



****HS ANNOUNCEMENTS****

Wednesday, February 4th, 2026

New Scholarship:

JWCC Presidential & Trail Blazer Scholarships

Presidential and Trail Blazer Scholars are high achieving leaders, both in and out of the classroom. Scholarship students are college ambassadors, participate with Student Government, various JWCC events, and are student leaders on campus.

The *Presidential Scholarship* is John Wood's most prestigious award. It recognizes students who show leadership, strong communication skills, and a desire to make a difference. Presidential Scholars serve as ambassadors for JWCC by representing the College in a positive way — on campus, in the community, and among their peers — through engagement, service and academic excellence.

Trail Blazer Scholarships will be awarded from application materials. Presidential Scholarships are awarded using a two-step process. The top 10 applications will be invited for an interview on campus during March. The top 3 total scores will result in scholarships.

- Trail Blazer Scholarships: 3.0 minimum GPA — half tuition, 12 awarded each year, renewable for 4 consecutive semesters.
- Presidential Scholarships: 3.5 minimum GPA -- full-tuition, 3 awarded each year, renewable for 4 consecutive semesters.

Sophomore Class Officers will have a meeting Thursday during homeroom in Mrs. Obert's Room.

Kimberly Bricker from ATS will be this week to see the following students:

- **Thursday February 5th**: Lily Anderson, Trevor Berlin, Katie Foster, Dominick Price, Anika Ripperda, Rebekkah Waterkotte, Vadah Wiskirchen

Just a reminder that the sophomore career fair is this Friday. They will go to their 1st hour class for attendance and the pledge and then they will be called down.

. Are you creative? Do you enjoy photography? Want to have a say in what goes in the Yearbook? Applications are open for any sophomore or junior interested in joining the Yearbook I / Journalism class for 2026-2027. Mrs. Eilers' has emailed it to you, or you may pick up printed copies from her room. Completed forms are due by 3:00 p.m. on **Friday, February 13th**.

SENIORS: Please turn in a baby picture, a current picture, and a favorite quote to Mrs. Eilers by **Friday, February 20th** for the Yearbook and the graduation slideshow. Email the pictures to veilers@cusd3.com or bring them in an envelope with your name on it for the yearbook staff to scan and return.

Don't delay, preorder today for a 2025-2026 yearbook! Take advantage of a \$5 discount if you order between now and February 27th. Visit www.jostensyearbooks.com to order online OR pick up an order form outside the HS Office. Contact Mrs. Eilers (veilers@cusd3.com) for more information or to see if you have already placed an order.

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS:

- Drama Club meets every Wednesday 3:10-5:00pm
- Spanish Club will meet every Wednesday at 7:50 in Ms. Wiewel's room (106).
- **The Student Council meets every Tuesday at 8:00 am in Mrs. Obert's room.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: CEC is in search of a few high school students to help supervise a childcare room from 5:15-7:15 on Monday, February 9th during our family literacy night. Please reach out to Mrs. Shoopman (ashoopman@cusd3.com) if you are able to help. You will receive service hours.

- *Served with Love* is a group of volunteers wanting to make a difference by providing food to our veterans, their families, military families and recipients of Veteran Governed Assisted Programs. They are located in Quincy Illinois and provide services to all of West Central Illinois. Please sign up for volunteer hours through this link:
https://m.signupgenius.com/fbclid=IwVERDUAOAON1leHRuA2FlbQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2NjI4NTY4Mzc5AAEeTilu-wfmr8q2moHOaLatZS5gclm5q_cma-kYtdqkx7LdWrT8m8D0UyBE-p4_aem_SyQw5xkZ3-Djgx8iXUYD2g#!/showSignUp/10C0D4DADA629A2FAC70-59338778-food. You can also visit their website at www.servedwithloveinc.com
- CJHS Habitat is offering service hours throughout the school year. Please email Mrs. Clampitt (pclampitt@cusd3.com) for dates and times. Thank you!

GUIDANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 2026 Youth to Washington program contest is now open for high school sophomores and juniors! Four local students will be selected to win a week-long tour of Washington, D.C to visit with legislators and experience our nation's history. Students must complete a short-answer application. Based on applications, up to 34 students will be selected to attend Youth Day in Springfield on March 25th where they will meet with legislators at the State Capitol. At the end of the day, students will compete in an interview process. Four winners will be selected. Winners will travel to Washington, D.C. on June 15-22 with other students from Illinois. Students can apply at this link: <https://adamselectric.coop/community/youth/youthtowashington/> Applications are due by February 17, 2025. Students who submit a completed application by February 6 will be eligible to win a \$25 prepaid debit card.

QU has an aviation visit day coming up on **Tuesday, February 17th**. This day will include a tour of Quincy University as well as a tour of our aviation facility. Students can also talk with our director of aviation and current QU students! This day counts towards our \$500 Discovery scholarship since the students are getting a tour of campus! Please have any interested students them sign up using the link below!

<https://www.quincy.edu/aviation-visit-day/> **Also, let the HS Office know if you are planning on attending!**

Student Election Judges Needed!!

