



Grant Community High School

District Newsletter

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Student of the Month

Gainele Muntu



The Grant Community High School May Student of the Month is senior Gainele Muntu, daughter of Chrispain Muntu Hata and Lydie Muntu of Lakemoor. Gainele is a dedicated senior who has balanced high academic standards with significant involvement in athletics, music, and community service. Gainele maintains a 4.3 GPA and has consistently earned Honor Roll each semester of her high school career. She was inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) during her sophomore year. She also serves as the president of the Black Student Union (BSU). Her academic achievements are marked by an AP Scholar Award and notable success in competitive business through the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), where she was a 4th-place regional winner and a 5th-place state finisher for business ethics, which qualified her for the National competition. The College Board also recognized Gainele with the First Generation recognition award!



As a well-rounded student-athlete, Gainele has participated in basketball and track, earning multiple awards for each sport. She has earned the Scholar-Athlete Award for three years in basketball and one year in track. She has earned the All-Conference Athlete award for track, and has also been honored as an NLCC All-Academic Athlete for Girls Basketball. Beyond athletics, her creative talents are reflected in her participation as both a Chamber and Anthem Singer. Gainele is the co-host for The Dawg House, which is GCHS's very own podcast. Beyond school, she has demonstrated a strong work ethic by maintaining employment at Antioch Pizza Shop in Fox Lake for the past three years.

Gainele's commitment to service is evident through her active membership with NHS, where she completes at least five service projects annually. She further contributes to her community by singing in her church choir, teaching Sunday School, and assisting at her parents' small business. In the fall, Gainele will be studying Biology at Loyola University Chicago with an emphasis in Molecular Biology. Her long-term goal is to

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Board of Education

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earn a Master's in genetics and become a genetic counselor or a genetic engineer.

In February, Gainele was presented with a great honor as a Lake County Rising Essay Winner, which focuses on raising awareness around gender-based violence. Everyone has a voice, and by telling her story at this event, she has shown that she is dedicated to helping create a cultural shift against domestic violence and sexual assault in the world today.

Gainele intends to use the honor of Student of the Month to encourage her peers and future classes. She values transparency and honesty, especially when facing challenges, and hopes to inspire others by demonstrating that hard work and perseverance truly pay off. Gainele views her recognition as an opportunity to show her "little dawgs" that while it is okay to struggle, a driven individual can accomplish incredible things.

Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2026

With graduation rapidly approaching, we would like to provide you with important dates and information surrounding this momentous occasion.

May 11, 2026: Last Day Seniors Follow Bell Schedule

This is the last day that all seniors are required to be on campus following a regular bell schedule.

May 12 & May 13, 2026: Senior Final Exams

Senior Final Exams are held in the Senior Commons. Exams are administered in a drop-in testing center-style format. Seniors report to campus only when they are taking a final exam. Seniors do not follow the regular bell schedule that freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are following on these days. Information including a specific schedule will be posted on the school website as exams approach.

May 13, 2026: Deadline to Meet Graduation Requirements

All graduation requirements must be met by Wednesday, May 13 at 3:10 p.m. for your student to participate in the ceremony. Check Skyward and contact individual teachers or Student Services with questions about your student's academic status.

May 15, 2026: Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal will be held on Friday, May 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the East Gym. All students participating in the graduation ceremony must be present at rehearsal.

May 17, 2026: Graduation

Commencement Ceremonies for the Graduating Class of 2026 will take place on Sunday, May 17, in the Grant Community High School Field House beginning at 2:00 p.m. Graduates should report to the East Gym at 1:00 p.m. with their cap, tassel, and gown. Graduation is a formal ceremony. To participate, appropriate attire is required. Appropriate attire includes dresses, collared shirts with or without a tie, long pants or dress slacks (no jeans or shorts), dress shoes, and school-provided regalia. Students are not allowed to wear a decorated cap at graduation.

Due to limited seating in the Field House, each graduate is permitted six (6) graduation ceremony tickets. Tickets are required for entry to the ceremony. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE REISSUED IN THE EVENT OF LOSS.** General parking will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on the north and south school parking lots. Field House parking lot is reserved for handicap parking. Handicap seating will be available for the ceremony. Live streaming of the graduation ceremony will be available on Grant's homepage via YouTube Live. Please check www.grantbulldogs.org the week of May 11 for details.

We ask that families make every effort to meet all financial obligations before graduates receive diplomas. Fees may be paid with cash or check in the main office during normal business hours, or with a credit card online via the school website www.grantbulldogs.org. You can check your fees on Skyward Family Access or contact the main office at 847-587-2561.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, please accept our congratulations for helping your student reach this milestone in their life.



