

2010-2011 Fiscal Year Accomplishments

Many outstanding accomplishments were collectively achieved at Waubensee Community College during the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

- The Presidential Action Initiative “Shaping Student Success: Opportunity, Community and Accountability” influenced numerous events, programs, and teaching and learning activities that benefited our students, the college community and our college district residents.
- Celebrated the Plano Campus grand opening and welcomed nearly 1,000 students during the first semester of classes.
- Accelerated the opening of the new Aurora Campus to June 1, 2011 and held the Grand Opening celebration with formal ceremony, ribbon cutting, self-guided tours, music and refreshments on June 3 with over 1,000 attendees, including numerous elected officials in attendance. The new campus was featured in 14 newspaper articles in a variety of local publications as well as in the *Chicago Tribune*. Classes began June 6.
- Celebrated the Sugar Grove Campus Bookstore Grand Re-Opening.
- Completed installation of photovoltaic array (solar panels) on the Sugar Grove campus and began instruction in Renewable Energy Technologies.
- Launched new and enhanced Waubensee.edu website and merged iNET with mywcc.
- Touchnet Cashiering software went live at the Sugar Grove and Aurora campuses.
- The Lifelong Learning Institute celebrated its 15th anniversary of serving lifelong learners.
- The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) assisted in the launch of 39 new businesses, the highest number in the state.
- The Diversity Leadership Council organized the planting of a Peace Pole on the Sugar Grove Campus in conjunction with the college celebration of Arbor Day.
- Many individuals and departments worked collaboratively to create and implement the college’s Campus Management Model designed to facilitate a consistent Waubensee experience across the four campus network while effectively managing resources and leveraging technology.
- Twelve new scholarships were established through the Waubensee Community College Foundation, one with a \$150,000 endowment and another with a \$100,000 endowment.
- Information Security was formally declared as an AQIP Action Project with the Higher Learning Commission with the goal to develop and implement a comprehensive Information Security Plan for the college.
- The Institutional Effectiveness department was created to include Institutional Research, Outcomes and Grants, and management of the Title V grant.
- Total assets of the Waubensee Community College Foundation grew to more than \$3 million.
- On April 5, Ms. Karen Cotter, Mr. James Michels, and Mr. James Pilmer were all reelected for another six year term of service on the Waubensee Board of Trustees.

Grant Award Highlights

- \$3.2 million, five-year, U.S. Department of Education Title V grant “Removing Barriers to Student Success.”
- \$120,890 Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation grant to support the new Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Technologies certificate programs.
- The Dunham Fund Board of Advisors awarded a two-year \$105,000 grant supporting the Dunham Early College Academy academic support services and scholarships.
- \$598,397 in National Science Foundation funding for a five-year STEM program of scholarships for Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics majors.
- Two grants totaling \$40,000 from the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) to support the Health Information Technology program.
- Kane County Department of Employment and Education \$283,477 grant awarded to Workforce Development to continue and expand an occupational bridge program within warehouse operations and select healthcare careers.
- The SBDC was awarded \$100,000 from the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunities for the Small Business Job Act program.
- Workforce Development and Opportunity Alliance of Illinois partnership utilized a grant to develop the Union Construction Career Program for women, minorities, and hard-to-serve individuals looking to enter apprenticeships in the building and construction trades.
- Workforce Development and the City of Aurora partnered on a course rebate program for Aurora residents, licensed contractors, and business owners and employees for three certificate programs to train home and multi-family building energy auditors.
- The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity awarded Workforce Development a \$50,000 Multi-Company Employer Training Investment Program grant.

- Renewed \$1 million, five-year TRiO/Student Support Services grant to continue support to low-income, low-income and first-generation or disabled college students.

Awards and Recognitions

- Named one of the Top 50 Fastest Growing Public Two-Year Colleges in the nation with enrollments of 10,000 students or more by Community College Week.
- Eleventh consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.
- The college auditors issued a clean and unqualified opinion on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.
- The Waubensee Bookstore earned the 2010 Connection Award for outstanding participation and savings achieved as a member of Connect2One buying group.
- The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR), the Education Advertising Awards and the International Academy of the Visual Arts recognized the college with 17 awards for excellence in marketing and communications including two Gold CASE Circle of Excellence Awards for the “Where Futures Take Shape” television commercials and the redesigned Learning First! student publication.
- Won six Communicator Awards in the 17th Annual Communicator Awards Competition sponsored by the International Academy of the Visual Arts. Earned one Award of Excellence, the highest award given, and five Awards of Distinction.
- Recognized by the Illinois National Guard for supporting the National Guard’s reintegration program for soldiers returning home from combat. The college served as a site for two reintegration events and for the overall Yellow Ribbon Appreciation Dinner.
- Selected by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) to serve as a pilot site for phase II of the organization’s Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA) project for 2011.
- Todd Library featured in a SirsiDynix case study highlighting innovative use of their software to benefit library users.
- Earned Tree Campus USA status.
- Approved as a North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) PV Entry Level Exam Provider.
- The Kane County Board of Health recognized Waubensee’s Nursing Program as a 2010 Public Health Hidden Hero award recipient for the program’s participation in the H1N1 vaccination clinic initiative.
- The Driver Safety Program won Best Performance in the DDC-4 category and a Trend-Setter award in the DDC-Alive at 25 category from the National Safety Council.
- Waubensee’s Automotive Recycling Certificate of Achievement was highlighted in the January 2011 Automotive Recycling Weekly and February/March 2011 Iowa Automotive Recyclers News. Recognized Waubensee as first in the nation to offer this certificate.

