



# Grant Community High School

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## Student of the Month

### Brianna Osmon



The Grant Community High School February Student of the Month is senior Brianna Osmon, daughter of Jim and Dawn Osmon of Lake Villa.

Brianna's academic achievements are numerous. They include induction into the National Honor Society during her sophomore year, placing on Honor Roll each semester, earning A's in five AP classes, Scholar Athlete, All-Academic, Seal of Biliteracy, AP Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, and she has had straight A's since her freshman year! She has an outstanding 5.162 GPA.



In addition to NHS, she participates in Varsity Cross Country, where she was awarded "Best Newcomer" her freshman year, the "Bulldog Award" in both her sophomore and junior years, MVP her senior year, additionally, she was All-Conference, All-Academic, and Scholar Athlete multiple times. She has been a top-three cross country runner and has helped carry the team to sectionals for the past three years and qualified for state as an individual as a senior! She is also on varsity soccer serving as Captain and she received the "Bulldog Award," All-Conference, and All-Sectional Honorable Mention, in addition to All-Academic and the Scholar Athlete award.

Brianna volunteers with Feed My Starving Children, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Prince of Peace, NHS opportunities such as graduation, Back to School Night, College & Career Readiness Night, SEL and Support Night, Pumpkin Jubilee, Parent-teacher conferences, Rotary holiday party, 8<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment night, and GLASA events assisting with races geared toward the disabled.

In addition to all of her activities, Brianna babysits and enjoys baking, painting, soccer, and running.

Her plans for the future include earning a degree in healthcare, possibly in physical therapy, occupational therapy, or a rehabilitation physician. She is evaluating her numerous college and university options.

## Board of Education

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Ed Lescher  
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# BULLDOGS

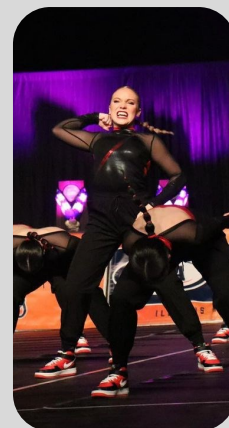
## Dance Places 8th at IHSA Dance State Finals



Top & Bottom: Grant Dance performs at State.



Grant Varsity Dance Team



Alison Fritz performs at Dance State.

For the sixth time in Grant history, the Varsity Dance Team qualified for the IHSA Dance State Finals! It has been a historic season for the team as they came out hot, placing first at their first competition hosted by Lake Zurich. They went up against 25 teams in their second invitational at Stagg High School and took Second Place. They continued to churn out victories in the new year with a First Place finish at the D117 All of the Lights competition and Huntley Invite (both happening within the same weekend). Moving into another successful weekend, the team competed against the entire NLCC and came out as the 2023 Dance NLCC Champs! This momentum stayed with them as they snagged a hard-earned Second Place at an intense competition at Grayslake Central, competing against last year's State Champs. The tough competition did not stop there. The team went into an immensely talented Sectional and put their best headsprings forward for a performance you wouldn't forget. Their fire and energy earned them a First Place finish at Sectionals and the title of Sectional Champions! This is the first year in the program's history that a team has placed first at Sectionals, making their already exceptional season even better. Maddy Riske, a four-year team member and current Captain, expressed that "Sectionals was fun! Obviously, State wasn't promised; it's not promised for anyone. But in years past, we were more worried about just making it [to State]. Whereas this year, our goal was making it to State, but we had focused on possibly the title of Sectionals Champs because we were so close last year." This team has been growing together all season and has proved to the entire community that when you all come together, anything is possible.

On day one of Dance State, the team ventured out to Grossinger Motors Arena before the first performance to support their teammate, Beverly Segoviano, as she sang the national anthem alongside the Jacksonville J'ettes. After Beverly's opening act, the team prepared for their performance. With their family-like bond, passion for dance, and coordination, it's no surprise the team placed high enough to compete on day two. They put on another show-stopping performance, even raising their scores from the day prior, and placed eighth in the state! While Riske has performed at State in the past, she shared that "it was a different experience because we go to perform on day two this year. It was really exciting, but also very nerve-racking." We've known that this team was part of the best of the best, but now they've proven it to all of Illinois. Although this marked the end of their season, there is much more to come from the program and we can't wait to see them perform again in the fall.

