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The Parkland Board of Trustees voted unanimously on September 18, 2019 to promote Dr. Lau as Parkland College's next president when Dr. Ramage retires in 2022.

BOARD APPROVES DR. LAU AS NEXT PRESIDENT OF PARKLAND

It was officially announced during the Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, Sept 18, 2019, that Dr. Pam Lau is promoted from the position of chief academic officer to being executive vice president of Parkland College. This will happen as part of an executive transition plan of Lau taking over the presidency when current president, Dr. Ramage, retires in December 2022.

The board voted in favor of Ramage being paid \$269,694 annually through June 30, 2023 as well as Lau being paid an annual amount of

\$159,647 through June 30, 2023.

Being the president of a college is a big responsibility. It is a responsibility that Lau is ready to face. She refers to the next three years as a journey, learning the work of the current president. Lau shares that apart from being the public face of the college and interacting with people and businesses in the community, the job of the president is to set the strategic plan and decide what direction to take the college.

By NICOLINE HANSEN

The college must constantly think about ways to stay attractive, meaningful and relevant all while fulfilling the needs of the district. Lau describes the importance of making sure that students are being prepared to transfer into a four-year institution but also to ensure that students finishing Parkland's career programs have the skills that employers need.

"I had no understanding of the mission of community college [when first coming to Parkland]," Lau said. "I

was familiar with four-year schools; I am a product of a four-year school... It was when I entered this institution, I began to realize the unique features of a community college."

Lau came to the United States as an international student from Singapore. Being an international student meant that she came from a different culture and a different educational system. She describes the educational system as being meritocratic, meaning that you are rewarded for how well you do,

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UIUC and Parkland students march for climate change



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Photo by **Emma Fleming**

U of I's Students for Environmental Concerns lead chants in front of the Alma Mater statue

Opinion: Cost of college then and now



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Parkland College Student Union

Parkland College upholds the Clery Act

By MASON GENTRY

Jeanne Clery was tragically murdered in her college dorm in 1986. According to the Clery Center, parents in that time had no means to access crime data and statistics of the campuses in which their children studied. Since then, the

federal government has enacted a statute that demands all colleges and universities participating in federal aid programs to both maintain and disclose a log of crime statistics and security information, according to the Federal Student Aid

website. This is called the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

Parkland College crime data can be found on the Parkland website in the "Crime Statistics"

link. There, you will find the table representing Parkland's Annual Safety Report (ASR) which records the criminal acts on a yearly basis. Also, under that link, anyone may access Parkland's Daily Crime Log, which

is updated frequently and gives a brief description of the date, crime, location and closure of the incident. This resource is not only a tool for understanding the safety of their environment but for students to analyze the differences in schools

across the country, pointing out trends between colleges and universities.

There are interactive websites which allow users to compare crime statistics and data across different schools. For

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“No more coal, keep that carbon

On Friday, Sept 20, students and community members gathered on the University of Illinois campus to fight against climate change. Students across the world skipped class on Friday to demonstrate how climate change is an urgent matter. The U of I's branch of the global climate strike included marches, speeches and a die-in.

The march, which was a part of the global marches inspired by climate activist Greta Thunberg, started at the Undergraduate Library at 10:30 a.m. The march promptly began at 10:40 a.m. on the North Quad. The march ended at the Alma Mater statue where students and community leaders gave speeches.

Even though this was an event organized by U of I students, there were quite a few Parkland students in attendance. Ayla McDonald, a liberal arts and sciences major at Parkland, told the Prospectus about her experience at the event. “I marched today because I am very

concerned about the current state of our environment and I'm very concerned about climate change,” McDonald said. “I fear for the ultimate extinction of humanity and I feel that while protesting may not do much on large scale, it does have potential to make changes just by starting a dialogue.” McDonald, being the secretary of Parkland's Sustainability Club, participated in all facets of the event.

The event attracted a lot of attention. There were many protestors as well as onlookers. “The turnout was beyond what I was expecting. There were so many people there and they stayed for the entirety of the march,” McDonald said. “It was really encouraging just seeing the number of students and local community members who turned out, as well as the enthusiasm.”

