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Christ-centered Education



by Josh Cumpston
Administrator

Each spring, one of my favorite days is when we open campus up for students and parents thinking about NC to come and see us for themselves. This year, Campus Preview Day was held on April 8th. Our guests get to listen to our choir sing; we have some students lead tours; other students sit on a panel to answer questions; and a few of us talk about the school and its mission, the history of NC, academics, and our activities. I enjoy getting a chance to talk about Christian education, why the school was founded, and why we do what we do.

This year I asked two of our teachers to talk about what it means for them to be able to teach Biblical truths through their subjects. I thought their responses were so encouraging that I want to share some of what they said with you. I asked Dee Flynn and Carl Ostrand to share with our Advance readers what they shared on that day.

Dee Flynn teaches our upper level science classes and has taught at Nebraska Christian for seven years. Dee is our Quiz Bowl coach and has served as a dorm parent in the past.

"I appreciate being able to teach science at Nebraska Christian because I am able to approach science as a way

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Elge Wins State Wrestling Title

photo by William Feely

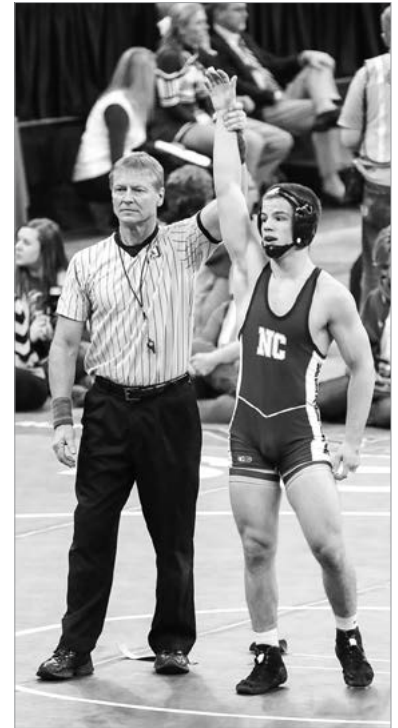
Sophomore wrestler Jaydon Elge completed his season undefeated (37-0) when he beat Drew Loberg of Randolph 16-4 to win the Class D 138-pound title. Elge also qualified for state as a freshman, placing fourth in the same weight class.

Elge has been around wrestling for his entire life—his father, Terry Elge, has been the NC wrestling coach since the program's debut in 1998—but he clearly remembers the moment he decided to become serious about wrestling. "When I watched my brother Isaac [Elge '12] win, I decided I wanted to be a state champion, too," he said.

Elge's dedication to the sport is quite evident. During the season,

he arrives at school at 6:15 each morning and works out until 7:30. Then he has practice after school from 4:15-6:45. In the off season, he lifts every morning and works out for two or more hours each night. This summer, he will wrestle in freestyle and greco competitions in Iowa, Ohio, North Dakota, and Oklahoma. His goal, beyond winning state championships his junior and senior years of high school, is to become an NCAA Division I national champion and Olympic wrestler.

Two other NC wrestlers qualified for state: sophomores Juan Lasso (120-pound) and Jeremiah Ebel (132-pound). Neither placed at the state meet.



Speech Team Wins District; Qualifies 8 Entries for State



State Qualifiers. Row 1: Marilla Flynn, Isabella Yang, Alicia Kim, Christina Bailey, Jessica Hilderbrand, John Tran. Row 2: Skyler Qu, Grace Wu, Taylor Van Pelt, MaKenna Loy, Wendy Bornmann, Morgan Schulze.

On Wednesday, March 25, the speech team traveled to Minden to compete in the C2-4 district meet. The other schools at the meet were Amherst, Axtell, Blue Hill, Elm Creek, Franklin, Har-

vard, Hastings St. Cecilia, and Ravenna.

Of the team's 14 entries, 11 received medals for placing in the top six. Eight of those entries placed in the top three, qualify-

ing for the Class C-2 state meet, and three entries became the district event champions: Taylor Van Pelt in extemporaneous speaking, Jessica Hilderbrand in persuasive speaking, and Alicia Kim and Grace Wu in duet acting.

The team won the district title with 288 points to runner-up St. Cecilia's 180 points.

At the state meet on March 27, none of the NC speakers advanced to the final round of competition, but they gave great performances and enjoyed the experience. Head Coach Charissa Smith ('94) said, "This was a great experience, especially for all our young participants, and what they learned here will benefit them for years to come."

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AM-750 KMMJ
Saturday at 1:04 p.m.
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to hear Josh Cumpston
and Gordon Thiessen.

Dollars & Sense by Tom Dockweiler ('79), Business Manager



As I write, we are on our next to last day of classes. Tomorrow the last student will check out, and 48 days later the books will close on the 2014-2015 fiscal year. I am pleased to tell you that for the second year in a row, we will meet our budget on income and will not need to use any of next year's income to cover this year's expenses. Thank you so much for all your prayers for us and the financial support you gave to us to make this happen. God has truly blessed us, and he has done it though you.

Wrapping up one school year means preparing for the next one, and that has already started. The summer is already shaping up to be busy. Utility companies are spray painting our grass, contractors are on site nearly every day, and we have lists of things to do. We have things to dig up, things to bury, concrete to take out, concrete to pour, things to tear down, things to build, things to clean, things to repair...and we



Welcoming a New Foundation Member

by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director

Would you help me welcome the newest member of the NCS Foundation team? Chelsea Deichmann started at the Foundation in late March as our Executive Administrative Assistant. I'll let her introduce herself and share how she got started at the Foundation.



