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A.C.E. Award - Here's the National Exchange Club explanation of the A.C.E Award. *The A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award seeks to recognize high school students who have had to overcome great physical, emotional, or social obstacles and are now eligible for high school graduation.*

Galen Howsare, Chair of our A.C.E. Award Committee, teamed up with East High School Principal Dr. Willie Barney to select six nominees for the award. Five of the young people (all seniors) joined us at the meeting today and told us a little about themselves.



L - R: Kelsey Lee; Brittney Jungen; Breanna Hovey; Mylita Gary & Jeanette Klassen

Kelsey Lee has been courageously dealing with two bouts of cancer for the past three years and a broken hip from falling on a patch of ice two weeks ago. Kelsey is looking forward, beyond her illness, to attend Hawkeye Community College next year. At HCC, she'll be focusing on using her interests in computers and writing in a career in an office setting. Kelsey's mom, Lynette McNamee, was able to join us for lunch too.

Brittney Jungen is a cancer survivor, too. She beat the 35% odds of survival from a cancer that occurred when she was eight years old. Brittney wants to attend the University of Iowa. She's not sure of a major study emphasis and career right now.

Breanna Hovey told us about coming home from her job at Culvers just as her father suffered a massive heart attack and died. She was 16 years old at the time. Breanna is interested in a career in the criminal justice system, especially something in the area of forensic science. Her dream job is to serve in the F.B.I. Breanna is going to H.C.C. next year and then on to Iowa State University.

Mylita Gary learned she was pregnant at the age of 16. She briefly struggled with what to do about it. Mylita resolved to be a mom and is working hard to be a great one. She has to job at Hardees and is planning on attending college. Mylita is interested in studying history and preparatory courses for a career in social work. **** Continued on page #2****

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : Nat'l Pork Producers Association
Prayer : Larry Bjortomt
Pledge : Don Faris
Menu : Roast Pork Loin

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Mar 10: Roast Pork Loin
Mar:17: Corn Beef and Cabbage
Mar 24: Prime Rib Sandwich & Fries
Mar 31: TBD by Columbus High School
Apr 07: Basket Ball Awards

Order Chef Salad one week in advance

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Mar 10: Nation Pork Producers Association
Mar 17: Closed Business Meeting
Mar 24: Iowa Author - Fred Strohbeh
Mar 31: Student of the Year at Columbus HS
Apr 07: Large Cheese Burger and Fries

BIRTHDAYS

Mar 01: Ned DeBerg
Mar 08: Bill Swisher

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President Neebel brought this story to illustrate the importance how we treat people.

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name. I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello." I have never forgotten that lesson.

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A.C.E. Award cont'd - Jeanette Klassen started life with a single mom who found it necessary to put her up for adoption. The adoption didn't work for Jeanette either and she has been in foster care for the past five years. In spite of all this, Jeanette remains hopeful and focused on her future. She will be continuing her education at HCC next year with the goal of a career in social work helping young people who find themselves in similar circumstances that she has faced. We'll publish the information from the sixth nominee when it's received.

The nominees will each receive \$100 and a nice certificate honoring their nomination for the award. The student that is selected as the overall A.C.E. Award recipient will receive \$750 and be submitted for consideration at the District and National levels.

Board meeting - The Board of Directors will meet at Liberty Bank on March 20th at 5:30PM. Members are welcome.

Guests - One guest this week. Trent Hunter brought co-worker Richard Shepherd as his guest. Trent and Richard work at the Ramada Inn/ Five Sullivan Brothers Center.

Awards nominations - Wanda Martin reminds us of the three award categories we will be recognizing people for during the meeting on April 14th. Wanda asks that all **nominations be submitted by March 17th**. We published the criteria in recent newsletters, but if you need to see them again contact me by email by [clicking here](#) and we'll get them to you again.

Director change - Carole Hyder is replacing current board member Dave Beaty. Dave's work schedule is limiting his availability for work on the club's Board of Directors.



Carole Hyder

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