

Verizon Sponsors App Challenge



Students from De La Salle Institute being named Best in State for the Verizon Learning App Challenge are: Sydney Roberson, Michelle Vega, Morgan Lawson, Alexis Leon, and Krystale Cole.

A team of five students from De La Salle Institute has been named a "Best in State" winner in the fifth annual Verizon Innovative Learning app challenge for their mobile app concept "Save Our City" which aims to combat violence around the city. De La Salle will be presented with \$5,000 from the Verizon Foundation and each team member will receive a tablet.

The students' winning app idea was selected from more than 1,800 submissions nationwide. The app would utilize a GPS sensor to notify users in real time of violent acts that have happened recently, allowing the individual to find a safe location.

As one of two winners from Illinois, the team is now eligible to win one of eight Best In Nation Awards, selected by a

panel of education and industry experts, and the Fan Favorite Award, determined by public voting, to earn an additional \$15,000 for their school and the opportunity to work with MIT Media Lab experts to bring their app idea to life. The winning apps will be downloadable from the Google Play store.

The "Best In Nation" voting will be open until Feb. 14th at www.verizon.com/appchallenge/vote.

Reality Check App For Career Planning

The Illinois Department of Employment Security has teamed up with the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology on a new Going Mobile initiative that will help teens, young adults and those considering career changes to obtain realistic projections and information. The app tells students and job seekers the reality about their career choice, so they can be prepared now for what the future could bring.

The Reality Check mobile app offers instructions on how to evaluate a career, obtain the education and training needed for that career through a series of questions such as, "Where do you want to live?" and "What will you use for transportation?" Then it summarizes the monthly cost of these choices and generates a list of occupations that have the potential to meet this total. From there, users can explore each occupation's educational requirements, typical tasks, work setting and salary range.

The Reality Check app is one of many mobile enabled apps/websites released from DoIT, a state agency launched on July 1, 2016 to focus on modernizing technology for the State of Illinois. An initial effort of DoIT is Going Mobile in Illinois, with a goal to web enable 80 percent of citizen interactions over the next 18 months.

There are three ways to use Reality Check: Add up a wish list of options in housing, cars, clothing, entertainment and other expenses. Put in an expected future salary and then subtract expenses. Search for an occupation in Reality Check and then subtract expenses from the occupation's usual monthly income.

The next step after entering Reality Check is to select a desired location from one of 13 Illinois cities which offer a complete cross-section

of possible options. Each city has a different cost of living, which will be factored into the final analysis.

The tool provides career counselors and teachers of subjects such as Career and Technical Education, Financial Literacy and Family and Consumer Sciences another way to approach education planning. It can also serve as a powerful conversation-starter for facilitators of afterschool and other programs working with youth who need help picturing a path to financially sustainable futures.