"Hello! As Jody shared, I am Chelsea Deichmann. I grew up in a small suburb of Toledo, Ohio, before moving to Missouri in 2010 to attend college at Evangel University. I ultimately landed in the Business Department with a passion for missions ministry and a desire to help organizations maximize their

potential. I met my now husband, James, during my time in college, and graduated from Evangel in May 2014. My husband graduated in December of the same year and accepted a position as a financial advisor in Grand Island.

I know that many of you already have your summer schedule filled, and I hope you enjoy your summer and the many activities you have planned. But if for any reason you find yourself bored this summer, even a little bit, please give us a call. We will be able to fill your day with activity that will most likely eliminate your boredom and will be a great help to us as we add, upgrade, and otherwise prepare for the 2015-2016 school year.

As you go about your summer activities, please remember to pray for us. Pray that our work will be safe and efficient. Pray for God to bring the right students to Nebraska Christian Schools for the 2015-2016 school year. Pray that our staff would be refreshed and renewed over the summer. Ask God to provide for our staff and to continue to work in their lives. Pray that God would continue to work in the lives of our students and their families. Pray for God to be glorified in it all.

Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

"When James graduated in December, I didn't have any connections to NCS. In fact, until late January of this year, I wasn't even aware this school or Foundation existed! I just knew I was getting married on March 14th and moving to Nebraska. I met [NC's Development Director] Steph Francl on a weekend trip to visit James, and she began to tell me about her role at NCS. She asked if I'd found work in Nebraska yet and asked what type of a position I was looking for. By the end of the night, she was convinced that I was what

the Foundation needed, so I was scheduled to interview with Jody.

"I was looking for three things in the interview: first, I asked the Lord to give me clear direction and a peace if this was truly the position I should pursue. Second, I wanted a position that fit my strengths and would be fulfilling. And third, I determined I wouldn't accept this position unless the organization was healthy and driven by a purpose I could fully stand behind. By the time I left the interview I could not wait to tell my husband and family all about this school. I was absolutely sold that the NCS Foundation was the right fit for me, and I was ecstatic to learn Jody and the Foundation Board agreed I was the right fit for the position.

Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 8-10 Junior Eagle Basketball Camp, Boys & Girls Grades 2-9
- 15-16 High School Volleyball Camp
- 17-18 Elementary Football Camp Grades 3-6
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- Junior High Volleyball Camp, Grades 7-8

JULY

- 7-9 High School Football Camp

AUGUST

- 10 Football Practice Begins
- 17 Volleyball and Cross Country Practices Begin
- Open House, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 School Begins, 8 a.m.
- 21 NC Family Fun Night, 5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 18-19 Homecoming

DECEMBER

- 11 Festival of Lessons & Carols, 6:15 p.m.

For additional events visit
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Shield Award

Many schools present an "Athlete of the Year" award. Nebraska Christian chooses to recognize students who, in addition to athletic accomplishment, exhibit strong Christian character. This award, the Shield Award, is typically given to one male and one female athlete. The head coaches and athletic director select the students who are honored. On May 7, Athletic Director Larry Schreiber presented the Shield Award to seniors Hope Baldwin and Matt Swanson at the annual Awards & Scholarship Assembly.

Baldwin, who has attended NC



for three years, is the daughter of Tad Baldwin and Nicole Stalbird. She has participated in volleyball, basketball, and track. Swanson, the son of Doug & Karen Swanson, has participated in football, basketball, wrestling, and track. He has attended Nebraska Christian for six years.



NC Elementary Spring Musical

The elementary presented the Patch the Pirate musical "International Spy Academy" on March 6. Left to right: Ethan Merchant, Alyssa Broman, Tyler Cumpston, McKenna Leonard, Sidney McHargue, Alexandra Wostrel.

The Next 50 Years Update



by Mark McHargue ('85)
Campaign Chairman

Girls' Dorm

Construction on the Girls' Dorm is in overdrive this summer. Much remains to be accomplished on both the interior and exterior of the building. The interior, at the time of this writing, is nearly empty. Walls will be framed, flooring installed, and everything required to make the building a home will happen in the next few months.

The building's pending completion is exciting, but even more exciting is what the Lord will do through the ministry that takes place inside the building. One of our international dorm alumni shared the impact of attending NC, which was made possible because of our dorm program: "I am so thankful to God that He has brought me here to this school, has saved me, has helped me to realize that He is above all things and that He loves me more than anything else. To have Jesus Christ with me is the best thing that has ever happened to me. I am glad that I got this opportunity to come here and be part of this



family." *Bam Intuputi, Class of 2014*

What's Next for The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign?

Water is the next major project for The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign. An interior fire-suppression sprinkler system is required in order to build the Girls' Dorm to current fire code requirements. We researched the possibility of building this system with our existing wells, but the cost is extremely prohibitive. Also, any additional renovation or new construction that happens on campus in the future will incur such costs again.

The alternative is to connect NC's campus with Central City's water system. This requires running a new, high-capacity water line from the city to campus, connecting the campus buildings to that water line, and disconnecting from our existing well. Our well can still be used for non-consumption uses (like watering the

lawn), but any water to buildings or intended for human consumption will come from the city.

Although it is an extremely expensive initial cost, the benefits to NC for hooking up to city water are numerous.

