

WARRENSBURG-LATHAM CUSD #11

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WLHS Part of Central Illinois CEO

Warrensburg-Latham High School has partnered with Maroa-Forsyth High School, Clinton High School and Blue Ridge High School to form the Central Illinois CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program. WLHS student, Madison M, has this to say about the CEO Program, "This program is an amazing way to involve students in the community while teaching them how to run a business. My favorite part of the CEO program is meeting students from other schools and volunteering with the team! I really enjoy seeing businesses from a different perspective and learning how everything works efficiently".



Mr. Jonathan Downing, WLHS Principal

Mr. Jonathan Downing officially started as the WLHS principal on July 1, 2019. Mr. Downing replaced Mr. Hatcher, who retired after 34 years at WL. Prior to coming to WLHS, Mr. Downing was an administrator in Decatur Public Schools and served as a Director for the Illinois Education Association. Mr. Downing has added a new level of school spirit by branding the high school windows and doors. Students appear to enjoy Mr. Downing's enthusiasm for school. Mr. Downing keeps busy outside of school with his four children and new puppy.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

If you walk the halls of WL you may see some familiar faces. Sixteen WL alum are also WL employees. It is awesome to see our graduates come back and give to the WL community in this manner.



Front Row (left to right): Ashley Swallow-('13) ES School Social Worker, Taylor Williams ('10)-ES Special Education Teacher, DeeDee Novota ('05)-Title I Aide, Mary Scanavino ('92)-6th gr. Math Teacher, Colleen Vallandingham ('94)-PreK Aide, Alyssa Jackson ('11)-HS English Teacher

Back Row (left to right): Tom Reed ('77)-Maintenance Dept., Lloyd Buckly ('84)-Assistant Maintenance Director, Jennifer Hickey ('94)-ES P.E. Teacher, Sherry White ('95)-ES Math Interventionist, Laura Anderson ('98)-ES Principal, Keith Hackl ('78)-Maintenance Director

Not Pictured: Tammy McDowell ('78)-Bus Driver, Stephanie Martin Hale ('91)-Food Services, Brian Heidel ('99)-HS Math Teacher, and Collin Swallow ('16)-MS Boys' Basketball Coach.

Warrensburg-Latham Educational Foundation



Warrensburg-Latham Educational Foundation, WLEF, is a non-profit organization consisting of parents, former educators, alumni, and community members. WLEF works to expand our students' educational opportunities through classroom grants, scholarships, and recognizing our graduates' academic excellence. Many of the grants are funded to help our students become critical thinkers who are self-sufficient, skilled communicators and who are socially and emotionally competent in their community.

The WLEF is having a REVERSE RAFFLE beginning in October. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds go right back into the school and will be used for grants for our WL teachers. In the past, grants have been given for alternative seating in classrooms, books, STEM supplies, and most recently, supplies to create a butterfly way station for the 3rd graders so they can experience hands-on learning in science, math and reading.

You can purchase tickets at the District Office or by contacting any WLEF Trustee. You can pay through PayPal or via check. An early bird drawing took place on October 25 and the winning ticket won \$500. The final drawing will be held at the Varsity Boys Basketball game on December 7th and the **grand prize** of **\$2,500** or 25% of ticket sales revenue. The 5 finalists must be present to win (you can name a proxy) and will have the option of splitting the pot or eliminating a finalist. This process will continue until all finalists agree on splitting or 1 winner is left.

As you think about your end of the year giving, please consider donating to the Educational Foundation, which is even easier now, with a PayPal link on our [website](#).

Warrensburg-Latham CUSD #11 Distinguished Alumni Criteria

Warrensburg-Latham Distinguished Alumni is a way to recognize W-L graduates who have had a significant contribution to society and their community; to the betterment of mankind, and who have achieved lasting recognition in their chosen occupation or other endeavors. To nominate a candidate, please proceed with the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/gKm3ik6eB1BGnCyp2>

Candidates should meet the following selection criteria:

1. 10 year plus graduate
2. Living or deceased
3. Open nominations
4. Contributed to:

a. Society and Community- Efforts that have achieved recognized awards, measurable success, or long lasting impact at the institutional, local, regional, statewide or national levels.

b. Betterment of Mankind- Volunteer or service award or recognition, discoveries, inventions, life-long work in a particular field in which recognition is achieved.

c. Occupational/Endeavor Recognition- Recognized for exceptional talent or long-term success in a chosen field, occupation, or endeavor.

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