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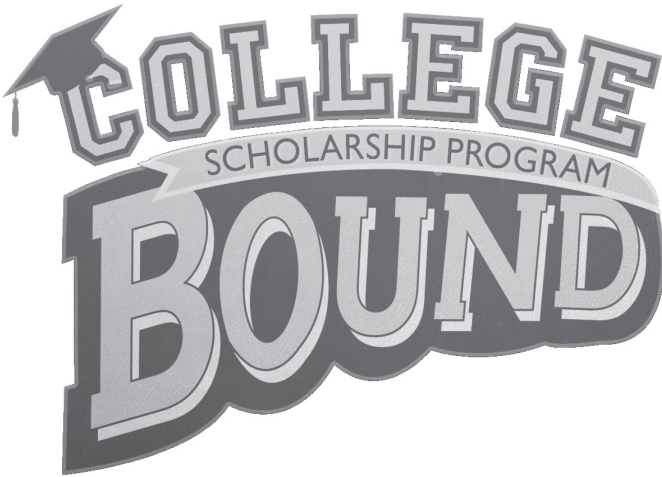
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College Bound Application Deadline Approaching



With the end of the school year approaching, Hammond Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. would like to remind all returning college students and high school seniors to apply for the College Bound Scholarship Program. This Program provides eligible students with up to \$10,500 per year toward tuition at the accredited college or university of their choice located in Indiana.

The deadline for the College Bound Application is Thursday, July 3, 2025. Returning students will need to complete an application, provide proof of homestead, FAFSA filing, and school transcripts. New students will need to complete an application, provide proof of homestead and date home was

purchased, letter of acceptance to college/university, FAFSA filing, school transcripts, and SAT/ACT score.

All returning and new students are required to perform 40

hours of community service each year. Failure to perform community service hours may result in loss of scholarship and repayment of said scholarship. All community service hours are scheduled through the College Bound office.

Applications can be found at the student's high school guidance counselor's office or online at collegebound.gohammond.com. Again, the deadline for applying for College Bound is Thursday, July 3, 2025, all applications must be in the College Bound office no later than July 3rd.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Daniels, College Bound Coordinator at 219-853-6503.

Source: City of Hammond



Mayor's Night Out 2025

May 14th	3rd District	Hammond Central HS Cafeteria 5926 Calumet Ave
August 27th	4th District	O'Bannon Elementary School Cafeteria 1317 173rd St.
September 17th	5th District	Jean Shepherd Community Center 3031 Mahoney Dr
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Hammond Area Career Center participates in SkillsUSA State Competition

With great honor, the Hammond Area Career Center is proud to announce SkillsUSA State Finalists for 2025. On Saturday, April 12, 2025, 106 students from the Hammond Area Career Center competed in the 2025 Indiana SkillsUSA Competition. Students from 15 different categories placed in the top 3 of their skills competition and include the following silver (2nd Place) and bronze (3rd Place) placewinners:

- Stephanie Robledo (Hammond Central HS) & Lyric Walker (Hammond Central HS) - 2nd Place - EMT
- Aubree Dalcero (Lake Central HS) - 2nd Place - Restaurant Services
- Lyila Vega (HAST), Mariana Moyo (Griffith HS), Jazlena Christensen (HAST) - 3rd Place - Promotional Bulletin Board
- Robert Casiano (Munster HS), Teagan Sullivan (Lake Central HS), Aiden Nieves (Griffith HS), & Ivy Ogrizovich (Lake Central HS) - 3rd Place - Video News Production

- Jori Lawson (Hammond Central HS) & Kailey Kidd (Whiting HS) - 2nd Place - Video TV Production
- Alexander Schaller (Munster HS) - 3rd Place - Cabinetmaking
- Andrew Chen (Lake Central HS) - 3rd Place - Carpentry
- Kira Roberts (Hammond Morton HS) - 2nd Place - Natural Hair Braiding
- Joseph Handler (Lake Central HS) & Ryan Lamont (Lake Central HS) - 3rd Place - Mechatronics
- Isi Pozo (Whiting HS) & Dustin Niblett (Calumet New Tech HS) - 2nd Place - Mechatronics

