



Alayah Gray checks her phone the basement while waiting for the all clear message during last week's "Gustnado" warning. Source: Emma Fleming

## Parkland Public Safety

By MASON GENTRY

Parkland College is a beautiful campus full of wonderful students, faculty and staff. There are thousands of these community members who circulate throughout the campus on a weekly basis, so the existence of public safety is paramount to the smoothness at which the college operates. Having served 26 years as an Illinois State Police Officer, the Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety, Chief Colbrook has an incredible amount of experience in the realm of policing and public safety. His words of wisdom should be heard by all members of the Parkland community as well as the Champaign-Urbana community at large.

Many students may not realize that Parkland College receives safety and protection from an independent police department. When asked about his job as Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety at Parkland College, Chief Colbrook explained that "...we run a full-fledged police department, we've got the same police powers as any other police agency in Illinois. We have, exactly, the same training or more." This police department is fully equipped with 15

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## Parkland Hosts Job Fair

By LINDSAY COX

Career Services partnered with Student Life to host this semester's job fair in Parkland's College Center. Carrie Harris, a career counselor, said that they host a job fair twice a semester. There were 20 employers at the job fair last Wednesday, Aug. 21. "We don't want to overwhelm our students," Harris explained. "The purpose is to get comfortable talking professionally, even if you aren't looking for a job. It is there to help students to practice their social skills." Career Services offers free assistance with resumes, cover letters, and mock interviews. An online job board is also available to students on the Parkland website.

Many different employers occupied booths at the fair. Some positions that were offered provide a lot of opportunities for advancement, personal growth and flexible schedules. Chic-fil-A was one of these booths. The owners were very passionate when speaking about their company. "We are very accommodating with students. We understand that school comes first. We will work with a student's schedule. We are career oriented. You will work hand in hand with the local owner to gain professional experience." When asked what kind of employee they were looking for, Bob, the owner, responds, "Students who have a desire to learn and to be better." Chic-fil-A doesn't have an opening date yet, but people can still apply online.

Also, Finish Line is business that seems to understand a student's work schedule. When

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## Last Week's "Gustnado" Warning

By KERRY LIPPOLD JR

On Tuesday, Aug. 20, Parkland students had fortunate opportunity of exploring an unfamiliar area of the college campus. At 11:04 a.m., a message was delivered to the Parkland community reading, "This is a Parkland College Alerts WEATHER message: A thunderstorm warning exists in the area until 11:45a.m. Parkland College Public Safety will notify you if the conditions change." To most students, this warning would seem to be of

little significance. Thunderstorm warnings are very common to the area and most people would probably tell you that there is no need for concern in Parkland classes unless wind damage, hail damage or flooding would be coming into effect. That is, until a following statement was issued.

Just two minutes later, Parkland issued a statement saying, "This

is a Parkland College Alerts EMERGENCY WEATHER message: Parkland College is NOW under a Tornado Warning and is in imminent danger. Proceed immediately to a basement or other ground floor tornado shelter away from windows. You will be notified when it is safe to resume normal activities." By this time, students were evacuated from their classrooms and instructed to move

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Parkland student, Alex Specht, talks to TRIO Advisor, Mark Saint Mcdowell, about Parkland's TriO program. Photo source: Josh Clark.

## Successful Fall Convocation

By NICONLINE HANSEN

The first week of classes is over and it seems as though we made it through alive. Student Life tried to make the first week of classes go by smoother by hosting fun events each day of the week. Last Thursday, Aug. 22, the 2019 Fall Convocation was held and many students attended.

Many students participated in the event and showed great excitement for the various clubs and activities Parkland College has to offer. According to Josh Clark, Parkland's Activities and Program Manager, who together with the rest of Student Life has planned this event, shared that this has

been one of the best Fall Convocations he's seen. "This year's Convocation was successful. We had to move the event inside, it was planned for outside, but this created a much more festive, exciting event," Clark said. "It was nice to see the Student Union so full and feel the energy and excitement."

The Student Union was filled up with various tables represented by many of the student organizations at Parkland College. This gave new as well as returning students a great chance to discover an organization they might be interested in joining. However, the tables were not only represented by student organizations, but also by different

departments at Parkland. "We had nearly 60 tables including student organizations, campus resources and offices, academic programs and SOAR sponsors," Clark said. It was possible for the many students to enjoy a free lunch while discovering what Parkland College has to offer. In addition, the event was intended to give students a chance to forget about school, books and quizzes for a moment while playing some carnival games or tie dyeing with the Deans.

