Chadron high school has seen a population increase of students who have come to the United States from the Marshall Islands. The Marshall Islands are located in the North Pacific Ocean and are comprised of 29 ring-shaped strips of land called atolls as well as 5 small islands. John Marshall, a British Captain, discovered the islands in 1788 and to whom they are named after. Several other countries have controlled the Marshall Islands (Germany, Japan & United States) until 1986, when the United States granted their independence. During the United States control of the Marshall Islands, 67 nuclear explosive tests were conducted on two of the atolls within a 12 year period of time (1946-1958). Prior to the testing, the Marshallese people were relocated to other islands for safety precautions. The effects of the testing was still a factor for many of the people despite the relocation.

When asked, what has brought them to the United States or even Chadron, many of our students explain that they desire a good education and better paying jobs. The Marshallese families here in Chadron have been very pleased with the schools and many of the youth are looking forward to pursuing post-secondary education in the United States. Our current seniors are Serie Andres, Marchellina Antibas and Akrina Sam. Last year, Maryline Watak, a former student in our Upward Bound program, graduated from high school and is currently attending Chadron State College preparing to be a future nurse.

Recently, I asked some of our Marshallese students what they missed most about the Marshall Islands and many responded with the seafood! Serie Andres said, “Octopus”. They all expressed missing the ocean, the sunsets, and the beauty of the islands, but especially the family they have that are still living there.

Last month, a film crew from Nelovesps (Nebraska Loves public schools) visited Chadron to film the ELL program as well as the Marshallese students. Mrs. Cheryl Welch, who teaches ESL classes for the school district was interviewed and her classroom filmed for the Nelovesps project. Our UB student, Marchellina Antibas was also interviewed. We look forward to watching the film when it comes out!!

I am looking forward to teaching choir class for our summer program and hearing how our Marshallese students bring their voices together with all our UB students again!! -Lauren Stephens
Heather Moore Sager—Crawford H.S.

Spring fever is upon us! I think we’re all dreaming of spring sun and fun! Seniors are counting down the days till graduation, applying for scholarships and hopefully chosen a college. Our very own Paige Parkins, plans on attending EWC in Torrington, WY, in the fall. Andrew Smith is deciding between WNCC and CSC, where he will pursue a degree in Theater/Drama. He is currently busy directing the Crawford All-School Play, a “Who Done It?” murder/mystery. This play is open to the public and is scheduled for the last weekend of April/first weekend of May.

Spring fever means spring break, which also means State Basketball!! Congratulations to the Crawford High girls basketball team who beat Leyton, 49-42, to secure their spot at state basketball for the second year in a row! The school is full of excitement with a Send Off and a Ram Rally scheduled for March 4th. Crawford takes on Fall City, Thursday morning at 10:45 a.m. Good luck girls!

Spring also means it’s time for History Day, Quiz Bowl, Scholastic Day, Speech, and Track! Many Crawford students participated in District History Day, in Chadron, on February 27th, where three of our Upward Bound students placed and will continue on to State History Day, in Lincoln, April 11th! Chloe Murphy, with her partner, Bailey Oetken, created an exhibit on Nellie Bly, a woman journalist. Paige Parkins and Skyler Smyres will also be attending State History Day with their projects!

Don’t forget to spring your clocks forward on March 8th! And good luck to everyone participating in the many spring activities!

Tearza Mashburn—Alliance H.S.

Time just keeps flying by us. We have ended the 3rd quarter and are heading towards spring. It will be so nice to see flowers springing up, grass greening, and students talking of their summer plans. Every new season brings new events to look forward to and here at Alliance High we have plenty. Track, golf and tennis will be starting this month for many of our students. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to seeing them grow in their skills.

Boys State Basketball is March 12 & 13. We wish our boys the best of luck at District and hope to see them at State.

Spring Break is also March 12 &13. A perfect time for underclassmen to go visit a college you are interested in.

Spring Vocal Music Concert is March 19th @ PAC 7pm

KCOW Home Show March 20 & 21 in the High School Gym. This is a great opportunity to see everything our community has to offer. You can also find information on organizations you can join to help our community and build your resume with.

Bomgaars is looking for part time and seasonal help. If you are interested in retail or think you might be, this would be a good opportunity for you and Bomgaars.

WNCC is offering “Basic Nursing Assistant” course March 16 – April 16th from 4 – 8pm. I know there are many of you who have wondered whether a medical career is for you, and this is a perfect class to discover if this is a career for you. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Dunn for more information.

SENIORS – DON’T FORGET TO COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA FORMS!

With all the excitement of prom and graduation coming up, it can be easy to forget about this. These forms will help you reach your end goal of going to college, so GET THEM DONE!!

Lauren Stephen Chadron H.S.

What a busy time of year! Chadron High school students recently had the opportunity to meet with a representative from Education Quest in order to receive assistance filing their FAFSA. All of our CHS Upward Bound seniors have completed their FAFSA process – YAY!! Congrats!

Serie and Sara’s culinary class made 640 cupcakes for a fundraiser aimed at raising money to afford the annual Denver Culinary of Arts School, Denver Aquarium and Cheesecake factory trip! They were delicious!! The flavors were; Andes Mint, Salted Caramel, Butterfinger and Raspberry Filled Wedding Cake. Wonderful job to all the culinary students. Coming up later this month will be another fundraiser called “A Night in Paris” where students will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a dinner for two. The dinner will be held at Chadron High School and a total of four winners plus their dates will be chosen.

Congratulations goes out to the Chadron High Dance team who performed at the state dance competition taking 6th place! Mrs. Paopao and Mrs. Berry coach the dance team and are very proud of their team this year. This was the first dance competition that Chadron has competed in and out of the top fifteen dance groups.

In sports news, Willy Cogdill became a state champion in wrestling. Also, the girls’ and boys’ basketball teams won their districts and are off to play state basketball in a week!! Way to go Chadron sports teams!
The College Major: What It Is and How to Choose One

A major is a specific subject area that students specialize in. Typically, between one-third and one-half of the courses you’ll take in college will be in your major or related to it. At most four-year colleges, and in the case of many majors, you won’t have to pick a major until the end of your sophomore year. This gives you plenty of time to check out various subjects and see which ones interest you. Some majors — like areas of engineering — are exceptions to this rule. You have to commit to these fields of study early so you have time to take all the required courses.

If you're earning a two-year degree, you'll probably select a major at the start because the program is much shorter.

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Take courses in areas that appeal to you, and then think about which subject truly motivates you. Stephanie Balmer, dean of admissions at Dickinson College, suggests you take “classes in which you’re going to be confident, but at the same time, take some risks.” She notes that a class you never planned to take could end up helping you choose your major.

If you’re not sure about your college major while you’re in high school, don’t worry. Most students switch their major during college. Even students who think they are sure about what they want to major in often change their mind.

Shawna, a college sophomore, began college as a physics major but switched to electrical engineering. During her first semester, she discovered that college physics “was all the things about my physics class in high school that I didn’t like. And my engineering class was all the stuff I actually did like.”

Some colleges offer advising programs — such as premed or prelaw — to students who plan on attending medical school, law school or graduate school. These programs are not the same as majors; you still need to pick a major.

College students who are planning to continue their education in professional or graduate programs often choose a major related to their future field. For example, undergraduates in premed programs often major in biology or chemistry. They don’t have to, though — as long as students fulfill the course requirements of the graduate program they want to enter, they can major in any subject they like.

If you specialize in something like nursing, accounting or engineering, you're learning a specific trade. Many majors, however, prepare you to enter a range of careers once you graduate. For many students, picking a college major is not the same as choosing a job. It will be up to you to pick a career path you like. For example, a degree in English literature might lead you to a job in publishing, teaching, advertising, public relations or law, among other fields.

Remember, you're not alone when choosing a major. Ask academic advisers for help.
Jodi (Tomeing) Watak has lived in Chadron for five years with her parents, brothers and cousins. Her favorite subjects in school are Algebra, art and English! She is involved with many activities at school and enjoys playing volleyball as well as hanging out with her friends watching Netflix.

Jodi has many aspirations including going to college, graduating and becoming a pediatrician. She maintains excellent grades at Chadron High School and is described as studious, kind and always smiling.:

Jodi states that she enjoys many aspects of being a part of Upward Bound including the food and meeting new people. She originally is from the Marshall Islands and explains that she misses the ocean and also the seafood!

“Jodi is a quiet, thoughtful, attentive hard working artist. She is always the first to giggle about a situation in the Art Room! She adds a special touch to each project with bright colors and attention to detail”. Mrs. Bird

Mrs. Drinkwalter explains “Jodi is a member of the math club and has been practicing for the Algebra I test. She is competitive and gets excited when she get the correct answer before the boys :)

Tip of the Hat

Brittany Dunkel and Cherokee Purviance are hitting the stage in this year’s musical performance of Young Frankenstein!
Adrianna Boyles was accepted in to WNCC!
Sierra Armstrong was accepted in to Colorado State University!
Marque Crowe and Alliance Girls Freshmen Basketball team for winning the End of the Year Tournament. Way to play with heart!
Sierra Armstrong won the Alliance Carnegie Art Center Scholarship!
Andrew Smith—awarded a $1,250.00 scholarship to WNCC!
Paige Parkins—awarded a $250.00 scholarship to EWC
Chloe Murphy, Skyler Smyres, and Paige Parkins—for making it to State History Day!
Crawford Girls Basketball Team—made it to state for the second year in a row!
Sara Tompkins—awarded Board of Trustees Scholarship (CSC) 1/2 tuition waiver for 4 years! Academic Achievement Award—1 year! and Leadership room waiver—1 year!
Marchellina Antibas – Early Admission Scholarship (WNCC) – 2 years!
Serie Andres—Early Admission Scholarship (WNCC) - 2 years!
Akrina Sam—Early Admission Scholarship (WNCC) - 2 years!

CONGRATULATIONS!