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FY2014 Accomplishments

Many outstanding accomplishments were collectively achieved at Waubonsee Community College during FY2014.

Academics and Student Life

- Through Project Graduation, the total number of those completing a degree or certificate has increased by 60% over the last five years. A record of more than 300 graduates participated in the annual Commencement Ceremony held at the Paramount Theatre in downtown Aurora.
- Signed a dual degree program agreement with Governors State University.
- The Health Information Technology program received program accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management.
- Completed the National Association of Schools of Art and Design program accreditation review process.
- The Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting reviewed and approved the core curriculum for Waubonsee's Surgical Technology program.
- Waubonsee's welding program was certified as a School Excelling through National Standards Education (SENSE). Participating students may earn the American Welding Society's Level I-Entry Welder certification.
- The Tutoring Center's training program received College Reading and Learning Association Level I Certification. The internationally recognized gold standard for tutor training.
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Aurora Regional Pathways to Prosperity initiative with the City of Aurora, and the East Aurora, West Aurora, Indian Prairie, and Oswego School Districts.
- Two students from the inaugural cohort of the Therapeutic Riding Instructor program successfully completed a three-part certification process and received the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International Registered Instructor certification.
- Launched the new online Commercial Food Equipment Repair Technician Program.
- Approved new degrees and certificates to be offered Fall 2014 including the Automation Technology Associate in Applied Science degree, Automation Technology Certificate of Achievement, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Associate in Applied Science degree, Machine Operator Certificate of Achievement, Manual Machinist Certificate of Achievement, CNC Operator Certificate of Achievement, and CNC Programmer Certificate of Achievement.
- The Illinois Board of Nursing Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate for Waubonsee nursing graduates from July 2013-September 2013 was 100%.
- Became a participating college in the College Illinois Transcript Exchange, enabling high schools in Illinois to submit transcripts electronically to participating colleges at no cost.
- Co-curricular transcripts were developed for students to access by logging into the mywcc portal to print a copy of their verified involvements with campus committees, campus student organizations, athletics, or affiliated campus awards they received.
- Collaborated with former U.S. Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert, to offer a three-session leadership class featuring the former speaker. This is the fifth consecutive year of this collaboration.
- Selected as a member of NASPA's (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) 2013-2014 Lead Initiative on Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement.
- Waubonsee Foundation scholarships, with a combined value of \$133,386, were awarded to 198 recipients. Eight individual or organizational donors created 15 new scholarships to be awarded in the 2014-2015 academic year.
- Thirty-four students graduated from East Aurora High School after completing Waubonsee's High School Summer Program.
- Launched the GED Enhanced course created as part of the U.S. Department of Education Title V grant, and Health Care Bridge and Manufacturing Bridge courses, created as part of Waubonsee's TAACCCT grants.
- Approximately 150 students participated in Waubonsee's first "Women in STEMfest" featuring 11 female guest speakers who talked with students about their careers in STEM fields.
- Various departments, councils and student clubs collaborated to sponsor excellent guest speakers including Nobel Peace Prize nominee and co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence, Kathy Kelly; the movie,

Inequality for All, with a live interactive webcast with former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich; genetics leader, Dr. Sam Rhine; motivational speaker, Rohan Murphy; and Dr. Al Gini, Professor of Business Ethics at Loyola University as well as the traveling photo exhibit, “*Love Makes a Family: Portraits of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People and Their Families.*”

