

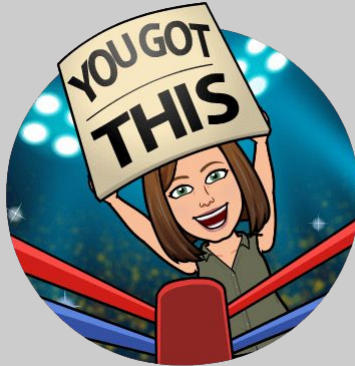


Senior Planning Meeting

BW School Counselors, C109

Click Here for the Counseling Website

<https://bths201.org/belleville-west-home/bw-counseling/>



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Senior Planning Guide

Review the information on
the inside front cover



Student Name

Total Credits Earned: _____

GPA Unweighted: _____

GPA Weighted: _____

Class Rank (6th sem): _____ / 433

Updated Rank (out of 453) available in Synergy,
Course History tab



Senior Planning Guide



- Review the information on the front inside cover sticker
- This book is COLOR CODED for your viewing pleasure!
 - YELLOW = All About College
 - GREEN = Financial Aid/Scholarships
 - WHITE = Useful Documents
 - BLUE = Career and Military
 - PURPLE = Notes

CHECK US OUT

On Social!



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BW School Counseling Office



Google Classroom

Class of 2026 SENIORS
join code wf4efqz



Choose Your Path

College Planning Timeline

FALL: APPLY

Complete and submit college applications (October 31st)

Re-take SAT or take ACT

Visit College Campus

October 1st - Window opens to submit FAFSA

Search and apply for scholarships

SPRING: DECIDE

Follow up on scholarship & financial aid information

Make final college decision

Complete enrollment paperwork for college you will attend

Use Parchment to send Final Transcript



Testing-College Entrance Exam

achieve
more®

SAT®

www.collegeboard.org

ACT®

www.act.org

College Searching



<https://portal.il.cis360.org>

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Login: log in using Clever

Navigate using the tabs at the top

- o Take Surveys to help with career search (SELF-SURVEYS)
- o Discover training opportunities- Schools, Apprenticeships (EDUCATION)
- o Work on your resume and prepare for interviews (EMPLOYMENT)



Bigfuture.com

Click FIND COLLEGES, then COLLEGE SEARCH to narrow down your college choices, also find testing info, college planning tips and more

College Visits



1. Take the Admissions Campus Tour
2. Eat in the cafeteria & converse with current students
3. Sit in on a class or two
4. Learn about your extracurricular interests
5. Check out the campus facilities
6. Read the student newspaper and look at the bulletin boards
7. Visit the outside community
8. Take photos and notes during your visit
9. ASK Questions, questions, questions
10. Follow your gut feeling about the campus

College Applications

3 TYPES OF SCHOOLS

WHEN APPLYING FOR COLLEGE:

- SAFETY SCHOOLS
- TARGET SCHOOLS
- REACH SCHOOLS



"SAFETY" SCHOOLS

- Higher admissions rate
- Student surpasses requirements

"TARGET" SCHOOLS

- Student has better than 50/50 odds
- Academic profile fits average student

"REACH" SCHOOLS

- Lower admissions rate
- High academic ranges and requirements

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app

COMMON
BLACK
COLLEGE APP



NCAA Eligibility

For Potential Division I or Division II College Athletes

Athletes --- It is your responsibility to:

- Understand and meet the eligibility requirements set forth by NCAA.
- Register yourself and pay the registration fee at www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org/
- Send your test scores to the Eligibility Center by entering the Center code **9999** on your registration materials.
- Send your transcripts to: NCAA Eligibility Center, Certification Processing, P.O. Box 7136, Indianapolis, IN 46207



TO ENROLL PLEASE FOLLOW THE 3 STEP PROCESS BELOW

1

GET A STUDENT ID NUMBER

NEW STUDENTS
APPLY NOW!

RETURNING
STUDENTS

VISITING
STUDENTS

2

SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION AND MEET WITH AN ADVISOR

Meet with an [Academic Advisor](#) to discuss degree or certificate requirements, course placement, and class selection. Prepare for your visit by setting up your [eSTORM](#) and [SWIC email](#) accounts.

