



Colette Morton's students visited Mildred Lane's Kemper Art Museum at Washington University. Students observed art centered around Environmental Justice. Right Top: Shukria Erkin creates art (seen page 6). Right bottom: Latuasha Cox, **Associate Educator** for School and Teacher Programs, speaks to Araejah Jackson, Maurice Davis, Ayanna Blanchard, Caleb Wafford, Eternity Braden and Keith Jacobs.

Page 5. Top: Cox hands out cards to Ayanna Blanchard, Brooklynn Williams, Jackson Paiz, Tyler Duong, James Frazier, and Yae Kumeh to help them understand the art of Andrea Bowers titled "Let Us Feel Heartbreak" inspired by a quote by the healer-poet Deena Metzger. Bottom left: Jaylen Ballard creates art. Right: Cox explaing Bowers art.

Photos by Colette Morton..











The JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl

The JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (J-LAB) Team competed in the Level II assessment. This academic competition consists of three levels; with level three being an in-person competition held at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. It is sponsored by the College Options Foundation (COF). Competition at Level I started with approximately 1,000 schools. Our Gateway Team competing in Level 2 against 330 other schools to make the final cut to 16 schools to compete in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Top: Curtis Sweat answers questions as Jasmine Balven and Chanel Mitchell watch. Bottom: JLab members pose for a photo. Caleb Wafford, Jasmine Balven, Xavier Wesley, Curtis Sweat, and Chanel Mitchell.

Photo provided by Lt. Col. Jeffery Ditlevson.





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CHEMISTRY TEACHER EMILY WELCH MAKES CONNECTIONS

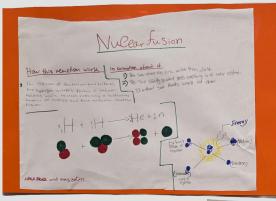
Top: Bottom row: Emily Welch, Doria Evans, Zaynab Abed, Jayline Ricks, Haley Robinson, Brooklynn Williams, Calvin Maxie-Jones, Kadyn Dodd, Caleb Wafford, Krishma Tamang, Alannah Blanchard, Legend Morrow, Jayden Jackson, Haylen Hyde-Carothers, Tyler Duong, and Nieghl Johnson. Top row: Tania Soto Palacios, Louis Dieckmann, Yae Kumeh, Aiden Kaylor, Tyler Pattman, Jeremiah Ceasar, Adrian Jackson, Da'Maria Troupe, Jaymiah Dickerson, Collin Bertish, Chanel Mitchell, Yougesh Chhetri-Subba, Aniya Chatman, Sylvia Knox, Ariya Wilson, and Eugene Johnson. Not pictured: Janell Degraffenreid, Amori Brown, or Sha'Mya Maclin.

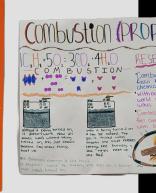
Photos and story by Emily Welch.

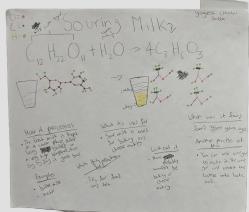
Ms. Welch's chemistry classes completed a unit on Chemical Reactions in January. As an extension of their studies in class, Ms. Welch and Mr. Johnson brought AP Chemistry and Chemistry students on a field trip to Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery in Roxana, IL on Tuesday, February 4th. Students learned about how crude oil is processed and refined to make gasoline, jet fuel, and other products. The field trip also included a tour of the refinery, presentations about different jobs and career paths at the refinery, and a tour of the on-site fire station. The presentations and tours were led by members of the Phillips 66 Black Employee Network and New Hire Network, and included scientists, engineers, operators, skilled trade workers, and emergency response personnel

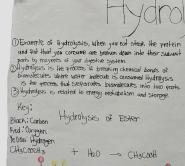
Top right: Collin Bertish points out the window as Amori Brown, Da'Maria Troupe and Aniya Chatman enjoy the tour. Bottom right: Student work.











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Top: Alannah Blanchard and Brooklynn Williams give all their attention to Ashley Hayes, a Phillips 66 employee who is respnsible for training operators and technicians on the equipment. He is explaining how they use the small scale equipment behind him to train new employees.

Photos by Emily Welch.

