

NEWSLETTER

FROM SUPERINTENDENT JESSICA SANTEE

Congratulations, 2025 GRADUATES!



We are very proud of our 2025 graduates. We wish them all the best as they begin a new chapter in life.



Class of 2025



1,422

TOOK AP OR
DUAL CREDIT

1,925

GRADUATES

369

SEAL OF BILITERACY
RECIPIENTS

86%

ENROLLING IN A
COLLEGE OR
UNIVERSITY

33

ENLISTING IN THE
MILITARY

95

WILL COMPETE IN ATHLETICS
AT COLLEGIATE LEVEL

6

NATIONAL MERIT
FINALISTS

SOME OF THE SCHOOLS THEY WILL ATTEND

AURORA UNIVERSITY
BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF DUPAGE
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
ELMHURST UNIVERSITY
ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
INDIANA UNIVERSITY
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
NOTRE DAME
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MADISON



From Our New Superintendent



As we enjoy the final weeks of summer, I am thrilled to step into the role as the new Superintendent of Glenbard Township High School District 87. It is an incredible honor to lead a district with such a rich tradition, a forward-thinking mindset, and a deep commitment to student success. I look forward to partnering with our families, staff, and community to build on the strong foundation already in place, and to grow even stronger together.

We proudly celebrated the accomplishments of the Glenbard Class of 2025, a group of extraordinary young people whose hard work and resilience have led them to the finish line. With 1,925 graduates, 86% enrolled in a college or university, 33 enlisting in the military, 1,422 students completing AP or dual credit coursework, 369 earning the Seal of Biliteracy, 95 set to compete in college athletics, and six named National Merit Finalists, these students leave behind a powerful legacy—one built on determination, curiosity, and community pride. To the Class of 2025, congratulations! You make us all Glenbard Proud.

As we look ahead to a new school year, I am energized by both a deep sense of purpose and excitement, knowing that Glenbard District 87 remains steadfast in its mission—to empower every student on their journey of learning, self-discovery, and becoming a thoughtful, engaged citizen in our global society, all while fostering a true sense of equity and belonging. This is our North Star. It guides every decision

we make, every program we build, and every opportunity we provide. In Glenbard District 87 we serve nearly 7,900 students across four high schools, representing nine diverse communities. And in every one of our buildings, classrooms, and hallways, you will find students who are discovering who they are, what they can become, and how they will shape the world around them.

This past school year was filled with proud accomplishments. From academic growth to championship performances, from innovative learning experiences to meaningful service projects—our students, staff, and families have continued to show what's possible when we come together with a shared vision. At the heart of our work is each Glenbard student and their journey toward becoming confident, capable, and compassionate individuals. The Profile of a Glenbard Graduate reflects the real skills and mindsets our students are building every day—thinking critically, communicating clearly, collaborating with others, embracing diverse perspectives, creating with purpose, and leading with self-empowerment. This profile comes to life in their ideas, their actions, and the way they shape our schools and community.

Our students are a reflection of who we are and where we are headed. We are guiding greatness, supporting every student, every day, with high expectations and high support. We are growing futures, as it is our responsibility to ensure each graduate is prepared for what comes next—college, career, and beyond. And we are Glenbard Proud, this is a reflection of the sense of community, tradition, and excellence that connects us all. It's the pride students share on graduation day, the dedication of our educators, and the trust our families place in us.

I look forward to all that we will accomplish together this coming school year, and I am energized by the opportunity to continue the work of inspiring and empowering each Glenbard student to thrive—not only here, but in every chapter of their lives.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Stay safe, stay inspired, and know that we are ready to welcome you back with open arms. Together, we are Glenbard Proud!

With gratitude,

Jessica Santee
Superintendent, Glenbard Township
High School District 87



Glenbard names new Assistant Superintendent and Director of Communications

On May 27, the Glenbard Township High School District 87 Board of Education appointed **Dr. LeViis Haney** as **Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning** and **Tyler Carter** as **Director of Communications**. Both appointments are effective July 1.