- Introduced “Resources to the Rescue” (R2R) events. Events included welcome tents or tables staffed by more than 50 faculty and administrators during the first week of classes and “#Registration Spooktakular!” Events were held at the Sugar Grove and Aurora Campuses.
- Hosted two popular “Eggcellent Night for Studying” events in preparation for final exams.
- Eleven students participated in the Model Illinois Government simulation in Springfield. One was elected Vice Chair of the Education Committee and one was elected Majority Spokesperson for the Education Committee.
- More than 50 students, faculty and staff participated in the first WCC Day of Service with service projects including trail clean-up and landscaping. The event was coordinated by Waubonsee’s Student Trustee and Student Life Department.
- Conducted fall semester eCOMPASS training for high school counselors as part of the Dual Credit initiative. Six counselors participated and are approved to administer COMPASS placement training on-site at their respective schools. Oswego and Oswego East high schools offered on-site eCOMPASS testing for the first time with 54 students participating. Close to 300 students completed eCOMPASS testing at West Aurora High School.
- Launched the National Student Clearinghouse Self-Service on mywcc allowing students to print enrollment verification certificates on demand and access enrollment information submitted to the Clearinghouse.
- 100% of Health Information Technology students passed the Registered Health Information Technician certification the first time they took the exam.
- For the second year in a row, an Auto Body Repair student won first place in their category at the National SkillsUSA competition.
- The Athletics Department hosted a Student Athlete Orientation program with 185 student athletes in attendance. Key topics included conduct, sexual assault and title IX reporting, safety measures, and academic support.
- The women’s basketball team became the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference (ISCC) champions for the second time in college history and were undefeated in league play for the first time in college history. Also for the first time in college history, they finished second in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region IV.
- The women’s cross country team finished the season as ISCC champions, placed second at the NJCAA Region IV meet and qualified for the NJCAA National Finals.
- A women’s tennis player won the number one singles title and teamed with another women’s player to win the number one doubles title at the NJCAA Region IV Division I Tournament.
- The baseball team became the ISCC champions for the third time in the last five years and was ranked 9th in the nation among NJCAA Division III clubs. After winning the NJCAA Division III Regional Championship for the second year in a row, they went on to finish fourth nationally at the NJCAA Division III World Series setting a new record with 39 wins for the season.
- The softball team became the ISCC champions for the fourth year in a row and finished second in the NJCAA Region IV. They were ranked 17th nationally in the NJCAA Division II poll, the first time in college history that the Chiefs’ softball team has been ranked.
- The men's soccer team won the ISCC title for the second year in a row and went on to win the NJCAA Region IV tournament.
- Waubonsee won the ISCC All-Sports Award for the fourth time in five years.

Community Involvement and Partnerships

- The college hosted many community events including a Women’s Veterans’ Fair sponsored by Illinois State Representatives Stephanie Kifowit and Linda Chapa LaVia and State Senator Linda Holmes, the Illinois Tollway Authority’s “2013 Roadway Ahead: Construction Careers Expo,” the Illinois Water Environmental Association’s Laboratory Skills Workshop, U.S. Congressman Bill Foster’s first “Project Growth” panel discussion, and an event celebrating our partnership with Family Focus Aurora for their 30th anniversary.
- The Small Business Development Center partnered with Illinois State Representative Stephanie Kifowit to co-host the Capital Development Board “Construction Business Outreach” event. Presenters included Illinois State Representatives Kifowit and Linda Chapa LaVia, Illinois State Senator Linda Holmes and representatives from the Capital Development Board.

