

Elko High School Academy Students Define “Goals”



The CIS Academy classes at EHS worked on a unit about goal setting. Students learned the definition of goals, the four parts of a goal, writing goal objectives, and finally created their own goal bookmarks. They began the unit by splitting the classes into groups. Depending on the size of the class, the groups were each responsible for making a poster. The students enjoyed using their creativity to decorate and create the goal posters. Once the posters were complete each one was analyzed and discussed. The first poster listed the different definitions of a goal. The class discussed whether one definition was better than the other or if it was possible to describe or define the word “goal” without using the components from each definition. The second poster broke down goal setting into four parts: An Action, A Result, A Time Frame and A Cost. Each element was discussed and examples were given. The third poster was about Goal Objectives. The class discussed the importance of creating an action plan which would serve as a short-term goal in order to reach long-term goals. Finally, they brought everything they discussed and learned together and each student created their own goal bookmarks. They created bookmarks about one of their personal goals using the four elements listed on the poster and wrote the goal on one side of the bookmark. Students then wrote objectives to meet their goal on the other side of their bookmark. Overall, the unit was a huge success and the Academy students were able to gain an in-depth understanding of goal-setting.

Spring Creek High School Seniors Plan for the Future

Seniors at Spring Creek High School participated in the College and Career Fair at Great Basin College in November. This was a great opportunity for students to speak with different organizations about their options after high school. Many different colleges were available to provide information to students on enrollment requirements and deadlines. There were also many employment opportunities for students to inquire about, including some options for starting up their own business. Additionally, various branches of the military were present to provide information to those interested in pursuing that career path. Students came back with a better understanding of options to look forward to after high school.



SCHS Freshman Academy Learns about Conservation

The Freshman CIS Academy classes received a visit from Norv Dallin, Conservation Educator with Nevada Department of Wildlife. Mr. Dallin reviewed the different departments at NDOW and the need of a college degree for most of their jobs. The students also had an opportunity to participate in a volunteer project, where Mr. Dallin demonstrated how to pick sagebrush seed. The sagebrush seed the students gathered will be sent to Reno where it will be dried and sifted to remove any flower parts. It will then be combined with other seed types and loaded in a 6' by 6' hopper and taken up by helicopter. The pilot will operate a motor in the hopper to spray the seed out onto snow in areas that have previously burned. When the snow melts the seed will soak into the soil versus blowing away if dropped onto dry ground. Gathering sagebrush seed gave the students a great sense of pride to be able to give back to their community and surrounding area. Thanks CIS Freshman Academy for your time!



Upcoming Events!

- ◆ Elko County School District's Holiday Break ~ December 23rd—January 3rd (classes resume on Monday January 6th)
- ◆ GED Testing Dates ~ December 13th & December 20th
- ◆ GBC Basic Drivers Education Course— Starts January 14th (\$50.00 Call 753-2202 or go to www.campusce.net/gbcnv to register)

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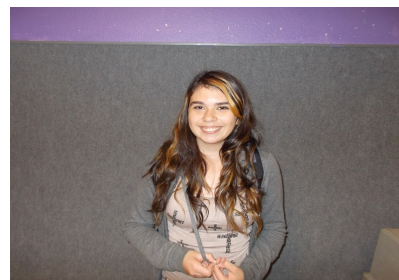
November has been a busy month at the Workforce Readiness Academy! Adult and GED students were offered the opportunity to catch up on any missed workshops from the school year thus far, including resume writing and how to use the Nevada Careers Information System website. Several students took advantage of this, realizing the fortuitous timing as retailers ramp up hiring looking for seasonal employees. Also in November, Alternative Education students completed workshops on letter writing. Students extended their knowledge about formal letters as well as their importance and relevance, especially with respect to writing a cover letter for employment application. Workshop participants then had an opportunity to practice their letter writing skills through writing, drafting and editing a thank you letter to a person who has supported the WRA so far this year. The result was an impressive collection of letters that have been sent out the recipients, expressing students' gratitude.

We also were fortunate to have a presentation by Cheryl Galloway and Dawn Roberts of Wells Fargo Bank. Dawn and Cheryl spoke about the importance of budgeting and financial management and offered all of us some very practical tips and suggestions that students could apply to their lives now and in the future.

Academically, students continue to focus on the GED as the final test dates for the current test are next month. Many students attempted their first test or re-tested this month. Those who tested in October received their scores back at the beginning of November and all were very pleased with their results, especially for a first attempt! We are all excitedly awaiting the November test results!

CIS Academy Student Spotlights!

Ally is a great example and a positive young lady in this year's Freshman CIS Academy class at Spring Creek High School. She is fun to be around and loves to laugh. She says she is hyper and that means happy! Ally uses these qualities as a cheerleader. She moved here from Northern California and dearly misses her relatives. Her favorite class is English and her hobbies are cheerleading and spending time at home with her family. Ally's grades the past few years have been low and she did not like the way it made her feel. She now prefers the feeling of success, and with her mom's encouragement, has set a goal to get all A's this year. She is working hard toward that goal and only has two more A's to go! Great job Ally!

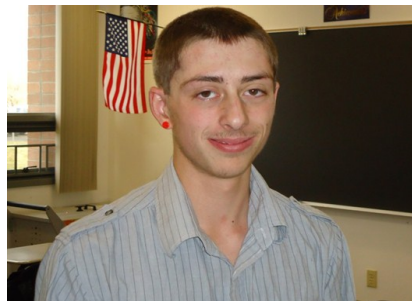


Ryan is a Junior at Elko High School, and has been putting in a lot of hard work this semester. After getting the school year off to a rocky start, Ryan has really begun to turn things around for himself. He has excellent attendance and is generally on time to all his classes. His immediate goals for this year are to remain academically eligible to participate in wrestling and to make the varsity team. Ryan has been wrestling since he was young, going all the way to the state tournament in 2nd grade! He would ultimately like to earn a wrestling scholarship to the University of Nebraska, however, if that doesn't work out his second choice is to join the Marine Corps to help pay for schooling. He plans to study Psychology and get a counseling degree to be able to practice marriage and family counseling. Like many teenagers, Ryan likes to hang out with his friends or workout at the gym. Ryan is always an active listener and contributor in the Academy class discussions and we are glad to have him in our CIS Academy class.

Thomas is a Junior at Spring Creek High School. He has been involved in several community service projects and because of his service, Thomas was invited to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade with the 132nd Airborne. However in order to participate he



was required to have a "military style" haircut. Although Thomas liked having long hair and despite his girlfriend's pleas, Thomas knew that he needed to cut his hair and take the opportunity to be a part of the Veteran's Day parade. After he told the CIS Academy class he was going to cut his hair, the students asked if they could be the ones to cut it. Thomas told everyone that if they brought a dollar they could take part in cutting his hair and that he would donate the money to the HOSA (the Future Health Professionals Organization's) fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis. Thomas raised \$15 for the cause. We would like to thank Thomas for allowing us to participate in his generous spirit and encourage him to keep up the good work!



In November one member of the Workforce Readiness Academy attained great success! Raymond not only passed his GED test on his first attempt, he attained enough credit from his GED scores to complete all the requirements for his Adult Diploma. Raymond is now a graduate! His diligent work, both on A+ and in GED preparation, have definitely paid off. However, he has not taken receiving his diploma as an opportunity to lose focus. Raymond is currently working with a military recruiter and is taking the next steps towards enlistment, including preparation for the ASVAB test. Congratulations Raymond, you have realized some great accomplishments this month!!!



Raymond shows off how he feels about passing the GED and receiving his Adult Diploma.