MEET WITH ADVISOR

SET UP ESTORM ACCOUNT

SET UP EMAIL ACCOUNT

Show proof of [residency](#) at Enrollment Services. Send official high school and/or college transcripts to Enrollment Services, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL 62221 or electronically through Parchment, Nat'l Student Clearinghouse or Joint Services Transcripts.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES WEBSITE

DIRECTIONS TO ENROLLMENT SERVICES

3

MAKE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Apply for financial aid, military benefits, SWIC scholarships, or make payment arrangements.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

MILITARY BENEFITS

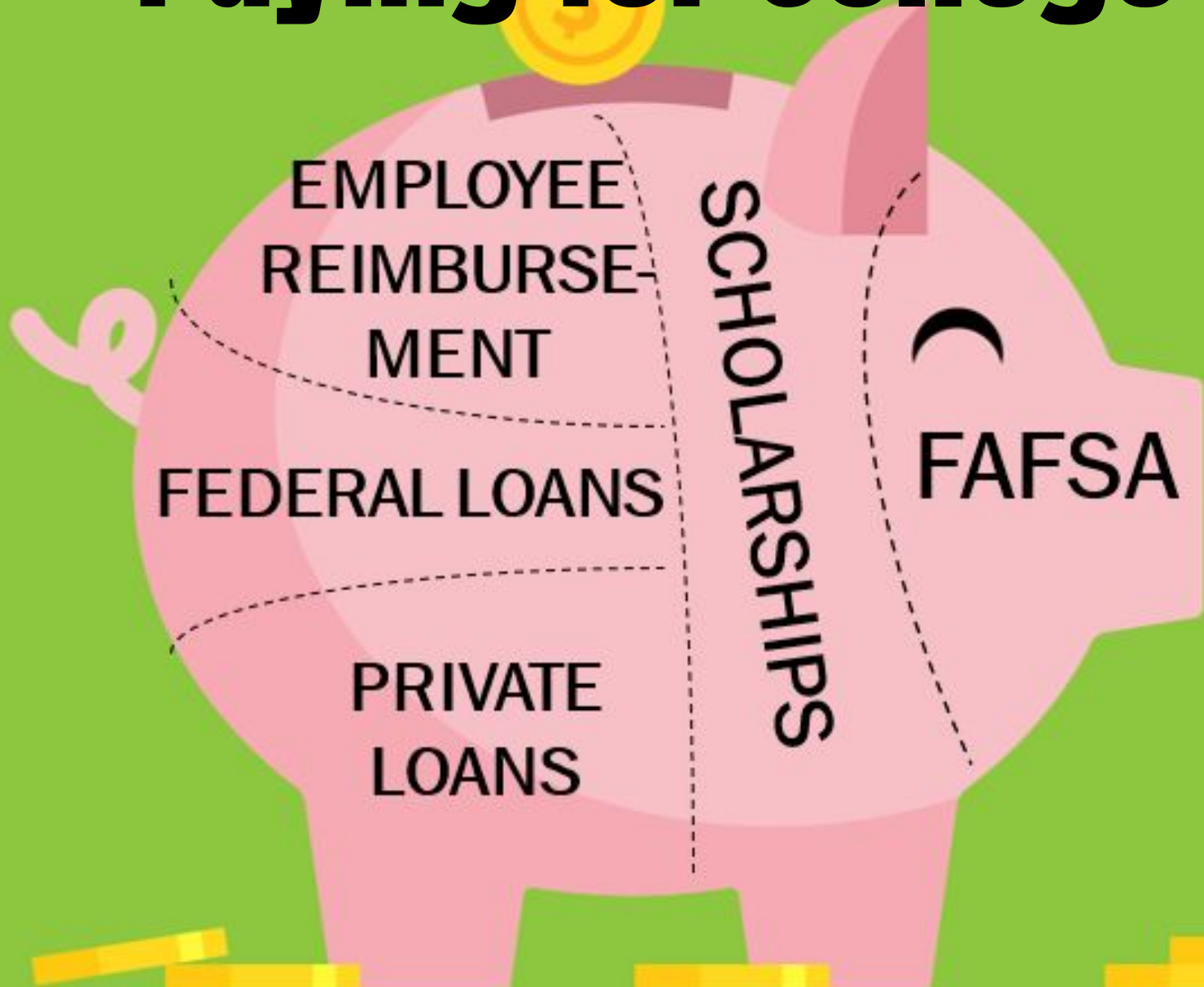
SCHOLARSHIPS

PAYMENT ARRANGMENTS

**START
HERE**



Paying for College



Paying for College

October 2025

PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

FAFSA Opens
October 1st!

College Financial Aid
Presentations
Oct. 8th 6:30 pm PAC

PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

WED		THU		FRI	
	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31				



Students applying for college in the Fall can submit the FAFSA starting

October 1st

Before you get started, here's what you need!

Apply online at www.fafsa.gov or request a paper application at 800-4FED-AID

**Get
this
NOW!**

The Student and Parent will each need a FSA ID# to complete the application.

