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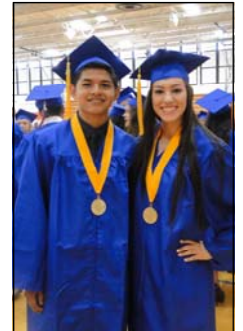
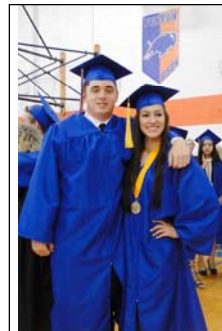
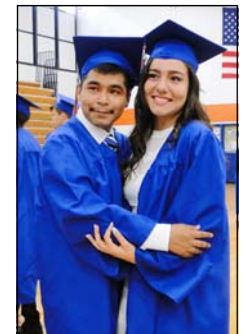
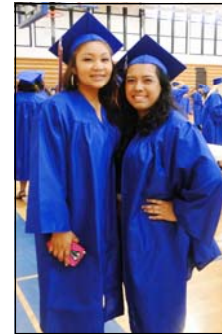
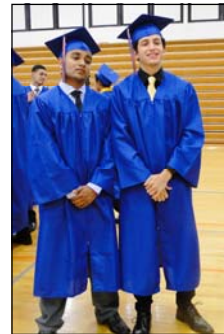
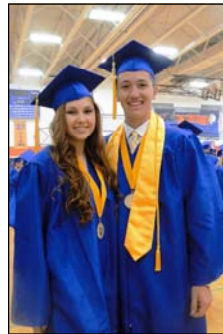
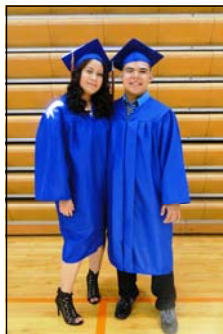
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## Congratulations to the Fenton High School Class of 2016



On Sunday, May 29, Fenton High School held commencement exercises for the Class of 2016. The Fenton Symphonic Band, under the direction of Mr. George, began the ceremony with "Pomp and Circumstance" and the Fenton Concert Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Williams, performed two selections, "I Lived" and "Until We Sing Again." Fenton Scholar Addresses were delivered by seniors, Heena Amin and Elizabeth Gonzales. The Fenton Scholar Addresses are posted on the Fenton website at [www.fenton100.org](http://www.fenton100.org). The highest ranking juniors, Caitlin Exconde and Ripal Shah served as honorary marshals during the processional and recessional. The Class of 2016 will leave behind a legacy of completing 21,910.75 hours of community service. Additional photos are on the back page and an album is posted on the Fenton Facebook Page.

## We are the Fenton High School Class of 2016



## A Note from the Principal

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Friends of Fenton:

It is hard to believe how quickly the school year has passed and come to an end. And what a year it has been - new principal, construction and more construction. I am proud to be able to serve the amazing students at Fenton and the entire Fenton community. Although it is a hectic time of year, it is the time when I most realize how fortunate we all are to be part of Fenton. Students, parents and staff commit their time and energy every day toward creating a nurturing school environment in which our students can thrive and grow to become responsible adults!

We wish our Class of 2016 all the best as they journey on to college, the military and/or work. Live your life filled with love, kindness and humor. Please see pages two and three for a list of senior accomplishments.

In closing, I take this opportunity to congratulate all of our Fenton students! I wish you all a very fun, safe and restful summer. Please take time to read at least three books this summer and do thousands of acts of kindness for your family.

I've listed some highlights from the school year below. I look forward to seeing you all on the first day of the 2016 - 2017 school year on August 17.



James Ongtengco  
Principal

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### Highlights of the 2015 - 2016 School Year:

- For the second consecutive year, Fenton is named to the *U.S. News and World Report* Best High Schools List
- Equal Opportunity School (EOS): Fenton partnered with Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS) to identify students who qualify for Advanced Placement Classes but were currently not enrolled. Our goal is to boost their academic motivation and achievement and their likelihood of going to and graduating from college.
- Construction is complete! The Fenton campus now has a new cafeteria, Academic Resource Center, Student Commons, eight new classrooms, new secured main entry, Chrome Zone, and Community Room.
- The Fenton community partnered with the Northern Illinois Food Bank and through the fundraising efforts of staff, students and community members, FHS hosted four Mobile Food Pantries. **Summer mobile food pantries are scheduled for June 14 (4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) and July 12 (3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)**
- Our Student Council Blood Drive donations impacted 100+ lives! Save the date for their summer blood drive on July 27.
- Fenton Freshman, Verenice Ruiz is named Miss Teen Illinois Latina.
- Held the 90th Annual Band and Choir Concert and the 30th Annual Art Festival.
- We celebrated the state bound achievement of boys and girls cross country, Special Olympics basketball, Dance Force, chess, ILMEA, speech, Robotics, Group Interpretation, FCCLA and wrestling.

