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– **Daily Herald** –

Suburban Mosaic: Leaders say Muslim Americans are gaining political clout

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By Madhu Krishnamurthy

Dozens of newly elected Muslim American candidates gathered Saturday at Reza's Restaurant in Oak Brook to mark their historic wins to a variety of local-, county- and state-level offices.

Community leaders say it's a sign of Muslim Americans' growing political clout, how far the community has come and decades of hard work by first- and second-generation immigrants.

"Fifteen years we have been struggling in educating people (to) please run for office," said Asad Khan of Streamwood, a Poplar Creek Public Library District trustee. "You see the result today."

Vaseem Iftexhar of Hawthorn Woods, who founded the Northern Illinois American Muslim Alliance political action committee, said there was a dire need for civic and political engagement in the community.

"We feel that all politics is local and from local politics you will get emergent leaders," he said.

On April 4, nearly 50 candidates of all backgrounds who identify as Muslim ran for elected office across Illinois. In total, more than 150 Muslims have been elected or appointed statewide, according to the Muslim Civic Coalition, among the organizers of Saturday's gathering.

Illinois has the largest per capita Muslim American population in the nation, said Reema Kamran of Elmhurst, Muslim Civic Coalition executive director and co-founder.

Seeing the wave of Muslim candidates sweep offices across the state and country didn't come as a surprise to state Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid of Bridgeview, the first Palestinian American to be elected to the state legislature.

Rashid, who represents the 21st House District was elected in November along with state

Rep. Nabeela Syed, a Palatine native who became the first Indian American woman and one of the first Muslims to be elected to the Illinois General Assembly. She represents the 51st state House District.

"We know just how much talent there is in our community," Rashid said Saturday. "We also have to grapple with the reality of governing."

That includes addressing issues that transcend religious or ethnic concerns, such as supporting small businesses, creating affordable housing, education policies and protecting the environment, he said.

Newly elected **Elgin Area School District U-46 school board member Samreen Khan** of Bartlett, who also is on the board of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago Action Network, said she hopes to create a working group of school board officials to ensure that curriculum in schools statewide is more inclusive.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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Hanover Park trustees sworn in by daughter of one, 1st Black female judge in DuPage County

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By Eric Peterson



*DuPage County Circuit Court Judge Chantelle Porter delivers the oath of office to her father, newly reelected Hanover Park Trustee and Deputy Mayor Herb Porter, while her mother **Eva Porter** and Hanover Park Mayor Rod Craig bear witness. Eric Peterson | Staff Photographer*

Hanover Park's three reelected village trustees -- Herb Porter, Liza Gutierrez and Jon Kunkel -- were sworn in Thursday by Porter's elder daughter Chantelle Porter, who in

December became the first Black female judge in DuPage County.

Herb Porter, a retired corporate manager, spoke of his family's dedication to community and public service during his campaign for a third term on the village board, as well as why he and his wife Eva moved to Hanover Park back in the early 1980s.

"My wife and I chose to raise our family here because even then the diversity of the village was one that we felt would give our children the multicultural experience and develop a sense of belonging and identity," he said.

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary K. O'Brien noted Chantelle Porter's historic appointment as a DuPage County Circuit Court judge in December.

"Chantelle Porter is a highly skilled attorney who has earned the respect of the legal community in DuPage and throughout the 3rd District for her commitment to her clients and to improving the legal profession," O'Brien said in a statement.

Chantelle Porter received the support of the entire Supreme Court.

The judge's mother, **retired teacher Eva Porter**, just stepped down after a term on the Elgin **Area School District U-46 school board**.

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– Chicago Tribune – Baseball, softball and girls soccer scores for the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

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By From Staff Reports - Daily Southtown

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL

Andrew 8, Lincoln-Way Central 7 (8 innings)

Andrew (12-8-1, 2-2 SWSC Red): Ryan Cahill GW RBI in bottom 8th.

Antioch 4, Grant 3

Argo 4, Bremen 3

Argo: Xavier Brant 3-for-4, HR, 2 RBIs.

Bartlett 8, Jacobs 3

Bartlett (14-11): Jack Sharko 2-for-4, 2 RBIs.

