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During their junior and senior years of high school, many reach a decision on what they want to pursue as a career. The logical next step for many of these students is to get a head start on their college and career courses. Luckily, Hudson High School offers many.

Currently, the Hudson School District provides both opportunity and funding for any Hudson student to earn as many as 23 college credits before graduating. The courses Hudson offers are commonly accepted courses at most universities and applicable to

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## District offers many college and career courses

nearly every major.

In addition, Hudson allows students to take Hawkeye's summer CNA class. The Hudson School District covers the cost of this program, which includes tuition, books, and scrubs.

A lesser known opportunity that Hudson offers is through the Waterloo Career Center. Last school year, superintendent Dr. Tony Voss and high school principal Jeff Dieken met with the career center director to discuss a sharing agreement centered around their nursing program and our AG program. Unfortunately, Hudson students have yet to take advantage of this option.

One challenge with taking classes at the career center is the scheduling between the Hudson and Waterloo school

districts. The career center uses block scheduling, which means they have four class periods a day while Hudson has eight. As a result, students need to have flexible schedules and ample time in their high school schedules to allow for both travel and the course.

Proximity and time is not the only deterrent, though. Last semester, 20% of current Hudson seniors were not taking advantage of the in-house offerings.

Said senior Naomi Henderson, who is currently undecided, "I chose not to take Western Civilization because the schools I am looking at have better options for humanities credits, and it lowers my work load [for this year]."

To learn more about what college and career courses the Hudson School District offers, read Abby Gaudian's article in the October issue.

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**Taking the Hawkeye summer CNA class helped me gain experience in the medical field I needed before attending college.**

- senior Morgan Hansen

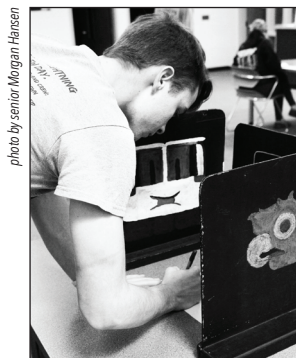
## Because every vote counts: Junior class hosts mock election

by junior Emilee Steimel

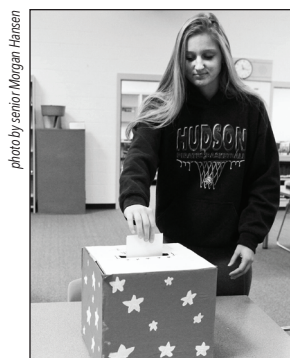
The junior class facilitated a mock election guided by high school government teacher Paul Simmer.

Much like the actual election process, the students nominated themselves and others as possible candidates. After the candidates were selected, each class held their own caucuses. Once the three government classes decided on a candidate to represent their period, the election officially began.

"The goal is for my students to understand the election process, impact of money in the presidential campaign, work required of the candidates and campaign staff, importance of debates (image), and allow my students to have fun doing it," said Simmer.



Senior Alex Reynolds fills out his ballot for the 2020 mock election.



Senior Maddie McKenna confirms her vote by placing her ballot into the election box.



Candidate Wiley Souhrada, a junior, responds to a question asked by an audience member. Souhrada won the mock election held in March.



Candidates Joe Culham and Maddie Santman, juniors, debate over their stances on political topics. These were two of the three top candidates out of the original nine.



Junior Olivia Jursik coaches 5th period candidate Wiley Souhrada before the first debate.

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