

FACS End of Year Report

2022 - 2023

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Culinary Arts - November 16, 2022

Attendance: Jackie, Kristina, Hannah, Natalie, Julie (OPRF), Grant, Pattie (RBHS), Ericka (DVR), Michael (DVR), Chef Manny (Triton)

- Zoom: Brittney (East Leyden), Jenny (Proviso East)

1. Where is your school at?

- OPRF: They are working on their culinary pathway. The culinary pathway will be re-worked to include Triton pre-req changes and start forming a career pathway endorsement.
- Leyden: Leyden's Java-chino ran a bake sale which was a hit and they just got a new Cappuccino machine
- RB: Grant is the new hire and his background is in the industry. Any advice send it his way! RB has added dual credit classes to their course catalog. Patti is retiring this year!
- Proviso: They have a new superintendent which is making it hard to get food for their labs. They are requiring a purchase order.

2. Discussion: Grocery Ordering

- OPRF: They use Jewel. The business office waives the tax exempt requirement, and pays for the yearly delivery membership. One problem with the delivery is that they use DoorDash so it is a different person every time. Deliveries have to be made to the loading dock and DoorDash can never find it. They also use GFS. It gets delivered through food service. They have their own account and purchase separately from food service but it delivers the items together.
- RBHS: They have an account with a local store and they fax their list to the store and then their maintenance picks it up. Patti also shops if needed.
- Leyden: They use Amazon Fresh which accepts purchase orders and they use Amazon to obtain any ingredients that Amazon fresh does not have. They can get reimbursed for anything they buy with their own money for their classes.
- Triton: They use Cisco and many other providers like that.

3. Triton Update

- Program Updates: Chef Manny and his team are working on a lot of things and they are making sure things are attainable at the high school level.
- ALL dual credit instructors will need to have Serv-Safe Manager's Certificate
- Pre-Req Reminders: Culinary Math, Sanitation, Knife Skills are NOW the pre-reqs for courses you may have already in place.
 - i. If a manager's certificate is obtained they can pass out of the sanitation course at Triton.
 - ii. Triton is offering ServSafe on Saturdays. It can be achieved in one day. Might be an option for high school students.
- Other: Textbooks should be the same ones used at Triton, they use On Cooking. Chef Manny would like all schools to adapt this sooner rather than later.
- Lots of Continuing Education classes are offered at Triton, like a Sur la Table or Chopping Block cooking class. You can check their website for opportunities.
- Next summer they will be having a farm stand.

Early Childhood Education - November 2, 2022

Attendance: Ally (Triton), Angela (Triton), Hunter (Triton), Zelda (Triton), Jeanette (Dean), Patty (Proviso East), Connie (Proviso West), Jen (Leyden), Melissa (Oak Leaf Academy), Greg (Veterans Park District), Kristie (OPRF), Hannah (OPRF), Julie (OPRF), Jackie (OPRF), Michael (DVR Director), Ericka (Career Coordinator DVR), Toni (Dual Credit Triton)

1. Program Updates

- **Dual Credit:** Toni is trying to implement more alignment between the high schools and the college. Things have not been done right in the past. And with the audit last year this disconnect needs to be fixed. Whatever is being taught in the college, should be taught in the high school. Curriculum meetings have been held to help with this. Processes will look different in the future. She thanks everyone for the grace given to her and she will reciprocate.
- **ECE Triton:** ECACE (Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity)awarded Triton a grant. This grant will be used to create new spaces for students to learn in like a tinkering lab. Also they will be creating more accessible spaces. They are working hard towards a cohort program that is fully online. This is an accelerated program. They piloted the cohort this fall and they have their first group of students currently. They have also hired Hunter (ECE assistant) under this grant and are piloting online classes, trying to make all their classes have an online option. They are also hiring a community relationship associate for a position to create partnerships and recruitment from the community. They are also hiring a student support strategist to assist students and connect them with resources needed to be successful in the program. They are also working on creating a social media page to post job openings that old and new students can use. This would be a great opportunity for the workforce partners. The Symposium last fall went well and is set to be in the spring in person. Looking to have it be a workshop model. Looking for it to be bigger and better.
- **EDU Triton:** EDU started the cohort in the fall as well. They are smaller than the ECE cohort but they are flexible with student schedules to accommodate them and their scheduling. They are working to develop more online courses. They have a few more to go. There has been a lot of community outreach. Workforce Partners/Community/schools/programs are looking for tutors, substitute teachers, even help with paraprofessionals certifications. Angela mentioned there are 5300 unfilled teaching positions in Illinois, 185 just in our area.
- **Other Triton ECE/EDU Updates:** The Director of the Child Development Center would love to have your students visit. Contact Ally and she can put you in contact with her. They need at least a month's notice. Connie has taken her students there already this year, contact her to see what they did!
- **University Partners:** None were available to come. They are working on ECACE Grant work which is extremely time consuming.
- **DVR Partners**
 - a) OPRF: Education pathway proposal was board approved. Two different tracks will be available for the students, one ECE and one Middle School/HS level. This has been 3 years in the making.
 - b) Proviso East: Enrollment was a bit messed up this year, unfortunately some of the dual credit did not run this year. Also working on their education pathway.
 - c) Proviso West: Trying to increase the pathway. Adding classes and trying to add a workplace component with Hillside School or other area schools.
 - d) Leyden: They have two program tracks, ECE & EDU. Trying to partner with more colleges to give more Dual Credit opportunities for the students that Triton does not offer. Just partnered with Elmhurst College.
 - e) DVR: Prior director received a grant to assist schools with the college and career pathway endorsements.
 - i) State is pushing for the College and Career Pathways for students. One component is having Dual Credit present in their pathway, another is having a team based challenge.

