

The Spartan Spotlight

February 2021

Lauryn Hoffman is Accepted into the RHOP- Written and Interviewed by Elizabeth Holmberg



As reported on February 21st on the school website. RHOP stands for Rural Health Opportunities Program, and is a cooperative program between Wayne State College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) to provide individuals who are committed to return to rural Nebraska and practice healthcare a scholarship of full tuition to Wayne State, and gives guaranteed admission at UNMC. Lauryn Hoffman's process to get into Wayne included applying for admission. Once accepted, she was able to apply for the RHOP scholarship. This process included filling out an application, answering essays, and sending in transcripts and letters of recommendation. This was the first round of the process. They then narrowed down applicants to receive an interview with the RHOP selection committee.

Hoffman got an interview that took part in over zoom, because of the weather. After the interview, she had to wait a couple weeks. Hoffman then found out she was accepted into the RHOP program for Pre-Nursing. Hoffman also got a track scholarship for Wayne, where she will most likely compete in mid distance with the 400m and the 200m dash. After completing the two-year undergraduate program at Wayne State, she will attend UNMC's College of Nursing program. After two years there, Hoffman will receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from UNMC and will be qualified to take the NCLEX-RN to gain her licensure for nursing. She is interested in Pediatric and Oncology nursing, and is open to the option of continuing her education to become a nurse practitioner.

Jenny Goesch is Accepted into West Point- Written and Interviewed by Rachel Matthews

The United States Military Academy, also referred to as West Point, is one of five academies across the nation that train cadets for 47 months in four different categories: academics, physical fitness, character, and military training. If you are accepted into the academy, you attend on a full scholarship with a salary if you work a minimum of eight years, with five being in active duty. The application process is very different from a typical college application. You must be qualified academically, physically, and medically. Jenny started her preliminary application during the winter of her junior year. This was basic information to see if she would be competitive in the process. At the end of junior year, Jenny was deemed competitive and could continue her application. Throughout the next few months she submitted transcripts, ACT scores, essays, a character evaluation, activity records, a fitness assessment, and teacher evaluations, as well as had an interview. She also had to be nominated by a member of congress which was a separate application process similar to the academy's. She filled out these applications and completed interviews for both of our senators and our district congressman. The last part of the application process was to go through medical exams which had to be done at Department of Defense approved clinics. Jenny completed her application in October, was determined medically qualified in December, and received her appointment in January. She officially accepted the offer on the 22nd! "While at USMA, I hope to major in Mechanical Engineering. During my first class year (senior year) I will be given a branch to commission into after graduation." Jenny says. "After my four years at West Point, I can see myself serving past the eight year commitment and making a career in the military. I am excited to see what opportunities and experiences the future holds!" Congratulations Jenny Goesch!!



Dawson Pelc won February's Kindness Award! Dawson put the "I" in kind by helping Miss Bernt clear elementary breakfast trays. Way to go Dawson! Thanks for letting your awesomeness shine by being so kind!

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FCCLA Star

On Wednesday, January 27th, 8 members competed in the District 9 FCCLA competition, held in O'Neill. Kaci Mashino and Andrea Hipke competed in Chapter in Review Portfolio Level 3 and received a gold medal and were selected as the District Champions and will compete at State.

Teegan Henderson, Natasha Zeisler, and Brynn Almgren competed in Chapter Service Project Portfolio Level 3 and received a gold medal, District Champions and qualified for State.

Lilly Magwire competed in Career Investigation Level 1 and received a gold medal, District Champion and qualified for State.

Trevor Brooks and Kiryn Kayl competed in Food Innovations Level 3 and received a gold medal, District Runner Ups and qualified for State.

Due to the nature of the FCCLA Job Interview event, Jenny Goesch competed virtually on February 3rd. She received a gold medal, District Champion, and qualified for State.

Basketball Sub-Districts- Nevaeh Jockens

The Boyd County boys basketball team played Niobrara-Verdigre in the first round of Sub-Districts in Niobrara. "We had just faced the Cougars two games prior and managed to win by only two points, so we knew this game was going to be a very tough one. It was a battle the entire game and we had many players contribute by making big plays on both ends of the court to keep us in it. Towards the end of the game we were in foul trouble and they were able to make some key free throws that extended their lead and ended up beating us by 7. It was a tough season but I am very proud of how much we improved as a team and individually."-Coach Rust. The boys lost a tough game 53-60.

Last Thursday the Lady Spartans traveled to Hartington Cedar Catholic to face the home team, The Cedar Catholic Trojans for the Sub-District title. "In the game, Boyd County competed very well for the entire game, there was a stretch during the end of the first quarter and during the second quarter that provided Cedar Catholic with the edge. During that stretch, Cedar Catholic had 14 points. Credit them for making big shots in a big game. In an 18 point margin of victory, those 14 points off the bench were huge for the home team Cedar Catholic. The way our team competed was so exciting to witness." Ending the Spartans season, the Trojans won by a 50-32 final. The Spartans finish the season at 8-14. Averil Carlson, Lauryn Hoffman, and Kiryn Kayl will be greatly missed next year.

The BC media Class Celebrates Black History Month

-Kyra Gonzales

This year, the Spartans Media Class celebrated Black History Month. Each student picked three African American people who have helped better society to enter them into the trivia competition the media class hosted. Everyday, on the school website, a new person was highlighted. In the announcements, we asked a trivia question that went with our highlighted person. Students would be able to enter the draw if they got the daily question correct. Two students were picked out of a draw and would pick between a liter of soda or a king size candy bar. Our winners were Adam Bernt, Grace Finnegan, Bo Hipke, Alana Widstrom, Gracen Eckert, John Reiman, Sebrina Ziebro, Kaylee Warnke. The media class also gave a presentation to our 6th grade class who had a color contest. The 7th grade class came up with creative posters to also go along with Black History Month. There was a winner of both contests but everyone in each class was rewarded as well for participating.



6th Grade winner, Madilynn Nolan



7th Grade winners, Jada Harmon & ReNae Kluckman

Boyd County Speech is Underway! - Amanda Wese

The Boyd County Speech Team is working in full effect. Here, Mrs Snyder helps us understand the process.

"We have 15 students out for speech. Five freshmen, one junior, and nine seniors. Preparation depends on the event. Some events the students will need to write their own speech. Some events will need visuals. Some events you find your poem or story or play and you cut it down to the allotted time. Then you practice presenting it until you are memorized or almost memorized. We are still in the beginning stages, we improve every day. In the beginning we didn't even have our speeches prepared. Now everyone has a speech prepared, most have their visuals if needed. Now we are working on blocking and characterization. It is a process. I am expecting lots more improvement in the next few weeks."- Becky Snyder

Speech results can be found on the school website, www.boydcounty.org