The Primary Election for the State of IL will be held on Tuesday, March 17th.

All Juniors and Seniors in good standing (GPA - 3.0 or higher) and with the approval of their parents and HS Principal are invited to participate.

Interested students must:

-Get an application from Mrs. Mast (**Late applications will not be accepted! **).

-Submit a completed Student Election Judge application to Mrs. Mast by Thursday, February 19th by the end of the school day.

-Attend one of the mandatory training sessions. Tuesday, March 3 at 9:30 am OR 6:00 pm at Knights of Columbus, McGivney Hall, 700 So. 36th St., Quincy, IL

******This would look great on a resume!! You will also be paid!**

Seniors - are you looking for a career in the manufacturing industry? Consider applying for the Great River FAME program! The FAME program allows you to work 3 days per week at a local manufacturer while earning a competitive wage and attend classes 2 days per week at the JWCC Workforce Development Center. Click on this link for information about the program and how to apply: <https://www.jwcc.edu/fame/>
Application deadline is April 30, 2026.

****SCHOLARSHIP INFO**:**

Seniors are emailed all scholarship information and applications!

- **Current Sophomores and Juniors-** Listen up! Are you wanting to take a Dual Credit course through John Wood Community College next school year? The Panther Pride Foundation offers 6-\$500 scholarships to help pay for your Dual Credit class. All you have to do is follow the directions below.

Directions for Scholarship:

1. Ask the Principal, Counselor or Teacher to write a Letter of Recommendation for you.
2. Request a Central High School Transcript
3. Create a word document named: Personal Statement
4. Use "Times New Roman" font, size 12 and type your name at the top of the document for your Personal Statement
5. On the Internet go to: www.pantherpride.org
6. Click **SCHOLARSHIPS**
7. Click **Dual Credit Scholarship Application** on the pop down menu.
8. Complete the application and upload the required documents.

Requirement for Dual Credit Scholarship:

- Transcript of grades from Central High School - upload document named: **Transcript**
- Letter of recommendation from one of the following: Principal, Counselor or Teacher - upload document named: **Recommendation**
- Personal Statement = 1 page statement stating the reasons why you are applying and your plans for the future - upload document named: **Personal Statement**

Other Important Information:

- Winners of the Dual Credit Scholarships will receive an email. The email will be sent to the email you stated on your application, telling you what to do as the Winner of the Scholarship. You will be sent a link to complete the Payment Form.

- Scholarship checks will be made payable to the winner and John Wood Community College Financial Aid Office. Detailed instructions will be provided to the winners.
- Scholarship funds must be used within the next academic school year (2026-2027). If the scholarship funds are not utilized within the next academic school year (2026-2027), the funds will be awarded to another applicant.
- Questions - Please contact Daniel Mock at daniel@pantherpride.org or Alison Dickhut at alison@pantherpride.org

Dual Credit Scholarship applications and required documents are due by Monday, February 9, 2026, at 3:00pm.

- Blessing Health System's Hannibal Community Health Services Committee is proud to offer a \$1,000 competitive scholarship for graduating high school seniors of active health system employees who are going into a healthcare related field. **To be considered for this competitive scholarship, the student must:**
 - have a parent/legal guardian actively employed with the Health System
 - be a graduating senior, and
 - plan to pursue higher education in a health care related field after graduation
 - **Applicants must be received by February 13, 2026**
- Adams Telephone Co-Operative is pleased to partner with the Foundation for Rural Services (FRS) to offer our cooperative members children the opportunity to apply for a **\$3,000 scholarship**, with FRS funding \$2,000 of the scholarship and Adams supplying the remaining \$1,000. Qualified applicants will also automatically be entered to win one of two \$1,000 Adams scholarships in the event we do not have a national FRS Scholarship winner from our area. These scholarships are available to students for the student's first year of college or vocational school. All applicants require sponsorship by an NTCA – the Rural Broadband Association company (Adams Telephone Co-Operative) to be eligible and must meet the following eligibility requirements.
 - Must be a graduating high school senior
 - Have at least a C grade point average
 - Be accepted to an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university, or vocational-technical school

Must live in a household in one of the following exchanges with telephone service provided by Adams Telephone Co-Operative. These exchanges are Augusta (392), Chambersburg (327), Coatsburg/Paloma (455), Fishhook (338), Golden/LaPrairie (696), Hersmann (289), Lima (985), Loraine (938), Mendon (936), Meyer (647), Mindale (667), Plymouth (458), and Ursa (964). **Scholarship applications will only be accepted online on Kaleidoscope and are due Friday, February 14, 2026.** Additional program information, eligibility requirements, and application instructions can be found on our website <https://adams.net/frsscholarship/>

- The IAA (Illinois Agriculture Association) Foundation enhances the future of agriculture by offering college scholarships to Illinois farm families, Illinois Farm Bureau members/dependents who major in agriculture-related courses of study. For 2026, the IAA Foundation is awarding nearly \$340,000 in support. A full list of the scholarships can be found here: <https://www.iaafoundation.org/media/b4klhrqb/2026-iaaf-scholarship-overview.pdf> **Applications must be electronically submitted by 11:59PM on February 15, 2026.**
- The Wiewel Student Support Scholarship was created to support high school juniors and seniors who are working hard but may need extra help with everyday life expenses. This scholarship recognizes that success in school is influenced by more than academics alone. **Applications must be submitted by February 27th, 2026.** Juniors and seniors received an email with more information, as well as the link to apply.

