## **Career Chats - Engaging GHS Students with Local Professionals**

As part of Geneva 2030's commitment to supporting Geneva youth, Cradle to Career, the College and Career Readiness Action Team is grateful to the community members who shared their expertise and career pathways with local Geneva City High School students during the 2022-2023 Geneva High School Career Chats lunch series.

This past year Geneva City High School hosted Belinda Fratto, Beth Lahr, and Erica Collins among others each month to highlight a different career field. During these lunch time chats the presenters shared a bit about what it's like to work in their professions, the differing pathways to those careers, and some of the rewarding experiences associated with each. A list of those who presented and the topic of their career chat can be viewed in the accompanying graphic.

Erica Collins, a GHS graduate and current Strategic Project Manager for the City of Geneva, attracted sixty-seven students with her talks on working in public service and local government. Collins emphasized the importance of finding a mentor while in high school who can help guide, advise, and encourage you throughout your professional journey. Collins added that a mentor could be a teacher, a counselor, a neighbor, or even a family member.

Greg Baker, Principal of Geneva City High School and co-chair of the College and Career Readiness Action Team, was excited to host these career chats once again. Baker welcomes community members to share their experiences with high school students through the Career Chat series. It is an excellent way for high school students to learn more about the wide variety of career paths from people with first hand knowledge.

If you or someone you know would be interested in presenting at the Geneva High School Career Chat series encourage them to reach out to <u>budmen@hws.edu</u> to get on the schedule for 2023-2024.

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HWS Coordinator of Teaching Certification - Chrissy Jacobs - Highlights careers in



Erica Collins, City Hall - City Manager's Office, and GHS alumni, discusses careers in the municipality





## LUNCH TIME CAREER CHATS 2022-2023



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