At the march, there were student organizers who led the rest of the protestors in chants. Some of the chants that were sung were, “No more coal, no more oil, keep

that carbon in the soil,” and “Hey hey, U of I, please don't let our planet die.” Many of these chants were sung when the protestors split into different groups to block the entrances of the different buildings on the quad. The chants were intended to catch peoples' attention as well as generate a sense of urgency.

A unique form of protest was conducted at the end of the strike. The students and community participated in a die-in, which is a demonstration where people lie down as if they are dead. “The number of people who remained went to the intersections of Goodwin and Wright Streets and did a die-in, which is essentially when you pretend to die to raise awareness for a cause,” McDonald said. “We ran into the intersection when the pedestrian crossing signs were on while all the traffic was stopped for 30 seconds to raise awareness for climate change.”

According to the Washington Post, the global climate strikes that

occurred on Friday contributed to the largest youth-led demonstrations in history. Friday's protests also took place in over 150 countries, connecting youth worldwide.

“I think that the U of I's branch of the protest contributed to the global movement. There were protests happening all over the world and we were one. There is a feeling of consolidation that comes with knowing that people all over the world are fighting for the same cause and fighting for survival,” McDonald said. “At the local level, it was important because it was one of the few organized climate protests that happened in Illinois. It was really encouraging being able to incite activism in our own community.”

Based upon the amount of people who attended, and the overall feeling generated by the protestors, the event seemed to be a successful one. Students chanted, wielded signs, made music and marched in order to encourage lawmakers to act on climate change.

FACT:

20 recycled aluminum cans be made with enough energy to produce one aluminum can from bauxite ore. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for 3 hours. Making cans from recycled aluminum cuts related air pollution by 95%. Americans throw away enough aluminum every 3 months to rebuild entire commercial US air fleet.



All photos by Emma Fleming

no more oil, on in the soil!”

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Parkland's Daily Crime Log is public information

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example, the United States Department of Education will organize up to four different colleges or universities and allow for comparison on a data table.

When comparing Parkland College to others schools—Eastern Illinois University, Lake Land College and the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana—there is a trend of universities having higher disciplinary incidents resulting in a report

on the data table.

When asked what the cause of this trend might be, Parkland student Jack McLane answered that “Universities might have higher crime rates due to the freedom that many new students experience while at university.” However, it is also likely the case that large campuses with student housing, bars, parties and events are more likely to commit crimes. The area encompassing these things is much greater than the area that is held

by smaller, community college campuses. There are also many more roadways and non-student activities happening daily within larger campuses, attributing to their higher rate of crime reports.

When Lydia Gallaher, the Board of Education's Student Trustee, explained that there is a discrepancy between what is counted on the daily report and what is counted on the annual report. She said that “... in daily crime logs, you see what happens every

day, then you look at our ASR. There's barely anything on there. What happens is, the Clery Act has to fit [reports] into their definition of a crime.” This is immediately evident when comparing the annual and daily crime reports, as the latter typically lists more. Because the Clery Act requires that schools report crimes on all adjacent property to the campus, the Daily Crime Log is littered with crimes committed outside of the campus, as well as on it.

All crimes seen on campus by a Campus Security Authority (CSA) are federally mandated

advisors to student clubs, athletic coaches, study abroad coordinators and many other

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to be reported by that individual. According to Parkland's Public Safety, the list of current CSAs includes the Dean of Students, Faculty/Staff

Parkland faculty. The Clery Act requires that CSAs report qualifying crimes happening on or adjacent to campus facilities.

Transition plan for the next president

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and good grades get you into higher education. In this system, you would not get into higher education by being an average student.

“It wasn't until I entered this institution that I began to realize the unique features of a community college,” Dr. Lau said. “Coming to Parkland made me realize that there is a different approach to higher ed. It is much more of what some people would call an egalitarian approach, where we say everyone who is interested should have access to higher education.”

Lau believes that just because students might not be ready

for top universities, it does not necessarily mean that they cannot get a degree. What makes Parkland College unique is that it gives these students a chance to succeed while still

experience throughout her years at Parkland. Lau started out as a part-time faculty member in 1995. She started teaching in the developmental reading program before going on to

was further promoted to the vice president for academic services in 2016.

Lau believes that her experience will serve her well when she takes over the title as president in 2023. Having gotten to be in both the classroom and serving as a program director, she has a grasp on what is going on and what it is that students will need to become successful. “At the end of the day, if students don't find that this is a good experience, we have not succeeded as a college,” Lau said.

