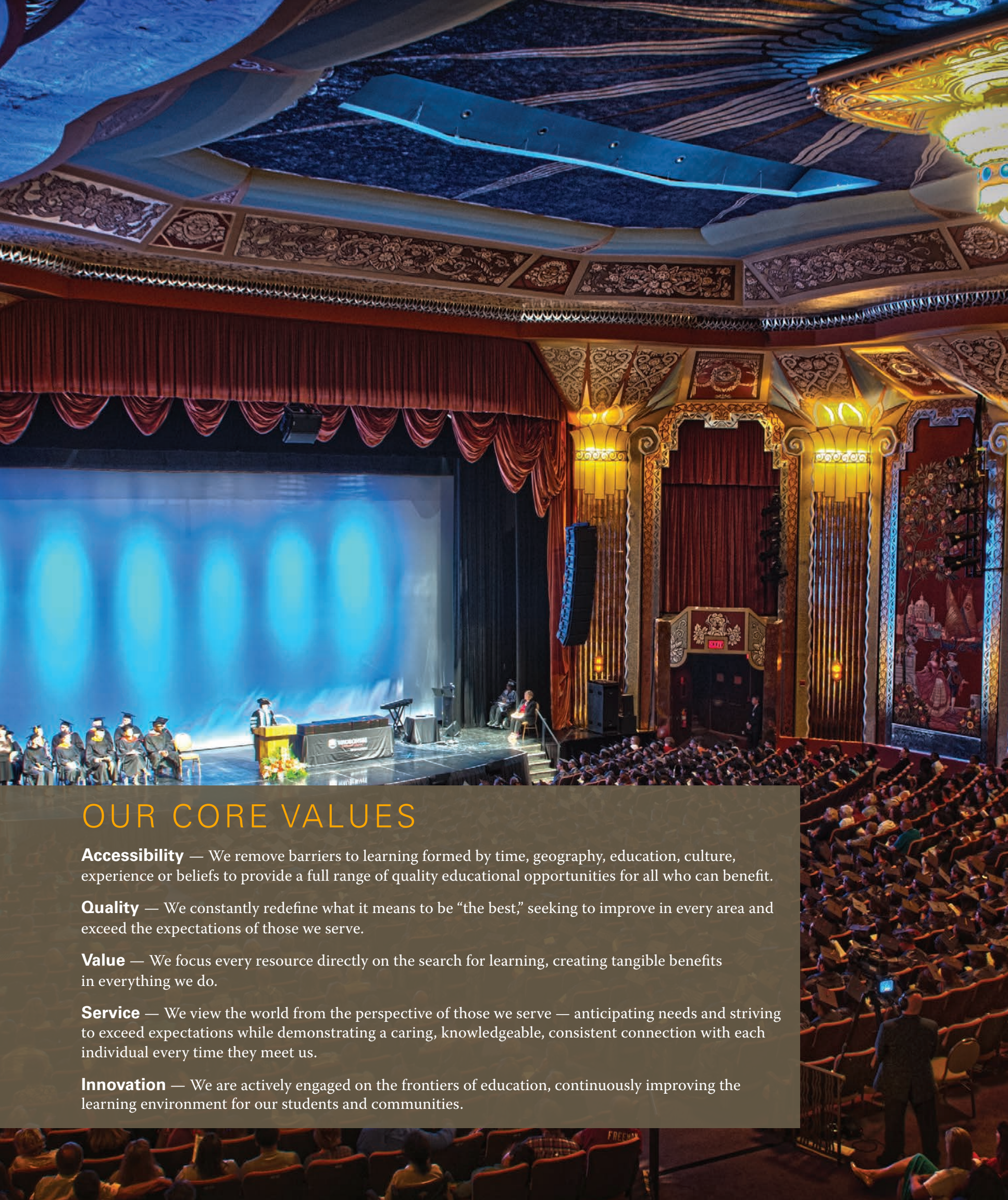




WAUBONSEE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Report to the Community
2014





A Message from the President

It seems that with each passing year, the pace of life picks up. There is always more knowledge to acquire, more technology to master and more data to sift through, so how does one institution manage it all? Prioritization and focus become key, which is why I develop a Presidential Action Initiative each year. It helps set a general course for the college, and for 2013-2014, that course centered on “Embracing Engagement: Connect, Collaborate, Cultivate.”

Waubonsee facilitates thousands of interactions each year — among students, faculty, staff, parents, schools, businesses, community leaders — but we also do our best to elevate those short-term interactions into more sustained engagement through the application of the three Cs.

Of course, the most traditional connections happen between our students and faculty members, but connections with other members of the college community can help students feel more welcome and engaged in their overall educational experience. Powerful connections can happen when you meet students where they are, and these days, that’s social media. I’ve had a lot of fun and learned a lot about our students since launching my Twitter account this past year. Check out @WCCPresident to see Waubonsee life from my perspective, and look for other ways to connect throughout this report.

While my Twitter feed tells Waubonsee’s stories through my lens, the stories themselves are the result of countless collaborations among individuals from the college and the community. At Waubonsee, we rely on the many collaborative efforts of, and cultivated relationships with, local organizations to help identify, build, improve, expand and evaluate our programs, resources, and services.

One of the most exciting collaborations of the year involved the Paramount Theatre of Aurora, as their staff and ours worked together to host our annual graduation ceremony in that beautiful historic venue. It was great to have the extra space because, thanks in part to our Project Graduation initiative, we’ve seen our number of degree and certificate completers increase by 60 percent over the last five years.

The pages of this 2014 Report to the Community are filled with stories of successful graduates, students, faculty, staff, departments and programs. All demonstrate what can be achieved when engaged individuals utilize the power of connection, collaboration and cultivation. Such successes are both enabled by, and serve to reinforce the college’s core values of Accessibility, Quality, Value, Service and Innovation. Thank you for your continued support of Waubonsee, our mission and our students.

