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(Neb.)-Chadron High Students Recognized For Academic Achievements



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(Chadron)-The 55th Annual Chadron Kiwanis Honors Program took place at the Chadron High School auditorium on Thursday afternoon, honoring several CHS students for their academic achievements throughout the school year.

The program speaker was Col. Kim Henningsen, a military combat veteran who has worked in defense intelligence, was a leader in bringing peace in South Africa, and concluded his 34-year military career at the CIA headquarters in Washington, DC. Henningsen now calls Hot Springs his home, and taught math and coached basketball at Hot Springs High School before retiring in 2011.

Starting off his speech, Henningsen stated his record with Hot Springs Bison basketball would have been much better if they hadn't had Chadron on the schedule with Elliot Eliason. All joking aside, Henningsen offered four tips to students on how to be successful in life.

Tip one was always follow the rules, and he showed a military helmet with a bullet hole in it to demonstrate how important that point was. Tip two was to choose friends with good moral character. Tip three was to work hard. Tip four was a combination of accepting challenges, and looking at setbacks as a way to change direction and not to be viewed as a roadblock.

Honor certificates were then awarded to students with exemplary grades, those placing at the Chadron State College Scholastic Contest, recognition of Nebraska Girls State participants, introduction of the Rotary Foreign Exchange student, recognizing Shoilee Rahman for her state award for the Law Day essay context, and President's Education awards.

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