BLUEPRINT FOR PROSPERITY:
MORaine PARK AWARDED $1.2 MILLION GRANT

During a visit to the Fond du Lac campus, Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch announced an award of over $1.2 million in Wisconsin Fast Forward grant dollars to Moraine Park Technical College. The award is part of $28 million in grants from Governor Scott Walker’s Blueprint for Prosperity initiative, designed to help Wisconsin’s technical colleges train over 4,900 workers for jobs that employers need to fill.

“It is through investments like these that Wisconsin will address the skills gap today and in the years to come,” commented Lt. Governor Kleefisch.

Moraine Park Technical College was awarded $1,217,997 to train 126 additional workers in the following high-demand areas:

- $193,460 to train 18 workers in Manufacturing: Tool and Die Technology Apprenticeship
- $755,476 to train 75 workers in Manufacturing Skills Academies: Industrial Maintenance, General Production Assembly, Automation, Robotic Welding
- $134,177 to train 15 workers in Healthcare: Medical Coding
- $134,884 to train 18 workers in Manufacturing: CNC/Tool and Die Technology (Department of Corrections lab)

For a complete list of events, visit morainepark.edu/calendar.
It is hard to believe we are already halfway through our fall semester, and those more than 800 students who graduated in May are now Moraine Park Alumni. On Aug. 18, we held our 2014 Convocation, welcoming back faculty and staff; and, on Aug. 21, we welcomed more than 7,500 students ready to take on the rigors of college.

In addition to our College greeters assisting those new students with general questions or directions to their next class, our Fond du Lac students were also greeted with a few changes due to the construction of our new Student Services Center and front entrance. While construction always creates a few minor inconveniences, you can truly sense the excitement of our students, staff and visitors as they watch the changes taking place on an almost daily basis. Completion is set for February, and we look forward to what this new addition will provide for our students.

Also in August, we implemented a mobile app for students, which allows them to check grades, see their schedules, receive financial aid alerts, and much more. We’ve already had more than 1,200 users download the app and have been receiving positive feedback from students!

And, finally, I am pleased to note that “Community Connections” is moving from two issues per year to three. So be sure and watch for our Winter/Spring issue in early-March and our summer issue in June. Of course, you can also keep up to date with happenings at Moraine Park by following my blog or any of our social media sites below.

Thank you for your continued interest in Moraine Park.

Sheila Ruhlman
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President

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**FIRST LOOK**

**Students, staff and community members gathered on Moraine Park Technical College’s West Bend campus to celebrate the new connection to the Eisenbahn State Trail. The historical trail spans 25 miles, going through West Bend, Kewaskum, Campbellsport and Eden. The project was initiated by Moraine Park’s West Bend Campus Student Senate and, through collaboration with several community organizations, was completed this fall.**

**DICKINSON NAMED 2014-15 DISTRICT STUDENT AMBASSADOR**

Kim Dickinson

As Moraine Park’s 2014-15 District Student Ambassador, Kim Dickinson of Beaver Dam will advocate for technical education on and off campus. She was nominated for the honor this spring, and after undergoing an intensive selection and interview process, it was Dickinson’s story and experiences that stood out.

Dickinson, who realized her love of learning 31 years after graduating from high school, decided to enroll in college to pursue a “career,” rather than just a “job.” “I was a teenage mother in high school,” she says. “My parents never went to college, and no one ever talked to me about going to school. Now I realize I really like education.”

With the support of her family, Dickinson quit her job to pursue her degree full-time at Moraine Park. As District Student Ambassador, she will tell that story – expressing the benefits of technical education throughout the district. As such, Dickinson will engage in special events, student government and college activities. Dickinson will graduate in 2015 with a degree in Business Management-Supervision.

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MORaine Park Named Military Friendly® School

For the fifth consecutive year, Moraine Park is being recognized for its excellence in serving veteran students. Victory Media’s 2015 list of Military Friendly® Schools, which recognizes the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide, was announced on Sept. 23. Criteria for this prestigious award includes efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students, and academic accreditations. For a complete list of Military Friendly® Schools, visit militaryfriendlyschools.com.

LISA KarST ‘12 Named DistingUished AlUmnuS

Moraine Park Technical College is proud to announce Lisa Karst, a ‘12 Leadership Development program graduate, as their 2014 Distinguished Alumnus.

Lisa Karst

Karst, a lifelong learner, insists her Moraine Park experiences enlivened her 25-year career in the financial services industry. As Karst’s education and professional experience meshed, she leaped the corporate ladder – jumping from administrative assistant to customer service officer/branch manager, and finally to assistant vice president/regional operations leader at National Exchange Bank & Trust in Beaver Dam.

Karst, from the town of Burnett, holds a number of Moraine Park certificates, including Principles of Management, 2001; Organization- al Management, 2007; and Human Resources Development, 2009. Additionally, she earned her associate of applied science degree in Leadership Development from Moraine Park in 2012.

Karst also relishes her community and alma mater. She’s an active member of Beaver Dam Noon Kiwanis, Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce and Church Health Services Inc. Karst is also a member of Moraine Park’s Leadership Development Advisory Committee, where she works with other business and organizational leaders to continually improve and mold Moraine Park’s Leadership Development program.

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The grants, administered by the Department of Workforce Development, will add capacity to 100 programs at all 16 technical colleges.

“We know the integral role Moraine Park Technical College and all of Wisconsin’s technical colleges play in keeping Wisconsin’s economy strong,” said Moraine Park President Sheila Ruhland. “Our training gets workers into the workforce quickly and keeps them in the workforce, ensuring we will continue to keep moving Wisconsin forward.”

Lux Joins Moraine Park District Board

Moraine Park Technical College welcomes Judy Lux of Fond du Lac as its newest district board member. Lux was sworn in at the July board meeting and will serve a three-year term on the board.

Lux, a respected leader at Mid-States Aluminum Corp. in Fond du Lac, is known for her passion for excellence and enthusiasm to serve. She has been instrumental to the success of many new programs and, over the past 16 years, has progressed to her current position as materials team leader. Lux earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh. She also earned Six Sigma Black Belt certification from Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Lisa Mader of Fond du Lac was recognized at the June 2014 District Board meeting for her service to the College. Mader finished four terms with the board, serving terms as Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer, as well as Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Nominate a Distinguished Alumnus Today!

If you know of a deserving Moraine Park alumnus, submit your nomination by Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, to morainepark.edu/distinguishedalum. Questions? Contact Debbie Bruins at 920-924-3263 or dbruins@morainepark.edu.
Construction is underway on the Fond du Lac campus, with a 5,212 square foot addition and remodel project scheduled for completion in mid-February. An architecturally prominent main entrance will set the stage as students and visitors enter the new “One-Stop Shop” Student Services Center. The space will include a walk-up service area for enrollment services, a concierge desk for visitors and students with general questions, and an area for student veteran services. In addition, there will be offices for recruitment staff, academic advisors and student counselors.

At the June 2014 groundbreaking ceremony, President Sheila Ruhland, District Board Member Mike Staral, and Student Ambassador Kim Dickinson spoke to the more than 70 students, community members, staff and others in attendance. Dickinson talked about what the new Student Services Center addition and remodeling project will mean to her fellow students. She noted the new front entrance will serve as a focal point for prospective students but said that what’s inside the new addition will be the real benefit. “This new addition will be another source of pride for Moraine Park’s student body,” said Dickinson.