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Please pay attention to event reminders as these dates may change.

Omaha Calendar

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In order to be eligible for the NCPA financial promise, Pell Grants, the Buffett Scholarship and any other student aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (the FAFSA) by March 1. Any supporting documentation needs to be completed and returned by June 1. It only takes about 30 minutes to fill out the FAFSA, and you can complete it online at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/.

In order to complete the FAFSA, you need to have your 2012 taxes filed and completed. If your student has had a job, they will need to have their taxes completed as well.

For assistance with the FAFSA, check out the EducationQuest FAFSA help website: http://www.educationquest.org/ fafsa-tools/

The FAFSA will be discussed in the senior seminar and NCPA staff will assist with filling the FAFSA after senior seminar on February 13.

If you have additional questions on the FAFSA, please contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at (402)472-2030.

NCPA Chancellor Ambassadors
Please welcome your new Ambassadors! They will begin their term in January 2013.

Grand Island
Jairo Gamboa (Fr.)
Ana Perez-Senic (Fr.)
Bethany Turner (Fr.)
Irvin Ramirez-Benavides (So.)
Saderth Zepeda (So.)

Omaha
Gavin Olsen (Fr.)
Elias Rios (Fr.)
Josiah Ward (Fr.)
Justin Galles (So.)
Yakira McKay (So.)
Isaac Ward (So.)

Danielle Bynum (Jr.)
Efren Cortez (Jr.)
Killian Jarrett (Jr.)

Lied Center
Students from Grand Island and Omaha attended Ballet Folklórico de México. The most celebrated dance company in México shares the beauty of the universe in motion through dances from the pre-Colombian era, the Hispanic Viceroy period and the popular period of the Revolutionary years. Direct from Mexico, this major cultural production features over 40 dancers and musicians.

Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods
In October, all NCPA Scholars in Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island went door to door and collected over 2,400 nonperishable food items that were donated to their local Salvation Army.

Grand Island Seminar Dates
9th/10th Grade Seminar Dates
December: 5*, 12
January: 9, 16, 23, 30
February: 13, 20, 27
March: 13, 20, 27
April: 3*, 10, 17, 24
May: 1*, 8, 15

11th Grade Seminar Dates
Option 1 (During 12th)
3:20 p.m. Dismiss - 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. Dismiss - 1:25 - 2:10 p.m.
Option 2 (After 12th)
3:20 p.m. Dismiss - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. Dismiss - 2:10 - 3:00 p.m.
January: 16, 23
February: 13, 27
March: 13, 27
April: 10
May: 1
Note: These dates are different from the dates given out during orientation in August.

12th Grade Seminar Dates
3:20 p.m. Dismiss - 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
January: 8, 22
February: 12 (FAFSA help 4:30-7:00 p.m.), 26
March: 19
April: 2, 30
These dates may change due to staff availability. See ncpa.unl.edu for further details.
*2 PM Dismissal

Omaha Spotlight Scholar
What’s your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?
I love to go camping, but now that we have been in Omaha for almost a decade, we don’t camp as much because of the bipolar weather and the campsites… which makes me very sad.

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?
I would love to learn to play the guitar or the piano.

When you have 30 minutes of free-time, how do you pass the time?
I listen to music.

What’s your favorite book that made you cry or tear up?
Pokemon: Mewtwo Strikes Back (when Ash dies)

What do you want to be when you grow up?
I would like to become a cardiovascular surgeon. I’m not sure if that’s what I want to specialize in, but I know I want to operate on people.

The best part of waking up is?
Actually waking up!

How has NCPA benefited you most?
I have really been struggling with my AP classes and my main concern was how to manage my time right so I still have time for homework, volunteering, being social, and actually sleeping. Charity was kind enough to show me into getting a plan going, to get my stuff together. Not only her, but my mother and father as well. I thank all of them for that, because I really was a wreck.

Max Camey
Max is a senior at Grand Island Senior High School. He has straight As, over a 4.0 GPA, and nearly a perfect attendance record.

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What’s your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?
Shuffling

If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet?
Kid Cudi

When you have 30 minutes of free-time, how do you pass the time?
Listen to music

What was the last movie, TV show or book that made you cry or tear up?
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What advice would you give to your NCPA class?
Get involved with everything you possibly can, seriously.