



Coach Ron Brown runs a drill with (from left) Gabe Langemeier, Drew Perdew, and Riley Schreiber during his presentation at *Digging Deeper*.

Digging Deeper

by Josh Cumpston, Administrator March 14th, 2017. A day that continues to give me goose bumps—both the kind you get when you are excited and the kind you get when you are afraid.

One hundred sixty visiting elementary students from area Christian elementary schools and homeschools and more than fifty visiting teachers and parents came to Nebraska Christian to join our forty elementary students at *Digging Deeper*, a great day of listening, learning, and hands-on activities. That's over two hundred elementary kids at one time, and it was great. This was the third year we have offered this program, and it was our biggest turnout by far.

The morning opened with our pep band playing and one of our seniors leading us in worship songs. Our first speaker was Ron Brown (former Nebraska Assistant Football Coach and current Liberty University Associate Head Football and Receivers Coach). He challenged the students on the importance of holding onto their faith and the Word of God. One of the students remarked, "I really enjoyed his speaking style. He had a lot of energy and was fun to listen to." Another student said that she appreciated how he spoke about his talent (football), and how he used it to glorify God.

Brian Young (author, speaker, and Director of Creation Instruction) was here to talk about God's creation. He also brought his Semi-saurus, a creation museum on wheels. One student said "I loved learning and being able to see things in the Semi-saurus." Others talked about the experiment where Young lit bubbles filled continued on pa. 2



Student Council President Juan Lasso Velasco chats with a Red Cross staff member prior to giving blood. Lasso Velasco spent most of the day at the blood drive, as he was both a volunteer and a donor.

Student Council Hosts Blood Drive

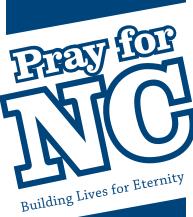
On Friday, April 7, the student council hosted its annual Red Cross Blood Drive. The drive ran from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and donors included students, staff, parents, and alumni. Student council members took turns manning the registration table, staffing the canteen (snack) area, and visiting with donors while they gave. Senior Class Co-President Morgan Schulze spent several hours working at the drive. Schulze is a twotime donor herself, and she was encouraged to see so many of her peers get involved. She said, "It was fun to help, and I was glad to see people willing to give."

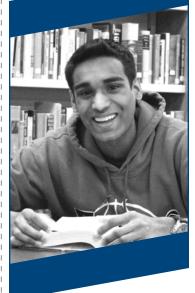
The drive ended up being the most successful NC drive in recent history, with 30 units of blood being donated. This is three units more than the goal set by the Red Cross and three units more than were given last year. Student Council Sponsor Becky Ritta ('99) said, "I was thrilled with the number of students who decided to donate this year! It can be scary to donate blood, and I'm so thankful for a student body that realizes the importance of donation and steps up to give."

Nyberg Selected to Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 6 has selected junior Kateland Nyberg as one of the delegates to Cornhusker Girls State this summer. Girls State is a week-long government education program for Nebraska high school girls who have completed their junior year

of high school and have an interest in learning about the government. Nyberg is the daughter of Tracy and Cindy Nyberg of Stromsburg.





Students:

Pray that our students would finish the school year well.

Staff:

Pray for our current staff members who are moving on to other opportunities.

Pray for incoming staff as they prepare to join us in the fall.

School:

Kateland Nyberg

Pray for recruitment for the next school year, that God would bring the right families to NC.

— Philippians 4:6 —

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with different gasses on fire in Ron Brown's hand.

Following lunch, we had an afternoon of math and science activities planned for all of the students. Andy Falk, one of our math instructors, planned the afternoon. Because of the great number of elementary students, our juniors, seniors, and many sophomores pitched in to make it a fun afternoon of learning.

The kindergarten through third grade students were divided up into groups and rotated through seven stations. They worked with marshmallow catapults for distance and accuracy, tried to see who could make their balloon hovercraft travel the furthest, did a coloring activity using math, played a math facts basketball game, got to watch and learn



about science experiments in our lab, sang praise songs with music teacher Mike Flynn, and took timed math tests and worked Sudoku puzzles. One grader second told me, " My fa-

Right: Brian Young of Creation vorite thing was the catapults; I

wanted to see how good I could aim. Also how [Brian Young] said that we didn't evolve, and that God made the world, and all the science [Young] showed us."