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NATIONAL HISTORY DAY®

On February 15, 2025, the St. Louis Regional History Day competition hosted students from all over the area. Among them was Jackson Paiz Rodriguez, an 11th grader with a passion for uncovering untold stories from history. Paiz's project focused on the Bracero Program, a pivotal yet often overlooked chapter in the history of U.S.-Mexico relations.

The Bracero Program, which ran from 1942 to 1964, allowed millions of Mexican laborers to come to the United States to work on farms and railroads during World War II and beyond. Jackson had been fascinated by the program's complex legacy—the way it provided opportunities for Mexican workers while also perpetuating exploitation and harsh working conditions.

Paiz spent weeks researching the history of the program, diving into historical archives, interviewing Colette Morton whose grandfather was a former Bracero.

Paiz took first place in the Senior Individual exhibit. Paiz will go on to complete in the state competition on April 26th, 2025.

Photo and story by Colette Morton.

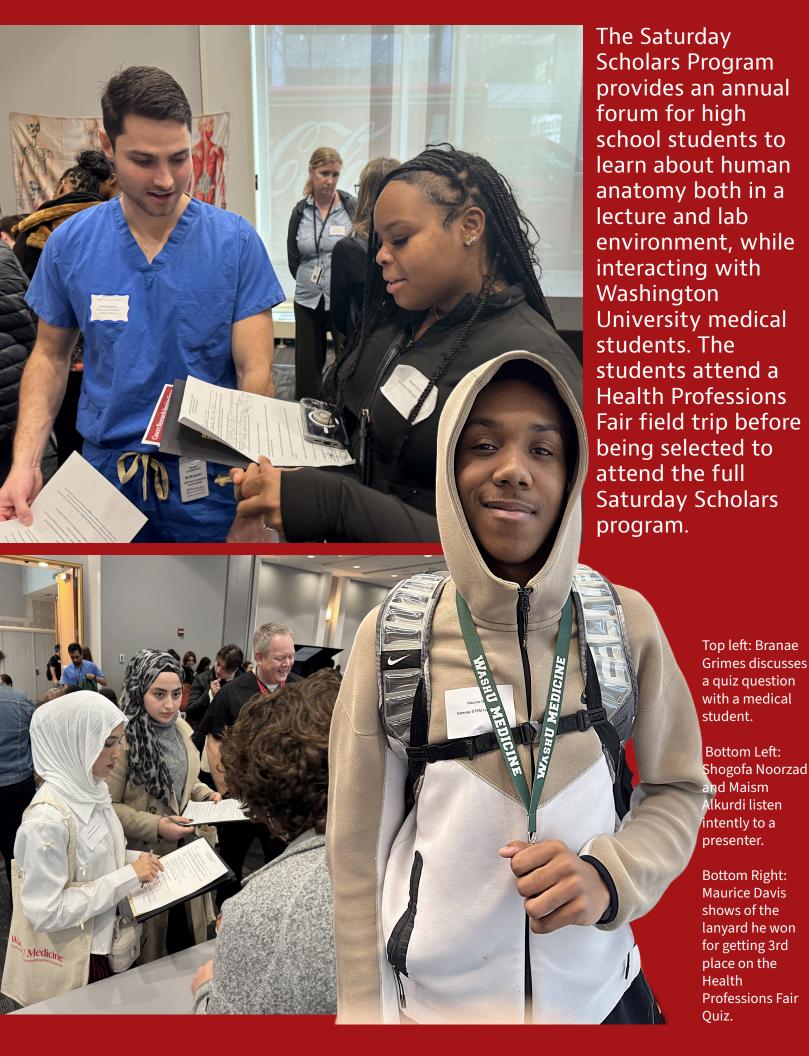


Top left: Jackson Paiz advanced to the next level. Bottom left: Deborah Cohen, a **UMSL History** Professor, stopped by to check out Paiz's research. Paiz referenced Cohen's research in his project. Bottom right: Paiz and Colette Morton pose with Paiz's winning board.

Photos by Colette Morton.









