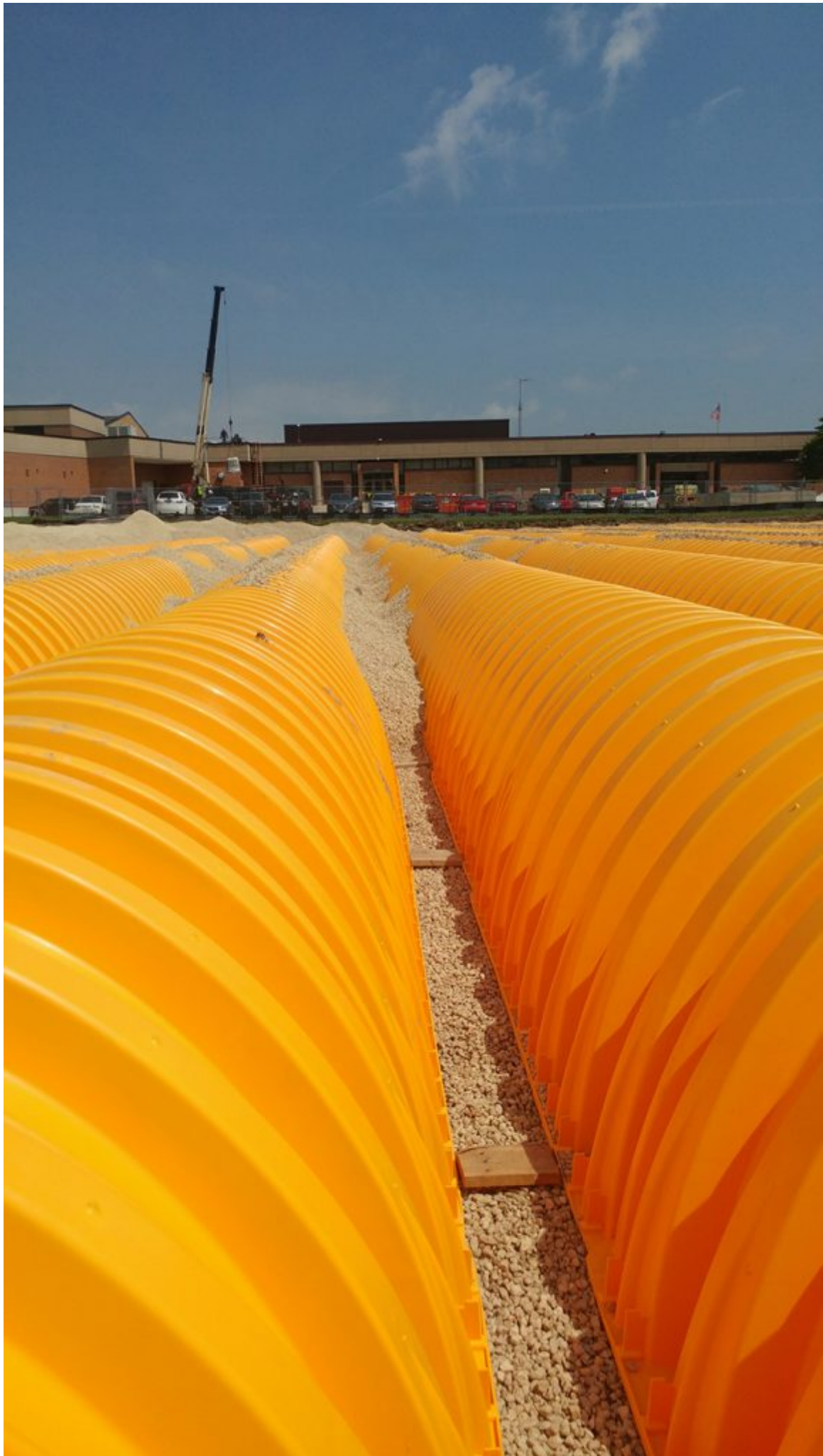


PHOTOS: UPDATE ON FHS ATHLETIC FIELD CONSTRUCTION

Work is underway on FHS' athletic fields to help with drainage. This is the first phase of the athletic field renovations and the drainage project is nearing completion. View some of the photos below:





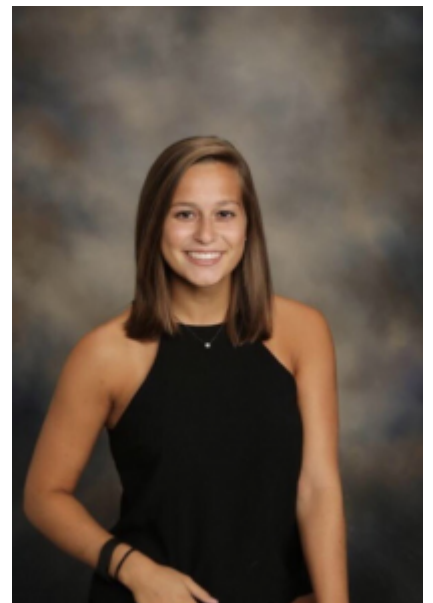


TWO D211 ALUMNAE WIN SCHOLARSHIPS FROM PALATINE'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS ADVISORY FORUM

Two District 211 alumnae recently received scholarships from the Palatine's Women in Business Advisory Forum (WIBAF).