The fourth grade through sixth grade students were also divided up into groups and traveled to six stations. They did the marshmallow catapults, balloon hovercraft and Sudoku puzzles, and they also toured the Semi-saurus, learned about aerodynamics and friction by racing CO₂ cars in the hallway with industrial technology instructor David Gee, and visited our new greenhouse and learned about botany from Dee Flynn and her students. Many students especially enjoyed the greenhouse. "I loved it! It was new and warm and we got to see growing plants," said one student. Other students thought the CO_2 cars were the best.

Calendar of Events

MAY

- 13 Graduation, 10:30 a.m.
- 18 Last Day of School

JUNE

Sports Camps (see our website for details)

AUGUST

- Open House 15
- First Day of School 16

For additional events visit nebraskachristian.org/calendar

Left: Richie Musgrave and Christian Strobel sing about how great it is to be a pirate during the elementary's performance of "Operation Arctic," the spring Patch the Pirate musical.



Each group was assigned two or three high school students to help them, and each station had two or three high school students to help the instructor. A sixth grade student said, "My high school leader was fun. He was funny but kept us in the right direction." Many other students said that they really liked the big kids helping them.

At the end of the day, those students and teams that had scored the most points in various math competitions were awarded plaques made by our Laser Engraver/ Entrepreneurship class. This year's Digging Deeper was a great day of learning more about our Creator and the magnificent way that we see his design and order through math and science. I'm ready for Digging Deeper next year; the thought of it gives me goose bumps.





Above: The Boys' Basketball team, student and parent fans, and coaches received the Goldenrod Conference Sportsmanship Award for this season. Congratulations!

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Harry Nguyen, Andrew Winsterman. Row 2: Timothy Hofmann, Joel Poppe, Brennan Nokelby, Benjamin Griess, Spencer Williams, Daniel Myers. Row 3: Kevin Yu, Bennett Zaruba, Cody Griess, Noah Boersen, Toby Watson, Hunter James. Row 4: Seth Hower, Noah Ralls.

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Campaign Update



by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director As we look around area/gymnasium. This w our campus, we are place on campus that in

very grateful for all that God has done over the last 58 years here at Nebraska Christian. Campus improvements, including the building of Elliot Hall in Phase 1 of the Next 50 Years Capital Campaign, have enabled us to expand our curriculum and have yearround educational programming. We're now looking forward to Phase 2, the new kitchen/commons area/gymnasium. This will be one place on campus that impacts every student, teacher, staff member, guest, and visiting group. This will also enhance the special events that take place on campus throughout the year. Please prayerfully consider what your part might be in helping to financially move this phase forward. Thank you for your support of Nebraska Christian Schools and the Next 50 Years Capital Campaign.

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Elge, Lasso Velasco Bring Home Wrestling Medals Stevens Accepts West

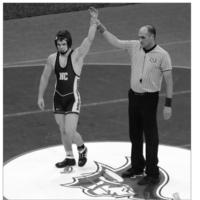
This year, Nebraska Christian took two wrestlers to the state tournament, and both returned home with hardware. Senior Jaydon Elge took his third trip to state after being sidelined by a seasonending injury his junior year. Elge's senior season was also limited due to injury, but he ended the year at 17-0 with a victory over Cole Aschoff of Plainview to claim the Class D 145-pound title. Elge's previous state appearances were also successful--he finished his freshman year as the 4th place medalist in Class D 138 pounds, and he went undefeated (37-0) his sophomore year to win the Class D 138-pound title. Elge has signed to wrestle at South Dakota State.

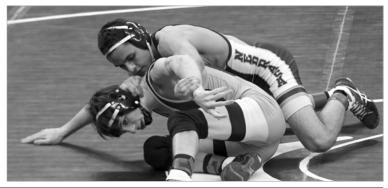
Senior Juan Lasso Velasco was also no stranger to the state tourna-

ment, having also qualified in 2015 and 2016. This year was different, though, as Lasso Velasco's tournament ended in a medal. He lost the Class D 132-pound 5th place match to Jacob Johnson of Archbishop Bergan to claim the 6th place medal.

Right: Jaydon Elge is presented as the winner of the Class D 145-pound division. Below: Juan Lasso Velasco wrestles on the first day of the state tournament.

