

Heading: NCAPS students spotlight

Subheading: Students are apart of the NCAPS program to jump-start their future at Sandy Creek

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The Nebraska Caps (NCAPS) program is offered at Sandy Creek High School, students get the opportunity to job shadow possible jobs students are interested in. When students mentor they can get a better understanding of whether or not they would want to pursue the job as a future career. Students also get the opportunity to take college classes to jump-start their futures in college for no cost of the student. This opportunity can help lessen the cost of college and put you ahead in college as a student.

Junior Caleigh Tripe is job shadowing Niki Theis in the Ag pathway, as a farrier. A farrier is someone that helps clean horses hooves.

“So far some things we did was learning the basic bone anatomy in the hoof of the horse, after learning anatomy we got to see a horse hoof and I learned the steps and tools you need to properly and safely clean the hoof,” said Caileigh Tripe.

Caleigh finds interest in horses because she has some of her own. So far Calieigh has taken public speaking from CCC and college animal science. Caleigh is taking these college classes in hopes to get a head start on her future in doing something with horses in the ag pathway.

Jaden Claycamp and Kenzy Sanders are also participating in the NCAPS program. They are mentoring in the healthcare pathway, at Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings Nebraska in the OB department.

“This semester both Kenzy and I are mentoring Karen Hubl, so far some things that we’ve seen were c-sections and one natural birth. We have even gotten to do some hands-on things like taking vitals on the baby and the mom. Another thing that we’ve gotten to do was pushing on the mother’s uterus after the baby has been born. This experience has really given me a better idea of the career I’d like to pursue in my future,” said Sandy Creek Junior, Jaden Claycamp Both Jaden and Kenzy are interested in the health care pathway.

“In my future, I am looking more into becoming an OB, or NICU Nurse. This mentorship has really helped me explore my options for my future. I had so many great experiences and will hopefully continue to learn,” said Sandy Creek Junior, McKenzy Sanders.

They have also gotten to take some college credit classes, some of the classes both Kenzy and Jaden have taken so far this year is public speaking and medical terminology.

“This experience has just confirmed to me that I’d like to pursue my future in becoming an OB nurse, I plan on also continuing to mentor through Karen Hubl,” said Sandy Creek Junior Jaden Claycamp

Brett Schnakenberg is a Senior at Sandy Creek, this is the second year that he participates in the NCAPS program. This year he is mentoring in the Construction/Engineering/Manufacturing pathway. He is mentoring Mark Urbach at Glenwood Telecommunications.

“I’ve learned a lot about the commercial side of networking and really enjoyed it so far,” said Schnakenberg.

This pathway is very diverse students can take it just about anywhere with there future in learning. Brett has taken many classes over the last two years to help him get a better understanding of what he wants to do after high school.

“These opportunities have really not only allowed me but helped me get to experience the jobs I now know I want to pursue in my future,” said Sandy Creek Senior Brett Schnakenberg.

The program that Sandy Creek offers has already helped so many students, and will only continue to grow and help people. Many students at Sandy Creek have been able to gain a better knowledge of what their futures could look like. This program is also completely free unless a student were to fail the college class that is offered through Central Community College (CCC) basically, other than if you fail the class there are no other potential costs. These opportunities that students are given to take college classes and to mentor their career interests have given students a head start on their bright futures. Overall, this program has been life-changing for the students at Sandy Creek High School.