- ii) There is an education Team based challenge this Friday at Triton. Students will be working with industry professionals. Schools from around the state and people from the IL State Board will be in attendance.
 - iii) Michael attended an event at NIU about alternative teacher routes. Many things are coming down the pipeline for alternative certification.
 - iv) Soft Skills High is a program purchased for Proviso, OPRF and Ridgewood. If interested for your school contact Michael.
 - v) Ericka Kuba is the new College & Career Coordinator for DVR. Her main job will be to work with the CCPE (Career Pathways) making sure these opportunities are brought to our students.
- **Workforce Partners**
 - a) Melissa (Oak Leaf Academy): We would love to expand our locations, but the roadblock is finding quality teachers. They have 300 people on a waitlist. Any leads send them her way!
 - b) Greg (Veterans Park District/Northlake): Looking for a substitute job pool list for our Lead Teacher, looking to share subs with other workforce partners (if willing to share). Staffing shortages have caused a full time preschool program to close. Seasonal departments are always looking for high school help! Veterans Park District covers all of Northlake and parts of Melrose Park, Franklin Park and River Grove.

Medical - November 29, 2022 on ZOOM

Attendance: Jackie (OPRF), Grant (Riverside Brookfield), Pamela (Triton), Michael (DVR Director)

1. Where is your school at?

- a. Leyden: This year we were able to get back onsite to Gottlieb, Athletico, Fire Departments, etc which has been exciting for our students to experience. Our science teachers are also working to incorporate more hands-on experiences such as suture practice kits and dissections.
- b. OPRF: Regina teaches Intro to Health Careers and Medical Terminology (1 section per semester) and Sports Medicine (Athletic Training Techniques at Triton) and has 2 sections in the fall and 3 sections in the spring.
 - i. Sports Medicine Class (Regina Gunn)- Students were learning about the phases of healing and inflammatory response in Sports Medicine class. We had a blast creating life-like looking wounds on Halloween to not only look scary, but explain the phases of healing!
 - ii. Intro to Health Careers and Medical Terminology (Regina Gunn): For the first time, I have 26 students earning a B or higher in Medical Terminology. All students are dedicated to creating quality study materials and using my tips to practice and prepare! We have just a couple body systems left before finals. On the health career front, I partnered with Rush University and had 3 guest speakers this semester from more unpopular health careers- Lab Science, Dietetics, and Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation! The students found it interesting and it opened their eyes to more healthcare fields.
- c. RB: Grant Lewis is the new hire. Health Occupations is the class he will teach in the Spring. He is new to the class so any tips/tricks are welcome.

2. DVR Update:

- a. There is a new Career Pathway Coordinator, Ericka Kouba. Ericka will be assisting the schools with their pathways and finding ways to make them successful. careercoordinator@dvr-efe.org
- b. One requirement on the endorsement is to have 6 credit hours of dual credit. Another requirement is to have 2 team based challenges. Schools should start thinking about this. The education pathway just ran a multi school team based challenge at Triton and it was very successful. Would be a great idea for the

medical pathway in the future. Another requirement is to have a work based learning experience. This is a component that most schools are lacking. Ericka will be working with the schools to strategize this.

