



President's Report

December 2024

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Students Refinish Auto Hoods During Contest

I attended the college's Auto Body Hood Competition earlier this month. Twenty students participated in this contest, which tests skills they've learned throughout the semester.



Feed the Need Food Drive Brings in 2,500+ Items

A big thank you to all who donated items or money for this statewide effort to battle food insecurity among students. These donations will fill the food baskets across our campuses.



Voicing Our Students' Transportation Needs

As Waubonsee looks to serve students holistically and address their barriers outside the classroom, I was appreciative of the opportunity to present to the Illinois House of Representatives Working Group on Public Transportation recently. State Representative Barbara Hernandez suggested the college for this opportunity, as we had discussed transportation challenges when we last met.

Connecting With Our High School and 4-Year Partners

I've been able to connect with both our secondary school and four-year school partners in recent weeks, in both traditional and new ways. The college's annual counselor breakfast brought its usual fun, as the program highlighted the TEC with the theme of "Building on Our Success," complete with remote-control dump truck races.



Counselors from Geneva High School enjoy the annual High School Counselors Breakfast.

Meanwhile, we're looking to potentially launch some new traditions with Aurora University, as our teams met earlier this month to discuss more innovative partnership possibilities. Ideas included joint marketing/recruitment campaigns, joint outreach into area high schools, AU offering classes at the Aurora Downtown Campus, and specific program articulation agreements to create seamless pathways to undergraduate degrees.

Hearing the Student Voice

Student Senate invited me to their recent meeting to discuss where student engagement fits into the college's strategic plan and Achieving the Dream work. I also heard about their focus on and efforts around food insecurity.



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City of Aurora Meeting Focused on Workforce Development

December 20, 4:30 p.m.

Start of Winter Break