It was not only Student Life that stated that the event was successful. Many students who ran a table also agreed. Two of these students are Mohamed

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Students tie-dye t-shirts with Parkland College's Deans including Nancy Sutton, the Dean of Arts and Sciences. Photo Source: Josh Clark.

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# Tornado Alert Disrupts Classes

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towards the designated shelter locations.

One Parkland student, John Acklin, said, "I was in the M wing on the second floor when the alarm went off. I got notifications on my phone about the tornado warning, but this was after the initial warning from the alarms around the Parkland campus. Since I was on the second floor, we immediately went down to the first floor. We weren't sure where to go at first,

but then we were told to make our way to the X wing since it is the lowest central point on the campus. It probably would have been useful to have practiced this as a drill previously so we would have better known where to go."

The disruption of classes and loud alarms would be enough to startle anyone, but the event was even more stressful for students since they did not know what they were supposed to do and where they were supposed to go. Upon reviewing Parkland's

policies and procedures, it was difficult to find documents or information related to the students' responsibilities during an event such as a tornado or other severe

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weather. One resource located in the vestibule area of the Parkland Police Department states, "Tornado/Severe Weather - Evacuate to designated shelters, weather alert

notification made via computer, follow instructions as delivered."

For many students, it was the first-time exploring Parkland's basement area which is where

students are instructed to take shelter during severe storm warnings. According to Illinois State Climatologist, the entire state of Illinois averages around 64 tornadoes each

year based on data taken between the years of 1998 and 2007. Recently in 2006 Illinois experienced a record high of 124 tornadoes which resulted in one death and 49 injuries. There have also been periods of time like 2013 when tornado recordings are much lower than the average of 64 where only 45 tornadoes across the state of Illinois resulted in 8 deaths and 189 injuries.

Although tornadoes may not be very common in the Champaign-Urbana area, it would be helpful

for Parkland students to have resources of information available in case such an occasion were to arise. Many students were unaware the college had a designated tornado shelter and many more who were not present during the event on Tuesday are still uninformed. If you have questions regarding natural disaster or public safety emergencies on campus, we would encourage you to confirm you are receiving Parkland's emergency alerts and contact public safety with your concerns.



"The Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District circulating the community in and out of Parkland's Campus." Photo credit: Sidney Mounts

# Public Safety is Committed to Serving the Parkland Community

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sworn officers, including Chief Colbrook himself, one Lieutenant, three Sergeants and 10 officers. At every minute of every day, there is a police presence at Parkland College. The police officers can be seen anywhere on campus at any time which is intended to give a sense of safety and security to the students and faculty. Building relationships between the Parkland community and its sworn officers is a mission that

the department deems to be particularly valuable. As Chief Colbrook expressed, "We want people to get to know us and we want to get to know them and to be able to build that trust amongst one another."

In today's social climate, one of the most relevant threats seems to be that of an armed intruder whose intention is to do harm to the masses. While these events are relatively rare compared to other crime, their seriousness is unrivalled. It's unfortunate that we must consider domestic

terror a genuine threat but, as Chief Colbrook said, "it's almost as if it's been woven into the fabric of our daily lives." When you are in a public area, especially Parkland, always be

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prepared for actions of survival. Chief Colbrook stressed that the number one thing to do is have a personal plan which is dynamic and relative to exactly where you are,

what time you are there and the people around you. It is important to never let your guard down. When you walk around campus to your classes, to and from your car or when leaving your

house, always be aware of your surroundings and possible routes of escape or positions to take cover. When you walk around campus, identify stairwells, exits

and escapes so that in the event of an attack, your options are clear and well composed. At any moment in time, you should constantly ask yourself, 'if something happens, what am I going to do?'

The less serious threats happen much more frequently than you might think. At any moment your car or personal belongings are unsupervised, they are at risk of theft. In fact, the City of Champaign, partnered with crimemapping.com lists that, together, vehicle theft and larceny are

responsible for over half of crime in Champaign, roughly 57 percent. Chief Colbrook would like to leave readers with one last piece of advice, as a matter of personal wellbeing, all community members should be attentive of their belongings in order to not fall victim to these high frequency crimes.