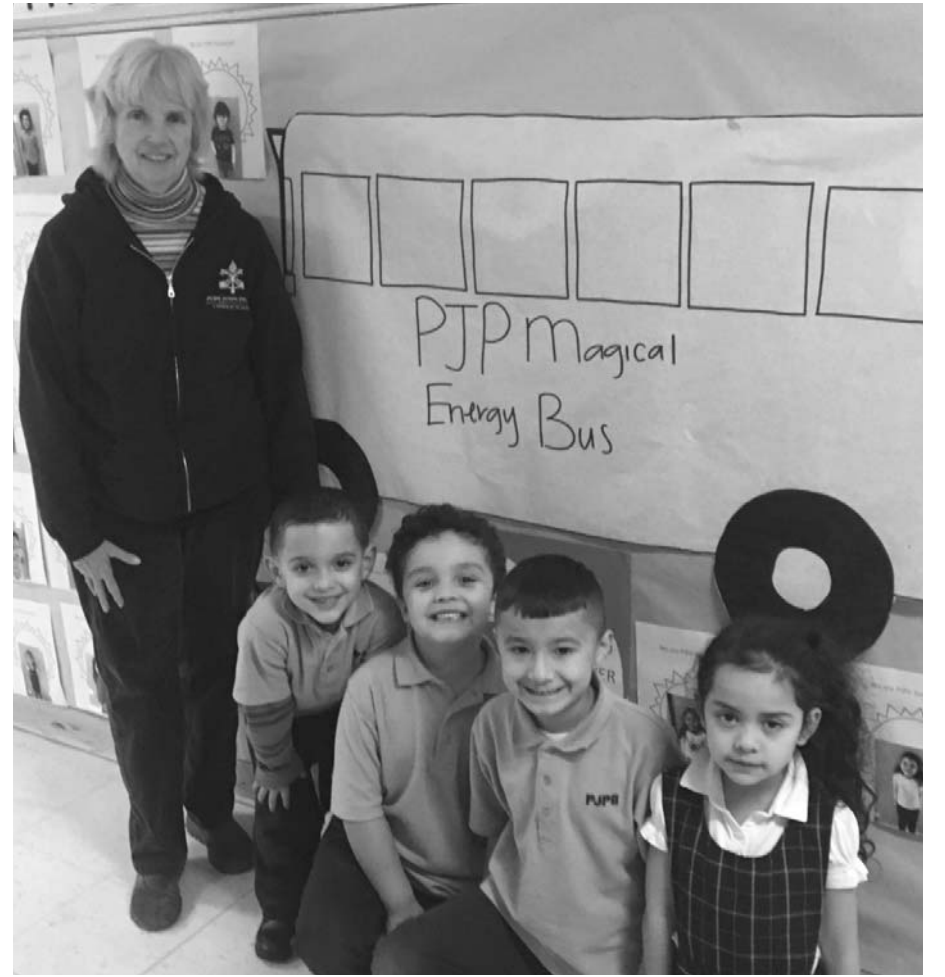
The Career Information System is especially valuable to adults considering a career change; parents introducing elementary students to basic work concepts and expectations; high school students considering college courses and vocational training; and educators guiding students through college testing and career assessments. Specific guidance also is offered for Veterans, the disabled and the formerly incarcerated.

Adults are able to benefit from assessments that identify occupations that match an individual's interests, skills and preferences. Suggestions on how to build a resume, interview techniques and tips to be successful in the workplace also are available.

Reality Check can be downloaded at the Android app store, as well as in the Apple app store by searching "Illinois Reality Check".

The Career Information System (icis.intocareers.org) delivers localized occupational and career information in an intuitive, user-friendly, online format. It includes tools to learn about occupations, financial aid, apprenticeships, post-secondary schools and colleges. Salary information and job trends are available as well as information on self-employment and how military employment translates into the civilian arena.

Catholic Schools Week At PJPII



Pope John Paul II School, 4325 S. Richmond will observe Catholic Schools Week 2017 Jan. 29th - Feb. 3rd. Activities will begin on Sunday with an open house, all school Mass and energy fair. The theme this year is, "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Pictured are Assistant Principal Ann Hartly with Kindergarten students Adami Cedno, Thomas Mariche, Jacob Sanchez and Azul Calvillo decorating the halls for the energy fair.

STEM Program For Animal Responders



On Jan. 17th, Dawn and Shedd Aquarium launched a new national classroom and web accessible STEM curriculum called NextGen Animal Responders, which will allow teachers to offer fifth through eighth grade student's five Next Generation Science Standards lesson plans. The lessons aim to increase students' environmental and science literacy through Shedd animal rescue and rehabilitation stories and resources and provide a connection to nature and the environment that students living in an urban setting might not have the opportunity to experience.

Chicago Public Schools will be the first to participate in a classroom roadshow and contest aimed to connect teachers and students to the importance of animal care and conservation. Twenty-five select schools will be visited by guest speakers and experts from Shedd, who will bring along engaging Dawn Wildlife activities, a contest call-to-action and materials for children to take home.

