



A Message from the Chamber...







Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce Honors 2026 Kathy Guzlas Scholarship Recipients

On Wednesday, June 3, 2026, the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Scholarship Luncheon, celebrating the recipients of the Kathy Guzlas Scholarship. Established in 2000, this scholarship fund supports graduating high school seniors from Glendale Heights—or those whose parent or guardian belongs to a Chamber member organization in good standing—who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, volunteerism, and academic achievement.

Inspired by Kathy Guzlas, who championed the effort to ensure local graduates had scholarship opportunities within their own community, the Chamber renamed the fund in her memory and has awarded tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships over the years. This year, four remarkable students were selected from a competitive group of applicants:

Zainab Ahmed

High School: Glenbard East High School

College: Northern Illinois University

Future Plans: Speech Language Pathologist / Therapist

Gavin Breede

High School: Glenbard West High School

College: Michigan State University

Future Plans: Engineering

Juan Pablo Pazos

High School: Glenbard East High School

College: University of Illinois Chicago

Future Plans: Medicine

Luis Trejo

High School: Glenbard North High School
College: DePaul University
Future Plans: Finance / International Business

The luncheon brought together scholarship recipients and their guests, Chamber members, local officials, school administrators and community supporters. Attendees enjoyed lunch and a heartfelt program, which included remarks from **Glenbard District 87 Superintendent Jessica Santee** and a touching remembrance of Kathy Guzlas delivered by **Village President Rebecca Giannelli**.

Each recipient was introduced by a member of the Chamber executive board and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship check to support their college education. The students then shared brief, inspiring remarks about their journeys and future aspirations.

At the end of the event, attendees expressed their pride in these bright and talented individuals who represent the promise and potential of the Glendale Heights community.



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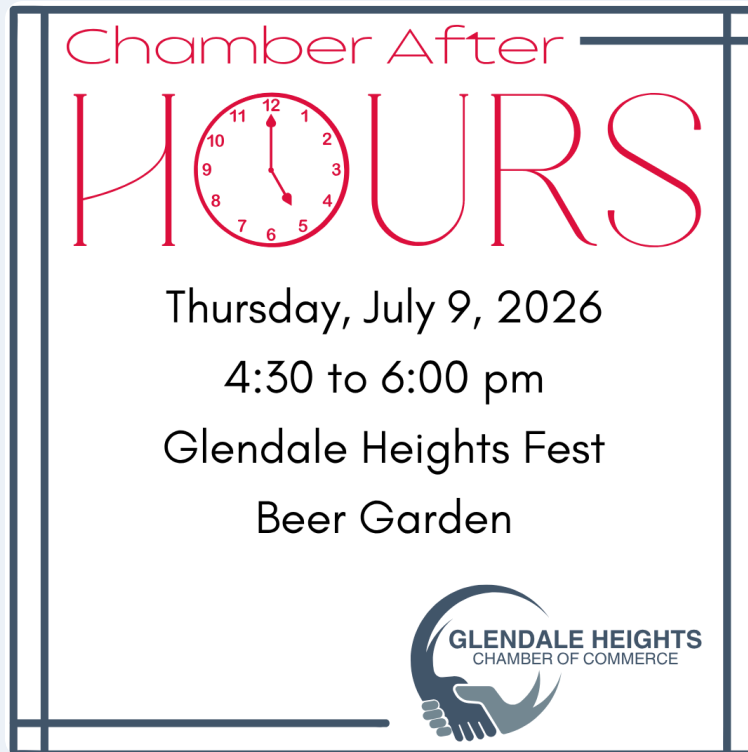
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You are invited to a special **After Hours networking event** on **Thursday, July 9** from **4:30 - 6:00 pm**, at the **Beer Garden at Glendale Heights Fest!** Mingle with fellow business professionals, enjoy a relaxed summer evening, and take in the festive atmosphere at **Camera Park**, located at 101 East Fullerton Avenue, Glendale Heights.

This casual gathering is a great opportunity to make new connections and experience one of the community's most popular events. Don't miss out on the fun, food, and fantastic company!



Glendale Heights Fest: July 9 - 12 at Camera Park

Known to many as one of the western suburbs premier events, Glendale Heights Fest is held at Camera Park, 101 E. Fullerton Avenue in Glendale Heights. Enjoy the North American Midway Entertainment carnival and rides, along with exciting entertainment and fantastic food booths. Enjoy the "best fireworks in the western suburbs" and take in an amazing show of fireworks at dusk on closing night!

For more information on Glendale Heights Fest, including a list of bands, vendors and the schedule, please visit the Glendale Heights Fest website at www.glendaleheightsfest.com.



24th Annual Car Show at Sunrise Chevrolet

Start your engines and shine up those classics—it's time for the 24th Annual Car Show at Sunrise Chevrolet in Glendale Heights!

Saturday, July 11

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(Registration is 9:00 to Noon)

Sunrise Chevrolet, 414 E. North Avenue, Glendale Heights

(About 1.5 miles west of I-355 on North Avenue)

For more information on the **24th Annual Car Show at Sunrise Chevrolet**, including a list of awards and event details, click [here](#) or visit www.sunrisechevrolet.com.

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