Principal's Corner



It is hard to believe that we are just weeks away from graduation. There is so much excitement in the halls as students prepare for all of our end-of-the-year celebrations and activities. I have been proud of the effort that our students have put forth throughout the school year, and I look forward to continuing in that work with our returning students in the following year. As our senior students prepare for graduation, it is fun to look back at their contributions to our school over the past four years. Their contributions in the classroom, in our community through service, their success in athletics and activities, and their spirit and pride in our school will not be forgotten. I look forward to celebrating graduation with the Class of 2026 on May 17th. In preparation for that day, seniors will take their final exams on May 12th and 13th, and participate in graduation rehearsal on the afternoon of May 15th. We look forward to seeing what the Class of 2026 will accomplish beyond Grant Community High School, and we are thankful for our time working together over the past four years.

To honor our students who have earned scholarships, departmental awards, the State Seal of Biliteracy, Distinguished Bulldog Awards, and more, we will gather on Honors Night, May 6th. This evening recognizes the incredible talents our students have demonstrated and developed, the hard work necessary to be successful, participating in service projects across the community, and demonstrating the values of Grant Community High School. Of note, more students than ever have earned the State Seal of Biliteracy or the Commendation Towards the State Seal of Biliteracy this school year. Students earning the State Seal of Biliteracy demonstrate proficiency in English and another language. Our students earning the State Seal of Biliteracy earn priority placement in language programs at colleges and universities across Illinois and earn college credit. For students enrolled in World Language classes and who are multilingual, this recognition offers an opportunity to get a jumpstart in college. We look forward to honoring all of our students earning awards and scholarships at this event.

This month, Grant Theater hosted its production of *SpongeBob the Musical*. The production opened for our Middle School students on Thursday, April 23rd, and hosted general audiences from the 24th through the 26th. The show was outstanding and featured the talents of over 80 cast members. With creative set design, theater decorations, and the use of a projection screen, the world of SpongeBob was brought to life for the enjoyment of the audience. It was a great show, and we are looking forward to their productions in the 2026-2027 school year!

Our students have also been demonstrating their talents in state competitions across a number of our activities over the past month. Qualifying students from Future Business Leaders of America, FCCLA, SkillsUSA, the Math Team, and Journalism all recently participated in state competitions. These students represented Grant exceptionally well, including one of our students earning a State Championship in journalism for headline writing at the IHSA State Journalism Competition. We are incredibly proud of our students for using the skills they are learning in their classes and applying them within these competitions to demonstrate their amazing talents and skills.

As we look forward to summer, I hope that everyone has the opportunity to rest and recharge over the summer months. It is always exciting to welcome our students back in August and hear about all of the amazing experiences they have had over the summer, from participating in sports camps, participating in internships, going on college visits, working new jobs, vacationing with their families, and much more. Get the most out of your summer and stay prepared for school by reading a few books, challenging yourself with new experiences, and working on your post-graduation plan. We will miss everyone being on campus over the summer and will eagerly await your return in August. Again, to our graduating seniors and their families, we will miss working with you, and we are excited for the new adventures awaiting your families as you graduate into the next chapter of your lives. You will always be Bulldogs, and we look forward to seeing you back when you return to visit for reunions, homecomings, and events. We extend our best wishes to you and your families!

Thank you for a great first year as your principal. I have learned a lot this year and cannot wait to continue working with all of you next school year!

Go Bulldogs!
Mr. Blair Schoell
Principal



BULLDOGS AT STATE



FCCLA Members at State

FCCLA

Our FCCLA members represented Grant proudly at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference, showcasing their talents and skills in a variety of competitive events.

McKenna Arnold earned a Gold Medal in the Leadership event and was also named a National Delegate, qualifying her to represent Illinois at the national level. Caylah Sanchez also earned a Gold Medal in Apparel Construction, demonstrating outstanding creativity and technical skill. In Fashion Design, Jasmine Bo and Tristan Huizar each earned Silver Medals, receiving recognition for their hard work and innovative designs.

These accomplishments reflect the dedication, preparation, and talent of Grant's FCCLA students. Competing at the state level is a significant achievement, and we are proud of the way these students represented Grant through their professionalism and commitment.

Congratulations again to McKenna, Caylah, Jasmine, and Tristan on an outstanding performance at the state conference!

FBLA

Our FBLA members had an incredibly successful weekend at the State Leadership Conference, with 10 Bulldogs earning Top 10 finishes and six students qualifying for the National Leadership Conference this June in San Antonio, Texas.

Leading the way was Jasmine Bo, who earned 2nd place in Advertising, while Chase Muir and Piotr Schab placed 3rd in Data Analysis. Jay Pole finished 4th in Retail Management, and Ryan Kadlec and Gainele Muntu also earned 4th place in Business Ethics, with all six students qualifying to advance to the national competition.

Additional Top 10 finishes included Izabela Podgorski, who earned 5th place in Computer Game & Simulation Programming, Samantha Archuleta, who placed 6th in Job Interview, John Dollinger, who took 7th in Business Plan, and Vic Lin, who earned 10th place in Career Portfolio.

These outstanding results reflect the hard work, dedication, and professionalism of Grant's FBLA students. Competing at the state level is a major accomplishment, and qualifying for nationals is an exciting opportunity to showcase their skills on an even larger stage.

Congratulations to all of our Business Bulldogs on an outstanding performance, and best of luck to our national qualifiers as they prepare for San Antonio in June!