The following students placed Gold (1st Place) in their individual category state competition and will continue onward and represent the State of Indiana at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA from June 23-28, 2025::

- Giovanni Bailey-Hannah (Hammond Central HS), Jazlyn Munoz (Hammond Central HS), Talina Cisneros (Hammond Central HS)



- 1st Place - Crime Scene Investigation
- Nakkai Mackie (Hammond Morton HS) - 1st Place - Esthetics
- Roman Lopez (Munster HS), Ailith Norman (Morton HS), Langston Beck (Calumet New Tech HS), & Kaliah Blackmon (Hammond Morton HS) - 1st Place - Video News Production
- Aaron Anderson (Hammond Morton HS) - 1st Place - Screen Printing
- Fernando Ramirez (HAST) - 1st Place - Commercial Roofing
- Dylan Sjoquist (Highland HS), Alexander Waszak (Lake Central HS), Bryce Graham (Griffith HS), & Kristopher Garner (Lake Central HS) - 1st Place - Teamworks

- Fernando Ramirez (HAST) - 1st Place - Commercial Roofing

Congratulations to all SkillsUSA Indiana competitors and Good Luck to all students that will compete at SkillsUSA Nationals in June 2025

The Area Career Center was created in 1919 and has resided in its current building since 1950. While it was formerly known as Hammond Technical Vocational High School, its current format houses 13 career pathways that are attended by ten high schools throughout The Region. This unique model allows the ACC to truly prepare students for careers in our area, as our student population is a microcosm of regional workforce demographics.

Source: Hammond Area Career Center

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Governor's Parkway Railroad Overpass Project Receives NEPA Approval

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. and the City of Hammond are pleased to announce that the Governor's Parkway Railroad Overpass Project has received approval under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), marking a significant milestone in the effort to alleviate long-standing traffic disruptions caused by blocked railroad crossings in the Hessville neighborhood. Two years following the public hearing, the much-anticipated approval allows the project to begin the property acquisition phase.

"The rigorous environmental review process is complete," said Mayor McDermott. "We have mitigated for all environmental aspects of the project including

tree replacement, wetland mitigation, identification and protection of Endangered Species, among others. I'm happy to finally move forward with improving safety response for our residents and solving the decades old problem of stopped trains in Hessville."

The project was awarded a \$7,029,392 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) through the Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program. The funding will support the construction of a grade-separated overpass over the Norfolk Southern line east of Parrish Avenue, eliminating two at-grade crossings at

Parrish and Arizona Avenues. The new overpass will be integrated into the Governor's Parkway corridor, enhancing traffic flow and safety for motorists, pedestrians, and emergency responders.

In 2018, the project received \$5.45M from Indiana's Local Trax program, which provides state matching funds for rail crossing safety improvements. The Local Trax program is part of the Indiana's commitment to enhancing transportation infrastructure and safety across Indiana.

The Governor's Parkway Railroad Overpass Project is expected to commence construction in Summer 2026, with completion anticipated

in late 2027. This project is part of a broader initiative to improve rail crossing safety and efficiency in Northwest Indiana, addressing concerns raised by residents and first responders regarding blocked crossings and delayed emergency response times.

INDOT will be seeking public comment on the approved Environmental Assessment for 45 days anticipated to begin on Monday, May 5, 2025 following the publication of the statutory legal notice. Comments can be made by email to GovernorsParkwayProject@cmtengr.com. Comments cannot be received prior to publication of the legal notice.

Source: City of Hammond

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Hammond Cuts Ribbon on New Fire Station 2



The city of Hammond cut the ribbon on its new fire station Thursday. The new Fire Station 2 is located at 2403 Calumet Avenue in Robertsdale. It replaces a station a couple blocks north dating back to 1961.

Madeleine Albright, America's first female secretary of state, is born

Madeleine Albright, America's first female secretary of state, is born Marie Jana Korbelova on May 15, 1937, in Prague, Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic).