Water supplied will be sufficient for any usage needs of future renovations or builds and will handle required fire suppression systems.

NC will no longer be required to extensively test our water, an annual expense that continually increases as more and more water tests are required.

Water pressure throughout campus will improve as the city lines will be built to handle the existing and future needs.

When problems arise with the water, the city will address the issue rather than us having to work in-house to solve major water problems.

Bids and details of how the water will be connected on campus are still

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Next 50 Years Praise & Prayer

Girls' Dorm

- Praise! The Lord has provided \$1.3 million in 15 months to fully fund the original budget!
- Pray that the Lord will guide decisions, details, and scheduling in this final push to complete by August 1.
- Pray that the ministry that takes place in the New Girls' Dorm will be honoring and glorifying to the Lord.

Water Project

- Praise! The need for water was discovered and is being addressed to prepare the campus to serve the Lord for the next 50 years.
- Pray that the Lord will provide the funds required to pay for the water project.
- Pray that the Lord will guide the workers as they build new lines, disconnect old lines, and upgrade this portion of the NC campus infrastructure.

The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign

- Please pray for wisdom as board members make decisions and for guidance as the campaign staff work to fulfill the directives of the board.



Row 1: Carson Huenefeld, Chris Hilderbrand, Nathan Griess, Keegan Francl, Adrian Epp, Levi Elge, Warren Dexter, ShayeLeigh Cooper, Jonas Chiang, Zach Brock, Hope Baldwin. Row 2: Brittany Ritta, Chau Nguyen, Lewis Nguyen, Austin Nguyen, Hannah Mead, Amber Mazankowski, Kevin Lin, Ru Li, William Le, Maddie Kirby, Khing Khobjai, Keagan Jewell. Row 3: Myles Wheeler, Taylor Van Pelt, Ethan Unruh, John Tran, Jerron Tiemeyer, Taylor Swantek, Matthew Swanson, Liz Smith, Emily Simmons, Andrew Sack, CJ Ruybalid, Hannah Ritta.

Congratulations, Class of 2015!

Hope Malia Baldwin of Central City is the daughter of Tad Baldwin and Nicole Stallbird. She has attended NC for three years. Hope plans to attend UNK to study athletic training or something related to health and fitness. Her favorite verse is Psalm 73:26.

Zachary Ryan Brock of Columbus is the son of Shawn & Janell Brock. He has attended NC for four years. His brother Brandon ('14) and uncle Tim Fread ('14) are also Nebraska Christian alumni. Zach plans to work at BD in Columbus following graduation. His favorite verse is 1 Corinthians 9:24.

Cheng-Yu (Jonas) Chiang of Taipei, Taiwan, is the son of Zheng Yan Chiang and Zu Zhin Lin. He has attended NC for three years. His favorite verse is 1 Timothy 5:12.

ShayeLeigh Alexandria Cooper of Central City is the daughter of Ben & Tonja DeGroff. Her favorite verse is Proverbs 31:30. She has attended NC for five years, and her brother Tanner ('13) is also an NC graduate. ShayeLeigh plans to attend UNO in the fall and major in social work.

Warren Willis Dexter is the son of Zane ('85) & Kathy Dexter. His hometown is Burwell. Warren's favorite verses are James 3:1-12. He has attended NC for 5-1/2 years. Warren plans to run in college, become an engineer, and go into the automotive field. Several of Warren's relatives have also graduated from NC, including his dad and siblings Jessica ('09) and Dillon ('11).

Levi Dennis Elge of Aurora is the son of Dennis & Kelly Elge. His favorite verse is Psalm 101:3. He has attended NC for five years. While Levi is the first from his immediate family to graduate from NC, several of his cousins are NC graduates. Levi plans to either study media arts at Central Community College – Hastings or go straight into the workforce.

Adrian Taylor Epp is the son of Greg & Caroline Epp of Giltner. His favorite verse is Proverbs 19:21. He has attended NC for four years. Adrian plans to study mechanical engineering in college and eventually own his own business. Adrian's siblings Alexis ('04), Brittany ('07), Anthony ('11), and Hans ('14) are all NC graduates, as are several of Adrian's aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Keegan LeAnn Francl is the daughter of Ryan ('96) & Keri (Gascho '94) Francl. Her hometown is Grand Island. She has attended NC for two years. Her favorite verse is Psalm 128:1. In addition to Keegan and her parents, several of her aunts and uncles are also NC graduates. Keegan plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and she would love to travel abroad.

Congratulations

Nathan James Griess is the son of Les & Marty Griess of Grand Island. His favorite verse is Isaiah 40:8. He has attended NC for two years. Several of Nathan's cousins have graduated from Nebraska Christian, but he is the first in his immediate family. Nathan plans to attend college in the fall.

Christopher Lee Hilderbrand of Central City is the son of Roy & Cheryl (Dockweiler '90) Hilderbrand. He has attended NC for 3-1/2 years. In addition to Chris's mother, his brother Jeff ('13) and several aunts, uncles, and cousins are also NC graduates. His favorite verse is Deuteronomy 31:6. Someday, Chris hopes to publish a novel.

Carson Jacoby Huenefeld of Aurora is the son of Dan & Linda Huenefeld. He has attended NC for five years. His brothers Caden ('08) and Conrad ('10) are also NC graduates. Carson plans to attend college and then return to the family farm. His favorite verses are 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

Keagan Drew Jewell is the son of Timothy & Rachel Jewell of Central City. His favorite verse is Proverbs 13:12. He has attended NC for three years. Keagan plans to study youth ministry at Nebraska Christian College.