"I am deeply honored to join Glenbard District 87 as the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning," Haney said. "Glenbard has a strong reputation for academic excellence, and I am excited to build on that foundation by advancing educational equity, fostering innovation, and strengthening community partnerships. I believe every student—regardless of background, identity, or life experience—deserves access to high-quality, engaging learning that prepares them for a meaningful future. I look forward to collaborating with our educators, families, and community members to create inclusive, forward-thinking learning environments where all students can thrive."

Haney experience:

- Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at Stevenson High School District 125 (2020-2025)
- Adjunct professor at Loyola University Chicago (2021-present) and Northeastern Illinois University (2016-present)
- Principal at Rich Central High School (2019-2020), The Joseph Sears School (2018-2019) and Joseph Lovett Elementary School (2012-2018)
- Assistant principal at Spencer Technology Academy (2008-2012)

Glenbard Superintendent Jessica Santee said, "We are thrilled to welcome Dr. LeViis Haney to Glenbard District 87 as Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning. He brings a wide range of leadership experiences and skills with a focus on improving instructional practices and curriculum development to help all students succeed."

Haney education:

- Doctorate in administration and supervision from Loyola University Chicago
- Master's degree in administration and supervision from Northeastern Illinois University
- Bachelor's degree in history from Northeastern Illinois University



"I'm honored to join Glenbard Township High School District 87 as Director of Communications and thrilled to return home to Illinois," Carter said. "I'm especially excited to become part of an educational community that is deeply committed to preparing students for the future – one that values career exploration, innovation, and helping every student find their path. I look forward to supporting the district's mission by amplifying student voices, sharing their stories, and celebrating the incredible work happening across Glenbard."

Carter experience:

- Executive Director of Communications for the Columbus City Schools in Columbus, Ohio (2023-2025) – the largest public school district in the state, which serves 46,000 students across 113 schools. Oversaw internal and external communications, media relations, crisis communications and digital social media strategy.
- Multimedia Digital Content Producer for the Columbus City Schools (2019-2023)
- News Reporter for NBC4i in Columbus, Ohio (2016-2019)
- News Reporter and Anchor for NBC27 in Topeka, Kansas (2014-2016)

"Ms. Tyler Carter will be an outstanding addition to the Glenbard team as the new leader of our communications department, bringing extensive knowledge and expertise in school communication, media production, and news reporting," Santee said. "She will hit the ground running in sharing the amazing stories of our students' experiences in Glenbard with our greater community."

Carter education:

- Master's degree in journalism from DePaul University
- Bachelor's degree in mass communications from Purdue University

FACILITY MASTER PLAN - School Construction Updates

The purpose of Glenbard District 87's Facility Master Plan is to identify and address capital improvement needs at our four high schools, which are between 52 and 102 years old. Voters approved Glenbard's \$183 million facility improvements referendum in March 2024.

Annual summer improvements are currently occurring at all four Glenbard schools, including the opening phases of several major facility master plan projects.



Glenbard East Summer Improvements:

- Outer curtain wall replacement of the East side of the building (all 3 levels), including room refreshment of 13 classrooms
- Renovation of the library and AV center
- Renovation of 3 science labs
- Replacement of stadium field turf and track
- Renovation of first-floor restrooms



Glenbard South Summer Improvements:

- Installation of 24 new windows on the west side of the tower
- Conversion to LED lighting in the gym and field house
- Roof replacement in preparation for solar panels
- Replacement of varsity softball and varsity baseball dugouts, with addition of press boxes
- New gym bleachers



Glenbard North Summer Improvements:

- Renovation of 3 science labs, including the addition of windows
- Conversion to LED lighting in the gymnasium and field house
- Dugout replacement and new press box at the varsity softball field
- Renovation of washrooms in the 1999 addition



Glenbard West Summer Improvements:

- More than 200 new windows replaced
- Science lab and prep room remodel (4 classrooms)
- New bleachers and gym floor refinishing in Biester Gym
- Biester Gym and Field House bathroom renovations
- Biester Field House parking lot renovation

**To learn more about our Facility Master Plan
and future construction plans
for each school, visit our website:
glenbard87.org/facility-master-plan**