Students at Telpochcalli Elementary visited Shedd for a science experiment and to meet a member of the Animal Response Team to learn more about endangered African penguin rescue efforts and what they can do to help.

Chicago-area schools are able to enter a contest that will run for 11 weeks at www.shedd-aquarium.org/NextGen. Teachers and students will submit video entries to demonstrate their exemplary efforts in the appreciation of wildlife conservancy and answer questions about why preserving wildlife is important. The grand prize class winner will receive a behind the scenes trip to visit Dawn Wildlife partner Shedd Aquarium to learn more about animal care and conservation, including protecting and rehabilitating aquat

For more information on contest rules as well as downloading the curriculum, teachers should visit www.shedd-aquarium.org/NextGen.

Free Days At Science Museum

The Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore drive is offering free Museum Entry to Illinois residents on Jan. 26 and 31; February 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23 and 28.

See more than 25 trains make the journey from Chicago to Seattle in the Great Train Story. Shake off cabin fever with a run inside a human-sized hamster wheel. Climb aboard a massive tractor and follow the fascinating journey of food and how it travels from the farm to your table. Peek inside the whimsical Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle, complete with a pair of Cinderella's tiny glass slippers. Experiment with light to create a giant 30-foot rainbow.

Must be an Illinois resident, with proof of address, to receive free Museum Entry. Tickets must be ordered on-site. Omnimax films, U-505 Submarine on-board tour, Future Energy Chicago, Coal Mine, Brick by Brick and special tours are not included in Museum Entry. They require additional, timed-entry tickets.

Art Exhibit At DePaul Museum

DePaul Art Museum, 935 W. Fullerton, will present "One day this kid will get larger," a group exhibit that examines HIV and AIDS through the lenses of childhood, youth culture and marginalized communities, Jan. 26th through April 2nd.

Admission is free. Museum hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The museum is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information, call (773) 325-7506.

Exhibit For Artist Lang

Prospectus Art Gallery, 1210 W. 18th st., will present the work of Gerry Lang through March 3rd.

The mediums will include clay, terra cotta or porcelain, paintings and photography.

He received his MFA from Michigan State University and BA in Fine and Applied Art from the Hampton Institute, Virginia.

Admission is free, parking will be available. For more information, call (312) 733-6132.

Summer Camps At Planetarium

The Adler Planetarium is offering a variety of summer day camp experiences for children (pre-school aged through 10th grade) June 19th to Aug. 18th. Activities will include exploring space, using telescopes, building rockets, seeing (and in one camp, building) immersive sky shows, programming robots, exploring exhibits, launching high-altitude balloons, and more. Registration opens February 7th at 10 a.m.

Young Scientists (preschool) will learn about the skills of science exploration through participation in this engaging summer camp designed to spark scientific curiosity. Activities during the week-long sessions integrate circle time, hands-on investigations, free exploration, snack, art and literacy connections.

Two day mini camps for Astro Juniors/Explorers/Investigators (K-4th graders) will feature hands-on experiments and activities, Planet Explorers and other exhibits, an immersive sky show, and more.

A week long Technology Camp: Robotics (4th-7th graders) includes telescope viewing, lunch by Lake Michigan and sky shows. Based on age and ability, campers will be exposed to the process of designing, building, testing and redesigning as they use multiple types of robotics to overcome escalating challenges. Campers will also be exposed to creative design, documentation and presentation skills through the use of video recording, and editing.

A week long Technology Camp: Sky Show (6th-7th graders)

will have campers will work in teams to create sky shows, from storyboarding through presentation on the dome of the Grainger Sky Theater. Campers will present their shows to their families during a closing showcase.

Mission Near-Space: A Team Experience to the Edge of Space! (6th-10th graders) will prepare, launch, track, and retrieve a scientific payload sent to the stratosphere aboard a high-altitude balloon. The week ends with a showcase in which participants present their exploration results to family members and invited guests.

