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Ambassador Retreat

On December 8, 2012 the newly elected NCPA Chancellor Ambassadors spent a day at UNL learning how to be leaders for their NCPA classes. They also had a lot of fun!

Ice Skating in Omaha

NEBRASKA College Preparatory Academy

February Calendar

February 12
Hope Skate Theme Party
2209 N 20th St
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

February 18
Junior Shadow Day
@ UNL

February 23
Heartland Walk for Warmth
Turner Park at Midtown Crossing
8:00 AM-11:00 AM

March 5
Senior Parent Meeting
@ North High
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

March 12
Freshmen and Sophomore Dinner
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

March 13
Juniors and Senior Dinner
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

March 28
Bowling at Kelley’s Hilltop Lanes
1315 N 49th Ave
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

April 6 and April 13
Habitat for Humanity
*Juniors and Seniors only

April 17
Senior Showcase and Recognition Reception
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

April 25
Omaha Storm Chasers
Werner Park, 12456
Ballpark Way, Papillion

May 18
End of the year BBQ
Benson Park
12:00 PM-2:30 PM

Grand Island Calendar

February 12
Dinner for 9th & 10th Graders
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

February 19
Dinner for 11th & 12th Graders
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

February 26
Kickball/Volleyball, Walnut Middle School
9th & 10th
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

March 7 or March 8
Junior Shadow Day
@ UNL

March 12
Mentor/Mentee Social
11th & 12th Graders
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

March 26
Senior Showcase and Recognition Reception
GISH, enter at Lafayette St by auditorium
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

March 26
Soccer Game GISH vs. Hastings.
Girls game at 6:00 PM, boys at 8:00 PM.
(more details to come)

April 17
Senior Showcase and Recognition Reception

April 24
Senior Showcase and Recognition Reception

*See ncpa.unl.edu for further details.

Important Dates

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*Students only need to attend one camp
Senior Corner
In order to be eligible for the NCPA financial promise, fill 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 or contact your NCPA counselor for details.
If you have additional questions on the FAFSA, please contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at (402)472-2030.

Senior Parent Meetings
At least one parent or guardian must attend the senior parent meeting. Many important details will be discussed concerning senior year and the transition to college. A session in Spanish will be offered in Grand Island. See the calendar section for details.

Senior Capstone Project
All NCPA seniors are required to complete a capstone project. Deadlines are listed below, and details are discussed during senior seminars. For more information, please contact your NCPA counselor.

Omaha
(Posts should be emailed to Toni Anaya at tanay2@unl.edu)
- March 12: Final Paper due to Ms. Col in U-PASS
- March 15: Poster draft due
- March 29: Final poster due
- April 17: Present poster at NCPA Reception

Grand Island
(Posts should be emailed to Toni Anaya at tanay2@unl.edu)
- March 22: Poster draft due
- April 5: Final poster due
- April 24: Present poster at NCPA Reception

NCPA Pillars of Excellence
Reminders
Knowledge
All NCPA scholars must meet a certain Grade Point Average (GPA) depending on grade level and if scholars are on probation. If you are unsure of your requirement, please contact your NCPA counselor. All parents and students have access to Infinite Campus. This tool allows you to check current grades and attendance.

Character
All NCPA scholars with character make moral and ethical decisions, promote honesty and carry themselves with integrity. Please remember to be a great role model and make healthy decisions.

Commitment
Please remember that all NCPA Scholars are required to attend 75% of NCPA events. This semester students have been given an event card so they can track their event attendance.

NCPA Director’s List
Congratulations to those scholars who earned above a 3.5 core GPA last semester. These scholars averaged a 3.97 core GPA last semester.
- *core classes include math, science, social science, English and foreign language.

Grand Island Seminar Dates
9th/10th Grade Seminar Dates
February 13, 20, 27
March 13, 20, 27
April 3: 16, 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.
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
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
February: 12 (FAFSA help 4:30-7:00 p.m.), 26
March: 19
April: 30
These dates may change due to staff availability. See ncpa.unl.edu for further details.

* 2 PM Dismissal

Grand Island Spotlight Scholar
Stephanie Andrews
Favorite indoor/outdoor activity: Swimming, hanging out with friends and traveling.
Best part of waking up: I am a morning person, I can get things done before everybody else.
If you could learn to do anything what would it be? Why?
Spelling, I really need help in this area and I see it as a stumbling block to my future.
If you could meet anyone dead or alive who would it be and why? Freddie Mercury (lead singer of Queen); I enjoy his music.
What do you want to be when you grow up?
Elementary school teacher, artist, stockbroker or something to do with traveling.
If you have 30 minutes of free time, how do you spend it?
Practicing Taekwondo Do or writing stories on Wattpad.

Omaha Spotlight Scholar
Megan Wieland
Megan Wieland is a Senior at Grand Island Senior High School. She has earned nearly a perfect 4.0 grade point average and enjoys volunteering at the Grand Island Crisis Center.
What is your favorite song?
Skin Deep by Trapt
What is your favorite quote?
“Life is about trusting your feelings and taking chances, losing and finding happiness, and appreciating memories and learning from them.”
What would you do if you were immortal for a day?
Ooh if I was immortal I’d go swimming with sharks!
What do you want to be when you grow up?
I want to be a behavior therapist or a substance abuse therapist.
What is the best or worst gift you have received?
This year my mom got me cooking hot pads. After I opened it I looked at her and told her, “I think these are yours.”
What is the best part of waking up? Knowing that you’re alive.
What advice would you give to other NCPA Scholars?
Don’t overwhelm yourself. There is always time for school and fun. Also, you need to want this scholarship. Have goals about your future and how you want your future family to be.