

## **Browning Middle/High School /WBH GEAR UP March 2023 Board Report**

### **BHS/WBH GEAR UP**

#### **\*GEAR UP Career/College Prep Advisory Lessons**

We are continuing our annual GEAR UP lessons in advisory classes every Wednesday. The topics focus on anything career and/or college related topics. This month's focus has been on helping seniors with portfolio items, and test taking strategies for sophomores and juniors in preparation for upcoming ACT assessments next month, and career exploration for freshmen.

#### **\*ACT Assessments**

Pre-ACT (10th Grade) - March 7th - We had 62 students take the test  
Makeup Day is March 17th

ACT Mosaic (9th and 12th Grade SEL) -

9th Grade - April 19th and 20th

12th Grade - April 26th and 27th

ACT (11th grade) - Date has already been set as it is a state-wide assessment.  
March 28th with April 11th and 25th being makeup days

#### **\*10th Grade Campus Visit**

We took 18 10th graders to visit Highlands College (2 year campus in Butte) and UM Western in Dillon on Tuesday, February 28th to Wednesday, March 1st. It was an awesome experience for our students and a large percentage are interested in Dillon because of their block scheduling i.e., they only take one class at a time for half of a day for several weeks. Students still complete the required minimum credit load accomplished in a traditional college semester but get the opportunity to focus on just one class at a time.

#### **\*Scholarship Luncheon**

We held our 3rd scholarship luncheon on Wednesday, February 15th (at both WBH and BHS) to help seniors with scholarships. Our main focus was to help with the Blackfoot Tribe Higher Ed scholarship that was due March 1st. We also had Lyle McDonald, Director of the Blackfoot Tribe Higher Ed Program as our guest presenter to discuss scholarship requirements.

#### \*MT AIMS STEM Trip

At the time of submitting this, we are in Missoula (March 14th-16th) with 11 of our UM MT AIMS (American Indians in Math and Science) students: 1 8th grader, 1 10th grader, and 9 11th graders doing a job shadowing/STEM trip at the University of Montana and Missoula College campus. We have a packed agenda with some classroom shadowing opportunities as well as worksite visits in the following fields: sports medicine, medical and engineering. Our goal is to continue to help support these students in figuring out their post-high school career plan.

NOTE: 5 of our MT AIMS high school students that finished last semester with B's or better, qualified for an all expense paid trip to Orlando, Florida to visit the Kennedy Space Center later this summer. We will be working on the paperwork for the School Board once we get all of the details.

#### \*11th Grade Campus Visit

We have this trip scheduled for March 29th to the 30th. The first day we will be at Carroll College in the afternoon for a visit and on the 30th we will be on campus all day at Montana State University. We are excited to report that Taylee Rides at the Door (first Blackfeet tour guide at MSU) will be doing our campus tour for both this trip and the middle school trip mentioned below!!!!

#### \*Billings Native Voice Expanding Your Horizons

Ronnel will be taking 5 BHS students to Helena next week (March 27th-30th) for a tour of the State capital and Carroll College next week. Students will also attend a number of classes to learn about the legislative process. This is being paid for by the Billings group along with some support for meals by Jen Wagner/BHS budget.

### **BMS GEAR UP**

#### \*BMS AVID/STEM Trip

We combined our AVID and BMS STEM trip for Tuesday, March 21-23rd in Helena and Bozeman. On the way down we will be stopping at a science museum for a science exploration and lab activity. The next 2 days we will be on campus at Montana State University doing STEM activities, including a project with making homemade kites and flying them along with a visit to MSU's Plant Growth Center. We will finish our time in Bozeman with a stop at the Museum of the Rockies.

#### \*BMS 7th and 8th Grade Campus Visits

We are working on scheduling our remaining campus visits for April.

\*ACT Assessments:

Pre-ACT for 8th grade: We are finalizing a date for next month

ACT Mosaic (SEL assessment) for 7th Grade: Jodie Goss, our BMS GEAR UP Committee teacher rep has volunteered to let us do this assessment in her class. We are also in the process of finalizing a date for April.



Delbert Blackman, BHS 11th grader, holding a mold of a T-Rex arm. Paleontology Exhibit/Presentation, University of Montana, MT AIMS STEM Trip, March 15th, 2023



10th Grade Campus Visit - UM Western, Dillon, March 1st, 2023