Batavia 14, Geneva 0 (5 innings)

Beecher 8, Peotone 2

Beecher (11-11): Michael Gaidar 2 RBIs.

Bloom 16, Rich Township 1 (4 innings)

Brother Rice 18, St. Rita 12

Brother Rice (15-11, 11-3 CCL Blue): Bryce Nevils 2-for-3, HR, 4 runs, 2 RBIs.

Carmel 8, Libertyville 4

Carmel: MedKao Curry 2-for-3, 2 runs, 3 RBIs.

Chicago Christian 5, Aurora Christian 3

Coal City 11, Plano 1 (5 innings)

Crete-Monee 16, Kankakee 0 (5 innings)

Deerfield 5, Maine West 3

De La Salle 13, Fenwick 4

DePaul Prep 3, Leo 0

Glenbard East 6, Benet 3

Grayslake Central 8, Lakes 7 (8 innings)

Grayslake Central (21-3, 15-0 Northern Lake County): Ralph DeLeon 2-for-3, 3 runs.

Grayslake North 6, Round Lake 5

Grayslake North (11-11, 7-8 Northern Lake County): Ryan McCumber GW single in bottom 7th.

Hampshire 13, Rochelle 11

Hampshire (13-11): Austin Leonard 2-for-3, HR, 4 RBIs.

Highland Park 18, Maine East 5 (6 innings)

Huntley 10, Wauconda 3

Joliet Catholic 8, Nazareth 2

JCA (16-61, 7-2 ESCC): Graham Roesel 4-for-4, 2 runs, 2 RBIs.

Lake Forest Academy 9, Parker 4

Lemont 14, Eisenhower 1 (5 innings)

Lincoln-Way East 7, Bolingbrook 2

Lincoln-Way West 8, Stagg 7

Lincoln-Way West (18-6, 4-0 SWSC Red): Cam Buckley 3-for-3, 2 runs, 2 RBIs.

Lockport 9, Sandburg 5

Lockport (16-8, 4-2 SWSC Blue): Ryan Groberski 2-for-3, HR, 3 RBIs.

Marian Catholic 4, Notre Dame 3

Marian (12-11, 4-5 ESCC): Ezra Essex 2-for-4, 2 runs.

Marist 7, St. Patrick 4

Marist (11-9-1, 4-5 ESCC): Owen Duffy 2-for-3, 3 runs.

Mundelein 14, Waukegan 7

Mundelein (11-9, 5-5 North Suburban): Ryan Geraghty 2-for-3, 2 RBIs.

Naperville Central 5, DeKalb 2

Naperville Central (16-7, 8-4 DuPage Valley): Andrew Gallegos 3-for-4, 2 runs.

Naperville North 15, Metea Valley 0 (5 innings)

Niles North 7, Vernon Hills 1

Oak Forest 11, Oak Lawn 4

Oak Forest (18-5, 12-2 SSC Blue): Mateo Gamboa 2 runs, 3 RBIs.

Oswego East 8, Yorkville 2

Oswego East (16-7, 7-2 Southwest Prairie West): Eric Lewis 2-for-3, 2 RBIs.

Providence 5, Marmion 4

Providence (22-3, 12-2 CCL Blue): Nolan Galla 2-for-4, 2 RBIs.

Richards 20, Hillcrest 1 (4 innings)

St. Charles North 2, St. Charles East 1

St. Charles North (16-5-1, 10-3 DuKane): Jake Kujak GW single in bottom 7th.

Shepard 21, T.F. North 6

Somonauk 9, Serena 1

Stevenson 10, McHenry 3

Stevenson (21-6): Joe Richardson 4-for-4, 3 runs, 2 RBIs.

T.F. South 11, Calumet Christian (Ind.) 1 (6 innings)

Tinley Park 9, Evergreen Park 5

Tinley (16-9, 11-2 SSC Blue): Zach Hesse 2-for-4, 4 RBIs.

Warren 8, Wilmot Union (Wis.) 0

Waubonsie Valley 7, Neuqua Valley 5

Waubonsie (10-15-1, 5-8 DuPage Valley): Jay Keeley 2-for-3, HR, 2 RBIs.

