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**AVENUE SCHOLARS**

# Pathway Newsletter

December 2025 Edition

## Avenue Scholars 2025 Wrapped A Review of Our Impact This Year



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### HIGHLIGHTS

- **New Scholar Celebrations:** In May 2025, we welcomed 440 new Scholars to our program!
- **Summer Boot Camp Experiences:** In hands-on workshops, 72 Scholars gained a deeper understanding of rewarding careers in high-demand fields.
- **Career Awareness Events:** This fall, we partnered with local businesses to offer nearly 30 Career Awareness events around the metro, exposing almost

300 Scholars to potential career paths.

- **Mock Interviews:** More than 250 Scholars from all of our partner high schools met with about 60 professionals from local businesses to practice their interviewing skills, helping to build their confidence as they prepare for the real thing.

[Read More in Our Annual Impact Report](#)

## Voices that Inspire Scholars Share Stories of Lives Changed

Our Scholars say it best. In our annual program video, four standout alumni share what Avenue Scholars gave them:

- ✔ Dedicated mentorship
- ✔ A clear path forward
- ✔ The courage and confidence to push themselves

Watch the video below to hear their stories.



## More on Mock Interviews Professionals Provide Scholars with Interview Experience

This month, Dec. 2-4, more than 250 Scholars from all of our partner high schools had the opportunity to participate in mock interviews with local professionals. Each

Scholar was paired with a volunteer interviewer, and, following the exercise, received personalized feedback detailing strengths and opportunities to improve.

The goal was to help Scholars better understand job interviews and build their confidence as they progress on their career journey. After her interview, one Scholar from Millard North High School said she better understood what an employer is looking for when they ask candidates to "Tell us about yourself."

In between interviews, Scholars also had the chance to have a professional headshot taken by Churlish Media, giving them one more valuable resource as they embark on their job search.

Thank you to all our volunteers and to the Salvation Army Kroc Center for hosting us!





## Sowing Seeds of Joy

Former Scholar Turns Leftover Flowers into Moments of Care



As a CNA, former Scholar Tala Serhan has seen how something as simple as a smile — or a vase of flowers — can brighten a patient's day. Inspired by her work in healthcare and her experience with Avenue Scholars, Tala launched the Bloom Beyond Collective, redistributing donated flowers to senior living and memory care centers across Omaha.

"That small acts can transform someone's day is definitely a message I got from Avenue Scholars," she said.

[Read More About Tala's Work](#)

**Giving Tuesday Success!**



You really showed up for Avenue Scholars on Giving Tuesday! With your help, **we raised \$9,314 to support Scholars pursuing careers in healthcare.**

**That's 186% over our original goal!** Your generosity means we can fund CNA training for **16 Scholars**. This important step will allow them to find fulfilling jobs in patient care settings before they even finish high school, setting them up for advanced careers in nursing and medicine.

**You changed 16 lives. They will change countless more.**

Didn't get a chance to donate during Giving Tuesday? You can give to Avenue Scholars any time on our website!

**Donate Today!**



For 17 years, Avenue Scholars has helped young people move from classrooms to careers with the real-world skills that employers need. This work is powered by community support.

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