



South O'Brien High School

# The Wolverine Roar

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## South O'Brien Hosts Career Fair for Students

By Addison Hedberg

South O'Brien Secondary School hosted a Career Fair on Thursday, March 27. Employees from 19 area businesses volunteered their time to share details about their jobs with 7-12 students.

The event started off in the west gym with keynote speaker Larry Wajada. Wajada, Iowa Lakes Community College director of the Northwest Region, provided the students with information about building skills for success. Some of Wajada's key points included job

opportunities in Iowa, employment skills, and knowing when to ask for help in employment situations.

Following the keynote, students went to various classrooms to explore the different career fields. Career options students could check out included the medical field, education, agriculture, health-care, media teams, and many more. Some businesses provided hands-on activities while others prepared a presentation or games. Students were given the opportunity to

sign up for four sessions of their choice based on their career interest.

Instructional coach Mrs. Becca Miller set up the first career fair two years ago. The event is held every other year, alternating with the college fair, which is also held in the spring at South O'Brien. Advertisement for the fair started in January. "Many businesses reached out right away," said Miller. She added, "I am very pleased we had 19 businesses represented."



Speaker Larry Wajada talks to the 7-12 students in the west gym at the Career Fair on March 27.

## Five New Members Inducted into NHS

By Grace Keen and Amelie Wilson

Five new members were inducted into the South O'Brien Dolphin Chapter of the National Honor Society on Monday, March 17. The new

members include two juniors, Avery Halverson and Austin Negus, along with three sophomores, BreLee Rasmussen, William Stout, and Abby

Woodall.

The new inductees were selected to join because they met the required standards: scholarship, leadership, service, and

character. Students applied by writing an essay and completing a form reflecting their work. The current nine members include four seniors, President Cadan Wittrock, Alexandra Grimm, Ashlynn Gunnerson, and Abigail Nelson, as well as five juniors, Gabe Moermond, Lindsey Einck, Alex Griebel, Chloe Hustedt, and Reese Farquhar. Wittrock said, "The new NHS members are stepping up in a big way, and it's awesome to see them ready to make an impact. NHS isn't just about good grades—it's about leadership, service, and helping others in need. I know this group will



New members William Stout, Austin Negus, BreLee Rasmussen, Abby Woodall, and Avery Halverson listen to guest speaker Mrs. Aberson.



NHS members front: Abigail Nelson, BreLee Rasmussen, Abby Woodall, Avery Halverson, William Stout, Ashlynn Gunnerson, and Alexandra Grimm. Back: Chloe Hustedt, Linsey Einck, Reese Farquhar, Austin Negus, Gabe Moermond, and Alex Griebel all gather together for a picture.

## South O'Brien Represents Nepal and Chile at 2025 Model UN Conference at UNI

By Ethan Schwarz and Bode Bailey

South O'Brien Model UN, advised by Kevin Hanlin, made the trek to Cedar Falls for the 60th annual Model United Nations conference held at the University of Northern Iowa. Each year, UNI holds a mock UN conference for high school students, allowing students to delegate and solve world problems by creating amendments to be passed.

Countries get further broken down into seven committees. Committees include the Security Council, Political & Security, Disarmament, ECOSOC, Social, Humanitarian & Cultural, Legal, and the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Each committee has two delegates assigned to it to represent that country. Then, students confer in the delegation, discussing amendments created by students.

In past years, students have only represented one country. Because of the increase in members this year, South O'Brien was

required to represent two countries--Nepal and Chile.

Veteran members look forward to the conference all year. Returning members included seniors Ethan Schwarz, Alex Grimm, Bensen Rohwer, and Bode Bailey. New members include seniors Tricia Kilts, Hailei Wallinga, junior Anessa Johnson, freshmen Owen Oliver, Kate Dau, Andie Gay, Jaiel Warden, and Luke VandeGriend.

A new member, Owen Oliver, said, "My favorite part was the community fostered in Model UN."

Alex Grimm, who has been a part of Model UN for 3 years, said, "Model UN is a great opportunity to meet new people from around Iowa. Participating in Model UN has helped me with public speaking skills. It gives students an opportunity to practice real-world problem solving through peaceful delegation."



South O'Brien Delegates of Chile and Nepal take a group photo at UNI. (Front to back) Freshman Kate Dau, senior Hailei Wallinga, senior Alex Grimm, junior Anessa Johnson, freshman Andie Gay, advisor Kevin Hanlin, senior Ethan Schwarz, freshman Luke VanderGreen, senior Tricia Kilts, freshman Jaiel Warden, senior Bensen Rohwer, freshman Owen Oliver, senior Bode Bailey.



