



124 E. Dakota, Pierre, SD

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## Thanks For Giving A Gown



### IT IS NOT TOO LATE

You can still "Give a Gown!" We really appreciate the donations that have come in for our "Give A Gown" project. The Right Turn has borrowed gowns from Lutheran Memorial Church for more than 10 years for our graduation ceremonies, and feel it is time to purchase our own gowns.

A tag will be sewn inside your donated gown with your name or organization. We are a non-profit organization and your contribution is tax deductible.

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### *Career Speakers*

In January 2005, **Rita Linn** with Linn Real Estate spoke to students at The Right Turn, Inc. about how she got started in real estate. Her husband was actually working in real estate but Rita was taking many of the calls in his absence. She decided to put her nursing career on hold to pursue real estate. She is now a Real Estate Broker and also manages several rental properties. Rita said that if you want an 8 to 5 job, then real estate is not it. But if you like meeting new people, flexibility, and are self-motivated, then real estate is a wonderful career.

Students visited **Dr. Brian Dozark's** office in March 2005. Dr. Dozark is a Chiropractor in Pierre. He explained the difference between medical doctors and chiropractors and how they work together to help patients. As he is just starting his business, he does everything from scheduling appointments, treating patients, handling billings, and cleaning the office. He also explained what is involved when starting a new business.

We all enjoyed learning about their careers and how they got into their careers.

## Summer Programs for Teens

This year The Right Turn, Inc. is sponsoring three summer programs for local youth. The goal of these programs is to increase skill levels as well as provide an orientation to career opportunities.

### Careers Camp - June 6th -June 30th

Youth will meet in June to work on applied academics, explore careers, and learn life skills. Classroom time will focus on basic skills and employment instruction. Instructor Jamie McEntaffer and Right Turn staff work together to add a variety of fun activities and fieldtrips to the program.

The Pierre Career Center staff help youth obtain a job in the community to gain work experience and learn employment skills.

### Girls DiscoverIt- July 18th- July 22nd

The goal of this camp is to introduce girls to computer technology and associated high wage, high demand careers. The girls will pair up to work on technology projects that include computer assembly, GPS, digital photography, and robotics. This camp is funded by the Women in Educational Equity Act. Amber Fluth will be the instructor for this camp.



### NEW THIS YEAR

### Digital Story-Telling- Aug.8th- Aug.12th

Shane Cronin will be instructing a five day summer program that introduces the skill of storytelling through digital video technology. Participants will work in teams to create their very own documentary using digital camcorders, lights, microphones, music, digital cameras, and computers.

The theme of the camp is "character in the community." The youth will choose their project and go out into the field to film their story. The skills learned can be used for future digital projects at home or school.





### CONGRATULATIONS STAFF!

Congratulations to **Shane Cronin** and his new bride Vera. They were married May 27th at Moon Palace Resort on the Riviera Maya, Mexico.

**Christine Deal** and Troy Christopherson were married April 2nd at the Sandals Resort in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

**Juli Smith** and Jon Kirkpatrick were married January 14th at the United Methodist Church in Pierre, SD.



### Blood Drive

On Monday January 31, 2005 The Right Turn held a blood drive at the First Assembly of God Church. Staff scheduled appointments and United Blood Services provided the technicians.

Advance High students Matt M., Edy O., Geri L., and Shawnee S. took turns being receptionists at the blood drive. As receptionists they told the people donating where to sign in and directed them where to go, and helped out the Technician. They did a good job representing The Right Turn, Inc. There were twenty-nine units of blood donated.

**By Edy O., Advance High Student**

### Hughes County Coroner Visits Advance High

Hughes County Coroner Patrick Van Lith spoke to Advance High students recently at The Right Turn. He stated that he was asked by someone to run and the reason he accepted was mainly because he had a job as funeral director and wanted to gain some experience.

Patrick said that the process was pretty basic. He got a petition and was required to get a certain amount of signatures on it. He also needed to have a party affiliation. Patrick stated that both times he ran for coroner he did not have an opponent.

When asked what kind of experience you need to run for coroner, he told the students that no experience or training is required. Patrick says that as coroner you rely on law enforcement, forensic pathologists, and medical experts.

As Coroner you must be involved in any unattended death in the county, and investigate and report the cause of death. The Coroner is also the highest ranking county official. This means that it is their responsibility to arrest the sheriff if it is needed.

Patrick says the hardest part of his job is dealing with suicides because of the emotions involved. He also has to make sure that it is truly a suicide and not a homicide. The part of his job that he enjoys most is the investigation and finding the answer to the problem. The final question asked was whether or not he encourages others to run for public office. "Absolutely," he said. "There are a lot of opportunities to do good and serve citizens."

**By Ashley S., Advance High Student**

### Job Corps

The Advance High students went to the Governor's Inn on December 7, 2004 to learn about Job Corps. Job Corps is located near Rapid City and called "Box Elder." David Bricklyn told the group different things that you could learn at Box Elder Job Corps. They start you out in a color code. As you work through the code you earn your GED and then your High School diploma. At the same time you learn a job skill.