Request your FSA ID# at <http://fsaid.ed.gov>

**FAFSA Completion is NOW a graduation requirement. If you do
NOT plan to submit your FAFSA, you MUST complete a
[Non-Participation Form/Waiver.](#)**

File the
26-27 FAFSA
beginning
~~October 1~~

TODAY

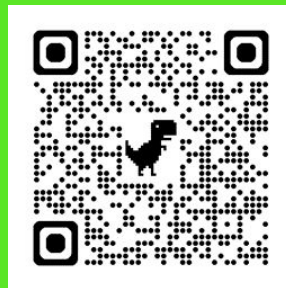
fafsa.gov



Scholarships

"Scholarships in the Spotlight"

- Check the Student Bulletin every Thursday
- BW Website - Posts in deadline order by month
- <https://bths201.org/belleville-west-home/bw-scholarships/>



Scholarships

FREE Student Profiles & Scholarship Matching



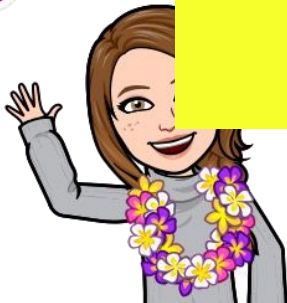
Requesting Your Transcript

**Search for an email from
Parchment and set up your
account!**

- Send you
through
 - Local
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Ms. Sarah Schraufnagel at 618-222-7676 or through email at
[SSCHRAUF@BTHS201.ORG](mailto:sschrauf@BTHS201.ORG).

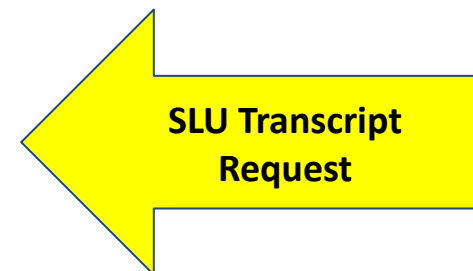
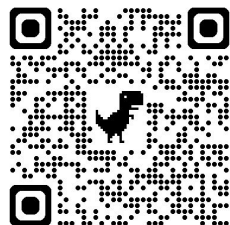


SWIC - SLU Transcript Request



Did you earned college credit through a SWIC Dual Credit class or a SLU 1818 class?

DO NOT forget to submit this information to the college you choose to attend in the fall.



More information available in the School Counseling Office.

Requesting Your Test Scores

Need help looking up test scores, registering for an AP Exam, or sending test scores???



ACT Scores:

- Log into www.act.org
- Send scores through your account.
- For help, text ACT Help at 202-988-4996
- Your school day test scores will be on your official transcript (unless you request removal)

AP Scores:

- Log into www.collegeboard.org
- Click MY AP
- Send scores through your account.

SAT Scores:

- Log into www.collegeboard.org
- Send scores through your account.
- For help, call SAT Help at 888-SAT-HELP (888-728-4357)

Letter of Recommendation



RECOMMENDED

THE PROCESS...



RECOMMENDED

Fill Out a [Letter of Recommendation Request Form](#)

Give to the person & ask them if they would be willing to write your letter

- *Letters can come from school, community or church*
 - *Pick the person that knows you **BEST***

Allow that person 2 weeks to complete the letter



Mrs. Guinn
District CTE Counselor
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aguinn@bths201.org

Need help exploring careers, building a resume, prepping for an interview, or applying for trade school or an apprenticeship?

Schedule an appointment TODAY! (Google Meet)

OR

Visit the district College and Career Readiness Website



Military



ASVAB = Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

This is a required test to be admitted into any branch of the military. You can take a practice ASVAB with a recruiter. Click [here](#) for a study guide.

Click [here](#) for a list of branches and a contact numbers.

**The Next Step in
the Planning
Process....**

Check Your EMAIL

- Daily Bulletin
- College Representatives
- Scholarships
- Senior Individual Conferences
 - Invitation will be emailed first week of October
- Transcript information
- **MORE** College Planning Events



Senior Individual Conference Prep

Your counselor will send an email link for you to make an appointment

- Homework Assignment

- Career = 2-3 career choices
- College = 5-10 college choices
- Military = branch selected

Upcoming Dates & Events



BW On the Spot Admission Day

BW On the Spot Admission Day

Qualifications:

BW Senior
2.5 or higher GPA



step 1

Complete the
Google Form -
deadline Sept. 15th

step 2

Apply by Sept.
26th for

FREE

PARTICIPATING COLLEGES

- EIU - Eastern Illinois University
- Harris Stowe University
- McKendree University
- Murray State
- SIUC (Carbondale)
- SIUE (Edwardsville)
- SEMO - Southeast Missouri State University
- UMSL - University of Missouri at St. Louis
- Western Illinois University

step 3

Meet with
admission reps @
BW on Oct. 2nd



BELLEVILLE WEST

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wednesday,
Oct. 8, 2025
BW Performing Arts Center

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Financial Aid 101
presented by Katie Dawson,
Director of Financial Aid at SWIC



7:30 - 8 PM

Scholarships
presented by Tedros
Solomon, BW School
Counselor & Scholarship
Coordinator