If you have any questions about safety protocol or general inquiries for the public safety team, please contact Parkland Public Safety at public-safety@parkland.edu or 217/351-2369.

# 2019 Parkland Art and Design Faculty Exhibition Opening Reception



Kelly White, "Petra (reworked)," oil on canvas, 2018



Photo Credit: Scott Landells

Attendees of the 2019 Parkland Art and Design Faculty Exhibition walk around the show and socialize with friends or fellow staff.

Photo Credit: Scott Landells



Lisa Kessler: Top: "Fox" Linoleum block reduction print, 2019, Middle: "Rabbits," Linoleum block reduction print, 2019, Below: "Squirrel," Linoleum block reduction print, 2019  
Photo Credit: Scott Landells



Stacey Gross, "Ukiagaru," cyanotype, 2019

Photo Credit: Scott Landells



Chris Berti, "Toad," carved and glazed firebrick, 2019

Photo Credit: Scott Landells





Parkland College President, Thomas Rampage, welcomes students to campus for the beginning of the academic year. Photo source: Josh Clark.

## Students Enjoy a Free Lunch While Learning What Parkland Has to Offer

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Achraf Belakhoua, who is majoring in Electrical Engineering, and Mikyla Steed, who is studying to become an Ultrasound Technician. Both Belakhoua, who ran the table for the Math Club and the International Student Association (ISA), and Steed, who ran the Queens table, had a very positive experience with the

event. "My table did get a lot of attention though I started out worrying that no one would be interested," Steed said. "I got up to 54 signatures and just knowing that created an amazing feeling." Steed's experience is an example of how new clubs can benefit from participating in events like the Fall Convocation. Belakhoua had a similar experience with about

23 people signing up for the Math Club and around 20 people signing up for ISA. The success of the event showcases the desire and willingness the students have to get even more involved with Parkland apart from the classes. Belakhoua and Steed found the Fall Convocation an important event to host for this reason. "It's really important to have those

kinds of events at least two times a semester so students can get to know the Clubs," Belakhoua said. "Clubs can benefit you and [you] really get something out of them. You can meet new people with the same interests." Clark agrees with Belakhoua's statement about Fall Convocation's importance. "Fall Convocation is an important event because it showcases

much of what Parkland has to offer students," Clark said. "Students can find out about ways to get involved, ... they can find resources for support, such as CAS or the Wesley Food Pantry, or they can discover new academic programs, such as the Aviation or Motorsports programs." Without events like the Fall Convocation, many students might not be aware of the large

amount of student organizations. In addition, the Fall Convocation is a great way for students to learn about various resources of support that are available through Parkland College. Overall, the event was held successfully even though it had to be moved inside. Students as well as faculty expressed only positive feelings towards this year's Fall Convocation.

## Get Work Experience While in College, Employers are Looking to Hire

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asked why they chose to come to Parkland, Pedro, the Area Manager of Finish Line for Central Illinois responds, "With college students we see a little bit of a better success coming out of them. Geared up ready to hit the labor force." Pedro also explained that, "There are a lot of opportunities for career growth. You can move up quickly," Pedro said. "We have flexible schedules. Be realistic about what you can handle. School is your priority." Students can even have a box schedule to work in between classes. The team at the Finish Line booth encourages students to apply. Pedro closes his interview by imparting some wisdom. "The skills you learn here are transferable to any field. Get work experience while in college to help you get the job that you want after you graduate. When applying, the more information you have on your resume the better. Make sure you put everything that's relevant and

consistent, put some time and energy into your application. Come in and introduce yourself. It helps us to put a face with the name." Kenny Thompson, a Sears in-home services employee for 22 years, was also excited to share information about his booth. "Our business is family oriented. We are focused on work life balance and work well with time constraints. There is plenty of room for advancement. I started at entry level and now work at management level. This is a good first job." Sears in-home services focuses on appliance repairs such as refrigerators and dryers. They are looking for students who are self-motivated, willing to learn and who want to brighten their future. Another job available to students was at Reflections: A Memory Care Residence. There's no need to worry about lack of experience, because they offer training. Dorsey Ostendorff, the Assisted Living Wellness Director of Reflections and Parkland alumni, describes Reflections as

a "more laid back and family oriented" establishment. Lori Coff, the Memory Care Wellness Director of Reflections and Parkland alumni, said, "Our staff is like family. We are accommodating with our student workers. We are also Christian based. Our motto is 'We work where they live, they don't live where we work.'" Reflections is looking for CNAs, DAs, and an activity director. Students who have a busy schedule but need some extra cash can apply with Stout's building. They are a commercial janitorial service. Stout's is looking for part time evening/weekend employees who are self-starters who can work independently. Having reliable transportation is a requirement. They have flexible schedules. You can work from 2-20 hours a week. If you would prefer a job on campus, Wesley Food Pantry is looking for a Site Coordinator. The job title sounds intimidating, but the Pantry Director, Dawn Longfellow states that they are looking for a student who is personable, responsible

