HS-MACA is a department at Creighton University developed to reach out to the community and provide leadership to a growing multicultural community. One of the programs that have been developed to reach this goal is the HCOP Saturday Academy. It is a program set out to help students maximize their opportunities to progress in education as well as learn more about the careers in the health sciences. This is the first of monthly issues that will discuss the activities of the HCOP Saturday Academy.

The program is 25 students strong representing 9 different schools in the Omaha metro area; Bryan, Burke, Benson, Central, St. Peter Claver, Papillion LaVista, Northwest, Creighton Prep and North. This Saturday Academy classes has the highest cumulative GPA average of students that have been in the program at 3.51 (range=2.2). We have high expectations of these students and have hard work to go in maintaining the high GPAs as well as continued progress in increasing ACT scores.

The month of October was an introductory month. The students took an ACT test to be used as a baseline to measure improvement throughout the course of the program. Students meet with their Kaplan instructors Tammy Steele and Takijah Collins. Academic Advisor Jeff Lang talked to the students about test preparation and test anxiety. The students learned about the anatomy of the eye with cow eye dissections. The class participated in a cultural awareness day in which we discussed our own cultures, cultural issues faced today and how it is related to health sciences careers and health disparities. At the end of the month we had a meeting that included the parents in which we discussed the timeline our junior students should follow going into next school year.

So far this month has included going over the anatomy of the brain through sheep brain dissections, registration for the SAT, review for the Saturday Academy health disparities project PhotoVoice, and the beginning of a T-Shirt design competition for HCOP. Gearing down for this month the class will not be meeting on the 27th due to a Thanksgiving break. Next month will begin with the SAT at Central high and end with a holiday social. On the following page there is a schedule for the month of November as well as a small personal bio for the HCOP staff.
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