

#CelebrateFirstGen

Upward Bound November 2023 Newsletter

I am proud to be a First Generation Student because.....



I get to do things my mom never got to do.

- Haley H.

It gives me confidence knowing that my future is in my own hands and wealth or the level of education my parents got doesn't define my future. I go to school knowing that the hard work and determination I put into school opens opportunities for me later in life.
- Hina H.



I get to make my mom happy.

- Cyrus W.

WHAT IS A FIRST GENERATION STUDENT



WE DEFINE FIRST GENERATION AS

students whose parent(s) or guardian(s) have not completed a 4-year degree at a college or university in the United States.



I can learn like my parents want me to.

- Shailynn B.



It gives me a chance to better myself and my future.

- Gabe F.



It's a step towards achieving a future I've dreamed of. There have been some academic challenges throughout my family—because of this, sitting down at the table and asking for help on homework wasn't really an option. I've been all over in my school years, which made it hard to keep a consistent flow of knowledge. School wasn't easy for me at one point I was planning on dropping out, but instead of letting challenges win I worked hard and surrounded myself with people that believed in me. I'm proud of where I am and I know there are big things in the future.

- Ashlyn H.



I can set a good example for others.

-Brynley E.

Academic Advisor Updates

Brad Gaston-Crawford H.S.:

November is not very busy for athletic events. However, it is a great month to honor our One Act performers. Shailyn, Will, and Gabe will be performing in “10 Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse”. Also, our very own Justus F. is one of the lead actors in this production. They will open their season at PAC One Acts Competition in Hemingford, on Thursday, November 16th. They put a lot of time and effort into this. Good luck cast and crew!

The Crawford TeamMates mentoring program is hosting a fall celebration for all of their mentors and mentees on November 7th. They will be decorating cookies, playing games, having snacks, and so much more! If you would like to learn more about the Crawford TeamMates program contact Mr. Gaston to find out how!

Crawford November Lunch & Academic Planning Meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 8th

Kevin Coy Jr.-Alliance H.S.:

In October, the Alliance High Freshman class earned a pizza party from AHS as they had the best attendance, compared to all of the other classes for the entire First Quarter!

Scholastic Day was October 25th. The Scholastic Contest at Chadron State College is a tradition that recognizes the academic talents of high school students in Nebraska and surrounding states. AHS took over 60 students to CSC to participate.

Alliance High FCCLA hosted six schools in the Performing Arts Center. Chadron was included in one of the six other schools. Mrs. Thompson, AHS FCS teacher, was satisfied with the turn out, the participation and the cooperation with the surrounding schools that attended. FCCLA is planning to meet again in the spring. A number of schools will be competing against each other in a series of contests.

In November, AHS is having an Attendance Awareness Week! This week is designed to promote good attendance and participation from students. AHS administrators have done great by engaging students and this week will further promote good attendance. Monday, November 13, is Hat Monday, Tuesday is Twin Day, Wednesday is Dress like your favorite teacher, Thursday is Tacky Day and Friday is Magical Wear - something Disney or Bulldog gear.

Alliance November Lunch & Academic Planning Meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 15th

Kevin Coy Jr.-Chadron H.S.:

Chadron High students attended Scholastic Day at CSC in October. Every student who achieves first place on an exam will be the recipient of a Scholastic Achievement Award in the amount of \$500. This non-renewable/non-transferable award is a \$500 tuition waiver that may be used in the 2024-2025 academic year at CSC. Students, be on the lookout for your test results posted on the CSC website.

FCCLA traveled to AHS for their Fall meeting, Mrs. Budler (CHS FCS teacher) thought the event went well for her students stating, “It is a great opportunity for our students to meet students from other schools and make new friends.”

Chadron High Winter sports and activities are almost underway! On November 6th, the winter sports meeting will be held for parents and students that are interested in participating. If you are interested in joining a Winter activity please talk to Mr. Barry or Mrs. Tricia Berry for more info.

