

Pathway Newsletter



June 2026 Edition



Dear Friends of Avenue Scholars,

In case the heat isn't enough of a reminder, we've officially entered the dog days of summer. And, for those of us at Avenue Scholars, that means we don't slow down. We show up.

For us, the mid-summer provides an opportunity to reflect on the last school year and prepare for the new one. Our Career Coaches evaluate and deepen their curriculum with intention, while our team sharpens every process and system designed to move each Scholar closer to who they're becoming.

This season also brings us back to what our Scholars accomplished this year, and the results speak for themselves, as you'll see in the following newsletter.

Last week, we hosted a graduation ceremony for Scholars in our summer Boot Camp program, in which 72 Scholars finished the month of June with new skills, new connections, and a new vision for their future. We heard from multiple Scholars and their families about the difference this program made in their lives, and I'm so grateful to everyone who helped make it possible, including our partners at Metropolitan Community College, Clarkson College, Google, SAME, Valmont Industries, and the CL Werner Foundation.

We also channeled the spirit of summer at our recent Scholar Summer Social at Fun-Plex. It's always such a joy seeing Scholars from across the metro meet each other and build lasting friendships through our program.

As we await the upcoming school year, we've got several big developments in the works that I'm looking forward to sharing with you! I hope you're enjoying your summer, and, as always, thank you for your support of our program.

With Gratitude,

Lindsay Decker
CEO

Mission Moment

Congrats to Our Boot Camp Grads!

This month, we set 72 Scholars on the path to careers they've been dreaming about. After four weeks of hands-on learning, industry certifications, workplace visits, and career exploration, this year's summer Boot Camp graduates are ready to begin the next phase of their professional journey.

See how Scholars built confidence, discovered new possibilities, and prepared for futures in healthcare, the skilled trades, and transportation – with support from dedicated partners and Coaches who helped make the experience possible.

View Highlights from Boot Camp!



Scholar Spotlight

Delania C. Balances School, Work for Career Success

"You just kind of have to lock in and do it," said Delania C. about how she balanced full-time service work while pursuing her degree to be a respiratory therapist.

Delania recently started as a respiratory therapist associate at Nebraska Medicine.

With this new position, Delania becomes an Avenue Scholars Alum. A Scholar reaches Alumni status when they obtain a full-time role in a high-demand field that provides a self-sustaining wage and benefits.



"Delania checks off every box when it comes to expectations I've had for her as her Coach," said Career Services Coach Tom Robertson.

[See More of Delania's Story](#)

Staff Snapshot

Check in on the High School Team's Summer Curriculum Planning

While school's out, our High School Coaches make the most of summer by collaborating as a team to implement Scholar feedback on the classroom experience. This involves team meetings, activities, and creative brainstorming to create a curriculum that's engaging and educational.

Career Coaches Canei Rodriguez and Marquita Lambert share a behind-the-scenes look at curriculum and event planning. Click below to watch the video.



Monthly Rewind

Look back at some impactful moments with our staff and Scholars from the past month:

- On June 22, we hosted a summer social for Scholars at Fun-Plex! The day gave Scholars a chance to meet each other, kick back, and enjoy the sun.
- Steve Johnston, our certified trainer, hosted training sessions for a dozen Scholars earning their CPR/BLS certifications.

- Our director of communications, Blake Ursch recently reached his one year mark at Avenue Scholars! Celebrate his workiversary with us and get to know him better in [this video](#).
- "Scholars, Coaches, Action!" Production has begun on our annual program video, featuring impactful stories from two standout Scholars. We can't wait to share it with you later this fall.
- [Celebrate more Scholar success](#) and say hello to one of Security National Bank's newest interns, Liz! Read more about how she aimed high and landed the job.



Stay Connected

Watch Our Scholars Succeed!

Summer is breezing by! Make sure you don't miss a thing — check out our [YouTube channel](#) to see what's been going on at Avenue Scholars recently!

As always, you can also support our mission by making an online gift on our website. Click the button below to donate today. We're so grateful for your support!

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