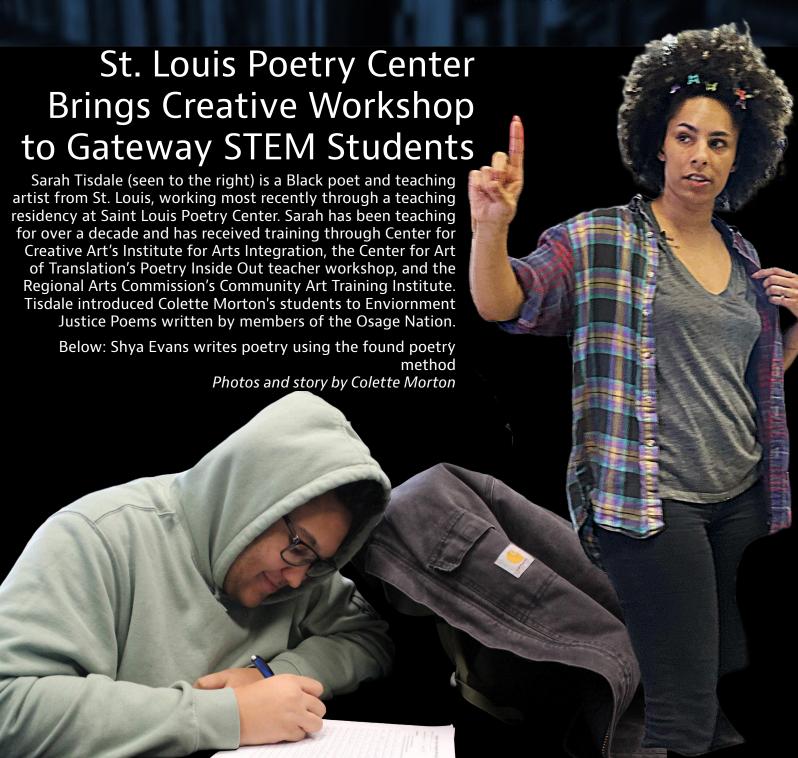


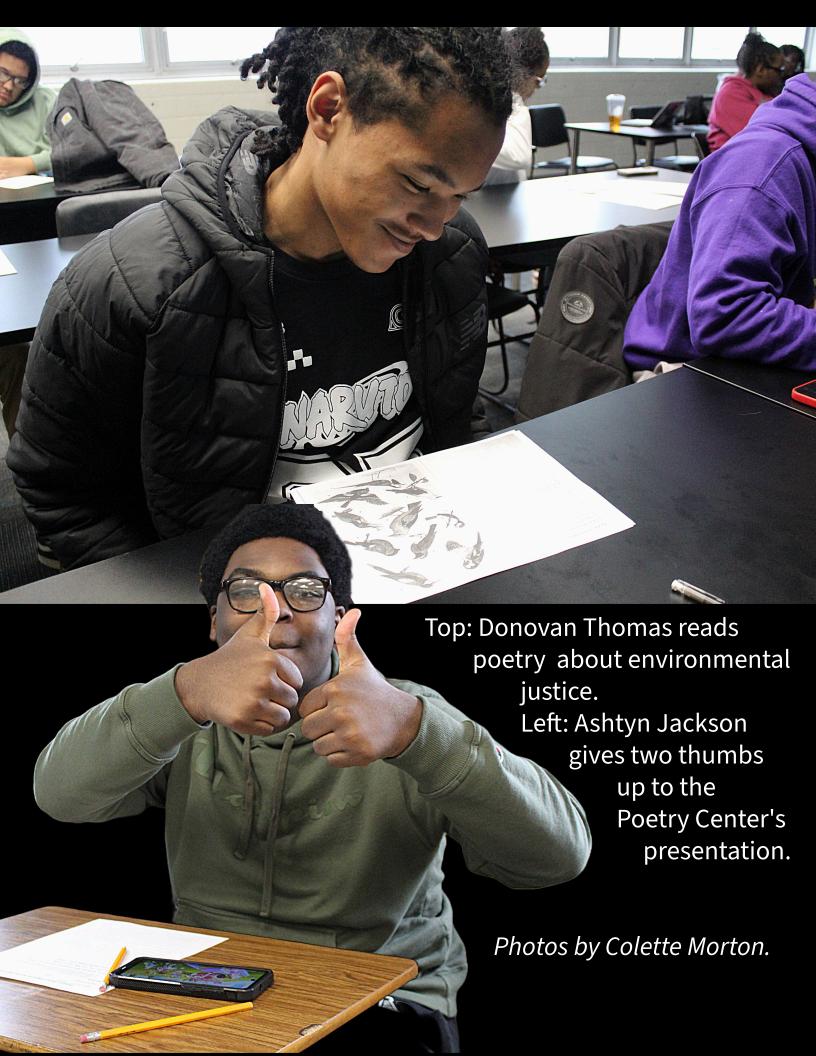
Top: back row from left to right: Maism Alkurdi, Shakira Abiola, Karim Ashour, Maurice Davis, Jennifer Rice. Front row (left to right): Imani Brown, Shogofa Noorzad, Huda Mahmood, Branae Grimes. Bottom: Huda Mahmood enjoys a demonstration of inflating lungs.

