

## ALECESTER-HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

# A-H FFA FIGHTS HUNGER

The Alcester-Hudson FFA Chapter and National Honor Society hosted an event in partnership with Yankton Kids against Hunger Program and Orphan Grain Train out of Norfolk NE. Kids against Hunger is a national organization with a mission to help end hunger.

To celebrate National Ag Day/Week, on March 24 the Alcester-Hudson FFA Chapter helped conduct a meal making activity for the Kids against Hunger program.

Throughout the day the entire student body had the opportunity to help pack meals with the Yankton Kids against Hunger and Orphan Grain Train organizations. The students were then joined by over 25 community members and business organizations to finish the last shift of packing.

Former Alcester-Hudson FFA Advisor Kelly Dunkelberger said each meal costs about 20 cents to make and a packing shift lasts about 90 minutes and on average each person helped pack around 200 meals in their shifts.

Dunkelberger said community members donated items enough funds to host four shifts on that day, which helped defray the cost of the activity for the Kids against Hunger Program and the AH FFA/NHS program.

"There were over 150 people who helped pack over 41,000 meals in all," Dunkelberger said.



## ACADEMIC RIGORS AND SUCCESS

The students of Alcester-Hudson have embraced the opportunity afforded them through the dual credit courses being offered through the state universities and technical institutes.

Eighteen of the 43 eligible juniors and seniors in the district are currently enrolled in 11 different courses from 5 different universities and technical institutes. In addition, Alcester-Hudson has three seniors taking AP English in the district.

Students are learning how to prioritize time and navigate the various on-line components in order to be successful in the classes.

"It is our goal to have the majority of our juniors and seniors take at least one dual credit class in high school," Junior High and High School President LeeAnn Haisch said.

Along with the dual credit opportunities, Alcester-Hudson School District has also expanded rigorous coursework by adding Project Lead the Way – Biomedical classes.

"The number of our students who enter medical-related post-secondary programs has been steadily increasing over the past decade, so the addition of PLTW seemed a logical decision," Haisch said.

Jeff Sebern, the PLTW Biomedical class instructor, said he likes the meticulous problem solving required of students enrolled in the course.



"It requires students to read and carefully follow each step or procedure of the lab," Sebern said.

Students enjoy the hands-on aspect of the class.

"I like it because we are always doing something," Alcester-Hudson Senior Colin Walth said. "We see it happen rather than just reading about it and imagining how it is supposed to work."

The districts is celebrating many other good things this year, but two note-worthy accomplishments are the fifth consecutive year of increasing composite ACT scores – now at 23.6 – and the Board of Regents transition report for the district, which indicated former students enrolled in BOR colleges and technical schools earned an average GPA of 3.01 last year.