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Fewer U46 students graduating compared to last year, but class of 2019 has more grads who can speak 2 languages

By: Rafael Guerrero



More than 2,700 students will graduate Saturday from School District U46's five high schools. While the number of four-year graduates is down from last year, the district has more students graduating with a proficiency in more than one language.

School District U46's senior class will have a lower graduation rate in 2019 than it did last year but the number of students leaving high school with honors for proficiency in English and a second language is on the rise, data shows.

In advance of Saturday's commencement ceremonies, at which more than 2,700 students will receive diplomas, the district released statistics looking at the class of 2019.

"This is our time to celebrate the hard work of our graduating seniors," U46 CEO Tony Sanders said in a statement. "We look forward to celebrating these graduates with the families and staff members who have supported them along this journey."

- This year's four-year graduation rate is 84 percent, 2 percent less than in 2018 and 1 percent lower than the state average.
- The most three most popular colleges or universities U46 graduates will attend in the fall are Elgin Community College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and [University of Illinois at Chicago](#).
- Forty-four students will graduate with some college credit earned through the district's dual-credit partnership with Elgin Community College. That's two more than last year. The cumulative GPA of the dual credit students was 3.42 in the fall semester and they earned a total of 626 college credits.
- South Elgin has the largest graduating class with 644 students, followed by Bartlett with 595, Elgin with 558, Streamwood with 476 and Larkin with 465.
- 166 graduates have earned the State of Illinois Seal of Biliteracy and 315 students will receive a biliteracy commendation. Last year, 116 students earned the seal and 230 earned a commendation.

Biliteracy seals and commendations are based on assessment tests administered twice a year that gauge proficiency in a foreign language. There are up to 18 languages students can be tested on, said Jacob VandeMoortel, district coordinator of K-12 social studies and world languages.

Students who receive the state seal can earn foreign language credits from their in-state public college or university if requested, VandeMoortel said. The number of credits generally range from 6 to 12 credits.

Regardless of biliteracy level attained, a designation is added to the high school diploma and transcript, which VandeMoortel said is an attractive thing for prospective employers.

“There’s finally a way to express this and validate these foreign language skills,” he said.

Most students who received biliteracy honors this year had proficiency in Spanish, he said. Other languages included Polish, French, Japanese, German, Chinese, Hindi and Russian.

It is expected the number of dual-credit graduating seniors will increase in future years because U46 plans to expand the program to both high school seniors and juniors in the 2020-21 school year.

U46 is also joining School District 300 and St. Charles School District 303 in allowing students to obtain dual credit toward a high school diploma and an associate degree beginning in 2022.

The commencement schedule for Saturday at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates is:

- 8 a.m., Elgin High School
- 11 a.m., Bartlett High School
- 2 p.m., Larkin High School
- 5 p.m., Streamwood High School
- 8 p.m., South Elgin High School.

U46 recognizes students who placed in state competitions for manufacturing, journalism, science

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Six middle school students from both Abbott and Eastview middle schools were recognized by School District U46 for placing first in state Science Olympiad competitions. A dozen U46 students were recognized Monday for statewide competitions.

Middle school and high school students who placed first or at the top in state competitions in journalism, manufacturing, and science were recognized this week by the U46 School Board.

A dozen students were presented with “accent on achievement” certificates for their accomplishments.

South Elgin High School junior Sarah Richardson took first place in the broadcast news category at the IHSA State Journalism competition. South Elgin placed 11th out of 70 schools overall in the competition.

Richardson won for her work on developing an audio news clip in under three hours on a festival press conference.

South Elgin High junior Derryl Barnes Jr. and senior Samantha Prus came in fourth in video news and junior Mia Ackermann received fifth in newspaper design.

“I’m so excited that our publication classes were able to collaborate with Beacon Academy to pull together a very strong journalism team for the IHSA sectionals and state competition,” South Elgin High School teacher Kari Botkin said in a U46 news release.

South Elgin High School seniors Hailey Harden, Dylan Loerwald and Brian Kulpa and Streamwood High School seniors Jacob Pierce and Andrew Pfeifer won first place in a statewide manufacturing competition sponsored by school-industry group SkillsUSA.

The wins mean the group will travel to Louisville, Ken., to compete in the SkillsUSA national competition.

Harden received first place in CNC (computer numerical control) turning, Loerwald received first place in CNC milling, Kulpa received first place in CNC technician, and Pierce and Pfeifer received first place in additive manufacturing.

“(CNC) is basically making cylindrical parts,” Harden told those in attendance Monday. “The part is spinning and there are multiple tools that cut it. ... I basically hand wrote a program and did a couple of tests on measurements and all that sort of stuff. Yeah, it’s pretty cool.”

