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Back 2 Back

Conference team takes over East Conference Speech in a row!

By: Angeline Berganza

On Wednesday February 25, The Cadet Speech team traveled to Wakefield to compete in the East Husker Conference. They were out on the spot with the goal to come out on top once again.

“In order to prepare for competition we went to a whole bunch of different regular season meets to get quality

feedback for our competitors and all 10 of our events and we use that feedback to improve our individual presentations,” communicated head coach Mr. Ossian.

Ultimately, the decisions came out and in duet we had an iconic brother and sister duo Lia and Carlo Montenegro.

“I believe our performance was good, we put in our effort and it was a fun experience” stated Lia Montenegro.

In order to get a shot at the conference this duo

practiced and ran over lines at home.

“My goal with my sister was to have fun as this would be the only time we worked together on something” communicated, Carlo Montenegro.

Although they did not achieve the outcome they were expecting they still had a memorable experience.

“We knew that we had obviously won the previous year and we were coming in this year with an even better team” mentions, Mr. Ossian

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Emerson Meiergerd was chosen for entertainment and informative. This is her second year competing in the conference!

"I broke finals in both of my events and placed 4th in both informative and entertainment, so overall I had nothing to be upset about. However, I placed behind some of my competitors that I had beat in previous meets, and I felt that I came out a little flat in entertainment, so I wasn't satisfied with how I did, but I also wasn't upset, Emerson Meiergerd.

In order for Emerson to perform her best she practiced for 2 weeks and read both of her speeches each night leading up to conference.

This year was a close call for the West Point Beemer Speech Team as they were facing off against Oakland Craig the whole team as they won 9 out of the 10 events.

"Oakland humbled us a little bit in the fact that they won 9 of the events but I was also in the back of my mind hoping and thinking that our depth as a team would help us win the tournament" mentioned, Mr.Ossian

A huge congratulations to the speech team who has been doing well this season! Especially the conference team

who has won back to back. We wish them all the best as they go to districts on the 17 of March!

Warriors and Cadets

Midland Choir welcomes Cadet music activities for performance

By Ethan Corrales

and director. The Midland choir followed and performed a handful of songs with one in a special format.

"The choir surrounded the audience so that it created a surrounded sound effect," said Junior Samantha Francis who is a part of the band and choir.

Many of the students



On March 9th, the West Point Beemer band, choir, and musical all went to the West Point Community Theater to watch the Midland College Choir perform. The group left during the beginning of 8th period and returned before the end of the day. The West Point Beemer choir performed first and, following their performance, were asked questions by the Midland choir

that attended the event stated that many of the songs performed were very impactful to them and invoked deep emotion. The choir also asked questions to the audience and prizes were given if answered correctly. During a song, the audience began to clap in unison.

"The choir director was very good at asking us questions to keep us involved

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while also helping us learn a few new things,” said Samantha.

To Junior Molli Miller, who is part of the highschool band and musical, the event was relatively new to her as she stated that, “I haven’t really listened to a jazz group, so that was really interesting and new to me.”

In addition, Molli also mentioned that the last few songs that the choir performed were some of her favorites from the event. The audience was very active throughout the event as they clapped and cheered after every song performed by both West Point Beemer and Midland. Many of the audience members mentioned that it was very interesting to watch the choir as

many of the different sounds included in the songs were not entirely words similar to the others included in different singing genres.

“It was interesting because they had many different sounds that weren’t entirely words like the ones included in other genres,” stated Molli.

Overall, the entire event was a very positive experience for all the activities that attended. The high school choir were asked certain questions by the entirety of the Midland personnel along with teaching them new aspects and keeping them involved. All in all, the event was surely an enlightening experience to the students that attended.

Career Development Conference

Local Students Shine at Career Development Conference

By. Zaq Leslie

West Point Beemer High School recently demonstrated the strength and talent of its students at a prominent Career Development Conference, where six members of the JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) program showcased their skills and dedication to their future careers. Among them, Shea Robinson earned recognition for her exceptional performance, achieving third place in the prepared speaking competition, a testament to her hard work and preparation.

The conference, held on February 24th, gathered young minds from various high schools to engage with potential employers and refine their career skills. For the JAG students, this was not only an opportunity to compete but also a chance to gain invaluable insights into the world of work and networking.