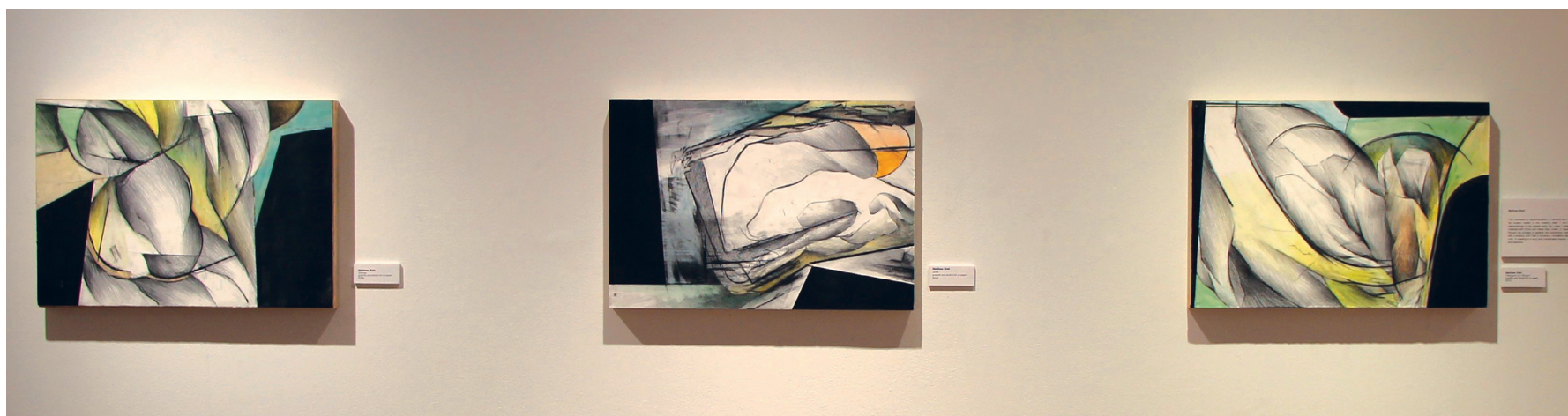
and able to lift a case of canned goods. It's also important that the applicant can work well with different varieties of people and able to work well under pressure. The food pantry feeds 200 families a month. The pantry is in the M wing. This job will only offer 5-10 hours a week. The applicant's schedule must coincide with the hours of the pantry. Longfellow mentions that this will be a great place to jump into the career field. As the Site Coordinator, "You will gain a lot of different kinds of experience working with different kinds of people," said Longfellow. These job positions are a good way to get your foot in the door as well as to grow socially and professionally. No one expects you to be perfect from the beginning; just show up and be willing to work and learn as you go. The jobs listed are just a few of the opportunities waiting for you. If none of those interest you, be sure to check the job boards online for more openings.



The Job Fair sign provided information to job seekers. Source: Sidney Mounts



Melinda McIntosh gives a speech to the attendees about her work and creative process as an artist. Photo Credit: Scott Landells



Left: Matthew Watt, "Volmar," graphite and alcohol ink on paper, 2019, Center: Matthew Watt, "Jutta" graphite and alcohol ink on paper, 2019, Right: Matthew Watt, "Hildegard von Bingen," graphite and alcohol ink on paper, 2019 Photo Credit: Scott Landells



# Cobra Sports



Parkland College men's soccer team. Photo credit: Parkland Athletics

## Sasaki's Hat Trick Leads Cobras to Season-Opening Win

By CHAD BEYLER

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Parkland men's soccer opened its 2019 season with a commanding 5-0 shutout of visiting South Suburban Community College on Friday afternoon at the Parkland Soccer Field. Sophomore forward Yu Sasaki netted three second-half goals for his second career hat trick as a Cobra. Sasaki was joined by goals from sophomores Naoto Uede and Josef Halcomb to back freshman goalkeeper

Matteo Giglozzi's shutout in net in his first collegiate match.