Summer Worlds Tour for K-5th graders offers a week of adventures in Chicago's premier museums. Campers will investigate the science of a solar eclipse at the Adler Planetarium, explore how scientists prepare specimens for scientific study at The Field Museum, and investigate underwater environments at the Shedd Aquarium. Activities include investigating exhibits, hands-on activities, creating original art projects, playing learning games, and having lunch along the shore of Lake Michigan.

For more information, visit adlerplanetarium.org.

On Dean's List

Jordan Hall (60609) has been named to the Grinnel College Dean's List for the fall semester 2016. Honorees must have a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

Yards Library Schedules Events

The Back of the Yards Branch Library, 2111 W. 47th st. has scheduled informative programs for January.

Children's offerings includes Afternoon Story Time for ages 0-5 Thursdays from 4 to 4:30 p.m. After School Fun for ages 5 to 12 on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tween and Teen Programs for ages 12-18 features YouMedia Teen-space on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each week, new activities offer the chance to earn leadership points to win prizes at the end of the month. Field trips and special programs will be available.

The Teachers in the Library Program is available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

CyberNavigator consultation is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 747-9595.

Civic Meeting In McKinley Park

The McKinley Park Civic Association will conduct its monthly meeting at the branch library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker is interest in opening a cannabis dispensary in the community. Refreshments will follow. New residents are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

On Dean's List

Samantha Brown of 60638 was named to the Dean's List at Youngstown State University for the Fall Semester 2016. She is a Public Health major. The Dean's List recognizes students each semester who achieve academic excellence.

Teaching Idioms



By Dr. R. Pletsch

I recently read an article by Dr. Debra Josephson Abrams. She brought out the issue that teaching idioms was great for all especially non-native language learners. For those of you with that big question mark over your head -- idioms are a particular use of a language that is now most native speakers speak, but can make no sense to those learning the language. The author likes to use the example "food for thought", which is not the foods new learners think of. Another example is "knock-out" in which they may think of boxing, but the person saying it might mean a beautiful person. I'm sure you can think of many other examples.

In my time teaching ESL (English as a

Second Language) to adult immigrants, I have found several want to learn these. I had them tell me "I want to sound American". Of course, some of that is accent, but most was understanding the nuances.

Dr. Abrams has written on the subject that includes several units to institute her program. Like most programs, if followed it can get positive results. Unlike some authors, she has actually used the program and gives extensive examples on preparing lesson plans. While some native language users take idioms for granted, some need the help. I always enjoyed the banter during the TV series NCIS when the Israeli agent was embarrassed by getting idioms confused. That is exactly what happens to our students. It is worth the effort to help our students.

A-H Library Schedules Events

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, has scheduled interesting family programs beginning with story time for preschoolers on Saturday, Jan. 26th at 1 p.m.

African American History Month will be observed with a program, "Art and the Great Migration" on Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 4 p.m. Participants will complete art projects to selected music.

Greg Moorcraft from Meditation Chicago will conduct classes on Mantra Meditation on Saturdays, Feb. 11th and March 4th from 3 to 4 p.m. Participants will learn three ways to relieve stress and anxiety.

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Dean's List At Dayton University

The following University of Dayton undergraduates made the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester: Nicolas Esparza, Carlos Castillo, Ashley O'Kane, Megan O'Kane and Madeline Ecklund. A minimum 3.5 gpa for the semester is required.

Adler After Dark Family Edition

The Adler Planetarium announces its second ever *Adler After Dark: Family Edition* on Friday, Feb. 3rd, from 6-10 pm.

Guests will receive full access to all museum exhibitions, unlimited sky shows (including the newest *Planet Nine*), telescope viewing, and live entertainment. Unique to this event is the kiddie-cocktail bar (and adult version), and all-ages hands-on, minds-on experiments.

Program highlights include: Space Bingo - space and astronomy knowledge in this trivia-meets-bingo game, is fun for the whole family.

Storytime features Math Adventure Books with Author Gail Larson and *I Can Be an Engineer!* with Author Cheryl Cunningham, P.E.

