

# **Blackburn Students to Host Spring Festival April 23 to Benefit Blackburn and Beyond Program**

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CARLINVILLE - Blackburn College students will be hosting a Spring Festival on April 23 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The festival will include a variety of activities including a craft fair, silent auction, a cash bar, food trucks, and a DJ.

Blackburn students in the Leadership Skills Workshop class, taught by Dr. Shelly Peffer, professor of Leadership, Law, and Public service, are organizing the event. All

activities will take place between Woodward Dawes Athletic Center and Demuzio Campus Center on the Blackburn College campus.

This event will serve as a fundraiser for Blackburn and Beyond, a program designed to increase opportunities for young adults with diverse learning abilities. Claire Stein, a sophomore student in the leadership class, explained, “As young leaders at Blackburn we recognize the need to make high-quality education accessible to all young students. By supporting Blackburn and Beyond we feel that we are ensuring that this is something that can continue to positively affect the lives of so many.”

Stein encouraged the Carlinville community to attend. She explained, “The Spring Festival really is our way of welcoming beloved family, friends, alumni, and the community of Carlinville and surrounding areas back onto Blackburn campus as the world is beginning to open up again. And it’s for a great cause. We hope to see you there!”

Students involved in planning include Christian Curtner, Claire Stein, Andrea Norman, Tiffany Tiepelman, Peter Terenzio, Grant Halley, Jade Novak, and Tyler Pilcher.

The group also encourages local vendors to participate in the craft fair. Open spots are available behind Woodward Dawes Athletic Center at \$30 per 10 x 10 space for the entire event time. Vendor set up begins at 11 a.m. on April 23. Electricity will not be provided. Vendors are encouraged to donate an item for the silent auction but are not required to.

For more information about the event or to book a vendor spot contact Tiffany Tiepelman at (618) 974-4454, email: [tiffany.tiepelman@blackburn.edu](mailto:tiffany.tiepelman@blackburn.edu) or Claire Stein at (618) 535-5501, email: [claire.stein@blackburn.edu](mailto:claire.stein@blackburn.edu).

### *About Blackburn College*

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