



# Pathway Newsletter

April 2025 Edition

## New Students Join the Avenue Scholars Family

We welcomed incoming juniors and seniors from 10 high schools at events throughout April



*Photo: These Westview High School students will make history as the first Scholars from their school to join the Avenue Scholars program, beginning Fall 2025.*

One of our favorite Avenue Scholars traditions? Rolling out the red carpet each spring to welcome our newest Scholars! All month long, future Scholars from our partner high schools attend orientation, meet their career coaches, and take their first steps toward a future filled with opportunity. It's a chance for students and their families to learn what it truly means to be selected as an Avenue Scholar, and to begin building meaningful connections with each other and their Career Coach.

Avenue Scholars is growing!

Right now, we're proud to partner with 10 high schools across 6 districts. And beginning this fall, in the 2025–26 school year, we're expanding to 13 high schools in 7 districts — that's three more schools and one additional district. We're excited to

welcome even more Scholars into the Avenue Scholars family and to watch them grow into the skilled, essential professionals our workforce needs.

*Did you know?* One thing that makes Avenue Scholars unique is that we are embedded into the school and the Scholars' lives. Scholars take a class called "Avenue Scholars" as part of their regular schedule, led by their Career Coach. This course follows a custom curriculum designed by our team, informed by future workforce needs and inspired by the priorities of our business partners. It's all about helping each Scholar explore, prepare for, and succeed in a high-demand career.



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## Second Annual Avenue Scholars Day Recap

April 15 highlighted the heart of our work

On April 15, we celebrated the second-ever Avenue Scholars Day. What we really celebrate is the success of our Scholars and the local businesses and schools who contribute to building Omaha's workforce. Mayor Jean Stothert came to Avenue Scholars to read the official Proclamation to the crowd. Check out the video below, then head to our social media feeds (and follow us) for more photos from the big day.



## Monthly Mission Moment

### Spotlight on Michael Johnson

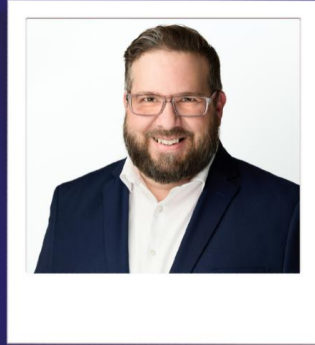
Michael Johnson is a big part of the New Scholar Welcome Events, mentioned above. At each event, Michael has the job of explaining the program expectations and expected outcomes to each group of Scholars—and ensuring their excitement about it all.

As our Director of Program Initiatives, he also ensures Avenue Scholars continues to meet both Scholar and community needs, as Scholars progress over their years of involvement with us.

If you have ever met Michael, you know he's passionate about his work with young people, saying he loves "pouring out into the next generation," as he shares parallels from his own story.



# Staff Member Highlight



**MICHAEL  
JOHNSON**

Director of Program  
Initiatives



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## IN THE NEWS

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#### Building Awareness About Avenue Scholars

We are proud to strengthen the Nebraska workforce by keeping talent in the community—through career coaching and guiding students during their high school and postsecondary experiences.

We are thankful for the recent opportunities to share about Scholar success in the media.

Click below to hear and read remarks from our CEO, Lindsay Decker. *You won't want to miss the full-circle moments and various Scholar Alumni examples she talks about!*

- [OmaPod - Part 1](#)
- [OmaPod - Part 2](#)
- [Issues & Answers Radio Interview](#)
- [KETV Avenue Scholars Day Story](#)
- [Grow Omaha Program Feature](#)
- [Omaha World Herald Mention](#)



# STAY CONNECTED

We couldn't do this work without the generous support of our community. For 17 years, Avenue Scholars has helped young people navigate the path from high school to high demand careers and everything in between.

*Feeling inspired to be a part of this work?* We welcome **new business partners** and supporters to help sustain our efforts to guarantee careers for local youth in high-demand fields.

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