- Partnered with the City of Aurora and Microlender ACCION to host an event on how to obtain small business financing for Aurora entrepreneurs and small business owners. More than 30 local business owners attended the event.
- Hosted and participated in Congressman Hultgren's inaugural Higher Education Advisory Committee.
- Hosted the Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council.
- The Kendall County Board issued Resolution 2013-25 in recognition of the college for our partnership with the Kendall County Job and Resource Fair. A Job/Internship Fair was held at the Aurora Campus for the first time.
- Hosted students in the Manufacturing Careers Internship Program created by Medusa Consulting Group, Inc. The industry-driven "gateway" program offers Workforce Investment Act eligible adults ages 18-21 an alternative route to employment.
- Hosted the Urethane Supply Clinic sponsored by Fox Valley Auto Paints, testing new technology in plastic welding, for students and industry partners.
- Launched "The Entrepreneurs," a new Educational TV series, with 10 episodes featuring success stories of companies aided by Waubensee's Small Business Development Center.
- Served as campus host for the Association of Title IX Administrators Campus Title IX Investigator Training School. Thirty-one institutions were represented with a total of 119 attendees. Nine Waubensee faculty, staff and administrators received certificates of completion for the Title IX Investigator Training.
- Hosted the RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System) teleconference, "Affordable Care Act: What Libraries Need to Know," for thirteen area public and academic libraries.
- Workforce Development offered a series of equine care and management courses for industry professionals at the Plano Campus for a total of 36 individuals.
- The college was a sponsoring partner for the 18th Annual Leadership Symposium for the National Community College Hispanic Council and a staff person served on the event planning committee.
- Served as the site for the 2013 Illinois Registry for Interpreters for the Deaf Fall Conference.
- Partnered with Kane County Connect Veterans to post Waubensee veterans' activities to their website as well as stay connected with veterans-related community activities countywide.
- Hosted a financial aid workshop sponsored by the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators for 110 financial aid professionals.
- Partnered with the Valley Industrial Association and the Valley Education for Employment System (VALEES) to host the 7th Annual Manufacturing Career Awareness Event for 250 high school students. Also partnered with VALEES to host a professional training day for graphic arts teachers from area high schools, the Automotive Technology Advisory meeting, and the Building Partnerships for America's Future Institute.
- Hosted the first advisory board meeting for the Laboratory Technology Program. Area industry representatives learned about the Laboratory Technology Program and provided insights into the labor market and skill requirements for laboratory technicians.
- Co-facilitated the SirsiDynix Libraries of Illinois annual conference at the Schaumburg Township District Library.
- Coordinated and hosted a group of students and teachers from Colegio Seminario San Jose, Guatemala at the Sugar Grove Campus.
- Partnered with St. Charles East High School to offer a new location for DDC-4 and Alive at 25 Defensive Driving courses.
- Hosted a TV studio tour for 17 special education students from the Kendall County Special Education Cooperative in Oswego. Students participated in hands-on television production and special effects and learned about industry employment opportunities and Waubensee's mass communications classes.
- Hosted the 15th Annual Association for Individual Development (AID) Telethon. AID is a non-profit organization providing service to over 5,000 special needs children and adults in 46 communities in the Fox Valley area.
- The Automotive Technology and Auto Body Departments hosted an open house for more than 100 area high school students including displays by local companies.
- The Xcelerate summer enrichment program had 504 enrollments, a 42% increase over the previous summer and a 600% increase since the program was established in 2009.
- Assisted with a baseball skills clinic through the Fox Valley Park District for underprivileged youth from the Aurora Neighborhood Baseball League in conjunction with members from the Aurora Islanders Men's Senior Baseball League.
- Hosted a "Sports Day" event for 23 urban youth from Triple Threat Mentoring.
- Served as an Award Sponsor for the 2nd None 5K benefiting Communities in Schools and the Aurora Food Pantry. Team Waubensee received the Corporate Team Award for having the largest number of participants (35) in its category.

- Participated in Aurora Green Fest 2014 with displays about Waubonsee’s sustainability, geographic information systems, laboratory technology, and environmental science classes, along with information about Waubonsee’s green initiatives.