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AS1 Cadet of the Month, Henrietta Knox, recieving her award from Jeffery Ditlevson, Lt Col.

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JROTC CADETS

AS1 Cadet of the Month – Henrietta Knox.

AS2 Cadet of the Month – Da'Maria Troupe.

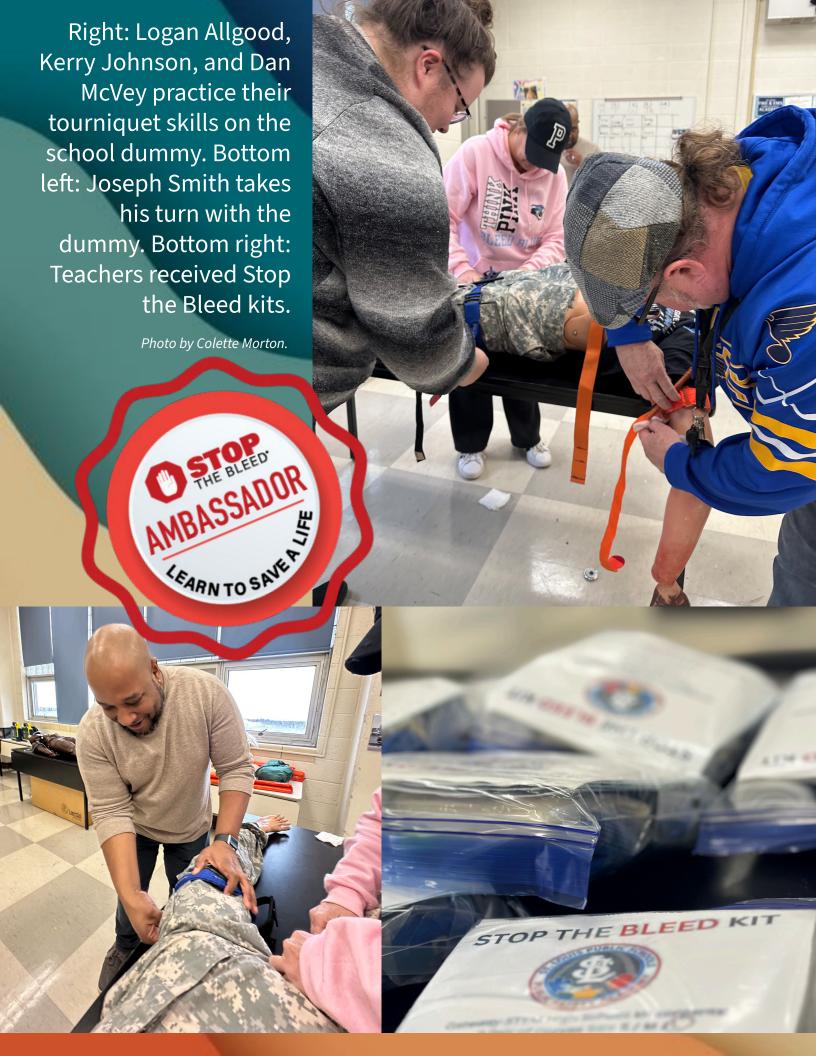
AS3 Cadet of the Month – Amorii Walker (not pictured).

AS4 Cadet of the Month – Uwimana Nyirabwiza. Overall Cadet of the Month – Jack Anthony.

All photos by Antoinette Lunanga.













Certificated Staff Member with the most years of service.

