

Board Report
Douglas County West High School

Jim Knott – High School Principal
January 15, 2024

Final exams were held on December 18 and 19, effectively ending the first semester at DC West. Second semester classes began for students on Thursday, January 4. Winter activities continued over winter break and are at about the halfway point.

John Baylor Test Prep classes will begin on January 11th this year. John and his associate will hold five ACT test prep sessions during the school day in January and the first week of February to help prepare students for the March 24 statewide ACT test. The district covers the cost (normally \$400) for all juniors who opt to take the test prep course. Student incentives for juniors to take John Baylor ACT Test Prep include 1) no cost, 2) a free buffet breakfast at the beginning of the January 31st test-prep session, and 3) the freedom to opt out of spring final exams by meeting or exceeding their individual ACT goal range. On average, DC West students have improved two points on the ACT by participating in John Baylor Test Prep. Ms. Cox also provides four, math-specific ACT preparation sessions in the evenings in February and March.

We hired two teachers at DC West High School in December this year. A brief profile for each is listed below. Morgan Bergen will start as soon as possible while Logan Johansen will start in August.

Morgan Bergen

Education:

University of Nebraska, Lincoln

*Bachelor of Science (May 2015)

*Major: Exercise and Health Science & Dietetics

*Master of Science (December 2017)

*Major: Nutrition and Exercise Physiology

Related Teaching/Coaching Experience

*University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (2011-2015)

*Football Strength & Conditioning Intern

*EXOS Performance Center, Frisco, TX (May-August, 2016)

*Performance Specialist Intern

*Athletes Training Center, Omaha, NE (September 2016-June 2017).

*Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach

*Midland University, Fremont, NE (2017-2021)

*Head Strength & Conditioning Coach – All Sports

*University of Nebraska, Omaha (2021-Present)

*Assistant Director of Strength & Performance

Logan Johansen

Education:

University of Nebraska, Kearney

*Bachelor of Arts (May 2021)

*Major: International Studies & Spanish

*Master of Arts (August 2023)

*Major: Spanish Education

Related Teacher Experience

*Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, UNK (2021-2022)

*Graduate Teaching Assistant, UNK (2021-2023)

*Instructor of College-Level Spanish 1

*English Teacher, Santander, Spain (2023-Present)

*Taught ESL in Grade 7-12 Classroom

High School enrollment as of January 10, 2024

<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>Total</u>
88	71	82	91	332