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ECC seeks school supplies for backpack giveaway

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO



School supply donations are being accepted for Elgin Community College's annual Project Backpack giveaway. (Elgin Community College)

The 2017-18 school year may have just ended, but Elgin Community College already has started its annual collection of school supplies for students in need.

The college and its partners will accept donations for Project Backpack through July 23. Supplies can be dropped off at several locations within the college's district boundaries.

Project Backpack began in 2010. More than 17,000 students in **school districts U46, 300, 301, 303 and 20** have been helped since its inception, according to the initiative's website. According to an ECC news release, more than 1,400 backpacks were distributed last year.

Students who provide proof of residency or fall 2018 enrollment in one of the eligible school districts — or at ECC — will be given backpacks filled with school supplies at the Project Backpack giveaway Aug. 11.

"It's incredibly moving to see the impact this event has on so many families in our community," said Megan Highland, ECC Student Life coordinator who oversees Project Backpack. "Thousands of smiling students have left the event wearing their new backpack full of supplies and excited to start the upcoming school year."

Organizers are seeking supplies including gender-neutral backpacks, two-pocket folders, one-subject, wide-rule spiral notebooks, wide-rule paper, No. 2 pencils, black pens, scissors, glue sticks, rulers and crayons.

Supplies can be dropped off at:

Elgin Community College, Office of Student Life, Building B, Room B173, 1700 Spartan Drive; open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Community Crisis Center, 37 S. Geneva St.

School District U46, 355 E. Chicago St.

Elgin Police Department, 151 Douglas Ave.

Kane County Regional Office of Education, 28 N. 1st St., Geneva.

Kane County Teachers Credit Union, 111 S. Hawthorne St.

United Way of Elgin, 1750 Grandstand Place.

Those interested in giving can make monetary donations at www.project-backpack.org. Volunteers can sign up at the same site.

The Project Backpack giveaway is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 11 at ECC's Building J Spartan Events Center in Elgin.

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U46 approves Bartlett man for school board

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Bartlett resident John Devereux will be sworn in June 18 as a School District U46 board member.

The school board selected Devereux in May to complete the 10 months that remain on Traci O'Neal Ellis' term after interviewing 10 applicants and voted 4-2 to approve the appointment at Monday's board meeting.

Jeanette Ward and Phil Costello voted against Devereux's appointment. Although they did not say why they did not support him, Ward and Costello thanked the board for the "collaborative" manner in which the selection process was held.

Devereux, a Bartlett resident for 25 years, is a chief actuary for Chicago-based Ryan Specialty Group. His youngest son graduated from Bartlett High School in May.

Devereux was unable to attend the board meeting because of a prior commitment, said board President Donna Smith. He will be sworn in at the next board meeting.

O'Neal Ellis resigned from the board in April after serving for seven years.

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Fox Valley Academic Team honorable mentions



Justin Ariel Ave

Larkin High School

Hometown: Elgin

Parents: Elmer and Adelwisa Ave

Sponsor: Adriana Espinoza, student counselor

GPA: 4.620 on a weighted 4.0 scale

Test scores: SAT: 1330

Planned major: Medical related field -- biology/pre-med track

Awards, honors: Illinois State Scholar, Healthcare Science Award for Annual Career & Technical Education Senior Awards, Academic All-Conference volleyball, National Honor Society, Illinois State Scholar, student government, HOSA Health Care Professionals State Competition, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society secretary, Spanish Honor Society



Emily Renteria

Larkin High School

Hometown: Elgin

Parents: Rocio Gonzalez and Juan Carlos Renteria

Sponsor: Jill Hunt, counselor

GPA: 4.175 on a weighted 4.0 scale

Test scores: SAT: 1100

Planned major: Major in Spanish education, minor in psychology and obtain a Ph.D. in educational leadership

Awards, honors: National Honor Society vice president, National Spanish Honor Society, All Conference Academic, student government, Alternate Student Board Member and Senior AVID Ambassador

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Accomplishments that can't be measured

Impressive as it may be, excellence on the field and in the classroom tells only part of the story

When the daily herald publishes the annual Academic Team, as we did on Wednesday, the limitations of space and expediency require that a lot of information about these exceptional high school graduates winds up on the cutting room floor. Take for example, four cases:

Emily Renteria:

At Larkin High School, Emily Renteria dreams of a doctoral degree in educational leadership. She knows something about leadership already: "(At home) I am the second mom, watching my four siblings, cooking, picking them up, tutoring them and working as their role model. At school I am the President, working as the bridge between the staff and the student body. ON my soccer team I am the Captain, encouraging them on and off the field and recognizing that teamwork makes the dream true."