Christine J. Sobek, Ed.D., President

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OUR CORE VALUES

Accessibility — We remove barriers to learning formed by time, geography, education, culture, experience or beliefs to provide a full range of quality educational opportunities for all who can benefit.

Quality — We constantly redefine what it means to be “the best,” seeking to improve in every area and exceed the expectations of those we serve.

Value — We focus every resource directly on the search for learning, creating tangible benefits in everything we do.

Service — We view the world from the perspective of those we serve — anticipating needs and striving to exceed expectations while demonstrating a caring, knowledgeable, consistent connection with each individual every time they meet us.

Innovation — We are actively engaged on the frontiers of education, continuously improving the learning environment for our students and communities.



Waubonsee Cheerleaders participate in Family Focus Day at the Aurora Campus.

service/collaboration

Working to Enrich Local Communities

For almost five decades, Waubonsee has dedicated itself to serving area residents, and this past year was no different.

In the spring, the City of Aurora recognized the achievements of college staff, students and others, each of whom offered their time and talents to literally enrich local households and the local economy.

On April 8, the Aurora City Council honored Waubonsee's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) team for its commitment to volunteer service.

The recognition capped Waubonsee's 10th year of partnering with the Center for Economic Progress on the local VITA workshop, which provides free income tax return preparation to income-eligible individuals and families.

The Aurora VITA site, under the direction of George Sterling, Certified Public Accountant and Adjunct Faculty at Waubonsee, and his wife, Therese, has annually netted big results for tax return filers and the region. This year, for instance, volunteers working at Waubonsee's VITA site processed 866 income tax returns on behalf of 746 clients, bringing home more than \$1.5 million in refunds.

"Altogether, VITA strengthens goodwill with the community, and the program has been making a difference in the

Aurora area for hard-working individuals and families for 10 years," said Ne'Keisha Stepney, Assistant Dean for Business and Career Technologies.

VITA's work, however, is just one way the Waubonsee team continues to serve its communities.

Service at All Levels

This year, as part of the college's commitment to deepen civic engagement within the student body through Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education's Lead Initiative, Waubonsee launched the Day of Service program, through which dozens of students each semester fan out into the community to lend a hand to local not-for-profits.

However, the tone of community service is set throughout the year by Waubonsee's staff and leadership.

This past year Waubonsee President Dr. Christine Sobek served as president of the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents. This position was in addition to her many other roles serving on the boards of Rush Copley Medical Center, The Valley Industrial Association and more.

Many other Waubonsee employees are heavily involved in local civic groups and charities, with many holding leadership roles in those organizations.

John Wu, Director of Emergency Management and Safety, began his term as chairman of the board of directors for the Fox Valley United Way in July.

Kelli Sinclair, Waubonsee's Dean for Counseling and Student Support, was elected president of the advisory board at Family Focus Aurora, the local branch of a Chicago area organization established to provide services and assistance to promote the well-being of children from birth by supporting and strengthening families within their communities.

But these are just a few examples of Waubonsee's students and staff working together to help those helping our friends and neighbors.

Look inside the teams of volunteers at your local rotary clubs, economic development commissions, county health committees, chambers of commerce, and more, and you are sure to find Waubonsee representatives among their ranks.

It's just part of the multitude of ways Waubonsee works every day to enrich our communities, making the region a more vibrant place for all to call home.

innovation/modernizing programs

Retooling for the Future

After just a few years on the shop floor, Charlie Ruetsche had concluded more – much more – needed to be done to prepare workers for the modern manufacturing environment.

Since entering manufacturing, first at machine tools maker Mazak Corporation, then at Caterpillar, Ruetsche said his interest in educating the next generations of manufacturers only intensified as he helped train workers on the basics of current manufacturing tools and technology.

“It made me want to pursue a career in education, to combine my new passion for teaching with my love of manufacturing,” Ruetsche said.

And when word reached him that Waubonsee Community College had purchased seven new Haas computer numerical control (CNC) machines and other new equipment, he decided to pursue the position as the college’s new Manufacturing Technology Instructor.

“Manufacturing jobs will be the basis for a lot of employment growth,” said Ruetsche. “We’re going to help students develop those skills.”

In the past year, Waubonsee has enhanced its cohesive package of programs related to manufacturing.

This fall, the college rolled out seven new degrees and

certificates in Automation Technology and Machine Tool Technology. The programs focus on CNC programming and operation, Manual Machining and Advanced Manufacturing Technology, among others.

That followed the equipment purchases, which were made possible through a U.S. Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant awarded to the Illinois Network for Advanced Manufacturing.

Art Behind the Part

The college has also emphasized improving its Computer-Aided Design and Drafting program. Waubonsee’s CAD Instructor Randall Hines said the program focuses on “real-world problems.”

Using the college’s 3-D printers, including a Makerbot purchased this year, the CAD students integrate their projects with those of students enrolled in Ruetsche’s Advanced Manufacturing classes.

“In essence, we’re designing projects that the CNC classes are manufacturing,” Hines said.

Ruetsche and Hines have dedicated themselves to both enhancing the quality of instruction and spreading the word about the opportunities offered by the Waubonsee Manufacturing Technology programs.

Enrollment doubled this fall in both programs, the instructors said.

In coming months, Ruetsche said the program will seek to add certification opportunities through the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), allowing students the chance to demonstrate their newly acquired skills and knowledge to the very kinds of professionals and employers from whom they may be seeking jobs after graduation.


Hines said demand for students is warming. Eleven Students have landed either internships or full-time positions.

Ruetsche and Hines said their departments have convened advisory boards, or will do so soon, with members who hail from local manufacturing shops and businesses, to offer guidance on how to enhance the educational programs.

“For someone like me coming out of the corporate world, teaching is a different experience,” Ruetsche said. “It’s very fulfilling for me because I know I’m contributing to a good cause.”