State-Bound FBLA Members

BULLDOGS AT STATE



Math Team at State

Math

Our Mathletes recently traveled to Bloomington to compete in the state competition, where students represented the school well against some of the top competitors in Illinois. Malcolm Parsons earned a 38th-place finish in Algebra I, while Bella Raube also placed 38th in Pre-Calculus, giving Grant two top-50 individual finishes at the meet.

Beyond the competition, the trip gave students the chance to bond as a team, including a visit to a local escape room where they worked together to solve challenges outside the classroom. The team also had an unexpected adventure while in Bloomington, safely weathering a tornado during the trip, certainly making this year's state experience one to remember.

Congratulations to the Math Team on a successful season and for representing Grant with perseverance, teamwork, and resilience at the state level!

SkillsUSA

Grant students represented the school proudly at the SkillsUSA State Competition in Peoria, competing alongside some of the best career and technical education students in Illinois. With students participating in a variety of events, Grant's competitors showcased the hard work, technical skills, and professionalism they have developed through their Tech Campus programs.



SkillsUSA Competitors

Among the top performers, Dianna Smith, Stacy Smith, and Cherish Eagon earned Silver medals in Career Pathways – Human Services, demonstrating their knowledge and teamwork in the field. Jacob Gregory also earned a Bronze medal in Emergency Medical Technician, highlighting his skill and preparation in a highly competitive event.

Additional students who represented Grant at the state competition included Desiree Dickson and Fiona Walker in Early Education & Teaching, Delaney Johnson in EMS, Russell Holm and Matthew Lonzano in Fire Fighting, Cade Kozeniewski in Construction Skills & Management, and Evangeline Marsala in Cosmetology.

We are proud of all of our students for representing Grant so well at SkillsUSA and for showcasing the dedication, talent, and career-ready skills they have developed. Congratulations to all of our competitors on an outstanding performance!

BULLDOGS AT STATE



State-Bound Journalists

Journalism

Our journalism students had a successful and memorable showing at the IHSA State Journalism Competition, qualifying in eight events and competing against the best student journalists in Illinois. Their hard work, creativity, and dedication were on full display as they represented Grant with excellence on the state stage.

Three students earned state medals for their outstanding performances. Sydney Lescher was named State Champion in Headline Writing, earning a

1st place finish. Leo Adams earned 3rd place in Yearbook Page Design, while Elyanna Torres placed 5th in Newspaper Design.

These accomplishments are a testament to the talent and commitment of Grant's journalism students and the continued growth of The Bark. We are incredibly proud of all of the students who competed and represented Grant so well at the state level.

Congratulations to our journalism team on an amazing performance at State!



State Champion, Sydney Lescher, & her parents, Ed & Sarah Lescher

Grant Artists Amaze at NLCC Art Show

We were proud to host this year's NLCC Art Show, and it was incredible to see the creativity and talent of student artists from across the conference on display. In addition to showcasing their individual work, students also had the opportunity to collaborate on pieces centered around a shared theme, making the event even more meaningful.

A special congratulations to our Distinguished Artists for being recognized for their outstanding work:

- Kayli Brook
- Liana Viscarra
- Isabella Pablo
- Lucy Regelbrugge
- Kylie Welninski
- Lorebella Jensen
- Kaitlyn Carpenter
- Nicholas Duffy
- DJ Ikhtiari
- Teagan Statdfield



GCHS Distinguished Artists



NLCC Art Show—Collaborative Work



Art Created by GCHS Artists

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our artists and celebrate their hard work. We can't wait to see what our talented students create as the semester continues!

AP Exams

The 2026 AP Exams will be administered in schools over two weeks in May. For hybrid exams, students should bring two #2 pencils. For digital exams, students need to bring their school-issued Chromebook fully charged and a charging cord. Students taking a digital exam should open the Bluebook app and take the practice test prior to their exam date to ensure the app is functioning properly.

Morning AP Test Students

Students will report directly to their testing rooms. **Please arrive no later than 7:40 am for instructions.** Morning testing begins at 8:00 am. AP tests are typically completed no later than 11:30 am. Students who miss lunch while testing will be provided a pass to the cafeteria when testing is finished. After testing, students will return to their regular schedules.

Afternoon AP Test Students

Students will attend a regular schedule for the morning and then report to their testing room. **Please arrive no later than 11:40 am for instructions.** The test will begin at 12:00 pm. Testing will end between 2:20–3:25 p.m. depending on the exam. Students are able to take the 4:05 pm late bus or arrange for a ride home if needed. The library will be open for students who need to wait for the late bus.

Two Tests on the Same Day

If students are taking two exams, they will eat lunch in the cafeteria between the two testing times.

Students with College Board approved accommodations will receive individualized letters with testing locations. Any additional information will be communicated through email, your AP teacher, and morning announcements. Students should check with their individual teachers to make sure they are current with their class work and homework assignments.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jones mjones@grantbulldogs.org or Dr. Noisey at snosey@grantbulldogs.org.