SOFTBALL

Antioch 7, Grayslake Central 3

Argo 10, Bremen 0

Bartlett 15, **Larkin** 3 (5 innings)

Beecher 4, Peotone 0

Beecher (23-3): Taylor Norkus 5.1 IP, 9 Ks.

Bishop McNamara 9, Aurora Central Catholic 3
Bradley-Bourbonnais 8, Lincoln-Way West 1
Burlington Central 8, Jacobs 7
Burlington Central: Makayla Larson 2-for-4, 2 RBIs.
East Aurora 24, Streamwood 14 (5 innings)
Evergreen Park 10, Tinley Park 0 (6 innings)
Grant 17, Grayslake North 2 (6 innings)
Joliet Catholic 9, Manteno 8 (8 innings)
JCA (18-8): Mack Brow 4-for-5, 2 runs, 2 RBIs.
Lemont 15, Eisenhower 0 (4 innings)
Lincoln-Way Central 15, Stagg 0 (4 innings)
Lincoln-Way East 6, Lockport 2
Lincoln-Way East (17-4, 5-0 SWSC Blue): Katie Stewart HR, 2 RBIs.
Marist 9, Benet 2
Marist (21-2, 6-0 ESCC): Caroline O'Brien 3-for-4, 3 runs.
Metea Valley 3, Neuqua Valley 0
Metea (9-13, 6-2 DuPage Valley): Charlie Benesh CG, 9 Ks.
Morton 5, Reavis 4
Naperville North 10, Naperville Central 0 (6 innings)
Newark 3, Hersher 2 (8 innings)
Oak Forest 7, Oak Lawn 0
Oak Forest (18-6-1, 10-3-1 SSC Blue): Hailey Wesner CG, H, 16 Ks.
Oswego 10, Joliet Central 0 (5 innings)
Oswego East 5, Plainfield East 4 (9 innings)
Oswego East (14-8, 7-4 Southwest Prairie West): Ryenne Sinta GW 3-run double in

bottom 9th.

Providence 11, Mother McAuley 1

Richards 17, Hillcrest 2 (4 innings)

Ridgewood 17, Lake Forest 1 (5 innings)

Serena 3, Somonauk 1

South Elgin 10, Fenton 0 (5 innings)

Vernon Hills 12, Deerfield 1 (6 innings)

Wauconda 15, Lakes 4 (6 innings)

Yorkville 9, Plainfield South 1

Yorkville (22-1): Kayla Kersting 2-run HR.

Compiled by Josh Krockey.

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Baseball: Top 20

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Baseball

Records through May 7

Team | Comment

1. St. Charles East (19-2) Saints own 4-game lead with 6 left in DuKane
2. Grayslake Central (21-3) Schufreider CG extends streak to 18
3. Huntley (21-4) Offense generates 65 runs in last 5 games
4. Cary-Grove (19-5) Crick, Lutz leading Trojans' attack
5. Downers North (20-4) Unbeaten week leaves DGN atop WSC Silver

6. Crystal Lake South (18-5) Gators await crucial series vs. Huntley
7. Stevenson (21-7) Red-hot Richardson keeps Pats in thick of NSC
8. Streamwood (19-5) Sabres prepare for UEC battle with South Elgin
9. Barrington (17-9) Broncos look to rebound from 2-3 week
10. Warren (18-5) Another solid week for Blue Devils
11. St. Charles North (16-7) Pitching a plus against crosstown rivals
12. Hersey (17-8) Huskies clinging to MSL East lead
13. St. Viator (16-5) Hogan tosses 4-hit shutout vs. Marist
14. Conant (18-8) Loeger continues to throw strikes for Cougars
15. Downers South (16-6) Erickson, Gasmen help WSC Gold leaders
16. Naperville Central (16-7) Redhawks receive offense from Barczi, Gallegos
17. South Elgin (14-5) Segovia enjoying solid season for Storm
18. St. Francis (19-5) Tenuta fans 15, belts 2-run home run in victory
19. Willowbrook (15-8) Bats quieted by Neuqua Valley, Conant
20. Libertyville (14-10) Wildcats remain in conference contention