Instructor Charlie Ruetsche guides student Juan Madrigal in Waubonsee’s CNC Lab.



 To learn more about Waubonsee’s manufacturing programs visit us online at www.waubonsee.edu/manufacturing

As part of Waubonsee's Adult Education Bridge Program, students can train to become certified nurse assistants (CNAs) while improving their basic skills.



accessibility/building skills



Bridges to Opportunity

When asked to describe what Waubonsee Community College means to them, many students often return to one image in particular – a bridge.

These students note Waubonsee's ability to lay a pathway spanning the distance from where they may be to the destinations they wish to reach, whether those be more advanced degrees from four-year colleges and universities, new careers or jobs, or simply enhanced skills or enriched knowledge to help them advance or grow in their current position or life stage.

During the 2013-2014 academic year, Waubonsee introduced its latest effort to help more students make their dreams real, rolling out the Adult Education Bridge Program.

The tuition-free program, funded by a U.S. Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant, is designed to help students build basic skills or prepare for the GED test, while training for a career in health care or manufacturing at the same time.

“The idea is that, once students complete the program, they will have improved academic skills and college credits, secured industry-recognized credentials and gained employable skills,” said Alyson Gaspar, Adult Education Special Programs Manager.

However, the Career Bridge program stands as only one of the latest extensions of Waubonsee's continuing commitment to opening pathways to higher education and enhanced opportunities.

Unique Career Programs

Using the TAACCCT grant, the college set up its new Laboratory Technology program this year. The curriculum is designed to help students land jobs from employers seeking skilled technicians able to use today's technology to do such important work as ensuring water quality, determining if bridges are structurally sound, or even creating the next deliciously sour candy.

And Waubonsee this year welcomed another group of students to its one-of-a-kind automotive recycling program, designed to help students learn not only how to recycle the components of an automobile,

but do so in an environmentally responsible manner, and gain the knowledge needed to land a job or run their own small businesses.

While creating the doors to opportunity, Waubonsee also has worked to help students see for themselves what could lie beyond.

STEM

In April, Waubonsee's Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Fest, organized by Associate Professor of Mathematics Amy Frankel, offered students the chance to connect with 11 female guest speakers and discuss with them their successful careers.

That effort builds on the college's STEM Scholarship program. Funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the program offers select students not only tuition assistance, but the chance to receive key insight from Waubonsee's STEM faculty mentors.

“These programs have changed students' lives,” said David Voorhees, Associate Professor of Earth Science/Geology and one of the faculty leaders of the STEM Scholarship program.

 To see how Waubonsee served as a bridge for student Mario Velazquez, visit www.youtube.com/waubonsee

value/college completion



Unlocking Doors to Brighter Tomorrows

Students come to Waubonsee Community College for a variety of different reasons.

Ultimately, they share the same goal: To enrich themselves, whether financially, culturally or personally, and pave the way to a better future.

In today's modern information- and technology-driven economy, the key to unlock the door to that brighter tomorrow often comes in the form of a college degree.

A recent report from the College Board states those holding an associate degree can expect to earn \$9,400 more each year vs. high school graduates.

Such findings strengthen the pride Waubonsee feels in its Project Graduation initiative, which has helped increase the college's number of completers by 60 percent over the past five years.

While many Waubonsee students opt to immediately leverage their enhanced earning powers, heading into the workforce after completing their Waubonsee education, many other students continue their education elsewhere, earning bachelor's and more advanced degrees from a variety of institutions. Often, they take advantage of Waubonsee's articulation agreements with many four-year schools.

In the past year, Waubonsee has strengthened its commitment to fulfilling its mission of helping students earn the degrees to unlock their potential.


In February, Waubonsee and Governors State University (GSU) signed a dual degree agreement, guaranteeing Waubonsee students who earn an associate degree will be able to complete a bachelor's degree at GSU with significant benefits. These include tuition prices fixed at the rate in effect when they begin their freshman studies at Waubonsee and eligibility to compete for the