- UFC Foundation is offering four \$1,000 scholarships. These scholarships are one year in length and are open to all active common stockholders or the spouse, the child, or the grandchild of an active common stockholder who will enroll or is currently pursuing higher education. The expected degree is not limited to agriculture. All monies awarded will be made payable to the winner's respective school. Scholarships are eligible for all high school seniors and can only be awarded once per student for any educational expense. The selection process will occur in March, and winners will be announced in April. **Applications are due March 1, 2026.**
- The CBAI Foundation for Community Banking offers 24 scholarships to top Illinois high-school seniors statewide each year. The scholarship awards available this year by the Foundation total \$21,500. These scholarship awards help deserving students highlight the importance of community banking to the local economy. You could win up to \$4,000 for higher education, and your school is eligible to win \$500! Students must be sponsored by a participating CBAI member bank. Students, for more information, please contact Valerie Johnston via [email](#) or at 800/736-2224. **Essays are due at the CBAI Foundation Office by 5 pm on Monday, March 2nd, 2026.** If you have any questions regarding the Annual Essay Scholarship Program, contact a member of the [Communications Department](#) today!
- The Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) is pleased to announce the availability of the 2026 Scholarship Application, designed for students planning to attend an Illinois college or university. TOI awards seven scholarships, each worth \$2,000, to help support students in their pursuit of higher education. This initiative aims to foster interest in township government and promote civic engagement among tomorrow's leaders. **The deadline to apply is March 2, 2026.**
- The Patricia & Leonard Kramer Memorial Scholarship, awarded by Altrusa International Foundation of Quincy, is a one-year award for a resident of Adams County. This \$1,000 scholarship is for a high school senior enrolling in an accredited college, university, or technical school for the 2026-2027 academic year. **Applications must be mailed and postmarked by March 3, 2026.**
- The Rich and Pam Futhey Scholarship Fund was established to encourage graduates of Central High School to pursue careers in the trades. Eligible applicants are graduates who plan to attend an accredited post-secondary institution, with priority given, in order, to those pursuing diesel mechanics, auto mechanics, HVAC, or electrical trades, followed by medical or law enforcement careers. Recipients of the scholarship should demonstrate a strong work ethic and the potential to become successful employees. **Applications are due by March 9, 2026**
- The Illinois Sheriffs' Association will be awarding over \$58,000 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2026-2027 academic year. The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books, and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning, full-time. Online learning is also acceptable. Sheriff Anthony Grootnens, Adams County, will be awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents and be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2026-2027 school year (excluding summer session). Students must complete the application, answer the essay question, and return all documentation to the Sheriff's office in their permanent county of residence by **March 13, 2026** (must be postmarked by this date). The application form can be found here: https://www.ilsheriff.org/youth-2/?fbclid=IwY2xjawPXIXZleHRuA2FlbQIxmABicmlkETFqcERWUmE4ZFBBAkdKZzA0c3J0YwZhcHBfaWQOMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHv6s0mVxMumy103mLJCwScr_4jtZMsLdAIzg67siX4nV5lusWI0L3ENCfqF_aem_zKhBNYUrfpsyqQbTw3jxtA
- The Lawton Endowment Fund Scholarship is offering a scholarship to high school seniors attending a private, accredited college or university in the US and abroad. To be eligible to apply, you must live in the following townships in Adams County: Lima, Keene, Houston and Northeast. **Applications must be mailed and received by March 31, 2026.**

- The J.L. Wade Foundation Scholarship is a one-year, up to \$5,000 scholarship administered by the J.L. Wade Foundation. Priority is given to students who will be pursuing degrees to promote the study of nature and the preservation of the environment and supporting studies related to nature (e.g. ag science, atmospheric science, coastal zone management, environmental engineering, environmental chemistry and toxicology, environmental health, environmental law, fisheries management and conservation, marine biology, etc.) The scholarship will assist those seeking to obtain the benefits of a college education. **Applications must be postmarked or received by the Wade Foundation on or before March 31, 2026.**
- The Illinois electric cooperatives are proud to offer scholarships to deserving students in our co-op family. Whether you're a high school senior planning to attend college or interested in a career as a lineworker, there's a scholarship opportunity for you. Applications are now open for the 2026 Illinois Electric Cooperatives Memorial Scholarships. **Apply by April 30, 2026, for the lineworker scholarship.** Visit <https://aiec.coop/aiec-scholarship/> for more information and to apply.

SPORTS:

Girls Basketball: Away vs. Unity Varsity only- 6pm

GOOD LUCK PANTHERS



Today's Lunch:

Veggie Soup, Romaine Lettuce, Brownies, Fruit

Next Breakfast:

Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit

Next Lunch:

Chicken Patty/Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit



Mr. Scheiter