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ASPIRE aids IVHS pupils with career directions

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The "Colonel" is back at Illinois Valley High School (IVHS).

After teaching and serving as program manager of the U.S. Air Force Junior ROTC program for eight years, Lt. Col. Alan Crews (USAF ret.) has returned after taking a year off when 2003 budget cuts eliminated the ROTC program.

This time, Crews will be found in the counseling center as IVHS director of ASPIRE, an acronym for Access to Student Assistance Programs In Reach of Everyone.

"It's a program that started about eight or nine years ago in Oregon and spread every year since," Crews said.

"The overall thrust is to in any way possible encourage high school students to pursue further training or education," said Crews, "whether it be private job skills, education programs, tattooing schools, cosmetology schools, tax preparation schools, real estate schools, vocation schools or a community college.

"It doesn't have to be just college or a university, although we do support students who wish to take that route as well."

According to Crews, everyone is eligible for this program, regardless of grades, race, income, or nationality.

"This program is not just for low-income or first-generation college students," he said. "It's for everyone, and I really want to emphasize that.

"This is a hugely endowed program where financial assistance is made available, and it certainly targets a significant group who otherwise wouldn't be able to further their education," Crews said.

Part of Crews' job is to meet with students and help them decide what they want for their future. Then, he meets with them regularly to make sure that they are staying on track.

Another part of his job is to recruit adult volunteers to fill the need for mentors.

"My salary is actually funded by Americorps, which is the domestic equivalent of the Peace Corp," Crews said.

"This is grant money and it's not infinite," he said. "The program has to build itself enough to sustain itself on a volunteer basis. The goal is in three to five years have the program going strong enough.

"A very crucial part of my job is my requirement to recruit community members to become the base of the program, then the funding will move on to another school that doesn't have the program going strong yet."

Crews added that this program is nothing new to the school, either.

"This program was done when we had far more staff and more teachers and counselors were available to help students in this area, but now teachers are stretched thin," he said. "It's not a new program; it's just under different auspices," Crews said.

According to Crews, ASPIRE is supported by many foundations, including the Oregon Student Assistance Program. Additionally, The Oregon Community Foundation has its own education committee and provides funds to ASPIRE.

"Also, the Ford Family of the Ford Forest Products in Roseburg is a foundation that has for many years been involved in many rural endeavors," Crews said. "They really do emphasize help to rural communities over the state, especially rural Southern Oregon. And, the Oregon Dept. of Human Services gears up to help," Crews said.

"It's a fairly unique program," Crews said. "Many states have come to Oregon to see what we're doing to know what they can do to make the program succeed in their state," he said.

After his 26-year military career, Crews, who is

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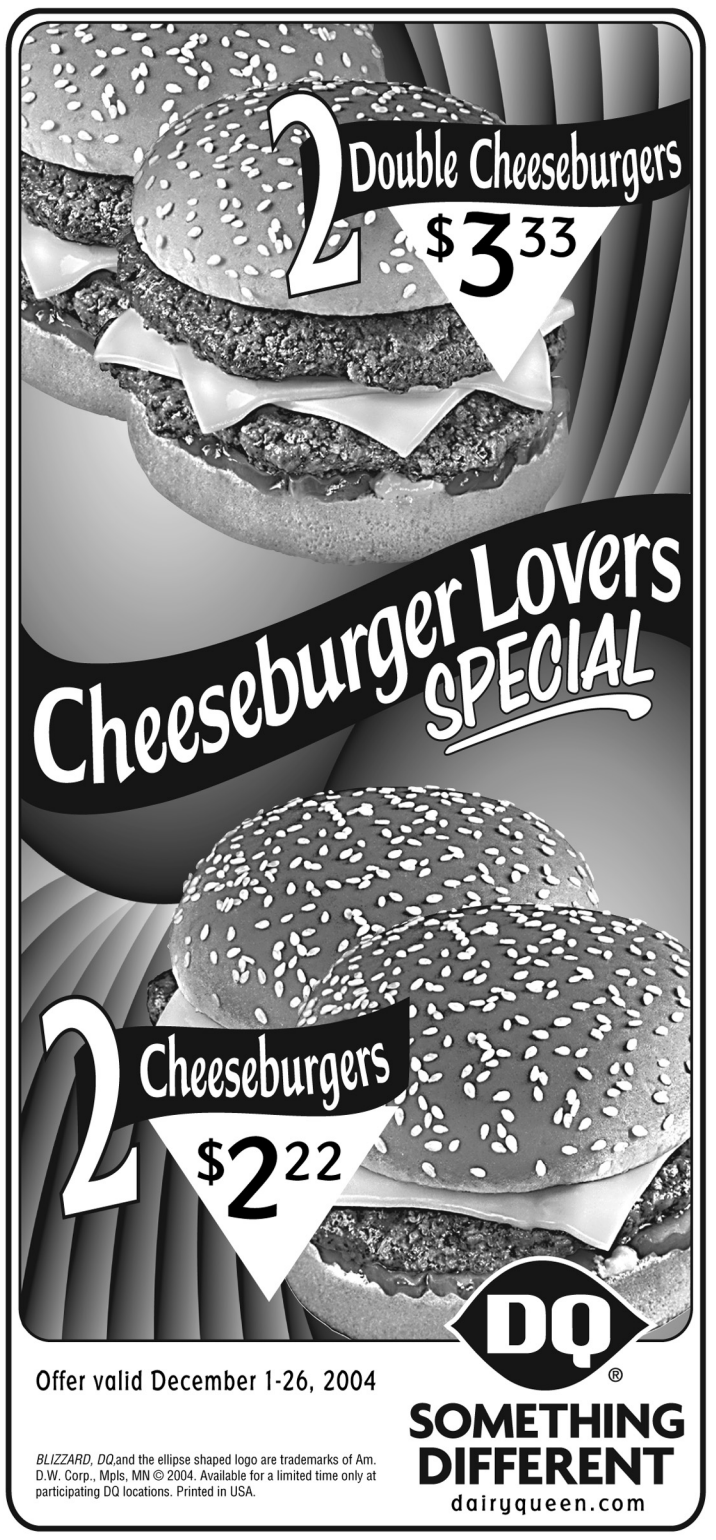
Alan Crews (the older guy wearing a tie at right) heads the ASPIRE program. With him are several student participants (front from left) Logan Jackson, Jenna Lorensen, Amanda Bobo, and Gordon Carrier; (rear from left) Jake Tardie, Jenny Bebb, DJ Zissen, Caleb Renno, and Patrick Decelles.



