



GAVC Update- February 2025

Building our community by aligning talent & education with industry and local business partners

January Student of the Month:

Our GAVC January Student of the Month is Mallory Fineran! Mallory is a junior at ROWVA High School and is enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at GAVC. Mallory was nominated by Early Childhood Instructor, Mrs. Laura Putnam. Mrs. Putnam had the following to say about Mallory: "There are so many reasons why I am nominating Mallory for GAVC student of the month. The main reason is that she gives every task 100%. She works hard at everything and her enthusiasm affects everyone around her in a positive way. Her classmates know that in a group setting she will work hard and do her part as well as encourage them. Mallory is hard working, responsible, enthusiastic and supportive in her classes and working with students. She displays an eagerness to learn and stick with a task even when the task is difficult. She is always present, on time and ready to learn." Mallory plans to take ECE II next year as a senior, and her future plans are to become a preschool teacher. Congratulations, Mallory!



Building Information:

- If you have a group (junior high, high school, community group, board members, etc.) that would like to tour GAVC and come see what we have to offer, please let us know and we would be happy to set something up!
- We would like to extend an invitation for you to bring over any students enrolled in GAVC courses for next semester to tour our facility and see where classes will be held. If you would like to do this, feel free to reach out and schedule a time.
- Students have taken the Precision Exams in GAVC courses. Students will take the exam again at the end of the term and will be awarded the Precision Exams Certificate upon successful completion of the program and testing. We have also added several industry specific and industry recognized credentials to our programs that students will test for as well. These pair well together and allow students to have a solid portfolio of certificates and industry credentials earned while they are at GAVC. For more information on Precision Exams, [click here](#).
- Trades Talk- On Thursday, January 30, we hosted the second Trades Talk event at GAVC. Students had the opportunity to hear listen to representatives from various apprenticeship programs, local employers and postsecondary programs about careers, programs, compensation, careers jobs and duties. Students were also able to ask questions during the presentation and gather information about the application process for each program. We had representatives from the Pegasus Manufacturing/Jupiter Machine Tool, Carpenters Local Union 237, Laborers International Union of North America, and the United States Air Force 347th Recruiting Squadron. We had 20-40 students in each session. This was a great day and a great opportunity for our students. Thank you to our partners for taking time out of their day to present to our students!



- On Friday, January 24, Mrs. Bruington and many of our Health Occupations students attended the SkillsUSA Healthcare Pathways Career Experience in Peoria. This event connected students with leading healthcare employers and industry professionals. Students were able to participate in a wide range of hands-on workshops and activities to gain practical experience in the healthcare industry. Activities included: Surgical Technician Demonstrations, Respiratory Care Exploration, Nursing & Healthcare Technology Skills, Patient Assessment Hands-On Experience, and Introduction to Healthcare & Phlebotomy.



Upcoming Events:

- We have completed our recruiting meetings at all of our serving schools. Applications are coming in and we will begin the process of gathering our numbers and placing students in programs. This information will be shared with counselors and administrators as we work through the process. Please continue to send applications as they come in. Once our programs are full, we will start wait lists and will communicate with counselors as openings arise. We will send out communication within the next few weeks as to student placement for programs and times. Thank you for working with us to schedule these meetings and your prompt response in sending applications once you have received them. We continue to be thankful for your support of our students and programs!
- Our GAVC Healthcare Careers Showcase will take place next Thursday, February 27 from 8:30-12:30 at GAVC. If you are interested in bring a group of students to attend, please use this [Google Form](#) to sign up to attend!
- Please remember that students will follow the CUSD #205 calendar for GAVC attendance days. [Click here](#) for access to the 2024-25 CUSD #205 calendar. Even if the home district is not in session, students are still expected to be in class on days GAVC is in attendance.**
- Welding, Nutrition, & Intro to Pharmacology/Medical Terminology will follow the Carl Sandburg Calendar. [Click here](#) for access to the Sandburg Academic Calendar.**
- Upcoming early dismissal and non-attendance days:**
 - Friday, March 14th- 1 Hour Early Dismissal- End of 3rd Quarter
 - Monday, March 17th – Friday, March 21- No School- Spring Break
- For the 2024-25 school year, Galesburg Junior/Senior High School will have delayed start Wednesdays. Teachers will communicate assignments & activities for students opting for distance learning on these days. Our programs will operate on the following times on Wednesdays:**

9:40-10:49	Building Trades, Automotive II
10:17-10:49	Engineering Design
10:54-11:26	AR/VR
10:54-12:34	Culinary Occupations- AM; Automotive I- AM; Early Childhood Education I; Law Enforcement, Electrical Trades II
11:31-12:03	Drone Operation & Maintenance
1:09-2:18	Culinary Occupations- PM**
1:46-2:55	Automotive I- PM; Beginning Machining & Advanced Machining**
2:23-2:55	AP Computer Science; Introduction to Teaching**
Sandburg Courses not affected	Welding, Intro to Pharm/Medical Term., Nutrition

***Firefighting & Rescue & Health Occupations meet on the regular schedule on Wednesdays.**

****Due to the minimal time difference in these courses, area students are expected to attend in person with no distance learning option.**

GAVC Event Dates:

February 19, 2025- GAVC Field Trip to Carpenters & Millwrights Training Facility

February 27, 2025- Health Care Careers Showcase @ GAVC

February 2025- SkillsUSA Regional Competitions

March 4-5, 2025- SkillsUSA Illinois AMPLIFY Conference (Springfield, IL)

April 24-26, 2025- SkillsUSA Illinois State Championships (Peoria, IL)

May 13, 2025- GAVC CTE Senior Signing Day (9 am, practice day before)

May 15, 2025- AP Computer Science Principles Test (12:00 pm; Location- GJSHS)

June 23-27, 2025- SkillsUSA National Competition (Atlanta, GA)

Program Updates:

- **Electrical Trades II:** Electrical Trades II students have been in the shop practicing residential wiring in the Electrical Shop. Students are working with framed out walls, and have been able to run wiring to and from lights, light switches and electrical outlet boxes. Students are then able to plug their source into an electrical outlet to confirm that the wiring has been hooked up correctly.

