWFT. Stuart was the final speaker at Thursday’s press conference.



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Illinois House of Representatives, Rep Carol Ammons announces the SWFT program at Parkland College. This Press Conference took place in the Atrium of the U-Wing, right outside of Student Life.

to be African American community members.” This, the college’s cross functional group of SWFT members hope, will enable the historically disenfranchised community members to attain high demand and high wage careers.

Stuart went on to explain that the 22 degree or certificate programs offered will be in the career fields of construction and manufacturing,

healthcare, transportation and distribution and business and IT services.

The press release listed several career options within these categories such as industrial maintenance and welding, phlebotomy and pharmacy technicians, practical nursing, CDL and highway construction and Microsoft Web and Google IT professionals.

Along with tuition and fee waivers, Stuart said

that they are also looking at non-financial opportunities such as stipends, childcare reimbursement and transportation among other things so that the newly enrolled SWFT students can be as successful as possible.

It is encouraged that all community members who are interested visit the new website at parkland.edu/swft, to contact the right people to get started.



Source: **Evie Newman**

Parkland student leaders receive the Ed Snyder Merit Book Honorable Mention award at the ICCSAA banquet on Oct. 18.

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everyone. After breakfast, the students each chose two breakout sessions to attend in hopes of learning something new. Breakout sessions are educational forums on how to improve leadership skills.

Deb Kroeger of Joliet Junior College lead a discussion about what

is means to be mindful. Jorge Tennin from the College of Lake County discussed how racism affects us and what can be done to start changing it. Paul Schroeder, also from Joliet Junior College lead an interesting session called “Chainsaw Philanthropy,” where he taught on the practical application of volunteering to leadership. Megan Scalan of

McHenry County College consulted others on how personality influences relationships and contributes to your health and well-being. Lindsay Cullen presented a PowerPoint on translating activities into experience on to resumes. Jana Koch demonstrated how activities can help to motivate teams to work together to develop their strength

and address any weaknesses. Kady Halbmaier, MLD., spoke on the importance of self-care and development.

Last, but not least, Josh Clark from Parkland College informed others of the benefits of joining Americorps. Americorps, a national service program, offers a variety of opportunities and can help to achieve educational and career

goals. Clark served with Americorps NCCC and Americorps VISTA and was willing to share his experience with others.

Post breakout sessions, lunch was served, following another round table discussion. Once the discussion ended, the students from Parkland teamed up with other colleges to participate in a few different service projects where they got

some first-hand experience on what it means to be a servant leader.

The trip home was bittersweet. The Parkland students on this trip got to know about what club others were apart of, what their clubs were doing and why they were doing it. They were able to get close to each other and hopefully make lasting friendships.



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software along with other work-based learning tools for students. Parkland will also make lab and software upgrades that boost CTE program technology.

Board of Trustees discussing agenda items at the Oct. 23 meeting. Photo Source- Andrew Waner

In addition to the Perkins grant, the college has received high marks for financial soundness from external auditors. The Board of Trustees has accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report from Martin Hood, LLC, at the meeting Wednesday. The report presented the college with an unqualified "clean" opinion of its Financial Year 2019 financial statements, which is the best kind to receive from independent review.

The board also introduced and welcomed

Susie Jones, the new Director of Counseling and Advising. With this a new advising model will be rolled out next year which will allow students and advisors to become more familiar with each other to benefit both parties further.

In other business, the board approved the following items:

- The purchase of body-worn cameras and associated hardware and software from WatchGuard, Inc. in Allen, Texas for \$22,355
- Purchase of a 15-passenger commercial bus from Midwest Transit Equipment of Kankakee for \$50,628
- Retaining Henneman Engineering, Inc. of Champaign for the development and design of the campus electronic door lock upgrade for \$509,850



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- Purchase of the pre-exposure rabies vaccine administration from McKinley Health Center

- in Urbana for veterinary tech students for \$21,420
- Receipt of funds from the Illinois Community

College Board (ICCB) Workforce Equity Initiative. College officials publicly announced

the grant award on Thursday, Oct. 24, in the Student Union atrium.



Wesley Food Pantry's front entrance at Parkland College. During the week of October 20, the pantry served more than 97 families.

Photo by **Kerry Lippold Jr.**

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September, the pantry had a similar result by feeding more than 331 households, 1072 individuals, and 345 children. The Wesley Food Pantry also served more than 97 families and volunteers and unloaded more than 5,585 pounds of food during the week of Oct. 20 alone.