Steven Hill

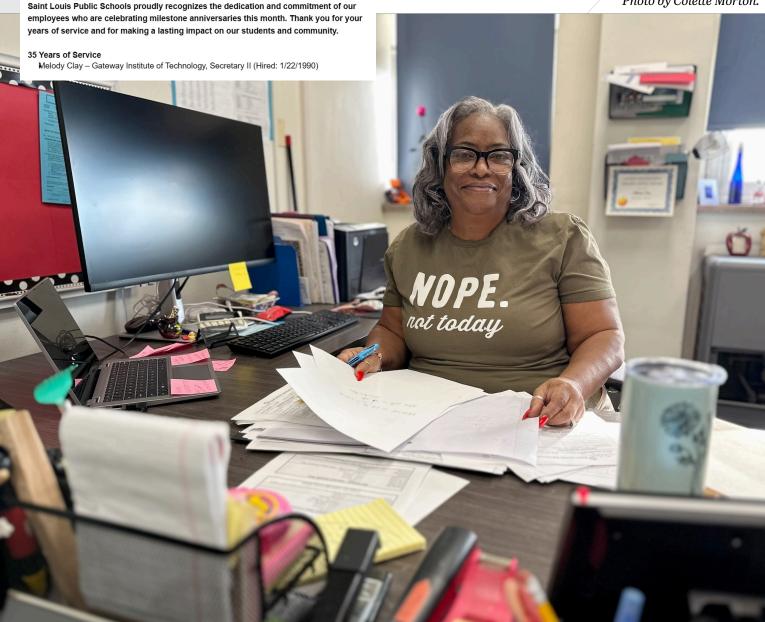
Steven J. Hill has been an educator at Gateway STEM since 1992, bringing over 43 years of teaching experience to his students. With a background in both music and technology, Steven teaches Concert Band, Intro to Guitar, and Understanding Music, guiding students in their musical journey.

Hill has inspired many students over the years and continues to do so today.





Photo by Colette Morton.

