



Pathway Newsletter

July 2025 Edition

Summer Boot Camp Recap

Fourth Year for Boot Camp Program Was the Best Yet



Throughout June, Scholars from our partner high schools gained hands-on experience in three high-demand industries: Transportation, Healthcare, and Skilled Trades.

Supported by Avenue Scholars Career Coaches, Boot Camp participants attended instructional lessons and heard from guest speakers in each field. (The Healthcare Boot Camp Scholars even got a visit from Dr. Andrew Bakainaga who works at the World Health Organization!) Thank you to our many Education and Business Partners who supported this year's Summer Boot Camp.

At the end of four weeks, we celebrated Scholars with a graduation ceremony. Scholars earned a stipend for showing up for themselves and left with industry-specific certifications – and a sense of pride.

Congratulations to these Scholars who are now further along on their path to their future careers!



Boot Camp Graduate Kolie Hawk, from Westview High School, said she went into the summer not knowing what she wanted to do, and now she is excited to pursue becoming a Labor and Delivery Nurse! After job shadowing at Nebraska Medicine and practicing many medical procedures on mannequins, she is more confident in her future. And she isn't the only one. Many Scholars shared this same sentiment with us across all three industries.

2025 SUMMER BOOT CAMP BY THE NUMBERS

72 Students

- > 30% Transportation
- > 28% Healthcare
- > 24% Skilled Trades

Here's a snapshot of the 2025 Summer Boot Camp highlights:

- 100% camp retention rate (*72 Scholars began the camp and 72 Scholars graduated*)
- Attendance grew by 24% from last year (58 Scholars in 2024)
- Collaboration with almost 40 Business Partners from the greater Omaha area
- 30% were interested in the Transportation industry
- 28% reported interest in the Healthcare field
- 24% of Scholars chose to explore Skilled Trades

MISSION MOMENT

Monthly Mission Moment

Alum Jimmy Nguyen's Full-Circle Moment

Jimmy Nguyen's journey with Avenue Scholars is a powerful story of transformation. From unmotivated high school student to now balancing work at Nebraska Medicine and CHI Health while finishing his degree at Clarkson College, Jimmy credits Avenue Scholars for helping him discover his passion for healthcare and giving him the confidence to pursue it.

This summer, Jimmy's journey came full circle, as he was given the opportunity to teach Scholars at our Healthcare Boot Camp. His story shows the WHY of our work – the impact of mentorship, opportunity, and belief in a student's potential. Read more about Jimmy's inspiring path and how he's giving back to the community that helped him grow.

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Interested in getting involved? Whether through ongoing partnership or one-time monetary gift, your support helps keep the momentum going as we head into the next school year.

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