# “Bright Lights, Big City” Prom 2025 Preview

By Avery Halverson

The 2025 South O'Brien High School Prom is set for Saturday, April 26. This year's Prom theme is “Bright Lights, Big City” voted on by the Junior Class. Juniors worked hard to fundraise for Prom by selling frozen goods, like Butter Braid Pastries and Pastry Puffins in November and hog raffle tickets in March. Juniors who met their fundraising goals will be excused from class the Friday before Prom to decorate for the event. The events for the night have been set. The doors open at 7 pm, and Jons Gallery will take class pictures starting at 7:30 pm. The Grand March will begin at 8 pm, fol-

lowed by couple photos. The dance is scheduled from 9 to 11:30 pm with Audiostone Entertainment providing music for the students to enjoy. The After-Prom Party will be held from 12:30-4:00 am in the west gym at the high school. Doors will close at 12:30 am and students will no longer be allowed to enter. The Primghar Jaycees are sponsoring the After-Prom party again this year. Organizers Maureen Thompson, Jenifer Mars, Danielle Sampson, Jo Stout, Kim Hintz, and Melanie Yates have been hard at work preparing for the event. Activities will include bouncy houses, card

games, knockout basketball, minute-to-win-it games, karaoke, and a hypnotist. Throughout the games, students will have opportunities to win “money” that they can spend later on door prizes. Various local businesses have donated money, gift cards, and prizes for students to win in the “store.” In addition, free pizza and drinks will be provided for the kids to enjoy. Students in attendance will also receive free T-shirts and gift bags. Organizer Melanie Yates said, “Our goal is to provide a fun and safe night for kids to enjoy and create a prom they will always remember.”

## Scrubs Camp at NCC

By Shayli Johnson

Two South O'Brien High School students, senior Shayli Johnson and sophomore BreLee Rasmussen, attended a Scrubs Camp hosted by Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) in Sheldon, IA, on Tuesday, March 11. At the event, they explored a wide variety of healthcare careers and gained valuable hands-on experience.



Shayli Johnson and BreLee Rasmussen pose wearing their scrubs camp shirts.

The girls were grouped with peers from other schools across Northwest Iowa. They moved through different stations that highlighted various healthcare professions, like CNA, nursing, radiologic technology, medical coding, EMT, surgical technologist, pharmacy technician, and medical lab techs. One of the hands-on activities they got to experience was testing their blood type. The camp ended with an exciting

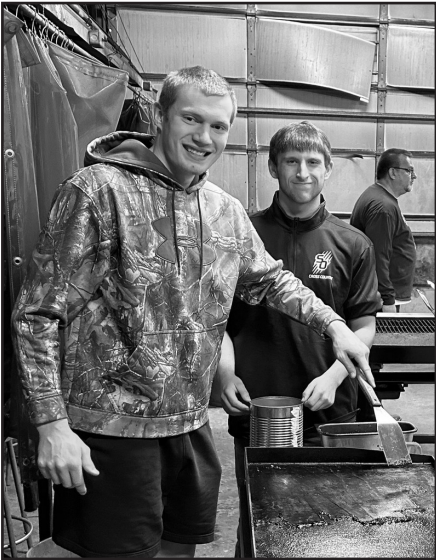
emergency scenario where several healthcare professionals roles collaborated to respond to an emergency situation. With the weather being so nice, it allowed for the dramatic addition of a helicopter to land for the emergency scenario. Senior Shayli Johnson plans to attend NCC next year to major in nursing

to earn her RN license. While BreLee Rasmussen is only a sophomore, she plans to pursue a career in the health field. BreLee said, “My favorite part of the camp was learning more about the various healthcare professions and being able to do hands-on activities for each medical career.”

# FFA Teacher Breakfast

By Alex Griebel

Each year the South O'Brien FFA Chapter puts on a teacher breakfast during National Ag Week. Unfortunately, the event was postponed twice due to weather conditions. This year the event was held on Wednesday, March 26, at North Campus. FFA members volunteer to come in early the morning of the event to help prepare food. Volunteers sign up for various stations and prepare food for the breakfast. Stations include eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, pancakes, and servers. PE teacher Mr. Goodchild had this to say about the event, “Each year I attend, the breakfast and everything there is always very good.” Mr. Kumm stated, “This year I thought the event went as smoothly as it's ever gone. It's a nice way for students to say thank you to the faculty for allowing us to miss school and go to all of the competitions we attend throughout the year.”



Seniors Brett Evans and Bode Bailey fry bacon for the teacher breakfast.



Senior Abby Nelson and sophomore BreLee Rasmussen help prepare food for the teacher breakfast.

## Girls Alumni Basketball Being Planned

By Lindsey Einck and Abby Nelson

Plans for a Girl's Alumni Basketball Game are in the works. Becky and Hannah Dau are organizing the event. In conjunction with the South O'Brien Boys Alumni Basketball game, a Girls' Alumni Basketball game will be held on the same day. The Boy's Basketball Program has been holding an alumni event since 2018. South O'Brien has never held a girls'

alumni basketball game. It would allow past basketball players to showcase their skills in a friendly competition. Class of 2021 Alumni Hannah Dau stated, “I'm hoping this women's alumni basketball game will bring many amazing women together to celebrate the history of women's basketball in our community. Whether you were a Paullina Panther, Primghar Bull-

dog, Sutherland Tiger, or South O'Brien Wolverine, these games will be a time to celebrate history, have some fun, and most importantly, give back to our girls basketball program. South O'Brien's basketball program is close to my heart and always will be. With this alumni game, I can take something I love and use it to give back to the community.”

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All proceeds will benefit the South O'Brien Girls Basketball Program.

## What is your favorite spring activity?



**Freshman**  
**Roman Harms**  
"Track and field."



**Sophomore**  
**Chloe Cox**  
"Walking with my dogs Lola and Coco."



**Junior**  
**Parker Johnson**  
"Fishing for sure."



**Senior**  
**Shayli Johnson**  
"Taking my little sister to the park."



**Staff**  
**Mr. Yates**  
"Breakfast Club."



**Staff**  
**Mrs. Struve**  
"I love attending track meets and starting softball."