The daughter of Czech diplomat Josef Korbel, Albright fled to England with her family after the Nazis occupied Czechoslovakia in 1939. Though Albright long believed they had fled for political reasons, she learned as an adult that her family was Jewish and that three of her grandparents had died in Nazi concentration camps. The family returned home after World War II ended but immigrated to the United States in 1948 after a Soviet-sponsored Communist coup seized power in Prague. Josef Korbel became dean of the school of international relations at the University of Denver (where he would later train another female secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice).

After graduating from Wellesley College in 1959, Albright married Joseph Medill Patterson Albright of the prominent Medill newspaper-publishing family. With an MA and PhD from Columbia University under her belt, Albright headed to Washington, D.C., where she worked for Maine's Senator Edmund S. Muskie and served on the National Security Council in the administration of President Jimmy Carter. She and Joseph Albright divorced in 1982. During the Republican presidencies of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, Albright worked for several nonprofit organizations and taught at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

With a Democrat—Bill Clinton—in the White House again in 1992, Albright found herself at the center

of Washington's most powerful circle. In 1993, Clinton appointed her ambassador to the United Nations. In that post, Albright earned a reputation as a straight-talking defender of American interests and an advocate for an increased role for the U.S. in U.N. operations. In late 1996, Clinton nominated Albright to succeed Warren Christopher as U.S. secretary of state. After her nomination was unanimously confirmed by the Senate, she was sworn in on January 23, 1997.

As secretary of state, Albright pursued an active foreign policy, including the use of military force to pressure autocratic regimes in Yugoslavia and Iraq, among other troubled regions. Her trip to North Korea in October 2000 to meet with leader Kim Jong Il made her the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit that country at that time. She drew some criticism for her tough position on U.S. sanctions against Iraq, which led to many civilian deaths in that country.

Albright's term ended with the election of President George W. Bush in 2000. Though there was talk of her entering Czech politics, she returned to her teaching post at Georgetown, accepted several board positions and became chair of a nonprofit organization, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs.

On March 23, 2022, Albright died at age 84. Just one month before her death, she spoke out on the impending Russian invasion of Ukraine, writing in a New York Times op-ed Russian President Vladimir Putin would be making a "historic mistake" by invading Ukraine.

Source: History.com Staff

Applications open for the 2025-2026 Leadership Northwest Indiana program

The Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest (PNW) has opened applications for the 2025-2026 Leadership Northwest Indiana (LNI) program. This premium leadership program, facilitated by a team that includes faculty members from the PNW's College of Business, as well as leadership practitioners, meets monthly from September 2025 to May 2026. A 360 assessment and custom coaching are program highlights. The facilitation team provides research-based leadership content and skill-building for effective leadership in the workplace and in life.

Leadership Northwest Indiana is well-regarded as a great place for professionals to build their networks, as they learn from the real-world challenges other participants bring to the discussions. All LNI sessions are led by leadership experts from both the academic and business world so that participants get the latest research-based leadership content and the most effective skills to add to their tool kit. To view more information about the program and registration, visit pnw.edu/lni. The deadline to apply is Sept. 1, 2025.

"Anyone with a passion for development and growth should consider the LNI program," said Jane Thomas, academic director at the Leadership Institute and associate professor of Human Resource Management and Organizational Behavior at PNW. "We want all participants to understand the impact that they can have when they

intentionally and purposefully work on their leadership."

"We are very excited to host the 50th cohort of LNI!" said Mekisha Richardson, director of professional education of the Leadership Institute at PNW. "We plan to offer the same high quality leadership development workshops with a few added surprises along the way, so if anyone has been contemplating whether or not to sign-up, this is definitely the year you don't want to miss."

"The Leadership Institute at PNW provides a vital service to our community by cultivating strong, capable leaders," said Juan J. Moreno, director of Economic Development for the City of Hammond. "I appreciate their commitment to developing individuals who can make a positive impact."

