

Gift lets prep course move to North High

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A \$100,000 grant from Koch Industries will allow the Urban League of the MidPlains to offer its college preparatory class at North High School.

Officials expect to name the program director during an announcement, at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the library of North High, 1437 N. Rochester.

The program offers help to students including ACT preparation, financial aid application assistance, career and higher education counseling, and college tours.

The program, currently offered at the Urban League's Community Learning Center at 2418 E. Ninth St., served 239 students in 2005.

"Young people's schedules are challenging," said Brian Black, president of the local Urban League affiliate. "We're taking it to the customers instead of having them come to the servants."

Black said he wants to expand the program to all area high schools.

Last year, the program offered 1,500 counseling sessions and two college tours.

"This is not just a program doing its own thing," Black said. "We want to be a part of the whole success plan of the school."

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