Box Elder has four different dorms, three are for the guys and one is for the women. They have an Honor house that you can live in if you are working on your High School diploma. In the Honor house you only have six roommates.

You can sign up for Job Corps between the ages of 16 and 24. To sign up you contact One Stop. I think it's a good program if you want to get your life back on track.

**By Shawnee S., Advance High Student**

### Advance High Conferences

The Right Turn Advance High conferences were held last February 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> in the Advance High classroom. The Right Turn has conferences twice a year, usually held in October and February. If the students bring their parents, they will earn an extra five points. If the students come without a parent, they will earn an extra three points. The reason The Right Turn has conferences is to inform the students and maybe even their parents on how the student is progressing. It also gives the teacher a chance to get to know the students and their parents better. Another reason is to help the student in their progress and in their plan of study. I think that conferences are a good idea. They let you see where you are at in your class. You get to talk to your teacher one-on-one and get to know them better. A student or parent can schedule conferences at anytime they wish.

**By Kyle S., Advance High Student**

### Former Student joins Marines

Former Advance High student **Jordan Christiansen** visited the classroom on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Jordan has just completed Marine basic training in San Diego, California. He finished third in his class.



He attributed his success to the help he received as an Advance High student. "Annie, Joan and Shane taught me that I could get focused and stay focused – this was a key part to my success."

Following his ten-day leave, Jordan will return to California for a brief training program. Then he will be sent to Georgia for training as a diesel mechanic. It was great to see a former student and we at The Right Turn, Inc. wish him continued success.

### Field Trip

Last April 7<sup>th</sup> the afternoon students took a field trip to the Pierre Discovery Center. The students were taught how to make geometric paintings by Dick Termis. Dick has been all over the world making these paintings. He taught the students all the steps on how to create these paintings. These types of paintings would take a number of months to finish because of the great amount of detail. His paintings would be in shapes of hexagons, circles, squares, pretty much any shape that he could do. Dick told the students that if they enjoy making geometric paintings, that they could make their hobby a job.

**By Kyle S., Advance High Student**

### Students attend County Commissioners Meeting

Shawnee S. and Edy O. attended the Hughes County Commissioner's meeting on February 14, 2005. It was part of a class called American Legal System.

The meeting took place at the Hughes County Court House in the commissioners' office. There are five commissioners in Hughes County. Their names are Bill Abernathy, Mark E. Venner Sr., Roger Inman, Brad Scott, and Jim Hardwick. Mr. Hardwick was not present at the meeting.

The Hughes County Commissioners have a meeting every two weeks to discuss new ideas and decide what is good for our town and county. They concluded some business from their last meeting, then addressed the Scott Brothers' concerns and other business.

I think that it would be a good experience for the kids to go and listen too because the public doesn't really know what the commissioners are going through and how the system really works. The commissioners had to work hard to get where they are at right now.

**By Shawnee S., Advance High Student**

### Marshmallows and Spaghetti?

At the Right Turn we do different character building activities every month. They teach us responsibility, caring, respect, and teamwork. On November 24 we did an activity that challenged our team working skills.

Shane brought in marshmallows and spaghetti noodles. We were divided into teams and told to build a structure as tall as we could in twenty-five minutes. The tallest structure would be the winner. The structure had to withstand a "Shane blow," wind that is.

The activity was way more difficult than I thought it was going to be but fun at the same time. The morning class's tallest structure was 22cm high. My partner, Matt J. and I worked hard and built the tallest structure of the day at 25.5cm tall.

Who would have guessed that marshmallows and spaghetti could teach us how to work together as a team?

**By Angela B., Advance High Student**

### Honesty Is the Way to Go

February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Right Turn we played hang-man using phrases that emphasized the importance of honesty. This is part of an ongoing program that focuses on Character development. Each month a different component of good character is presented.

January was self-motivation and February was honesty. Billy and Joan were the teachers of the game. The students involved were Kyle, Joel, Leti, Brittney and I. We played 3 rounds of hang-man. Each saying was different. Every time we would complete a phrase we would discuss what it meant. The point of this game was to learn about honesty and how it's always good to tell the truth. Every round we played, a different person won. This game was fun to play; we all laughed, had a good time, and learned the importance of honesty.

**By Kelsey B., Advance High Student**

### Character Education Activities

Character Education is a part of The Right Turn, Inc. curriculum. Each month a different character trait is presented. January trait was self-motivation and February was honesty. Because of staff changes and schedule conflict these two traits were presented together.

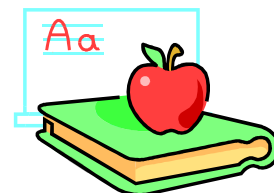
Are you self-motivated? The students at the Right Turn are now. On Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, they participated in a self-motivating card activity. The cards have words on them such as "dreams" and "desire." How do these words apply to self-motivation? We discussed that and came up with some great ways to be self-motivated. After participating in this class activity anyone would have some self-motivation. Be around others who are motivated themselves and your own self-motivation will become greater.

**By Brittni B., Advance High Student**

## Character Education

**Wisdom** is knowing what to do next, **skill** is knowing how to do it, and **virtue** is doing it.

David Starr Jordon,  
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