[2023 IHSA Dance State Finals Performance - Grant Dance Team](#)



# AT STATE

## Cheer Places 10th at IHSA Cheer State Finals



Grant Varsity Cheer Team

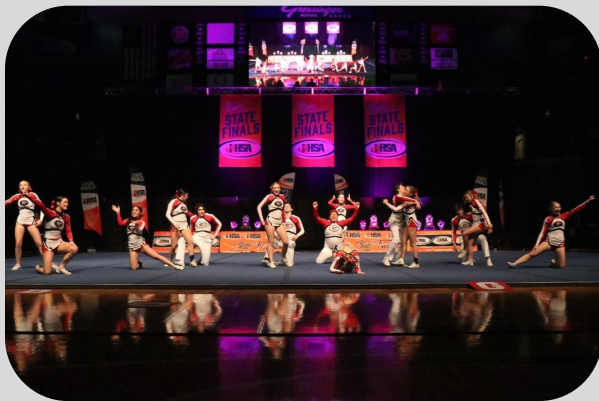
It was a season filled with improvements, team bonding, and tough routine for our Varsity Cheer Team. Throughout their many practice hours and competition weekends, the team came together as one and constantly pushed each other to grow and raise their skills. For their first performance, the team competed at the Belvidere North Invite and took Fourth Place. Moving into their second competition, they performed at the Buffalo Grove Invite which was filled with a great deal of talent. Grant took eighth place, moving forward with new practice ideas in mind. They quickly put their plans into motion and geared up for the NLCC Competition. Although we have strong performers in our conference, the team was

confident in their skills

and ended the day with a Second Place finish! They were hungry for more as the routine and the team came together more and more. Before heading into Sectionals, the team showed off their skills at the Grayslake North Invite where they took Fourth Place and once more for the Grant community. Once they have wowed the more local crowd, they hit the road for Sectionals. Not only did they hit zero at their Sectional performance, but they also took Fifth Place, qualifying them for the IHSA Cheer State Finals! This is the 17th time in program history that our Varsity Cheer Team has qualified for State, and a well-deserved achievement for this group of athletes.



Cheerleaders, Sabrina Smith, Bella Rosillo, & Julia Fornero, celebrate qualifying for day two of State finals.



Grant Cheer performs at State.

Their regular competition season prepared them for a lot, but nothing could fully prepare them for what it would feel like to hit zero on day one of State. This group of rockstar performers came together, complimented each other well on the floor, and showed Illinois just how much talent is within the Grant Cheer program. Day one ended with a Ninth Place finish and the promise of day two. The team ended their night on a high note and prepared for one final performance. From the stunts to tumbling to cheers, they gave it their all and left it all on the floor. Their performance is one

for the history books and one we will remember for years to come. We look forward to seeing how their legacy continues to grow.

[2023 IHSA Cheer State Finals Performance—Grant Cheer Team](#)

## Andre DeLuna Represents Grant at ILMEA All-State



Grant students and teachers celebrate Andre during his ILMEA All-State Send-Off.

For the second year in a row, Andre DeLuna has qualified for the ILMEA All-State Choir! After a rigorous audition process this past October, Andre qualified for the ILMEA District 7 Honors Choir. His audition score was so high, that he will now represent Grant at the ILMEA All-State Music Festival. He traveled to Peoria, IL, on January 25 to participate in several rehearsals leading up to the All-State Concert on January 28. He sang under the direction of Dr. Eric Johnson from Northern Illinois University, and sang alongside hundreds of the best singers from across the state. Andre is the first Grant student IN HISTORY to qualify for state two years in a row! He did a great job representing Grant and we are so proud of him for this achievement!

## JV Dance Rockstar Season

To start their season, the JV Dance Team placed fourth at the Lake Zurich Invite and then earned First Place at the Huntley Invite! Jumping from fourth to first is no easy feat, but these dancers were eager to push for higher placements moving forward. Captain Jasmine Vela shared that “in the beginning, it was really rough. But, we scored an 81 [at Huntley], and Second Place was in the 70s. So, that was really eye-opening.” Although the first competition may not have ended how they had hoped, they worked hard to improve their results and came together as a team. Kellyn Harmer, Class of 2025, expressed that “the team realized what it felt like to win and we just kept working toward that...having Varsity there and being together as a whole program kept the season smooth.” These dancers made it clear early on that they were ready to overcome obstacles and do what it took to master their routine. Kicking off 2023, the team competed in the D117 All of the Lights competitions and placed second! This momentum kept them going all the way to the NLCC Conference



JV Dance takes First Place at NLCC Competition.