Napatporn (Khing) Khobjai of Bangkok, Thailand, is the daughter of Suwatchai and Saowaluk Khobjai. Her favorite verse is Psalm 46:1. She has attended NC for two years. She plans to attend UNL in the fall and study interior design.

Maddie Jo Kirby is the daughter of Terry & Kathy Kirby of Central City. Maddie's sisters Jessica ('05) and Anna ('13) are both NC alums, as is her niece, Alexis Gulbranson ('14). Her favorite verses are 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. She has attended NC for 12 years, and she plans to study business management at Central Community College in Hastings.

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Manh Duy (William) Le of Ha Long City, Quang Ninh Province, Vietnam, is the son of Le Van Toan & Pham Thi Mai Huong. His favorite verse is Joshua 1:9. He has attended NC for 1-1/2 years. He plans to study at UNL.

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Yanru Li of Shenyang, China, is the daughter of Yong Li & Hong Cui. Her favorite verse is Genesis 1:1. She has attended NC for three years. In the future, Ru plans to open her own business.

Hao-Yu (Kevin) Lin of Taipei, Taiwan, is the son of Stanly Lin and Sharon Mong. His favorite verse is Romans 10:10. He has attended NC for two years. He plans to become a designer.

Amber Anne Mazankowski is the daughter of Dave & Amy Mazankowski of Columbus. Her favorite verse is Psalm 61:2. She has attended NC for four years, and her sister Ashley ('13) is also an NC graduate. Amber plans to play volleyball at Central Community College in Columbus for two years and then transfer to a university to finish her degree.

Hannah Jane Mead of Aurora is the daughter of Steve & Debra (Hansen '88) Mead. Her favorite verse is Jeremiah 29:11. She has attended NC for 12 years. Hannah's sister Bekah ('13) is also an NC graduate. Hannah plans to attend cosmetology school.

Anh Huy (Austin) Nguyen of Hanoi, Vietnam, is the son of Dung Tien Nguyen and Ly Thi Kim Trinh. He has attended NC for one year. His favorite verse is John 3:16. He plans to go into business someday.

Anh Tuan (Lewis) Nguyen of Hanoi, Vietnam, is the son of Tu Minh Nguyen and Huong Thi Thien Nguyen. He has attended NC for one year. Lewis plans to study computer engineering at UNL. His favorite verse is Proverbs 1:7.

Chau Bao Nguyen of Hanoi, Vietnam, is the daughter of Dung Nguyen & Huong Tran. She has attended NC for one year, and she plans to attend college in the fall.

Brittany Alysse Ritta is the daughter of Ed ('73) & Marilyn Ritta of Marquette. Her favorite verse is Philippians 4:13. She has attended NC for 10 years. Many of Brittany's extended family members have graduated from NC, as have her father and all of her siblings: Beth ('98), Kate ('00), Jon ('08), Nathan ('11), and Shawna ('13). Brittany plans to study photography in college, and she dreams of one day returning to Central City and opening a photography studio and coffee shop.

Hannah Lynne Ritta of Chapman is the daughter of Michael ('77) & Kathleen Ritta. Her favorite verse is Philippians 1:21. She has attended NC for 13 years. Her father, sister Chrissy ('08), brother Scott ('11), and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins are also NC alums. Hannah plans to study education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Cameron Joseph (CJ) Ruybalid of Central City is the son of Rod ('82) & Teri Ruybalid. He has attended NC for six years. CJ is the first of the second generation of Ruybalids to graduate from NC: his father, two uncles, and an aunt are also NC graduates. CJ plans to attend Central Community College for two years, then transfer to UNK and study computers. His favorite verse is John 10:21.

Andrew Robert Sack of Marquette is the son of Kevin Mohr and Angie Sack. His favorite verse is John 13:7. He has attended NC for 13 years. Andrew plans to move to Lincoln and attend college there.

Emily Christine Simmons is the daughter of Andrew & Karrie Simmons of Marquette. Her favorite verse is 1 Peter 3:15. She has attended NC for 13 years. Emily's brother Jacob ('12) is also an NC grad. Emily plans to attend college and do some traveling.

Congratulations

Elizabeth Danielle Kay Smith of Grand Island is the daughter of Donald & Dianne Smith. Her favorite verse is Joshua 24:15b. She has attended NC for four years. While Liz is the first in her immediate family to graduate from NC, she has cousins who are also NC graduates. She plans to attend Central Community College in Grand Island and get a degree in nursing.

Matthew Brooks Swanson of Aurora is the son of Doug & Karen Swanson. His favorite verse is Psalm 118:1. He has attended NC for six years and plans to attend UNL in the fall. His siblings Braden ('09), Andrew ('12), and Tori ('13) are NC alums, as are several of Matt's cousins.

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Taylor Alexa Swantek of Genoa is the daughter of Jason & Kelly Swantek. Her favorite verse is Isaiah 48:10. She has attended NC for four years. Taylor plans to attend Central Community College in Columbus and eventually open her own photography business.

Jerron Michael Tiemeyer is the son of Andrew & Julie Tiemeyer of Columbus. His favorite verse is Psalm 147:5. Jerron plans to study automotive technology at Northeast Community College. He has attended NC for four years.

