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We can't believe that 2022 is coming to a close! Throughout the year, Nex-Gen was fortunate enough to have received vital funding via grants, donations, Nex-Tech Customer Round Up contributions, and partnerships, which allow our organization to offer unique, career-related programming across Northwest and North Central Kansas. In total, Nex-Generation received \$856,000 towards growing our internship, work study, Young AmeriTowne and entrepreneurship experiences.

**Your impact on area youth:**

- 143 Paid, Summer Internships for College and High School Students with 96 Area Businesses, a reinvestment of nearly \$617,000
- 25 Work Study Opportunities and Scholarships for Area Students (\$12,500 total)
- 1,742 High School and Junior High Students participated in our Virtual Career Fair and Career EXPLORation Days
- 1,047 4th-8th Graders, Teachers, and Volunteers attended Young AmeriTowne of Kansas
- 60 students attended our Interviewing Workshops
- \$1,500 in Youth Entrepreneurship "Best Marketing" Awards
  - Turning Tires, Aiden Conrad, Osborne Jr/Sr High School
  - B&B Cookies, Brooke Porubsky, Cheylin Jr/Sr High School
  - Hoofin' It, Whitley Frost, Rock Hills Jr/Sr High School
  - [Click here to view all award recipients](#)

**Because of YOU, Nex-Gen is able to reach students in the 28 counties we serve. YOU are helping us educate students about finance, work ethic, local careers, and so much more! Thank YOU!**

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## **Intern Spotlight**

The Nex-Gen Summer Internship Program pairs interested area college and high school students with local businesses looking for summer interns. Throughout the summer, the interns are given projects, programs, and other work that challenges them to work hard and grow.

Maggie James, of Ellis, Nex-Tech Advertising Solutions 2nd-year Intern, shares about her Nex-Gen Summer Internship experience:

### **What made you initially want to apply to be a Nex-Gen intern?**

"I was looking for a summer job and found that Nex-Gen had internship listings all over northwest Kansas in a variety of industries. I was surprised at the vast number of businesses that were willing to hire an intern."

### **What has surprised you most about your internship?**

"When I started, I thought I would be doing the stereotypical intern tasks, but I quickly realized that I would be much more involved than I previously thought. My first summer I completed several internal Nex-Tech projects and took on several responsibilities outside of the graphic design job description. This summer, I have expanded even further by doing external client work, as well as digital marketing and web design. I now have experience using Adobe Illustrator, Wordpress, Divi, and Wix, as well as Google, Facebook, and Snapchat Ads Manager. These are all programs I had not previously worked in, and I now have these hard skillsets to add to my résumé."

### **-How has this experience helped you see the importance of your rural community?**

"Nex-Gen has opened my eyes to the opportunities that are all around me. I have always loved western Kansas and I am proud to call it home. I have also realized that it is okay to move away for a while and I will always have a place to come back to where I can make a difference.

The internship program has shown me the numerous industries and jobs available right here in our rural communities. When I would talk about my internship while at college, many were surprised, asking "aren't you from the middle of nowhere?" and "you've already had an internship?!" This shows that we are shocking the "big city kids" with the opportunities we have available and even starting at a young age. Nex-Gen is supporting the development of small-town Kansas kids through their various

programs and services. I am very grateful for Nex-Generation and Nex-Tech for providing me with this opportunity!"

**MAGGIE JAMES**

**2021-2022 NEX-GEN INTERN**



Because of **YOU**, students like Maggie will continue to gain valuable skills and talents through interning that will help them succeed in their future careers right here at home!

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## Join Our Growing Organization As Our Donor Engagement Specialist!

Join our team! We are looking for an outgoing individual to join Nex-Generation as our full-time fundraiser. If you or someone you know would be a good fit for our Nex-Gen team and would enjoy working closely with youth, networking, and fundraising, go to <https://www.nex-generation.org/about-1> for more information and to apply!

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## How To Give

We are so grateful for the support system that we have for our programs! Whether you are able to donate \$5,000 or \$50, your contributions directly help educate young students in our programs! Click on the "donate" button below to give online or mail your donation to our office! Thank **YOU** for all **YOU** do for Nex-Gen!

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Thank you for your generous gifts!



Our mission is to educate northwest and north central Kansas students about local career opportunities by providing and supporting programs in career development, entrepreneurship, and internship. Through these efforts, we hope to foster a positive sense of community and encourage youth to remain or return home to prosper.

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