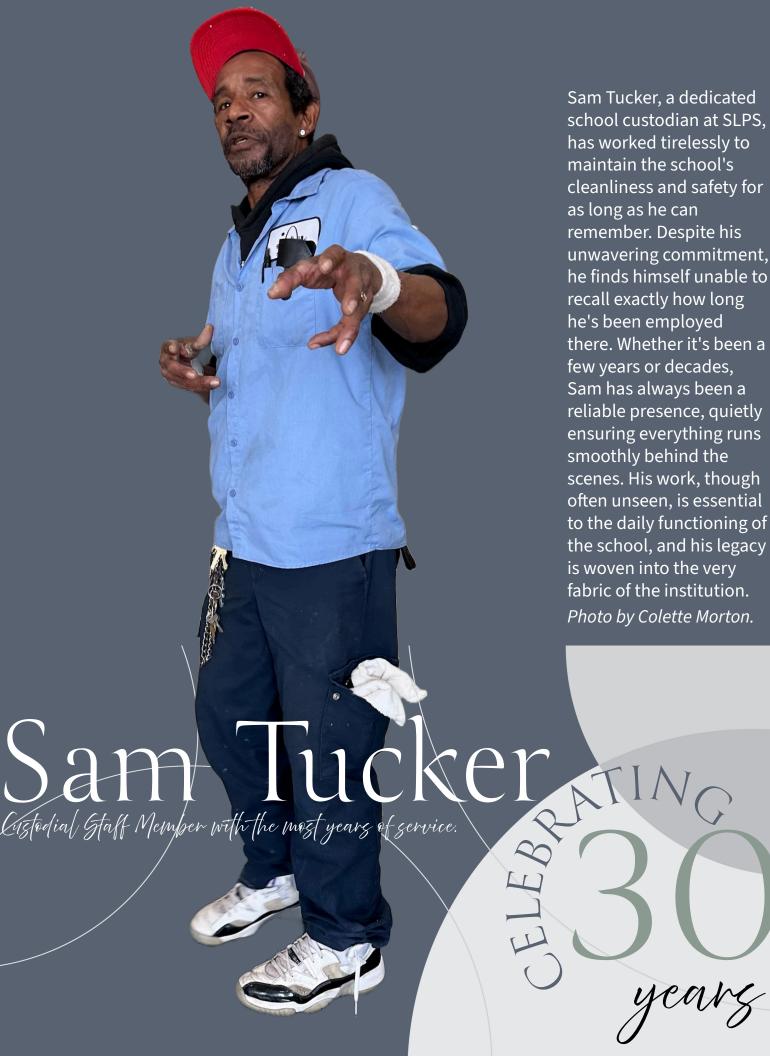


Staff Member with the most years of service

Melody

Melody Clay is a true gem in the St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) community, having served as a dedicated secretary for 35 years. Throughout her time in the district, she has gone above and beyond, often using her own resources to feed hungry children and provide bus money for those in need Her generosity and compassion have touched countless lives, making her a beloved and

irreplaceable part of the school system. Melody's selflessness and unwavering commitment to the well-being of students truly make her a jewel.





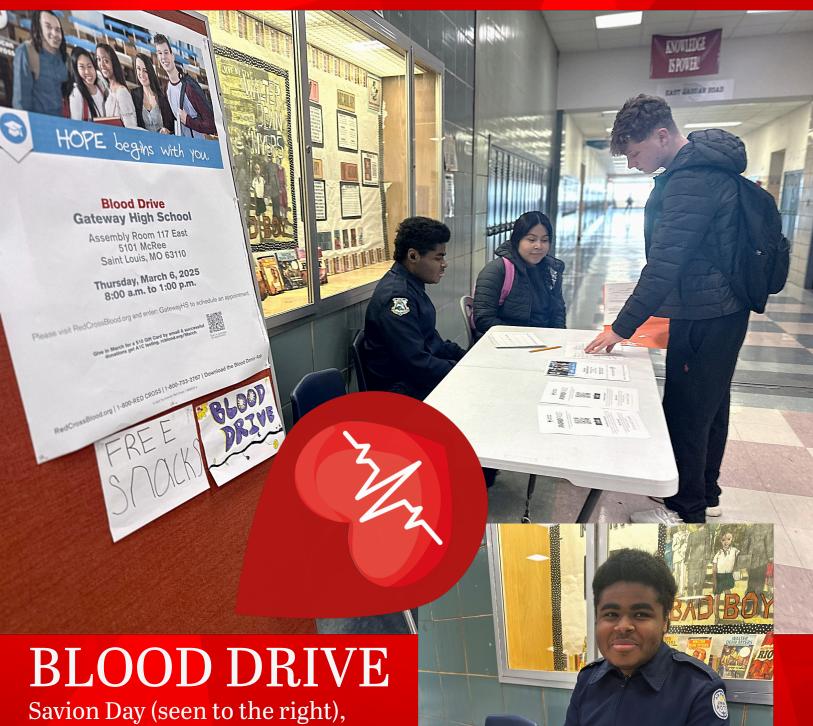












Savion Day (seen to the right), Diana Maya-Soreque, and Jack Anthony (all seen above) signed up students for the blood drive sponsored by JROTC.

Their efforts highlight the values of service, teamwork, and giving back, exemplifying the JROTC spirit of leadership and responsibility.





Blood Drive Gateway High School

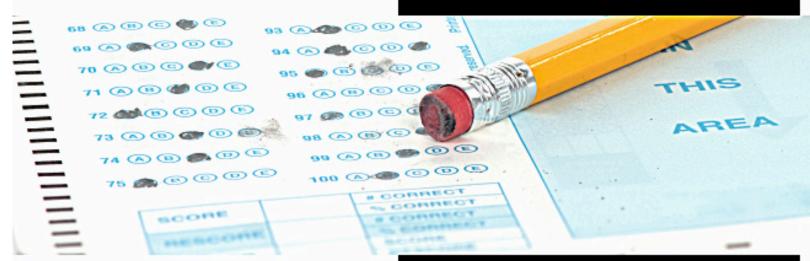
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Thursday, March 6, 2025 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: GatewayHS to schedule an appointment.

Give in March for a \$10 Gift Card by email & successful donations get A1C testing. rcblood.org/March





Need Help with the ACT?

See Mr. Mitchell every **Tuesday** in room from 2:10 to 5:00 p.m. Students who are playing school sports or who have their own transportation do not have to stay the entire time!