Astro iSpy Scavenger Hunt offers a chance at a far-out prize. Telescope Viewing (weather dependent). Try your hand at building an "inchworm" robot and other fun bot challenges with littleBits, a simple electronic building block system.

Design and build something cool with real tools, courtesy of friends from Bit Space.

GEMS World Academy - create your own light wand constructed with materials from your local hardware store. Learn about the conductivity of metal and how a simple battery can make your project shine.

Cosmic Face Painting features a shooting star, a planet, and more. For more information, <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/events/adler-dark-family-edition>.

Anteater Birth At Brookfield Zoo



The Chicago Zoological Society, which operates Brookfield Zoo, is kicking off the New Year with an announcement: the birth of a giant anteater. Born on Nov. 15th, the 2-month-old female pup and her mom, Tulum, are adjusting nicely and may now be seen together in Tropic World: South America on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. (Lupito, the sire, can be seen on the other days of the week.)

This is the second such birth at Brookfield Zoo and the second offspring for Tulum and Lupito,

who both arrived in 2014. In May 2015, they became first-time parents to a female pup named Tapas, who now resides at Pittsburgh Zoo.

Giant anteaters are currently considered a vulnerable species in their native habitat of Honduras, Brazil, and northern Argentina. Conservation actions are considered important for their survival, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The species' population is declining due to habitat loss from urban development and farming, hunting for meat and leather, wildfires, and roadway accidents.

Applications For After School Matters

After School Matters is accepting teen applications for its Spring 2017 program session. More than 350 programs in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology will be offered beginning the week of Feb. 20th at more than 65 Chicago public high schools, as well as Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and community organization locations and downtown at the Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. Teens can search and apply for spring programs online at afterschoolmatters.org.

More than 7,000 paid apprenticeship and internship opportunities will be available to Chicago high school teens this spring. Fall programs will meet approximately three days a week for three hours per day over the course of 10 weeks. Participating teens will be eligible to earn a stipend of up to \$425 (depending on program level), and interns can earn \$10.50 per hour.

Teen apprentices at Urban Prep Academy will design and management principles behind aquaculture (the cultivation of aquatic animals) and hydroponics (growing plants in a nutrient rich environment without soil). Apprentices design, assemble and maintain a recirculating system where produce and fish can grow for human consumption.

Camera Flux at Little Village Boys & Girls Club will provide teens with an opportunity to re-envision their homes, communities and city by creating personal stories through photography and video. Teens explore different styles of storytelling, learn innovative photo and video techniques, and work with state-of-the-art technology and equipment. Teen apprentices work alongside their instructor, an interdisciplinary artist, whose pho-

tographic and video work has been featured in prominent media.

The Chi-Teen Literary Festival at the Harold Washington Library will help teens develop their writing, communication, business and life skills through the development of a quarterly magazine, a weekly radio show, a daily blog and a mini-magazine.

Teens in the Learn to Swim program at Collins High School will learn the basics of swimming and gradually develop their skills to train to become lifeguards. Apprentices learn aquatic rescue, CPR, and other life-saving skills. At the conclusion of the program year, teens may apply for the lifeguard certification to be qualified for lifeguard employment opportunities during the summer.

The Music Video Production at Prosser Career Academy High School will explore video production with an emphasis on original music and content. Teens produce, direct, shoot and edit their own videos and music.

The Wood Shop Program at Chicago Vocational Career Academy will help teens learn to create various items and furniture pieces using wood such as candle boxes, step stools, small bookcases, and garden/flower boxes. Apprentices learn and practice how to make accurate measurements, use wood shop tools and paint, finish and install a completed project.

Teens can search and apply for Spring 2017 programs at afterschoolmatters.org. Programs are free and open to Chicago teen residents who are at least 14 years of age (16 years of age for internships) and are enrolled in high school. As part of the application process, teens interview with program instructors to discuss and present their skills and interests. An interactive map will help teens search for programs and a full Spanish translation on a mobile-friendly platform. For questions about programs and applications, call (312) 742-4182 or email applications@afterschoolmatters.org.

