



## PARTNER MEETING RECAP

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 | 8:00AM - 9:00AM | Elkhorn Area High School

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### THANK YOU TO OUR HOST PARTNER

#### Elkhorn Area High School

Elkhorn Area High School (EAHS) is a public, four-year high school located in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, serving students in grades 9–12 within the Elkhorn Area School District. As of 2026, it is ranked as the highest-rated traditional high school in a four-county region (Rock, Walworth, Racine, and Kenosha) and 95th in Wisconsin.

### FEATURED PRESENTATION

#### Elkhorn Area High School ElkWorks: Academic & Career Preparation

We hosted our March Partner Meeting at Elkhorn Area High School, to learn about its innovative approach to preparing students for post-secondary success. ElkWorks is a career-connected learning model that helps students gain transferable skills, stackable credentials, and experiential learning.

The centerpiece of the model is the [Elkhorn Area School District Career Pathways](#). The pathways walk families, students, business partners, and other stakeholders on a clear route to connecting their academic programming to their potential careers. Most career pathways end with the student earning an industry-recognized credential.

The **key pillars** of each career pathway and ElkWorks are the four critical indicators of postsecondary success: **dual-credit course enrollment**, gaining **industry-recognized certification**, **co-curricular participation**, and **work-based learning engagement**. Learn more about each of these pillars here: [ElkWorks Career Path Program](#)

Our group heard directly from EAHS's outstanding student panel about how valuable this program is for their career preparation.

#### Here is what they had to say:

“What made me interested in both FCCLA and Educators Rising was the friendly environment that I saw from these club meetings. I'd always see it on the school announcements, for

example from FCCLA, 'Hey, we're having a meeting after school tonight, come join. ' And our advisor, Mrs. Waymire, and Mrs. Jacobs are both lovely teachers. They always are very welcoming, and they have community service opportunities that I am interested in volunteering for, giving back to our community, as well as cool competition opportunities.”

“With SkillsUSA and the competition that we do in team engineering, I really learned how to work as a team under pressure with like a certain time limit that's given, and that's really helped me develop those skills and learn how to work under pressure.”

“I think we get great opportunities to experience these careers and prepare us for what we're interested in careerwise. For me, I would say that being in DECA has given me this great opportunity. This year I worked on a project called DECApalooza, a fun-filled field day for kids.”

“I have learned leadership skills through FFA, but one of the most important things that I I've learned is the ability to make connections with other people. In the FFA and agriculture industry, you must know someone to be to advance your career. One of the biggest connections that I've made through FFA was being able to bring my dairy goats to our Walworth County Fair and participate in the Discovery Barn. The Discovery Barn showcases many segments of agriculture including the dairy industry, especially the goat dairy industry, which is thriving.”

Thank you to Mr. Dustin Lehman, Mr. Dan Kiel, Mr. Brian Schopf, and especially to the students for their outstanding presentations. To learn more about Elkhorn Area High School’s ElkWorks Program and how you can become involved, please visit the [ElkWorks Program](#) website.



**Elkhorn Area High School**

**Tradition. Innovation. Distinction.**

## NEW PARTNER INTRODUCTIONS

We were unable to welcome new members at our March Partner Meeting, however, thank you all for attending and we look forward to seeing you at future events! If you haven't been introduced at our meetings and **would like an introduction, please reach out to Gretchen Coulman** at [gretchen@visitlakegeneva.com](mailto:gretchen@visitlakegeneva.com).

## VISIT LAKE GENEVA UPDATES

- Our next **Extranet Training** will be Tuesday March 24th, 2026, at 10:00AM. Learn how to best use your listing, enter events, and promote offers on the VISIT LG website. View upcoming [Training & Partner Events here](#).
  - **April Partner Meeting:** At our next partner meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at The Abbey Resort & Spa, we'll be diving deep into avoiding the pitfalls of fraudulent activity. We'll be welcoming 3 special guests from the finance industry to give some tips on how to stop the scammers, before they can even start to access your personal information.
  - **RESTAURANT WEEK:** In April, we welcome my personal favorite week of the year, [Restaurant Week](#)! We'll be sharing information soon on participating in restaurants, breweries/wineries/taverns, cafés and coffee shops. Stay tuned!
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## PARTNER UPDATES

### Elizabeth Russell-Jones | [The Bridge Food & Diaper Bank](#)

- The Bridge Food & Diaper Bank is hosting "Putt for Hunger" on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at The Grand Geneva Forum.
- Registration details can be found here: [Putt for Hunger Registration](#)

### Jean Harvell-Wright | [Geneva Stage](#)

- Geneva Stage is excited to collaborate with Visit Lake Geneva Partners by offering **Special Partner Pricing for Events** (Business Meetings, Fundraisers, Company Celebrations & More) at our downtown Lake Geneva entertainment venue. We also welcome Partnerships with Local Realtors, Resorts, and Airbnb Hosts to provide Discounted Group Tickets and/or Packages. The creative ways to "Partner" are endless and watch for us at the April Meeting too!
- Contact us at: 262-249-6858 | [info@genevastage.com](mailto:info@genevastage.com) | [www.genevastage.com/private-events](http://www.genevastage.com/private-events)

**Jade Goodhue, [Legendary Real Estate Services](#):**

- Our **American Legion Post 327** is having its Memorial Day Golf outing on May 24th! We are looking for hole sponsors!
- We are INCREDIBLY grateful to **C&D Landscaping** and **Community State Bank** of Lake Geneva for their Platinum sponsorships and their continued support! Their dedication to our organization, their clients and community are second to none!
- If anyone would like to contribute as a sponsor or as a golfer, please being a sponsor, please reach out to Jade at [Jade@legendaryrealestateservices.com](mailto:Jade@legendaryrealestateservices.com) Hope at [post327lyons@gmail.com](mailto:post327lyons@gmail.com).

**Charlie Roy, [Pest Control Solutions](#):**

- Connect with Charlie! He is looking for people who are having benefits to support those in need. He will donate a \$50 gift basket each month.

**Carol Zimmerman, [Environment Education Foundation](#):**

- The Environment Education Foundation gives out scholarships to students in the Geneva Lake area including undergraduates.
- Looking for speakers and a co-sponsor for workshops focused on careers in water.
- Connect with Jenny Grunow: [jenngrunow@gmail.com](mailto:jenngrunow@gmail.com) | 262-215-0196

**Kathy Papcke, [GLWA](#):**

- [Women's Weekend](#) April 24-26, 2026
- Sponsorships are available.

**Chris Brooks, [Black Point Estate](#)**

- Black Point Estate started 250 days of facts and photos on their Facebook page.
- Follow on Facebook: [Black Point Estate & Gardens](#)

**Steve Love, [Lake Geneva Ministries](#):**

- Save the Date! Lake Geneva Youth Camp Golf Classic will be held on May 22, 2026. The event raises funds for kids who can't afford camp. Sponsorships available!

**NEXT PARTNER MEETING**

**Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 | Meeting: 8:00AM | The Abbey Resort & Spa, Fontana**