3. Triton Update

- a. Triton is working on Respiratory Therapy getting added back into the catalog. It used to be part of the department. There is a need for this program.
- b. Desperately looking for faculty for Ultrasound, Sterile processing, Ophthalmology. People in the field are getting paid real well so it's hard to find people to teach. Even students straight out of college are making very good money.
- c. They are not closing any programs. They did lose 2 full time faculty members but they feel like the programs can run with part-time faculty.
- d. Michael will share the Open house dates. I attached them to the minutes email. Or [click here](#)
- e. Reach out to Pam if you are interested in a dual credit opportunity or adding a class. She will help Toni in the Dual Credit department and get the ball running.
 - i. Pam would love for this to happen. She believes in Dual Credit and providing students with these opportunities.

Culinary Arts - April 5, 2023

Attendance: Nichole, Kelsey, Leslie (Leyden), Natalie, Kristie, Hannah, Julie, Jackie (OPRF), Keith (Proviso), Grant, Patti (RB), Manny (Triton), Erika (DVR)

1. Where is your school at?

- E&W Leyden: The cake decorating class has been really successful. They will be hiring another teacher next year. The Coffee Bar is still really successful, it serves the students and teachers. Over 60% of their students passed the national registry food safety professionals exam.
- RB: The FACS dept programming is growing and the classroom is used all 7 periods of day. They are working with Triton to get pathways and dual credit up and running. Congratulations to Patti on her retirement!!!! We had a little celebration for her!
- OPRF: OPRF just assisted a fundraiser at OPRF called Empty Bowls. It benefits 3 different charities. The OPRF wheel throwing class makes bowls and surrounding businesses, OPRF Mini Restaurant class and Chef Manny's Triton class contributed soups to fill them. Community members purchase the bowls/soup.
- Proviso: they just had a rebuild of the classroom kitchens. So figuring out the kinks of the room is difficult and lack of storage for food. Students just completed a National Honor Society catering event. 30 students tried Serv Safe and 30 students passed. What an accomplishment! They have overcome the fall challenges of grocery ordering and are now ordering groceries with Jewel. Keith is trying to work with GFS and add that option.

2. Triton Update

- Summer classes are coming up and students are able to complete most of the pre-reqs in the summer if they choose. Below is a screenshot of the summer offerings.
- If a student is 16 years and up they can sign up for CE classes (continuing education classes).
- Bill from the hospitality advisory board has helped develop a mentorship program for the Triton students to get a step forward when they are done with their program.
- If anyone wants to teach a CE class, you are always welcome!
- If you have any ideas for CE classes, let Manny know. It is easy to add a topic to the schedule.
- If you wanted to take a Triton class, as an adjunct professor you can take one a semester for a very low cost (like \$30)
- Triton is still working on stackable certificates, it's a slow process.

- Triton has a service class and on Wednesday's in April they run a restaurant from 5:30 -7pm in Cafe 64 and for lunch on Thursday from 11:30-1. On Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 the Triton mixology class needs people to buy drinks so they can practice in the bistro. Sounds like a great time!

3. DVR Updates

- Triton Pre-Req Reminders: It is required that Kitchen Math, Knife Skills, Food Safety and Sanitation is completed before taking ANY lab class. Pre-reqs can be taken in any order
- Talk with Ericka if you need help convincing your administration with any funding. She is an ally for us!
- Servsafe Managers requirement. Please Email Michael your certificate by 4/15
- Possible full day DVR meeting in the fall for training. Chef Manny and the HIC have required dual credit teachers to receive knife skills training. Instead of a fall DVR meeting we will have a full day (8 hours) knife skill training. Jackie will speak with the CTE reps from your schools to arrange a date. Leyden will speak with Chef Manny and complete their training over the summer. Proviso, OPRF and RB will do theirs in the fall.

4. Culinary Career Pathway Endorsement Updates:

- Leyden has a Culinary Pathway submitted!
- Team Based Challenge Ideas: Chopped, Cupcake wars, burger competition (chopped-like), charcuterie board, grilled cheese challenge, chili cook off, deviled egg challenge, cookie competition, brownie competition (Plating)

Early Childhood Education - March 1, 2023

Attendance: Ally, Angela, Angelica, Jeanette, Bianca, Mary, Zelda, Ken, Emilee, Elizabeth, Ken (Triton), Micheal (DVR Director), Patty, Connie (Proviso), Diana (Director of Child Development Center), Jackie, Natalie, Kristina, Hannah (OPRF), Mary, Gianna (Small World Learning Center), Melissa (Oakleaf Academy), Greg (Veterans Park District), Kristina (Recent childcare business owner) , Alicia, Jen, Dana, Frank (Leyden), Theresa, Sarah (Maywood 89), Julie (Zoom)