JV Dance Performance

Championship. Our JV Dancers clinched the well-deserved title of NLCC Champions! While their dance ability and routine are what we see on the floor, there is a lot more to a winning team. Jiada Jefferson, Class of 2026, stated that “JV was so small, but it felt like a family. The whole [Grant Dance] community is so accepting. You can be yourself and someone will be weird with you. There is no judgment at all.” Their closeness and commitment to helping one another is a big reason this team found success this season, but we can’t leave out their coach—Coach Beard. Jiada shared that “Coach Beard really pushed us to get where we are today, and I have so much respect for her.” We cannot wait to see how they continue to grow and improve with Coach Beard by their side. Fall 2023 is sure to be packed with many impressive moves!



# Business Bulldogs Qualify for FBLA State

FBLA members recently attended and competed in the Northern Area Regional Conference. After testing their knowledge and skills, over 30 Bulldogs walked away with a top-ten finish and will be advancing to the FBLA State Competition!

## GCHS Northern Area Competition Standings

1st Place—Isabella Little—Human Resource

Management

1st Place—Catherine Fabian—Insurance & Risk

Management

1st Place—Emily Hawkins—Organizational Leadership

1st Place—Ethan Ehrenhofer—Social Media Strategies

2nd Place—Eleanor Escobedo—Client Service

2nd Place—Anthony Astorino—Database Design  
& Application

2nd Place—Jacob Tyree—Entrepreneurship

2nd Place—Jacki Bendfeldt—Public Speaking

2nd Place—Furquan Farooqui—Spreadsheet Applications

3rd Place—Lionel Carapia—Hospitality Management

4th Place—Jessi Von Helms—Argibusiness



*Business Bulldogs compete at Northern Area FBLA Competition.*

4th Place—Joespeh Proa—Help Desk

4th Place—Vic Lin—Intro to FBLA

4th Place—Stephanie Haro—Job Interview

5th Place—Piper Parkman—Advertising

5th Place—Kylie Tilleman—Political Science

6th Place—Tabitha Chanhmourack—Digital Animation

6th Place—Jacob Deacon—Marketing

6th Place—Diana Ngo, Julia Podgorski, & Khushi  
Viramgami—Website Design

7th Place—Jack Polark—Business Calculations

7th Place—Joseph Reiner—Intro to FBLA

7th Place—Jenny Lin—Personal Finance

8th Place—Skyler Johnson—Health Care Administration

8th Place—Annabelle Smith—Intro to Public Speaking

9th Place—Ava Delgadillo & Chloe Nicole Labuca—  
Publication Design

9th Place—Lucas Hauser—Personal Finance

9th Place—Emily Robanske—Insurance & Risk  
Management



*Business Bulldogs compete at Northern Area FBLA Competition.*

4th Place—  
Navid  
Navidzadeh—  
Business  
Communication  
4th Place—Kyle  
Pohlman—  
Computer  
Problem Solving

## 5Essentials Survey

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey window opened on January 24 and will remain open until March 31. Parents, students and teachers across Illinois have an opportunity to participate in the statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This opportunity allows stakeholders to share their thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about Grant Community High School. As a parent, we hope you will take this opportunity to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness at Grant Community High School. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. As per state requirement, students and teachers will also be completing the [Illinois 5Essentials Survey](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or [5essentials@uchicago.edu](mailto:5essentials@uchicago.edu).



# Seal of Biliteracy

The next administration of language proficiency testing for the State Seal of Biliteracy is on February 15, 2023! The Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition for students who demonstrate proficiency in English and one or more other languages. When earned, the Seal of Biliteracy will appear on the student's official transcript and diploma. Students who earn the Seal of Biliteracy are also provided with the opportunity to earn early college credit. All public colleges and universities in the State of Illinois have criteria for how this credit is awarded. Students should reference the college or university website for their criteria about how the specific institution recognizes the Seal of Biliteracy for college credit.