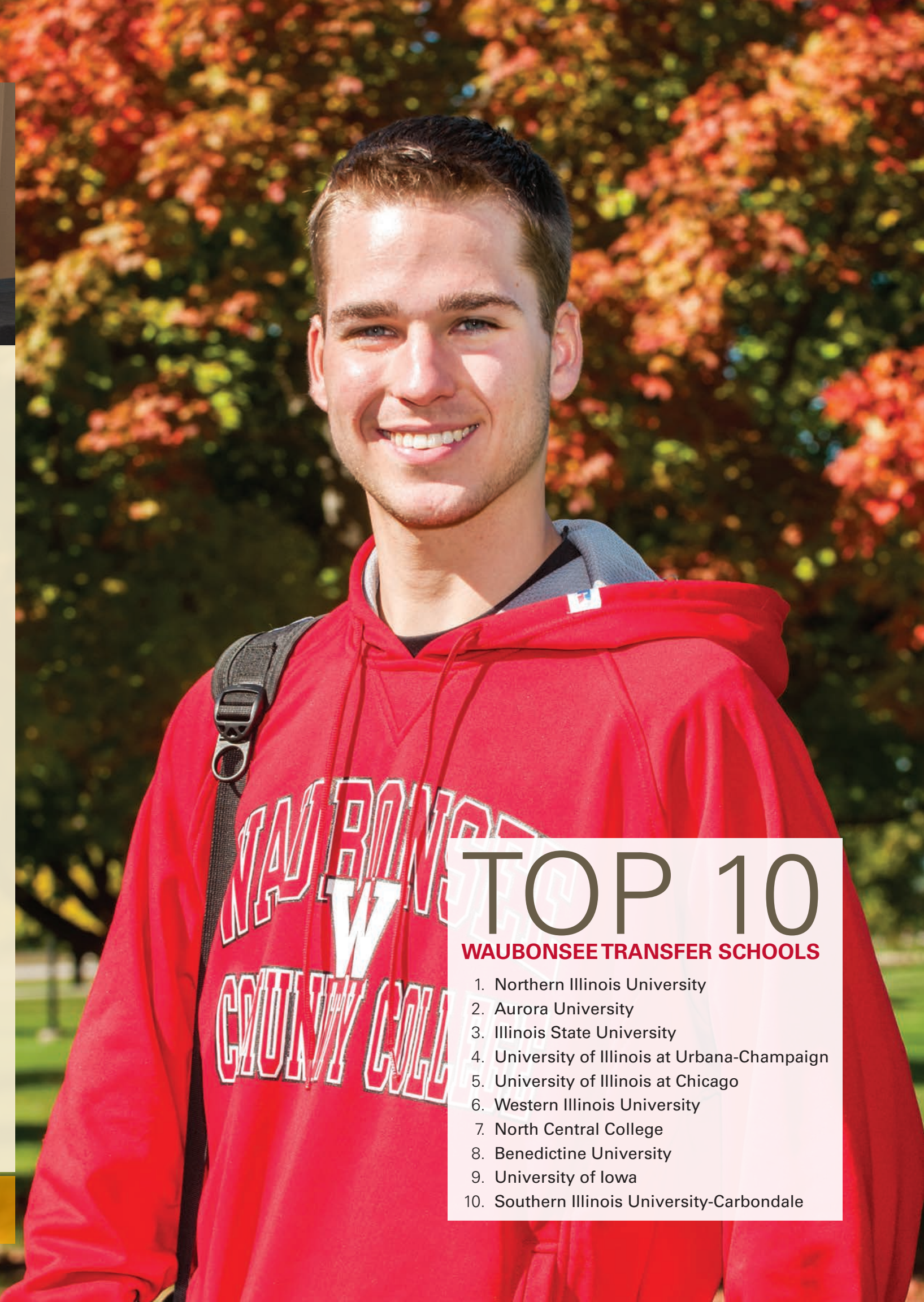
debt-free education offered by the GSU Promise Scholarship.

This agreement marks just the latest in a series of transfer-related agreements with a number of colleges and universities in Illinois and elsewhere, including Aurora University, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Judson University, DePaul University and Roosevelt University, among others.

"Partnerships like these provide wonderful opportunities for our students," said Waubonsee President Dr. Christine Sobek. "Not only do they motivate students to complete an associate degree, they also make a bachelor's degree more accessible."

In February, Waubonsee signed a dual degree agreement with Governors State University (GSU). Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Deborah Bordelon, GSU Provost; Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, GSU President; Dr. Christine Sobek, WCC President; and Dr. Deborah Lovingood, WCC Executive Vice President of Educational Affairs/Chief Learning Officer.

 To learn more about the transfer process and opportunities, visit www.waubonsee.edu/transfer.



TOP 10 WAUBONSEE TRANSFER SCHOOLS

1. Northern Illinois University
2. Aurora University
3. Illinois State University
4. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
5. University of Illinois at Chicago
6. Western Illinois University
7. North Central College
8. Benedictine University
9. University of Iowa
10. Southern Illinois University-Carbondale



Assistant Professor of Auto Body Repair Andrew MacDonald shakes hands with award-winning student Jose Martinez-Joya.

Photo courtesy of Chad O'Donnell - State Farm Insurance

quality/winning accolades

Steady Stream of Success

It's not every day someone – much less a college student – can stake a claim to being the best in the entire country at something.

But for Waubonsee Community College student Jose Martinez-Joya, that moment came this year when the 24-year-old Carpentersville resident took top honors in his category at the SkillsUSA National Skills Competition.

In late June, Martinez-Joya captured the gold medal among college/postsecondary students in the Automotive Refinishing Technology category at the national skills competition held in Kansas City, Mo.

Martinez-Joya credited his success, in large part, to the skills and knowledge imparted to him at Waubonsee from his instructor, Assistant Professor of Automotive Body Repair Andrew MacDonald.

"I've learned so much here," Martinez-Joya said. "He (MacDonald) is a great, great person, and very experienced. He really knows his stuff and can teach it to others."

Descriptors like that can be said of a great many of those who teach at Waubonsee.

No matter the subject – whether science, technology, mathematics, English, computer science, sign language or auto body repair, just to name a few – students at Waubonsee can expect to receive first-rate instruction at tuition rates amounting to a fraction of those charged by four-year colleges and universities, public or private.

The proof is apparent in the steady stream of success stories produced every year by the faculty and staff at Waubonsee.

Waubonsee's nursing students, for instance, annually achieve high marks on the National Council Licensure Examination. And 2014 was no different, as 97 percent of Waubonsee's nursing program graduates passed the NCLEX from April-June.

In the past year, notable achievements by Waubonsee students have included honors in both writing and STEM contests sponsored by the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference, which includes eight member schools in northern Illinois.


In the Skyway Writers' Competition, students Carolyn Schroeder, of Geneva, and John Merrow, of Plano, took first and second places in the poetry category.

And at the Skyway STEM competition, students Andrew Meyer, of Yorkville, and Aaron Gonzalez, of Oswego, took second place in the engineering category for their poster, titled "Maximizing Solar Energy Output." Three other students also won third place honors for their work at the STEM competition.

Student Trustee Mekenah Merrill, of Somonauk, was named to the 2014 Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team, which recognizes the top community college students in Illinois.

The achievements of these students help to demonstrate Waubonsee's commitment to enabling all students to go as far as their dreams, dedication and desire will carry them, without fearing a mountain of debt down the road.

To keep up with our students' many accomplishments, follow us on social media.

