



## Upward Bound Writing Contest Winners Take On Santa Fe

On Friday, November 3rd, bright and early in the morning, Mr. Coy, Heather, and the four writing contest winners—Tatiana Abdelgabar, Shanna Gunwall, Makiah Craig, and Ashlyn Hack headed off for Santa Fe. Three of the four girls had never flown before so it was sure to be an adventure! The six of them flew out of Scottsbluff, NE—flew to Denver where they had a bit of a layover. Soon, they boarded their plane to Santa Fe where they checked into the Drury Plaza Hotel—which they learned used to be the old Santa Fe hospital and was supposedly haunted (according to their Uber driver). Their first stop after the hotel, was of course some Mexican/New Mexican Food and then the heated, rooftop pool at the Drury.



The first full day of adventures included a Walking Food and History Tour. The group got to enjoy some delicious New Mexican/Mexican food including tacos, enchiladas, rice and beans, green chile, and Mexican chocolates. After their bellies were full, they set off for more exploring of the Santa Fe Plaza where they visited many street vendors and shops. Later that night, the group decided to return to one of the stops from the food tour—La Fogata—where they partook in some amazing shredded beef tacos, followed by a visit to the Santa Fe Playhouse.

Day three started off with a walk to “The Railyard” where more street vendors and farmers market booths were set up for shopping. The group boarded the Santa Fe Adventure Train at 11:00 and took a ride through New Mexico, stopping to watch a Native American hoop dance. After lunch at The Railyard, the group headed to the famous Meow Wolf—a large scale interactive and immersive art experience. Pizza and the pool called their name after that long day.

Day four started bright and early with an Uber ride to Paseo Pottery where the group learned how to make pottery on a wheel (think the movie *Ghost*—which no one had seen except Heather!). The instructor made it look simple, but it really wasn't. However, the girls made some pretty great pieces for being beginners. After the pottery making experience, the group headed to lunch at Café Pasqual—one of the most well known and highly recommended restaurants in Santa Fe—where they partook in some authentic Mexican food. Before they knew it, it was time to be picked up for their sunset jeep tour through Diablo Canyon. Peter and Nikki picked the crew up in two jeeps and headed out of town, where they took the group up and down the hills, through the backwoods, and right into the heart of Diablo Canyon and the Rio Grande River. It was a perfect way to end such an amazing trip!

The next day the crew begrudgingly packed their bags and headed for home. The trip was a wonderful experience with an outstanding group of students and staff!



# Academic Advisor Update



## Kevin Coy Jr—Chadron H.S.

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving break, CHS One Acts performed live for the student body and staff! The show featured a host of UB students and they did a phenomenal job! I can't wait to see how they match up against their opponents during conference acts in Gothenburg.

Thank you to Addie Diers, Makiah Craig, and Holliann McMann for presenting your college visit experience at our November Lunch Meeting. Everyone had a different positive experience on the visits. I hope these visits assist you in narrowing down your college pick when that time comes!

UB students are getting involved, whether it's One Acts, Wrestling, or Basketball - Upward Bound students are being a part of something. We love to see our students get involved around campus. "Students who participate frequently in extracurricular activities tend to have higher grades, better test scores, and more positive educational experiences in general." (Fredricks, 2011). Participating in extracurriculars will enhance your educational experience! #justdoit!

### UB CHS November Upcoming Events:

19<sup>th</sup> Lunch Meeting

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## Kevin Coy Jr—Alliance H.S.

As the semester comes to a close, AHS staff and administration are being proactive - with attendance and academics! Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> AHS started Monday Mania, where every Monday during December, all students who have perfect attendance for that day will be put into a drawing for a prize at the end of the day! On the academic side, study hall after school on Mondays, in the library is from 4-6:30, and a free grab-and-go meal will be offered at the end of the night. I encourage all who are struggling in a class or classes to attend and get extra help or get caught up in your classes.