Photos courtesy of William Feely









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Service Day

The afternoon of April 21 was the NC junior and senior high's annual service day. While some of the students were at district music, the 100 that remained spent the afternoon spread around the Central City area. Groups made meals for law enforcement and an NC teacher who recently had surgery; completed outdoor projects for Bader Park, Covenant Cedars, and a local family; and assembled hygiene packets at Mission Heart. Following the afternoon, the groups assembled at North Park in Central City and enjoyed Dilly Bars provided by the school.

Top: The student workers.

Bottom: Jean Joy Kamau and Claire Ostrand prepare a casserole during the service day.

Stevens Accepts West Point Appointment

Like many seniors, Benny Stevens of Ord found a school he wanted to attend and applied for admission. Unlike many



of his peers, however, Stevens had to go through a rigorous admission process that included interviewing with congressional representatives, completing a fitness assessment, and undergoing a medical exam. That's because Stevens's dream school was the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Stevens's journey began by filling out extensive questionnaires and applications for Nebraska Senators Deb Fischer and Ben Sasse and Nebraska's 3rd District Representative Adrian Smith. He then was interviewed by representatives of all three congressmen. And then he waited.

In January, Smith announced his nominations to the US service academies, and Stevens was one of 15 on the list. "A nomination to a service academy doesn't mean you'll get in," explains Stevens. "After I was nominated, I still had to complete my application, send in my resume and test scores, and complete fitness testing and a medical exam."

In mid-March, Stevens received a letter with his official appointment to West Point. He accepted the appointment and plans to enroll in the fall. Following his graduation from West Point, Stevens will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army and will serve on active duty at least five years.

One thing Stevens is anticipating most about this next step in his journey is the impact a West Point education will have on his life. "I see it as a great investment for my future, and it will better me as a man," he says.

Quiz Bowl Team Headed to State



Row 1: Arwen Zhang, Marilla Flynn, Emily Halstead, Danae Burdett, Coach Dee Flynn. Row 2: Trevor Cumpston, Andrew Feely, Micah Smith, Brennan Nokelby, Curt Bailey, Ben Janssen.

The high school quiz bowl team, coached by science teacher Dee Flynn, has had a stellar season. The team won the Goldenrod Conference meet and placed 2nd at the ESU 7 district meet at Fullerton. They will compete again in the state quiz bowl at the end of April.





Pictured above is Coach Larry Schreiber and the 1982 junior high football team. If you can correctly identify four of the players, you could win a prize! Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.

From the last issue (left):

The students pictured are Scott Wagner ('96), Joy Bailey, and Melinda Musgrave ('96). Congratulations to Melinda (Musgrave '96) Haak, whose name was drawn from the correct entries.

Memorial Gifts

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Cayson Daniel Yockey

son of Dan & Denae (Denning '01) Yockey

Cayson Daniel Yockey was born December 9, 2016, at 5:53 p.m. He weighed 7lbs 8oz and was 21-1/2 inches long. He is loved by his three older sisters Micole (9) Ashlyn (6) and Brenna (3).



Alexis Hower ('16) & Dillon Rose ('16)

Jeff ('88) and Daurice (Pizzolato '87) Hower of Grand Island announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Alexis Hower of Grand Island to Dillon Rose of Hastings, son of Ron and Jo Rose of Aurora.

Alexis is a graduate of Nebraska Christian High School and is currently enrolled at UNK in Criminal Justice and serves in the Nebraska National Guard. Dillon is also a graduate of Nebraska Christian High School and is currently enrolled at CCC in Hastings in Business.

The wedding will take place July 22nd at Berean Bible Church in Grand Island, and the reception will be held at the Solt Wagner Event Room in Central City.

NC Almanac

March-April 2007

- Freshman Rebekah Poeffel ('10) and junior Esther Lee ('08) qualify for the state speech meet in serious prose.
- The Quiz Bowl team, coached by Bill Uhler, wins the Goldenrod Conference meet.
- Fundraising begins for Phase V of the high school building, which includes the library, computer lab, and FCS/art room.

March-April 1997

- NC takes 14 entries to state speech. Emily Kauk ('98) places first in persuasive speaking.
- After studying Willa Cather, the 2nd, 3rd, and 12th graders go on a field trip to Red Cloud.