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A TEAM EFFORT

A new Field House is rising on the north side of Waubonsee's Sugar Grove Campus. Ground was broken on the 59,000-square-foot building in December 2013, and once it opens in the spring of 2015, it will support Waubonsee's athletics program, credit and noncredit physical education and wellness instruction, and general recreation for students and the community. Among the building's highlights are three indoor courts, a three-lane suspended running track and a 2,500-square-foot fitness/dance studio.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the opening of the Field House, renovated Erickson Hall, and the official completion of the 2020 College Master Plan at a special ceremony on Tuesday, March 10. More details will be coming soon.



Above photos from the December 2013 Field House Groundbreaking ceremony. Large photo: The in-progress Field House as it appeared under the "blood moon" on Oct. 8, 2014.

2013-2014 year in review



Job/Internship Fair at Aurora Campus



Former U.S. Speaker of the House
J. Dennis Hastert



New north entrance
traffic light.



Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner at "2013 Roadways
Ahead: Construction Career Expo"

- 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.
- The Health Information Technology program received program accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management.
- Collaborated with former U.S. Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert to offer a three-session leadership class. 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.
- 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.
- The Auto Body Repair Program was awarded the Collision Repair Education Foundation's Ultimate Collision Education \$50,000 Makeover Grant.
- 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.
- Partnered with Kane County Connect Veterans to post Waubonsee veterans' activities to their website as well as stay connected with veterans-related community activities countywide.
- 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.
- 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 Waubonsee's partnership with Family Focus Aurora for their 30th anniversary.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Xcelerate Summer Enrichment program had 504 enrollments, a 42 percent increase over the previous summer and a 600 percent increase since the program was established in 2009.



For a complete list of our 2013-14 accomplishments, visit www.waubonsee.edu/about/leadership

Distinguished Alumnus Pam Reilly

Every year, the classrooms at Woodbury Elementary School in Sandwich select a college to represent. And each year, Pam Reilly chooses Waubonsee Community College for her second grade classroom.

For Reilly, the reasons underlying her decision are two-fold: First, there is her affiliation with Waubonsee as a self-described “proud alumnus.”

But then there is the desire to plant in her students the seed of the importance of education, and to impress upon them the understanding that Waubonsee can offer an alternative pathway to higher education.

“If I had to go back in time, I would choose to attend Waubonsee every time,” Reilly said. “It provided me with a great beginning to a wonderfully fulfilling career that has led me to where I am today.”

In 2013, Reilly, who graduated from Waubonsee in 1992, received the Illinois State Board of Education’s Teacher of the Year honor, recognizing her “passion for teaching and her enthusiasm for helping her students succeed.”

Reilly has consistently modeled that passion through almost 15 years of teaching at schools in Sandwich and Plano.

The passion stayed with her even after she stepped out of the classroom for seven years to raise her three sons.

And it is a passion reinforced by meetings with former students, now young adults, who return to visit with their teacher.

“Where a teacher’s influence stops, no one knows,” Reilly said.



Dr. Heather LaCost Selected as Outstanding Faculty Member

After almost two decades at the front of college classrooms, Associate Professor of Psychology Heather LaCost has not allowed anything to dim the passion she feels for educating college students about the human mind.

“I like coming here to teach, every day,” she said. “It’s a job I’m excited to get to do.”

That love of teaching has driven LaCost to maintain her focus even as she approached the delivery of her first child.

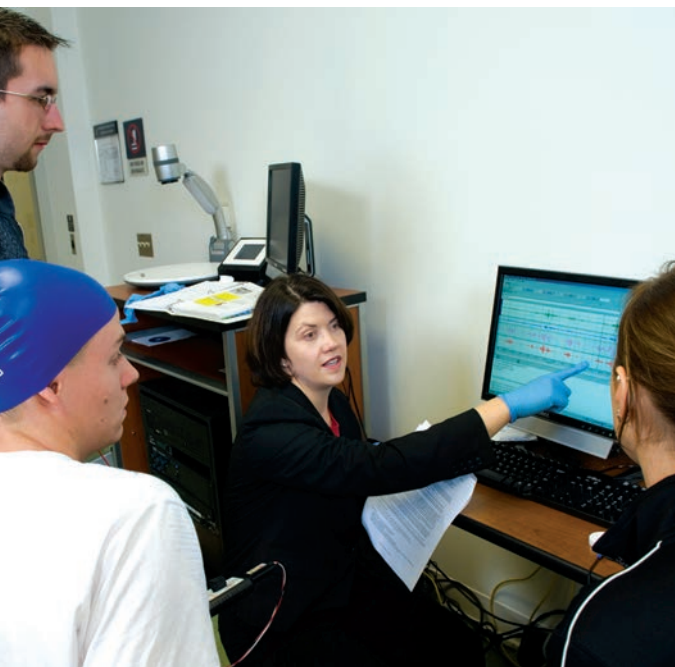
“My students were asking, ‘Are you sure it’s safe for you to be here?’” she said with a laugh. “They were looking at me like I was a bomb about to go off.”

Since coming to Waubonsee in 2000, that passion has also driven LaCost to work to introduce more of the scientific method into classroom instruction, an effort that has included leading the task of obtaining BioPac equipment to measure brain activity. LaCost has often connected the device to students’ heads to offer them a glimpse inside – sometimes with entertaining results, particularly when it is demonstrated on sleepy students.

But beyond classroom demonstrations and shared laughs, LaCost, who also serves as advisor to Psi Beta Honor Society and Psychology Club, said she simply enjoys watching as the psychology topics she teaches opens the eyes of her students daily, helping them better relate to others - and even their dogs.

Students have responded to her dedication, as many have pursued careers in psychology or related fields, crediting LaCost in part for their decision.

“It’s really rewarding and gratifying, and it makes me feel old,” she said, with a laugh.



Andrew Faville Named Distinguished Contributor

Andrew Faville doesn’t personally meet every Waubonsee student whose dreams his work has helped make real.

But those stories he does hear are more than enough to inspire Faville to continue lending his efforts to support the Waubonsee Foundation.