Huge shout out to Ashlyn Hack, Diane DuBray, Jocelyn Vergil, and CiCi Hudson for sharing their college visit experiences with the AHS Students, during our monthly lunch meeting. It provided students insight into what those visits are like and what to expect when touring colleges with us. Thanks again!

### UB AHS November Upcoming Events:

20<sup>th</sup>—Lunch Meeting

## Brad Gaston—Crawford H.S.

Merry Christmas everyone and have a better year than last one! You make a difference in this world.

December 1<sup>st</sup> basketball at Bayard.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> basketball at Sioux County.

December 5<sup>th</sup> basketball at Crawford against Gordon Rushville.

December 9<sup>th</sup> basketball at Crawford against Garden County.

Niobrara County basketball at Crawford on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Tournament at Sioux County.

December 21<sup>st</sup> at Crawford against Arthur County.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> wrestling at Mullen. Wrestling triangular at Mitchell on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

December 9<sup>th</sup> Wrestling at Gordon-Rushville.

Wrestlers at Hot Springs on Dec16<sup>th</sup>.

Basketball and wrestling in full swing during the month of December! It's going to be a busy and great month!



## First Generation Celebration



On November 9th and November 13th, we celebrated National First Generation Student Day at our three high schools. This is a day to recognize the achievements and raise awareness of first generation students. Students that participated in the day received Daylight Donuts and “I’m First” stickers. Those students who also participated in the November Academic Planning meeting and completed their November Canvas assignment on What it Means to Be First Gen, will receive a prize at our December 9th Quarterly Meeting.

**Being a first generation student means breaking barriers and creating opportunities for future generations.**



12/2—**Hina Hinman**  
 12/7—**Nico Olvera**  
 12/10—**Noah Kubo**

**TIP OF THE HAT continued...**

**Arianna R.-** Out for Speech  
**CiCi H. & Diane D.-** First team All conference Softball  
**Kaiva H. -**Honorable Mention Softball  
**Bohdan S.-** Placed 1<sup>st</sup> in all Swim Events he competed in!

*Way to go!*

**TIP OF THE HAT**

**Bohdan S. & Carter P.—**qualified for the State Swim Meet

**Gabe F., Justus F., and Will S—**won awards at conference One Acts

**Hina H.-** Finished with 4 points in Physical Science at CSC Scholastic Day

**Tehgan G.-** Lead Equine Management category at CSC Scholastic Day with 10 points

**Wade R.-** Tied 1<sup>st</sup> with 6 points in General Anatomy and Physiology at CSC Scholastic Day

**Justus F.-** Tied 1<sup>st</sup> with 8 points in General Science

**Addie D.-** Going out for Wrestling

**Devan P.-** Going out for Basketball

**Colin M.-** Wrestling

**CiCi H.-** Going out for Basketball

**Alex W. H.-** BBB Team Manager

**Holliann M.-** Wrestling Manager

**Shanna G.-** Wrestling Manager

**Hayden B.-** Wrestling Manager

**Jayla G.-** Out for Wrestling

**Mina S.-** Out for Unified Bowling



**CiCi Hudson—December Student of the Month**



Hometown: Alliance, NE School/Grade: Alliance High School- 12th grade

What is your favorite class? Why?: **“Lifetime Sports and Fitness- It is a class that I have with a lot of friends, and we get to be competitive and try to beat each other in various games that we play.”**

What is a goal that you want to accomplish this year?: **“I want to accomplish maintaining a 4.0 for my last year of high school, and of course, graduate.”**

What are your favorite hobbies?: **“Besides participating/practicing different sports, I like to watch movies and spend time with my friends.”**

What is your favorite part of UB?: **The endless opportunities that UB gives students to learn and experience what college is like.**

Where do you want to attend College?: **“Doane University”** What would you study while attending college? And why?: **“Exercise Science, so I can become an athletic trainer and stay in the sports industry. It's also a way for me to give back to the sports that have given me everything.”**

What advice would you give to your peers or others?: **“You do not have to be the most talented, the smartest, the richest, or the best looking, all that matters is that you have the drive and discipline to outwork everyone.”**