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THE GLENWOOD CONNECTION



Glenwood Academy nurtures and educates at-risk children by inspiring excellence, building character and strengthening community.



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119TH ANNUAL FLAG DAY



Under threatening spring skies, Glenwood celebrated its 119th Annual Flag Day. Friends, family, alumni, faculty and staff joined out students for this yearly celebration.

This event began with a chapel service where each graduating senior talked about how Glenwood has impacted their lives. Each noted that since Glenwood is such a unique education experience, they had a difficult time adjusting to their new culture and structure. But eventually the loving, supportive community won them over and proved life-changing.

Graduating seniors spoke of the house parents and teachers who

helped them through their years at Glenwood. Each student will move on to higher education or the military. Two of our students are attending Southern Illinois University and will be roommates together!

The ceremony moved outside for the military drill competition and awards presentation. The battalions were judged on various inspection points; drill points, including flanking movements and following basic commands; and overall scoring, including cadets marching skills. This year, the President's Drill Awards went to Maurice S. and Kelci M. The Irwin Cups were awarded to Scarborough B (Company A) and England Cottage (Company B).

Students were also recognized for individual achievements in the classroom and their military leadership skills. Each award was presented to the winner by a friend of Glenwood. Diamond B. received the Village of Glenwood Mayor's

Award; Cristobal S. received the Blanche E. & David B. Hill, Jr. Outstanding Leadership Award; Enedina M. received the Daubert Industries Award; Andre R. received the Clarence E. Carlson Award; Lorren J. received the Raymond C. Borgia Alumni Award; Symphony J. received the Board of Trustees Memorial Award in Honor of Henry & Barbara Brown; and Madison A and Lorren J. received the



Leadership Proficiency Award.

Our graduating seniors were presented to our gathered guests. As a surprise to them, they all received a brand new laptop to kickstart their professional lives after Glenwood.

We are so proud of that our students have accomplished! We know the Class of 2015 will go off into the world and make a true difference.

Congratulations and best wishes to one and all!



GLENWOOD ACADEMY OUR GRADUATES

As our seniors move on from Glenwood, we asked them to take a few moments and share a bit about themselves. Here they are in their own words:

Aysia M.

I am a senior at Marian Catholic High School and I have been at Glenwood for 10 years. I enjoy playing basketball, listening to music, and roller skating. I play basketball at Marian Catholic and I also run track. Last year our basketball team received 3rd in the state and in track I placed 3rd in the conference for long jump. I hope to go downstate in track for long jump.

Next fall I will be attending the University of St. Francis on a track and basketball scholarship and I will major in biology to become an Emergency Physician.

Tatyana M.

I enrolled at Glenwood going into the fourth grade in 2006. I attended Marian Catholic High School and will graduate with a cumulative 3.0 GPA. I joined the Marian Catholic marching band and concert band. The marching band has competed in the state of Illinois Marching Band Championships; Marian is undefeated in its class since 1980. The concert bands at Marian have consistently earned Superior ratings in Illinois High School Association Organizational Contests. In the military program I have been an NCO in the past but now I am a platoon leader and took 2nd place for the Parent's Drill this past January.

I like to take photography, art and I would love to travel all around the world. I will be attending Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in the fall to major in interior design.



From left to right, our graduating seniors are Aysia M., Chantel F., Tatiana M., Vashawn S. a

Chantel F.

I have been at Glenwood for nine years. I attended Marian Catholic High School my sophomore, junior, and freshman year and I volunteered with Habitat for Humanity on Battalion Staff for one year at Glenwood. I also participated in the auctions held at Glenwood.

I plan to attend Southern Illinois University, Carbondale to major in Zoology to become an Aquatic Veterinarian.

EMY CLASS OF 2015: ATING SENIORS



and Andre R. Four students are moving on to college, and Andre has enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

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senior years. I was in the Science Club my
r Humanity. I was an Officer for two years and
o worked in Glenwood's Kidshop and was a

ondale in the fall of 2015 and major in

Vashawn S.

I have attended Glenwood Academy for nine years.

After graduating from eighth grade, I remained at Glenwood Academy, and attended Bloom High School for four years. At Glenwood, I was involved in the Military Program as a Cadet, NCO and now an Officer of Kauffmann B platoon. While at Bloom I participated in the Science and Drama Clubs, and was also recognized for being on the honor roll. I am going to Northern Illinois University, where I plan on majoring in Sociology, and minoring in Pre-Law. My goal is to become a very successful Criminal Attorney, and to give back to Glenwood.

Andre R.

