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We are excited to acknowledge that the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the year is a Waubonsee Alum, Evelyn Cassano. Take a listen to her acceptance speech, which was shared at the Faculty Development Days held last week. Read more about her in our “Where Are They Now” section.

In this edition of the e-newsletter, we highlight several upcoming events and opportunities for our alumni community to gather in the “Just for Fun” section. We will be recognizing our distinguished, featured, and Hall of Fame alumni next month during an *Alumni Celebration Dinner* on September 16. The next day September 17, there will be a *Bike the Burbs* community event, and *Fiesta y Kermes* takes place on October 6. Check them out!

Where Are They Now?



Evelyn Cassano, Alumna

Waubonsee 2023 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty

Shaped by the community college experience, Evelyn shared her gratitude with her colleagues at the Faculty Development Days, held last week at the Sugar Grove Campus. As a member of the Adult Education program, she shares the values of the program, as well as the challenges our adult learners face.

To listen to Cassano's speech, please [click here](#) and enter passcode **6iZXq5.q**

Faces and Places



Waubonsee Welcomes Dean for Student Engagement

Waubonsee Community College welcomes Jami Hinshaw, of Spokane, Washington, to the position of Dean for Student Engagement.

Hinshaw is passionate about creating access for a diverse student population. She believes students thrive best when offered a rigorous academic experience combined with a rich co-curricular environment.

“Waubonsee is doing so many amazing things both inside and outside of the classroom, and I am excited to be a part of it,” said Hinshaw.

Learn more about [Hinshaw](#).

Did You Know?



WAUBONSEE TOGETHER: A NEW DAWN

Presidential Inauguration 2023

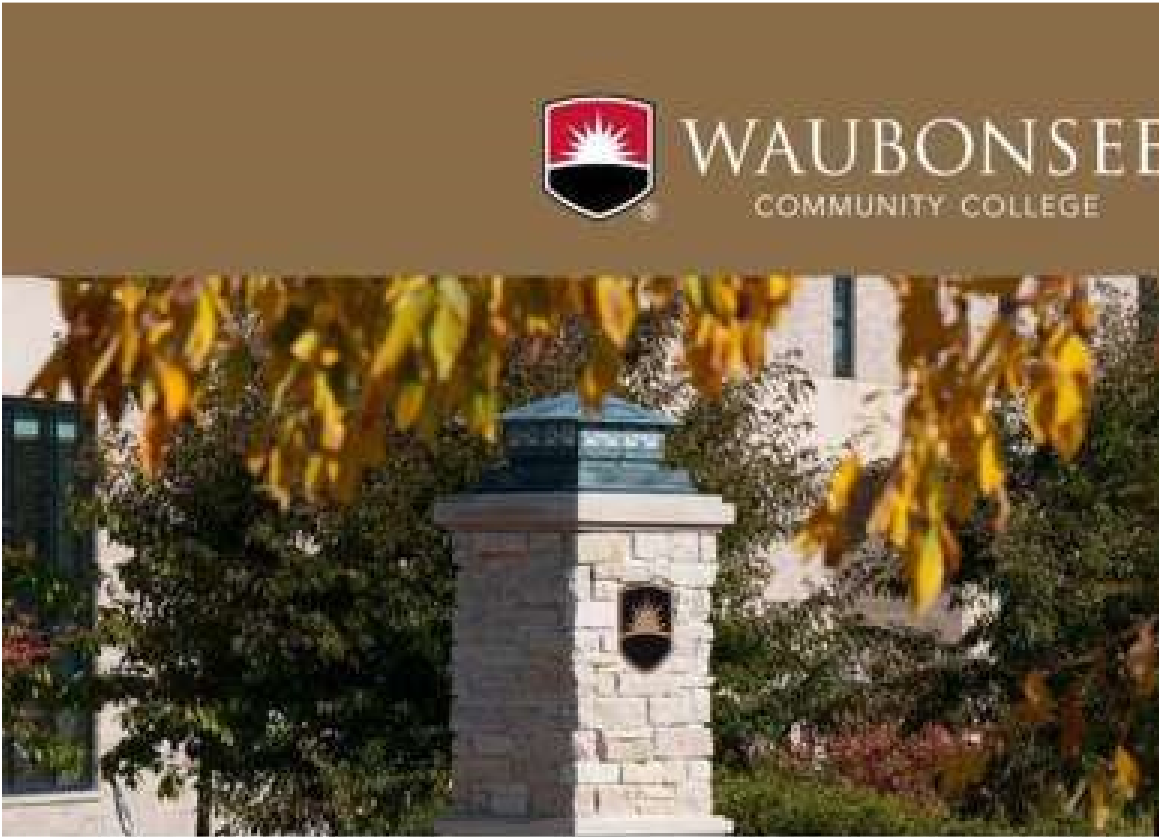
The inauguration of the fifth President of Waubonsee Community College, Dr. Brian Knetl, represents another bright dawn in Waubonsee’s story. Dr. Knetl has selected the theme, “Waubonsee Together: A New Dawn,” in recognition that together we are Waubonsee and in recognition of the many beginnings that are part of our rich history.