### HEALTH OFFICE NEWS:

To all incoming Freshman Families,

The State of Illinois has recently updated the *Certificate of Child Health Examination* form and will accept only two versions during the 2016-2017 school year. Valid health exam forms include versions dated 2/13 and 11/15. If your physician uses any other version of the form than what is listed it cannot be accepted by Fenton's health office. In addition, if you have a religious objection to examinations and/or immunizations the State of Illinois requires that the *Illinois Certificate of Religious Objection* form be completed by you and your physician.

Please be sure that your incoming freshman student has a physical and up to date immunizations on record in Fenton's health office on or before July 1, 2016. Copies of all forms can be found on the Fenton website under Health Office.

### Second Semester Final Exams

June 3                Periods: 0, 1, 4  
June 6                Periods: 2, 3, 5  
June 7                Periods: 8, 7, 6

For more information, visit the Fenton website.

### Student Commons Summer Hours

Fenton students can utilize the WiFi and enjoy a quiet place to read this summer in the new Student Commons while summer school is in session.

June 13 - 30  
July 5 - 22

7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A free lunch program is also available during these days. Please see page five for details.

### Summer Main Office & Business Office Hours

*Beginning June 13*

Monday – Thursday  
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday  
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Class of 2016 Awards and Honors

The Fenton High School Class of 2016 received many honors, awards and scholarships.

### Department Awards

#### Applied Technology

Ryan Fagan

#### Art

Moriah Wheeler

#### Business

Ryan Fagan

#### Drama

Brianna Dompke

#### English Lowery Award

Elizabeth Gonzales

Mohit Patel

#### Family & Consumer Sciences

Esmeralda Estrada

#### Mathematics

Heena Amin

Andrew Lake

#### Music

Band: Spencer Franke

Choir: Cindy Gomez

Brianna Dompke

#### Physical Education

Elizabeth Gonzales

#### Science

Sebastian Oleksy

Ava-Clare Steed

#### Social Studies

Ryan Fagan

#### World Languages

Sebastian Oleksy

### Principal's Award

Giselle Aguirre

Heena Amin

Jessica Bango

Maxwell Dausch

Andrea Ghanimah

Theresa Giordano

Elizabeth Gonzales

Izabella Jablonska

Alana Johnsen

Ryan Karich

Michael Kik

Andrew Lake

Elizabeth Obsnuk

Sebastian Oleksy

Mohit Patel

Jake Piotrowski

Abril Rojas

Dulce Saenz

Rucha Shastri

Ava-Clare Steed

### Class of 2016 Scholarship Recipients

Fenton High School truly appreciates the continued support of non-profit organizations, local businesses and school organizations that sponsored student scholarships. It is through their tremendous generosity and support that students have additional resources to help pursue their dreams.

