



WAUBONSEE

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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER

Waubonsee is proud to be your alma mater!

This month, we highlight an alum and his employer who partner with the Automotive Technology Program to ignite a future in high school students looking for a career in the automotive technology field. Be sure to check out the "Did You Know" section of the newsletter. You don't want to miss out on information about Waubonsee's Money Matters program and the FREE resources available to all, plus the career opportunities available at the Illinois House of Representatives - Office of the House Minority Leader.

Where Are They Now?



Waubonsee's Automotive Technology Program Teams up with Toyota to Ignite Futures for Area High School Students

Waubonsee Community College alumnus Javier Galvez never imagined he'd return to Waubonsee's Sugar Grove Campus with so much influence just three years after graduating. As Toyota's Field Technical Specialist for Central and Southern Illinois and Northwestern Indiana, Galvez ignites futures for students enrolled in Waubonsee's Automotive Technology Program as an employer partner.

What started 25 years ago as an attempt to invite local juniors and senior high school students to be introduced to Waubonsee's Automotive Technology Program has become a large event that local high schools look forward to attending each year.

Read the [inspiring story](#).

Faces and Places

Waubonsee Student Trustee Receives Coca-Cola Academic Team Scholarship

Waubonsee Community College Student Trustee Juan Chiu, of Aurora, has been named a 2023 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar. He will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars with nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Each scholar also receives a commemorative medallion. Students are selected based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.

“As much as college is about your classes, I feel there is a certain barrier we don’t talk about, and that is understanding the lingo, how to approach counselors and professors, and how to develop yourself in that environment,” said Chiu. “Waubonsee offers a good assortment of resources to compensate for that deficit.”

Learn more about [Chiu](#).



Waubonsee Welcomes Assistant Vice President of Finance

Waubonsee Community College welcomes John Bryant, of Morris, to the position of Assistant Vice President of Finance.

“This is such a welcoming community,” said Bryant. “I look forward to contributing to Waubonsee’s continued success and meeting the needs of the students.”

Learn more about [Bryant](#).

Waubonsee Welcomes Director of Nursing

Waubonsee Community College welcomes Dr. Mary Beth Hutches, of North Aurora, to the position of Director of Nursing.

“Waubonsee’s Nursing Program is the best in the area and I am happy to be a part of it again,” said Hutches. Learn more about [Hutches](#).



Did You Know?



April is the month when National Financial Literacy is recognized. In the fall of 2021, Waubonsee Community College introduced a new program through a Title V grant called Money Matters. It is a free and confidential peer-to-peer financial wellness program that increases access to resources for students.

To read more about Financial Education and the available FREE resources, please click [here](#).



Illinois House of Representative of the House Minority Leader Now Hiring

The Illinois House of Representatives – Office of the House Minority Leader is wanting to give Illinois Community College Alumni a chance to work with the Illinois State Legislature.

The following openings are available:
Interns

If you are interested, please visit [Career - Office of the House Minority Leader](#).

Just For Fun



Waubonsee Community College's Sugar Grove Campus land was formerly a horse farm owned by the Huntoon Family. The Huntoons, one of the earliest families to settle in Aurora, still run a stable and teach horse riding in Aurora.

Today, we share a photo of Huntoon Lake -- a perfect setting to clear your mind. The lake's surroundings include the oak savanna and prairies adding beauty and peace. It's a favorite for local wildlife. Snapping turtles, Sandhill cranes, and Canada geese can often be seen there throughout the year.



SIBLINGS DAY 2023



Waubonsee Athletics Highlights Four Sets of Student-Athlete Siblings

Angelina and Kaila Schlinger, Women's Basketball
Jenna and Hannah Kail, Cheer
Vincent and Molly Herbig, Men's and Women's Soccer
Giovanny Martinez and Devin Martinez DeValdivielso, Esports

Check out the recent chat with these 2023 siblings.
Watch the short video on Twitter by clicking [here](#).

We love learning more about our alumni and sharing their inspiring stories with you. If you or someone you know should be highlighted in our next Alumni Newsletter, please email us at alumni@waubonsee.edu.

We value you and your experience! We hope you take a moment to share a story of your time at Waubonsee. You can do so by submitting it [online](#), giving us a call, or scheduling a visit to allow us to treat you to coffee or lunch in the [Waubonsee Café](#) and a tour of the [Sugar Grove Campus](#).

Best regards!



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