

Message from Mayor Missey - March 2023

Earlier this month, the Village of Channahon hosted one of my absolute favorite events - our annual Job Shadow Day with members of the Channahon Junior High School Student Council members.

Eight seventh and eighth grade students from CJHS Student Council joined Village staff to get hands-on experience with local government. Students kicked the day off by participating in our staff meeting, where they heard about various positions and roles, staff members and their respective backgrounds, and the interconnectedness of everything we do. Afterwards, we broke into breakout sessions, where each student was paired with a staff member to learn specifically about their roles at the Village, and explored the Village Hall and Police Department for a behind-the-scenes tour. Throughout the course of the day, the students even constructed their own resolution about the importance of civic engagement and participation.

At that evening's Board Meeting, these students were paired with their respective elected officials to lead the board meeting and vote on their resolution, becoming a permanent part of Channahon history.

What made this year so special, though, was that - for the first time in the eight years we've been hosting Shadow Day - we had a group of all young ladies; during Women's History Month, no less! I am a firm believer that women should have a seat at every table - especially within government. Seeing these eight young ladies and their excitement and interest about getting involved in our community brought me an incredible sense of excitement for the future, both theirs and ours. You never know - one of these bright young ladies could be a Village President one day.

As always, a special thanks goes to Mrs. Bertani and Mrs. Delgado, teachers and student council sponsors for CJHS, for helping to coordinate this wonderful event for the students.

Best wishes,
Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher