

PROJECT ACHIEVE NEWSLETTER

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Just Bragging

Lily Nyenga serves as Vice President of the UNO organization Students United for Global Health.

Project Achieve and the Law

The students listed attended the recent Creighton University Law Conference: Iziah Crawford, Cynthia Cruz, Kyle Kinne, Paola Perez, and Gat Ramdiet.



Days of Service: Benson Plant Rescue

Once again Project Achieve students arrived in cars and buses to their worksite to begin their day of service to the community. Listed below are staff, students, relatives, and friends of Project Achieve/TRiO who gave their time to this great work. Thanks to the Omaha World Herald for featuring Project Achieve students who volunteered at the Benson Plan Rescue.

Jacinta Christiansen, Paul Country, Mauricio Davila, Alby Delgado, Ursus Guzman, Elisa Lopez, Zach Maharaj, Matthew McGruder, Datrell Morgan, Fatah Mir, Solange Nishobora, Lily Nyenga, Diana Ortiz, Paola Perez, Samantha Quitl, Melissa Ramos, Dominique Riggs, and daughter Mya, Francisco Salazar, Bryan Sibrian, Marvin Sibrian, Jesus Tapia, Lizeth Velasco, Apoko Zekpa, Torri Osantowski, Dr. Derek and Connie helped too!

Home Sweet Home

Our very own Jacques Musavyimana, along with his family, celebrated his new Habitat for Humanity home with a dedication ceremony in early November. Many Project Achieve students had the opportunity to assist in the construction of the home.



Etiquette Banquet

Project Achieve sponsored 15 students to attend the Etiquette Banquet. All students shared how helpful and informative the event was. Students attending included: Jennifer Nguyen, Dominique Riggs, Samantha Quitl, Brady Churchill, Jesus Tapia, Apoko Zekpa, Laura Tschida, Floretia Washington, Yessinia Duran, Aquila Chamberlain, Edna D'Souza, Torri Osantowski.

Day of the Dead

A big thank you to Sara Atkins, Katherine Esquivel and Julissa Chaidez for organizing and displaying the Day of the Dead tribute. Did you know that the Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday that is observed throughout Mexico and around the world in other cultures? This holiday focuses on gathering family and friends to remember loved ones who have died. Our Day of the Dead t-shirt winners were: Heather Brandon, Paul Country, Kyle Kinne, Malalay Rahmanzai, Raquel Salazar, and Angel Torres.

Halloween Treat

Pat provided 8 free tickets to one of the most spectacular Haunted House tours in the city and the winners were: Jenelle Cherry, Silvester Juanes, Raquel Salazar and Paola Perez.

Shout Out!

A big shout out to the Chancellor for drawing attention to Project Achieve during his State of UNO message!

Getting Some Ink...

Ibrahim Saad, was included in the feature article of the Fall 2014 UNO Magazine, "A Hunger for Religion".



Game Day!

Project Achieve's very first Game Day was a huge success and happened to fall on Halloween so we were able to play games in costume! Winning costume goes to Dr. Derek as Kung Fu Panda! Mark your calendar and plan to join us for our next Game Day on **Friday, November 21, from 1-5pm!**

A Must Read

10 Things Rich People Know That You Don't by Jocelyn Black Hodes

Jocelyn's article gives us a picture of why rich people are rich and what they know and do to grow wealth. You could be rich if you would:

1. Avoid Temptation-do not live beyond your means. Over-spending for cable, gifts, iPhones etc. often leads to debt, under-saving and long-term financial insecurity. Stop over-spending now!
2. Automate-if you have not done so, now is the time to automate your savings. The easiest way to save is to have your workplace enroll you in an automatic savings plan. When you start, don't touch your savings! I dare you to do it!
3. Maximize Contributions-if you are working and your company has a retirement plan, the chances are retirement is the last thing on your mind. Let's face it, you could care less about FICA. Rich people understand if you start your retirement account early and put in as much money as you can, you will accumulate wealth. Start now! Open a 401k, put in as much as you can via payroll deductions and let your money grow.
4. Never Carry a Credit Card Balance-one of the biggest threats to your financial independence is maintaining a credit card balance and paying interest every month. Are you a nut!? Why are you throwing away money? Pay off your credit cards now and watch how much money you actually have to save or invest.

Special Note:

The first (2) students to call or come into the office and tell me what FICA means will win a prize!

In the next newsletter I will share three more things Rich People Know That You Don't.

The Reversal of Death

by Floretia Washington

Blue,
as sea water at rest which line the peaceful shore.
Cold,
and deep, as the Arctic peaks, sinking to rise no more.
Hard,
as sheets of ice, where procrastination never learned to...
Still,
as the Great Lakes at winter, rest, beneath the fallen snow.
Calm,
are the waves of a stormy life, that once contented the soul.
Sleep,
yes, sweet rest, does come, like a bubbling brook bringing whispers of a soothing lullaby.
Breath,
like fresh sparkling water, that refreshes the soul!
Warm,
like water mixed with mild, returning, bringing satisfaction to one once empty!
Bright,
as the day, when the thirsty soul is finally quenched,
and
Life,
will be that fountain that flows,
Eternal,
forever more!!





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