1. Triton Edu:

- Brought back EDU 110: Diversity of Schools and Society, Cohort is running with 6 students and is gaining traction. Education Symposium is Friday, April 14th, will have keynote speakers, activities, etc. Angela will get back to you with details.
- Assessment Updates: In the future dual credit teachers will be part of the assessment process

2. Triton ECE:

- Halfway through the development process for the online courses; will be done next year; to be developed, EDU 100
- Tinkering Lab/Classroom Progress: construction has concluded and furniture has been delivered, smartboard has been purchased, instructional materials has been purchased, child development lab will have access, meetings can be held
- ECACE grant updates: scholarship is being expanded in the fall to students that have a BA in different discipline, CDA credit is now being awarded to students to qualify

3. Triton College Relations (Angel)

- Angelica from Triton college relations can come to your school to help students apply for the ECACE scholarship, all they need is to have worked 1 hour of documented work if they are a member of gateways.

4. Triton Student Success Strategist Update (Emily)

- Triton is having a ECE cohort night on Tuesday, March 7th at 6pm

5. Triton Dual Credit (Michael)

- DVR this year trying to bring seniors over (April 12th and 24th) to Triton to get signed up and see the campus
- Fall DVR alliance conference will be in September and will focus on team based challenges. Look for invites from your CTE Coordinator.

6. DVR Partners:

- Leyden: Awarded education pathway grant which allowed admin to see the importance of this pathway and they are able to expand their program details!
- Proviso was just awarded a grant to expand the pathway to East and PVMS, currently it is only at West
- OPRF: has been working on team based challenges for the pathway, and also making partnerships for professional learning internship hours

7. Workforce Partners:

- Emerson Elementary School: more high needs kids then ever, anyone thinking about teaching should minor in special education
- Veterans Park District: tries to staff all seasonal jobs by April 1st, West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA) is always looking for help. Age 16 is the youngest they hire.
- Small world learning center (melrose park, franklin park) is always hiring and looking for people, they hire 18 years old and older

8. Save the dates

- Fall DVR meeting: September 13th, 2023
- Triton Education Symposium Friday, April 14th, 10am-2pm, R-Building, look for more info soon!

Medical - April 6, 2023 on ZOOM

Attendance: Pam (Triton), Jackie (OPRF), Michael (DVR), Ericka (DVR), Ellie, Karina, Jennifer (Leyden)

1. High School Updates

- Leyden: Leyden has resumed on site visits for students at Gottlieb Hospital. They get to experience shadowing many careers at the hospital and the teachers are hearing great feedback from students about the program. They also have students at fire departments, and physical therapy clinics. They have certified students in red cross. The science side has students in the suturing lab, they are completing dissections looking at organs, and have visited a cadaver lab.
- OPRF: The nursing program is in full swing this year. OPRF has 3 sections and 9 clinical groups. Allison Hennings has joined us as a new teacher. They also have identified 4 students who are working towards their health science pathway endorsement. One of the challenges we are facing is working the team based challenges into our already tight curriculum, but I think we are figuring it out. Other notable items- out of my class- students are presently interviewing for CNA positions at local hospitals and nursing homes (we set this up in school)- the students have all been CPR certified and all is going well.
- Riverside-Brookfield: RB had students write to health care professionals in the area. Inquiring about their profession and inviting them to quest speak over zoom or in person. They are now working on Medical terminology. We have a new hire for next year who will be taking over Health Occupations as I move into full time culinary.

2. Triton College Updates

- OPRF is going to have the higher learning commission visit and IDPH site visit since 50% or more of the curriculum is taught at OPRF. Pam is helping with this process.
- Pam is meeting with the president of Triton today to talk about Dual Credit for the fall. Great things are coming!

- Triton will offer a cohort for the fall that will be hosted for high school students in the morning, many students from Ridgewood will be attending.
- Don't forget Pam is always willing to help set up tours to come visit Tritons facilities.

3. Health Sciences Career Pathway Updates

- Leyden, OPRF and Ridgewood will have students earning a career pathway endorsement this year!
- All team based challenges have to be IDPH approved.
- Team Based Challenge Ideas: Ridgewood works with Norwood Gardens- Patient Care-Shaving a Patient & Liquid Diet-Ensuring a Patient's Safety

4. Other Topics

- Ceremonies that can be done for Students
 - i. Frank Holthouse from Leyden puts together a white coat ceremony for CNA program students who complete the program. Every semester has a reception and this ceremony.
 - ii. At Triton, students who come on campus for CNA can attend the graduation ceremony. High school students don't know that coming on campus you receive college credit and you can get this honor as well.