To qualify for the State Seal of Biliteracy, a Grant student must accomplish one of the following to demonstrate proficiency in English:

- Earn a minimum score of 480 on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing portion of an official administration of the SAT
- Earn a minimum score of 4.8 on the ACCESS test
- Earn a score of 5 on the AP English and Language Composition Test
- Earn a score of I-5 on the AAPPL English Test

To demonstrate proficiency in another language, each student must also meet one of the following criteria:

- Earn a score of 4 or higher on the AP Spanish Test
- Earn a minimum score of I-5 on the AAPPL test in the chosen language

Students wishing to earn the Seal of Biliteracy are encouraged to discuss the opportunity with their counselor. The fee for taking the AAPPL test is \$20 and can be paid by this link, [AAPPL Test Fee](#). To register for the test, please also complete the following document by February 9, 2023: [Seal of Biliteracy Language Proficiency Exam Registration](#).

Testing Date AAPPL Testing

- February 15, 2023



FRESHMEN:  
TURN IN PROOF  
OF YOUR  
DENTAL EXAM

ALL 9TH GRADERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A DENTAL EXAM. PROOF OF THE EXAM MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE HEALTH OFFICE DURING THE STUDENT'S 9TH GRADE YEAR. PLEASE VISIT THE "HEALTH SERVICES" SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE FOR THE FORM.

## Summer School Information

Brochures and registration forms for summer school will be available in the Front Office and on our website. All classes are on a first come, first served basis. There are no refunds after the first day of class. Summer school is open to all students who reside within the District 124 attendance boundaries, and who have completed their Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior year. For further information, please visit our website ([www.grantbulldogs.org](http://www.grantbulldogs.org)) and see the headline listed: [Summer School 2023](#).





# AP Exams

**The 2023 AP Exams will be administered in schools during the first two weeks in May: May 1-5 & May 8-12.**

**All remaining fee balances must be paid by February 24, 2023.**

Students with a new second semester AP course (US Government or Macroeconomics) need to communicate with their instructors if they DO NOT wish to take the spring AP Exams by Friday, February 17. Once a student indicates that he or she is taking the test, parents should go to our [RevTrak system](#) to pay for the exam(s) if it was not included in the fall registration process.

If your student receives free or reduced lunch and is paying the reduced exam fee, please contact Ms. Fischer in our Curriculum Office or via phone at 847-973-3800. We will certainly work with individual students and families to make sure every qualified student is able to take Advanced Placement exams.

**Important Deadlines for AP Exam Registrations:**

- Friday, February 17, 2023: Students in a second semester only AP course, need to notify teachers if they DO NOT plan to take the AP exam.
- Friday, February 25, 2023: All exams must have the remaining balance paid or the exam will be canceled and the student will forfeit the \$40.00 Pre-Registration Fee.

Please feel free to contact your student's teacher or Dr. Noisey, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, if you have any questions regarding the Advanced Placement program. On behalf of our faculty and administration, we would like to wish all of our students good luck as they continue to prepare for these important exams.

## AP Exam Schedule—May 2023

Week 1	Morning 8:00 a.m.	Afternoon 12:00 p.m.	Afternoon 2:00 p.m.
Monday, May 1	United States Government and Politics	Chemistry Spanish Literature & Culture	
Tuesday, May 2	Chinese Language & Culture Environmental Science	Psychology	
Wednesday, May 3	English Literature & Composition	Comparative Government & Politics Computer Science A	
Thursday, May 4	Human Geography Macroeconomics	Seminar Statistics	
Friday, May 5	European History United States History	Art History Microeconomics	
	Art & Design: Friday, May 5 (8 PM EST), is the deadline for AP Art & Design digital portfolios to be submitted to the AP Program.		
Week 2	Morning 8:00 a.m.	Afternoon 12:00 p.m.	Afternoon 2:00 p.m.
Monday, May 8	Calculus AB & Calculus BC	Computer Science Principles Italian Language & Culture	
Tuesday, May 9	English Language & Composition Japanese Language & Culture	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Wednesday, May 10	Spanish Language & Culture	Biology	
Thursday, May 11	French Language & Culture World History: Modern	Physics 1: Algebra-Based	
Friday, May 12	German Language & Culture Music Theory	Latin Physics 2: Algebra-Based	







# The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL  
COMEDY

Show dates and times:

Friday, April 21st at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 22nd at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 23rd at 2 p.m.

Book by Marshall Brockman and Rick Elice

Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa

Based on the Characters created by Charles Addams

Purchase tickets at [www.grantbulldogs.org](http://www.grantbulldogs.org)



# Student Representative to the Board of Education

Beginning with the 2022/23 school year, a student representative has participated as a non-voting representative to the Board of Education. The goal of the student representative is to give input on matters that affect all students and work together with the Board of Education to promote open communication between the Board and the students of District 124. The student representative serves as an “ex officio member,” meaning they are encouraged to participate in discussions, but may not vote on them.