Library Program On Benefit of Wheat



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The Chicago Public Library's One Book, One Chicago program is exploring the theme of "Eat, Think, Grow" with a variety of programs.

Slow Food Chicago will present a program titled "A Tale of Three Wheats" at the McKinley

Park Branch library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Saturday, Jan. 28th at 1 p.m. Educator Heidi Hedeker will discuss breads and pastries made from the Ark of Taste wheats - White Sonoran, Purple Straw and Turkey Red.

These food products which affected the regional cuisine of the American South, Southwest and Heartland are in danger of extinction. The Ark of Taste seeks to preserve over 200 significant foods.

For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

Puppet Festival At Marquette Park

Marquette Park, 6743 S. Kedzie, will welcome the Chicago International Puppet Festival on Friday, Jan. 27th from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Admission is free.

Science Films At Planetarium

Tickets are on sale for the Adler Planetarium's REEL Science Film Series, which combines cinematic favorites with science conversations about the film-providing a unique opportunity to decipher fact versus Hollywood's creative liberties. The Fifth Element (PG13) Feb. 9th and Contact (PG) March 9th. Tickets are \$22 for general admission adults and \$10 child (up to age 11). Doors for each event open at 5:30 p.m. and will include fun pre-movie trivia, a screening of the film followed by a post-show "REEL Science" Q&A with Adler astronomers.

Computer Workshop

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will offer an introduction to computers workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 2:30 p.m. Participants will learn computer basics: how to start a computer and how to operate the mouse and keyboard. The workshop is mainly for seniors, but everyone is welcome.

To register, call (312) 747-6082.

Share-A-Haircut For Homeless

Hair Cutters will kick off the 18th year of its Share-A-Haircut program with haircuts for the homeless on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 6th and 7th.

For every haircut purchased on those days, a free haircut certificate will be donated back to a homeless adult or child. To distribute the certificates to those in need, Hair Cutters is partnering with local shelters and community organizations.

Hair Cutters supports a range of local and national causes including, St. Baldrick's Foundation, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, One-Orlando, Girls on the Run and The National Network to End Domestic Violence.

Mah Opposes Gun Silencers

In response to a bill proposed in the U.S. House that would ease restrictions on firearm suppressors or "silencers," Rep. Theresa Mah, announced her opposition to the measure, saying it would make it easier for gun violence to go unnoticed.

"The Hearing Protection Act," gives the false sense that his bill has noble health concerned intentions.

Mah is serving her first term in the Illinois General Assembly as State Representative of the 2nd District, which includes the neighborhoods of Pilsen, Chinatown, Bridgeport, McKinley Park, Brighton Park and Back of the Yards.

Polar Adventure At Northerly Isle

The Chicago Park District will conduct Polar Adventure Days at Northerly Island, 1521 S. Linn White Drive on Saturday, Feb. 25th from noon to 4 p.m.

Features include a spectacular view of the loop skyline and museum campus; Siberian Huskies, wolves and other animals' birds of prey from Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation; treats at the Cliff Kid Healthy Snack Station; raffle prizes and giveaways provided by Coca Cola.

Parking is \$3, cash only. For more information, call (312) 742-7529.

Entrance Exam At De La Salle

De La Salle Insittute, 3434 S. Michigan ave., will hold a makeup entrance exam for students who are interested in becoming members of the Class of 2021 on Saturday, Jan. 28th at 8 a.m. The cost is \$25 and two No. 2 pencils are needed. Calculators are not allowed.

For more information or to reserve a place, call (312) 842-7355, ext. 105.

Arts Projects For Neighborhoods

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events has designated 2017 the "Year of Public Art." Applications for the 50x50 Neighborhoods Arts Project, which will provide up to \$1 million to create new public artworks throughout the city's neighborhoods are being accepted.