Kathleen McManus



Nina Vrtjak

Palatine High School Alumna Kathleen McManus and Fremd High School Alumna Nina Vrtjak

each received \$1,000 from the Palatine Chamber of Commerce group. The non-renewable funds will go toward college tuition, fees, books, or supplies.

To be eligible for the scholarship, female students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher, with the intent of attending a two-year or four-year college or university to earn a degree in a business-related field. Other criteria considered by the judges included business coursework in high school, employment experience, clubs/activities/service/volunteer roles, two short response questions, and two letters of recommendation.

Kathleen, the recipient from Fremd High School, will be attending University of Alabama where she plans to major in Marketing. Kathleen's many activities in high school ranged from clubs to theater groups to the competitive dance team. Kathleen has been working in marketing while attending high school through an internship in digital media—a position she earned through a networking connection formed in her Business Incubator class at Fremd.

Nina Vrtjak, the recipient from Palatine High School, will be attending University of Minnesota-Twin Cities where she will be majoring in Accounting. Nina's application demonstrated a strong combination of coursework and employment experience and she was also very involved in clubs and athletics at Palatine High School. One of Nina's essays described a mentoring relationship she built as part of her Small Business Incubator class—which truly relates to the relationships built by members of the WIBAF networking group. Nina plans to study accounting, which she describes as being like a "jigsaw puzzle" because there is always "an answer that adds up."

This year's scholarship committee volunteers included WIBAF members Joan Scovic from Palatine Park District (committee chair), Fay Ellen Buican of HomeSmart, Deb Gabriel with Edward Jones, Amanda Kamick from Sport-Clips – Palatine, and Alex Looff with Signs By Tomorrow – Arlington Heights. Funds for the 2016-2017 scholarship program were raised through a fashion show fundraiser and raffle prize drawings offered at WIBAF's monthly networking luncheons.

**PHS, CHS STUDENTS WIN BIG AT
DISTRICT 211 BUSINESS INCUBATOR
PITCH NIGHT**



Students in High School District 211's Business Incubator program spent the school year developing business ideas to try to bring them to life with the help of investors.

Six of the best teams from each school's Business Incubator course were selected to compete at the District Pitch Night for real funding this past May. After planning and preparation, each team presented their business idea to a panel of judges in hopes of being awarded \$20,000 in seed money from the District 211 Foundation.

Two teams won this year's seed money: *Green Dirt* from Conant High School and *Snow and Co.* from Palatine High School. Green Dirt also was recently invited to compete at the INCubatoredu National Pitch Competition that will take place at the Loyola Corby Law Center in Chicago this July.

Students enrolled in the Business Incubator class learn what it takes to be an entrepreneur, as well as how to be successful in creating their own product or service. The course covers topics about marketing, human resources, accounting, and the legal aspects of operating a business. When preparing for pitches, students worked not only with their classroom teacher, but also had support from community content experts and mentors. For the teams that did not receive funding, investors encouraged them all to continue pursuing their ideas.

The following teams participated at the District 211 pitch night event:



WINNER: Green Dirt – Conant High School

Students: Akash Moozhayil, Kunal Mahajan, Stoil Ionov, Rohan Antony, Patryk Barszczuk

Mentor: David Wolff of Wolff's Fleamarket



Company overview: *GreenDirt is a startup company that addresses the major problem of food waste. We collect scraps from local restaurants, convert to a premium gardening product, vermicompost, which we then sell to local nurseries and garden centers.*



WINNER: Snow and Co. – Palatine High School

Students: Alex Brztowski, Katherine Perez, Nemecio Luna, Reil Snow

Mentor: CJ Ritterbusch of Concord Marketing Solutions



Company overview: *The Janus Pack is the solution for students who need to charge their electronics while helping students with organizational skills.*



Finalist: KickCarrier – Schaumburg High School

Students: Katherine Edeus, Daniel Galovich, Lisette Hurtado, Vincent Kandefer



Mentor: Jon Zaley of Odem Expo

Company overview: *KickCarrier is a unique platform where sneakerheads can buy, sell, or trade shoes. If it doesn't sell, we will buy it!*