Professional Development and Leadership

- The Employee Engagement Team identified the themes of Connect, Collaborate, Cultivate from the Employee Engagement Survey and these themes became the FY2014 Presidential Action Initiative. Employee Engagement Action Team Co-Chairs coordinated action team meetings and presented the Employee Engagement Plan to President’s Cabinet and to the college community. More than 90 employees participated on action teams.
- Implemented a major reorganization of the Educational Affairs unit.
- The Leadership Academy Tier 2 Inspiring Insight Series featured guest speakers Maria Spaeth, Executive Director, Kendall County Food Pantry; Marion Blumenthal Lazan, author and holocaust survivor; Tom Kozlowicz, General Manager of Holiday Inn Express; Doug Whitley, President and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce; Anna Ball, CEO of Ball Horticultural Company; and Judge F. Keith Brown, 16th Judicial District. In addition, Mrs. Lazan provided additional presentations with more than 1,000 students, faculty, staff, and community members in attendance.
- Twelve staff members completed Tier 2 of the Leadership Academy and were recognized by the Board of Trustees.
- Student Development, the Bookstore, and Finance Office held a first “Customer Service Week: Unity in Service.”
- Achieved Tree Campus USA designation for the fourth consecutive year.
- The Driver Safety Program received three awards during the Defensive Driving Courses (DDC) Awards Banquet at the National Safety Council Congress including Best Performance in the *Alive at 25* category and two *Trend Setter* awards in the DDC 4 and DDC Online categories.
- As part of National Volunteer Week, Waubonsee’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) was recognized at an Aurora City Council meeting. Celebrating its 10th year anniversary, in this year alone, the 64 VITA volunteers have processed more than 1,600 total returns generating \$1,556,043 in refunds for residents in the community.
- The Center for Learning Assessment completed the process to become fully authorized by Pearson VUE (Virtual University Enterprises) to deliver exams for GED Testing Service and for VUE testing.
- Administrators were interviewed for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library’s Oral History Program, *Education is Key – Community Colleges*.
- Board of Trustees members were recognized by their professional association for length of service and completion of educational seminars. A board member was selected Grand Marshal for the City of Aurora Independence Day Parade.

Facilities Management, Financial Stewardship and Quality

- The college received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the first time.
- Received our 14th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- Received a clean and unmodified opinion on Waubonsee’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (annual audit) ending June 30, 2013.
- Celebrated the ceremonial groundbreaking of the new Field House at the Sugar Grove Campus and began construction of the Field House and renovation of Erickson Hall.
- Working with the Illinois Department of Transportation, a traffic light was installed at the north entrance of the Sugar Grove Campus greatly enhancing the safety of this intersection.
- Completed renovation of the CNC lab and upgraded lab equipment.
- Participated in the data collection process for the AACC’s Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA) during its first year of data collection. The college has previously served as a beta-test college and a pilot institution for this project.
- Began employee previews of the ADVANCE data warehouse and Waubonsee’s College Scorecard. Hosted the Zogotech Illinois Users Group and facilitated a webinar with Zogo Technologies focused on the methods used to foster collaboration from the grant-writing process through the implementation of ADVANCE.
- Hosted the first meeting of the Northern Illinois STARS Online Users Group and also developed an instructional video to assist students using the online scholarship application system.

- Hosted a Tree Planting Ceremony to commemorate the establishment of the WCC Foundation planned giving program, the Acorns to Oaks Society.
- Successfully implemented the Waubonsee Alert System.
- Negotiated a new 9-1-1 Dispatch Services Agreement.
- Launched FAST (Faculty and Student Technology Support) at the Aurora Campus to provide technical and instructional support.
- The annual WCC Foundation Golf Outing raised a record \$31,582 for student scholarships.
- The college received five Communicator Awards in the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts' 20th annual competition and five awards in the 29th Annual Higher Education Marketing Report's Educational Advertising Awards competition.
- The Computer-Aided Design and Drafting (CAD) program was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Illinois Community College Board to support efforts to enhance the development of dual credit CAD courses with West Aurora High School. In addition, the program was awarded a \$1,000 grant through the 2014 New Look Project at the Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support for recruiting women into CAD programs and drafting fields.
- Awarded \$45,500 from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity through the Illinois Employer Training Investment Program to be used to reimburse local companies for up to 50 percent of costs of eligible training services.
- The Auto Body Repair Program was awarded the Collision Repair Education Foundation's Ultimate Collision Education \$50,000 Makeover Grant.
- Waubonsee's Adult Literacy Project was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and a \$600 National Book Fund Grant from ProLiteracy.
- The college received a \$250,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grant partially reimburses the college for the acquisition of property from the Kane County Forest Preserve which occurred in 2012.

Thank you for your commitment to Waubonsee Community College. These institutional accomplishments are possible because of the outstanding talents, dedication and hard work of our Board of Trustees, students, faculty and staff, as well as the collaboration of many community organizations.