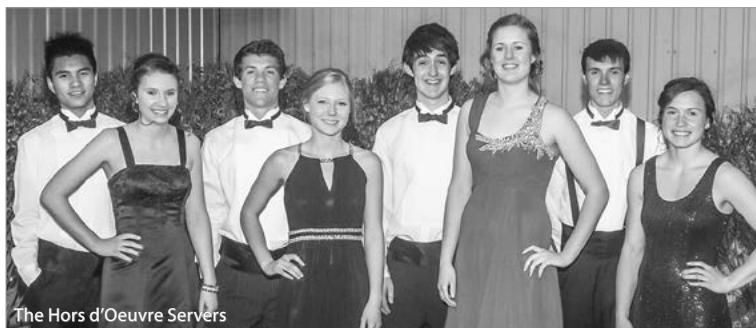
Huan To (John) Tran of Quy Nhen City, Vietnam, is the son of Tien Trong Tran & Vien Thuy Thi To. He has attended NC for 1-1/2 years. He plans to continue his education at the University of Wisconsin.

Ethan Albert Unruh of Central City is the son of Lester & Twyla Unruh. His favorite verse is 1 Timothy 4:12. Ethan is the fourth member of his family to attend NC from kindergarten through 12th grade: his siblings Ben ('04), Micah ('07), and Alycea ('11) also spent all of their elementary and high school years at Nebraska Christian. Ethan plans to attend Central Community College in Grand Island and become an occupational therapy assistant.

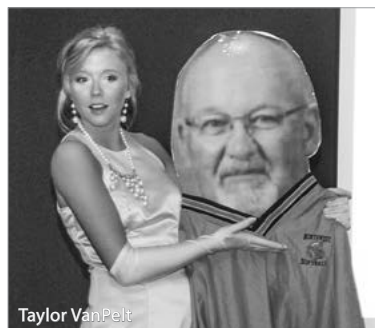
Congratulations

Taylor Jane Van Pelt is the daughter of Dan & Tonya Van Pelt of Phillips. Her favorite verse is Joshua 1:9. She has attended NC for four years. Several of Taylor's cousins, an aunt, and a grandmother (Norma Keller Smith Andersen '60) are also NC alums. Taylor plans to study broadcasting at Hastings College.

Myles Wesley Wheeler of Osceola is the son of Todd & Tammy Wheeler. His favorite verses are Isaiah 26:4-10. He has attended NC for four years. Myles plans to attend Southeast Community College at Milford and farm.



The Hors d'Oeuvre Servers



Taylor VanPelt

Dinner & Benefit Auction 2015

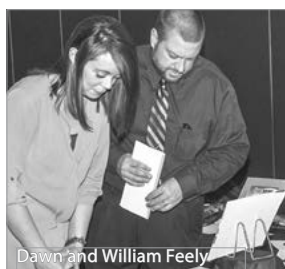
by Kristy Langemeier & Deana Leonard, Special Events Office



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 over \$210,000. Over 460 items up for bid from more than 180 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-



Dawn and William Feely

tended the Dinner and Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 21, 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 and Allene Cumpston, and lively bidding by our generous supporters. It was truly an evening of blessings from the Lord.

Twenty-seven items were offered for sale on our Live Auction. Items that sparked aggressive bidding with our new auctioneer Bruce McDowell were the UNL Ultimate Volleyball Experience, Four Husker Clubhouse Seats, Hot Air Balloon Ride for Two, and the Sedona Sanctuary. The Hot Air Balloon Ride for Two, 10th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols Celebration Evening, and the Sedona Sanctuary each sold twice, adding even more excitement and blessings to the Live Auction event.

The Scholarship Auction continues to be an avenue of giving that our donors are enthusiastic about. NC has a \$100,000 line item in the



Myles Wheeler

budget for student scholarships each year. Prior to the event, \$19,910 of the \$100,000 had been received in response to mailings. The

Scholarship Live Auction bidding resulted in \$59,545, bringing the total to \$79,455! All these funds will be used to provide a Christian education for students who might not otherwise have the financial means.

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 13 years has now passed \$1.5 million. Please join us in thanking God once again for his amazing faithfulness to NC through the Dinner and Benefit Auction. Make sure to mark your calendars for next year's auction, which will be held March 19, 2016.

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 Merrick County Health & Fitness Center, Central City
 Nelson, Richard & Cindy
 Norwex, Laurel Toukan, consultant
 Office Net, Columbus
 Othmer, Bill & Heather
 Palm Ag, Inc., Central City
 Perfect Circle Irrigation, Aurora & Sutton
 Pipher, Zeke & Jamie
 Premier Jewelry, Ginger Huber, Kearney
 Ratliff, Tyson & Sarah
 Sack Lumber, Central City & Aurora
 Shawn's Auto Repair, LLC, Central City
 Solt Funeral Home, Central City
 Stoltenberg Irrigation Inc., Cairo
 Swanson, Tori
 Wagner Funeral Home, Central City
 Wayne's Cyclery, Grand Island
 Webb, Marshall & Heather
 Wheeler & Wheeler, Inc., Osceola