Finalist: ProjectTapp-Tapp Camp – Conant High School

Students: Eliot Chang, Mitesh Patel, Michael Kim

Mentor: Jim Gallo of Specialty Finishing Group



Company overview: *ProjectTapp is a start-up mobile app developer for the private and public sector providing an incubator-type platform that integrates TappCamp, a coding educational and training service. TappCamp educates students in grades 5 – 12 to become app writers and future app developers for ProjectTapp that, in return, adds more innovation and creativity to the mobile app industry.*



Finalist: BlissFoot – Fremd High School

Students: Laura Bienek, Aarsh Desai, Hanna Murakami, Luke Schoffstall, Gianfranco Torres

Mentor: Chris Banakis of Acuity Advisory Partners LLC



Company overview: *BlissFoot provides competitive long distance runners and other endurance athletes with on-the-go protection against friction, and the resulting irritation, in order to reduce discomfort and enhance performance.*



Finalist: InnerMap – Hoffman Estates High School

Students: Chloe Jefferson, Edlawit Zerihun, Errick Delaney

Mentor: Sheila Serafin of RIM Logistics



Company overview: *InnerMap will design and create indoor mapping for large public buildings such as malls, airports, and stadiums. The software and app will provide consumers with step by step directions to where they need to go as well as allow retailers in the buildings to push advertising and promotions to potential customers nearby.*

FHS BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM PLACES 4TH PLACE IN IHSA STATE TOURNAMENT

Fremd High School hosted a rally earlier this week to celebrate the Varsity Boys Basketball Team placing 4th in the IHSA State Tournament. During the rally, seniors on the team competed against staff members in a short basketball game. View photos of the rally below.



The team poses with the state

trophy after a school rally to celebrate the team's success.



Team captains present Principal Kurt Tenopir with the state trophy.



Seniors on the team take on staff members during a friendly basketball game during the rally.



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FHS celebrated the team's 4th place finish in the state tournament during a rally earlier this week.



Seniors on the team take on staff members during a friendly basketball game during the rally.



Seniors played a quick basketball game against staff members during the rally.



Highlights from the season were

| shown during the rally.

FHS VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM CELEBRATES 4TH PLACE IN STATE TOURNAMENT

Fremd High School hosted a rally earlier this week to celebrate the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team placing 4th in the IHSA State Tournament. During the rally, students competed against each other and staff in various basketball games. View photos of the rally, as well as the state trophy, below.



Principal Kurt Tenopir is presented the state trophy by the team's captains.



Coach Dave Yates introduces the team at the rally.



Students and staff participated in basketball games for prizes.



The Varsity Girls' Basketball team poses at a rally to celebrate their success at state.



The FHS varsity girls' basketball team placed 4th in the IHSA State Tournament.



A highlight reel was played during the rally.

TWO DISTRICT 211 STUDENTS EARN PERFECT SCORE ON ACT



Fremd High School student Kevin Chen and Palatine High School student Sarah Gonwa earned perfect scores on the ACT.

At its Feb. 16, 2017 meeting, the Board of Education honored two High School District 211 students for achieving a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the ACT exam.

Fremd High School student Kevin Chen and Palatine High School student Sarah Gonwa earned perfect scores on the ACT. Both students said they were surprised to learn of

earning a perfect score.

“I was really surprised when I learned I got a 36 on the test,” Kevin said. “I was really expecting to have to take it again.”

Sarah said that she took the ACT through school but needed to take the exam that included the writing portion. She said taking the first test along with preparation from some of her advanced classes helped her achieve a 36. Both students said keeping calm about the exam was a key to their success.

“The most important thing is to be calm going in to the test,” she said. “If you think too much about the repercussions of the test it can really overwhelm you. People need to remember there are more opportunities to take the test again so if they don’t do well they can take it again.”

Both students said they are in the process of applying to college and choosing majors. Kevin said he is interested in possibly attending a school on either the east or west coast and pursuing something in math or science. Sarah said she might like to major in economics or statistics.

The ACT, which is taken by nearly 60 percent of America’s college-bound students is comprised of tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student’s score is the average of the four test scores. On average, less than one-tenth of one percent of all ACT test takers earn a top score.

Since 1998, 96 High School District 211 students have earned a top score of 36 on the ACT.

[WATCH: TOP DISTRICT 211 BAND, ORCHESTRA STUDENTS PERFORM AT HONORS ORCHESTRA CONCERT](#)



Some of the most advanced District 211 band and

orchestra students showcased their talents during a recent concert in front of the community. This year's District 211 Honors Orchestra Concert was held at Palatine High School on Feb. 11. Band and orchestra students District-wide were part of the performance. Watch the performance in the videos below: