The March 21st UB Quarterly Meeting was held in the CSC Student Center on a beautiful spring Saturday. Approximately thirty two students from Chadron, Crawford and Alliance High School congregated in the Ballroom to be with friends, participate in the CSC student panel, traverse the campus in an investigative scavenger hunt, fill out summer class schedules, and learn about unconventional jobs while playing an ice breaker.

Lauren Stephens, the Chadron Academic Advisor, organized the jobs ice breaker by having each person pick a piece of paper and try to describe the listed job. It was a difficult task to define Pathoecologist or Duck Master, but a fun way to learn about different possible careers.

Jen Schaer, the director of CSC Project Strive, a federally-funded TRIO-Student Support Services (SSS) program, discussed Project Strive and introduced Kyle Castor and Yadira Gurrola, the two participating PS students on the CSC panel. The two other students on the panel were Lane Swedberg and Darrien Oliver, who are also Team Leaders for the summer program. Questions for the panel were generated by the UB students, which ranged from living in the dorms, classes, and activities and clubs on campus.

Following a soft shell taco and nacho lunch, the students filled out class selection forms and prepared for the challenging scavenger hunt created by Tearza Mashburn, the Alliance Academic Advisor and Heather Moore-Sager, Crawford Academic Advisor. Although Team 6 was the second to last team to return, they were the winning team since they followed directions and didn’t take any shortcuts. Congrats to: Alyssa, Gabe, Chloe, Dadi, Jodi, and Lane!

The next quarterly meeting will be held on April 25th in conjunction with the CSC Big Event. We will meet in the Student Center Scottsbluff room at 10:00 AM and walk over to the football field at noon to participate in the Big Event.

Happy Spring!
**Heather Moore Sager—Crawford H.S.**

Spring has sprung! Students have been busy participating in NESA testing the last few weeks. Students at Crawford Public Schools scored so well on their tests, that they earned a trip to Wa-tiki in Rapid City! Sounds like they had a blast!

Crawford High is alive with many spring activities including track, golf, music, and State History Day! Crawford attended the Morrill Track Invite on Saturday, March 28th – their first track meet of the year. Their next track meet is scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd, in Bayard. Good luck tracksters!

A “pre-contest” music program is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st. Band and Choir students at Crawford High also have a music trip scheduled for Friday, April 10th. All of this is in preparation for Panhandle Music Conference on April 17th in Hay Springs.

Tuesday, April 7th marks the first golf meet of the season. This will take place in Bayard and we wish our very own Chloe Murphy the best of luck! We also want to wish Chloe, Paige Parkins, and Skyler Smyres luck as they travel to Lincoln, Friday, April 10th for State History Day!

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**Tearza Mashburn—Alliance H.S.**

April Showers, bring May flowers and a whole ton of preparation work for Prom, Graduation and the Summer Program. Here in Alliance our kids are busy little bees. Kelsey Adamson is on the Prom committee and can barely contain her excitement about this year’s theme………………..oh yah I promised I wouldn’t tell. Prom will be Saturday April 25th. I know that it is the same day as the Spring Event, but we will be back around 3:30pm, if you want to do both. Helping with the Spring Event is a great way to give back to the community and amp up your activities on applications, for your senior year.

We start April with Easter Break: NO SCHOOL April 3rd & 6th. Try to take time to enjoy your family. This is a special time to remember all of their sacrifices for you and the ‘Ultimate Sacrifice.’

Young Frankenstein is this year’s musical performance. Our very own Brittany Dunkel will play a part in this wonderful remake. All the students involved have worked their hearts out to provide a night to remember. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday April 9, 10, & 11 @ 7pm in the PAC.

Terra Garcia, Adrianna Boyles, Ashley Giger & Alexia Klein will be performing Tuesday April 14th at the Spring Band Concert. This event will also be in the PAC @ 7pm.

WNCC is offering campus tours Thursday April 16th. If you are interested in a visit please see Mrs. Dunn.

Juniors, here is your chance to show the world how much information you have learned through your school years. Thursday April 23rd ALL JUNIORS will be taking the ACT test. This service is provided free of charge by the school. Please take advantage of this opportunity and do your best. If you need study guides or want to take prep test please come see me for the materials. Remember if you do GREAT, you might not have to sit through it again!

Senioritis is starting to make its rounds. I know it is hard to not get bit by the bug with nice weather and Days Left count downs, but you still have a lot to finish in order to take the next step in life. FAFSA and scholarships need to still be at the top of your to-do-list, give notice to your college of choice that you plan to attend, submit required housing forms and deposits, and mail Thank You Cards for scholarships awarded to you. Now is not the time to slack off, the end is in sight. Stay focused, stay educated!

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**Lauren Stephen Chadron H.S.**

Testing time has arrived at Chadron High school so we take this time to look back on some fun adventures recently had by our students. In March, upperclassmen had the opportunity to visit WNCC’s three campuses; Power and line campus in Alliance, Automotive and technology/Welding centers in Scottsbluff and Cosmetology and Aviation campuses in Sidney.

From Mrs. Watson “We learned that power and linemen not only make an amazing salary, but are going to be in high demand in the job market for the next 10 years due to retirements in the fields.”

Two of our Upward Bound students (Sara Tompkins and Serie Andres) who are in Mrs. Budler’s culinary class, went on the annual Denver trip! After many fundraisers, these students were able to visit the Cheesecake Factory, Denver Aquarium, Cake Crumbs and Rodzios as well as tour Johnson & Whales University. They were able to speak to those in business and culinary professions to find out inside information about what it takes to have a successful career in those fields.

They also expressed how wonderful the food was on this trip!

Seniors, remember to check in with Mrs. Watson website www.cardinalcounseling.weebly.net for up to date information on applying for additional scholarships! Also, Mrs. Watson has some great tips on her google doc. Thanks Mrs. Watson!

Those students taking the ACT April 18th, remember the ACT prep lunches are every Tuesday!

**Upcoming important dates:** Senior Honors night is May 4th at 7:00pm, Baccalaureate is May 3rd at 7:00pm and Graduation is May 9th at 1:00pm
Earth Day Network and Global Poverty Project present
Global Citizen 2015 Earth Day

Marking the 45th anniversary of Earth Day, Global Citizen 2015 Earth Day comes during a pivotal time to protect the planet and ensure that world leaders address key issues facing the next generation. Timed to coincide with the spring meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund, Global Citizen 2015 Earth Day will bring together global policymakers, finance ministers, environment and development NGOs, industry executives and high-profile artists.

Together, these world leaders will work to educate and inspire citizens to take immediate action to end extreme poverty and address climate change. The event is part of a widespread effort to mobilize global citizens in the climate and environmental movement, and the poverty and development movement to drive bold commitments from governments, businesses and individuals.

When is Earth Day?
Earth Day is honored around the world on April 22, although larger events such as festivals and rallies are often organized for the weekends before or after April 22. Many communities also observe Earth Week or Earth Month, organizing a series of environmental activities throughout the month of April.

Why do we need Earth Day?
Because it works! Earth Day broadens the base of support for environmental programs, rekindles public commitment and builds community activism around the world through a broad range of events and activities. Earth Day is the largest civic event in the world, celebrated simultaneously around the globe by people of all backgrounds, faiths and nationalities. More than a billion people participate in our campaigns every year.

What can I do for Earth Day?
The possibilities for getting involved are endless! Volunteer. Go to a festival. Install solar panels on your roof. Organize an event in your community. Change a habit. Help launch a community garden. Communicate your priorities to your elected representatives. Do something nice for the Earth, have fun, meet new people, and make a difference. But you needn't wait for April 22! Earth Day is Every Day. To build a better future, we all must commit to protect our environment year-round.

What is Earth Day Network?
Founded by the organizers of the first Earth Day in 1970, Earth Day Network (EDN) promotes year-round environmental citizenship and action, worldwide. Earth Day Network is a driving force, steering environmental awareness around the world. Through Earth Day Network, activists connect, interact and impact their communities, and create positive change in local, national, and global policies. EDN's international network reaches over 22,000 organizations in 192 countries, while the domestic program assists over 30,000 educators, coordinating thousands of community development and environmental protection activities throughout the year.
Skyler Smyres

Skyler Smyres is a sophomore at Crawford High School. She has lived in Crawford forever. She has a brother who is 18 and a sister who is 23, who looks just like her. Skyler says she has the best parents!

Skyler’s favorite subject is Journalism and that is what she hopes to go to college for. She envisions herself being a traveling news reporter or doing something in design. She hopes to attend either Chadron State College or Western Nebraska Community College. Skyler is very active in school activities. She participates in student council, volleyball, History Day, the all-school play, the school newspaper, yearbook, and photography. Skyler actually gets to attend State History Day this year for her project on Navajo Code Talkers.

In her spare time, Skyler likes to hang out with her friends, listen to music, and visit her family. This is Skyler’s first year in Upward Bound but she feels that it “is a program to not only award students that try to keep their grades exceptional, but to also give them more chances to be educational, have fun and meet more people.”

“I am pleased that Skyler has joined the Upward Bound program. She works hard to maintain straight A’s and participates in Upward Bound activities, as well as many school activities. She is an all-around great girl!” – Heather Moore Sager, Crawford Academic Advisor