More information can be found online at pnw.edu/leadership-institute or by contacting the Leadership Institute at leadershipinstitute@pnw.edu.

The Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest

The Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest (PNW) is the hub of leadership development in Northwest Indiana. We present dynamic research-based leadership development programs for businesses, area professionals, and youth leaders from the university and across our regional community. For more information about the Leadership Institute, visit www.pnw.edu/leadership-institute.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

Hammond Education Foundation

Awards Scholarships

Twenty 2025 high school graduates of the School City of Hammond and two continuation scholars will receive \$49,000 in college scholarships for the 2025-26 academic year, thanks to financial contributions made to the Hammond Education Foundation

"Presenting these scholarships to such deserving students is always an honor," said Roxanna O'Rourke, Executive Director of the Hammond Education Foundation. "Their impressive academic achievements are a true reflection of the dedication and talent of the teachers at the School City of Hammond," Mrs. O'Rourke added

The Keltner Future Teacher Scholarship, funded by Jess & Marge Keltner, retired School City of Hammond teachers & administrators to encourage the continuation of the teaching profession, recipient is

- **Angelique Mejias Rios** - Valparaiso University - Early childhood Education The Keltner Future Teacher Scholarship has a continuation provision awarded to our previous year's recipients:
- **Ellie Bevan** - Indiana University Indianapolis - Art Education Major
- **Jacklyn Orzechowicz** - Purdue University Northwest - Education Major

There are two recipients of the Mark Biel Memorial Scholarship. The Biel Scholarship is a gift made anonymously by a Hammond High

alum in memory of the late Hammond teacher and administrator Mark Biel. They are:

- **Nyala Jackson** - Indiana State University - Pre-Medicine (Biology) Major
- **Kevin Soriano** - Purdue University - Mechanical Engineering Major

There are ten recipients of the Draskovich-Brundidge Scholarship. The Draskovich-Brundidge Scholarships are given in memory of retired Hammond teacher Zlatana Draskovich in support of student success. They are:

- **Lily Gonzalez** - DePaul University - Political Science Major
- **Emmanuel Julius** - Purdue University Northwest - Computer Engineering Major
- **Qudell McCallister** - Northern Arizona University - Business Analytics Major
- **Gabriela Poeana** - Purdue University - Accounting Major
- **Stephanie Robledo** - Indiana University Indianapolis - Nursing Major
- **Alex Rodriguez** - Purdue University Northwest - Kinesiology
- **Autumn Staples** - Illinois State University - Nursing Major
- **Gabriella Wilder** - Indiana University - Pre-Biology Major
- **Jaylen Williams** - Purdue University Northwest - Computer Engineering Major
- **Jeremy Young** - Purdue University Northwest - Meteorology Major

The Hammond Education Foundation's Legacy Bi-

Centennial Scholarship recipient is:

- **Angelina Wheeler** - University of Notre Dame - Aerospace Engineering Major

There are three recipients for the Ida & Lewis Brown Scholarship. The Ida & Lewis Brown Scholarships are a gift from a Hammond High alum, Mohammad Haleem, in honor of Ida & Lewis Brown, to help fund students' first year in college. They are:

- **Dapriah Randall** - University of Michigan - Dual Psychology & Economics Major
- **Jazlyn Santos** - Valparaiso University - Physician Assistant Major
- **Camila Weekes** - Ivy Tech Community College - Nursing Major

The Stanford HBCU Scholarship given to a student attending a Historically Black College & University and funded by Evangeline Stanford, a Hammond resident who had the opportunity to attend an HBCU believes in the experience, sense of community and pride it instilled. This recipient is:

- **Unique Powell** - Southern University And A & M College - Nursing Major
The Hammond Education Foundation along with the First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, a long supporter of education in the city of Hammond, now disbanded, has awarded two vocational scholarships. They are:

- **Jada Brokemond** - Tricoci University of Beauty Culture - Esthetics Program
 - **Katelyn Perez** - Ivy Tech Community College - Baking and Pastry Arts Program
- Please join us in congratulating these impressive scholars.

