KIOWA COUNTY MULTI-YEAR MARCUS MITCHELL PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL FUTURES FALL 2019



CAREER ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

Career Association Officers 2019-20

<u>High School</u> Sabrina Thomas-President; Region 1-Treasurer Madison Yost-Administrative Assistant Josie Lang-Student Rep.

<u>Middle School</u> Atleigh Gumpenberger-President Marley Little-Administrative Assistant Brett West-Student Rep.



SUCCESS STORY



Kiowa County JAG-K's success story is none other than Antaeus Behee. Before graduating from Kiowa County High School last Spring, he was part of the JAG-K program for three years. Life has thrown some curveballs at him, but he has knocked them all out of the park. Antaeus is a natural leader who is determined to be successful for his family. During his junior year of high school, he became a father and that fueled his fire to be

successful even more. He currently is enrolled at Pratt Community College where he is majoring in Psychology, and he also has a part-time job at Taco Bell. He will not let any obstacle or barrier detour him from greatness. He is the perfect example of MAVS (Mentally Tough, Achiever, Versatile, and Selfless).

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Sabrina Thomas is a senior at Kiowa County and she has been part of the JAG-K program since 7th grade! She is a rockstar! Sabrina is a leader who lets her actions do the talking for her. She is involved in the following clubs and organizations at Kiowa County High School: JAG-K President, Region 1 JAG-K Treasurer, vocal, and is three sport athlete (volleyball, basketball, and track-2019 1A State and 2018 State Champ in Discus). There

is a good chance that she will receive an athletic scholarship that will allow her to continue her academic and athletic career at the collegiate level. In addition to having important responsibilities with those activities she also is employed by Upland Inn Hunts. She is undecided about her future right now but knows she would like to major in Psychology so she can pursue her dream job as a counselor. She has applied to Dodge City Community College and has been accepted by Fort Hays State University.

PBL: CLASSROOM ACTIVITY



We just completed our first nine weeks of school and we have been busy. For the first four weeks, we focused completely on team building and getting to know each other through activities such as: song lyrics presentations, This is ME (pictured to the left-students discussed their strengths and areas to they would like to improve, what they are passionate about, some of their goals, how they view the world,) balloon tower challenge, Two Truths and a Lie, and other communication activities.

We started our "Adulting 101" PBL in September. In our adulting lessons, we discussed financial literacy and effective money management skills. We took a week and discussed the different parts of a check, how to write a check, how to fill out a deposit slip, how to balance a checkbook, and how to read a monthly statement. Although it isn't necessarily money management, we did a lesson about the pay stub. Students were able to understand terms

such as: year-to-date, gross pay, net pay, how to calculate overtime pay rate, and identify different deductions listed on a paystub.

Greg Waters from The Peoples Bank was a guest speaker in our class, and he had an informative conversation about credit, applying for a loan, and credit cards.



Students also completed a grocery shopping budgeting activity. For the assignment, students had to prepare a menu for an entire week for a family of four on an \$80.00 budget. They went grocery shopping at Dillons to complete this task.

High school students have had the opportunity to hear from a wide range of colleges. They have heard from admissions representatives from Dodge City Community College, Wichita State University, Kansas State University, and the University of Kansas.

INITIATION AND INSTALLATION CEREMONY

For the month of October, students planned our 3rd annual Initiation and Installation Ceremony (formerly known as Family and Friends Night). This event was 100% student led, and they did an excellent job organizing this event. Jared Estes was our featured guest speaker for the ceremony. Each class had one of the following responsibilities: entertainment, decorations, design, and food. The event was a success, and students received numerous compliments from parents and guests the next day at parent-teacher conferences.



PBL: WORK BASED LEARNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE



Kiowa County students are not shy about volunteering their time to help within the community. During football season, several high school students were part of the chain gang for junior high and junior varsity games. Several junior high students partnered with Kiowa County Media Center to livestream and provide commentary for varsity football and volleyball games. On a weekly basis, high school and junior high students recycle for the school district. Students have also worked several concession stands.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE



Although Kiowa County wasn't able to attend because of weather conditions, on October 30, 2019, JAG-K held its annual Leadership Development Conference (LDC) held at Wichita State University. More than 250 students representing 79 JAG-K programs participated at the LDC. The conference featured a keynote speech from Secretary Delia Garcia from the Kansas Department of Labor. Sec. Garcia described the barriers she herself experienced while growing up and encouraged the students to become "comfortable with being uncomfortable" as they tackle life's challenges.

DATA

Number of Students on Fall Roster: 39

Number of Students in Follow-up: 6

Percent Contacted: 100%

Follow-up Report. During the 12-month Follow-up, Specialists track contact with graduates, non-graduates, employers and educational institutions. Graduates and non-graduates are contacted at least monthly to determine their status and what additional services would be helpful for job placement, postsecondary enrollment or military service.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 6, 2019 ESSDACK College and Career Expo

November 12, 2019 Senior Financial Aid Night

December 4, 2019 Dodge City Community College Visit