

D211 POST: COLLEGE NIGHT IS OCTOBER 10



As part of District 211's effort to help prepare students for post-high school education, the District will host its annual college night October 10. The informational event will be held at Palatine High School from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The representatives from more than 210 two- and four-year colleges and universities will be on hand to answer a variety of questions. Representatives will discuss financial aid, curriculum and campus information.

In some cases, parents and students do not have the ability to visit a large number of colleges and universities in order to make a choice which best fits the student. The District's College Night brings the colleges and universities to them. In preparation for College Night, students are encouraged to register with Strivscan and create a label sheet which includes information such as home address, high school, GPA, ACT scores, and activity involvement. Students can register with StriveScan by going to [here](#).

District 211 Transportation will provide free shuttle services from other District schools to Palatine. Parents are encouraged to sign up for this service as parking at Palatine High School is limited. Parents and students can sign up for the shuttle service [here](#).

D211 POST: A SCORE OF PERFECT SCORES



Fifteen students from William Fremd High School are among the students throughout District 211 to score perfect scores on either the ACT or SAT.

Township High School District 211 began tracking students who received the highest possible composite score on the American College Test (ACT) in April 1998. Since then, nearly 120 District 211 students have completed the same amazing feat. During the same time, 12 students have achieved a perfect score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Here are some facts by the numbers of these amazing feats:

A Case of Multiples

Eight students have received a score of 36 on their ACT exam twice. Half of the students who scored a 1600 (maximum possible score) on the SAT have also scored a 36 on the ACT. Only one student, Fremd High School's Parag Gupta, earned a

perfect SAT score and two perfect ACT scores, accomplishing these scores in 2003.

They Come from Everywhere

Every school from across District 211 has had students who reached the vaunted 36. At least one student from each school has also achieved the perfect 1600 SAT score. The most represented school in both of these is Fremd High School. Fifteen current FHS students are among the list of perfect scores on either the ACT or SAT, including Duncan Harro, whose brother, Cameron, also scored a 36 on the ACT in 2014.

At the national level, less than one-tenth of one percent of all students who take the ACT exam score a 36. To see the full list of District students to score a 36 on the ACT click [here](#), for those who have scored a 1600 on the SAT click [here](#).

[D211 POST: CROSSTOWN VOLLEYBALL RIVALS TO BATTLE FOR CANCER CHARITY](#)

On October 4th crosstown rivals Palatine High School and William Fremd High School Volleyball teams will meet at PHS to compete in the Match for Maeve. The match will raise money for the Maeve McNicholas Memorial Foundation which is named for Maeve McNicholas who died at 2 years old only 36 hours after being diagnosed with a brain tumor.



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diagnosis.*

During the match the Palatine Pirates will be wearing gray jerseys in support of pediatric brain tumor research while the Fremd Vikings will wear green which is one of the foundation's colors.

Palatine High School Sophomore Girls Volleyball Coach and Fremd Alumna Kelly Doherty said the proceeds from the event will be donated to help assist programs which help increase awareness about the severity and prevalence of childhood brain tumors, aid in early detection, aid in research, and support families of childhood cancer patients.

During the tournament Palatine and Fremd will team up to host a bake sale. They will also hold a "chuck a duck" contest where participants can purchase rubber ducks for \$1 which they can attempt to hit a bullseye placed on the floor. Attendees can also purchase 50/50 raffle tickets.

Gameplay begins with Freshman A, B, and JV games at 5:00 p.m. and Sophomore and Varsity games at 6:00 p.m. Admission for the evening is \$2 for adults while students are free. For more information visit the foundation's website at www.maevesfoundation.org.

**D211 POST: OLD PHS BAND UNIFORMS
GET NEW LIFE**



This year sees the Palatine High School Pirate Marching Band taking the field in brand new uniforms. The uniforms replaced uniforms which began use nearly 30 years ago. Band director Carlos Esquivel wanted to immortalize the long standing and outgoing uniforms.

After discussion with members of the Band Boosters the group decided on creating pillows from the uniforms. The pillows were ultimately designed by Booster member Ellen Theis. This realized the varying size of uniforms would make patterns difficult. With her background as an engineer, she developed the formula which would allow the ultimate use the use for identical pillows.

“The uniforms themselves were really stunning,” This said. “I wanted to capture a lot of the look and feel of them as we could. We wanted keep this as a memento for alumni and students.”



Each pillow has the embroidered P from the back of the jacket on one side and the ornate scroll on the reverse. The pillow edges are trimmed using material from the uniform trousers. The boosters have been able to create approximately 200 pillows from retired uniforms.