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Advance Auto Parts, Grand Island
 Agricultural Services, Inc., Archer
 American Girl
 Anderson Auto Parts, Grand Island
 Applebee's, Grand Island
 Arbonne, Emily McHargue, consultant
 Arby's, Grand Island
 Aurora Mall, Aurora
 Backbone of Health Care, Broken Bow
 Barb's Diner, Burwell
 Barista's, Grand Island
 Bartenbach Galleries, Grand Island
 Best Buy, Grand Island
 Big Apple Bagels, Grand Island
 Boden, Cassie
 Born in the Barn Creations, Katie Reeves, Central City
 Bosselman's, Inc., Grand Island
 Branson IMAX Entertainment Co., Branson, Missouri
 Brenda's Floral, Central City
 Buffalo Wild Wings, Grand Island
 Buffalo Wings and Rings, Lincoln
 Buffet House, Grand Island
 Carlos O'Kelly's, Grand Island
 Carnivores Meats, Grand Island
 Case IH, Grand Island
 Casey's General Stores Inc.
 Cassidy's Backroad BBQ & Grill, Burwell
 Central City Family Dental, Central City
 Central City Sportsman Club, Central City
 Chances "R" Restaurant, York
 Chipotle Mexican Grill, Lincoln
 Comfort Inn at the Zoo, Omaha
 Coney Island Café, Grand Island
 Cookie Crumbs & Kernels, Grand Island
 Copycat Printing & Signs, Grand Island
 Corner Drug, Central City
 Country Designs, Clarks
 Country Greenery, Cairo
 Countryside Flowers, Central City
 Dairy Queen, Central City
 Dickey's BBQ Pit, Grand Island
 Don't Care Bar & Grill, Marquette
 Dry Creek Western Wear, Burwell
 Eileen's Colossal Cookies, Grand Island
 El Mezcal Mexican Restaurant, Columbus
 Escritt, JoAnne
 Espressions Coffee Shop, Aurora
 Eustis Body Shop, Grand Island
 Fairbanks/Titan Machinery, Grand Island
 Fazoli's Restaurants, LLC, Grand Island
 Ferris, Dave & Ruth
 Filian, Kirsten Ferris
 Fillman Insurance, York
 Finish Line Designs, Lorie Earnest
 Freddy's Steamburgers, Grand Island
 Fuji's Japanese Steak House, Grand Island
 Garfield Co. Frontier Fair Association, Burwell
 Greenline Equipment, Grand Island
 Hansen International, Grand Island
 Harley-Davidson Central, Grand Island
 Heartland Jewelry, Aurora
 Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha
 Hershiser, Margaret
 HobbyTown, USA, Grand Island
 Homeward Trail Bible Camp, Mason City
 House of Memories, St. Paul
 Hunan's, Grand Island
 HyVee, Columbus
 Island Pool & Spa, Grand Island
 Jamberry, Robin Hinz, consultant
 Janssen, Steve & Donna
 Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Grand Island
 Joan Schwan Counseling Services, PC, Grand Island
 Joseph's College of Beauty, Grand Island
 Kansas City Royals, Kansas City
 Kerry's Restaurant & Catering, Inc., McCool Junction
 Kukovich, Tracey
 Leather Shack, Central City
 Lenscrafters, Grand Island
 Lincoln Children's Museum, Lincoln
 Lincoln Saltdogs' Baseball, Lincoln
 Lukaszewicz Furniture, Farwell
 Majestic Treasures, Grand Island
 Mary Kay, Judy McHargue, consultant
 Massage Central, Central City
 McDonald, Marcia
 McPhillips, Julie
 Messner, Jan
 Metlife, Inc.
 Misty's, Lincoln
 Mr. G's Car Care Center, Grand Island
 Mullarkey, Joe & Lori
 Murphy, Fredrica
 Napa Auto Parts, Grand Island
 Nathan-Hahn, Kathie
 Nebraska Raceway Park, Greenwood
 Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island
 Nelson's Furniture, Grand Island
 Nitsch Gallery, Cairo
 Noodle House, Grand Island
 Norm's U-Save Pharmacy, Central City
 Nuttelman, Bridget
 Olive Garden, Grand Island
 Omaha Children's Museum, Omaha
 O'Reilly Auto Parts, Grand Island
 Orscheln Farm & Home, Grand Island
 Otto's Barber Shop, Grand Island
 Pampered Chef, Kristi Twiss, consultant
 Papa Murphy's, Grand Island
 Pepperjax Grill, Grand Island
 Perkins, Grand Island
 Pizza Hut, Central City
 Pizza Palace, Burwell
 Pizza Ranch, Columbus
 Platte Valley Communications, Grand Island
 Poco Creek Golf Course, Aurora
 Pretzelmaker, Grand Island
 Qdoba Mexican Grill, Grand Island
 Ramada, Kearney
 Red Lobster, Grand Island
 Rob's Window Service, Giltner