Artists - including painters, photographers and sculptors who are interesting in brightening the city are invited to submit their qualifications for the project at cityofchicago.org/yopa by Feb. 24th.

Nominees For Service Academies

Congressman Dan Lipinski will announce the students from the 3rd Congressional District that he is nominating for admission to the Air Force, Merchant Marine, Naval, and West Point Military Academies for the graduating class of 2021.

The ceremony will take place at Oak Lawn Johnson-Phelps VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. on Saturday, Jan. 28th at 10 a.m.

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State Rep. Silvana Tabares, (3rd right) held a Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday with community members and officers from Chicago's 10th Police District. Topics discussed included tips on reducing automobile thefts, which is a growing problem in the area. Officers also highlighted the Ambassador Program, which is designed to recruit new officers. Those interested in learning more about the program can contact Tabares' office at (773) 522-1315, or email at rep.tabares@gmail.com.

Hyde Park Art Center Schedules Exhibit

Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 S. Cornell Ave., will present a solo exhibit titled, "A Modern Day Shaman's Hybrid Devices, Power Objects, and Cure Books," by artist Rhonda Wheatley Feb. 12th through May 7th. A public reception with the artist will take place in the gallery on Sunday, Feb. 26th from 3 to 5 p.m.

Beatification Mass At SSC Chapel

Mass praying for the beatification of Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas, foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir, will be held in the Center chapel, 2601 S. Marquette road on Saturday, Feb. 4th at 9:30 a.m.

The Rev. Thomas R. Kasputis, Associate Pastor of St. Agnes Church in Chicago Heights, will be the celebrant. All are invited, light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (773) 776-1324.

Grammar Schools Are IB Feeders

Chicago Public Schools leadership announced that Byrne, Kinzie and Lavizzo Elementary schools will become IB feeder schools beginning next year.

The IB Middle Years Programme for 6th to 8th graders is structured around eight subject areas: science, mathematics, language acquisition, language and literature, individuals and societies, physical and health education, art, and design.

Recent data shows that students in IB programmes have rates of graduation (96.2 percent), college enrollment (81 percent), and college persistence (71.6 percent) that exceed state and national averages.

Last year, more than 40 percent of CPS graduates earned one or more college or career credentials through IB or another rigorous program in CPS, up from 30 percent of students earning credits just two years ago.

Obituaries

LINDA L. HEJNA (nee White) of Willow Springs, passed away on Jan. 21st at the age of 75, in Brookfield. She was the wife of Stanley for 56 years; mother of Joyce (Patrick) May and Mark (Pamela) Hejna; sister of Alice (late Ronald) Fike, late Dolores (Ernest) Lay and late John (Lorraine) White; sister-in-law of Barbara (Paul) Maylee. Chapel services were held Jan. 24th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Entombment was at Resurrection Garden Mausoleum.

LINDA M. MALEK (nee Kardas) formerly of Archer Heights passed away on Jan. 20th at the age of 55. She was the mother of Stephen L. and David A. Malek; daughter of Charlotte Kardas (nee Wegrzyn) & late Leonard Kardas; sister of Christine Kardas, Gregory Kardas, Daniel Kardas and Laura (Joe) Borawski; niece of Mary Pyra, Estelle Sniogowski and Ann Kardas; former spouse of James J. Malek Jr. Funeral services were held Jan. 24th from Wolniak Funeral Home, 5700 S. Pulaski to St. Richard Church.



DOLORES ROSE POMIANEK (nee Urbanski) age 88 former McKinley Park area resident. She was the wife of late Edmund; mother of Ed (Mary) Pomianek, Eugene (Brenda) Pomianek, Sharon (David) Schultheis and late Mary (Brad) Staton; grandmother of Ed, Christopher, late Kevin Pomianek, Robert (Victoria) Lullo, Shannon (Ric) Wright and Nicole Pomianek; great-grandmother of Clayton and Leia Pomianek, Lazlo and Luna Lullo, Andrew and Amelia Wright; sister of Barbara (late Dona) Hrdina, late Anna Love, Frannie Cronberg, Carmen Schultz, Evelyn Jacob, and Edmund Urbanski. Funeral services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. from Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyne to Blessed Sacrament Parish (St. Maurice location) for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday from 2 to 9 p.m.

