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Triton College Hosts Festival of Trees Event

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College faculty, staff, students and community members enjoyed holiday cheer and excitement at the annual Festival of Trees event on Thursday, Dec. 8. Seasonal music, holiday decorations and crisp, winter air greeted over 250 people.

Attendees were very merry snacking on seasonal favorites, such as hot chocolate with marshmallows, cinnamon-roasted pecans and fresh popped popcorn. As a complimentary gift to the staff, polar fleece ear warmer headbands and ceramic mugs (sponsored by Partnership Financial Credit Union) were given away.

“The Festival of Trees is a multipurpose event, both for campus employees and the Triton College community as a whole,” said Tina Lilly, director of Business Services. “During the holiday season, it’s important that we remember to be thankful for each other.”

Triton College faculty and staff were invited to walk amongst the holiday decorations around Circle Drive, as well as the 50 trees, decorated by different community and campus organizations. The village of River Grove, the Triton College Police Department and River Forest Chocolates, among many others, added their own personal touch and style to the trees they decorated.

Adding to the ambiance, the Proviso Math and Science Academy choir performed traditional songs, such as *Carol of the Bells*, *The Christmas Song* and *Sleigh Ride* during two half hour sets.

“I think it’s important for our students to go into the community and perform,” said Matthew Brown, the Proviso Math and Science Academy choir director. “Some of our students may attend Triton College. It’s great for them to become familiar with the campus and the people here. Besides that, we love to sing and perform.”

The second portion of Festival of Trees includes welcoming community members to campus for a drive-through/walk-through visit from now through Jan. 2. Circle Drive is open for community members to enjoy the lights and take family holiday pictures.

“The holiday lights will stay on through the start of the new year allowing families to walk through the grounds, take pictures and enjoy the beautiful display of decorated trees,” said Lilly.

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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 <http://www.triton.edu/>.