Academics and Student Activities

- Project Graduation initiative resulted in numerous enhancements to existing curricula and college processes, and expanded access.
- Approved new career-oriented Certificates of Achievement in studio art, real estate broker, and real estate managing broker.
- Inducted a record-breaking 100 new members into the honor societies of Alpha Sigma Lambda, National Technical Honor Society, and Phi Theta Kappa.
- The Waubensee Phi Omicron Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society received special commendation for fulfilling all requirements to be named a “Four Star Chapter.”
- Waubensee Criminal Justice Club and Greater Fox River Valley Operation Snowball coordinated 2011 Shop for the Troops event.
- Waubensee Chorale featured in a short film by Chicago filmmaker entitled “Seguridad Insegura” (Insecure Certainty).
- The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate for Waubensee nursing graduates from Oct. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2010 was 100 percent.
- Waubensee added 10 pieces of artwork as part of the Student Art Purchase Program.
- Former Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert provided leadership and instruction for the third Hastert Leadership Series at Waubensee.
- Psi Beta/Psychology Club and advisors donated time to pack food at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora.
- Students selected to showcase artwork in the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference (ISCC) juried art exhibition. One student presented with an Award of Merit.
- Students attended the ISCC Writers Festival. Four students won awards at the event.
- Students, faculty and staff participated in the Red Thread Project®.
- The Waubensee Jazz Band won the Community College Division at the Reno Jazz Festival with six students named Outstanding Student Soloists. The band also participated in the ISCC Jazz Festival where two students were named Outstanding Student Soloists and one student received Honorable Mention.

- Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution classes and the Diversity Leadership Council co-hosted International Day of Peace activities.
- Waubonsee Community College Art Department and the Paramount Theatre Grand Gallery co-hosted an Aspiring Artists exhibit featuring several student artists.
- Waubonsee student won first place in the Hammered Dulcimer Composition category at the Mid-East Regional Hammered Dulcimer Championships.
- Adult Literacy Project recognized 174 volunteers who have provided tutoring for more than 1,000 students this past year during National Volunteer Week.
- Four students competed at the national SkillsUSA competition with an Automotive Finishing student placing eighth and a Community Service team of three students placing fourth.

Athletics

- Won six Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference (ISCC) titles earning the ISCC's All Sports Trophy for the second consecutive year.
- Student-athletes were awarded 18 ISCC All-Academic Medallions.
- One student-athlete was presented a National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic All-American Award.
- Two student-athletes awarded the NJCAA's Distinguished Academic All-American Award for achieving at least a 3.8 cumulative GPA.
- Three Waubonsee wrestlers qualified for the 2011 NJCAA National Wrestling Championships.
- Men's golf team captured the ISCC title. Four golfers earned All-ISCC status and All-Conference honors. One golfer qualified for the 2011 NJCAA Division I Golf Championship.
- Women's tennis team tied for the ISCC title, won the singles and doubles title, the Region IV singles and doubles title and qualified for the NJCAA Championships. A Waubonsee student was named ISCC Player of the Year. First-year head coach selected NJCAA Region IV Coach of the Year.
- Women's soccer team won the NJCAA Region IV, Division I Championship and ISCC title. A Waubonsee student was selected to the 2010 NJCAA Division I Second Team, named ISCC and Region IV Player of the Year and named to the NSCAA's All-Central Region team. Additional student athletes were named All-ISCC, All-Region First Team and All-Region Second Team. Their coach was chosen the ISCC and Region IV Coach of the Year.
- Men's soccer player named All-ISCC First Team and another named All-ISCC Second Team.
- A women's volleyball player was a unanimous All-Region IV, Division II, District A selection, named All-ISCC First Team and Most Valuable Player of the Black Hawk Tournament. Additional student athletes were named to All-ISCC First and Second Teams.
- Men's cross country team won the NJCAA Region IV, Division I and ISCC titles. Student athletes received All-ISCC honors and All-Region status. Coach named ISCC's Cross Country Coach of the Year.
- Women's cross country student athlete earned All-ISCC honors placing second.
- Men's basketball team won the NJCAA Region IV, Division II, District B Championship. Student athletes named to NJCAA Division II, Second Team, All-American, All-ISCC First Team, All-ISCC Second Team, All-Tournament Team and All-Region IV First Team. Coach achieved 500th victory and was named the Region IV, Division II, District B Coach of the Year.
- Women's basketball players named to ISCC First Team and All-ISCC Honorable Mention Team. One student athlete selected for All-Region IV Second Team.
- The baseball team repeated as ISCC Champions. One student athlete chosen the league's Most Valuable Player, two players selected to the All-ISCC First Team and five players selected to the All-ISCC Second Team. Three players were named to the NJCAA Division III Baseball All-American team, a first for the college in one year. Coach named Coach of the Year.
- The softball team won the ISCC title with four players selected to the All-ISCC First Team, two players selected to the All-ISCC Second Team, one player selected as ISCC's Pitcher of the Year, and coach named ISCC Coach of the Year.
- Inducted three former student athletes, a former administrator, and a former baseball team into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Conferences, Campus Visits and Programs