AP Exams	Date	Entry Time	Est. End Time	Locations
AP Biology	5/4/26	7:40	11:10	2nd floor - Conference Room A/B
AP Microeconomics	5/4/26	11:40	2:20	2nd floor - Conference Room A/B
AP Chemistry	5/5/26	7:40	11:25	2nd floor - Conference Room A/B
AP U.S. Government & Politics	5/5/26	11:40	3:10	Lecture Hall
AP English Literature & Composition	5/6/26	7:40	11:10	Lecture Hall: Last Names A – Na; Conference Room A/B: Ne - Z
AP Physics 1	5/6/26	11:40	3:10	Lecture Hall
AP World History: Modern	5/7/26	7:40	11:25	Lecture Hall
AP Statistics	5/7/26	11:40	3:10	Lecture Hall
AP U.S. History	5/8/26	7:40	11:25	Lecture Hall
AP 2-D Art & Design	5/8/26	NA	NA	Project Deadline 7 pm CST
AP Macroeconomics	5/8/26	11:40	2:20	Lecture Hall
AP Calculus AB	5/11/26	7:40	11:25	Conference Room A/B
AP Calculus BC	5/11/26	7:40	11:25	Lecture Hall
AP Music Theory	5/11/26	11:40	2:40	Lecture Hall
AP French Language & Culture	5/12/26	7:40	11:13	Student Services - Mountain Conf Rm
AP Psychology	5/12/26	11:40	2:50	Room 280: Last Names A-Mea; Conf Room A/B: Med-W
AP English Language & Composition	5/13/26	7:40	11:25	Room 291: Last Names A – F; Room 292: Last Names G-La; Room 294: Last Names Le-Renn, A; Room A/B: Last Names Renn, C-Y
AP Physics C: Mechanics	5/13/26	11:40	3:10	2nd floor - Conference Room A/B
AP Spanish Language & Culture	5/14/26	7:40	11:13	Lecture Hall
AP Computer Science Principles	5/14/26	11:40	3:10	2nd floor - Conference Room A/B
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	5/14/26	11:40	3:10	Lecture Hall
AP Environmental Science	5/15/26	7:40	12:00	2nd floor - Conference Room A/B



Grant Theatre's *The SpongeBob Musical* Wows Audiences with Three Sold-Out Shows



The SpongeBob Musical Cast & Crew

Grant's production of *The SpongeBob Musical* made a huge splash, with all three performances selling out and audiences filling the auditorium for a vibrant, high-energy trip to Bikini Bottom. The show brought Stephen Hillenburg's beloved animated world to life in a neon-drenched, fast-paced stage production filled with humor, heart, and nonstop creativity.

When Mount Humongous threatens to erupt and destroy Bikini Bottom, SpongeBob and his friends must rally the town in a chaotic and comedic race against time. At the center of the story is SpongeBob (Junior, Kaitlyn Carpenter), whose optimism and determination inspire the underwater community to come together in the face of disaster. Along the way, the production highlights a full cast

of unforgettable characters, including Sandy Cheeks (Junior, Sophie Dollinger), Plankton (Sophomore, Joaquin Argueta), Karen (Junior, Evelyn Vasey), Mr. Krabs (Sophomore, Embry Tucibat), Pearl (Senior, Sofia Esparza), Squidward (Junior, Audrey Simcoe), and Patrick Star (Sophomore, Caleb Chrzanwski).

The show featured standout musical moments and high-energy performances across the board, showcasing both vocal talent and creative choreography. From comedic chaos to emotional ballads, the cast brought depth and personality to each role while delivering a production that kept audiences engaged from start to finish.



SpongeBob, Sandy, & Patrick



The Electric Skates Perform

Bravo to the entire cast, crew, and directors on a wildly successful run of *The SpongeBob Musical*, and thank you to the community for packing the house for all three performances!



Bikini Bottom Residents



The SpongeBob Musical Narrator



Squidward, SpongeBob, Mr. Krabs, & Pearl



The SpongeBob Musical DJ



SpongeBob & Sponge Crew



Mr. Krabs & Dancers



GCHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS



Spring CONCERTS

2026

**LET'S CELEBRATE ALL THAT OUR MUSICIANS
HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR**

Choir Concert
MAY 5 | 7:00 PM

Band Concert
MAY 12 | 7:00 PM

NO ADMISSION CHARGE - DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED
AWAYS CEREMONY TO FOLLOW FINAL PERFORMANCE
BOOSTERS WILL PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS

BOTH CONCERTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AUDITORIUM



Bulldogs Recognized for Excellence at Tech Campus



It's been a season of celebration for Grant students at the Lake County Technology Campus! We're thrilled to share two major accomplishments that highlight the talent, work ethic, and leadership of our Bulldogs.

First, congratulations to the three Bulldogs named "Students of the Quarter" for the Third Quarter! Each Tech Campus instructor selects one student per program who stands out for their academic achievement, strong attendance, positive work ethic, and active participation in both class and campus activities. Being recognized in this way is a high honor, and we're proud of our students for representing Grant so well through their hard work and professionalism.