Rodizio Grill, The Brazilian Steakhouse, Lincoln
 Roses For You, Grand Island
 Roth, Deb
 Runza, York
 Ryder Rosacker McCue & Huston, Grand Island
 Sack, Angelique
 Sandstone Grill, Burwell
 Sapp Bros., Columbus
 Sartar Hamann Jewelers, Lincoln
 Scheels, Lincoln
 Schlitterbahn Waterpark, Kansas City
 Schneider's Hardware, Aurora
 Shear Country, Central City
 Siebrandt Training, Clarkson
 Sights & Sounds Theater, Branson, Missouri
 Silver Dollar City, Inc., Branson, Missouri
 Sips Coffee Shop, Columbus
 Skagway, Grand Island
 Smokin' Dan's BBQ, Central City
 Solid Rock Bookstore, Kearney
 Sporting Edge, Grand Island
 Starbucks Coffee, Grand Island
 Starplex Cinemas, Grand Island
 Strobel Motorsports, Clarks
 Strobel, Dwight & Barbara
 Strong Financial Resources, Aurora
 Stuart's Flowers & Produce, Central City
 Stuhmer, Kerry & Janice
 Subway, Central City
 Susan's Books & Gifts, Aurora
 Sutter Deli, Grand Island
 T.O. Haas Tires, Aurora
 T.O. Haas Tires, Central City
 Texas Roadhouse, Grand Island
 The Amazing Pizza Machine, Omaha
 The Chocolate Bar, Grand Island
 The Edgerton Explorit Center, Aurora
 The Farwell Arms B&B, Farwell
 The Golf Club at Table Creek, Nebraska City
 The Scarecrow Patch, St. Libory
 Thirty-One, Robin Hitz, consultant
 Thirty-One, Vicky Krieger, consultant
 Thompson Company, Grand Island
 Timberlake Ranch Camp, Marquette
 Tokens 'n Treasures, Central City
 Touch of Class Beauty Salon, Cairo
 Touch of Health Therapeutic Massage, Aurora
 Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln
 Uppercase Living, Candace Nichols, consultant
 Vala's Pumpkin Patch, Gretna
 Valentino's, Grand Island
 Vision Service Plan
 Vollers Chiropractic Clinic, Central City
 Waffles N' More, Central City
 Walmart, Grand Island
 Watkins, Janice Stuhmer, consultant
 Western Edge, Grand Island
 Whiskey Creek, Woodfire Grill, Grand Island
 Young Living, Anna McHargue & Heather Webb, consultants



Girls' Basketball Team First Time Conference Champions

The NC Girls' Basketball Team soared to new heights this year, winning the Goldenrod Conference Tournament for the first time in school history and advancing to the district final. The team ended the season with a 19-6 record, the best in school history. The Lady Eagles were coached by Gordon Thiessen, Nathan Musgrave ('92), and Erin Mankin.

Front: Alexis Hower, Amber Mazankowski, Emily Simmons, Hope Baldwin, Katie Entz. Back: Alyssa Prettyman, Tara Murphy, Whitney Heuermann, Anna Musgrave, Cassidy Ostrand, Claire Ostrand.

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to get to know God better. Science is the study of the physical world. According to Romans 1:20, God reveals His invisible qualities, His 'eternal and divine nature,' through His creation. We study Newton's first law in physics and physical science (among many other things!): 'Energy (and matter) is neither created nor destroyed, it only changes form,' which attests to God's finished work of creation. We look to God as a God of order as we learn about atomic structure and the precise way that atoms bond to form compounds in chemistry, marveling at the beauty of the design of matter on the atomic level. We study life in biology, seeing the Designer's hand in the intricacy of a cell. We are amazed together as we study inheritance and the genius of DNA. We look at the improbability of even one protein coming together on its own then realize how incredible is the idea that thousands of proteins all functioning together in an organism (there are over 100,000 different proteins in the human body) arose from nothing. His creation convinces us of not only His existence, but His character. He is a God of beauty—evolution without a Creator cannot explain beauty, or the love of beauty that God has given his image-bearers.

"Every other year, juniors and seniors are able to take Anatomy and Physiol-

ogy. This class explores the structures and functions of the human body. This class is a favorite with the students, even though it is a rigorous upper level science course. I love being able to say, 'Isn't God cool: look at this eye.' Students respond with awe for the human body and its Creator. Even lab reports contain words of praise for the Lord! Science in a Christian environment increases students' understanding of the God they serve."

Carl Ostrand teaches our upper level history classes, junior Bible, and Men of Vision. He has taught at NC for eight years, and he is also our head football and track coach.

"I teach American History and Government/Civics and had taught for quite a few years in public schools. Many of my students found history a little boring; even I did sometimes until I began teaching at Nebraska Christian. When you are able to view historical events and leaders as a connected story that the sovereign God of the universe is using, it is much more exciting and interesting than a few dates and cause-and-effect discussions. One theme we emphasize is that ideas have consequences. Teaching major historical events, such as World War I, from the perspective of the depravity of man, we see how idolatry, pride, and selfishness manifest themselves when

unchecked by the Word of God. When a nation or ideology becomes a false god, men will do anything to exalt themselves and their idols. History shows us that the consequences of such idolatry are grave.

"I also coach football and track at NC. I love that we can talk about Biblical principals and how they relate to everything we do—even in football. Sports and the stress of competition show our character that we often can hide in normal day to day activities. I get to disciple and teach young men integrity, courage, service, and putting others ahead of themselves through sports."

I appreciate that Dee, Carl, and many other outstanding teachers and staff are pouring into students' lives at Nebraska Christian. It's amazing how teaching subjects from a Christian perspective changes what those subjects mean on a personal level to the students. Isn't it fun to see the hearts of Christian educators and the joy that teaching God's truths through their subject brings them? God is good.

Have a great summer, and please be in prayer for our staff and for the students that God is going to send us this fall.

NC Almanac

10 years ago ('05)

- Longtime NC Music Teacher Elaine Wischmeier retires.
- A group of juniors, led by Chaplain Mike Brill, goes on a spring break mission trip to Puebla, Mexico.
- 32 seniors graduate. Sarah Kauk ('05), Jason Weedin ('05), and Will Dobson ('05) give commencement speeches.