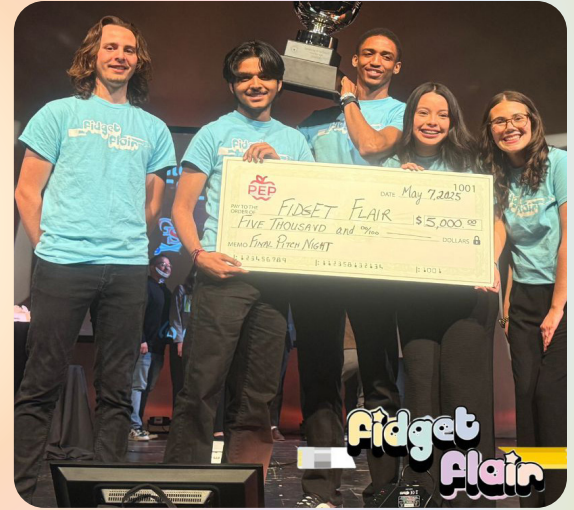
Glenbard INCubator Final Pitch Night results

Students from all four Glenbard high schools competed on May 7th at the inaugural district-wide INCubator Final Pitch Night contest. Teams of students in the Dual Credit Entrepreneurship courses worked all year to create and fully develop a product or service, putting their thoughts and ideas into action by creating a business startup. They were supported by their Glenbard teachers and local business professionals who volunteered as coaches, mentors and judges for the competition.

Congratulations to Glenbard East's Fidget Flair team who won the competition and received \$5,000 to be used toward growing their business. Fidget Flair team members: Kentrell Adams, Alex Cook, Shiv Patel, Brooke Seymore and Evelyn Torres. Mentor: Don Prochilo.

Thank you to all the students, families and community members who attended the event to support our Glenbard student entrepreneurs.

For more information on this program, please visit www.glenbard87.org/incubator



Glenbard East educators receive state recognition from ISBE

Glenbard East High School teachers Brandon Catt and Tim Fawkes were honored with 2025 Those Who Excel Awards by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

ISBE spotlights educators across the state with the annual **Those Who Excel Awards**, which recognize the exemplary educators who go above and beyond to make positive impacts in their school communities.

Catt, who serves as a music teacher and fine arts department chair at Glenbard East, has been named as a Those Who Excel – Award of Excellence recipient in the school administrator category. Fawkes, who is a music teacher at Glenbard East, has been selected as a Those Who Excel – Award of Excellence honoree for classroom teaching.

The Award of Excellence is the most prestigious category of achievement in the Those Who Excel Awards. To receive the Award of Excellence, educators must have demonstrated a commitment to equity and to the success of all students. They regularly collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create positive school cultures. They are lifelong learners who connect their schools to the community at large and who inspire other education professionals within and beyond their schools.

“Brandon Catt is more than well deserving of this honor and recognition,” said Glenbard East Principal Antoine Anderson. “As a leader, he has been steadfast in his commitment to support the Fine Arts staff and students in their effort to perform at their full potential. As a school, East is fortunate to have Brandon as his intentional efforts to serve have had a long-lasting and positive impact in the building and in the community at large.”

“Tim Fawkes is an exceptional teacher and a true asset to our school community,” Anderson said. “He engages students by sharing his love and passion for music on a daily basis. He is well deserving of this honor and recognition.”

ISBE celebrated the awardees at a banquet on May 17.

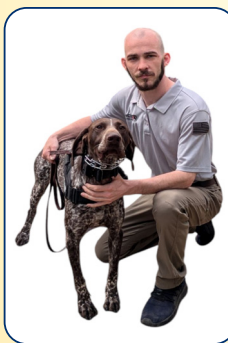


Glenbard East Principal Antoine Anderson, teachers Brandon Catt and Tim Fawkes with Board of Education President Margaret DeLaRosa and Superintendent David Larson

Glenbard District 87 Adds Canine Detection Teams to School Safety Protocols



*Canine handler
AJ and canine
Anakin*



*Canine handler
Patrick and
canine Rizz*

During the 2024-25 school year, the district continued to strengthen its comprehensive safety and security plan with new layers of protection throughout our campuses. Enhanced video technology and improved lighting have been installed both inside our buildings and around outdoor areas to help identify potential safety concerns. We've also added advanced sensors to exterior and interior doors to detect possible threats early and respond quickly.

