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District 88 Board celebrates INSPRA's DSA

During its Monday, Sept. 14 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education celebrated the district's recent Distinguished Service Award (DSA) from the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA). The meeting took place virtually because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

District 88 received an Award of Merit in the Team category for its partnership with the Addison Workforce Development Committee and College of DuPage to create the Project Hire-Ed Apprenticeship Program.

More about Project Hire-Ed

Project Hire-Ed launched in 2018 with the intent to build a bridge between workforce needs and education to help employers find the right talent for their organizations and to teach students the skills employers are seeking. Geared toward soon-to-be and recent high school graduates, as well as those looking to retool their skills, apprenticeship programs provide hands-on training to an employee while he/she gains necessary competency. They offer skills in a particular occupation, help connect to a career pathway

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District 88, Comcast to provide low-income students with internet service

The DuPage County Board, in partnership with the DuPage Regional Office of Education (ROE), recently approved a \$1.5 million commitment to provide low-income students with internet service through the Internet Essentials Partnership Program.

During its Monday, Sept. 14 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education approved the administration's recommendation to complete the Internet Essentials Agreement with Comcast for a 12-month term. Comcast is one of the key vendors and is providing the terms of agreement for a school district

to enroll.

Here are frequently-asked questions: What is the Internet Essentials Partnership Program?

Through this program, school districts find appropriate vendors to provide internet service at no cost to low-income students.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

Households may be eligible for Internet Essentials if they:

- Qualify for the National School Lunch Program, housing assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI and other pro-

grams

- Live in an area where Comcast Internet Service is available
- Have not had Comcast Internet in the last 90 days
- Families who owe money to Comcast may still qualify if approved by Dec. 31, 2020

How do I apply for the program?

- Eligible families will receive details and a promo code from Addison Trail or Willowbrook.
- To view a step-by-step outline of the application process, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=5452

How is the program funded?

District 88 will pay for the service. All or some of the costs will be reimbursed by the ROE. Funding will be provided from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

More information

- For more information, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=5452.
- For details about the D88 agreement, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=5451.



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Addison Trail High School joins celebration of Pritzker

Pictured are those who gathered virtually to honor Gov. JB Pritzker (top row, center) with the Outstanding Policymaker Award for his leadership and commitment to providing access to Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level opportunities for Illinois students. Included in the celebration were ATHS world language teacher Judie Vitritti-Lynch (middle row, left) and Addison Trail alumnus Alex Gamino of the class of 2020 (bottom row, center). Others pictured were not identified at press time.

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Pictured are (top row, from left): Battalion Chief Brock Herion, Fire Chief Scott W. Walker, Officer Brian Porta and Sgt. Doug Olson; (middle row, from left): ATHS sponsor Rob Schader, Director of Police Timothy "Bill" Hayden, Deputy Fire Chief and Addison Trail alumnus Erik E. Kramer; (bottom row): AT Junior Matteo Gomez and AT senior Andrea Acosta, who conducted the interviews.

Addison Trail students interview first responders on Sept. 11

On Friday, Sept. 11, Addison Trail senior Andrea Acosta and junior Mateo Gomez interviewed first responders with the Addison Police Department and the Addison Fire Protection District.

The effort took place to honor those who protect and serve in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001.

The students asked the representatives to share their memories of that day and what it means to them.

Those who were interviewed included: Director of Police Timothy "Bill" Hayden, Police Officer Brian Porta, Police Sgt. Doug Olson, Fire Chief Scott W. Walker, Deputy Fire Chief and ATHS alumnus Erik E. Kramer and Battalion Chief Brock Herion.

Acosta and Gomez are part of Addison Trail's new student broadcast that shares news and highlights with students and staff.

The program is sponsored by Rob Schader, AT Department Head for physical education, health and driver education, and Christina Trapani, AT social studies teacher.

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and combine on-the-job training with appropriate instruction. It is commonly referred to as an "Earn and Learn" model. This initiative is an example of what can be accomplished when business owners, education leaders and village officials come together for the betterment of the community.

