



Pathway Newsletter

March 2026 Edition



Dear Friends of Avenue Scholars,

As we welcome the official start of spring (whether or not the weather agrees), I'm reminded of how much energy this new season holds. Everything around us is turning green and beginning to grow again.

In our work, we see these same early signs of growth and possibility in the lives of our Scholars. Sometimes growth is a Scholar asking for help with a scholarship application. Sometimes it's the courage to apply for a job, send an email to a potential employer, or attend a networking event.

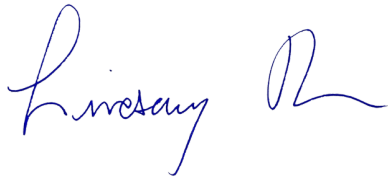
To some, these moments may seem small. But we know they're the beginning of something new, something real.

In this month's Pathway newsletter, you'll meet a Scholar who indeed earned a competitive scholarship with help from her Career Coach. You'll also find a save the date for **Avenue Scholars Day on April 15**, our annual celebration of the community that makes this work possible (that's you!)

We're also proud to share the news of a recent grant from Cox Communications supporting two of our programs, Flourish (pictured above) and Men of Standard, aimed at building a true community of Scholars, not just in our individual schools, but across our city.

Thank you for being part of helping our Scholars grow – season after season.

With Gratitude,



Lindsay Decker
CEO



Growing Together, Gaining New Skills
Cox Gives Funds to Expand Programming for Scholars



Flourish and Men of Standard

Supported by Cox Communications



This year, Avenue Scholars received a generous **\$10,000 grant from Cox Communications** to support two programs that have become cornerstones of our Scholar development work: **Flourish** and **Men of Standard**.

These two groups host optional events throughout the year to give Scholars a chance to meet peers in the program from other schools and to learn new skills in a fun, less-structured setting.

"These functions get them out of their shells," said Career Services Coach Tom Robertson, who leads planning for Men of Standard. "Their feedback is that they attend because they know that, even though they may not know Scholars from other schools yet, they will have something in common because they're all part of Avenue Scholars."

Thanks to Cox, we can continue creating more spaces where Scholars feel supported.

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Scholar Spotlight

Johanna – Future Cybersecurity Professional

SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT: JOHANNA T.



Johanna, a senior at Ralston High School, recently earned a competitive scholarship to attend the Women in Cybersecurity Conference in Washington, D.C.!

Earlier this year, Johanna reached out to her Career Coach for a letter of recommendation and support to complete her scholarship application. Her initiative and preparation paid off, and the scholarship covered her conference attendance, travel, lodging, and meals.

During the conference, Johanna was able to meet and learn from cybersecurity experts, expand her network, and explore a field in which she's eager to make an impact.

At Avenue Scholars, our role is simple: Provide guidance, encouragement, and access so students like Johanna can pursue opportunities. Congrats and best of luck to her!

Women in Construction Week
March's Annual Celebration of Women in the Industry

FEMALE SCHOLARS STRENGTHEN THE INDUSTRY

98

Over the last six years, 98 female Scholars have explored careers in construction and Skilled Trades.

18

Those female Scholars went on to work at 18 different Omaha-area businesses within the construction and Skilled Trades industry.



This month, we celebrated Women in Construction Week: a national celebration of the impact women make in the industry. To mark the occasion, we dug into the numbers.

- ➔ Since 2018, **98** female Scholars have explored careers in construction and the Skilled Trades.
- ➔ Since 2018, our female Scholars have worked at **18** different Omaha-area businesses within the Skilled Trades industry.

Thank you to the **58** Omaha-area businesses who partner with us to equip all of our Scholars with the real-world skills that lead to successful careers in construction and the Skilled Trades.



STAY CONNECTED



Save the Date: April 15, 2026!
Celebrate Avenue Scholars Day in Omaha

We've received the official proclamation from Mayor John Ewing Jr.: **Omaha will celebrate its third annual Avenue Scholars Day on April 15!** Follow us on [social media](#) to learn how you can mark the day with us!

For now, we invite you to share your stories about how Avenue Scholars has changed your life. Share on social using the hashtag **#AvenueScholarsDay** or reply to this email. We'd love to hear from you!

You can also visit our blog to read [impact stories](#) from others.

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