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**EducationQuest Awards Grants to 28 High Schools**

*Funds will help increase college-going rate*

(LINCOLN, Nebraska, September 12, 2016) – EducationQuest Foundation has selected 28 Nebraska high schools as recipients of *College Access Grants* – a program designed to increase the number of students who go to college.

The schools will share \$840,000 in grant funds over the next four years. The amount each school receives is based on enrollment.

Kearney Senior High School, Lincoln Northeast High School, Millard South High School, Omaha Bryan High School and Omaha Northwest High Magnet School will each receive \$20,000 a year for four years.

Ralston High School, Scottsbluff Senior High School, and Beatrice High School will each receive \$10,000 a year for four years.

Plattsmouth High School will receive \$7,500 a year for four years.

Cozad Senior High School, Fairbury Jr.-Sr. High School, Johnson County Central High School, Malcolm Jr.-Sr. High School, Milford High School, Sandy Creek Public Schools, Southern Jr.-Sr. High School, Wisner-Pilger High School, Wood River Public School and Yutan High School will each receive \$5,000 a year for four years.

Cedar Bluffs High School, Crawford High School, Deshler High School, East Butler High School, Hampton High School, Lawrence-Nelson High School, Pawnee City Public School, Thayer Central High School and Wheeler Central High School will each receive \$2,500 a year for four years.

The high schools use the grants to fund programs and activities such as college visits, financial aid sessions, scholarship searches, career exploration, ACT test preparation, and completion of college applications. The grant program also promotes involvement with families and businesses to help ensure the program's success.

The recipient schools have set goals to increase their college-going rates by approximately 10 percentage points over the next four years.

EducationQuest awards *College Access Grants* to Nebraska high schools every two years and has awarded 109 grants to 74 high schools since the program began in 2006.

*EducationQuest Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to improve access to higher education in Nebraska. Headquartered in Lincoln, EducationQuest provides free college planning services, need-based scholarships, college access grants, and outreach services for community agencies. For more information, call 800.303.3745 or visit [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org).*

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