- The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Center for Bits and Atoms Mobile Fab Lab visited Waubonsee's Aurora Campus promoting a better understanding of how a high-tech fabrication lab can assist inventors, entrepreneurs and others to create, or fabricate, prototypes for new products as well as promoting education and careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Hosted a "College Readiness Summit: Partnerships for Success."
- Hosted the Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association annual conference. Waubonsee was a founding member of this organization approximately 25 years ago.
- Hosted the 9th Annual Working for the Fox Valley Job Fair, a Brighter Futures event that is part of a collaborative partnership among the First Transitions of Oak Brook and partners of the Illinois workNet Center, the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois

Department of Employment Security, the Kane County Department of Employment and Education, and Waubonsee Community College. Coverage of the event ran on the NBC-5 local newscast.

- Waubonsee hosted three Parent's Night events, including one event in Spanish, for parents of high school-age students to help parents and students navigate through the college admission process.
- Waubonsee hosted College Night which draws more than 2,000 parents and students to the campus to gather information about programs and services available at Waubonsee and other institutions.
- Hosted annual Automotive Open House for area high school students and vocational centers.
- Waubonsee hosted the annual Interpreters' Conference. This year's event was entitled "Connecting the Cultures."
- Co-hosted a Career Pathways Expo with the Valley Education for Employment System (VALEES). The purpose of the Expo is to broaden students' career awareness of traditional and nontraditional career pathways.
- Hosted more than 40 counselors at Waubonsee's Annual Counselor Breakfast.
- Held fourth annual Manufacturing Career Awareness Event with 300 students and 15 area manufacturers.
- Staff from Fund Development, Workforce Development, and Governmental and Multicultural Affairs, in collaboration with Valley West Community Hospital, facilitated the Brighter Futures event, "Entry Level Careers in Health Care."
- The Small Business Development Center hosted Google 101 Workshop. Selected as one of four pilot locations in the state to launch a new program by Google and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to train small businesses on Google business tools.
- The Waubonsee Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) grant team hosted a Renewable Energy Open House.
- Hosted The Conservation Foundation (TCF) Board of Trustees and TCF staff for the organization's strategic planning summit.
- VALEES and Waubonsee sponsored the ninth annual Building Partnerships for America's Future.
- Hosted the annual Illinois Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Academic Challenge Competition.
- Held Major Decisions Week featuring keynote speaker Patrick Combs along with several sessions focused on making the most of your college experience, choosing a major, choosing a career, and preparing career related materials.
- Welcomed Dr. George Reid, new Illinois Board of Education Executive Director, to the Sugar Grove campus to discuss quality, accountability, and institutional effectiveness; Project Graduation; and performance based funding.
- Secured Illinois Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon as our 2011 Commencement Ceremony speaker.
- Under the auspices of the Fulbright Occasional Lecturer Fund, welcomed Dr. Igor Dubina, Associate Professor of Economic Information Systems, Post-Doctoral Scholar in the Department of Theoretical Cybernetics and Applied Mathematics at Altai State University in Russia, to campus to discuss "Creativity Across Cultures."
- More than 400 students attended the Lit-R-Sea event at the Aurora Campus hosted by the Adult Literacy Project and Student Activities. The Aurora Public Library, Head Start, Family Focus and the Visiting Nurses Association also participated.
- Campus Police Department hosted regional Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System with more than 80 attendees from 60 agencies.
- Sponsored several events and workshops during Financial Aid Awareness Month.
- Hosted "Climate Change and You" a free presentation from the national nonprofit Alliance for Climate Education (ACE).
- Hosted 11 staff from Colegio Seminario in Guatemala. All Waubonsee presentations were given in Spanish.
- Delivered a variety of successful community education programming events including "Deadliest Catch" stars Andy and Johnathan Hillstrand.
- Earth Science Department hosted 4th annual Illinois Association of Geoscience Instructors including post-meeting field trip to the Mastodont Gallery in Phillips Park.
- As part of the Brighter Futures initiative, hosted the Spring Job/Internship Fair.
- Hosted over 200 attendees at the Valley Industrial Association Annual Luncheon with keynote speaker Ro Khanna, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service at the United States Department of Commerce.
- Welcomed Dr. Rosita Lopez, Associate Professor of Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations at Northern Illinois University as our GED Graduation speaker.