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Triton College Employees Enjoy Seasonal Cheer at Festival of Trees *Employees Felt Very Merry with Holiday Festivities*



Festival of Trees

RIVER GROVE – Triton College faculty and staff were dazzled by holiday music and glittering decorations at the college's Festival of Trees event on Dec. 7. The unseasonably warm December evening greeted around 300 people.

Those in attendance felt happy and bright by delighting in winter favorites, such as hot chocolate with marshmallows. As a gesture of appreciation, employees received complimentary water bottles featuring Triton College's Festival of Trees logo.

To add to the holiday festivities, the celebration included a holiday ugly sweater competition and a scavenger hunt to find Troy, Triton College's mascot.

Attendees were also able to walk amongst the 50 trees reserved by several Triton representatives and departments, such as Mark R. Stephens, chairman of the board, Triton College President Mary-Rita Moore, the Triton College Police Department, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Others joining in the fun included the village of River Grove, Veterans Park District and School District 89.

The college's Festival of Trees celebration has become a tradition to kick off the holiday season for the past three years, explained Colleen Rockafellow, associate vice president of Business Operations at Triton College.

"The Festival of Trees Planning Committee are dedicated to making the event spectacular each year," said Rockafellow.

Rockafellow added that community members are invited to take pictures and drive along Circle Drive to view the twinkling decorations from now through Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024.

"We encourage community members to come to campus to take their holiday photos with our decorations and tag us on social media," noted Rockafellow. "We hope this event brings everyone together to celebrate the holiday season."

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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/>.