



MORTON EAST

Student Activities Report

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Senior Prom

615 students from Morton East celebrated during one of the end of the year events at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center on May 22nd. Students dressed to impress and danced the night away with their peers! The prom theme this year was “Wicked”. Students also enjoyed the “late night snack” provided by our amazing vendor, Rainbow Cone!

Senior Cruise

Morton East seniors enjoyed an unforgettable Chicago Skyline Tour at Navy Pier. They started the day with a delicious breakfast buffet, fueling up for the exciting event. Students danced and celebrated with their peers on two different levels of the boat, soaking in the beautiful city views. The tour was a perfect way to create lasting memories together as a graduating class.



Senior Awards

Over 600 seniors were honored at our Senior Awards Ceremony, celebrating their hard work and achievements. Many students received scholarships, including one special award presented by the Morton 201 Foundation. Additionally, students who earned the Seal of Biliteracy and Commendation Toward Biliteracy were proudly recognized for their language accomplishments. The ceremony was a wonderful way to highlight the dedication and talents of our graduating class.



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Morton East Graduation

On Tuesday, May 28, 2025, a total of 985 Morton East High School seniors graduated in a memorable ceremony held at the Morton West Stadium. Approximately 5,000 guests were in attendance, filling the stadium with enthusiastic support and pride for the Class of 2025.

The graduation ceremony was a joyful and dignified event that highlighted the academic and extracurricular achievements of the senior class. Four student speakers took the stage throughout the program, each offering heartfelt reflections on their experiences at Morton East, celebrating diversity, resilience, and growth. Their messages were powerful reminders of the school's mission to empower all learners and promote student voice.

A significant number of students were honored for earning the *Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy* or the *Commendation Toward Biliteracy*, reflecting our school's commitment to multilingualism and cultural competency. This distinction is awarded to students who demonstrate proficiency in English and another language, and it represents an important milestone for our multilingual learners and their families. These students were recognized in the program and proudly wore special cords during the ceremony.

We also acknowledged our students entering the military, many of whom have committed to serving the United States Armed Forces following graduation. These individuals were honored during the ceremony with special applause and recognition for their dedication to service.

In addition to academic honors, students who graduated *summa cum laude* (with a GPA of 4.0 or higher), as well as members of the *National Honor Society (NHS)* and the *Spanish Honor Society (Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica - SHH)*, were recognized for their academic excellence, leadership, and service. These honors reflect the tireless effort our students have demonstrated over the course of their academic journeys and their dedication to both scholarship and community.