Our comprehensive safety plan included the introduction of canine detection teams at the start of June 2025. On February 10th, the District 87 Board of Education voted to approve the addition of canine detection teams within our schools. The canine teams include a certified handler and a specially trained dog who work in the school environment. The dog helps detect and identify potentially dangerous items or materials that may be at school and will discreetly notify the handler.

Canine detection programs have demonstrated proven success in a variety of high-traffic environments, including concerts, sporting events, amusement parks, and other school districts. The dogs in the District 87 program are specially trained to work safely and effectively in school settings, including being around students. The dogs have a calm demeanor and are specifically trained not to bark or interact with people other than their handler while working. The canine detection teams are deployed once all training and certification requirements are fully met, and the handler is able to reside within the local area they will serve.

Since the start of June, the handlers and canines have worked hard to develop practices that support the school staff and students. This time has been valuable for the detection teams to learn our facilities and acclimate to the rhythms of the schools. We are pleased with their progress and are optimistic about the positive impact of this added layer of security.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Be a Mentor or Coach for Glenbard INCubator Entrepreneurship Dual Credit Course

Our Glenbard schools offer an exciting course that gives students the opportunity to earn college credit while working with local business experts and entrepreneurs. We are seeking business professionals to partner with us by serving as mentors and coaches in the course.

Dual Credit Entrepreneurship 1161 is a dual credit course with the College of DuPage that provides a capstone experience for our students who are interested in careers in business, finance, management, or entrepreneurship, or starting a business of their own. Students work in small teams to develop a business idea. Mentors, coaches and the classroom teacher will guide them through a hands-on, authentic entrepreneurial experience. Students in this class will earn three college credit hours of transferrable college credit.

