

# Upward Bound Newsletter April 2024

## Meet Your Summer Program Team Leaders!



Connor  
Schmidt

Hello, my name is Connor Schmidt, and I am a junior at Chadron State College. I am an English Education major with plans on teaching English in Japan after graduating. I work as a substitute teacher in Chadron, and my hobbies are playing video games, watching trashy reality TV shows, reading manga, exercising, and language learning. I worked for the Upward Bound Summer Program last year and am looking forward to seeing all of you this year.



Reda  
Badrioui

I'm Reda Badrioui, currently pursuing my MBA at Chadron State College. When I'm not immersed in business studies, you'll often find me strumming my guitar or enjoying a game of soccer. It's all about finding that balance between academics and the things that bring me joy!



# Academic Advisor Update

## Kevin Coy Jr.—Alliance H.S.

Alliance High's fourth quarter has been off to a great start 416 out of 442 students attended school on March 26! With nearly the entire Freshman class with perfect attendance! The Administration team has strategized many ways to get students here and in seats at the High School. This is the first week of the 2024 Dawg Pound attendance bracket challenge. Who will be the Dawg Pound with the best attendance at the end of the bracket challenge?

Each week the Dawg Pound team, which consists of 10-19 students per teacher or administrator that the students connect with the best in the High School. The team with the best attendance in the head-to-head challenge will advance in the bracket until there is one champion. The winning Dawg Pound will receive a noon release on a Friday, plus a catered lunch. A prize will be given to the Dawg Pound that is eliminated but has the best-improved attendance! Good luck and may the best team win!

Spring activities are in full swing, and I am excited to see our students excel and climb new heights in whatever they are participating in!

Girls Golf is traveling to Hastings, Gering, and Scottsbluff for meets and tournaments in April.

Track and Field has track meets in Broken Bow, Sidney, and Scottsbluff. AHS prom is on April 6!



## Kevin Coy Jr.—Chadron H.S.

As spring blooms around us, I am thrilled to share the latest updates from Chadron High School.

April brings with it a renewed sense of energy as we move forward into the final stretch of the academic year.

Here's what's happening in the halls!

The Nebraska State FFA is taking off and heading to Lincoln for the annual convention April 3-5. Addie Diers has qualified in Nursery and Landscaping, good luck Addie!

Ogallala will hold its 2024 Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament on Tuesday, April 9, at the Keith County Fairgrounds. Hina Hinman will be competing at this event. Good luck Hina!

Track and Field will be competing in Mitchell, Alliance, and Chadron (Home) all in April!

Boys Golf will compete, in Sidney, Mitchell, Morrill, and Alliance.

CHS Prom is on April 20 at CSC and is from 7 -12 am!



## Brad Gaston—Crawford

Crawford Public Schools has April 1<sup>st</sup> off for Easter break, I hope it is not an April fool's joke!

April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> is the National FFA Convention in Lincoln.

The golf team has an April 3<sup>rd</sup> meet at Sidney.

Track has the Mitchell meet on April 4th.

April 6<sup>th</sup> is Prom.

April 9<sup>th</sup> Golf at Michell.

Track at Alliance on April 13th.

Golf at Morrill on April 16th and April 19<sup>th</sup> golf at Skyview Country Club.

Track is at Morrill on April 19th.

April 23 track at Scottsbluff.

Golf at Ridgeview Country Club on April 25th.

April 26<sup>th</sup> Track in Morrill.

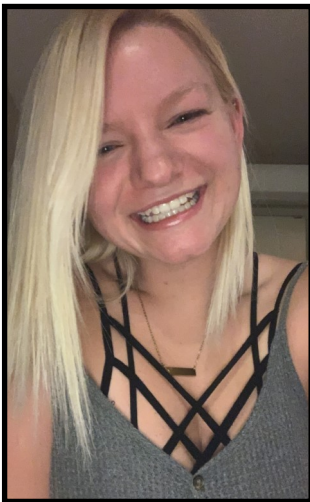
Golf in Hemingford on April 29th.

What a great month of outside sports for Crawford High School!

## Summer Program 2024

**Summer class sign-ups have begun! If you haven't filled one out yet, please contact your Academic Advisor or UB Director, Heather Barry ASAP! Summer program check-ins will be on Tuesday, May 28th. Classes will begin Wednesday, May 29th and run through Thursday, June 20th. Following the summer program will be a trip to Fort Collins and the CSU Mountain Campus, June 21st—June 23rd. Stay tuned for more information to come!**

## Summer 2024 Team Leaders



Lakita  
Thomsen

Hey everyone! My name is Lakita Thomsen and this will be my 3rd summer working with the wonderful Upward Bound program! I am from the small town of Ord, Nebraska and one of ten kids. I graduated from CSC in May 2023 and just completed my first year teaching 7th grade mathematics here in Chadron.

In my free time I enjoy working out, running, hiking, playing volleyball, reading, taking naps, and being outside doing anything. I also love spending time with my siblings and my cat Mango!

I am looking forward to another amazing summer!

Calyn  
Degnan

My name is Calyn Degnan. I graduated from CSC last May

with my degree in English Education. However, I am still taking classes through CSC and will take some more in the summer. I have also just finished my first year teaching at Chadron Public Schools as an English teacher. I love to play tennis and softball as well as reading, writing, and painting







TIP OF THE HAT

**Dani Cole & Mia Reina**—congrats on making the 24-25 AHS Cheer Squad

**4.0 GPA Students at Crawford High**— Wyatt B., Tianna C, Aaron W, and Autumn Y.H.

**Addie D.**—qualified for State FFA in Nursery Landscaping

**Tatiana A**—History Day Team Participant

**Hina H.**— Science Olympiad Participant

**All of our student athletes out for Spring Sports**—golfers and tracksters—we are so proud of you!

4/1—*Zoey Hoof*

4/4—*Jamie Brooks*

4/9—*Lauren Wood*

4/19—*Anthony Huber*

4/25—*Paden Morava*

## Aaron Walden—April Student of the Month



Aaron Walden is a sophomore at Crawford High School. This is his second year in the Upward Bound program. In addition to Upward Bound, Aaron participates in wrestling and many more activities.

Aaron is a great student! He typically maintains A's and B's and currently has a 4.0 GPA. Aaron always shows respects to his peers and school staff, and will lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

“Aaron is such a hard worker. Coming from a military family I think gives him the drive and motivation to succeed in everything he does.” - Mr. Gaston, CrHS UB Academic Advisor

“Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.” - Jim Ryun