The Hammond Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and philanthropic partner of the School City of Hammond. Since its origin in 1983, HEF has generated nearly \$2 million in scholarships, classroom grants, programs and other support for extraordinary learning experiences and opportunities to help Hammond students succeed – in school and beyond.

Source: Hammond Education Foundation

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Additional details about our lifeguarding curriculum are available online. Specific lifeguarding topics are addressed in our Lifeguarding Manual and Lifeguarding Instructors Manual.

Investments and Longstanding Commitment to Drowning Prevention

As a humanitarian organization, the Red Cross puts the safety of those we serve at the forefront of all we do. Over the past several years, we have increased our investments in an array of aquatics programs, including our water safety programs and services like our Aquatics

Centennial Campaign, which works to reduce drowning rates in locations where those rates are above the national average.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's data, when looking at Centennial programs as a whole, counties with Red Cross Centennial programs saw an overall 10% decrease in drowning rates versus a 6% decrease nationally. Since the Centennial program's launch in 2014, more than 144,000 people have enrolled, and Campaign partners have delivered more than 120,000 sets of swim lessons.

As a community, we all play an important role in keeping those in and near the water safe.

Things to Know About Water Safety

Ensure every member of your family learns to swim so they at least achieve skills of water competency: able to enter the water, get a breath, stay afloat, change position, swim a distance then get out of the water safely.

Employ layers of protection including barriers to prevent access to water, life jackets, and

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Know what to do in a water emergency – including how to help someone in trouble in the water safely, call for emergency help and CPR.

Why Is Water Safety So Important?

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The Red Cross believes that by working together to improve water competency – which includes swimming skills, water smarts and helping others – water activities can be safer... and just as much fun.

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Source: American Red Cross

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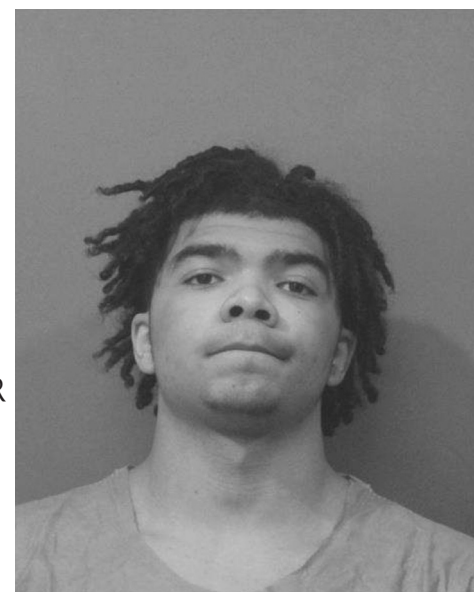
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AND THE JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE PRESENT



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FREE EVENT
FOOD TRUCKS
GIVEAWAYS
MUSIC
VENDORS

**THURSDAY,
JUNE 19, 2025**

12:00PM - 2:00PM

**5925 CALUMET AVE. HAMMOND, IN
(PARKING LOT)**

REGISTRATION - 12:00PM - 1:00PM

JUDGING - 1:00PM - 2:00PM

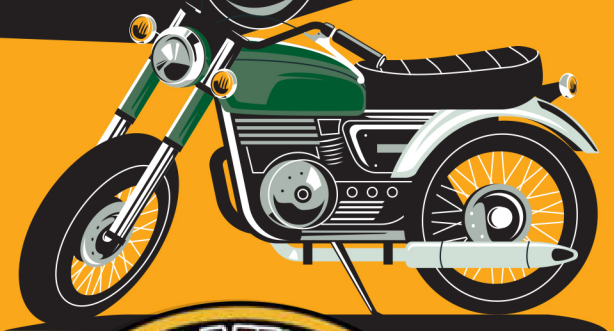
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- SHOW STOPPER BEST OF SHOW
- BEST ORIGINAL CLASSIC
- BEST DETAIL

-MAXIMUM OF 15 CARS AND 15 BIKES

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