These numbers only increase as we approach the holiday season. Fortunately, the Wesley Food Pantry as well as other charitable distributors have plenty of

opportunities for Parkland students, faculty and staff to get involved.

You can donate to the Wesley Food Pantry online or even monthly to create, "a reliable source of funding year-round to help provide meals to families facing hunger," according to their website. You can also donate by mail or even with a food donation.

Their website has a list of items the pantry can accept including grains, proteins, produce, non-perishable food items and even cleaning and toiletry supplies. All items must

be in the original packaging and unused. You can also host food drives in support of the Wesley Food Pantry as Parkland organizations including Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society have done.

Other opportunities include volunteering and internships At the Wesley Food Pantry, you can work with other students to support our community and enjoy the experience of changing lives. The pantry's website has contact information and a training video for those interested in volunteering.

If you're looking for an internship, they have numerous options to help build your resume while helping others. These options include fundraising, social Media, social services, and operations. You can contact the pantry by visiting Room M138.

This fall, the Eastern Illinois Foodbank is running a campaign in support of recognizing all that we should be grateful for and urge people to embrace the spirit of giving back. "Fall into Giving," is a campaign leading up to Giving

Tuesday on Dec. 3 in which people are encouraged to get involved. One way to get involved is by donating. Similarly to the Wesley Food Pantry, this includes money or food. The Eastern Illinois Food Bank has an online donation option where every dollar donated will provide five meals to those in need. There are also locations participating in the campaign that will be hosting food drives.

By visiting eifoodbank.org, you can find all the local food drives with

names, addresses, and dates. The Eastern Illinois Foodbank also has volunteering options for those willing to dedicate their time to helping others. You can also join the food bank on Nov. 14, Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 for their special repacking events in which they will host a volunteer group in preparation for Giving Tuesday. These food banks are available to students in need as well. Various options including student-only food distributors can be found on the previously mentioned website.

Traditions and superstitions through faculty eyes



Photo by Michelle Barnhart
Parkland Professors are ready for Halloween.

By MICHELLE BARNHART

In addition to college students in the Champaign-Urbana community, college professors are gearing up for the Halloween season. Thom Schnarre, an English professor here at Parkland College, is a self-proclaimed horror fanatic and Halloween lover. Between catching up on the latest horror flicks and relishing the macabre, Schnarre does not let the Halloween season go to waste.

"I love the aspects of creativity and imagination it allows us," he said. "First as kids, and then as adults, allowing us to imagine ourselves as someone else. It's really most of our first exposure to theatricality."

Schnarre also enjoys Halloween because it allows people to embrace and celebrate the darker aspects of life.

"It plays with death, the afterlife, evil, and our fears, and makes us deal with those aspects of life that we try to avoid, but in a fun way," he said.

Despite his adoration for Halloween, however, Schnarre admits he is not big on some Halloween traditions.

"I used to take a lot of time deciding on costumes

and where to celebrate," he told the Prospectus. "I was never much into Halloween decorations, unless they can be used all year round." Schnarre currently has skulls and crystal balls scattered throughout his house.

To celebrate the holiday, Schnarre watches movies and TV shows that give him the creeps. Some of his usual watches are *Psycho*, *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane* and *Rosemary's Baby*, his all-time favorite horror movie. He is also a huge fan of the series *American Horror Story*, and just finished a binge-watch of Netflix's *The Haunting of Hill House*. This season, he is particularly excited to watch *Hocus Pocus* again, which, according to IMDB, is the most popular Halloween movie of all time.

For avid horror fans such as Schnarre, there are different places around the community that can provide enticing Halloween experiences. One of those places is the Virginia Theatre, which is currently playing popular horror movies, such as *Frankenstein* and *Dracula*.

"I also love a good haunted house exhibit with lots of actors doing outrageous things,"

Schnarre added.

There are many haunted houses and similar events around Champaign-Urbana. There is the Dark History & Horror Convention, an annual event at the City Center that incorporates the darker side of history, beloved horror characters, paranormal creatures and more. Then there are

was in the direction of my parents' bedroom. The next morning, I brought it up at breakfast, and my mom almost dropped the skillet she was holding because she'd had a dream that he had come to her and kissed her on the cheek." This dream woke Schnarre's mother up at 3:15 a.m.

"About an hour later, we

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more kid-friendly events, such as Centennial High School's annual Haunted High. Many residents also choose to host haunted houses their own homes.

Along with Halloween traditions, Schnarre has one major superstition; it involves ghosts. Regarding this matter, Schnarre shared the experience of his grandfather's death.