March-April 1987

• \$12,793 comes in at the annual Advance Dinner, which helps reduce the school's budget deficit.

March-April 1977

• Music director H.K. Sawyer is named "Outstanding Educator of the Year" by the Central City Chamber of Commerce.

March-April 1967

• Both the band and choir go out on tour.

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Dinner & Benefit Auction 2017

Kristy Langemeier, Special Events Coordinator; Deana Leonard, Asst. Special Events Coordinator



We are pleased to report that God has chosen to pour

out His blessing on NC once again by moving in the hearts of many very generous donors to give to the Dinner and Benefit Auction. Preliminary figures are showing that this year's auction netted nearly \$200,000. Over 540 items up for bid from more than 300 donors, as well as approximately 100 volunteers, contributed to the success of this event.

Our Friday "Preview" Night was a big success. This evening was an opportune time to casually preview all the items, start the bidding, or even "guarantee" a purchase. It was also a perfect opportunity to take part in the auction if attending the Saturday night event was not possible. NC supporters were able to receive a bid number at no cost and bid on silent auction items or make a "guaranteed" purchase.

The nearly 300 guests who at-

tended the Dinner and Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 25, enjoyed a wonderful evening of delicious food served by our gracious student servers, big band sounds of the Knights of Rhythm, entertaining music from Josh & Allene Cumpston and a host of NC staff and students, and lively bidding by our generous supporters. It was truly an evening of blessings from the Lord.

Twenty-five items were offered for sale on our Live Auction. Items that sparked aggressive bidding with our auctioneer Rick Grubaugh were the Limited Edition "Platte River Sunset" Canvas Giclee by Todd Williams Fine Art, Exclusive Husker Suite Experience, Zero turn 52" Hustler Raptor Lawnmower, and the Sedona Sanctuary. The Hot Air Balloon Ride for Two, Sedona Sanctuary, and the 12th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols Celebration Evening each sold twice, adding even more excitement and blessings to the Live Auction event.

The Scholarship Auction contin-

ues to be an avenue of giving that our donors are enthusiastic about. NC has a \$100,000 line item in the budget for student scholarships each year. Prior to the event, \$30,000 of the \$100,000 had been received in response to the mailings. The Scholarship Live Auction bidding resulted in \$48,104, bringing the total to \$78,104! All these funds will be used to provide a Christian education for students who might not otherwise have the financial means to attend NC.

We are grateful to all who were able to donate an item, talent, or treasure in order to make this event successful. Please take a look at our donor list and make sure you thank these generous people and companies when you are doing business with them.

The total profit made for the school through the benefit auction in the last 15 years has now passed \$1.9 million. Please join us in thanking God once again for his amazing faithfulness to NC through the Dinner and Benefit Auction.



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NC Speech Team is Conference Runner Up

The Nebraska Christian speech team competed in the Goldenrod Conference meet on Wednesday, February 22, in St. Edward. The team had a great day, finishing as the conference runner up and bringing home eleven medals, including three event champions: Danae Burdett in Persuasive Speaking, Alex Hao in Humorous Prose, and the team of Jeremiah Ebel,



Row 1: Cole Ruybalid, Jeremiah Ebel, Morgan Schulze, Wendy Bornmann, Hailee Broman, Marilla Flynn. Row 2: Alex Hao, Lydia Langemeier, Bekah Feddersen, Madi Felt. Row 3: Steph Strobel, Micah Loy, Danae Burdett. Row 4: Coaches Ruth Ferris, Rachel Hicks, and Charissa Smith.

> Wendy Bornmann, Hailee Broman, Micah Loy, and Danae Burdett in Oral Interpretation of Drama. The team competed in Class C2 districts at Columbus on Monday, March 13. Two team members went on to qualify for state: Rebekah Feddersen in poetry and Danae Burdett in persuasive speaking. While neither medaled at state, both performed well.

The Senior Class of Nebraska Christian Schools invites you to its Commencement Exercises Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. Nebraska Christian Schools Gymnasium

Class Colors: Gold, Blue & Black

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Verse: Job 23:10 (ESV) "But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold."

 $\label{eq:class} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{Class Motto:} \\ \mbox{``There are far, far better things ahead of us than any we leave behind.''} \\ \mbox{$-C.S.$ Lewis} \end{array}$