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School Name: Kiowa County High School/Junior High

Specialist: Marcus Mitchell

Program Type: Multi Year (7-12)

March 2020

The JAG Advantage: Resiliency, Employer Engagement, and Project Based Learning

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY:



Kiowa County JAG-K's success story for February is Chloe Whitney. Chloe is a sophomore that has been part of the JAG program for one year. One barrier she has faced so far in her short high school career is chronic absence. Her freshman year she was absent 16 days (missed 126 total class periods, 7 tardies) and for the Fall semester of her sophomore school year, she was absent 12 days (missed 97 total class periods, 4 tardies). Her attendance this semester has improved tremendously! She has only 3 absences for the current 9 weeks. Chloe's teachers have noticed the benefits of her improved attendance.

"Chloe has shown more growth in the course of one school year than any of my other sophomores. Chloe went from being chronically absent with a failing grade to a leader in her physical science class full of juniors."

You can see how much confidence Chloe has gained this year not only in class but the hallways as well."- Tonya Greenleaf, KCHS science teacher.

In addition to Chloe's attendance, she is also excelling in JAG class. She recently got 2nd place out of 18 presentations at the first ever Kiowa County JAG Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC). *"It has been awesome watching her growth over the last 2 years since joining the JAG program. She went from being shy, reserved, and fear of public speaking to competing and winning various competitions and becoming more confident along the way."*-Marcus Mitchell, Kiowa County JAG-K Specialist. Chloe is a rockstar and sky is the limit for her!

RESILIENCY:

With February being Black History Month, we used it as an opportunity to discuss cultural diversity and students gave presentations about a wide variety of individuals who are important to black history and barriers they had to overcome. We also had open conversations about some of the challenges they face in order to succeed at school and achieve their goals.

EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT:



After several delays and schedule conflicts, we had our first annual Kiowa County JAG-K YEC. Our judges for the event were Greg Waters (committee member and Kiowa County Economic Development Board Member), Dennis McKinney, Joni Bolen (Region 1 Director), and Christy Preston (Network Kansas). They were really impressed with all of the student's presentations.

Kiowa County JAG-K Prize Winners- (1st-\$900.00, 2nd-\$400.00, 3rd place \$100.00)

- 1st Place-Kade Trummel and Dravon Mackley
 - D&K Petcare
- 2nd Place-Chloe Whitney
 - Deep Dish Desserts
- 3rd Place-Tanner Fulton
 - Tanner's Candy Shop

PROJECT BASED LEARNING:

We have been preparing for the upcoming Regional Career Development Conference (CDC) that will take place at Fort Hays State University next month. Students will have the opportunity to compete against other schools in the region in the following events: Employability Skills (cover letter, resume, job application, and mock interview), Mapping MY Future, Project Based Learning, Students for Service, Senior Portfolio, Math Competition, and Public Speaking.

LEGISLATIVE DAYS



The event gives students the opportunity to tour the Statehouse, meet with their legislators, and watch both legislative chambers in action. *“Leadership development and civic awareness are important aspects of the JAG-K program,”* said JAG-K President and CEO Chuck Knapp. *“JAG-K Day is an incredible learning experience for our students, and it allows us to thank legislators for their tremendous support.”*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 4, 2020: Regional Career Development Conference at Fort Hays State University

March 9, 2020: 5 of 5 Award Presentation at Board of Education meeting

March 9-10, 2020: Student led parent teacher conference

March 27, 2020: Kiowa County Junior High JAG Lock-In (5:30 PM-12:00 AM)

April 15, 2020: State Career Development Conference at Salina, KS

ENDMS – PROGRAM DATA FACTS:

Roster Size: 45 (includes 5 tracking students)

Students in Follow-up: 5

Percent Contacted: 100%

JAG-K is committed to partnering with students to overcome barriers to graduation from high school and prepare them for career pathways that will help them reach their full potential as leaders for their families, employers, communities, Kansas and our nation.