COUNSELOR CONNECTION

December 2025

Attention Seniors Scholarships Available!

The Galesburg Public School Foundation Scholarship application is NOW OPEN!

Completing one application allows you to apply for multiple scholarships. These scholarships are for Galesburg High School seniors and are privately funded. Scholarship recipients are selected by those who fund the scholarship or by a committee at GJSHS.

More information and the application is available on the Class of 2026 Google Classroom and at bit.ly/GJSHScounseling.

All documents must be turned in together in a sealed envelope or manila folder. Return to the counseling office (Ms. Johnson) by **Friday, January 30.**

Galesburg Promise

The Galesburg Promise program consists of funds to assist students with the cost of tuition at Carl Sandburg College. All seniors are encouraged to apply to Sandburg and for the Galesburg Promise even if attending Sandburg is not your first option.

Students must apply to Carl Sandburg College BEFORE completing the Promise Application.

There are 2 steps to the Galesburg Promise. You must complete the Promise Application AND the Foundation Scholarship Application.

The Counseling Office is partnering with Carl Sandburg College for a Promise Application Workshop on the morning of Tuesday, January 27th. All students who have applied to Carl Sandburg College will receive a pass to attend.

Check us out Online https://bit.ly/GJSHScounseling

Mrs. McDermott
Maternity Leave

Mrs. McDermott is on maternity leave until Monday, March 2nd. While she is gone, the other counselors will be assisting with her students. Below is a break down, by last name, of who you will contact if you need anything while she is out. Mrs. McDermott will not be checking her email during her time away, so please email the assigned counselor with questions or concerns.

Students w/ last names A - F contact
Mrs. Gonzalez (ggonzalez@galesburg205.org)

Students w/ last names G - L contact
Ms. Johnson (rjohnson3@galesburg205.org)

Students w/ last names M - R contact
Mr. Bredemeier(bbredemeier@galesburg205.org)

Students w/ last names S - Z contact
Mrs. Woodard (swoodard@galesburg205.org)

ISAC Recognition

As part of the State of Illinois' FAFSA completion initiatives, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) recognized the Counseling Office's efforts for the 2024-2025 academic year.

FAFSA

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA completion is state of Illinois graduation requirement. This is also how you receive money for college! If you could not attend the FAFSA workshop, resources are still available to our students and their families.

Carl Sandburg College provides FAFSA assistance to all area students. You can call their office at 309.341.5283 or visit their website at sandburg.edu/finaid to schedule an appointment.

We also have an ISAC representative who can assist students and their families:
Sage.Lundquist@illinois.gov

As we wrap up the semester, please finish strong! The Counseling office wishes everyone a happy holiday!