Chadron November Lunch & Academic Planning Meeting:

Thursday, Nov. 16th

Upcoming Events:

November—First Generation Celebration (see enclosed flyer for details)

December 9th— Christmas Quarterly Meeting/Transition to College (see enclosed flyer for more details)

Fall 2023 College Campus Visits



On Wednesday, October 17th, Mr. Kevin Coy and Heather Barry took off with twelve Upward Bound students on an adventure all the way across the state! Students all enjoyed a boring uneventful drive down Highway 2 as we headed towards Norfolk, NE where we would stay the night. Thursday morning we all woke up bright and early and were ready for our first college visit—Northeast Community College—where we participated in their Hawk Visit Day. Hawk Visit Day included a presentation from their Admissions Team, a student panel, a campus tour, and finally lunch at their Hawks Point Dining Hall.

Next on our agenda, was a scenic drive to Lincoln, NE. Our first stop in Lincoln was the Nebraska History Museum where students had the opportunity to participate in a chronological Nebraska card game. Students were given cards of Nebraska events and were instructed to search the museum for the dates that these events happened. Then students raced to put them in chronological order. It was a close race, but the boys team consisting of Wade, Wyatt, Cyrus, and Paden were deemed the official winners.



After our visit to the Nebraska History Museum we headed down the street to Tomahawks Axe Throwing where students learned to throw axes—aiming for the target and earning points. For some, it was pretty challenging at first to get the axe to even stick. But after some practice throws the students were really getting into it. Wade might have even found his future career as a professional axe



thrower!

Axe throwing worked up an appetite and we headed to Cheddar's for some delicious dinner. After our bellies were full we checked into the hotel for a night of swimming and relaxing.

Thursday morning we enjoyed breakfast at Village Inn and headed to the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL) for a campus tour. After checking in at the Van Brunt Visitors Center, we enjoyed a presentation from the Admissions Team on the admission requirements, scholarship opportunities and more! Weston—a UNL student—gave us a tour of campus. We got to look at the library, the student union, a dorm room, the recreation and wellness center, as well as Memorial Stadium—where the Husker football team plays! After our tour, we enjoyed a buffet style lunch in the Cather Dining Hall.



After lunch, we made the long seven hour drive home. Of course, stopping for ice cream at Dairy Queen. Overall, students and staff had a great time, learned a lot, and experienced new things!

Our next college campus visit will be in Spring 2024. Destination TBD.



CELEBRATE
NOVEMBER
Birthdays!

11/5—*Josi Riggs*
 11/7—*Mina Shelp*
 11/8—*Tehgan Gortsema*
 11/15—*Nyeli Bauer*
 11/17—*Cyrus Walter*
 11/24—*Mr. Coy*

TIP OF THE HAT



Wyatt B.—Crawford High homecoming court royalty & recipient of CSC Dean’s Commitment Scholarship

Will S., Shailynn, and Gabe F.— outstanding effort and talent being put to work for the Crawford High One Acts Team

Fayt A., Gabe F., Wyatt B., Aaron W., & Paden M. — exceptional dedication to the Crawford Wrestling Team

Will S., Tehgan G., Payton H. and Brynley E.—remarkable time and effort on the Crawford Basketball Teams

Ashlyn H.— accepted into Western Nebraska Community College

Arianna R.— AHS nominated student of the week by Mrs. Ackerman

Mia R.— AHS nominated student of the week by Mrs. Gustafson

Sarita G.— AHS nominated student of the week by Mrs. Green

Holliann M.— sworn into National Guard



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just do your thing

Holliann McMann—November Student of the Month



Hometown: Born in Loveland, Co, Raised in Chadron, NE

School/Grade: Chadron, Senior

What is your favorite class? Why? “My favorite class this year is construction because I am learning how to fix houses with plumbing, electricity, and putting up drywall.”

What is a goal that you want to accomplish this year? “I want to graduate High School and get a job to start my whole life by myself.”

What college do you want to attend? Why? “I want to attend CSC. I want to go there because it is closer to home and I don’t want to be far away and something happens with my family as it happened at the beginning of the year.”

What major would you study? Why? “I want to study pre-Vet medicine because I love working with animals and connect very well with them.”

What are your favorite hobbies? “I like being outside with animals, I like to read, hanging with family and friends.”

Who is your biggest supporter? “My family is because without them I would not be able to go into the military.”

What is your favorite part of UB? “I like meeting new people and going on trips that take me to new places.”

“I am so proud of Holliann! She is a great role model for her peers, she is always in a good mood and ready to help someone in need and take on any challenge that life gives her. Her resilience and hard work is paying off and will continue to as she goes into the next chapter in her life!” -Mr. Coy, CHS

Academic Advisor