“Some students are missing out on a bunch of great things,” Joe said. He was surprised some students don’t realize there are over 60 schools all over the world.

“Describe your homework experience as one of isolation and social confusion. I was not in a co-op, I was just homeschooled by myself in my room. And for ten years. And then, I started interacting with other people. I started doing very well in college, but I still had no social behavior at all.”

“Forgive me for saying this, but you can’t examine your life unless you go through a hard time,” Joe said. “I feel like this is the moment now where we can learn the beauty of humanity.”

He takes a lot of pride in his job at Parkland, and loves being able to interact with students. “I’m interaction, I’m communication,” Joe said. “I love being around people.”

Jon Krejci, the Parkland’s Director of Liberal Arts, was a high school teacher and father of 2 before he started working at Parkland.

“I was more than a good high school teacher,” Joe said. “But, when I got to college, I also had to grow up. I want them to see, ‘Wow, there’s so many different people out there, and I can interact with them’ but, I also have no idea what you’re doing. So, it’s a give and take.”

“Experiencing the world through school as walking through the Oculus of the opening. No one ever told me about it, but I feel like this is where we’re seeing.”

“Imagine you’re living in a normal life. But then, you’re telling someone that the little bit of your life outside the world is actually the world. And I want them to take in that everything to function in society and academia has been challenging for Krejci, he says it’s now time for the Parkland sponsor to adapt to it. “I don’t think it’s going to stop,” he said. “I think it’s going to be very understandable and they’re going to sell it to everyone, even with social events.”

“Stay Tuned for Radio on WPCD!”

With the holidays quickly approaching, many people, including students, faculty, and staff, are in the giving mood.

For this reason, Parkland is providing students with an opportunity to give back with Thanksgiving on the horizon. Students and faculty can “Fight Hunger and Feed Hope” by donating to our local food bank. Students can donate by finding boxes labeled “Food Drive” all around campus. Contributions donated in these boxes will be given to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank, which feeds 18 counties in eastern Illinois, including Champaign County. Some items that are currently needed include canned meats, canned greens, canned fruit, boxed meats, and peanut butter. The estimated poverty rate in Champaign County is 18.9%, according to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank website, so any donation great or small is much appreciated. The food drive will be ending on Nov. 27 so make sure to get in any donations by that date.

According to dosomething.org, “Hunger in America exists for over 60 million people, or, over 1 in 6 of the U.S. population – including more than 1 in 5 children.” This statistic may be shocking, but 2/3 of Illinois students are hungry. The effects of hunger on individuals—especially children—are horrifying. According to 30thmorm.org, “Hunger delays development on the cognitive, social and physical levels.” This includes reading, language, attention, memory and problem-solving capabilities. Hunger hinders students in their studies. Children who experience hunger are less likely to succeed in school. The long lasting effects of hunger in children can lead to higher dropping out rates and detrimental to all aspects of health. Now, this holiday season, Parkland is giving students an opportunity to contribute. The food bank has over 8,000 students; imagine the amount of help that could be given if each student brought in just one item!

This is not only a great opportunity to give back to the community, but also fellow students in need. Eastern Illinois Food Bank is the same food bank that provides food to the Weisyan Food Pantry located here on campus. By donating to Eastern Illinois Food Bank, students and faculty are not only helping communities in Illinois, but also students at Parkland who use the Weisyan Food Pantry. The Weisyan Food Pantry is a great resource for students who could use a little extra help with the processes. Parkland is aware of the financial struggles that accompany attending college and want to help in any way they can. The Weisyan Food Pantry is open any and all students who can show a valid Parkland student ID. The food pantry is located in M138 near the Planetarium. Students can park in the M1 lot and enter outside of the building. The food pantry is open every Wednesday from 11-1 and every first and third Saturday of the month from 11-12.

So whether students are donating to Eastern Illinois Food Bank or going to the Weisyan Food Pantry, Parkland can help spread a little love this holiday season.