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- *28 - ESPN 2
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- *33 - Fox Sports Northwest
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- *37 - Nashville Channel
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2 WTBS	Mama's Family	Mama's Family	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Movie				Dawson's Creek		Dawson's Creek		Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
3 FOXFAM	Joyce Meyer	Feed the Children	Digimon-Digital	Digimon-Digital	Power Rangers	Beyblade	Varied Programs	Living the Life	The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Boy Meets World	Boy Meets World	Full House	Full House	Gilmore Girls	
4 FOX	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Paid Program	Paid Program	Green Acres	Green Acres	Mister Ed	Addams Family	Paid Program	Paid Program	Quincy, M.E.		Kojak		Cagney & Lacey		Reming-ton Steele	Varied Programs	St. Elsewhere		Varied Programs	
5 KOBI	News		Today						Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Home Improve.	Just Shoot Me	Days of our Lives		Passions		Dr. Phil		Seinfeld	Inside Edition	The Insider	NBC News
6 ESPN	Sports-Center	Varied Programs	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied Programs											Sports-Center	Varied Programs				
7 KSYS	Scientific American Frontiers		Dragon Tales	Berens-tain Bears	Sesame Street		Boohbah	Teletub-bies	Mister Rogers	Varied Programs	Sit and Be Fit	Charlie Rose		Caillou	Barney & Friends	Between the Lions	George Shrinks	Reading Rainbow	Clifford-Red	Postcards	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Cyber-chase	Zoom
8 TBN	Changing-World	John Hagee	Rod Parsley	Marilyn Hickey	Believer's Voice	Varied Programs			Behind Scenes	Varied Programs	Life Today	This Is Your Day	The 700 Club		John Hagee	Rod Parsley	Praise the Lord				Varied Programs		Behind Scenes	Varied Programs
9 LIFE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Fit & Lite	Daily Workout	The Nanny	Mad About You	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Golden Girls	The Nanny	The Nanny	Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs
10 KTVL	News		The Early Show				The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Jane Pauley Show		News	CBS News
11 NICK	Max & Ruby	Hey Arnold!	Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Rugrats	Sponge-Bob	Dora the Explorer	Varied Programs					Rugrats	Rugrats	Varied Programs						Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Sponge-Bob	Drake & Josh
13 KDRV	News Cont'd		Good Morning America				Live With Regis and Kelly		The View		News-watch Md	Ambush Makeover	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge Judy	Judge Joe Brown	Oprah Winfrey		News	ABC Wld News
15 USA	Coach	Coach	Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie				Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie				Movie			
17 A&E	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs						Murder, She Wrote		Third Watch		City Confidential		American Justice		Varied Programs				Murder, She Wrote		Third Watch	
18 HBO	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs										Movie		Varied Programs						Movie		Varied Programs	
19 SHOW2	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs					Movie		Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs	Movie			Movie	Varied Programs
21 SHOW	Movie Cont'd		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs						Movie		Varied Programs	
22 MAX	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs			Movie		Movie	Varied Programs			Movie			Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs					
29 ESPCL	Varied Programs		Jack LaLanne	One on One	Sports Spect.	Varied Programs																		
30 TRAV	Varied Programs																							
34 AMC	Movie		Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs																		Movie	
35 TNT	The Lost World		The Pretender		Angel		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy		Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order		Law & Order		Angel	
38 DISN	Winnie-Pooh	Bear in House	The Koala Brothers	The Wiggles	Higgly-town	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie Polie Olie	PB&J Otter	Out of the Box	The Wiggles	The Koala Brothers	Higgly-town	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	Winnie-Pooh	House of Mouse	Dave the Barbarian	Dave the Barbarian	Dave the Barbarian	Dave the Barbarian	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire
39 SCIFI	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs																Roswell	Varied Programs	BeastMaster	
45 DISC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Assignment Discovery		Varied Programs						Surprise by Design	Varied Programs	The Party Planner With David Tutera		Dude Room		Varied Programs			
46 ANPL	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	Pet Star	Varied Programs	Animal Precinct	Varied Programs	Growing Up...	Varied Programs	That's My Baby	That's My Baby	Adoption Tales	Pet Story	Animal Miracles	Varied Programs	Emer-gency	Emer-gency	The Jeff Corwin Experience		The Crocodile Hunter		Varied Programs			
47 COM	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie	Varied Programs					Mad TV	Varied Programs	Mad TV	Varied Programs	Mad TV	Varied Programs	Mad TV	Varied Programs	Mad TV	Varied Programs	Mad TV	Varied Programs	Mad TV	
48 CRT	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie				Movie				Movie	Varied Programs								

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