As for the transition plan, Lau describes the plan as consisting of two levels. Lau will be moving into the executive vice president position where she is going to learn how Ramage runs the

college.

However, there is also the level of her finding someone to take over the title as chief academic officer. This process will include looking for an associate vice president who will begin to learn from Lau.

Lau shared that the college has chosen to do the transition slowly but planned in order to ensure that everything will go smoothly. This is important as both positions affect a large part of the college.

As for the Board of Trustees voting, there was no doubt that Lau should be the one taking over the presidency. After the voting, most of the board took time to comment on Lau's qualifications as well as how good of a job Dr. Ramage has done throughout the

years with his “innovative leadership.”

“It made sense through our discussion and conversations with Dr. Lau that her leadership, skills, and trust among the faculty, staff, and others in the community was a logical continuation of [Ramage's] leadership,” board member Gregory Knott commented.

As for other things discussed during the meeting a \$126,840 funding was approved for renovation of the S building as well as a \$2.2 million use of the protection, health, and safety funds for a new automated door lock upgrade across campus.

For more information on what was discussed and approved during the meeting, check out the Parkland College press release.

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welcoming students who are very much ready for four-year institutions but feel like this is the best place for them to start.

The future president of the college has gained plenty of

be the director of the program in 2003. She played a crucial part in the development of CAS, which launched in 2006. In 2010, Lau was promoted to dean of academic services and



Photo by Scott Landells

The Parkland College Board of Trustees meets to discuss several topics concerning the college before voting on Dr. Lau's promotion as Dr. Ramage's replacement.

Opinion: Cost of college then and now

By KERRY LIPPOLD JR.

Just over sixteen years ago, the Prospectus published an article covering a tuition increase approved by the Parkland College Board of Trustees. While tuition increases are in no way abnormal in the college community, students of Parkland felt the need to bring attention to the subject because of the adapted norm that took place.

On Feb. 19, 2003, the board approved a tuition increase of five dollars per credit hour for in-district students, \$13 per credit hour for out-of-district students and \$15 per credit hour for out-of-state and international students. Why this is atypical can be explained by looking at the previous tuition increases.

In the years preceding 2003, it was typical for

the college to experience an increase of about two dollars per credit hour for in-district student tuition. An increase of more than double the typical amount is a significant change that students should be aware of despite the magnitude of the arguable impact. Considering enrollment numbers were hitting record highs, I would say the impact is quite large. Some may argue the increase to be little to nothing especially by today's standards, but these increases are taking funds from more than 10,000 students whom could spend it elsewhere.

Today, paying even \$500 more each semester is something that might be overlooked considering how much students are already spending on their education. When the tuition increase of 2003 was enacted, tuition

rates sat at \$59, \$215 and \$260 dollars per credit hour for in-district, out-of-district, and out-of-state and international students, respectively.

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Any college student will tell you that the current costs of going to school are not even close to that of sixteen years ago. Many Parkland students, including myself, were not even aware of the tuition increase that occurred for the 2019-2020 school year.

From the 2017-2018 fiscal year at Parkland,

the administration found that no increase for the base tuition costs were necessary, therefore keeping tuition at \$143.50 per credit hour. This price

jump is nearly \$11 per credit hour when you include additional fees.

Many classes require textbooks, equipment, technology and have additional course fees on top of the fees which are intended to support supplies for the class. For a full-time student living inside District 505, tuition about \$2,000 every semester plus course fees

and the occasional \$300 textbook or \$60 iClicker.

As for the 2019 – 2020 school year, there were a few changes to Parkland's tuition and fees that many students may not know. For the 2019 fiscal year, tuition has risen five dollars per credit hour for in-district students and as well as the universal technology fee increase of two dollars per credit hour. Without those other course fees and required expenditures, that brings tuition and fees to \$171 per credit hour for an in-district student, \$363.50 per credit hour for an out-of-district student and \$508.50 per credit hour for out-of-state or international students.

Parkland does have many opportunities for students to lessen the burden of their tuition but is by no means the

worst college in terms of cost. Many students work for the college or one of its groups to earn scholarships. Many others apply for scholarship funds each semester. Activities like the student newspaper, athletics and student government provide scholarships. There are also opportunities for students to be rewarded for their success in high school.