“To hear these stories, from people who overcame so many hurdles, it’s really incredible,” said Faville.

Community service is nothing new to Faville.

Even while growing his four companies, Faville, CEO and President at Falex Corporation in Sugar Grove, always has found time in the last three decades to serve in various roles for a number of worthy causes in his communities, including in support of the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Geneva History Museum, both in his hometown of Geneva.

He also serves as a volunteer pilot for Air LifeLine, an organization coordinating free air transportation for very ill children and other individuals in need of medical care at hospitals far from home.

Since 2005, Faville has also included time to support Waubonsee’s work, serving on the Board of Directors of the Waubonsee Community College Foundation, working to raise funds to provide scholarships for deserving area students.

Since 2007, Faville has served as chairman of the Foundation’s Investment Committee, which oversees how the Foundation invests its funds.

Faville said he believes the Foundation’s work is key to ensuring the doors to opportunity remain open at Waubonsee.

“It’s simply the right answer to support education,” Faville said.





A Season of Firsts

The women's basketball team went undefeated in league play for the first time in college history on their way to capturing the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference (ISCC) crown; they went on to finish second in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region IV. Such team success also brought individual accolades, with Ashley Wilk being named the ISCC Player of the Year and Head Coach Dana Wagner being chosen as the ISCC's Women's Basketball Coach of the Year. Wagner also collected her 200th career coaching victory during the 2013-14 season.

Running Away With the Conference

This season, the women's cross country team finished first in the conference, placed second at the NJCAA Region IV meet and qualified for the NJCAA National Finals.

Acing Two Titles

Women's tennis player Jin Lee did double duty this season, winning both the number one singles and number one doubles titles (with Karissa Schroeder) at the NJCAA Region IV Division I Tournament.

A Diamond Legacy

Waubonsee's baseball and softball teams continued their winning traditions this year.

The baseball team became the ISCC champions for the third time in the last five years and was ranked ninth 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 captured the ISCC crown 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 a Chiefs softball team has been ranked. Overall, Waubonsee softball is 46-4 in conference play the last four years.

Reaching Their Goals

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.

Overall Excellence

Waubonsee won the ISCC All-Sports Award for the fourth time in five years. The trophy is determined by points, which are awarded based on teams' conference finishes throughout the year.

Hall of Fame Inductees

The eighth class of Waubonsee's Athletic Hall of Fame was honored. Inductees included [back row, l to r] Scott Miller (basketball/baseball), Tracy LeSure (basketball), Jamie McNair (golf), [front row, l to r] Sara E. Merker (soccer/cross country) and Jeanine (Hill) Kelley (tennis).

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Scholarship Fest

The Foundation's annual Scholarship Fest is a celebratory event that brings together scholarship recipients and donors. As part of the evening's festivities, a representative recipient and donor each take the stage to share some brief remarks, and for 2013-14, the two speakers had quite a bit in common.

Scholarship recipient Alexis Wainwright spoke of the inspiration she gets from her grandfather, who emigrated from Greece at the age of 18 and went on to earn his college degree and put three daughters through college.

Donor Eduardo Gil talked of his own experience of moving with his parents from Argentina to Aurora. Gil received a scholarship to attend Waubonsee before going on to earn his law degree.

"Now that I'm settled in my career, I'm in a position to give back," Gil said. "I give five scholarships per year to students. I want to congratulate all the recipients for all your hard work and efforts... But with your scholarship comes great responsibility. I challenge you to grow and excel at everything that life throws your way. I challenge you to keep pursuing your dreams. And I challenge you to give back to the next generation of Waubonsee students when the time is right."

Wainwright, for one, seems ready to accept such a challenge.

"Because of this scholarship, I now believe that if you put your mind to anything and you strive to earn a scholarship, you can do so, if you stay positive," she said. "I would like to thank Waubonsee and the Foundation for my scholarship and the opportunity to pursue my dreams. I will be able to give back for what my generous donors have done for me as a recipient, and I can do it by showing them my success in future endeavors."

Acorns to Oaks Society

To help mark the Foundation's new Acorns to Oaks Society, a tree was planted in front of Dickson Center on September 10, 2013. Pictured above are Waubonsee Board Chair Richard "Shorty" Dickson, Waubonsee Board Member Dr. Richard Bodie, Waubonsee Board Vice Chair Rebecca Oliver, Vice President of Quality and Strategic Development Dr. Karen Stewart, Waubonsee Foundation Board Vice President Gerald Palmer, Waubonsee Foundation Board Secretary/Treasurer Michael Ochsenschlager, and Waubonsee Foundation Board President Penelope "Penny" Cameron.

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New Scholarship Donors 2013-2014

(Back, left to right) Robert Goetz, Stephen Wennmacher, Stephanie Wennmacher, Waubonsee Community College President Dr. Christine Sobek, Waubonsee Foundation Board President Penelope "Penny" Cameron, Christina Abbate, Linda Caldwell, and Jaret Adrian. (Front Row, left to right) Dr. Carla Goetz, Eduardo Gil, Kathleen Tollaksen, Ginny Kronsted, Jennifer Shook, Paulette Cuvala and Melissa Adrian.