South Elgin students Michael Solomon and Zach Meyer and Streamwood student Christopher Piotrowski finished in the top five in SkillsUSA’s milling competition. Streamwood students Angel Acosta, Juan Ayala and Aditya Patel finished third place in the team-based automated manufacturing technology.

Students at Elgin’s Abbott Middle School and Bartlett’s Eastview Middle School ranked high in this spring’s Illinois Science Olympiad. Abbott’s team placed fourth overall in its division. Students Nolan Chansophy and Joshua Dinh took first in the disease detective category and Jesse Dinh and Kate Gillespie took first in water quality.

Eastview’s team finished 10th in its division, including first-place wins for students Patricia Savioa-Cooley and Jazib Ahmed. The two took first place in the roller coaster competition.

Principals Are Hired For Franklin, Washington

By: Anne Lunde



Angela Brito (left) and Marybeth Whitney-DeLaMar have been named as principals for Franklin and Washington schools.

Park Ridge-Niles School Dist. 64 is in a transition year, changing school superintendents and seeing four of the seven building principals depart.

Eric Olson, incoming superintendent, was hired in April, just before four school board terms ended. The new board was seated, and included Olson in the interview process for vacancies at Franklin, Washington, Emerson Middle and Lincoln Middle schools.

Franklin

Marybeth Whitney-DeLaMar comes to Franklin School with eight years' experience as an elementary school principal.

She served most recently at Wayne Elementary in Elgin School District U-46 and previously for schools in Millburn District 24 in Wadsworth.

She was an assistant principal at Salt Creek Elementary School in Elk Grove Township Dist. 59, for four years, and taught elementary grades at Tier II intervention in the far northwest suburbs.

Olson said, "Dr. DeLaMar is a caring administrator, who is passionate about the success of students and staff and who looks forward to partnering with the Franklin community to showcase strong learning and achievement for all."

DeLaMar received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from DePaul University, and her doctorate from National-Louis University. She is an adjunct professor at Concordia University's principal preparation program.

Washington

Angela Brito comes to Washington School from the Chicago Public Schools, where she was principal and assistant principal at James G. Blaine School in Wrigleyville. She

began as a classroom teacher in Chicago, New York, and Madison, Wis. She also serves as academic director and teacher at CPS' Bethune School of Excellence.

Olson said Bruto brings "a strong background in best practices, sound, shared decision-making, and a desire to see all students succeed."

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Brito received her master's degree from Concordia University. As a teacher, she also attained National Board Certification as a middle childhood generalist.

SPORTS

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Baseball: Hampshire, Streamwood rally for regional wins

Daily Herald reports

Brady Young singled to open the bottom of the ninth inning, advanced to second base on a wild pitch and scored the game-winning run when Harlem made an errant throw to first base on a sacrifice bunt by Tommy Ugalde giving Hampshire a 5-4 win over Harlem on Thursday.

Jon Mroz and Nick Sladek each had 2 hits and winning pitcher Logan Nespor did not allow a run or hit in $\frac{1}{3}$ of an inning for No. 3 Hampshire (18-14). Starting pitcher Matt Jachec struck out 13 and walked 1 in $8\frac{2}{3}$ innings. The Whip-Purs will face No. 2 Hononegah today at 4:30 p.m. for the Harlem regional title.

Streamwood 12, Grant 9: Streamwood rallied for 6 seventh-inning runs on 4 hits and 4 walks to overtake host Grant in a Class 4A regional semifinal. Leadoff man Max Alanis, who finished 5-for-5 with a home run and 2 RBI, singled to drive in the go-ahead run. Tyler Jones held No. 3 Grant to 3 runs on 2 hits and struck out one over $1\frac{2}{3}$ innings to earn the win in relief of Colin Bielinski. No. 5 Streamwood (19-14) will face No. 2 Cary-Grove (21-13) in the regional final Saturday at 11 a.m.

Hinsdale Central 3, West Aurora 2: Anthony Malczyk scored on a sixth-inning passed ball to tie this Class 4A regional semifinal, but host Hinsdale Central plated the game-winner on a seventh-inning groundout to advance. Eddie Wilson took the loss for the Blackhawks (24-10-1). He allowed 3 earned runs on 6 hits and struck out 3 in 7 innings.

McHenry 6, Dundee-Crown 1: Jake Evans held the Chargers scoreless on 2 hits and 3 walks and struck out 4 in 6 innings to lead the Warriors. Losing pitcher Nick Gregory allowed 5 earned runs on 12 hits in 6 innings for No. 8 Dundee-Crown (6-27). No. 4 McHenry (23-13) advances to face No. 1 Barrington (29-7) in the regional final on Saturday at 11 a.m.