Some students find themselves paying nearly \$30,000 a year at certain institutions; this is an almost blinding number to think about. It is that much more surprising when you realize the same students are paying more than \$15,000 to live on campus at that college.

Thankfully, Parkland continues to commit themselves to serving students, even if the expenses seem so high.

COBRA SPORTS

Parkland Volleyball's Brooke Norder picks up NJCAA honor

By CHAD BEYLER

No. 1 Parkland volleyball's sophomore libero Brooke Norder was named the NJCAA Division II Defensive Player of the Week, as announced by the league office on Wednesday. The 2018 All-American averaged 5.41 digs per set helped lead the Cobras to four straight wins over Division I opponents, including top-ranked Seward County.

The second NJCAA Defensive Player of the Week accolade of her Cobra career, Norder anchored Parkland's back line with a combined 84 digs on the weekend to just three receiving errors. Totalling 29 digs against Arizona Western and 28 against Southern Idaho on Friday, Norder surpassed 20 digs for the fifth time in 25 matches this season. On the season the Grand Rapids, Michigan native ranks fifth nationally with 340 digs, while her 5.40

per-set average is 24th in NJCAA Division II. Norder joins teammate Ryleigh Warfel in earning NJCAA Player of the Week honors this month, as the Cobras have been represented in two of the month's first three weeks. Warfel earned Offensive Player of the Week back on September 4.

The top-ranked Cobras are back in action at home tomorrow night, September 19, when they host M-WAC rival John Wood at 6 p.m. central time.



Photo by Rod Shilts

Brooke Norder hits the ball towards the defending team.

Number one Cobra's Volleyball wins eighth straight

No. 1 Parkland volleyball swept past John Wood, 3-0, on Thursday night with set victories of 25-12, 25-18, 25-15. With the conference win, the Cobras improve to 25-1 on the season and 2-0 in the M-WAC.

Every Cobra saw the court in the eighth straight win, as 10 different players recorded

By CHAD BEYLER

a kill and 13 different defenders notched a dig. Altogether, Parkland hit .227 as a team with eight team blocks and seven service aces in the straight-set victory.

Offensively, the Cobras were led by a trio of seven-kill performances from Abigail Burnett, Mallory

Bergbower and Amanda Greening who were the beneficiaries of double-digit assists from setters Rachel Verdun (17 assists) and Summerlyn Smith (12 assists).

On defense, Brooke Norder corralled a team-best 13 digs, while Bergbower and Dakota Harmon each recorded

three stuffs at the net. Isabella Classen and Kayla Brandon led the Parkland servers with two aces.

Up next, Parkland will play a tri-match on Sunday, September 22, in Robinson, Illinois. The Cobras will face Frontier at 2 p.m. central time before facing off against host Lincoln Trail at 2 p.m.



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Number 3 spiking the ball.



Number 10 spiking the ball.

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Number 19 setting the ball.

Women's Volleyball Schedule

Sep 27 (Fri) 2:00 PM CT

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Champaign, IL Donald Dodds
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Sep 27 (Fri) 6:00 PM CT

VS - Muskegon
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Athletic Complex

Sep 28 (Sat) 9:00 AM CT

VS - Rock Valley
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Sep 28 (Sat) 7:00 PM CT

VS - Rend Lake
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Sep 29 (Sun) 10:00 AM CT

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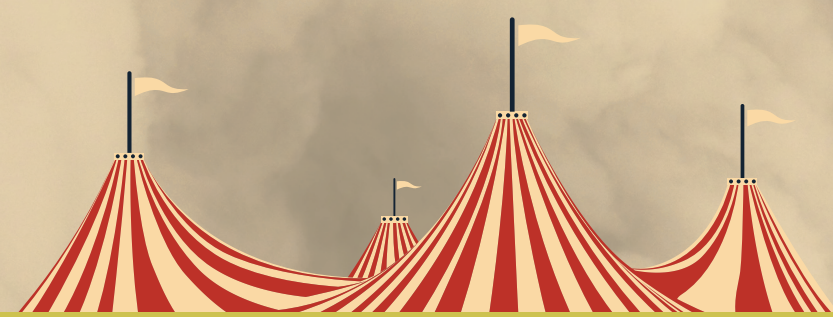
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