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## “TeamMates is my Focus”



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Dr. Tom Osborne made it clear: The TeamMates Mentoring Program he and his wife, Nancy, founded in 1991 is now his public center stage: “TeamMates Mentoring

Program will be my focus in the years I have remaining,” Osborne said at the Nov. 21, 2013 Blair Lions Club/ TeamMates of Blair Recruitment Dinner. To

potential TeamMates mentors, Osborne said, “Blair has a fine TeamMates program.” Thank you Blair Lions for this opportunity, and your efforts to serve youth.

# Blair Scholarship Winners



TeamMates Mentoring Program Central Office Gigi Inness Scholarship winner, Chris, currently majors in English Education and Drama at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Jayde, TeamMates Mentoring Program of Blair Max West Scholarship winner, attends

Metro Community College. She plans to transfer to Methodist Medical College to become an Ultra-Sound Technologist.

TeamMates Mentoring Program of Blair Local Scholarship winner, Whitney, attends Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

Whitney intends to transfer to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. From there she is planning on attending two years of graduate school and then finishing up with two years at Iowa State University, for a total of 8 years to become a Veterinarian.

**“I know for a fact I would not be the person I am now without my mentor.”**

**—Blair Senior**

## My Mentor Is...

“...fun, funny, awesome to talk to, and he always asks questions.”

“...someone I can talk to when I have a problem, because I know she can understand.”

“...a caring person I

can relate to. She is always there with kind words and helpful advice. I know for a fact I would not be the person I am now without her.”

“...always keeping my spirits up, no matter

how dark the world may seem. I wouldn't trade him for all the money in the world.”

“...very respectful. She listens when I talk. And we have lots of fun.”

## Senior Class of 2013

Blair TeamMates Senior Class of 2013: TeamMates since 6th grade, most with the same mentor: Kollena, Kayla, Joy, Christian, Jacob, Jayde, Keana, and Whitney.



## Creighton Men's Basketball —Don't Forget!



I remembered today Creighton invited us to the CenturyLink Center for a free game. I climbed on the bus Blair TeamMates rented for us, with my mentor. We've both got our free Blue Jay's t-shirts, free tickets,

and the money from Blair for my concessions. After the game I'll get in line to have the players sign my free poster and maybe get my picture taken with a Jay. And, oh yeah.... I'm going to remember this day a long time!

**I'm going to remember this day a long time!**

## Fall Kickoff Parties: The Tailgater!!!

If you think you wouldn't like kicking back on the Blair High School lawn in early fall, grabbing your plate full of homemade goodies, beanie weenies, meatballs, chips, dips, and desserts from the tailgates of a couple of new Sid

Dillon trucks, watching the balloons launch, waiting for your chance at great prizes like Butch's Deli, Godfather's, Pizza Hut or McDonalds complete family meals, well...could we hold your plate for you?



## ...and the Ice Cream Social!!!



Speaking of fun... and I believe we were...Butch's Deli, Godfather's, McDonald's and Pizza Hut showered our annual Middle School Kickoff with prizes. TeamMates parents, stu-

dents, and mentors competed at games and built ice cream sundaes with every topping known to human kind. *(And some combinations quite unknown to human kind.)*



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**Together We Transform Lives**

The mission of TeamMates Mentoring Program is to positively impact the world by inspiring youth to reach their full potential through mentoring. Dr. Tom and Nancy Osborne founded the program in 1991 in an effort to provide support and encouragement to school aged youth. The goal of the program is to see youth graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary education. To reach this goal, youth meet one hour a week, one-to-one in the school setting with a screened, trained adult volunteer mentor. The Blair Chapter has served in Blair Community Schools since 2004.



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How are students chosen?**

A. Anyone may nominate a student. Most nominations come from teachers in 4th-7th grades. Students are nominated on the basis of their great potential and for the extra encouragement a mentor can provide.

**Q. My work schedule is hard to predict. Can I be a mentor?**

A. Yes! Although students

and mentors meet at school during school hours, we work to provide the flexibility mentors need.



**Q. I take vacations and business trips—Can I mentor?**

A. Bon Voyage! How about sending a post card or email?

**Q What can mentors and students do at school?**

A. Play games, talk, go outside, throw a ball, do crafts, study. Have fun!

**Q. Who can answer more questions?**

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