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My favorite part was afterwards when students came up to me asking for advice or relating to the topic. It made me feel good that I was making a difference to the youth as well as being a trusted person they could talk to.

Israel Gomez has shown outstanding commitment to his studies and to Club Latino at Parkland. He is majoring in Latin studies and would like to dedicate himself to student services after he graduates. I want to mainly focus minorities and first-time college students by offering them comprehensive academic support, mentoring and retention services,” Israel said. Israel has a passion for Club Latino because of the services it can provide to students. Finally, he just wants to help as many people as he can, with or without recognition.

Edwin Rodriguez is a computer science major at Parkland College, a member of Club Latino, and former treasurer of the English Conversation Club. He has a passion for his church youth group, with which he expects to connect. Edwin aims to be a bright spot in anyone’s cloudy day, knowing that everyone who gives back and make the world a better place each and everyday.

Congratulations to all 6 students recognized for their achievements at Parkland College, and to Emily Gorman for representing our community as a Lincoln Laureate Award Nominee. Our community is very lucky to have all of these students, as well as many others who give back and make the world a better place each and everyday.

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Edwin Rodriguez
Photo source: Edwin Rodriguez

Israel Gomez
Photo source: Israel Gomez

Jadin Elliot
Photo source: ISU Campus Athletics

Photo source: Morgan Parrish

Gourds, the Unofficial Mascot of Fall

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transfer to UIUC to earn her bachelor’s, and eventually a doctorate in interdisciplinary psychology. Emily has dedicated herself being of service to her community while balancing herself. “Service to me is an opportunity to give back and make a positive impact in the community,” she said. “You don’t need years of education or expert skills to serve the community. You just need the willingness to step up and lend a hand to others who need it.” Through her commitment to Parkland’s honor societies, Emily has learned valuable leadership and team building skills as well as the importance of accountability, service, and dedication. She has been involved in many service projects, including a trip to Flint, Michigan last spring to work with other Parkland students and faculty. “The amazing individuals I was surrounded by on this trip inspired me to become more of a servant leader within my community. Emily has certainly earned her spot as a Lincoln Laureate Award nominee, and is proud to represent Parkland College. Savannah Burkhalter
Photo source: Ashley House

Also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Jadin Elliot was on the short list for Lincoln Pathway program and will be fully transferring to UIUC next year to earn her degree in sociology. Diane is the president of Club Latino, and values the leadership qualities she possesses. In fact, Club Latino has a high membership, but still she was the leader. She recently gave a race talk at Urbana High School, and it was her favorite way to be of service in her community. “It was super exciting to have such a diverse group of students have such differing opinions during the discussion,” she said. “I enjoyed educating them in ways that they hadn’t thought of before with trying to teach them to be more empathetic and see things from other perspectives.” Diane Barrios-Smith
Photo source: Student Life

Savannah Burkhalter
Photo source: Emma Fleming

Jadin Elliot
Photo source: Student Life

for pre-med, and research biologic research and prevent infectious diseases. During her time at Parkland, Jadin has also become a member of the Parkland Science Club and Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity and is a volunteer with Mahomet Area Youth Club. Through the club, Jadin has taken part in her favorite service project, “Cans for Kids,” in which residents of Mahomet donate their aluminum cans to be recycled, the profits of which keep the center running. Diane Barrios-Smith is part of the Parkland Pathway program and will be fully transferring to UIUC next year to earn her degree in sociology. Diane is the president of Club Latino, and values the leadership qualities she possesses. Diane is the president of Club Latino, and values the leadership qualities she possesses. Diane is the president of Club Latino, and values the leadership qualities she possesses. Diane is the president of Club Latino, and values the leadership qualities she possesses. Diane is the president of Club Latino, and values the leadership qualities she possesses.
The Fall season is here and that means time for Fall concerts! Parkland’s Orchestra and Wind Ensemble held a joint concert this past Sunday. The one hour and fifteen-minute music extravaganza began at 3 p.m. with the Orchestra, followed by the Wind Ensemble. The theme for this concert was “Autumn Americana,” meaning that all the music selections involved American themes and were created by American composers. Due to renovating the concert was held in Parkland’s Student Union Dining area instead of the traditional location, Miner Theater.

Dr. Rodney Mueller conducted the Orchestra and led songs such as Samuel Ward’s “America the Beautiful,” “Blue Tango” by Leroy Anderson and “Casey at the Bat,” written by Ernest L. Thayer. This poem who was also accompanied by the Orchestra. Thayer’s poem reminisced on the sport of baseball as the traditional American pastime. The piece incorporated the “Autumn Americana” theme in an interesting and creative way.

The Orchestra and Wind Ensemble had been practicing for this event for quite some time. Beckett stated “The Wind Ensemble began rehearsing selections for this performance in late August, when classes began.” The Orchestra and Wind Ensemble members practiced and rehearsed the “Autumn Americana” selections for months in order to perform a satisfactory fall concert. The dedication and hard work of The Wind Ensemble and Orchestra did not go unnoticed. The concert drew a large crowd of students, faculty and community members who all seemed to enjoy the musical performance. Beckett also discussed his hopes and goals for the concert. “Naturally I wanted an excellent performance for the Wind Ensemble,” Beckett stated. “But more importantly, I hope that we presented a program that inspired good will and positive emotions for our audience.” And the performance appeared to do just that. Both the Orchestra and Wind Ensemble alike presented crowd moving performances that inspired an autumn feel.

The performing ensembles present two concerts per semester every year. These thought-provoking performances are nothing new to the Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. The Wind Ensemble performs both on campus and off campus, “We played for Marquette at the Square Mall in Urbana on Oct. 6,” Beckett said. “We have upcoming performances at Carriage Crossing Senior Living, and we will provide pre-parade music for the Parade of Lights Celebration in downtown Champaign over Thanksgiving weekend.” The next performance by the Orchestra will be Sunday, March 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. The Orchestra’s concert will be held in the Miner Theater.

Wind Ensemble and Orchestra in the U-Wing

Teresa Dunn’s Trippy Artwork

Photo source: Teresa Dunn

The Performing Ensembles

The Wind Ensemble & Orchestra Hold Fall Concert

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荜�often is a focal point, but also the Orchestra. Beckett explained that the Orchestra and Wind Ensemble did not stray from a variety of big band songs that were popular during the Swing Era from the 1920s through 1950s. The Wind Ensemble also performed a variety of big band songs that were popular during the Swing Era from the 1920s through 1950s. The primary focus of this concert was “Autumn Americana,” and the Orchestra and Wind Ensemble did not stray from that theme. Beckett, a part-time faculty member in the Music Department and Parkland Wind Ensemble Director mentioned that the focal point of the Wind Ensemble was a piece entitled “Yosemite Autumn” by Mark Camphouse. According to WindEnsembles.org, “Yosemite Autumn” was inspired by the captivating beauty of a Yosemite National Park trip taken by Camphouse. This autumn themed song nicely with the concert theme and was an interesting and creative way.

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