Many honored for their contributions

The following members of the Addison Workforce Development Committee and College of DuPage also were recognized at the Monday, Sept. 14 meeting for their efforts:

- Village of Addison Mayor Richard Veenstra (who brought together local businesses and education organizations to form the Addison Workforce Development Committee

- in 2015)
 - Village of Addison Special Projects Coordinator Anna Kubas
 - Project Hire-Ed Manager Danielle Kuglin Seago
 - SWD Inc. President Rick Delawder
 - SWD Inc. Director of Human Resources Erin Strickland
 - Pioneer Service Inc. President / CEO / Co-Owner Aneesa Muthana
 - Pioneer Service Inc. Customer Experience Specialist Laurel Hermann
 - DuPage High School District 88
- District 88 provided each member with a certificate of appreciation in honor of the award, and INSPRA plans to recognize the 2020 DSA honorees at a later date (when it's deemed safe to gather for large events).



Addison Trail teacher, alumnus help honor Pritzker for support of AP classes

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, Addison Trail world language teacher Julie Viñenti-Lynch and Addison Trail alumnus Alex Gamino (class of 2020) attended the College Board's ceremony to present Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker with the Outstanding Policy-maker Award for his leadership and commitment to providing access to Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level opportunities for Illinois students. The event took place virtually because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

According to the College Board, "Pritzker was the first Illinois governor to include funding in the state budget for low-income students' AP Exam fees. He also acknowledged the dedication of AP students and teachers in his budget addresses be-

fore the legislature in ... 2019 and 2020."

During the ceremony, Gamino, who now attends Loyola University in Chicago, thanked Pritzker for the support he and state policymakers have given to the AP program. Gamino was able to take nine AP courses at Addison Trail, which helped him earn college credit while in high school. He credits "his community of teachers, leaders and learners" for helping to build his confidence as he pursues a career in education. Viñenti-Lynch is the State Advocate Lead for Illinois through the AP Advocates program. She also was the first recipient of the Midwest Award for Leadership in the Teaching of the Italian Language and Culture in November 2016.



A message from District 88

Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton

District 88 Superintendent offered the following information in his weekly column in the District 88 newsletter:

"Dealing with the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic isn't easy. We are all doing our best to overcome hardships we've never faced before and with which we never thought we would be confronted.

"We know Remote Learning is challenging, and we know it isn't ideal. But I want to reiterate that this is a health crisis, and we must make decisions based on what's best for our students, staff, families and community members to keep them safe.

"It is our responsibility to protect the health and well-being of our pupils, as well as the peers, staff members, parents/guardians and grandparents with whom they interact.

To help accomplish this, we are following data and guidance presented by medical experts. The most recent DuPage County COVID-19 School Metrics do not support transitioning to a hybrid or in-person environment at this time."

For the week of Aug. 30 to Sept. 5:

- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) moved DuPage County from a "minimal" county-level risk to a "moderate" county-level risk.

- In the category of New Cases per 100,000 per Week, DuPage County increased from 75 per 100,000 to 89 per 100,000.

- In the category of Weekly Case Count Trend, DuPage County increased by 15.6 percent.

- In the category of Weekly Youth Case Count Trend (younger than 20 years old), DuPage County increased by 43.5 percent.

- DuPage County also increased in the Neighboring/Regional Indicator Level.

"These numbers and trends are concerning, which is why maintaining Remote Learning is the best course of action at this time. I know it's difficult. I'm the father of three children - one of whom might miss out on his senior year of wrestling at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. I also was a teacher and coached football, wrestling and track, and I understand this is extremely upsetting and not what any of us want. But I assure you we will continue to connect with and care for students and provide a robust curriculum. I also assure you we are prepared to move to a hybrid/in-person environment when the data and guidance support that decision. "We want your children back in our buildings - but more importantly, we want them safe and healthy.

"We hear your concerns, and we see your frustrations. I would like to remind you we have been meeting monthly with parents/guardians through our Transition/Reopening Committee since June 30, and we will meet throughout the school year to work together to overcome this adverse situation. The next meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 13, and I invite all parents/guardians to join this group. Those who are interested in attending can contact me at shelton@dupage88.net or 630-530-3980."