Excellent feedback from students and parents

"I would not change my UNMC High School Alliance experience for the world. This program allowed me to build relationships with the university, the community, and of course my classmates. It is mind-blowing to have been given this opportunity. I knew back then when I was eight years old, I knew I wanted to become a physician because the human body fascinated me. To believe that dream is still within my reach is incredible."
—Student from the UNMC High School Alliance Class of 2013

"I love meeting different people from other school districts as well as being exposed to other health care professions—professions that I would never think of...."
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"All of the staff in this one, single program has greatly affected my life for the better. I know so much before I even lay a foot in the door of medical school. I am glad that this program has so many teachers who go out of their way to make this program the best it can be.*
—Student from the UNMC High School Alliance Class of 2012

Feedback from Former UNMC High School Alliance Students who are now in college

"The opportunity to engage in college life and the responsibility that comes with it was transformational for my student. Instructors, high school coordinators, and the mentor in our case were excellent. Everyone involved were fantastic role models. High school kids need to be around more adults who walk the walk.*
—Parent of a student from the UNMC High School Alliance Class of 2013

"The professionalism is excellent. For the UNMC High School Alliance to give high school students the opportunity to be in a true hospital setting as they learn is wonderful. Also being able to interact with their peers from different schools is beneficial."
—Parent of a student from the UNMC High School Alliance Class of 2013

"This is an outstanding program. What is great about this program is that students can experience their regular high school for part of the day and spend the rest of the day focusing on health/medicine.*
—Parent of a student from the UNMC High School Alliance Class of 2011

"I am so glad I took the anatomy course in the UNMC High School Alliance program. It helped me A LOT! I am now an anatomy tutor at the University of Nebraska Omaha, and I could not have done it without this program. I will also be returning to UNMC in a year and a half for a biotechnology internship. Your program has made everything easier for me.*
—Student from the UNMC High School Alliance Class of 2013

"The infectious disease class that I took at the UNMC High School Alliance really prepared me for my lab classes at Iowa State University. I was so far ahead of the other students that the lab instructors asked me to be a teaching assistant! Thank you to UNMC High School Alliance program.*
—Student from the UNMC High School Alliance Class of 2012

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80% of college attendees remaining in Nebraska
22 students are attending an out of state college or university
19 students are attending other Nebraska (in-state) colleges and universities
39 students are attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha
25 students are attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln
4 students are attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney

73% plan to pursue health STEM field in college
The 114 students who have completed the program and graduated from high school indicated interest in these majors including 83 (73%) in health related fields:
- 45 Pre-Med, Biology related major
- 15 Nursing
- 12 Pre-Pharm, Chemistry, other chemistry related
- 2 Animal Sciences
- 5 Psychology and/or Public Health
- 4 Exercise Science/Athletic Training
- 9 Other majors (journalism, education, business, foreign language)
- 17 Undecided
- 4 No Response to Our Inquiries

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35.1% of graduated students qualified for free and reduced lunch
93% of college attendees remaining in Nebraska
96% COLLEGE ATTENDANCE RATE

- 7% did not complete the program, either graduated from high school early or withdrew from the program for personal reasons.
- of those who have completed the HSA program, 17 students were juniors in 2012-2013 and will not be eligible for college until 2014.
- of the 114 students who have completed our program and who have also graduated from high school, at least 96% (109) either have or will be attending college in the fall. Of the remaining 5, 1 enlisted in the US Air Force and 4 did not respond to our inquiries.
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“Being a member of the UNMC High School Alliance has put me a step ahead with my college search and my knowledge about the career that I am interested in has grown exponentially. I feel more prepared about going to college and I feel like I am more comfortable in the sciences than I was before.”

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