Inauguration events and activities leading up to the formal Installation Ceremony are designed to celebrate Waubonsee’s history and reaffirm our mission. These events and

activities also provide Dr. Knetl with an opportunity to engage with the many students, alumni, faculty, staff, retirees, and community partners that together make Waubonsee your community college and a premier institution of higher learning.

Please visit waubonsee.edu/inauguration for information about the inauguration events and activities.

Just For Fun



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Saturday, September 16, 2023

Waubonsee will be hosting its first Alumni Celebration Dinner as part of President Knetl's Inauguration activities. This event will be an invitation only to our Distinguished Alumni, Featured Alumni, and Athletic Hall of Fame Alumni.

We may explore opening it up after this to additional groups of alumni. We are excited to celebrate and recognize such outstanding alums!



Sunday, September 17, 2023

Celebrate Waubonsee's diverse community - and our new president's love of biking - by joining us at the Aurora Downtown Campus for a group ride along the Fox River Trail. This event is part of the 2023 Presidential Inauguration celebration.

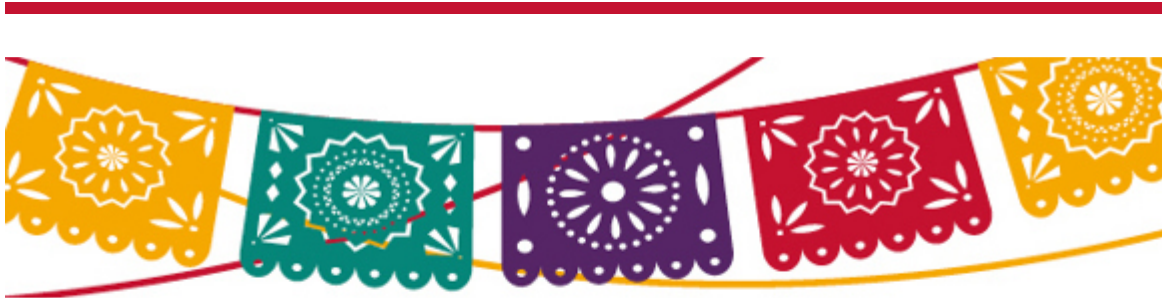
**Hoyt Place Parking Lot
Waubonsee's Aurora Downtown Campus
18 S. River St., Aurora**

- *This event is FREE!*
- *All levels of bike riders are welcome.*
- *Even if you prefer not to ride, please join us for free snacks, music, and family activities!*

Please pre-register by September 1, 2023 to be entered for a chance to win a prize (one child and one adult winner will be randomly selected).

Interested in volunteering? Email Mary at mmills@waubonsee.edu

To register, please [click here](#).



Waubonsee Alumni and their families are invited to

Fiesta y

KERMES

Friday, Oct. 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Waubonsee Aurora Downtown Campus
18 S River St, Aurora**

Waubonsee alumni are invited to attend a special reception at the *Fiesta y Kermes*, a celebratory event for Latinx Heritage Month and held in conjunction with Downtown Aurora First Fridays.

The reception hour will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 6 at the Waubonsee Aurora Downtown Campus. Alumni and their families can enjoy refreshments, giveaways (while supplies last) and networking with fellow alumni. Festivities will continue until 9 p.m. with cultural performances and live music, kids' activities, a vendor fair and more.

If you have a small business and would like to participate in the Kermes Vendor Fair, an application is [available here](#).

For questions or more details, please contact Jenissa Nino at jnino@waubonsee.edu or Marleigha Evans at mevans@waubonsee.edu. We hope to see you there!

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 hope you enjoyed this edition of our monthly e-newsletter. Remember, if you have a story of news going on about your life - please share it with us. 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](#).

May all your days be Waubonsee days!



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