#### ABC Bank Scholarship

Mohit Patel

#### Armando Perez State Farm Scholarship

Giselle Villegas

#### Bensenville Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Heena Amin

#### Bensenville Lions Club DiOrio Humanitarian Award

Aleksandra Brzys

#### Bensenville Rotary Club Scholarship

Alana Johnsen

Luis Maldonado

Dulce Saenz

#### Bensenville Rotary Club Alf Logan Scholarship

Elizabeth Gonzales

#### Dare to Dream Scholarship

Abril Rojas

Dulce Saenz

#### Dennis Knowles Memorial Scholarship

Eric Lonergan

Izabella Jablonska

#### Fenton Education Association Scholarship

Emma Butts

Elizabeth Obsnuk

#### FHS Bison Booster Academic Award

Heena Amin

Andrew Lake

#### FHS Bison Booster Athletic Scholarship

Jessica Bango

Alexus Petrella

Monica Wedemann

#### FHS Music Booster Scholarship

Brianna Dompke

Spencer Franke

Cindy Gomez

Georgia Moran

#### FHS Padres Unidos Scholarship

Jossue Arzeta

#### Fred Lewis Scholarship

Gabriel Aranki

Spencer Franke

#### Joshua D. Schoon Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Gonzales

#### Miller Family Scholarship for the Sciences

William Osorio

Giselle Villegas

#### Robert Varney Memorial Scholarship

Michael Privett

#### Russell B. Dahl Love for Laces Memorial Scholarship

Antonio Aguilera

#### Students for Students Scholarship

Alana Johnsen

Michael Kik

Dulce Saenz

#### Wood Dale Lions Club Scholarship

Rucha Shastri

Deanna Wiggin

#### Wood Dale Chamber of Commerce/City of Wood Dale Scholarship

Heena Amin

Jessica Bango

Samuel Saunders

Rucha Shastri

Michael Stewart

## Senior Awards and Achievements *(continued from page 2)*

### Board of Education Scholar Award

<b>Heena Amin</b> University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	<b>Elizabeth Gonzales</b> The Ohio State University	<b>Andrew Lake</b> University of Michigan	<b>Dulce Saenz</b> Beloit College
<b>Jessica Bango</b> Marquette University	<b>Izabella Jablonska</b> DePaul University	<b>Sebastian Oleksy</b> Loyola University – Chicago	<b>Rucha Shastri</b> University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
<b>Maxwell Dausch</b> University of Illinois Chicago	<b>Alana Johnsen</b> Northern Illinois University	<b>Mohit Patel</b> Purdue University	<b>Ava-Clare Steed</b> Earlham College
<b>Theresa Giordano</b> College of DuPage	<b>Michael Kik</b> University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	<b>Jake Piotrowski</b> University of Florida	
		<b>Abril Rojas</b> Augustana College	

### Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

Heena Amin	Rebecca Garcia	Andrew Kozy	Michael Privett
Amairany Arzeta	Andrea Ghanimah	Andrew Lake	Samuel Saunders
Jossue Arzeta	Theresa Giordano	Shelly Laughlin	Rucha Shastri
Jessica Bango	Elizabeth Gonzales	Luis Enrique Maldonado	David Skrodzki
Guadalupe Belmonte	Melissa Harden	Jack Martinez	Ava-Clare Steed
Aleksandra Brzys	Samuel Hernandez	Elizabeth Obsnuk	Diana Ulloa
Arnold Correa	Izabella Jablonska	Sebastian Oleksy	Arturo Velazquez
Maxwell Dausch	Alana Johnsen	Mohit Patel	Giselle Villegas
Ryan Fagan	Ryan Karich	Diana Pikul	
Katrina Frank	Michael Kik	Jake Piotrowski	

### Presidential Award for Educational Achievement

Giselle Aguirre	Michelle Diaz	Kevin Herrera	Felipe Ruiz
Elmer Alvarez	Nicole Diaz	Kenta Jones	Dulce Saenz
Wendy Bandera	Odalys Diaz	Alexander Jordan	Cory Schwarz
Diego Bonilla	Brianna Dompke	Kayla Kaspari	Jocelyn Souvannasy
Mary Boomer	Esmeralda Estrada	Eric Lonergan	Michael Stewart
Kristen Borshell	Ulises Flores	Alexandra Lonska	Maria Trentadue
Emelia Burris	Adilene Franco	David Mechura	Jorge Villanueva
Chelsea Cabanada	Leslie Garcia	Natividad Mendoza-Ibarez	Monica Wedemann
Jemayah Castro	Marisol Garcia	Kosta Menka	Moriah Wheeler
Nallely Corral	Brian Garduno	Sophie Miller	Deanna Wiggin
Kevin Cortes	Leslie Garza	William Osorio	
Daniel De La Torre	Cindy Gomez	Omar Quintero	
Samantha De Luna	Jackelyn Hernandez	Abril Rojas	

### Community Service Award

Heena Amin was awarded the 2016 Community Service Award after completing 1, 234.5 hours of community service during her four years at Fenton High School.

### D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award

Elizabeth Gonzales is the recipient of the 2016 Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) citizenship award. This honor is based on service and leadership at school and in the community.

### S.A.R Good Citizenship Award

Ryan Fagan is the recipient of the 2016 Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.) citizenship award. This honor is based on service and leadership at school and in the community.

### Technology Center of DuPage National Technical Honor Society

During a ceremony held on Tuesday, May 17, Fenton senior, Odalys Diaz was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at TCD. Odalys is also a Illinois Skills USA Competition Participant.