In addition, several of our Tech Campus seniors have been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). These students earned this distinction by maintaining an A average during the first semester and consistently demonstrating the core values of NTHS: leadership, honesty, responsibility, and pride in skilled craftsmanship. Their commitment to excellence and their futures sets a strong example for peers across the district.

Please join us in congratulating all of these outstanding Bulldogs. Their accomplishments are a reflection of their passion, drive, and dedication, and we can't wait to see what they'll achieve next!



National Technical Honor Society

Melissa Atanacio – Certified Nurse Assisting	Jocelyn Martinez – Cosmetology II
Alexa Barahona – Medical Assisting	Joselyn Martinez – CJ Careers & Forensic Investigators
Alexis Cooper – Certified Nurse Assisting	Lesly Martinez – Certified Nurse Assisting
Chezie Dahl – Cosmetology I	Grant Miller – Automotive Service II
Kahlen Davis – Certified Nurse Assisting	Adam Moore – Automotive Service I
Mya Davis – Cosmetology II	Goretti Morales – Cosmetology II
Lluvia Delgado – Certified Nurse Assisting	Valeria Munoz – Certified Nurse Assisting
Desiree Dickson – Early Education & Teaching II	Peyton O'Brien – Automotive Service II
Berit Diedrick – Culinary Arts II	Areli Ortiz – Certified Nurse Assisting
Cherish Eason – Emergency Medical Service I	Kelsey Palomo – Certified Nurse Assisting
Gavin Farley – Welding/Fabrication II	Riley Pilman – Certified Nurse Assisting
ShaeLyn Fortin – Cosmetology I	Diego Popoca – Welding/Fabrication II
Kaitlyn Franzua – Principles of Biomedical Sciences & Human Body Systems	Haley Schadle – Certified Nurse Assisting
Jacob Gregory – Emergency Medical Service I	Baylie Schultz – Certified Nurse Assisting
Kelley Hobbs – Cosmetology II	Emma Schuster – Certified Nurse Assisting
Kyle Hobson – Automotive Service II	Camila Serrano – Certified Nurse Assisting
Delaney Johnson – Emergency Medical Service I	Alyssa Slong – Cosmetology I
Sean Kraft – Intro to Criminal Justice & Policing	Reece Timm – Construction Skills & Management II
Patrick Liston – Automotive Service II	Mack Wlekinski – Automotive Service II

Student Representative to the Board of Education

We are pleased to announce that junior Bartek Chrupek has been selected to serve as the Student Representative to the Board of Education for the 2026–2027 school year! Bartek will be the fifth student to hold this important role, continuing the tradition of amplifying student voice in Board discussions and strengthening communication between the student body, administration, and Board of Education.

Bartek has been invited to attend the May and June Board meetings to shadow our current representative, Izzy Ellington, and prepare for the upcoming year. We are excited to welcome him as an active participant on the Board. He will undoubtedly provide valuable insight from the student perspective and help foster ongoing two-way communication.



Social Studies Golden Globe Recipient

Arianna Larracas is April's recipient of the Social Studies Golden Globe Award!

Ari stands out for the way she jumps into class discussions, asks thoughtful questions, and isn't afraid to take on any side of a debate. As a sophomore in AP

U.S. Government and Politics, she has challenged herself and continues to impress with her willingness to engage, think critically, and push her understanding further. Her teacher, Mr. Boton, shared that Ari is "outgoing and argumentative in the best possible way, never backing down to a challenge," and that she consistently takes accountability for her learning by seeking support and working to strengthen her skills. Congratulations, Ari, on this well-deserved recognition!



The Social Studies Department presents Arianna with the Golden Globe award.

Freshman Honors Breakfast

It's a yearly tradition at Grant to celebrate all our Freshman students who have attained a GPA of 2.8 or above during their first semester, participated in at least one co-curricular activity, and maintained a 95% or better attendance rate, and yesterday, we did just that. With 132 Freshmen and their families attending breakfast, it was a morning full of applause, cheer, and appreciation. Thank you to those who joined us, and congratulations to our honored Bulldogs!



Freshmen and their families celebrate at Freshman Honors Breakfast.



Freshmen and their families celebrate at Freshman Honors Breakfast.

Summer Camp Registration is now available online! When registering online, you can select your desired camp, fill in the appropriate information for your student, and click 'add to cart'. You will use your current RevTrak account, or create an account if you are a new user.

Online registration will close for each camp one business day before the start of camp. Paper forms with registration and check/cash will be accepted up to the first day of camp.

[Online Registration](#)
[Summer Camp Brochure 2025](#)

Please email our athletic secretary, Cory Bowles, cbowles@grantbulldogs.org, with any questions.



