

## Program Highlights

### ESU Project Students Honor Local Veteran

This past summer, middle school migrant students from Columbus and St. Edward spent part of their time in summer school learning about fractions, measurements, and geometry as they learned to sew and quilt. They made a very special quilt called a Quilt of Valor, which for presentation to current or past member of the military who has been touched by war.

Their quilt earned a purple ribbon at the Platte County Fair and a red ribbon at the Nebraska State Fair. Now, in honor of Veterans Day, we have planned a special ceremony for the kids to present their quilt to John F. Olson, a Vietnam veteran from Columbus. *Submitted by Melinda Velecela, ESU 7*

### Alliance MEP Secondary Student Success

Jose moved to Alliance, NE in May 2015 from Bridgeport NE. Originally, from Honduras, Jose has lived in the US for 2 years. His father works at a ranch and works very long hours to provide a better life for his son. Jose's father is supportive of his son receiving an education here and learning English.

Jose has received Support Services through the MEP including life skills, interpretation, tutoring guidance, health, referrals & transportation. The MEP program was able to help him with transportation to obtain the immunizations that he needed to start school on the first day with the rest of his classmates, and support to see a dentist to have those needs met as well.

MEP Staff are also providing Jose with instructional services on a daily basis. The MEP staff are proud of his accomplishments and the work that Jose has done while here in Alliance. Alliance High School was Jose's first experience attending school in the United States. When he came to Alliance, he could not read, write or speak English. While attending school the past year and a half, Jose has made tremendous progress and is now able to speak, read and write in English because of the extra support that the MEP staff has provided him. The MEP staff is able to see him grow in confidence every day. The MEP staff can see Jose's desire to learn and work hard to achieve the goal of earning his diploma!

*Submitted by Amy Garza, Alliance MEP Liaison.*