The boosters worked closely with Palatine High School Culinary Arts Teacher Erika Varela to use the Family & Consumer Science rooms during band camp. While students worked on perfecting their performance crafts, the parents worked to craft the collectable pillows.

Esquivel said the pillows are expected to go on sale during Homecoming. For more information or to place orders visit the PHS Marching Bands website [here](#) or contact Esquivel at 847-755-1802 or cesquivel@d211.org.

D211 POST: HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211 TO BE REPRESENTED AMONG I.S.B.E. 2018 THOSE WHO EXCEL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Township High School District 211 is poised to be well-represented among recipients in the Illinois State Board of Education's *2018 Those Who Excel* education awards program. Additionally, Fremd High School Social Studies Teacher Dr. LoriAnne Frieri has been named among the 10 finalists for Illinois Teacher of the Year. The State Board annually sponsors the *Those Who Excel* awards to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the state's public and non-public schools.

High School District 211 *Those Who Excel* award candidates include (listed alphabetically):



- Board of Education President Mucia Burke (school board member category)



- Schaumburg High School Student Services Director Yassila Delgado (administrator category)



- William Fremd High School Social Studies Teacher LoriAnne Frieri (classroom teacher category)



- Palatine High School Homeroom Team (team category): Jessica Aulisio, Brittany Berleman, Jeanne Hedgepeth, Erin Lu-zadder, Erin Mahoney, Thomas Mocon, James Nowak, Fred Rasmussen, Joyce Richardson, Leslie Schock, and Claudia Sierra-Sokop



- Palatine High School Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Emily Pilguy (early career educator category)



- James B. Conant High School Nurse Dawna Smeltzer (student support personnel category)



- Hoffman Estates High School Counselor Andrew Wulbecker (educational service personnel category)

The Illinois Teacher of the Year will be named and *Those Who Excel* award recipients will be honored by the Illinois State Board of Education at the 44th-annual *Those Who Excel* awards banquet on Saturday, October 20, in Normal, Ill.

[D211 POST: DISTRICT 211 HOSTS FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM](#)



Township High School District 211 will host its 4th annual First-Generation College Night at Palatine High School September 19 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Childcare services will be available at the school from 6:15 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. The symposium, open to all District 211 families, is designed to educate families whose student will be the first to attend college after high school. Discussions will range from the application process to financial aid and will include representatives from a number of two and four-year colleges and universities.

The symposium is broken into four primary sessions, opening with a parent of a recent District 211 graduate, whose student was the first of their family to go to college. Following the introductory comments, students and families will be broken into groups based on the student's year of school. In those groups, families will learn how to navigate various aspects of the college application process. All sessions will be conducted in English and Spanish.

During the third session of the evening, representatives from colleges including University of Illinois Chicago, Harper College, DePaul and St. Francis will discuss and compare the college experiences of large, small, and private schools. The symposium will serve as a bridge for the District's College Night which will be held at Palatine High School October 10.



Palatine High School Director of Student Services Secretary Claudia Sierra-Sokop said the First Generation College Symposium is designed to ease the college preparation.

“We want to make the college application process as easy as possible for everyone,” she said. “We give them every resource we can allowing them to reach out with any specific questions they may have.”

**D211 POST: PALATINE ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR HONORED BY ILLINOIS
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION**



Long-time Palatine High School Athletic Director Jerry Dobbs has been named as one of the Illinois Athletic Director Association's Athletic Director of the Year for 2018.

Dobbs, who has worked as the school's athletic director for twenty-years, was honored during the association's annual conference May 6. Over the course of his career, he has served in a variety of positions both in the school and with the association.

"It's very humbling to know that your colleagues feel you are excelling in the same job they are doing each and every day," Dobbs said. "I'm very proud of the reputation and work ethic of our athletic staff at Palatine High School."

One of those colleagues, Barrington High School Athletic Director Michael Obsuszt has known Dobbs for more than 15 years and said he has seen Dobbs' leadership firsthand.

"His leadership to our athletic conference has ranged from conference president to serving as a member of several committees," said Michael Obsuszt, Barrington High School Athletic Director.

Dobbs said one aspect he has enjoyed during his time at Palatine has been helping coaches and athletes be successful in their respective sports. Looking ahead, he added that he wants to help the programs continue improve.

"Going forward, I want to continue doing what I can to help PHS be one of the best athletic programs in the state of Illinois," he said.