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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the summer and fall seasons draw near, I am reminded of how quickly life can shift, like the changing seasons. If I've learned anything from the past three years, it's that change can occur abruptly, whether to employment status, family dynamics, or financial and physical health.

Do you need help steadying yourself through an unexpected shift in your academic or professional career? We're here to help you. Parkland College has provided vital support for thousands of students, from high school to retirement age, who need open access to excellent course instruction, learning resources for success, and tuition assistance programs and scholarships that add even greater value to our affordable courses. We also partner with local and regional employers—as well as with global leaders like AGCO Corporation, as you'll see in this issue—to position you as one of the highly trained, skilled employees our area workforce needs.

Access. Success. Value. That is what a Parkland College education gives you. Have a wonderful summer and fall, and I hope to see you on campus!



President, Parkland College



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Shining On The State Level

ICCB Picks Parkland College Student, Trustee to Serve

Parkland College has served as a strong representative for community colleges this year through two appointments to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). More information about the ICCB is available at www.iccb.org.



René Juárez-Cuevas

Parkland sophomore René Juárez-Cuevas, a member of the Illinois Community College Board's Student Advisory Committee (SAC), is the sole student member of the ICCB,

serving for the 2022-2023 academic year.

"SAC works to advocate for the issues that matter most to students, which, this year, we decided were mental-health issues," he said. Juárez-Cuevas explained that SAC sought funding from the state through its Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act, which passed in 2019. The Act seeks to address gaps in mental-health services on Illinois college and university campuses, including training, peer support, and community-campus partnerships.

A Business Administration major and 2021 Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond graduate, Juárez-Cuevas also flexes strong leadership skills at Parkland's campus. He is president of the Parkland Honors Program, vice president for Parkland Student Government, and co-president of both Parkland's Club Latino and the Cobra Investment Society. He also serves as a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, a volunteer tutor with Parkland's Garden Hills Homework Club, and an English-to-Spanish translator for Spanish-speaking families with the Unit 4 School District.



Dr. Maureen Banks

Parkland Trustee Dr. Maureen Banks was selected to serve on the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) this spring. She is representing the Community College

Trustees on the ICCB, serving a six-year term.

"It is my privilege to help relay the ideas, needs, and concerns of our state's community colleges through my service on the ICCB," Banks said. "Community colleges are vital institutions for building a strong national workforce, and Parkland College encapsulates this valuable impact on communities."

Banks was elected to the Parkland College Board of Trustees in April 2021. An active participant in the Champaign-Urbana community, she has served multiple-year terms on several local and national boards. She currently participates on the Illinois Community College Trustees Association, Association of Community College Trustees, Carle Institutional Review Board, the Champaign Rotary Foundation Board, and the Quincy University Board of Trustees.



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Dental Hygiene: It's In The Blood

Bayli Martinetti's Proud Parkland Legacy

When Bayli Lutz Martinetti graduates with her Parkland College Dental Hygiene AAS degree this May, she won't be the first family member to have cut her teeth on the program's real-world training.

In fact, Bayli joins a heritage of Parkland Dental Hygiene (DHG) alumni that spans three decades and includes her mom, Angel (Lutz) Martinetti, three aunts, and six cousins.

"I am very proud to have all these family members in my life as mentors for my career," says the second-year student from Rockford, Illinois. Her Aunt Leah (Martinetti) Apple-Hanley, '92, was first in the family to graduate from the program. "She said in high school she took a career questionnaire, and her top choice was dental hygienist," Bayli adds. "Once I knew I wanted to go to school for dental hygiene, I knew I had to follow in my family's footsteps and apply to Parkland's program."

With its stellar reputation of training, community service history, and strong ties to the area's health industry, Parkland's fully accredited Dental Hygiene program prepares students for university transfer or licensing exams. Students host free dental clinics in District 505 in conjunction with the Illini Dental Society and Smile



ANGEL AND BAYLI LUTZ MARTINETTI

Healthy, and they have offered traveling dental care clinics in countries with developing economies.

"From Day One of the program until now, my instructors have been supportive and encouraging, showing that they believe in me," Bayli remarks. "They help guide me but also hold me accountable and have a high standard for what is expected. I couldn't have asked for a better group of trainers."

When Bayli started dental hygiene classes two years ago, Parkland's program was turning 50 years old. But it was at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, so faculty were unable to honor the milestone with on-campus events, according to Program Director Peg Boyce.

"That was a little discouraging, because we knew so many graduates were waiting to celebrate with us," says Boyce, the Champaign County




DALE AND DEBRA ANDERSON, PARKLAND DENTAL HYGIENE GRADS AND MEMBERS OF BAYLI'S FAMILY

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Economic Development Corp.'s 2019 Innovation in Engagement Award winner for Parkland College. Nonetheless, many DHG alumni remain in touch via social media.

After Parkland, Bayli plans to take her new skills to Wisconsin to work alongside her mom. Ultimately, she hopes to work with her sister, Rylie, an SIU Carbondale senior who is applying (you guessed it) to dentistry school.

"My dream would be for us to open our own practice," Bayli says. "We love teeth, if you haven't noticed." 



OTHER DHG GRADS INCLUDE ANDI LEIGH, MELISA WENTZ, GABI SCHMIDT, BAYLI MARTINETTI, LEAH APPLE-HANLEY, ANGEL MARTINETTI, KAYLA FALEY, AMY MILHAUPT, AND JODI JONES

New Career, Technical Training Credentials

Parkland College's Career and Technical Education division is offering new, hands-on programs this fall:

- Students in the **Electrician Fundamentals** Certificate program will learn to install, service, and repair electrical circuits and systems. The program will accept prior learning to accelerate degree completion and offer courses in an open entry/open exit format.
- The **Industrial Maintenance Mechanic** Certificate will also accept prior learning to accelerate completion and produce entry-level and intermediate maintenance skilled-trade mechanics. Internship agreements with area businesses and contractors may also be available.
- **HVAC Technician** Certificate graduates will be ready for entry-level careers in installing, troubleshooting, and repairing residential heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. Students will work to earn EPA Section 608 technician certification.
- The **AGCO Service Technician Associate in Applied Science (AAS)** degree will provide entry-level technician training in servicing AGCO farm equipment; students will have sponsorships with AGCO dealers.

For more information or to enroll, contact Parkland Applied Sciences and Technologies: agest@parkland.edu or 217/351-2481.



career & technical education
AT PARKLAND COLLEGE

Parkland Expands Diesel Training

New \$6M AGCO Service Tech Facility for Campus in '24

AGCO Corporation, a global leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of agricultural machinery and precision ag technology, has announced a major expansion of its technician training program with Parkland College.

Parkland will construct a new \$6 million training center on its campus made possible by a \$5 million donation from AGCO Corporation. The facility will house a new AGCO Service Technician Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree program, which will provide students with instruction specific to AGCO-branded equipment such as Fendt® and Massey Ferguson®, as well as education in general ag concepts. The program will accept students sponsored by AGCO dealerships.

Classes for the program, which begins this fall, will leverage existing space at Parkland, with groundbreaking to occur in late 2023 on the new 25,000-square-foot building to permanently host the program.

AGCO's significant growth across North America has increased demand for technicians to service equipment from its popular brands. The two-year program will employ a work-based learning

model to rotate students between classwork and fieldwork and award fully accredited associate degrees to successful participants. Students will also achieve AGCO certification for Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 technician certification on AGCO equipment. This certification includes operation of AGCO equipment as well as basic troubleshooting and service information. In addition to the specific products, students will also gain experience and knowledge on AGCO based systems, including service, warranty and parts information.

Learn more at parkland.edu/agco. 



LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT PARKLAND'S AG PROGRAM

Learning to Fight Hunger

Parkland College Agricultural Technologies has been partnering with United Way's Farmer's Feeding Families Program this year by planting and harvesting 86 acres of local farmland the United Way leases from Unit 4 Schools. Proceeds from the work is fighting hunger within the community. Meanwhile, Parkland's Agriculture, Diesel Tech, and Advanced Applicator program faculty are using the farmland as a learning lab, providing students with real-world experience in farming-related industries. For more information, visit parkland.edu/agtech.

Sarah's Growing Dreams

Student Excels with Parkland Foundation Scholarships

A single mother working two part-time jobs, Parkland College Horticulture student Sarah Redman struggled to pay the tuition to continue her Parkland education past horticulture. But she couldn't let go of her ever-growing interest in plant science or her dreams of transferring to the U of I and obtaining a career in park operations.

Sarah soon applied for scholarships through the Parkland College Foundation and was selected to receive the financial support she needs to continue earning her degree. Sarah is motivated to set the example for her children that it's never too late to pursue a career you are passionate about, and she is grateful to Parkland for helping her to do so.



SARAH REDMAN IN THE PARKLAND GREENHOUSE

Help More Students Like Sarah: How to Give



Support for students like Sarah is easy through the Parkland Foundation. Visit parkland.edu/foundation to donate today. A scholarship gift of \$180 can cover tuition and fees for one credit hour class or purchase a course textbook.

Parkland Foundation AY '23 Scholarships*

- Nearly 500 scholarships awarded
- \$493,000+ in scholarships awarded
- 265+ students received scholarships

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STAERKEL PLANETARIUM parkland.edu/planetarium

Summer Matinéés

Tuesday afternoons/Thursday mornings,
June 6–July 25

Sensory-Friendly Matinéés

May 20, September 16, 3:30 and 4:30 pm

Mayan Archaeoastronomy

Fridays, 8 pm, June 2–30
(also Saturday, June 3, 8 pm)

Dawn of the Space Age

Fridays, July 7–28, 8 pm

Solar Superstorms

Fridays, August 4–25, 8 pm

Pink Floyd Light Shows

First Friday of each month, 9 pm
Matinéés: September 16 and
December 9, 2 pm

Two Small Pieces of Glass

Fridays/Saturdays, September 1–30, 8 pm

GIERTZ GALLERY parkland.edu/gallery

Around the Block IV: Artists from Our Neighborhood

June 5–July 26;
Reception: June 8, 5:30 pm; Closing
reception: July 26, 5:30 pm
Free exhibit.

MUSIC ENSEMBLE CONCERTS parkland.edu/musicensembles

Chamber Singers, Guitar Ensemble in Joint Concert

Saturday, May 13, 1 pm,
Unitarian Universalist Church, Urbana.
Free event.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION parkland.edu/ceRegister

R.A.D. System of Self-Defense July 24–August 14

College for Kids

Summer enrichment program
for students 6–13
Two sessions: June 19–29 and July 10–20
Class times: 12:45–2:45 pm and 3–5 pm

Summer Discovery Camps

- Girls' QUEST Biology Camp, June 5–8
- First Gig Rock and Roll Camp, June 5–9
- Ag Tech Academy, June 6–8
- Culinary Thyme: Advanced Baking,
June 12–15
- Vet Med Camp, July 10–13

(see other camps at parkland.edu/ceregister)

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