JUNE M. KASZYN-SKI (nee Taylor), wife of late Raymond A.; mother of Peggy Trostel, Paul, Patricia and Phillip; mother in law of Roy Trostel and Rhonda (Cappos) Kaszynski; grandmother of Amy (Trostel) Pulda, Jeremy & Richard Trostel also Jessica Kaszynski & Theresa (Kaszynski) Espino; great grandmother of Kacey & Eric Espino. Chapel services were held Jan. 19th at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki Director. Interment was at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

JOSEPH KIEFER, JR. formerly of Brighton Park passed away on Jan. 22nd at the age of 66. He was the son of late Catherine & Joseph Kiefer; brother of Kathleen (late Frank) Morado; uncle of Frank, Michael and Noelle; great uncle of Miranda, Frank Jr. and Dominic. He was an employee of Hines VA Hospital and veteran of the United States Military. Visitation will be held Thursday from 3-9 p.m. at Robert J. Sheehy & Son Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st st. Lying in state Friday 9 a.m. until time of service at 10 a.m. at Burbank Seventh-day Adventist Church, 8351 S. Newcastle.

Resolution For Catholic Schools

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-03) has introduced a resolution celebrating Catholic Schools Week which begins on Jan. 29th. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service."

The resolution expresses support for "the vital contributions of the thousands of Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the United States" and "the key role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for the nation." It recognizes that Catholic schools produce academically successful students, foster a commitment to service, family, and community, and accept students from all faiths and backgrounds.

Schools observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members.

It is estimated that Catholic schools save Chicago area taxpayers over \$1 billion annually by lowering the number of students in overcrowded public schools.



LEONARD V. KONDROT U.S. Army veteran and lifelong resident of Brighton Park passed away on Jan. 19th at the age of 86. He was the husband of Ellen (nee Groves); father of Vince (late Linda), Michael, Robert and Keith (Elizabeth); grandfather of 13 and great grandfather of 11. He had many years of service with American Maize-Products Company and member of Immaculate Conception Men's Club, Boy Scouts and Knights of Columbus. Visitation will be held Friday from 3-9 p.m. at the Palos - Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. Funeral visitation will be held Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 44th & California.

New Exhibit At Field Museum

Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore drive will present the exhibit, "Specimens: Unlocking the Secrets of Life" March 10th through January 7th, 2018.

A fine selection from its extensive vaults will be on display. For more information, visit www.fieldmuseum.org or call (312) 922-9410.

MPCA Announces Educator Awards

The McKinley Park Civic Association announces this year's recipients of awards to be presented during its annual dinner on March 5th. The Educator of the Year awards will be presented to Barbara Atterberry of De La Salle Institute, Yvette Alvarado Cruz of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Carla Gurgone of Evergreen Academy, Joseph Joyce of Kelly High School, Judith Rodriguez of Everett School, and Millie Salguero of Namaste Charter School. These individuals were nominated by their school or members of the MPCA.

Pastor Darrell Daulton of Bethany Baptist Church will be presented with the William H. G. Toms Award for Community Service. This

award has been given since 1973. All are invited to come honor these individuals who serve the community.

Tickets are available until Feb. 16th at \$25 per adult, and \$16 for children 11 and under, children 3 and under are free but number is needed. From February 17th to 24th, tickets will be \$28 for adults and \$17 for children. Tickets will be available during the next meeting at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Feb. 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer to Our Lady of San Juan de Lagos

We pray that you, most Holy and Immaculate Virgin of San Juan guide us throughout our life. Please make us mindful of the needs of others and also help them through our prayers.

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