20 years ago ('95)

- Six NC seniors and sponsors Walt ('66) & Sue Hamilton spend two weeks in Romania on a mission trip.
- 34 seniors graduate. Dana Taylor ('95) is valedictorian, and Dalane Epp ('95) and Michele Warner ('95) are co-salutatorians.

30 years ago ('85)

- 22 seniors graduate. Shari Barnell ('85) is valedictorian; Beth Hoyt ('85) is salutatorian.
- Dr. Warren Bathke, President of Grace College of the Bible, is the commencement speaker.

40 years ago ('75)

- The school year ends with 141 students.
- 25 seniors graduate. Paul Crouse ('75) is salutatorian.

50 years ago ('65)

- 30 seniors graduate. Sharyn Martin ('65) is valedictorian; Wanette Smith ('65) is salutatorian.

Alumni:

We want to keep up with you! Submit alumni news at nebraskachristian.org/alumni/submit, and follow our blog at nebraskachristian.org/category/alumni to see what your former classmates and teachers are doing now.

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"In the last few weeks, I have been continually blown away by this small in size, but mighty in impact school. God's provision and direction is so clearly evident not only throughout its history but also in the current leadership and staff. This is a school driven by its purpose, that manages its resources well and with great intentionality, and that continually seeks the Lord's direction with each step. Each time friends

or family have inquired about my new job, I reiterate how grateful I am to be a part of the NCS Foundation and how blessed I am to have a job I truly love. I look forward to getting to know more of you in the NCS community in the days ahead!"

Thank you for sharing, Chelsea. The Foundation Board and I are very glad Chelsea answered the call to join us here in the NCS Foundation. As we move forward, I would

like you to remember the areas of endowment: General Fund, Student Scholarships, Capital Investments, Teacher Salaries, and Athletic Equipment. These are open endowments and ways you can give to support the ministry of Nebraska Christian Schools. We want to say thank you for your support and investment in a school that is truly "leaving a legacy that builds lives for eternity."

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being finalized, but the estimated cost is \$225,000-275,000. (The city sewer project undertaken in 2008 cost \$250,000) These kinds of infrastructure upgrades are extremely expensive, unseen underground, and absolutely necessary for the long-term sustainability of Nebraska Christian Schools.

This summer the water line will be run, and when the Girls' Dorm is completed, it and the rest of campus will be connected to the new city water line. The first of three payments over a two-year period is due to the city on August 1. Please consider giving to this unique and essential project. To give, make checks out to "Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation" and mail them to NCSF at PO Box 222, Central City, NE 68826.

Beyond the Water

The NC Board and the NCS Foundation Board are continuing to work together as they develop the plans for Phase 2 of The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign. These plans will address the needs of the dining/gymnasium/music building.

Finally, please join us on Homecoming Weekend (September 18 & 19) for the Dedication and Open House of our new Girls' Dormitory. Come help us celebrate all that the Lord has done here at NC since 1959 and all the things that He will do in the next 50 years.

NC Flashback



Back when classes went skiing for senior trip, a stop at Casa Bonita was always on the agenda. If you can identify these members of the Class of 2005 and their sponsor who are enjoying Casa Bonita's unique brand of entertainment, you could win our prize! Correctly identify five of the people in this photo to be entered. Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.

From the last issue: Congratulations to Nate Krug ('01)! His name was chosen from the correct entries, so he wins our prize.



Amy Schreiber ('02), Luke Osler ('02), Katie Cunningham ('02), Sarah Buller ('01), Rob Johnson ('01), Rebecca Johnson ('01).



Sheri Reynolds ('92), Christy Urwiller ('92), Shelly Hajek (FS '92), Melissa Francis ('92).

Memorial Gifts

- For: Deryl Bayne
- From: Mary Reisinger
- For: Marie Buller
- From: Peter & Matilda Klippenstein
- Gordon & Janice Mitchell
- Irvan & Bev Wayman
- For: Nancy Cook
- From: Larry & Jackie Cunningham
- Orleatha Kellogg
- Jim & Darla Rasmussen
- Leona & Rebecca Sharman
- For: Barbara Cowgill
- From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
- For: Paul Gosda
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- For: Don Grosch
- From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
- Mark & Angela Gustafson

- For: Wanette Smith Gwin
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- For: Ron Mott
- From: Mary, Dianne, Paula Reisinger
- For: Marilyn Newby
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- From: Ed & Marilyn Ritta
- For: Susan Schlieker
- From: Max & Janice Kirby
- Shirley Lundstrom
- For: Richard Welk
- From: Melody and Wally Jobman
- Gil & Dorothy Glad
- For: All Veterans serving or having served our country
- From: Don & Kayleen Riley
- In Honor of: Keith Heuermann's 90th Birthday
- From: Gil & Dorothy Glad

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Left: Board Member Lester Unruh presents a diploma to Taylor VanPelt

Below Left: Ron Brown, former Nebraska football assistant coach and current Associate Head Football and Wide Receivers Coach at Liberty University, gave the commencement address.

Below Middle: Adrian Epp (left) and Emily Simmons (right) were the senior class speakers at graduation.

Below: Cousins Brittany and Hannah Ritta took time for a picture in front of the Ad Building after the graduation ceremony.

Save the Date for Homecoming

September 18-19, 2015

Football game vs. Nebraska Lutheran

New Girls' Dormitory Dedication & Open House

Class Reunions

S'mores Fest

Watch our website for more information!



Images from graduation

