



ACADEMY HIGH  
CHAMPAIGN URBANA

## WEEKLY NEWS

July 14, 2023



Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 19th

Yard Games & Frozen Treats at Noel Park, 6:30-8 pm

Monday, August 7th

Registration through Alma Opens

Thursday, August 10th

Late Summer Skate Hangout at Skateland, 6-8 pm

Monday, August 14th -  
Wednesday, August 16th

Faculty Inservice Days

Thursday, August 17th

First Day of School

Sunday, August 27th

Back to School Social at Colbert Park, 3-5pm

Wednesday, August 30th

Back to School Night, 6-7:30 pm

Check out the [calendar](#) on our website to stay up to date on school events!

# Graduation Day

We celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2023 on May 20th! We are so proud of each of these students and excited to see what their futures hold.



## Class of 2023 Future Plans

We are so proud to share the list of 31 colleges that the Class of 2023 received acceptances!

Augustana College	Parkland College
Bradley University	Purdue University
Brandeis University	Rollins College
DePaul University	St. Olaf College
Drake University	Stony Brook University
Florida International University	University of California Irvine
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of California Santa Cruz
Illinois State University	University of Colorado Boulder
Indiana University Bloomington	University of Illinois Chicago
Lewis and Clark College	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Loyola University Chicago	University of Iowa
Michigan State University	University of Miami
Montclair State University	University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Oberlin College	University of Nebraska Lincoln
The Ohio State University	University of Wisconsin Madison
	Wheaton College, Massachusetts





## Upcoming Summer Events

### Yard Games & Frozen Treats: Wednesday, July 19th 6:30 - 8 pm

Gather your friends, family, and loved ones for an event of laughter, friendly competition, and delicious refreshments. The inviting atmosphere of Noel Park provides the perfect backdrop for our exciting lineup of outdoor games.

Test your skills and engage in friendly rivalries as you participate in classic yard games! Whether you're a seasoned player or a beginner, there will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to join in on the fun. Challenge your friends to a game, cheer them on, or simply enjoy the lively atmosphere as you soak up the evening sun.

Remember to bring your picnic blankets or chairs, and a playful spirit! **This event is free** to all current, alumni, incoming, and prospective students and their families. Whether you're looking for a competitive edge or simply seeking a relaxed day out in the park, this event has something for everyone. Please RSVP on our website so we know how many games and treats to bring.



### Late Summer Skate at Skateland: Thursday, August 10th 6 - 8pm



Mark your calendars and get your skates ready for our August summer event on **Thursday, August 10th from 6 - 8 pm** at Skateland (208 Curtis Rd., Savoy)! We will have Skateland rented out for the Academy High community. Academy High will cover the cost of admission, and each family will pay for their skate rentals. Join us for a night of skating and fun before we head back to school!

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-time skater, this event is perfect for everyone. Skateland's spacious and well-maintained roller rink provides the ideal setting for an unforgettable night of excitement and camaraderie as we look ahead to the coming school year.

Take a break from the action and refuel with a variety of delicious snacks and refreshments available for purchase at the rink's concession stand. Recharge with a slice of pizza, satisfy your sweet tooth with cotton candy, or quench your thirst with a refreshing beverage.

This event promises an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere, perfect for connecting with new people and making lasting memories.

**This event is free to attend, but attendees are responsible for their own skate rentals! (\$3.50/person).** All current, alumni, incoming, and prospective students and their families are welcome to join! Please RSVP on our website.

## Academy High Establishes New Family Referral Program

Academy High has created a New Family Referral Program to reward our current families who spread the word about our school. After all, our current families know our community better than anyone!

**The referral process is simple:**

1. Refer a new family to Academy High.
2. When a new family completes an online application, they will have the opportunity to list your name as a reference.
3. Once the referred student is enrolled and attends Academy High for a semester, you will receive a \$500 credit towards your tuition.

Not only will you help us grow our school community, but you will also enjoy savings on your tuition. It's a win-win! Families can refer up to four new families each year, meaning you have the opportunity to earn up to \$2,000 per year. Please keep in mind that we are accepting applications for the upcoming school year when you're checking in with friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

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## New Mural in the Cafeteria



This beautiful mural was completed during Mural Painting Camp led by Expressive Arts module teacher Sasha Rubel! Come check out this amazing artwork!