"I was sixteen and awoke in the middle of the night to see him staring at me from the reflection in my bedroom mirror," he said. "He then turned and walked away, which

got the call that he'd died in the hospital at 3 a.m.," Schnarre said.

When asked for any additional Halloween thoughts, facts, or experiences, Schnarre described something on *American Horror Story* that he finds interesting. The show's mythology establishes that the dead walk with the living for one night on Halloween.

"For some reason, that thought is very alluring to me," he said. "Maybe I like thinking those we've lost are just hanging out, just out of reach."

New Actors' Studio Series at Parkland

This past weekend, Oct. 26 and 27, the Parkland Second Stage Theatre got a little more mysterious.

Dear Brutus, the first production in the new Actors' Studio Series, was performed at the Second Stage Theatre at Parkland College.

The play marked the beginning of the new Actors' Studio Series at Parkland College. The new series features productions that star and are produced by Parkland faculty and students.

The productions during the normal season star, are directed and produced by a combination of Parkland students, staff, and community members. However, with the new Actors' Studio Series, the focus will be on the in-house talent at Parkland.

The performance excelled, with multiple layers developed for each character, and the set was kept simply designed so as not to distract from the performances of the actors. This was good – each actor had a complex character to portray, and the performances were done beautifully. The actors were able to show the conflicting desires that each character had while still being able to return to the real world at the end of the play where they come



Two students during a tense scene in the Parkland College Play: *Dear Brutus*.

Photo by William Penne

By WILLIAM PENNE

back changed from their experiences in the mysterious disappearing woods on a midsummers' eve.

To get some insight into the play and the new production series, I was able to talk to B.J. Gailey, part-time theatre instructor here at Parkland and director of the play. While the actors were too busy with the production to be able to sit with me, I was

able to gather feedback about their inspiration behind their direction of the play.

Gailey had this to say about the Actors' Studio Series, which was made possible by the Parkland IDEAS grant, "The Actors' Studio Series is a series of productions meant to

showcase the talents of Parkland students. It is meant to give students another production opportunity and another chance to build their skills. In the main season, students often audition and get cast, but they share opportunities with community members. This series

ONLY uses students, and not just theatre students—any parkland student can come out and be a part of it."

Speaking about why they chose this script to perform, Gailey said, "It's a very odd script but it's beautiful with surprising depth. It also provides lots of challenging roles for performers."

The play, written by J.M.

Barrie in 1917, author of *Peter Pan*, was originally a three-act performance. However, Gailey knew they wanted to shorten the play for this performance, and at just over 40 minutes long, Gailey was able to do just that. The play has been likened to an adult *Peter Pan*, taking place in a type of "Neverland." In the form of a mysterious forest that pops up only on a Midsummers' Eve, that characters traverse the setting of the play and live an alternative life to the estranged ones they find themselves in now.

"We did a bit of modernizing, but mostly my inspiration was to make it shorter and to keep the direction simple so we could focus on the character relationships," Gailey said of their direction of the show. Considering how much was cut from the play, this was done well. The actors were able to convey a lot even with the play being condensed.

To keep up to date on news regarding the Actors' Studio Series, or other Parkland Theatre productions, pass by the theatres in the C-Wing, or check out the flyers that are hanging around the college, which include performance dates of the current shows and audition dates regarding future shows.



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A Lakeland College volleyball player serves the ball during the North vs. South Challenge hosted by Parkland College.



Photo by Sidney Mounts

Number 1 ranked Parkland College volleyball team won all four games during the North vs. South Challenge.

Prints, jackets, and more on fall fashion



A rack of assorted jackets with textiles ranging from leather, denim, and polyester.

By ERIN MORRISON

Fashion trends are constantly changing from season to season. According to an article from Fashion Week Online, some of our first looks at each season's trends come from fashion weeks which have been taking place in New York since 1943, in Milan since 1958, in Paris since 1973 and in London since 1984. Fall and winter shows take place in the

spring, and spring and summer shows take place in the fall. This year's fall and winter fashion weeks were in February of this year.

Fashion magazines like Marie Claire, Vogue, Elle and Harper's Bazaar document what trends will be coming soon based on well-known designer brands like Givenchy, Chanel, Prada, Michael Kors and dozens more.

For this year's fall season, one trend that really stands out is the

preppy style. For women, that includes miniskirts and blazers—sometimes matching, sometimes not. For men, preppy style can be khakis and polo shirts. Suits, while always in style for women, are also in style for men, with a tighter fit and sometimes belted. Shoulder pads are returning with women's suits. Prints like tartan plaids, houndstooth and tweed go along with the preppy and suits trends.