## Underclassman Awards and Achievements

### Freshman Scholars Class of 2019

Jeffrey Andrews	Nathan Exconde	Marilyn Medina	Dioscelin Saenz
Doris Anton	Jessica Jalowiec	Mackenzie Miller	Melanie Sanchez
Marcus Astorga	Julia Kaspari	Belem Oseguera	Alyssa Silva
Alice Callejas	Agata Kukielko	Meet Patel	Sophia Sohail
Fabian Calvillo	Natalie Le	Shivani Patel	Alexis Vargas
Pamela Castillo	Yoselyn Maldonado	Patrick Patterson	

### Sophomore Scholars Class of 2018

Trisha Butz	Laila Galecki	Jamie Minard	Nicole Rybak
Kurt Castillo	Joseph Ghanimah	Ashley Olson	Uma Shivde
Adam Chaidez	Andrew Hill	Katherine Prejzner	Madeleine Subach
Alfredo Diaz	Emily Jarecki	Kathryn Radziwonski	Laynie Taylor
Julia Gainski	Adam Matolak	Rose Riley	

### Junior Scholars Class of 2017

Joseph Andrews	Agnieszka Gasior	Piotr Maciolek	Ripal Shah
Kathryn Bruce	Angelina Giuliano	Kishan Patel	Kelly Trzmielewski
Julia Adelnita Deguia	Iram Hameeduddin	Bernard Plawinski	Erika Vega
Caitlin Exconde	Mirko Janjanin	Eryk Plawinski	Samantha Ward
Cassidy Feddersen	Bryan Larsen	Yannis Rigas	

## Fenton Retirees Leave Behind a Legacy of 243 Combined Years of Service

**Michelle Bennett**  
34 years of service

**Melanie Haug**  
16 years of service

**Virginia Oelslager**  
33 years of service

**Judy Bosen**  
29 years of service

**Lisa Hennessy**  
35 years of service

**Kathie Pierce**  
33 years of service

**Mark Carman**  
18 years of service

**Jane Lawnicki**  
9 years of service

**Jacci Ramirez**  
18 years of service



### Be REAL Awards

Throughout the school year, departments at Fenton select a student(s) that exemplifies what it means to be a **R**esponsible, **E**ngaged, **A**ppropriate **L**earner. This year, 55 students were selected. From this pool of amazing young men and women, faculty members selected one student from each grade to receive additional recognition for going above and beyond in the classroom. The 2016 Be REAL recipients are:

Freshman: Kayla Zavala  
Sophomore: Andrea Acuna  
Junior: Joseph Andrews  
Senior: Emelia Burris



Kayla Zavala



Andrea Acuna



Joseph Andrews



Emelia Burris

## Summer Information and Reminders

### 2016-2017 Registration Information

Registration packets will be mailed home later this month and will include details for online registration and book pick-up.

### Summer School 2016

Summer school will be held June 13 – June 30 (session 1) and July 5 – July 22 (session 2). Summer school applications and course offerings are posted to the Fenton website.

### 2016 Summer Lunch Program

A free hot or cold lunch will be offered during summer school (June 13 - June 30 and July 5 - July 22). Interested students can check yes on the summer school form or call Mrs. Pomahac for more information at 630-860-6260. Lunch is offered to all students in the Fenton attendance area up to the age of 18 but a daily lunch reservation is required.

### Summer Sports Camp Sign-Up

Fenton High School's Athletic Department hosts a variety of sports camps throughout the summer for elementary, middle school and high school students. Please visit the Fenton website to see all the offerings available.

### Sports Physicals

Sports physicals will be available to students on Wednesday, August 3 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Fenton Field House. The cost is \$35. No insurance can be accepted.

### PUPS / Preschool Registration

Registration for the Infant/Toddler Room and Preschool Program is now open. Please visit the Fenton website and click on the Parents & Students tab to locate the Preschool Registration webpage. Please contact Mrs. Nelson or Mrs. Weidner for more information at 630-860-4935.

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## Village of Bensenville's Arbor Day Dedication to Dr. Kathie Pierce

On Tuesday, May 10, the Fenton community celebrated the career of Dr. Kathie Pierce during an Arbor Day tree dedication in partnership with the Village of Bensenville and Tree City USA. Dr. Pierce retired from Fenton High School in January after 33 years of service to the school.

During the ceremony, Bensenville's Director of Public Works, Joseph Caracci explained that the tree selected to be planted on the Fenton campus to honor Dr. Pierce was a Cherry Plum. The tree is expected to bloom throughout the seasons and also produce edible cherry plums.



District 100 School Board President, Mary Ribando thanked Dr. Pierce for her years of service and for "not only educating and inspiring our students but making sure that each student reached their fullest potential."

Pictured from left: Forestry Technician, Frank Palumbo; Seasonal Forestry, Colin Gaerlan; Public Works Director, Joseph Caracci; Forestry Technician, Rodrigo Trujillo; Dr. Kathie Pierce; Public Works Assistant Director, Rick Radde; District 100 Board President, Mary Ribando, District 100 Board Member, David Shimanek; Village Manager, Evan K. Summers; Fenton Principal, James Ongtengco and District 100 Board Member, Susan Ralph.