The District 124 Board of Education is a policy-making body responsible for selecting the superintendent and adopting and enforcing all necessary rules for the management and governance of the school district. The Board of Education consists of seven elected members. Additional information regarding the Board of Education may be found on the [Board of Education section](#) of our website.

All interested students should apply through the [Student Representative to the Board of Education Application](#). **Applications must be received by 3:30 PM on Friday, March 3, 2023.**



## TECH CAMPUS STUDENT OF THE QUARTER - SECOND QUARTER



Matthew Ayers - Auto Service I  
Michael Pouley - Auto Collision Repair I  
Logan Johnson - Auto Service I  
Evelyn Villegas - Medical Assisting  
Grace Welter - Cosmo I  
Cadence Malueg - Certified Nurse Assisting  
Sofia Perez - Medical Assisting  
Lucia Enciso - Certified Nurse Assisting  
Abrianna Anderson - Certified Nurse Assisting  
Snow Khi - Industrial Technology I  
Kaden Newport - Welding/Fabrication I  
Sommer Khi - Cosmo I  
Erik DeLuna - Computer Support Services I  
Angel Alvarez - Construction Skills & Management I  
Lorelai Jensen - Certified Nurse Assisting

## SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

- Track & Field (Boys & Girls)
- Baseball
- Badminton (Girls)
- Lacrosse (Boys)
- Softball
- Soccer (Girls)
- Tennis (Boys)
- Volleyball (Boys)

Spring Sports Registration is open! All spring athletes must complete the [online registration process](#) and must have a current physical on file.

For more information, reach out to the Athletics Office or your sport's head coach.



# National School Counseling Week

Helping Students Dream Big

National School Counseling Week 2023 is scheduled for February 6 -10. This week focuses public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are impacted as a result of what their school counselor can do for and with them. This week is sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and works to highlight the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for careers.

School Counselors at Grant are actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; work in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world; focus on positive ways to enhance students' academic, postsecondary and social/emotional development; and work with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves. School Counselors are certified, experienced educators with a master's degree in school counseling. The combination of their training and experience makes them an integral part of the total educational program.

More than 100,000 school counselors nationwide will be participating in the week's festivities. More general information can also be found on ASCA's website, [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org)



Grant Counseling Team, Assistant Principal Geist, & Ms. Peterson

## Social Studies Golden Globe Winner

January 2023



The Social Studies Department presents Julia with the Golden Globe award for January.

The Social Studies Department is excited to award January's Golden Globe Award to Julia Podgorski!

Throughout her time at Grant, Julia has been evolving into the "premier Social Studies student of her class." Not only did she ace AP World History her Sophomore year, but she is on track for a successful APUSH year. You can tell that she puts her all into preparing for tests, discussions, and projects. Earlier this year, Julia portrayed historical activist Sarah Grimke and "absolutely stole the show with her dynamic speaking." Her drive to achieve does not stop there. When working in group activities, Julia will raise the abilities of those around her and entice others to participate by posing poignant questions. Julia has shown a true passion for history, and it goes well beyond the classroom. In addition to her studies, Julia is the Debate Team co-captain, Historian for FBLA, and an up-and-coming leader of NHS. Keep up the amazing work, Julia!



# Social Studies Golden Globe Winner

## February 2023

The Social Studies Department is excited to award this month's Golden Globe Award to Nana Adubofour!

Nana joined the Bulldog family in October, and while it can be a rough transition for students who attend a new school halfway through a semester, Nana has acclimated well and made quite the impression on his Social Studies teacher. Ms. Jordan shared that Nana "was such a positive addition" to her History class and continues to walk in every day "with a positive attitude and is ready to learn." His attitude is infectious and has proven to be a good influence on those around him. Beyond his involvement in discussions, Nana takes the time to prepare for assessments and always asks for feedback.

One trait that really has impressed Ms. Jordan is Nana's ability to adjust and try new things. Earlier this year, Nana tried out for the Boys Basketball program but was cut at the end of tryouts. Although this was not the outcome he hoped for, he didn't let this stop him from staying active during the winter season. Instead, Nana decided to go out for Wrestling, a sport he had no experience with. His resiliency and openness to trying things are something to admire. Whether in the Social Studies Department or Wrestling program, Nana has proven to be a wonderful addition to our Grant family. Keep up the great work, Nana!