Another print that many brands are using

now are animal prints—particularly, leopard and cheetah spots. This fall's color scheme has a lot of gold and jewel tones like darker purples, greens and blues. Many designers are also using darker, "moodier" colors—red wine colors and blacks. Satin, lace and quilted patchwork are also being used occasionally.

With fall comes cooler weather, and with cooler weather comes coats and sweaters. Right now, long, sleek coats are trending,

as well as more outdoorsy coats like thermal puffer coats. More people are wearing jackets with fleece, leather or denim. Knitted sweaters are also popular as sweater dresses this fall.

Some trends that are more adventurous include capes—not like the superhero cape but more like a poncho—asymmetrical necklines, feathers, statement hats, neon colors and fanny packs.

As college students, buying brands straight from fashion week would be unrealistic. Luckily it is becoming more common for more affordable brands to mimic the runway trends. Mall stores like Forever 21, H&M, Express and Charlotte Russe are great options to spend less on popular fall fashion looks. Even supermarkets like Walmart, Meijer and Target have been selling less costly versions of clothes that mimic runway looks.

And even more affordable options for buying trendy clothes is to buy second hand from thrift shops like Plato's closet, Goodwill, local vintage stores, or even at garage sales.

You can be more adventurous and explore your own personal style more with thrifting. Having

a more unique style is becoming more popular.

One local vintage store is Dandelion in downtown Champaign. Char, the owner, said, "This store has a lot of unique items, so I think sometimes the more colorful, out-there things sell the most because you just don't see these things every day." She also said she sees more classic items selling as well. "Something that always sells really well is vintage denim so Levi's, leather jackets and sweaters. People really like cashmere sweaters."

Not only is a more unique style gaining popularity, but so is vintage fashion. Char said, "I have noticed with new clothing, a lot of it is emulating vintage fashion." At fashion week, there were shoulder pads and fanny packs. Pop culture is also making vintage fashion more popular. She said, "I think the 80's is really strong right now, maybe because of shows like stranger things, and what people are wearing in the music industry right now."

Whether you follow trends or not, it is ultimately up to you to determine your personal style. Feel free to visit Char's store, Dandelion, in downtown Champaign!

Photo by Erin Morrison



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Emma Fleming nominated for Lincoln Laureate Award

Each fall one high achieving community college student in Illinois is awarded the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award and thereby becomes a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. In the spirit of Lincoln, Student Laureates are honored for their leadership

and service in the pursuit of the betterment of humanity and overall excellence in curricular and extra-curricular activities. Student Laureates are nominated based on leadership, service and contributions on campus and beyond, academic success, and extracurricular achievements.

The Lincoln Academy recognize deserving students who are honoring the principals of democracy and humanity in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln. Parkland College has nominated Emma Fleming to be Parkland's candidate for the Lincoln Laureate Award.



A portrait of Emma Fleming.

Photo by **Marcus Flinn**

P EOPLE OFTEN COMPLAIN ABOUT THE POOR STATE OF ILLINOIS, how monotonously flat the terrain is, or how bumpy our roads can be, but one positive thing about living in Illinois is being surrounded by Lincoln's legacy. I remember one afternoon, while driving with my parents from Homer, my father informed me that Lincoln had traversed the same road on the eighth judicial circuit prior to becoming president. When I think about walking the same road that Lincoln once

By **EMMA FLEMING**

did, I get an intense feeling of awe. It gives me hope that anyone coming from humble beginnings can influence change, even me. For my career choice, Lincoln's leadership and willingness to serve others is a model for how I can aid those around me, even when the jobs are challenging. My life goal is to make others feel that their voices are heard and to play an active role in advocating for humanity. Lincoln's legacy — willingness to lead a nation, standing up in the face

of adversity, and living a life dedicated to seeking justice — has a profound impact on my commitment to greater good. His legacy is a reminder that, even when it seems like there is no hope for humanity, to have faith in others and to be willing to take risks for the betterment of society. Based upon the things I have learned about Lincoln, I don't believe he would have considered himself a legacy, but rather an ordinary guy who simply deemed it his duty to assist his fellow neighbor. I hope that I can follow his example and do the same.



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A Carl Sandburg Community College volleyball player sets the ball for her teammate against Lakeland College during the North vs. South Challenge hosted by Parkland College.

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