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Triton College's Fall Family Fun Fest Welcomed Families and Friends
Community Members Enjoyed Seasonal Festivities



Triton College President Mary-Rita Moore enjoying Fall Family Fun Fest with children from the community.

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Sunny skies and beautiful weather greeted guests at Triton College's 15th Annual Fall Family Fun Fest on Saturday, Sept. 30, in Triton's Botanical Gardens (east campus).

Children, along with their families, were invited to decorate pumpkins, make masks, create necklaces, fingerpaint, build with Lincoln Logs, learn about electronic cars and paint pots. Attendees could take pictures with Troy, Triton's mascot, as well as browse fresh produce from our Farm Stand.

To add to the autumn ambiance, kids were invited to take a trip through a hay bale maze and walk through Triton's "pumpkin patch" to pick out a free pumpkin.

Triton College's Fire Science and EMT Program distributed junior firefighter helmets to those in attendance. Triton provided a fire hose exhibit for kids to "knock out" a pretend fire, learn facts about fire safety and try on real firefighter gear. Kids could also take pictures inside the Triton College Fire Science Program fire engine.

The Cook County Sheriff's Office invited visitors to take a tour of their command communications van and take pictures in their squad car. Youth could try on patrol vests and gear, and learn about safety. The Cook County Sheriff's Office also brought two canine officers for people to meet.

Hungry guests were able to purchase fresh-baked, fall-themed items and drinks, made and sold by the Culinary Department, according to Chef Manny Uribe, Triton's Hospitality Department chairperson.

"Our culinary students were able to gain real-world experience on how to properly execute a large event," said Uribe.

"Fall Family Fun Fest at Triton College is a wonderful time to connect with our community," said Mary-Rita Moore, Triton College president. "We engage with families, friends, students and staff to celebrate the autumn season, and to share college resources. The Triton community is pleased to provide this event and welcomes all to our campus every year!"

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ABOUT TRITON COLLEGE

Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, Ill., Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate

programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton also holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 14,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at www.triton.edu.