SENIOR SHOUT OUTS

CELEBRATING ALL THAT OUR SENIORS HAVE ACHIEVED

AJ Annarella

College of Lake County
National Junior College Athletics Association

Cooper Burr

William Penn University
Men's Shotgun Sports Scholarship

Kaden Cleveland

Blackburn College
BC Scholarship
Blackburn College Award

Zachary Collins

University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
Grant Community High School
Scholar Athlete for Baseball & Football

Desiree Dickson

College of Lake County
Bowling Athletic Scholarship

John Dollinger

Arizona State University
Dean's Scholarship
Indiana University
Bloomington Scholarship
Babson College
Arthur M. Blank School for Entrepreneurial Leadership
Scholarship

Izzy Ellington

Grant Community High School
The Illinois Principals Association for the Lake Region
Student Recognition & Student Representative for the
Board of Education

Sofia Esparza

Wartburg College
Presidential Scholarship, Access to Excellence, Knight's
Out of State Grant, Orange Grant

Kaelee Feliciano

Saint Mary's College
Madaleva Scholarship

Adaly Flores

Loyola University
Presidential Scholarship

Casey Gipson

Wartburg College
Access to Excellence, Knight's Out of State Grant, Knight's
Scholarship Day Grant, Orange Grant, Visit Day Award,
Wartburg College Grant, Wartburg Opportunity Scholarship

Matthew Gipson

University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
Academic Non-Resident Grant & Athletic Non-Resident Grant

Madison Govea

Illinois State University
Redbird Academic Scholarship

Grayce Haschak

Village of Volo Scholarship
Central Michigan University
Maroon & Gold Recognition Merit Scholarship & Village of Volo
Scholarship

Caden Hitzler

Grant Community High School
AP Scholar Award with Distinction
Illinois State University
Illinois State Scholar Award, Science IS-U STEM Scholars
Scholarship, Enhance Redbird Academic Scholarship, & Aim
High Scholarship

Tristan Huizar

Columbia College of Chicago
Illinois Scholar Award & Dean's Scholarship

Julianna Janicki

Illinois State University
Redbird Academic Scholarship & Aim High Award

Emma Malak

Village of Volo Scholarship

Gavin Meyer

Illinois Institute of Technology
Heald Merit Scholarship, STEM Scholarship, SCITECH
Scholarship, & Housing Scholarship



SENIOR SHOUT OUTS

CELEBRATING ALL THAT OUR SENIORS HAVE ACHIEVED

Logan Miller

Coe College
Williston Jones Leadership Scholarship & Crimson Award
Carthage College
Founders Scholarship
Dominican University
Presidential Scholarship
Embry Riddle University
Presidential Scholarship
IL Tech
Heald Scholarship

Goretti Morales

Tech Campus - Cosmetology
Honor Roll

Eric Ramirez Martinez

Village of Volo Scholarship
Presidents Award Program Scholarship

Erin Neiweem

University of Illinois Chicago
Cancellor's Fellows (AIM High) Scholarship

Sydney Renn

Western Michigan University
Bronco Achievement Scholarship

Logan Sledzik

Augustana College
Founders Scholarship

Annabelle Smith

Award of Excellence from the Congress of Future Medical
Leaders & State Scholar
Fordham University
Scholarship
DePaul University
Honors Program & Scholarship
Loyola University
Scholarship
UIC
Honors Program & Scholarship

Leah Wagner

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Black & Gold Scholarship, Chancellor's Merit Scholarship, &
Milwaukee Advantage Program Award for Midwest Students

Raniyah Winters

Northern Illinois University
Four merit-based scholarships, two summer internship
offers, & National Society of High School Scholars

Alivia Wisniowicz

Grand Canyon University
President Scholarship

Congratulations,



Class of 2026!

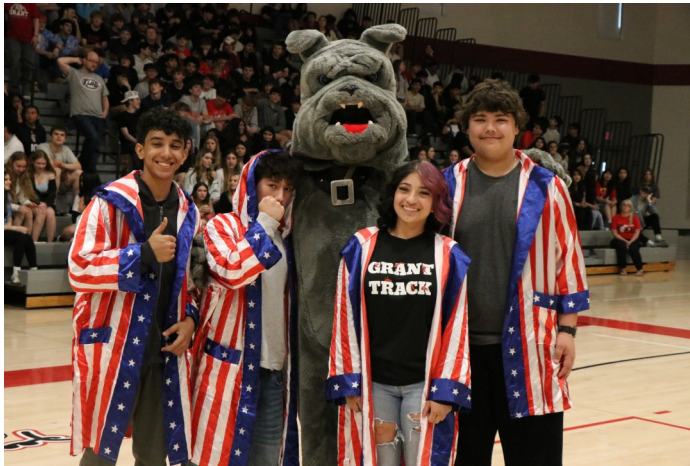
SPRING PEP ASSEMBLY



Senior Class



Prom Court



TEAM representatives for the final round of the Rock Paper Scissors Tournament.

Seniors win the Bulldog Cup!



Color Guard performs.



The SpongeBob Musical Cast & Crew



Staff Appreciation Dance with the Grant Dance Team



Cayden Zeller conducts the band through our fight song.