Reflecting on her success, Shea Robinson shared, “I was nervous at first, but I felt prepared. This experience helped me to articulate my thoughts clearly and boosted my confidence.” Her



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third-place finish in prepared speaking validates the effort she put into developing her presentation skills and underscoring the importance of effective communication in any career. Robinson added, “Participating in this competition has inspired me to pursue public speaking even more seriously.”

Joshua Gonzalez, another JAG student who attended the conference, highlighted the value of employer engagement during the event.

“Connecting with professionals in different fields was eye-opening. Hearing their experiences and advice helped me understand what companies are looking for in candidates. It motivated me to elevate my own skills,” he said. The interactions with employers provided the students with constructive feedback and the opportunity to learn what it takes to succeed in the working world.

The Career Development Conference featured numerous sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities designed to equip students with the tools they need to thrive in their chosen career paths. Workshops covered topics ranging from resume building and interview skills to public

speaking and leadership development. JAG students engaged actively in these sessions, taking notes and asking questions to ensure they gained the most from the experience.

“We had a lot of fun learning together and supporting each other,” said Joshua. “The atmosphere was encouraging, and we all wanted to succeed.” The camaraderie among the JAG group was evident as they cheered each other on during the competitions and shared tips and strategies for improvement.

Returning from the conference, the JAG students reflected on what they learned and how they could apply it to their everyday lives.

Many are now inspired to take on leadership roles within their school and community, equipped with the tools they need to chase their dreams. “I feel ready to take the next step in my life - whether

that’s applying for jobs or pursuing further education,” said Joshua.

The experience at the Career Development Conference has not only boosted the confidence of the JAG students from West Point Beemer High School but has also shaped their perspectives on their futures. By stepping out of their comfort zones, these students have gained vital skills and insights that will undoubtedly benefit them as they embark on their career journeys.

As Shea Robinson said, “This conference reminded me that we’re capable of more than we think. It’s about taking that



first step and believing in ourselves.” With the support of programs like JAG, students are paving the way for bright future careers, one speaking competition at a time.

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Future in Healthcare

HOSA members attend State Leadership Conference

By: Samantha Fehrer

This past week, a group of students involved in P2T (Pathways 2 Tomorrow) got to participate in the State HOSA (Healthcare Occupations Students of America) Leadership Conference at Creighton University in Omaha, NE. Many of these individuals got to compete in many different events for the chance to advance to the internationals conference!

Senior Kenna Hughes was one of the individuals that got to compete. She competed in Clinical Specialty. The event consisted of a small presentation about her internship at the hospital.

"The competing process was quite neat. I talked about the job responsibilities, employment opportunities, and training my career needed. Then, I proceeded to play parts of my video, which showed how to scan a right AP ankle to the judges," Kenna mentioned.

Kenna discussed her preparation for her event. This included writing down talking points on her notecards and rehearsing with other HOSA members. Her goal for this

competition was to place the top 3, which she successfully achieved. Kenna placed 2nd and qualified for internationals!

"I loved seeing people from our chapter succeed and watching them get their metals they worked so incredibly hard for," Kenna stated.

Kenna talked about how the support that the chapter got from their advisors was incredible. She said that they all cheered the members on, fulfilling their hopes and dreams as an advisor. Besides competing, Kenna got to attend breakout sessions and bond with other HOSA members.

Another senior, Martin Saldana also got the opportunity to compete at this spectacular conference. He competed in the event called Clinical Specialty, which was a research portfolio based on a specific career. Martin chose the career Physical Therapy to go more in depth about.

"I had to create a speech to explain my project, and record a video demonstrating that I knew how to do a certain skill in Physical Therapy," Martin explained.

Martin's competition day consisted of finding his orientation room, practicing over his speech, and finally competing in his project. He explained how much he

enjoyed competing. Martin talked about how it was a learning experience, even if he did not get the goal he wanted. Martin ended up placing 4th overall in his event.

"I also submitted a design for the pin design contest. I ended up getting second because I was one color over the limit," Martin said.

During the conference there were many different opportunities aside from competition. Martin explained that he attended many breakout sessions and even got a tour of the Creighton campus. There were also many opportunities to bond within their chapter.

"We had plenty of time together, and I think that being there we experienced a lot of things for the first time which made our bond stronger," Martin said.

Attending the HOSA State Leadership Conference was an unforgettable experience that allowed students to grow as future healthcare professionals. Through competitions and workshops, the experience left attendees with motivation to give back to their school and community.