

D211 POST: SCHAUMBURG BAND TRAVELS 4400 MILES ...TO PLAY IN SCHAUMBURG



Ernestinum Bigband (from Facebook)

The Ernestinum Bigband, a student band from Schaumburg, Germany, will perform with the Schaumburg High School Jazz Ensemble October 6, as part of the German bands area visit. The two bands will perform in the high school's auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Schaumburg High School Music Department Chair Vinnie Inendino said he and his students are eager for the joint concert.

"We're looking forward to the opportunity to get to know and perform with these outstanding student musicians," he said. "Even though we speak different languages, our students share a connection through their passion for music."

The Ernestinum Bigband is in the area participating in a total of eight concerts which will conclude with a concert at William Fremd High School in the school's cafeteria on October 12, at 7:00 p.m. Fremd's Music Department Chair Matthew Moore said the experience should provide a unique opportunity for the students.

"We hope the students will get an appreciation for high school students from another country, enjoying jazz music from Germany, and a few new friendships," he said.

For the full list of the Ernestinum Bigband's concerts in the area, check out the Daily Herald's article [here](#).

[D211 POST: FREMD HOLDS FIRST CHAMPION PROGRAM MEETING](#)



Fremd High School Math Teacher Maddie Junge speaks with Sophomore Megan Keith during the first Champion Program meeting.

A group of teachers and staff at William Fremd High School wanted to combat students' feelings of no connection with the school. The group ultimately came up with the Champion Program, which would pair these students with staff members who volunteered as mentors. The program held their kick-off meeting October 2.

Special Education Department Chair, Jessica Medinah said the purpose of the mentors is to create an additional support system for students.

"These students would benefit from one on one connections with a supportive staff member who has a genuine interest in creating a trusting relationship. Today's climate tells us that students need to know they are valued and supported at their school," she said. "This program strives to support students who may feel disconnected from Fremd with a caring, trusted adult. We want all students

to feel that they have a champion in their corner; somebody who provides affirmation and recognition.”



William Fremd High School Applied Technology teacher Steve Elza demonstrates holding six penne noodles on a single dry spaghetti noodle during an ice breaker at Fremd’s first Champion Program meeting.

Students were introduced to their mentors during their shared free period of the day. During the introductory meeting, students and mentors dined on pizza provided by Tre Amici Pizza (Palatine), after which they engaged in an ice breaker exercise. After the exercise mentors and students discussed topics ranging from things they enjoyed at school, family, and other topics.

Sophomore Megan Keith said the concept of the new program was interesting.

“I think it’s a good idea to have more students feel a connection to their school,” she said.

Medinah said the Champion Program will have a second large group meeting prior to finals, but mentors will meet one on one with the students at a minimum of twice per month, though some mentors and students may choose to meet more frequently.

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.



Maeve McNicholas died 36 hours after her cancer 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: 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: TWO DISTRICT 211](#)

TEACHERS NAMED AGS GEOGRAPHY TEACHER FELLOWS

Advanced Placement Human Geography Teachers Dr. LoriAnne Frieri, from William Fremd High School, and Mrs. Samantha Serrano, from James B. Conant High School, are two of only 50 teachers from across the United States chosen as 2018 American Geographical Society (AGS) Geography Teacher Fellows. This is the third year of the initiative which has been made possible by a generous gift from the Boundless Corporation, sponsorship from Mapbox for the Geography Teacher Fellow Marathon, and support from the AGS Corporate Angels Partners, whose contributions provide resources for teacher professionals development throughout the year.



Mrs. Samantha Serrano teaches AP Human Geography at James B. Conant High School.



Dr. LoriAnne Frieri teaches AP Human Geography at William Fremd High School.

As part of the award Frieri and Serrano will have the opportunity to attend the AGS Fall Symposium November 15 & 16, at Columbia

University in New York City. The symposium provides Teacher Fellows with the opportunity to gain valuable cutting-edge content knowledge and awareness of the real-world geographic workplace skills demanded by today's geospatial companies.

"We are very pleased to be able to invite Samantha and LoriAnne, who are two of the top geography teachers in the country, to join us in New York City in November," said

Dr. John Konarski, CEO of the American Geographical Society. "AGS Geography Teacher Fellows are an integral part of the AGS community, leading and educating future generations in geography and geospatial science. This year we have focused on expanding activities that reinforce teachers' geographical and geospatial knowledge, and will be continuing to provide guidance to teachers seeking to develop projects for their classrooms."

The American Geographical Society (AGS) is a 21st century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for over 166 years. The mission of AGS is to advance and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation's geographic literacy so as to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.