The Social Studies Department presents Nana with the Golden Globe award for February.

## MASQUERADE WINTER DANCE 2023

DANCE DETAILS:  
FEBRUARY 25  
7-10 PM  
\$15 PER TICKET

TUESDAY

### Country Club vs. Country

ROCK A POLO OR FLANNEL TO KICK OFF THE WEEK

WEDNESDAY

### Dress Like a Parent

WHO WORE IT BETTER?

THURSDAY

### Jersey vs. 2000 Jersey Shore

REP A TEAM OR BRING THE PARTY

FRIDAY

### Class Colors

SENIORS - PINK | JUNIORS - GRAY | SOPHOMORES - BLACK | FRESHMEN - WHITE

SATURDAY

### Masquerade Dance

MASKS ARE AVAILABE FOR \$1 & CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE DANCE.  
TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FROM FEBRUARY 21-24.



**CELEBRATE TODAY,  
OWN TOMORROW!**

February is CTE (Career and Technical Education) Month and we are using that to celebrate the opportunities for our students through the CTE department. Over the past six years, our staff has worked hard to expand access and opportunities for our students to explore their career interests and expand their capacity through rigorous new curricula. In that time, our CTE department has launched courses in entrepreneurship, mobile application design, technology support, engineering, and education. The expansion in our curriculum has included dual credit courses, internships, and opportunities for students to earn industry credentials. These changes to our curriculum and our attention to developing career pathways for our students have led to exciting opportunities for our students.

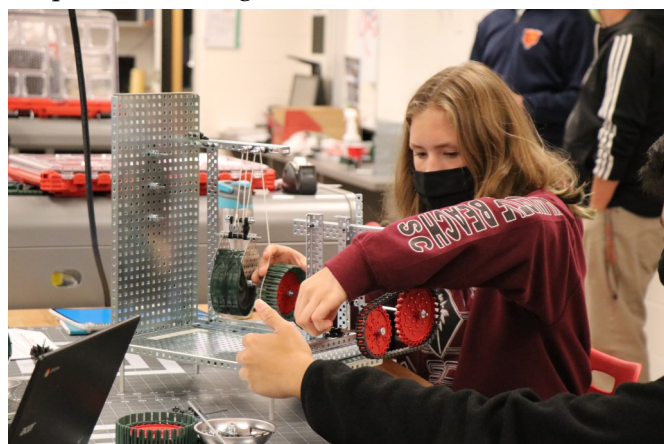
In our entrepreneurship pathway, students have been engaged within the IncubatorEDU curriculum over the past three years. Students in this course have the opportunity to take an idea for a product and build their business plan through the “lean start-up model”. As they

do this, our students have the opportunity to engage with nearly twenty industry professionals and leaders to learn firsthand about how to start and run a business. Our students present their plans at minimum viable product pitches and then again at a final pitch to our Board of Advisors who select the best business plan within the group.

Our future engineers have immersed themselves in our engineering pathway as they have worked through our Project Lead the Way course sequence. Through these courses, students learn critical thinking skills and



*Mobile Maker*



*Project Lead the Way*

the technical skills to prepare for undergraduate study in Engineering. Students engage with industry professionals in this course as they learn about the Engineering career and receive professional feedback about their work. Within these classes, students work to understand and use CAD programs, 3D printing, programming of robotic arms and belt systems, and the milling of material.

Grant’s future educators have jumped into their future careers by taking our new dual credit Introduction to Education course. As part of this class, our students are interning for nearly 60 hours at our feeder schools helping teachers in their classrooms. This past Fall, these students participated in Ridgewood High School’s

Education Team-Based Challenge and one of our teams won the High School Lesson Planning category. Gaining more experience to build on for their future, one of our students in this class was also named as the Student Representative to the Board of Education. We are excited to announce that we will be expanding on our current curriculum with the addition of another dual-credit education course in the 2024-2025 school year.

In the past four years, students in our Tech Support Internship have earned over 200 industry credentials. These credentials include, but are not limited to, Microsoft Office Specialist Certification and the CompTIA ITF+ certification. Students also certify to fix our Chromebooks and offer all first-tier technical support for Chromebook issues across the school.

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These students have proved to be valuable assets to our teachers and students across the building.