I came to Glenwood Academy in 2007, just as I was starting the 5th grade. I worked my way through the military ranks of Glenwood, which has earned me the highest position in Glenwood Academy's Military Program, Battalion Commander.

I've attended Marian Catholic High School for the past four years. I have enlisted in the U. S. Navy. After graduation, I am reporting on June 29th to the Great Lakes Naval Base for boot camp. My goal is to become a Navy Seal and to go to school.

Outside of school, I enjoy reading, learning and playing my guitar.

CHALLENGE GRANT: THE GREER FOUNDATION

Over the years, Glenwood Academy has been lucky to have true collaborators. These are individuals or organizations who believe in our mission, and more importantly, the success of our students. Through various avenues, a person can become aware of Glenwood, albeit a personal connection, a trusted colleague, or through word-of-mouth.

Some years ago, Pat and Carl Greer established the Greer Foundation. This allows their family to support many organizations that they believe in, and allows them to become more closely involved with supporting the mission of these organizations by creating specific partnerships. A driving force of the mission of the Greer Foundation is collaborating with like-minded organizations.

Former Glenwood President John Irwin along with Pat and Carl Greer joined together to see if junior high students could be enticed to think of a career in a STEM field. Opening up different doors so that our students can experience what is outside of the norm, is a goal for both organizations.

This partnership established the Greer Scholars. This scholarship is an amazing opportunity for our graduating seniors, and Glenwood is honored that the Greer Foundation has created this unique collaboration with its students.

Recently, the Greer Foundation has also awarded a challenge grant to Glenwood for the summer enrichment program. Donations will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000 by the Foundation. All gifts go directly to support our academic and residential programs.

To make a contribution, please use the envelope that is included with this newsletter. Donations are also accepted online at www.glenwoodacademy.org. Every new dollar that Glenwood receives will help meet this new challenge as well as supporting great programs.

For more information about this challenge, or to make a donation over the phone, please contact Sheila Quinn, Associate Director of Donor Relations, at 708-756-5104.

ENGAGING OUR STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Over the past few months, there have been a lot of changes in Residential Services. With a new leadership team, led by Vice President of Residential Services, Sean Word, the focus has been to expand the types of after school activities and options that we create for our students.

Recently, we have partnered with Bridge Teen Center in nearby Orland Park. This is an afterschool community center that provides a variety of resources and support for students in seventh through twelfth grades. The center offers a free tutoring program in all academic subjects as well as classes in arts and crafts, culinary arts, music, dance, IT and software, and social and life skills workshops. We have also partnered with the Forest Preserve of Cook County. In January, five public campgrounds were launched, with three near Glenwood. The campsites offer a variety of programs for students such as camping, canoeing, swimming, archery, fishing and hiking.

As our programming options expand, we are truly appreciative of the roles of our house parents. Without their important key roles that support Glenwood, many of our programs would not happen. House Parent Dave Hewchuk has taken on the task of running Glenwood's first Boy Scout Pack (#187). The emphasis of Boy Scouts is to have fun and learn at the same time. Boy Scouts learn new things, discover and master new skills, gain self-confidence, and develop strong friendships. Cultivating a love and appreciation of the outdoors and outdoor activities are key elements.

None of our after school programming would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our house parents. In



COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

On Friday, April 17, Glenwood welcomed guests to our Irwin Family Center in celebration of the 23rd Annual Community Celebration! This festive event allowed attendees to enjoy delicious treats, thirst-quenching libations, a dynamic silent auction and an exciting new performance from artist Elliott From.



provided by Paramount Events.

Another fantastic addition to this year's event was artist Elliott From. In his energetic, live performances, Elliott creates a six-foot portrait of pop icons, celebrities, CEO's or corporate logos in a matter minutes set to music. After his big reveal (the portrait is a surprise!) Elliott's piece was then bid on, and sold for \$9,000! Since there was so much interest in his work, Elliott generously offered to paint two original works of art in his studio for two of the top three winners. We were thrilled to have him as a partner this year!

This event would not have been a success without the dedication of the amazing 2015 Planning Committee. Pam Lawlor, Lori Stern, Joey Buck, Kim Valles, Stephanie Wright, Jessica O'Malley and Joann Lindholm truly went the extra mile to make this year's event such a success!

Thank you again to all of our food partners, sponsors, donors, committee, staff and volunteers for making this event an evening to remember!

Engaging Our Students Outside of the Classroom continues....

each department, you see house parents chipping in and helping us go that extra mile for our students. They are coaching basketball, soccer and our cheer squad; assisting in the admissions department, directing students in military drills, tutoring students, transporting students to their homes on weekends, and facilitating after school workshops and recreational activities. Currently, we are in the process of planning the summer recreational program. We have over 50% of our house parents volunteering to be instructors and facilitators for the program.

