

BLOOMINGTON CAREER ACADEMY

Newsletter

Message from Mr. Hansen, BCA Director

Hello from BCA!

As we move further into the second semester, it is inspiring to see the growth our students are demonstrating and the opportunities they are embracing. This term, we have welcomed a variety of business and postsecondary professionals who have generously shared their knowledge and experiences, helping guide our students as they explore their career pathways.

BCA students are stepping into leadership roles, earning dual credit, and working diligently toward industry certifications. Many have also begun their SkillsUSA journey, completing qualifying exams and preparing for the state competition this April.

Our seniors are thoughtfully planning their next steps, while sophomores and juniors look forward to returning next year to continue exploring their career interests.

Beyond academics, students frequently share how much they value the new friendships and strong support systems they have built at BCA.

With spring on the horizon, we are excited to watch our students continue achieving great things!



Pictured here from top to bottom:
**COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY & NETWORKING,
 FOUNDATIONS OF TEACHING, and
 ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING**



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- March 9-13- Mock Interviews
- March 23-27- Spring Break!!
- April 15- New Student Orientation Night
- April 23-25- Skills USA Illinois Competition
- April 27- NO SCHOOL!
- April 29- BCA Awards Night Ceremony

CNA LEADERSHIP



Where Learning Takes Flight



BCA Seniors in the Spotlight

Gisselle Perez



Q: What classes have you taken through the BCA?

A: I have taken the CNA class and am now taking the CNA Leadership class.

Q: What are some things that you have learned through your BCA classes that will be helpful for your future plans?

A: Communication with patients- when I first started the CNA program, I was very quiet and just observed others. With exposure and more interactions with patients, I have become very comfortable and seek out communications with them. I am so very grateful for being able to work day to day at a hospital.

Q: What are your plans for the future?

A: Finishing high school and graduating! Going to Heartland and then transferring to a university for nursing. Every time I try a new field of nursing or go on a field trip to learn about career options - I love and am interested in each new field I come across. I just really want to take care of people!

Q: Who is your biggest inspiration throughout high school and how have they influenced your goals?

A: My aunt always volunteers to be my 'mannequin' and says I can practice my nursing skills on her. My whole family is really supportive and proud of me.

Q: What piece of advice would you give to a Freshman who is about to start on their high school journey?

A: Do not be hard on yourself; no one is perfect! Stay true to yourself.

Favorite Emoji?



What is one item that you can't live without?

Lip treatment!!!

Go to comfort food?

Alfredo

If you won \$100, what would you buy with it?

I would save it for college!

COSMETOLOGY



STYLE!



SMILES!



CNAs - LEARNING TO SAVE LIVES.....



ONE SKILL AT A TIME

Cybersecurity



AND SIPS OF COCOA!!!



BCA Seniors in the Spotlight

**Haley
Buracker**



Haley always knew she wanted to pursue a career in healthcare, which led her to take the Medical Terminology class through BCA during her senior year. Through this course, she has been able to explore a variety of career paths within the medical field and has discovered a clearer direction for her future. She now plans to study athletic training, a path that perfectly combines her love of sports with her passion for helping others. She will be attending Illinois State University in the fall and is excited to live in the dorms while still being close to home.

Throughout high school, Haley's aunt has been a constant source of encouragement and inspiration. She has always been open-minded and supportive, offering guidance when needed.

When asked what she would advise a high school freshman as they begin their journey, Haley shared, "Be open to any new opportunities that come your way. Do what you are interested in, even if others aren't interested in the same things."

Emoji you use the most?
The "melting face one"!



If you won \$100, how
would you spend it?
½ in savings and ½ with my friends!

Favorite
artist/band?
Olivia Dean

Bianca Ellis



Bianca has paved a path at BCA, pairing her passions for both Criminal Justice and Culinary Arts. After completing Criminal Justice I and Culinary Arts I last year, she continued to advance her skills in both programs this year. In the culinary program, she has mastered complex skills in a fast-paced environment and developed strong stress management skills—tools she plans to carry with her into the criminal justice field. She also credits her criminal justice coursework with strengthening her leadership abilities and preparing her for her future.

After graduation, Bianca would like to attend college and pursue a Criminal Justice degree while playing basketball. Upon turning 21, she plans to join her local police department and aspires to become a homicide detective. She also dreams of opening her own weekend bakery. Bianca says her father is her biggest inspiration and states, "he has been there for me since day one, helping support me through all of my activities and hobbies." Bianca's father has always inspired her to do things with "grit" and has continually given her "really good, but constructive feedback."

Her advice to high school freshmen: be watchful of who you hang out with, avoid negativity, be kind, and take your first year seriously.

Favorite YouTuber?
Kevin Langue

Favorite Emoji?
The "lip biting one!"



Do you have a pet?

A hamster named 'Toenail' and two dogs

COOKING UP SKILLS IN THE CULINARY CLASSROOM!



CONSTRUCTION TRADES



HEAVY EQUIPMENT REPAIR & OPERATION (HERO)



Graphic Design & Video Production



March 2026



Capturing Moments- Tech Honor Night at BCA

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Requirements:

- BCA student in Senior year
- Recipient must maintain a "C" average or better
- Full or part-time student during the four semesters of eligibility
- *Proof of acceptance at a post-secondary institution or technical college

**Please note: preference will be given to applicants who plan to attend school in McLean County*



How to Apply:

\$1500/Semester
Max of 4 semesters
(1 Scholarship)



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Application
Deadline:
3/20

Rotary **SCHOLARSHIP**

Requirements:

- BCA student in Senior year
- In top ½ of their class
- Plans to go to College/University or Trade School
- Involvement in service/leadership roles

**Two \$1,000
Scholarships**

Application Deadline: March 20

How to Apply:



-OR-

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Driving Toward Bright Futures: Automotive Technology at Chicago's Auto Show

