

Belleville West High School JIIG

Jobs for Illinois Graduates

Special points of interest:

- Jennifer Irvin, School Outreach Coordinator from Barnes Jewish Hospital to speak on December 4, 2008
- Janice Sanders, Admission Specialist from SWIC, to speak December 10, 2008
- Student Community Service Project, reading to students at Abraham Lincoln December 11, 2008
- Christmas Vacation December 19th through January 5th

Illinois Career Association Inducts New Members

The Belleville West Chapter of the Illinois Career Association held their annual Initiation and Installation Ceremony on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. The ceremony was held in the West Commons. This year the students adopted the theme “Reach for the Stars.” They chose the colors, maroon, black and white for the ceremony decorations. Ms. Jاليا Brown started the evening off by singing the National Anthem. There were approximately 225 guest and inductees in attendance. Many Belleville West Faculty also attended the I & I, including, Cherri Thompson, Business Department Chair, Jason Burniak, Multi media teacher, Dana Koisher, biology,



Senior Assistant Principal, Scott Posey was the guest speaker for the I & I ceremony.

Stacy Posey, social studies, Andy Brunner & Jennifer Lewis, english, Julia Daniels & Ashley Cryder, counselors, Jennifer Stauffer, math, and Mr.Ken Jones, study hall staff.

Student speakers for the evening were; Dorian Luster, Mayweather, Jessica Brookens, Vincent Manuel, Rashiyon Stockett & Alicia

Harrison. During the ceremony members were formally inducted into the Illinois Career Association. Each member was presented with a Certificate of Membership, an Illinois Career Association pin, and were asked to sign the Belleville West Career Association Banner. At the end of the ceremony, guests were entertained by the West Step Team, the Latin Dance club, a Jilg ensemble and enjoyed a class powerpoint by Ms. Alicia Harrison. Guests were then treated to a reception that included, fried rice, crab ragoon, chicken wings, spaghetti, cake and punch.. It was an exception evening for the Jilg students and their guests.





Rita Eckert works with students on their floral arrangements.



Students Show Off Their Creativity

The Jilg students learned about floral arranging and the floral business from Mrs. Rita Eckert at Eckert's Florist. Mrs. Eckert talked to students about where the flowers come from, most often from South America. Students did not realize just how long the flowers have to sit before they actually

make it to their destination. She also talked to the students about the business side of the floral business. It can be an up and down kind of career. They are the busiest during Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. But they keep busy throughout the year with weddings, funerals and a variety of special occa-

sions. During Mrs. Eckert's presentation the students were taught how to arrange flowers in a vase. There are certain design principles to follow. The students did an excellent job and were able to show off their creativity by displaying their arrangements at the I & I ceremony and giving them to their parents.

Jilg Students Collect Coats for 4th Year



For the fourth year, the Belleville West Jilg students held their annual Coat Drive. Students collected coats every morning before school the week of November 10th. Coats for children and adults were



Jilg students advertise for the Annual Coat Drive.

welcome. Jilg students requested gently used or new coats for donation. This year the students collected over 40 coats to be delivered to a local shelter in the Belleville area.

DeVry University Comes To Belleville West



Sarah Adams from DeVry helps a student with her palm pilot.

Sarah Adams from DeVry University came to Belleville West High School and gave her presentation on Technology and Career Opportunities. The students enjoy Ms Adams presentation because they

actually get to use technology as they learn about it. Each student is given a palm pilot to use. The students create their own individual icon and use these to answer a variety of questions about their in-

terests and abilities. She then goes through and discusses the different jobs in a variety of fields. Students can also receive information through their email based on their responses.

What are You Thankful For?



I am thankful for having a great family and a roof over my head. Also, I am thankful for knowing what I have planned for my future, THE NAVY, and being able to explore the world. I am thankful for having the greatest friends that anyone could ask for. I am thankful I have my own car and a job to pay for it.

Zack K.

I am thankful for my shelter, that I have a place to go home to. I'm thankful I get to sleep in a warm cozy bed when it is cold outside. I get to take a nice bath in clean water. At home I can eat a nice hot meal. I have so many things to be thankful for, but mostly it is my shelter.

Brittany S.

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for the fact that I live in America. Other countries have nothing and are living in poverty. But America isn't like that. We are all lucky to be born here. I am also thankful for all of my friends and family. I am thankful for all of the good things I have in life.

Eric C.

I am thankful for being healthy. I am thankful that I am able to go to the college of my choice and enjoy an education. I'm happy that I have my mom still here with me, because some students here at West have already lost their mother. I'm happy that I get to have the things I want and need without worrying about struggles.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM BELLEVILLE WEST HIGH SCHOOL



THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE THE BEST OF EVERYTHING
BUT THEY MAKE THE BEST OF WHAT THEY HAVE.