

**GLENBARD PARENT SERIES - GPS  
NAVIGATING HIGHER EDUCATION/SERIES\***

These programs will assist families with important information for college planning and career planning. All are welcome to attend this series of meetings. FREE continental breakfast and childcare is provided.

**Saturday, Sept. 17**

Financial Aid Seminar  
Frank Palmasani author and former college admissions counselor  
*Conquering the Challenges of College Costs*  
Glenbard West, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 17**

*FAFSA Financial Aid Completion Workshop for Seniors*  
Glenbard North Computer Lab, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
(Please Bring Necessary Forms)  
*and*  
Patrick Donohue, English presentation  
*The 4 Key Study Skills for Academic Accomplishment*  
Glenbard North, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
(Freshman, Sophomore, Junior)

**Saturday, Oct. 22**

*FAFSA Financial Aid Completion Workshop for Seniors*  
Glenbard East Computer Lab, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
(Please Bring Necessary Forms)  
*and*  
*The College Admission Test: Tips to Prepare for the New SAT*  
Glenbard East, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**FUSE MISSION**

Involve and engage parents within the Glenbard Community to enhance the learning environments, social involvement and educational opportunities of all African American students.

**GOALS:**

- Educate parents on key issues that affect academic success.
- Provide resources necessary for academic success.
- Empower, equip and educate parents on becoming self-advocates.
- Encourage success in school programs through a collaborative process within the district, school and community.

**PARENT OUTREACH ROLE:**

- Recruit parents and community members to participate on School Board Committees and the Board of Education
- Create and foster community relationships with schools to include faith-based organizations, businesses and non-profit organizations that offer services to meet the needs of families.

**GLENBARD PARENT SERIES – NAVIGATING  
HEALTHY FAMILIES**

**Thursday, Aug. 25  
7 p.m., Glenbard West**

GPS will host author Rebecca Skloot in a presentation based on her award winning book and this year's Glenbard Family Read selection, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks." The novel tells the riveting story of a poor black tobacco farmer whose cancer cells, taken without her knowledge or consent in 1951, became one of the most vital tools in modern medicine. Lacks remains virtually unknown and her descendants can't afford access to the health care advances their mother's cells helped make possible. The novel raises essential questions and discussion about race, class, and the ethics behind it all.

**GLENBARD TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 87**



*Inspire ... Empower ... Succeed*

**FUSE**  
Families United for Student Excellence

**Families United for Students  
Excellence: (FUSE) African  
American Parent Committee**

**GLENBARD PARENT  
SERIES 2016-2017**

Dr. David Larson, Superintendent

Thursday, August 25th

Kick-Off for School Success Family Picnic  
The Power of Passion  
David Swope  
Glenbard West, 6:15 p.m.

Join us for a 6:15 p.m. Family Picnic/Reception  
(Glenbard West cafeteria)

David Swope, is an advocate for the improvement of lives through education and cultural awareness, and the Manager for Student Diversity and Inclusion at College of DuPage. Join us and learn how the drive from desires of the heart in collaboration with the human mind can be used to generate academic, social and community success for a young person of color in today's world. Swope will discuss the impact of music in education, overcoming obstacles, and the role of parents in the choices that their children make.

At 6:15 p.m. we will also recognize the achievement of our Glenbard African American students.  
At 7 p.m. all families are encouraged to attend a presentation by Rebecca Skloot author of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" in the West auditorium

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Saturday, Nov. 12th

Celebrating Our Gifts and Talents: Holiday Party  
Ray McElroy  
Glenbard North Faculty Cafeteria, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ray McElroy a former Chicago Bear and Glenbard East parent has managed to capture the hearts and minds of teens and adults nationwide. His amazing and uncanny ability to entertain while delivering a challenging talk of dedication to achieve our personal goals has changed the lives of thousands. Be prepared to be inspired and entertained at our holiday luncheon as we welcome in the Holiday Season.

Saturday, March 18th

Secrets to High School Victory  
Ray McElroy  
Glenbard South Library, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ray McElroy returns to give an inspirational and informative presentation as we recognize the leadership of many of our African American students at this very special luncheon event. All family members are welcome.



Please visit [glebnbardgps.org](http://glebnbardgps.org) for more information about all GPS and FUSE programming, schedule updates and parent resources.



*Glenbard Township  
High School District 87*

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We hope all parents, guardians and students can join us for these free FUSE events - All are welcome.

FUSE will offer a scholarship to a deserving student whose family is able to attend all three FUSE events this year and at least one GPS Higher Education Event.\*

Join us and enjoy free raffles provided at all FUSE meetings.

## *Circle the Calendar*

Open House at the Glenbard Schools

Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>  
Starting times are

- West 6 p.m.
- North 7 p.m.
- South 6:45 p.m.
- East 6 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held

- Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, October 27th

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Minority Student  
Achievement Coordinators

East- Carla Wood  
North- Susanna Melon  
West- Sharon Ruff  
South- Michael White

Black Student Union Club Sponsors

East- Teresa Lawrence  
North- Stephanie Henry  
South- Michael White

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