

JVS Board of Education Report

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Adult Advisory Committee Meetings

On April 28th, more than 60 Adult Career Center staff and advisory committee members met in Activity room B to discuss a variety of topics concerning initiatives affecting the Adult Career Center. After breakfast, the entire group reviewed the use of Perkins funds, the upcoming Council on Education accreditation visit, the current mission and vision, the Safety Plan and the Strategic Plan.

After the joint meeting individual programs had break-out sessions to review curriculum and to provide feedback on the Safety and Strategic Plans. All input into curriculum will be incorporated into our current courses of study to assure our students are receiving instruction that prepares them more completely for the local workforce.

Medical Assistant Pinning Ceremony

The Adult Career Center held the annual Pinning and Candle lighting Ceremony for the Medical Assisting Class on Tuesday, April 27. The pinning ceremony is the culmination of the initial journey to medical assisting education and signifies the educational preparation of the wearer.

The Medical Assisting students honor the dedication of Florence Nightingale, who because of her selfless duty during the Crimean War became known as the “lady with the lamp.” As a tribute to Florence’s dedication each participant in the ceremony carried a candle.

The students’ education efforts are to be commended. CMAs (AAMA) comprise the majority of credentialed medical assistants in the workforce today.

Class speakers Lori Meyer and Sarah Fritsch applauded each of their fellow students for persevering and making it through to the end. Thanks went out to the school, instructors and families for providing the education and support needed to succeed. “A Woman’s Hands” was sung by students Irene Kellett and Kim Monhollen. Additionally, a skit was done demonstrating communications skills.

The “All Star” award was presented to Shannon Simonson for setting the best example, both in the classroom and when out at clinicals.

The Classmate of the Year award was presented to Irene Kellett. Selection was based on classmate votes.

The Florence Nightingale Award was presented to Kim Monhollen. Student selection for this award is based on being a class role-model with dedication to learning, displaying caring and compassion to patients and peers, leadership and above average performance in medical assisting.

Near the end of the ceremony students took the Florence Nightingale Pledge.

2013-2014 LCJVS Adult Career Center Educational Foundation Scholarships

Recipients this year include:

- Hillary Grasse (Welding) -John L. Kopronica Memorial Scholarship \$250
- Alberto Torres (Precision Machine Technology) -Robert D. Beecheler Memorial Scholarship \$250
- Teresa Green (Computerized Business Technology) - Hampson Family Foundation Scholarship \$500
- Alice Yeamans (Medical Assisting) - Hampson Family Foundation Scholarship \$500
- Sharita Capers (Esthetician) -Hampson Family Foundation \$500

These recipients were chosen based on instructor recommendations. Instructors were pleased to share the following comments about the selected students:



“Hillary Grasse came to class knowing nothing about welding, yet determination has resulted in her exceeding the requirements of every test. She is a dedicated student who now has three welding certifications and is currently working on pipe certification.”



“Alice Yeamans is a very reliable and capable medical assisting student.”



“Alberto Torres is a veteran who has excellent grades and has had excellent attendance. I would highly recommend him to any employer.”



“Teresa Green is very deserving of a scholarship; she has good grades, good attendance, and is always very helpful to her classmates.”



“Sharita Capers has had perfect attendance to date and is a great student.”