Food Preparation

Across all of our classes in the CTE department, we work to open doors to opportunities so that our students can be college and career ready. Whether you want to go into carpentry or manufacturing and are exploring our woods classes, fixing small engines in our Technology Exploration classes, learning culinary skills in our Food Preparation and Nutrition courses, or creating the next generation of iPhone app in our Mobile App Design course, we have a pathway for every student.

We encourage every student to go full steam ahead and take advantage of the opportunities available through the CTE department to prepare themselves for the workplace of tomorrow! To learn more about CTE at Grant Community High School, please attend the February 22, Parent University highlighting CTE programs at Grant Community High School. If you would like information about course registration please contact your student's counselor, or the Divisional Administrator for CTE, Mr. Blair Schoell, he can be reached at [bschoell@grantbulldogs.org](mailto:bschoell@grantbulldogs.org).



Fashion Construction

## Special Olympics Basketball is State-Bound!



Special Olympics Basketball Team & Coaches

The Special Olympics team had a busy and successful January on the court. On January 13, the team hosted the Northern Lights Special Olympics Agency in the East Gym. The visiting team put up a tough fight, but our Bulldogs came out victorious with a final score of 46-30! It was an enjoyable night for our athletes and a great way for them to prepare for Regionals. The team started their Regional matches with a winning score of 56-14. Their second game pushed them to perform at a higher level, and the team responded well to the challenge. With their teamwork, perseverance, and engagement in games, it's no surprise they were able to win at Regionals and secure a spot at State!


The State competition for Special Olympics basketball will be held in March, so keep an eye out for more information.



# Illinois State Scholars

We are incredibly excited to share that 32 Bulldogs have been designated as Illinois State Scholars! The State Scholar Program is awarded to high school seniors based on ACT or SAT scores, sixth-semester class size, unweighted class rank, and GPA.

Each student designated as a State Scholar has received a congratulatory letter and a Certificate of Achievement for this amazing feat! To be named an Illinois State Scholar is an outstanding accomplishment, and we are so proud of these Bulldogs for what they have achieved.



Anthony Astorino  
Randolph Miguel Ayala  
Raquel Babani  
Gabriella Bieniarz  
Quincy Carlson  
Julia Chrupek  
Ron Andre De Luna  
Monika Fafrowicz  
Jacob Foote  
Emily Geist  
Lucas Hauser

Emily Hawkins  
Josh Hawkins  
Jaziah Hernandez  
Kennedi Johnson  
Mikayla Kantak  
Brayan Larrota  
Kyron Laskosky  
Lucy Lee  
Samantha Lopatowski  
Trevor Meincke  
Navid Navidzadeh

Emily O'dowd  
Noah Ontiveros  
Brianna Osmon  
Jack Polark  
Jessica Porten  
Juliette Rangel  
Eliska Rasborschek  
Jordan Runnion  
Jacob Tyree  
Shelby Wasilewski

## Transition Program

The Transition Program was all over the place in January! They spent some time exploring the Volo Auto Museum, working at job sites, shopping for appropriate job interview outfits, creating meals, and learning about medication safety and how to read prescription labels. Many of our members have been working at Olive Garden, Wurth Baer, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Victory Lakes, and most recently, a senior living community! Their packaging, attention to detail, and listening skills have grown, and with the addition of working with senior citizens, they've gained so much knowledge about what other people have experienced. The entire program is looking forward to improving their skills even more in February and their next group outing! Keep yourself up-to-date on the various activities happening within the Transition Program by following them on Instagram

([@GrantTransitionProgram](#))  
or Ms. Morris on Twitter  
([@JoreeMorris](#)).



Transition Program visits Volo Auto Museum



Transition members work at job sites: Tadeka Pharmaceuticals, Olive Garden, & local senior living community



Grant Community  
High School

# 2023 Career Fair



**March 22, 2023**  
**9:25AM - 3:10PM**

**Grant Community High School-Fieldhouse**  
285 E. Grand Ave., Fox Lake, IL 60020

Grant Community HS is hosting a career fair for all students, grades 9-12, to help foster an exploration into the many career options available.

**To be a presenter/career representative, please RSVP here:**  
**<https://forms.gle/Yibo5kLforBYtaeV9>**

**Contact Blythe Masura (College and Career Counselor)**  
**[bmasura@grantbulldogs.org](mailto:bmasura@grantbulldogs.org) with any questions**

Career representatives will be provided an 8-foot table, wireless internet access, and access to electrical outlets if necessary. Lunch and snacks will also be served.