Throughout the month of May, campus is bustling with activity: from our President's Drill to Flag Day, from prom to Senior Banquet, and a few new events, too! On March 18, Glenwood hosted singer/songwriter Christopher Williams. He generously performed a concert in our chapel for all of our students and VIPS. Another exciting event was We Day. We Day is an inspirational event inspired by Free the Children. Free the Children is an international charity and educational nonprofit that specializes in educating, engaging and empowering youth to become agents of social and academic change.

Our students truly engage in their community and take advantage of learning opportunities in- and outside of the classroom.

This year's delectable morsels included tastings from Mr. Benny's Steak and Lobster House, John's American Grill, Glenwood Oaks, Fresh Starts, Jimbooo's Beef Sandwiches, Zarlengo's Italian Ice and Sweet Annie's Bakery.

Craft beer was donated by Lassen's Tap, and KOVAL generously supplied a whiskey tasting!

Guests were able to bid on over 100 auction packages ranging from sports tickets to spa days to adventure packages and beyond. The biggest ticket items were the two 3-day

passes to Lollapalooza and dinner for 10 at a Chicago loft



THE JOHN AND KATHRYN BURKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

John Burke began his tenure at Glenwood in February of 1955. While here, John was an exemplary student that teachers and fellow classmates thoroughly enjoyed. John has remained a friend of Glenwood's since his graduation from Bloom Township High School in 1959.

John received his Bachelor of Arts in Business and Sociology in 1963. He then served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1966. He received a commission of Second Lieutenant from Officers Candidate School and was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge.

After retiring from the U.S. Army, John proceeded to have a successful career as Director of Sales and Marketing with the Coleman Company, and then President of Coleman Faulkner. He retired in 2006 and continues to be involved with the U.S. Army as well as being a substitute teacher, treasurer of his church and a member of The Red Rose Honor Guard and Military Officers Association of America.

John married Kathy in 1966. The Burkes have contributed to Glenwood since 1977. In 2002, they established a scholarship fund for Glenwood students. John has said that he would not have been able to get into college without Glenwood's help. He, in turn, wanted to make sure that other students had the same opportunities that he did. The Burke Scholarship Fund was created to provide tuition assistance for high school students, and eventually, to provide college scholarships.

Glenwood was honored to host John and Kathy this year at Flag Day. They were on hand to present Enedina M. with the Daubert Industries Award. This award recognizes an outstanding first year student.

We are truly thankful for the dedication and support the Burke's have shown Glenwood's students. John is a shining example of how Glenwood can positively impact a student's life.



Glenwood Alumnus John Burke and his wife Kathy, present the Daubert Industries Award to the Outstanding First Year Student to Enedina Mendoza and her mother, at the 119th Annual Flag Day on May 16, 2015.

LET'S TALK ABOUT COMMUNITY...

On Tuesday, May 12, Glenwood Academy hosted On the Table 2015, a breakfast discussion that brought together over 20 local civic, business, and community leaders for an exchange of ideas on how participants can help create a safer, stronger, more dynamic Southland region.

In addition to coffee and conversation, On the Table attendees were asked to respond to deep questions ranging from the difference between philanthropy and charity to identifying the unique needs of Southland communities and how they can be individually or collectively addressed.

The most evident takeaway from the discussion was a general consensus that any deliberate attempt at positive change in Southland should come about through collaborative partnerships among the private, nonprofit, and public sectors. Notably, each group mentioned the importance of continuing the On the Table discussion into the future.

On the Table 2015 was an initiative by The Chicago Community Trust (CCT), the Chicago metro region's premier community foundation. The discussion at Glenwood was one of many across Chicagoland on May 12 – the 100th anniversary of CCT's founding. On the Table served as the launch of a year-long campaign to celebrate everyday philanthropists – those who are dedicated to making an impact on the community because of their passion, energy and devotion to the Chicagoland area.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our generous foundation and individual supporters! Without you, our mission would not be realized and our students would not receive a great education, structure and support system that they deserve.

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2015

August 5

November 18



We hope that you can join us throughout the year at our special events!

Wednesday, August 5 is Glenwood Academy's 45th Annual Pro-Am, and Wednesday, November 18 is our 67th Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon.

These special events directly support our residential and academic programs.

For more information, check out our website at www.glenwoodacademy.org, or contact Director of Special Events, Jessica Schulte at 708-756-6633 or jschulte@glenwoodacademy.org.

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