GET INVOLVED AS A MENTOR OR COACH

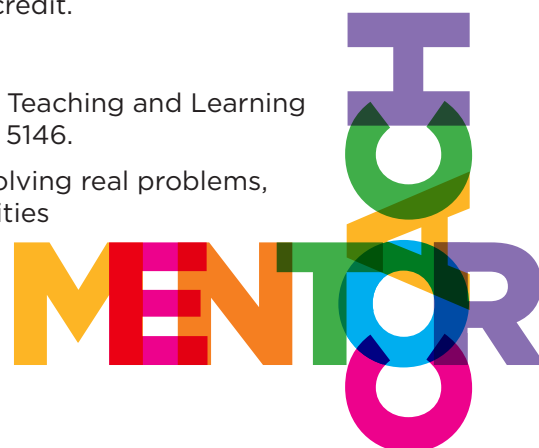
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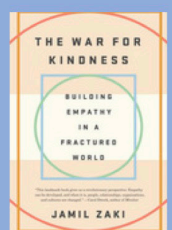
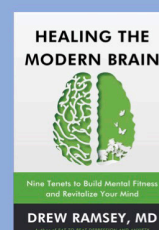
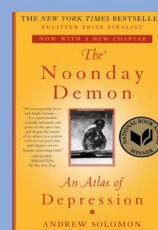
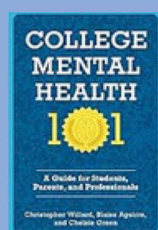
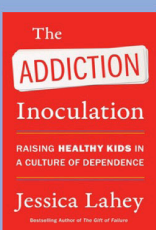
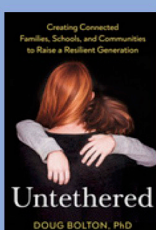
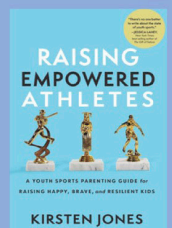
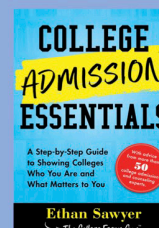
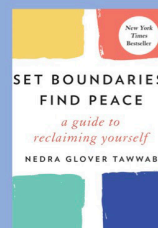
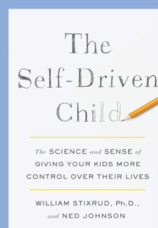
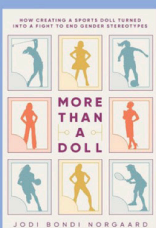
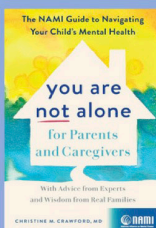
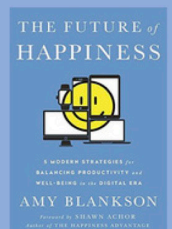
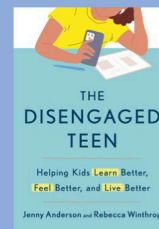
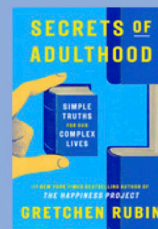
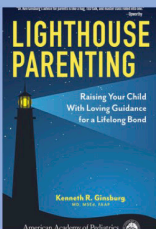
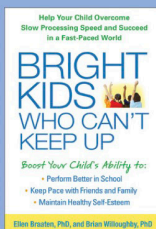
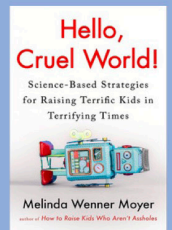
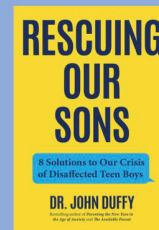
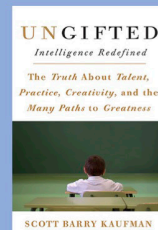
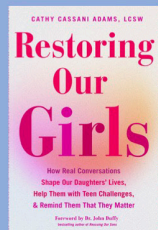
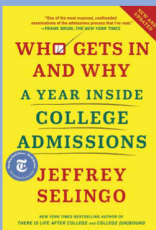
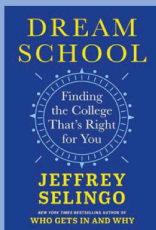
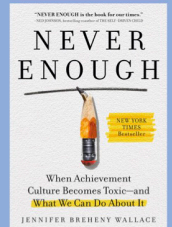
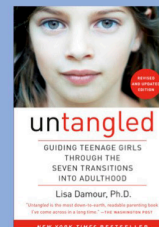
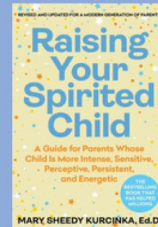
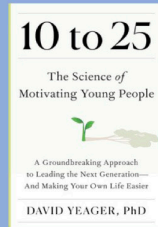
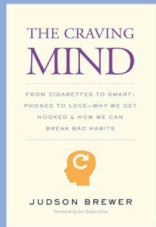
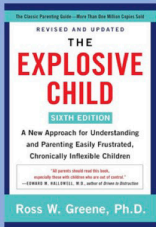
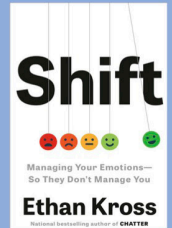
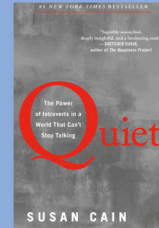
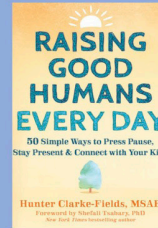
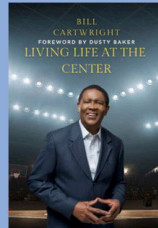
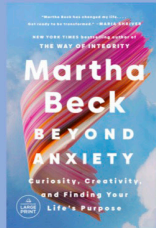
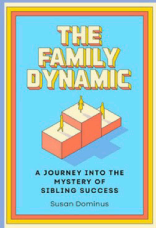
This course aligns well with our Profile of a Graduate. Students will be solving real problems, collaborating and communicating. They will analyze gaps and opportunities in the marketplace and identify the feasibility of a business.

VOLUNTEER TODAY

Local business partners are key to this new course.

Get involved today by contacting Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning Susie Wagner at susannah_wagner@glenbard.org or 630-469-9100 ext. 5146.





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Glenbard Township High School District 87 does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Glenbard offers classes in several college preparedness courses, as well as career classes at TCD, admission to which is non-discriminatory. Lack of English-language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in those programs.

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