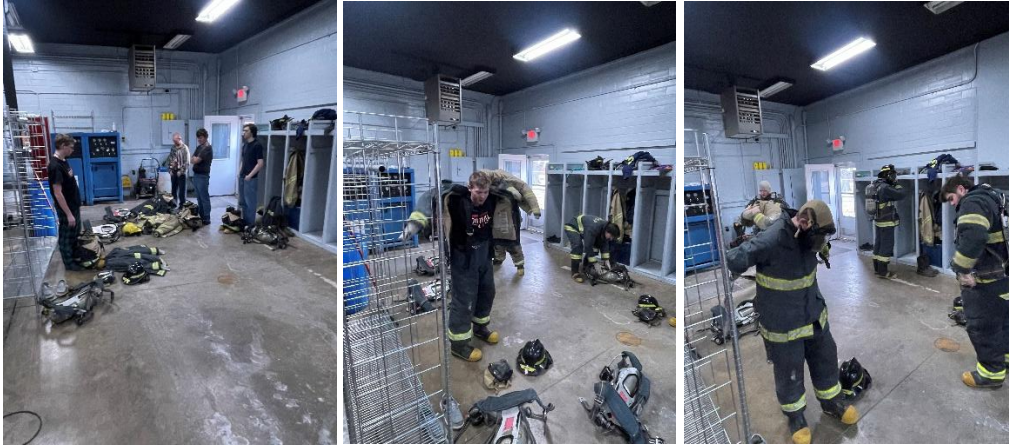


- **Culinary Occupations:** Culinary Occupations students did a little baking to donate to the Give Back Galesburg Auction, which took place at the end of January. They were able to dabble a little in the baking and decorating area of culinary. They made a Chocolate Peanut Butter lovers cake and decorated sugar cookies. The cake auctioned off for over \$500, with proceeds benefitting the Give Back Galesburg Organization! Students also just completed their annual Super Bowl dip sales.



- **Building Trades:** GAVC Building Trades students wrapped up a drywall job shortly before break. Students have been back in the classroom working on OSHA10 certification in addition to some smaller projects. One of the projects recently completed was the building of framed walls for our Electrical Trades II class to be able to use for running wire to outlets, light switches and service boxes. We are looking to work with Habitat for Humanity of Knox County this spring to assist them in new home construction.

- **Firefighting & Rescue:** GAVC Firefighting & Rescue students have been practicing donning & doffing firefighting gear, as well as working in the classroom learning various aspects of the fire service. These items, in addition to other labs, are being done in order to meet the time requirements set forth by the Illinois State Fire Marshal. Several GAVC Firefighting students are also planning to participate in the upcoming SkillsUSA regional and state championships.



- **Automotive I & II:** Automotive I students have been learning about automotive cooling system fundamentals, diagnosis & repair. Automotive II students continue to job shadow at Yemm Auto Group & Dave's Auto Body. Students in both classes have been busy in the shop, working on customer vehicles and individual projects. Work continues on the Factory Five Racing Kit Car. Now that the engine has been installed, the wiring harness is in the care and in the process of being hooked up. Brake and fuel lines are being fabricated and installed as well. Last week, we had a rear axle donated for the car. It has been disassembled and will be rebuild and prepped for installation.



- **Early Childhood Education I:** GAVC Early Childhood Education I are continuing to work in classrooms at various locations across the district. Currently, we have 5 students at Bright Futures, 1 student at Lombard, 1 student at Galesburg Junior High, 4 students at Silas and 9 students at Steele. GAVC students are in classrooms working with students and their cooperating teacher, and will continue to do so for the duration of the semester.



- **Law Enforcement:** GAVC Law Enforcement class just wrapped up their blood evidence lab. Students completed several experiments to study what crime scene technicians can learn from blood evidence. The class will now be moving on to learn about how questioned documents are examined. Students will also practice traffic stops and fingerprinting lab activities.



- **Health Occupations:** GAVC Health Occupations students have been busy gaining valuable hands-on experience and knowledge to prepare for success in the healthcare field. So far, they've explored key topics such as the role of a nursing assistant in long-term care settings, enhancing effective communication skills, and addressing common communication challenges. Students have also covered vital areas like safety, body mechanics, and infection control practices. Students have actively been practicing and refining essential skills, including donning & doffing PPE, measuring height & weight, and have successfully earned their CPR certification.



- **Introduction to Teaching:** GAVC Introduction to Teaching students have been working to get to know the "people in the school neighborhood". Students developed interview questions for a teacher of their choice. They conducted interviews with that teacher, practiced their workplace skills, and came back to share their experiences. Students were also able to hear from GJSHS Administration in a town hall type setting during one of their classes. This event was completely run by the students and they developed the questions to be asked. Students were also able to interview Support Staff as a part of the assignment. Students then came back together to share information gathered from all parties. This has allowed for students to have a much clearer understanding of how all the people in a school work together to make the best educational environment possible.