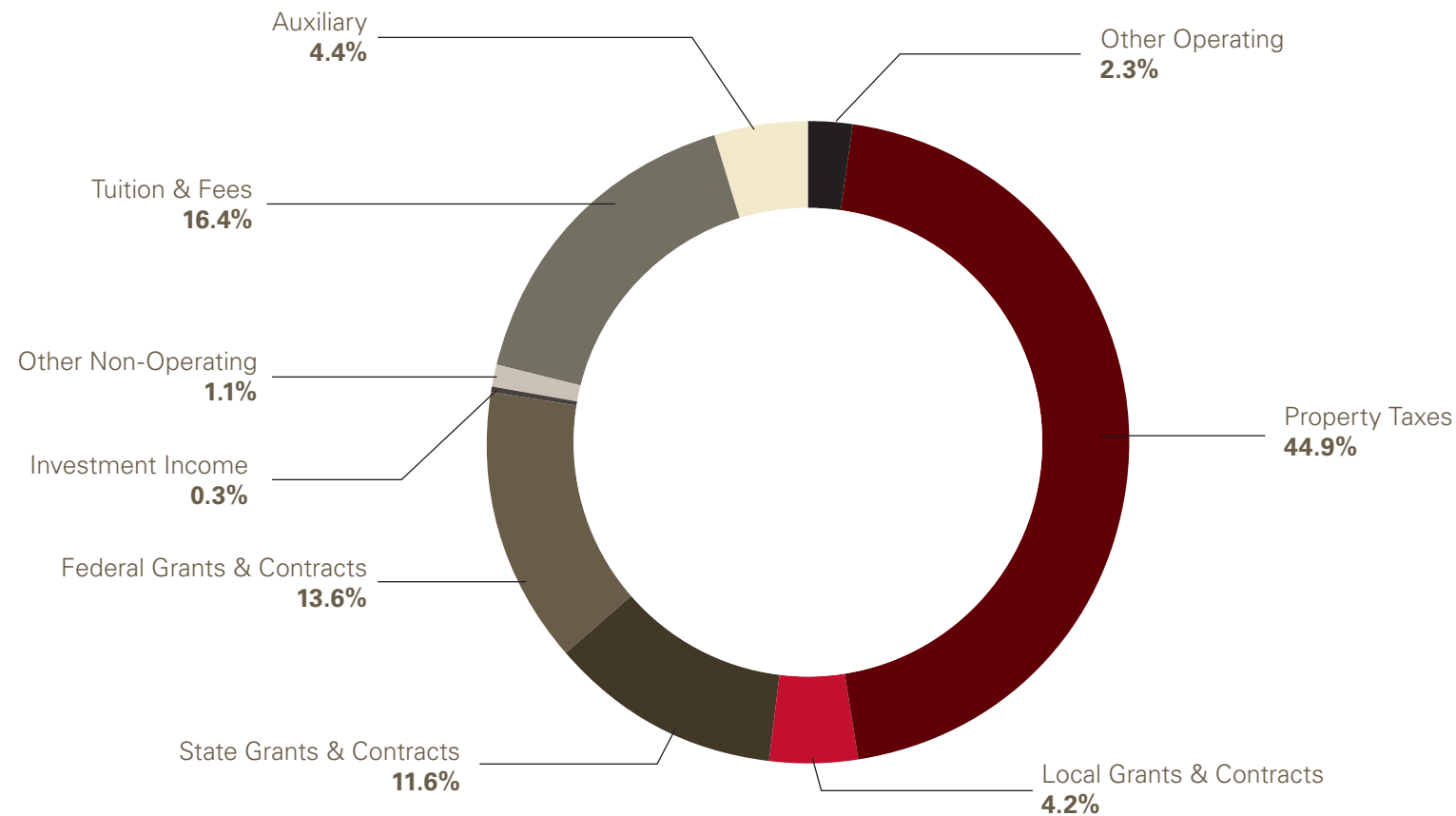


Visit waubonsee.edu/foundation to learn more about applying for a 2015-16 scholarship.

Financials

Waubonsee Community College operates under a conservative budgeting model that supports fiscal responsibility while providing a strong financial commitment to the college's teaching and learning focus. For fiscal year 2014, the college again received a clean, unmodified audit opinion from its external auditing firm. This confirms the accuracy, professional competence and transparency exhibited by Waubonsee's financial reporting. The college's financial position continues to remain strong.

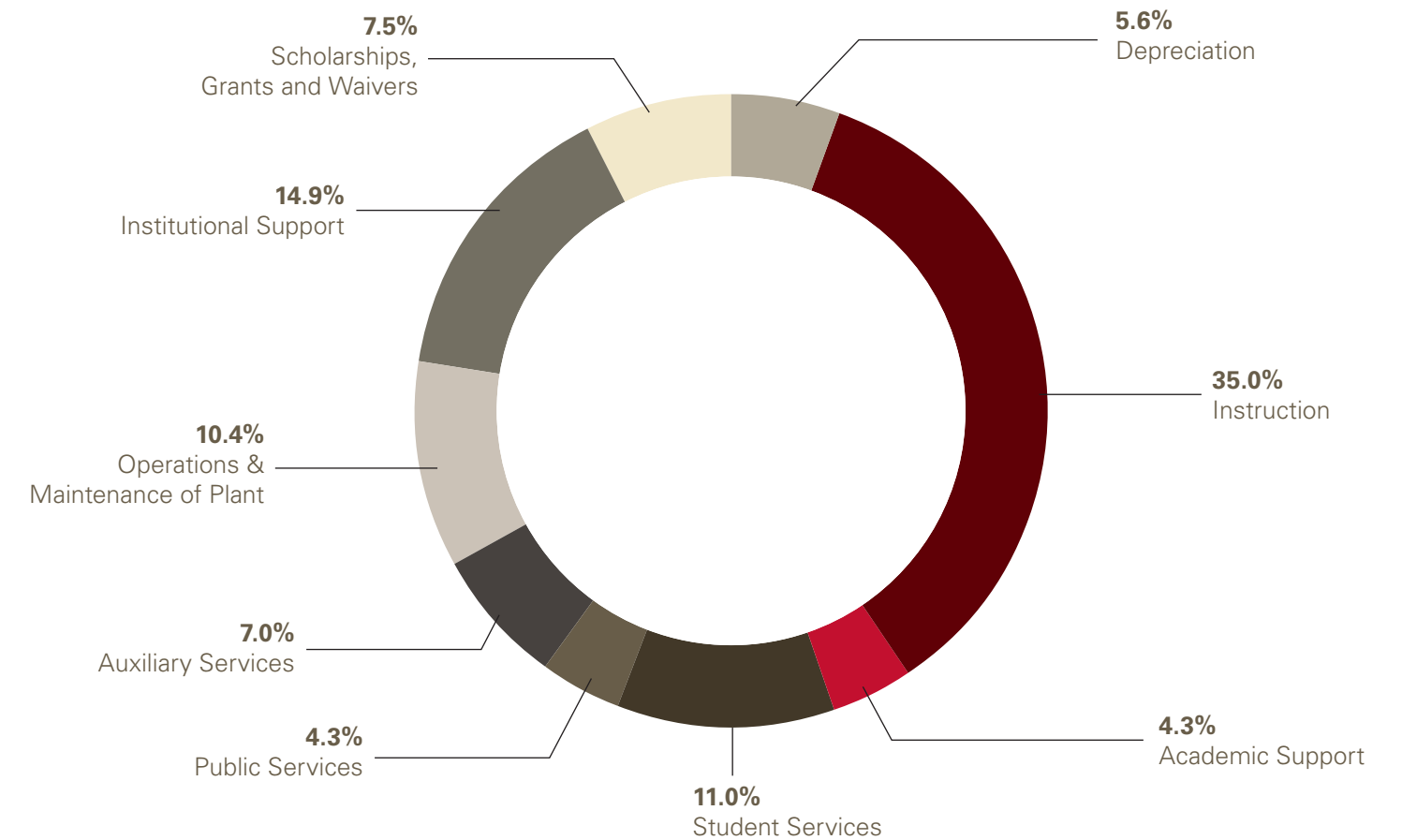
2014 OPERATING AND NON-OPERATING REVENUES BY SOURCE