# BULLDOGS IN THE NLCC



For the 35th time, the Grant Wrestling program earned the title of NLCC Champions!



Girls Bowling takes First Place in NLCC!



Varsity Dance takes First Place in NLCC!



JV Dance takes First Place in NLCC!



JV Academic Team takes Second Place in NLCC!



Varsity & JV Cheer takes Second Place in NLCC!



Math Team takes Third Place in NLCC!



# Keep It RED

To get us all started on the right foot, we challenged our students to another Be On Time Challenge and they have been doing a great job so far. Within the first two weeks of our challenge, 80.7% of students showed up to all of their classes on time! We are in the final week of the challenge and encourage all students to keep this “be on time” mentality going well after the challenge ends. As an incentive and reward for this RED behavior, we will be entering students with zero tardies into a raffle to win winter dance tickets, a TEAM donut party, and Class Bulldog Cup points. Follow us on Twitter ([@KeepingItRED](https://twitter.com/KeepingItRED)) for updates on challenge winners.

In addition to our challenge, we placed our focus on vaping and marijuana use. Throughout the country, there are countless cases of teenagers who are abusing substances and have consequently experienced terrible side effects including stomach pains and cannabis-induced psychosis. All Grant students have been provided with materials that detail the severity of using and abusing vapes and marijuana, but we encourage all families to have an open and honest conversation about this topic.

## January Bulldog Buck & Bulldog Pride Winners



# Counselor's Corner

## Course Selection Appointments

Counselors are currently working with Freshman and Sophomore students on course selections for the 2023-2024 academic year. All students will meet with their school counselor by the end of February and review course for the next year. Course Selections will be mailed home by mid-March. Students wishing to make changes can contact their school counselor by March 24 with any change request.

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### National School Counseling Week (NSCW):

NSCW 2023 (February 6-10) is focused on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. This week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

### Summer School:

Registration for Summer School is open online for enrichments and credit recovery. Check the [Grant website](#) for more information and registration links.

### FAFSA:

It is required for the graduating Class of 2023 to complete the 2023-2024 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#), [Alternative Application for Illinois Student](#), or complete a waiver that states your student will not be filing a FAFSA.

This waiver is referred to as the FAFSA Non-Participation Form and is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). If your student will be completing this form, they need to turn it in to their School Counselor upon completion. Please reach out to your student's Counselor with any questions.

Our ISAC representative, Ariana Galvez, will be here on campus to help fill out the FAFSA. Contact [Mrs. Masura](#) for dates and times she will be available.

### Career Center News:

- February Newsletter
- If you are part of the Class of 2024 and a first-generation student, meaning you are the first in your family to attend college, and interested in reach out to [Mrs. Masura](#) or [Mrs. Gill](#).
- Our annual Career Fair is scheduled for March 22.
- College Visit:
  - National Louis University—February 21—9th Period

### Website Resources:

- [College Board](#)
- [ACT](#)
- [Khan Academy/SAT test Prep](#)

### Reminders:

- Early Graduation Applications are due to counselors by March 24.
- The deadline to make changes to 2023-24 courses is March 24.





# Calendar

## February

Feb. 8	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start Progress Reports
Feb. 9	Seal of Biliteracy registration deadline
Feb. 15	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start Seal of Biliteracy testing day
Feb. 17	Institute Day, no student attendance
Feb. 20	President's Day observed, no school
Feb. 22	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start Parent University: Writer's Week
Feb. 25	Winter Dance

## March

Mar. 1	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start Parent University: Social Emotional Health
Mar. 3	Student Representative to the Board of Education applications due
Mar. 8	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start Progress Reports
Mar. 15	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start
Mar. 22	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25am Flex Time Start Career Fair
Mar. 24	Early Graduation applications due Last day to make changes to 2023-24 course selections
Mar. 27-31	Spring Break
Mar. 31	5Essentials survey window closes

## April

Apr. 3	School Resumes
Apr. 5	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start
Apr. 7	Day of Non-Attendance
Apr. 12	PSAT/SAT Testing
Apr. 13	Athletic Signing
Apr. 19	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25am Flex Time Start Progress Reports
Apr. 20	Parent University: Financial Aid Night
Apr. 21-23	Spring Musical
Apr. 26	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 am Flex Time Start