Peer Tutors’ New CRLA Certification

Parkland’s peer tutors, located in The Center for Academic Success (CAS), were recently certified as top-level tutors. Peer tutors assist students in a wide range of subjects including mathematics and statistics, physics, chemistry, computer science, information economics, accounting, biology, psychology, sociology, and Spanish. The College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) Certification ensures that each tutor can instruct to the best of their abilities. According to Parkland’s peer tutors received an (International Tutoring Training Program Certification) CRLA Certification. According to CRLA.net, “ITTP provides professionals with an opportunity to create, improve, and expand tutor and mentor training for a campus unique program.” CRLA-certified programs demonstrate high standards. CRLA enables peer tutoring programs to meet certain guidelines and requirements that make the programs nationally recognized. According to the Parkland website, the tutors received Stage 3 Level 1 certification, Omar Adawi, professor of mathematics and CAS coordinator for the peer tutor program, said that level 3 means re-certification of the program, and Stage 1 means that the tutors are trained in the basics of tutoring. “You can expect an average of two semesters and work for as long as you choose to. You must be re-certified every five years in order to maintain top-level status.” Adawi played a major role in the certification process. “I trained the tutors and provided all of the documentation to complete the online application,” Adawi said. Adawi emphasized the amount of work that he put into how well the tutors instruct, and how well students respond to the peer tutor instruction. “The purpose of the certification is to demonstrate that the peer tutors are trained using nationally recognized guidelines. The tutors enroll in a one credit hour peer tutor training course during the first semester that they tutor,” Adawi said.

Mason Edwards, one of CAS’s peer tutors who specializes in tutoring mathematics and statistics, also commented on the importance of the CRLA Certification. “It’s valuable reading,” Edwards said. “It gives us strategies on how to approach teaching people, and it gives us tips on how not to be bad tutors.” Each tutor was selected for the peer tutor program based upon his or her academic standing and interest in tutoring others. Many others succeed academically. Peer tutors who were originally selected were Soungwan Jo, Patrick Kamba, Tamur Khurso, Woonjung Lee, Jeongeun Jo, Patrick Kamba, Konstantin Iljin, Dylan Ryker, Nasim Tzian and Hu Oul are all nationally certified by CRLA. The certification process involved a mix of instruction, participation, and educational videos from CRLA. “We had two meetings with Olav and we discussed the types of people who come in (CAS) and how to talk to them about the program,” Edwards said. “And we would watch tutor training videos that fast both helpful and informative aspects to them.” Edwards mentioned that the peer tutor certification helped the tutors better understand how to work with people of different types and backgrounds. “(CRLA) is helpful because it helps us understand how to work with other people,” Edwards said.

According to the Parkland website, Parkland’s peer tutors are skilled in assisting with a wide variety of math. The CRLA committee called the peer tutor program for its effectiveness and work with students. “The peer tutor program has been extremely successful,” Adawi said. “Modifications have been implemented in response to Parkland student feedback. This Certification provides the peer tutoring program with the professional skills and techniques to instruct students in both developmental and college level courses. The peer tutors dedication to academic excellence and thoroughness helps others allowed the program to achieve top certification.”

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The 28th Annual Student Production will feature a student director and all-student staff. Come Blow Your Horn is the story of Alan and Buddy Baker, two brothers who could not be more different. Younger brother Buddy longs for the playboy lifestyle his elder brother Alan leads. However, as Buddy transforms into the swinging mirror image of Alan, Alan finds himself falling in love for the first time. This hilarious comedy launched the career of its internationally famous playwright, Neil Simon.

Welcome to Transylvania! A hilarious musical adaptation of the beloved Mel Brooks movie, Young Frankenstein is the story of Frederick Frankenstein, grandson of the infamous mad scientist. When Frederick inherits his grandfather’s castle—complete with mystery passages and secret labs—he decides to follow in his grandfather’s footsteps by bringing the dead back to life.
Letters to the Editor:

We would love to hear from you! Any contributions must be original work by the contributor, typed, include the contributor’s name, and sent to prospectus@parkland.edu. Please include the words “letter to the editor” in the subject line of your email. The Prospectus reserves the right to edit or deny any contributions.

Excuse me, “newspaper.” I have several complaints about the “Safe Zone” signs arbitrarily displayed around campus. Let me list them finally.

First, why is the term Safe Zone in quotation marks? Is it meant to imply that it is, in fact, not safe? Or only safe under certain circumstances? I NEED ANSWERS!

And why did you choose one that does not include every non-normative gender expression and sexual orientation? Bisexuals don’t receive a shout-out unlike the second sentence! UNACCEPTABLE!!!!!

Additionally, I find the lack of rainbow offensive. It’s our calling card! It’s important! Only charlatans use pink and purple.

I demand that you take immediate action and urge our administration to correct these errors, at once! I need answers! I NEED ANSWERS!

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Samantha Theodora Desmond

More Taste Testing

The bubbly, popcorn, and ice cream stands are from the Betsy’s Bistro. Bally is a brand represented by Pepsi. They offer a variety of flavored sparkling water. These are just a few sweet treat samples that can be found at Betsy’s Bistro, including flavored popcorn, puppy chow, and homemade turtles. Dairy Barn Ice cream, located in Sidney, can be bought right here in Betsy’s Bistro. The samples included vanilla-chocolate twist, vanilla, and lemon.

Plaza with the president.

President Thomas Ramage came to talk with students about how things were going at Parkland. November 7th