A 2018 NJCAA All-Region selection and the team's leading point scorer from last year, Sasaki scored all three of his goals in the second half to put the match away after a first-half goal from Halcomb put the Cobras on top at halftime.

After tying Sasaki for the team lead in goals of 2019 off a pass in the box from Sasaki in the

second half.

Halcomb's game-winning goal in the first half marked his second career goal in a Parkland kit after the sophomore midfielder picked up his first goal in an upset of No. 7 St. Louis last fall.

The Cobras are back in action on Tuesday, August 27, when they travel to Belleville, Illinois for a 4 p.m. match against Southwestern Illinois. Parkland defeated SWIC twice last season, including a 4-2 win at home in a Region 24 Quarterfinal.

## Cobras Complete Unblemished Weekend

By CHAD BEYLER

ROCKFORD, Ill. - No. 2 Parkland volleyball swept through four more matches on Saturday, completing a perfect 8-0 opening weekend without dropping a set. The Cobras defeated Lake Land (25-17, 25-14, 25-15), Joliet (25-14, 25-12, 25-7), Madison (25-16, 25-7, 25-10) and Oakton.

The Cobras were again dominant on Saturday, winning sets by an average of 12.6 points and hit a combined .359 over the four games.

Starting the day off with a sweep of Lake Land, Cobras setter Rachel Verdun

recorded her first double-double of 2019 with 17 assists and 12 digs. Outside hitter Ryleigh Warfel nearly notched her first double-double of the season as well, earning nine kills on 15 errorless swings while digging out 16 Lake Land attacks, but it was Abigail Burnett who's 12 kills led the team. Summerlyn Smith's 16 assists and Brooke Norder's team-leading 18 digs highlighted the remaining Cobra performances.

In game two of the day, freshman middle blocker Katie Kaiser led the attack with nine kills on 14 swings (.500 hitting percentage), Mallory Bergbower

and Amanda Greening added seven kills each. Summerlyn Smith set the table for the attack with 21 assists to lead the team, while Maranda Day led the team in digs with nine.

The Cobras came back in match three with .492 hitting percentage, as Abigail Burnett again led the team with 10 kills on 17 swings. Ryleigh Warfel chipped in another eight, while Rachel Verdun (16) and Smith (10) had double-digit assists. Newcomers Paige Yoder and Reanne Allen each recorded five stuffs and six kills, and Isabella Classen dug out 12 Madison attacks to lead the team.

Wrapping up the weekend, Parkland swept Oakton in the Saturday nightcap by holding their opponent to just eight points in the first two sets. Gabby Wessels (nine kills) and Kayla Brandon (eight kills) led the offensive attack off the help of 28 assists from Smith. Wessels also contributed defensively with 17 digs, while Hannah Benson earned seven blocks to lead the Cobras at the net.

Up next, Parkland will host No. 12 Lincoln Land in their regular season home opener on Wednesday, August 28, at 6 p.m. central time.

## men's soccer

<b>AT – Prairie State</b>	<i>Chicago Heights, IL</i> AUG 31 (SAT) 12:00 PM CT
<b>VS – St. Charles (Missouri)</b>	<i>Champaign, IL/ Soccer Field</i> Sept 1 (SUN) 2:00 PM CT
<b>VS – Jefferson (Missouri)</b>	<i>Champaign, IL/ Soccer Field</i> Sept 7 (SAT) 2:00 PM CT
<b>VS – Heartland</b>	<i>Champaign, IL/ Soccer Field</i> Sept 10 (TUE) 4:00 PM CT

## Women's Volleyball

**OWen's tournament**

<b>Catawba Valley</b>	<i>Perrysburg, OH</i> AUG 30 (FRI) 9:00 AM CT
<b>Vincennes</b>	<i>Perrysburg, OH</i> AUG 30 (FRI) 12:30 PM CT
<b>Oakland</b>	<i>Perrysburg, OH</i> AUG 30 (FRI) 4:00 PM CT
<b>Grand Rapids</b>	<i>Perrysburg, OH</i> AUG 31 (SAT) 9:00 AM CT



Kate Beckemeyer at the Urbana Sweet Corn Festival on Aug. 23. Source: Emma Fleming

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