

News from Genoa Main Street



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\$1,500 to Winners:

Votes Top 70,000 as Main Street Scholarship Program Polls Near Close

Shoppers in Genoa are going to the polls and voting with their wallets and pocketbooks in record numbers for their favorite candidate in the Genoa Main Street Scholarship Program. The top two vote-getters will share \$1,500 in scholarship dollars, with the leading vote-getter receiving a \$1,000 scholarship.

With more than 70,000 votes cast, the top five vote getters are Elizabeth Anderson, Kaitlin Bock, Hailie Fowler, Kevin Billington, and Suzanne Koeppen.

The polls close on May 14, and the scholarship winners will be announced at Genoa-Kingston High School graduation ceremonies on May 21.

A total of 30 Genoa-Kingston High School seniors have “thrown their hats into the ring” seeking votes to capture the scholarships sponsored by Genoa Main Street, Inc. and 26 Genoa businesses and organizations.

This is the second year the Genoa Main Street scholarship is being offered. Last year a single \$1,000 scholarship underwritten by 17 businesses attracted 12 applicants, with more than 99,000 votes cast among the candidates.

The scholarship program is designed to encourage local residents to shop and conduct business in Genoa while providing \$1,500 towards educational expenses for graduating seniors planning to attend college, community college, trade school or other”529” approved program.

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Applicant's names, photos and other information are posted at the participating businesses and organizations.

Votes may be cast at any of the 15 polling places listed on the poster and below. Shoppers vote for applicants by making purchases which will be recorded by the participating business. In general, each dollar spent equals one vote. Exceptions are individuals who join the Genoa-Kingston Kiwanis will be able to cast 200 votes, and individual/family donations to Genoa Main Street Inc., will receive two votes for each dollar donated.

Competing for votes with their future plans are:

- **Elizabeth Anderson**, (Genoa), Kishwaukee College, Education;
- **Cassie Baker**, (Genoa), Northern Illinois University, Pre-Med/Biology;
- **Kevin Billington**, (Kingston), University of Illinois, General Studies;
- **Kaitlin Bock**, (Kingston), Kishwaukee College/Northern Illinois University, Radiologic Technology & Health Administration;
- **Jonathon J. Brust**, (Genoa), Kishwaukee College/Northern Illinois University, Graphic Design/Mechanical Engineering;
- **Mike Cwiok**, (Genoa), Westwood College-DuPage, Criminal Justice;
- **Michael Dander**, (Genoa), University of Illinois, Civil Engineering;
- **Lindsay Decker**, (Genoa), Aurora University, Elementary Education;
- **Elaine Dhamer**, (Genoa), Kishwaukee College, Math & Art;
- **Marty Dwyer**, (Kingston), Carthage College, Education;
- **Kimberly Eisenbroek**, (Kingston), Southern Illinois University, Natural & Environmental Resources;
- **Nick Farace**, (Genoa), University of Illinois/Purdue University, Mechanical/Computer Engineering;
- **Hailie Fowler**, (Genoa), Illinois College, Chemical Engineering;
- **Linze Griebenow**, (Kingston), Roosevelt University, Journalism;
- **Brad Hayes**, (Genoa), Northern Illinois University, Nursing;
- **Jillian Hebert**, (Genoa), Northern Illinois University, Pre-Law;
- **Wade Holcomb**, (Genoa), University of Illinois, Recreation, Sports & Tourism;

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- **Joe Jacober**, (Genoa), Kishwaukee College/Rock Valley College, EMS/Fire Science;
- **Callie Johnson**, (Genoa), Roosevelt University or Columbia University, Musical Theatre;
- **Chelsea Jones**, (Genoa), Kishwaukee College, Early Childhood Education;
- **Brittany Kilgus**, (Genoa), Kishwaukee College/Northern Illinois University, History;
- **Suzanne Koeppen**, (Genoa), Kishwaukee College or McHenry County College, Music & Horticulture;
- **Paige Mathey**, (Kingston), Kishwaukee College/Arizona State, Business or Legal Services;
- **Samantha McClay**, (Genoa), Illinois State University, Psychology;
- **Benjamin A. Nicholson**, (Kingston), Kishwaukee College.U of I Urbana Champaign, Music Education/Computer Technology;
- **Benjamin Quinn**, (Genoa), DePaul University, Law/Business;
- **Cameron Richey**, (Genoa), Kishwaukee College/Northern Illinois University, Business;
- **Jacqui Sheahan**, (Genoa), Kishwaukee College/Northern Illinois University, English;
- **Wade Tischhauser**, (Genoa), Roosevelt University, Musical Theatre; and
- **Ashley Wigant**, (Genoa), Carroll College, Physical Therapy;

Where to Vote

To cast your vote for your favorite candidate or candidates, make purchases at the following businesses and organizations:

- AT Cyber Systems,
- Briody Enterprises,
- Cattywampus/MCR Framing,
- Citizens First National Bank,
- Crumpet's Tea Room,
- Cutters & Co. Family Hair Care,
- Edward Jones/Jim Wilson,
- Genoa Café,
- Genoa Pizza,
- Illinois Community Credit Union,

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- Pete's Castle/Marathon & Deli,
- Poppy Seed Primitives,
- Reflections Hair Salon,
- State Farm Insurance,
- Victoria's Crossing,

Shoppers can vote for the candidate they would like to see receive the scholarships each time they make a purchase at a participating business. The number of votes allowed per transaction equals the number of whole dollars spend or a maximum of \$200.

Individuals also may cast votes by joining the Genoa-Kingston Kiwanis and earning 200 votes for their favorite candidate. For details, call Pattie Marx at 815-784-5101.

Votes also may be cast by making a donation to Genoa Main Street, Inc. Each \$1 donation earns two votes. For details, call Mim Evans at 815-784-6961.

Additional Sponsors

Since the announcement of the program, B&P Self Storage became a non-voting location sponsor in addition to:

- China Wok,
- Custom Aluminum Products (Casco),
- Dr. Donald T. Miller,
- Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce,
- Genoa-Kingston Kiwanis,
- Hill's Tap,
- Kingston Mutual Insurance,
- Rosati's Pizza,
- S&A Maintenance Services, and
- Tobinon's Ace Hardware.

For additional information, contact the Genoa Main Street, Inc. office at 327 West Main Street or by calling 815-784-6961.

Genoa Main Street, Inc. is a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving Genoa's historic heritage and small town wholesomeness while promoting economic development and downtown improvements.