## Board of Directors Welcomes New Members, Leadership

Academy High is governed by a Board of Directors, whose purpose is to set the strategic direction of the school, oversee its financial health, and support the Head of School in his oversight of daily operations. Academy High is proud to share that its Board of Directors has elected new members and leadership for the coming year:

### Board of Directors

- President: Carla Cáceres
- Vice-President: Tracy Sulkin
- Secretary: Jeff Magee
- Finance Committee Chair: Jeff Jones
- Beth Hogan
- Marc Miller
- Sowmya Anand
- Christina Edgington
- Katie Stafford
- Sarah Laufenberg (ex-officio)
- Jordan Conerty (non-voting, ex-officio)

A special welcome is owed to **Jeff Magee, Sowmya Anand, Christina Edgington, and Katie Stafford**, who are new members of the Board this year; the school appreciates each of you investing your time and energy to support Academy High!

Special thanks are owed to **Carla Cáceres, Tracy Sulkin, Jeff Jones, Beth Hogan, and Marc Miller**, who will continue their service to the Board and the school in the coming year.

Extra special thanks are owed to **Sarah Laufenberg**, the Board's outgoing president who will remain on the Board as an ex-officio member. Sarah's leadership over the past three years has been a tremendous asset to the school and we look forward to her continued support as an ex-officio Board member.

## Beautification Committee



A group of faculty spent some of their summer vacation beautifying the Academy High building!

Walls have been painted, furniture has been re-arranged, and a library has been made for all to enjoy in the commons area. Huge thanks to Dr. Tock, Ms. Miller, Ms. Leskis, and Mrs. Capell for all of their hard work!

We can't wait for everyone to see these amazing changes when school starts.

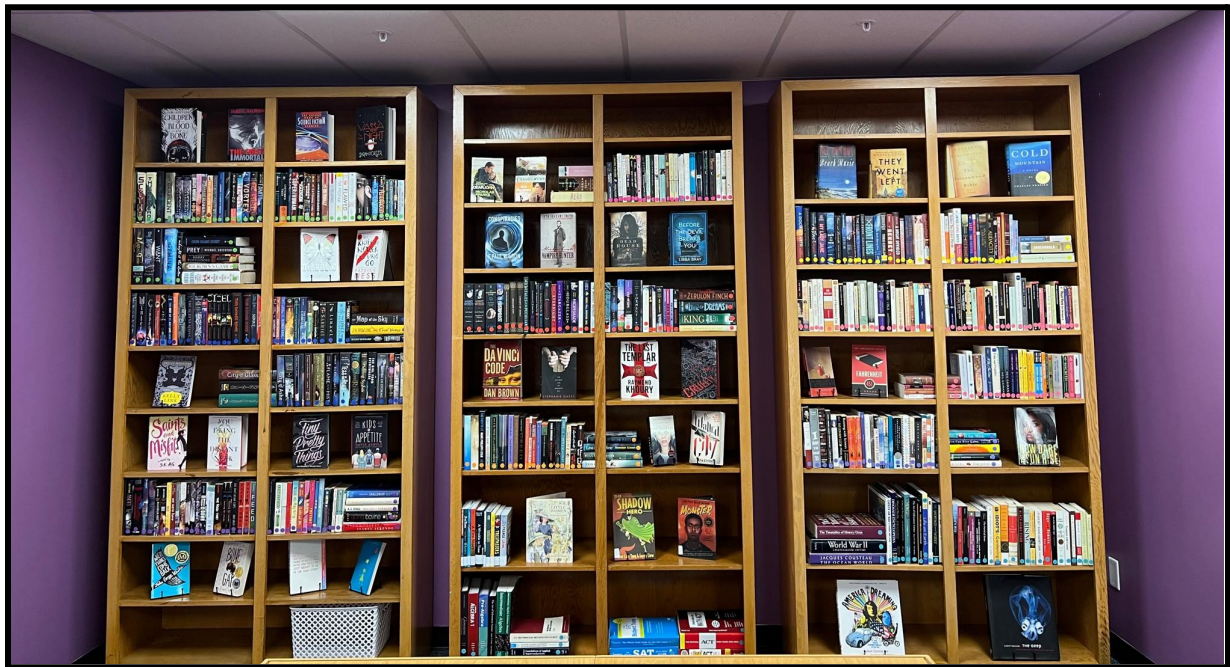




New student lounge area



R5 is one of the rooms brightened up with color!



A library for all to enjoy!