REVENUES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 (IN MILLIONS)

	2014	2013	2012
Operating revenue			
Tuition and fees	\$ 16.3	\$ 16.7	\$ 16.2
Auxiliary	3.7	4.0	3.8
Other	2.3	2.1	2.2
Total operating revenue	22.3	22.8	22.2
Non-operating revenue			
Property taxes	44.8	43.6	41.6
State grants and contracts	18.2	17.2	13.9
Federal grants and contracts	13.0	12.4	12.6
Investment income	.3	.5	.5
Other income	1.2	1.6	1.0
Total non-operating revenue	77.5	75.3	69.6
Total revenues	99.8	98.1	91.8

2014 OPERATING EXPENSES



EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 (IN MILLIONS)

Operating expenses	2014	2013	2012
Instruction	\$27.5	\$26.9	\$24.4
Academic support	3.4	3.6	3.3
Student services	8.6	8.1	8.4
Public services	3.4	3.2	3.9
Auxiliary services	5.5	5.7	5.8
Operations and maintenance of plant	8.2	9.1	9.1
Institutional support	11.7	16.9	14.5
Scholarships, grants and waivers	5.9	6.1	4.0
Depreciation	4.4	4.4	4.6
Total operating expenses	78.6	83.9	78.0
Interest expense	2.9	3.5	4.0
Total expenses	81.5	87.4	82.0

Recognized for Excellence for the 15th Consecutive Year

Waubonsee Community College received the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This was the 15th consecutive year the college has received this award.



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Aurora
Board Member 1998-2019
Retired Physician



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Oswego
Board Member 2009-2015
Business Professional



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Board Member 1987-2017
Retired Consulting Engineer



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Bristol
Chair
Board Member
1972-1987, 1989-2019
Retired Insurance
Executive



Rebecca D. Oliver
Sugar Grove
Vice Chair
Board Member 1997-2015
Business Executive

Daniel Noll
Hinckley
Student Trustee
2014-2015

Mekenah Merrill
Somonauk
Student Trustee
2013-2014

Collectively, our board members have given more than 140 years of service to the college. In fact, this year the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) recognized Board Chair Richard "Shorty" Dickson for four decades of service to Waubensee as he received his "40-Year Trustee" designation. He and a colleague from College of Lake County are the first elected trustees in the state to achieve such a milestone. Meanwhile, Board Member Dr. Richard Bodie received his second Trustee Education Award for participation in 30 or more seminars offered by ICCTA.



OUR DISTRICT

- Encompasses 624 square miles
- Includes southern Kane County and portions of Kendall, DeKalb, LaSalle and Will counties
- Serves 22 municipalities, 12 public high school districts and eight private high schools
- Current population: 441,799
- Projected population in 2030: 541,086

OUR STAFF

Waubensee is one of the area's largest employers. The college's staff includes:

- 117 full-time faculty
- 558 adjunct faculty
- 38 administrators
- 482 support staff

OUR OFFERINGS

- Transfer Programs
- Occupational Programs
- Developmental Education
- Workforce Development
- Community Education
- Student Services

OUR STUDENTS¹

- 31,779 students enrolled at Waubensee
- Students took a total of 193,180 semester hours
- 26 percent enrolled full-time
- 74 percent enrolled part-time
- Average age of a credit student is 25
- Average age of a noncredit student is 42
- 43 percent are male and 57 percent are female
- 18 percent enrolled in occupational programs
- 57 percent enrolled in transfer programs
- 25 percent of area high school graduates enroll the following fall
- 22:1 is the student-faculty ratio



AVERAGE CLASS SIZE IS
17.2

- 38,856 people have graduated from Waubensee since the college was established in 1966, earning 18,227 certificates and 20,629 degrees
- 6 percent of students attending already possess a bachelor's degree or higher

¹Data from summer 2013, fall 2013 and spring 2014. Waubensee Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran's status, marital status, disability or any other characteristic protected by law in its programs and activities. For more information on the college's nondiscrimination policies, contact the Executive Director of Human Resources at (630) 466-7900, ext. 2367; Waubensee Community College, Route 47 at Waubensee Drive, Sugar Grove, IL 60554-9454.