

News from Genoa Main Street



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\$1,000 Offered

28 Students Vie for Main Street Scholarship

A total of 28 Genoa-Kingston High School seniors have “thrown their hats into the ring” seeking votes to capture the \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Genoa Main Street, Inc. and 21 participating Genoa businesses.

“Thanks to the generosity and community spirit of the participating sponsors, the student garnering the most votes will receive a \$1,000 scholarship,” said Mim Evans, Genoa Main Street, Inc. executive director.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer the scholarship again this year,” she said. “Just as gratifying, is that we have 28 applicants this year.”

This is the fifth year the Genoa Main Street scholarship is being offered.

The scholarship program is designed to encourage local residents to shop and conduct business in Genoa while providing \$1,000 towards educational expenses for a graduating senior planning to attend college, community college, trade school or other “529” approved program. Applicant’s names, photos and other information are posted at the participating businesses.

Votes may be cast at any of the 19 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 individual/family donations to Genoa Main Street Inc., will receive five votes for each dollar donated. In addition, again this year, every two hours of volunteer time donated to Genoa Main Street activities will count as 100 votes. The time may be donated by the applicant him or herself or anyone else. The volunteer activity must occur prior to the end of the voting period.

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The polls are now open, and will close on May 14. The scholarship winner will be announced at Genoa-Kingston High School graduation ceremonies.

Competing for votes with their plans are:

- **Erica Anderson**, Monmouth College, Environmental Studies;
- **Mikayla Badenoch**, Northern Illinois University, Nursing;
- **Elizabeth Brown**, undecided, Nursing;
- **Dominick Calendo**, Western Illinois, Marketing/Sales;
- **Kelsie Campbell**, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Health & Biology;
- **Jimmy Capek**, Columbia College-Chicago, Theater;
- **Alexandra Clark**, University of Iowa, Medical Field;
- **Jacob Dander**, Illinois College, Chemistry;
- **Alana Dean**, Augustana College, Business Administration;
- **Alexandra Duffy**, Dominican University of California, Political Science;
- **Karlie Fisher**, Kishwaukee Community College, Nursing;
- **Brooke Gehringer**, Columbia College-Chicago, Photography;
- **Jillian Halat**, Iowa State University, Agricultural Communications;
- **Jennifer Hulsey**, DePaul University, Liberal Arts;
- **Brett Lucca**, Rock Valley College/Kishwaukee Community College, Criminal Justice/Educational Administration;
- **Fernando Mendoza**, Kishwaukee Community College, Communications & Educational Leadership;
- **Brittney Muir**, Elgin Community College, Nursing;
- **Tori Ofenlock** Roosevelt University, Medical Studies;
- **Nicholas W. Olson**, Monmouth College, Physics;
- **Willis Pope**, Kishwaukee Community College, Education;
- **Rachel Pry**, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Forensic Investigation;
- **Morgan Sargeant**, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, Chemical Engineering;
- **Kevin Simonson**, University of Missouri, Physical Therapy;
- **Molly Smith**, Kishwaukee Community College/Luther College, Nursing;
- **Rob Thurlby**, Aurora University, Physical Therapy;

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- **Anahi Trujillo**, Kishwaukee Community College, Special Education;
 - **Brianna Varacalli**, Kishwaukee Community College, Elementary/Special Education;
- and
- **Matt Volkening**, Western Illinois, Monmouth College or Aurora University, Biology/Physical Therapy.

Where to Vote

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

- BNP Storage
- Cattywampus/MCR Framing
- Citizens First National Bank
- Corner Grill on Main
- Cutters & Co. Family Hair Care
- Embroidery Sew Into It
- Everything Floral
- Genoa Auto Parts/NAPA
- Illinois Community Credit Union
- Joe's Pizza & Pub
- Kingston Mutual Insurance
- Laughing Cat Antiques Shop
- Neat Stuf and Neat Stuf Too
- Pete's Castle/Marathon
- Poppy Seed Primitives
- Prairie State Winery
- State Farm Insurance
- Victoria's Crossing

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

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Purchases at some participating businesses require special consideration.

In addition, the following businesses also are scholarship sponsors:

- Hill's Tap
- Kishwaukee Community Hospital
- Unlimited Performance Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine

For additional information, contact the Genoa Main Street, Inc. office at 327 West Main Street or by calling 815-784-6961, or visit the Genoa Main Street home page at www.genoamainstreet.org.

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.

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VOTING UNDERWAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES – Dan Harrolle (center) of Joe’s Pizza & Pub in Genoa displays the poster showing the 28 Genoa-Kingston High School Seniors vying for the \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Genoa Main Street, Inc. with Genoa Main Street volunteers Char Miller (left) and Carol Cleveland (right) Sponsored by 21 Genoa businesses, Genoa customers can vote for their favorite candidate(s) by making purchases at 19 downtown businesses or a donation to Genoa Main Street Inc. This is the fifth year for the scholarship program and the first for the new owners of Joe’s Pizza & Pub. For more information and the latest vote count, visit the Genoa Main Street Web site at www.genoamainstreet.org.