Since 1976, the Tree City USA program has provided the tools to allow communities to manage and expand their tree population. To qualify for Tree City USA status a community must have an urban forestry management system in place, maintain a tree board or department, have a community tree ordinance, commit to spend \$2 per capita on urban forestry and hold Arbor Day celebrations.

## 2016 Kaleidoscope Unveiled



Fenton's Literary Magazine, *Kaleidoscope*, was unveiled during an after school celebration on May 24. The annual publication is a collection of original student work in the categories of short fiction, essay, poetry, drama and art. The after school activity is under the direction of Mr. Escobedo.

## National Honor Society Induction

On Thursday, May 5, Fenton hosted its annual National Honor Society Induction. During the ceremony, the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards for community service were announced, incoming and outgoing officers were recognized, new inductees signed the National Honor Society Book and each senior took a moment to say a few words and receive a flower from an individual who made an impact on their academic career.

Congratulations to the 2016 - 2017 National Honors Society Officers:

President: Joe Andrews  
Vice President: Julia DeGuia  
Treasurer: Pawel Jakobovicz  
Secretary: Emily Patterson  
Parliamentarian: Jenalyn Souvannasy

Congratulations to the Gold, Silver and Bronze Community Service Award Recipients:

Gold Award  
Heena Amin



Silver Award  
Jocelyn Souvannasy



Bronze Award  
Aleksandra Brzys



## Village of Bensenville Blood Drive

The Village of Bensenville will host a community blood drive on June 22 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Students can earn community service hours by volunteering their time or by donating blood (one hour will be given). Donors must be at least 16 years old and a parent permission form is required. For more information, please contact Mrs. Ribando at [mrribando@bensenville.il.us](mailto:mrribando@bensenville.il.us) or 630-350-3405 or Mr. Porter at [porter@fenton100.org](mailto:porter@fenton100.org). Registration information can be found by visiting the Heartland Blood Center website at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org).



## Music Department News

### Young Musicians Mentor Band (YMMB)

The YMMB is a community band designed to promote a high level of musicianship and skills through professionally led sectionals and rehearsals. It is a fun, challenging way to “stay in musical shape” over the summer. The YMMB is open to any Bensenville or Wood Dale instrumentalist in seventh through twelfth grade. The cost is \$35.00 thanks to a sponsorship with the Bensenville Arts Council, Village of Wood Dale and other community organizations.

The YMMB will meet in the Blackhawk Middle School Band Room on Monday and Tuesday nights from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. from June 13 - July 19.

Information & registration is available online at [music.fenton100.org/bands/yymb](http://music.fenton100.org/bands/yymb). For more information please contact Mr. William Winters at [wwinters@bsd2.org](mailto:wwinters@bsd2.org)

### Fourth of July Parade Information

The Fenton Marching Band will perform in the Village of Bensenville’s Independence Day Parade on July 4 at 10:00 a.m. All Fenton alumni, current band students and incoming students are invited to participate. A call time at 8:45 a.m. will allow for time to load equipment and travel to the parade site. Students who participate will receive five hours of community service or have it count as an ensemble performance for Accelerated Symphonic Winds. A rehearsal on Friday, July 1 from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Fenton Band Room will cover music and marching. Please contact Mr. George at [georgeg@fenton100.org](mailto:georgeg@fenton100.org) or 630-860-4944 for more information.

## Art Department News: 30th Annual Fenton Art Show Highlights

On Wednesday, May 4, the Fenton Art program hosted the 30th Annual Art Festival. The exhibit was held in the new Community Room at Fenton and highlighted artwork from Blackhawk Middle School, Wood Dale Junior High and Fenton.

To help celebrate the anniversary, former Fenton art instructors, Mary Ann Graziano (Fenton instructor from 1985 - 2005) and Pat Roach (Fenton instructor from 1975 - 2000) attended, presented awards and had their artwork on display. The duo, pictured right, began the inaugural Fenton Art Festival in 1986.

Awards were presented in the following categories:

### Best of Show Award Recipients

#### Middle School Award

Yuvi Alvarado, Blackhawk Middle School

#### High School Awards

**Two Dimensional Artists:** *painting/drawing/digital*

Dadhi Patel

Eloise Wassmann

Moriah Wheeler

**Three Dimensional Artists:**

*sculpture/ceramics/jewelry*

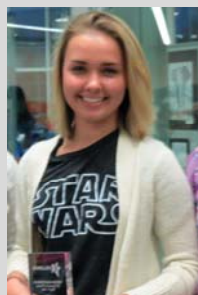
Diana Pikul

Felipe Ruiz *\*not pictured*

Nicole Hoffing



Dadhi Patel



Eloise Wassmann



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