

## Blackburn College Students To Host Car Wash On April 30

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CARLINVILLE - Students at Blackburn College will be hosting a community car wash on April 30 from 10 am to 12 pm in the Demuzio Campus Center parking lot. The event is being organized by students enrolled in a Leadership Skills Workshop class taught by Dr. Shelly Peffer, professor of Leadership, Law, and Public Service. Students in the class alongside faculty, staff, other students, and community members have volunteered to wash cars.

The goal of this event is for students to give back to the community, whether from washing cars or from people donating directly to the overall amount raised through this event. Miriam Wali-Uddin, a junior student in the leadership class coordinating the event, explained, "It is important to our leadership team that we try to strengthen the bond between the community and Blackburn. All of the proceeds from this car wash will go back to the community such as gift baskets for the nurse's station at Carlinville hospital, and more. We are hopeful that we will be able to donate and give back to several areas of town."

Other students in the leadership class who organized the event include Jameela Brown, a senior from Belleville IL., and Mikhyelle Cooper, a senior from East St. Louis, IL.

Cars will be \$5 to wash while SUVS and trucks will be \$10, cash only. For more information about the event or any questions, please contact Miriam Wali-Uddin at <a href="miriam.wali-uddin@blackburn.edu">miriam.wali-uddin@blackburn.edu</a>.

## About Blackburn College

Founded in 1837, Blackburn College is a four-year, Presbyterian-related, coeducational liberal arts college located in Carlinville, IL. One of only ten federally-recognized Work Colleges, Blackburn has the only program in the nation fully managed by students. Balancing academic rigor and experiential learning, each student at Blackburn gains tangible experience and develops critical skills by contributing to their community, all while building a resume and earning their degree. U.S. News & World Report recognized Blackburn College as one of the top Liberal Arts Colleges in the Nation for Social Mobility in their Best Colleges lists for 2020, 2021, and 2022. The Center for Education & the Workforce at Georgetown University ranked Blackburn as a top performer for Earnings-Price Return - 209% (#1 in IL, #10 in the U.S.) and Net Price (#1 in IL; #11 in the U.S.). The Washington Monthly twice ranked Blackburn as the best baccalaureate college in Illinois.