College & Career Center News

With so much happening in the world of higher education and in our workforce, make sure to check out the [College & Career Center Newsletter webpage](#) every month for assistance with navigating the opportunities available to you. If you are looking for guidance regarding your post-high school plans, contact Mrs. Masura and set up an appointment today.

As the school year winds down, we know that many of our junior students and families are beginning to explore post-secondary options. To that end, we wanted to provide more information regarding the One Click Admit Program, which was created by the State of Illinois this summer to provide a more streamlined, stress-free admissions experience for most of the state's public universities and all of its community colleges.

The One Click Admit Program provides students with direct admissions opportunities at participating universities and community colleges in the State of Illinois. This eliminates the need for essays, application fees, and letters of recommendation.

To participate in the One Click Admit Program, parents must complete the opt-in process no later than May 22. This permits them to upload their student's sixth-semester GPA to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) portal. During the fall of senior year, colleges and universities will extend admissions offers to the students whose GPA meets the criteria established by each school.

Participation in the One Click Admit Program is optional. If students choose not to participate in the program and/or do not meet the GPA criteria established by the participating schools, they may still apply using the traditional application process.

More information regarding the One Click Admit Program may be found below:

[One Click College Admit Workshop Webinars](#)

[One Click College Admit - Junior Opt-In Walkthrough](#)

[One Click College Admit - Parent Opt-In Walkthrough](#)

[One Click College Admit Website](#)

As always, please reach out to your student's school counselor with any questions.



Online Re-Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year

Our student management system, Skyward, facilitates our electronic re-enrollment process by utilizing web-based technology. Re-enrollment is open from Monday, April 27, 2026, to Friday, June 26, 2026, and is accessible twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Failure to re-enroll within the open re-enrollment period may jeopardize your student's [On-Site Material Pick-up](#) process. Student schedules are not accessible until the online re-enrollment process has been completed.

Your electronic re-enrollment process begins at www.grantbulldogs.org via the Skyward Family Access Link. After accessing Skyward Family Access, your unique login and password is required. Your log-in and password information was mailed to you on June 24. Please email tech@grantbulldogs.org if you did not receive this information. If you currently use Skyward Family Access your login and password are still the same. Re-enrollment must be done from the parent/guardian Skyward account, re-enrollment will not be available if using student's Skyward account. After entering Skyward via your account, begin the re-enrollment process by clicking on Go To Online Re-enrollment 2026/27.

The re-enrollment process is the same for all enrolled students, but the information required varies slightly by grade level. Generally, the process will include general student information, student fee schedule, health information, internet access form, planner signature, technology signature, athletic information, pre-payment for food service, and counselor information. If you have more than one student enrolled at Grant, re-enrollment must be completed for each student enrolled. Re-enrollment for each student is estimated to take 10 – 20 minutes.

A [FAQ guide](#) has been developed as a simple self-help guide for commonly asked questions like: Do I have to complete the entire process in one sitting? Who should I call for assistance? What types of computer/device can I use to complete re-enrollment?

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter or do not see the Online Re-enrollment button when you log in to Skyward, please do not hesitate to contact tech@grantbulldogs.org for clarification.

Bulldog Happenings

We welcomed back our **Writers Expo** this April, bringing two days of creativity, storytelling, and inspiration to our Bulldogs!

Day 1 highlighted the voices within our own building, as students and staff shared original pieces across a variety of genres. It was a powerful reminder of the talent and stories that exist right here at Grant.



Nate Marshall

Day 2 featured incredible guest speakers, including graphic novelist Gene Ha and poet Nate Marshall, who provided insight into their creative processes and inspired students through their work and experiences.



Gene Ha

Thank you to our guest authors and all of our student and staff writers who made this year's Writers Expo such a meaningful and engaging experience!

Bulldog Happenings

As part of their recent **Day of Service**, students from **Stanton** spent time helping clean up Grant's campus, demonstrating the value of service, teamwork, and community involvement. Their efforts helped beautify outdoor spaces around the school while making a positive impact that students and staff alike will appreciate.



Stanton students donate their time to help clean up the GCHS campus.

We are grateful for their hard work, generosity, and willingness to serve. Their efforts helped strengthen the connection between our schools and highlighted the sense of community that makes opportunities like this so meaningful.

Thank you to the Stanton students and staff for your support and for making a difference on our campus!



GCHS Varsity Lacrosse Team

Boys Lacrosse is off to a great start. As of April 20th, the Varsity team is 6-1 overall, and 1-0 in NLCC play, with big wins over Stevenson and 8th-ranked Barrington. Multiple players are reaching career highs, with statistical leaders being Logan Wishcnicia, Grayson Lennon, Jackson Fudala, and Carrera Ortega. Brody Lyons has been solid from the stripe and looks to continue a great face-off percentage for the rest of the season. Come

We held our annual **Wellness Fair** last month, with students leading the charge in promoting healthy habits. From showcasing the benefits of flavored water to raising awareness about the dangers of opioids and alcohol, students created engaging, informative stations for their peers. This peer-led event encouraged Bulldogs to take an active role in their well-being and highlighted the importance of making informed, healthy choices.