Counselor Q&A
School Counselors
available to answer
questions



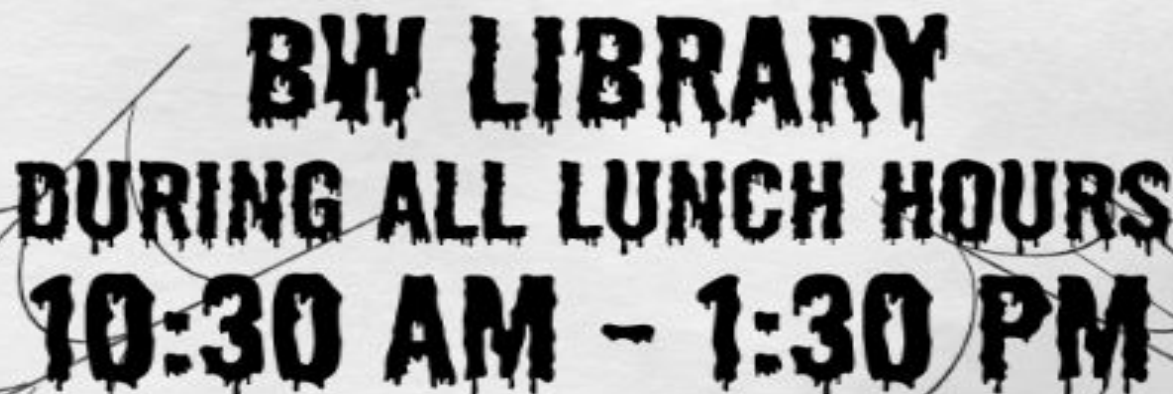
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Applying to College Doesn't Have to be

SCARY

College Application Workshops
EVERY Thursday in October

BW LIBRARY
DURING ALL LUNCH HOURS
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM



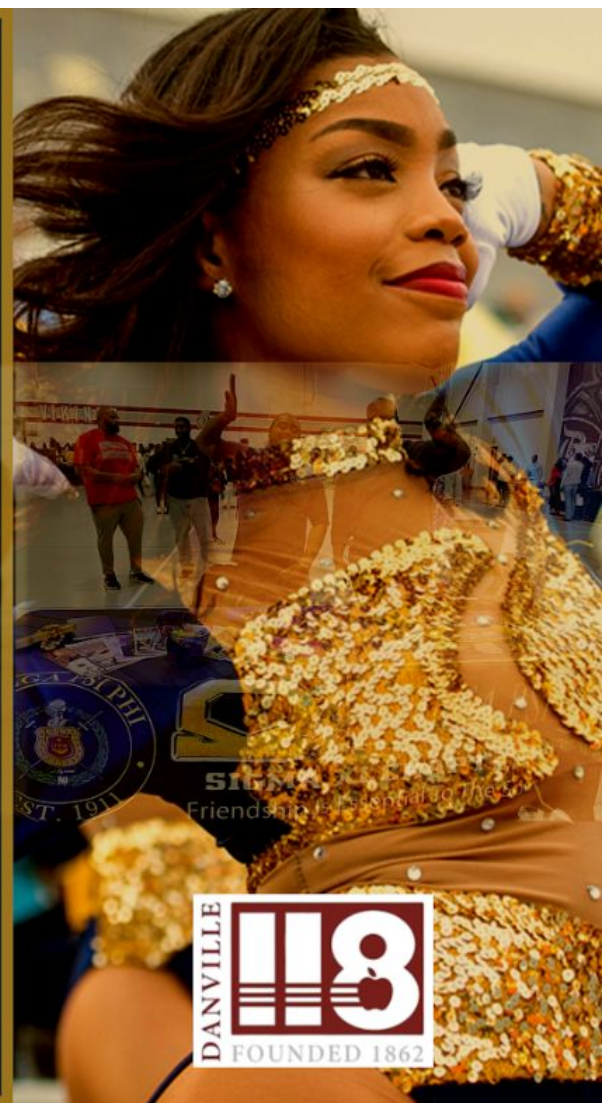


THE JELANI DAY FOUNDATION PRESENTS

CENTRAL IL HBCU FAIR

THE BLACK COLLEGE EXPERIENCE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025
4:30PM - 7:00PM
DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW.THEJELANIDAYFOUNDATION.ORG
FOR QUESTIONS
CENTRALILHBCUFAIR@GMAIL.COM





**STILL CONFUSED ABOUT YOUR
FUTURE PLANS?**

ISAC

OFFICE HOURS - THURSDAYS

ALL LUNCH HOURS

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

School Counseling Office Conference Room
Walk-ins Welcome & Encouraged

School Counseling Google Classroom

Join Code = wf4efqz

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Class of 2026

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Question & Answer Session