Students participate in our annual Wellness Fair.



Students participate in the youth advisory council.

Several Grant students recently participated in **State Senator Craig Wilcox's Youth Advisory Council**, gaining firsthand experience in civic engagement and public policy discussions.

During the session, students explored the concept of state-sponsored grocery stores in food deserts, debating the potential benefits and challenges of increasing food access through government-supported initiatives. In addition to the debate, students learned about the food supply system from farm to table and how both state and national policies impact food production, distribution, and accessibility.

This experience provided students with a deeper understanding of real-world issues while strengthening their critical thinking, communication, and collaboration skills.

**THE FUTURE IS NOW
MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGER TIPS**

**HOW IT WORKS: (IPHONES AND ANDROID PHONES)
USE YOUR CAMERA TO SCAN THE QR CODE**

THE LINK WILL POP UP ON YOUR SCREEN



CRISIS HOTLINES



**NATIONAL SUICIDE
PREVENTION
CENTER
CALL
1-800-273-8255**



**CRISIS TEXT LINE
TEXT "CONNECT"
TO 741741**



**TEEN LINE
TEXT "TEEN" TO
310-855-4673**



**THE TREVOR
PROJECT
TEXT "TREVOR"
TO
202-304-1200**

**YOUTH FRIENDLY RESOURCES
RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH**



**YOUNG WOMEN'S
HEALTH**



**YOUNG MEN'S
HEALTH**



**MINDFULNESS
FOR TEENS**



MOOD 24/7



SHINE TEXT



GO ASK ALICE

**BREAKING THE STIGMA AND
HELPING A FRIEND IN NEED BY
OFFERING:**

Elyssa's Mission ACT:

Acknowledge - Care - Tell

Acknowledge: Listen to your friend,
don't ignore threats

Care: Let your friend know
you care.

Tell a trusted adult



**REACHING OUT TO SCHOOL
STAFF CAN BE THE FIRST STEP**

**YOUR POSITIVE SUPPORT GROUP CAN
CONSIST OF:**

**COUNSELOR, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST,
SOCIAL WORKER, SCHOOL NURSE**

Text A Tip: text "LAKECO" to 844-823-5323

BULLDOGS KEEP IT RED BY TAKING CARE OF MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS



Grant Community High School District 124



CALENDAR

2026

2027

Aug. 5 Freshmen Orientation
 Aug. 10, 11 Institute Days, No Student Attendance
 Aug. 12 1st Day of Student Attendance
 Aug. 19, 26 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Aug. 25 Back to School Night

 Sept. 7 Labor Day, Legal School Holiday
 Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Sept. 11 Progress Report
 Sept. 25 Homecoming

 Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Oct. 9 Institute Day, No Student Attendance
 Oct. 12 Columbus Day, Legal School Holiday
 Oct. 13 PreACT Testing
 Oct. 15 Progress Report
 Oct. 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00 to 8:00 pm
 Oct. 23 Parent/Teacher Conf., 8:00am-Noon, No Student Attend.

 Nov. 4, 11, 18 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Nov. 16 Progress Report
 Nov. 25, 26, 27 Thanksgiving Recess, No School

 Dec. 2, 9 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Dec. 16, 17, 18 Semester Exams
 Dec. 21 - Jan 1 Winter Break

Jan. 4 School Resumes, 2nd Semester Begins
 Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Legal School Holiday

 Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Feb. 4 Progress Report
 Feb. 12 Institute Day, No Student Attendance
 Feb. 15 Presidents' Day Observed, No School

 Mar. 3, 10, 17, 31 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Mar 11 Progress Report
 Mar. 22 - 26 Spring Break

 Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Apr. 6 ACT Testing
 Apr. 21 Progress Report
 Apr. 30 Prom, 1:35pm Early Release

 May 5 & 12 School Improvement 9:25am Flex Time Start
 May 11, 12 Senior Final Exams
 May 14 Graduation Practice, 1:35pm Early Release
 May 16 Graduation
 May 18, 19, 20 Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior Final Exams
 May 21 ,24, 25, 26, 27 **Emergency Days, if necessary**
 May 31 Memorial Day

◇ Freshmen Orientation

★ First Day of School

○ Parent/Teacher Conf.

✗ No Student Attendance

△ Flex Time Start-9:25am

□ End of Semester

⊙ Graduation

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May

May 1	Early Release, 1:35 PM Prom
May 4	AP Testing Begins
May 5	Spring Choir Concert
May 6	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Senior Honors Night
May 9	Fido Fest
May 12	Senior Final Exams Spring Band Concert
May 13	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25 AM Flex Time Start Senior Final Exams
May 15	Early Release, 1:35 PM Graduation Rehearsal
May 17	Graduation
May 20-22	Freshman, Sophomore, & Junior Final Exams *Wednesday, May 20 is NOT a flex start day
May 25	Memorial Day

June

June 8	Summer school begins, 8:00 AM
June 18	Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM
June 25	Last day of summer school
June 26	Online re-enrollment for 2026-2027 school year closes