

ADVANCE

God is doing exciting things here at NC as we make an impact around the globe. We invite you to be a part of this movement in providing the next generation with a Christ-centered education. Together, we can equip students with a Biblical worldview that helps to foster a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

May Elementary Service Awards



"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mark 10:45

In May 2023, the Elementary Service Awards were held to recognize outstanding students who embody the core values of their school. These remarkable individuals have demonstrated exceptional moral character, spiritual strength, and dedication to serving others.

We congratulate Naiya Sanborn,

Sam Tonniges, Kaity Berck, Cora Sanborn, Emma Zanger, Selah Perdew, and Jonathan Garcia for their remarkable accomplishments. These students serve as shining examples of the core values embraced by their school and are an inspiration to their peers. Their contributions to the school community are highly valued, and we express our gratitude for their exemplary moral character and spiritual strength.

Naiya Sanborn (2nd Grade):

Naiya Sanborn consistently maintains a clean and organized space. Moreover, she exemplifies helpfulness by always lending a hand to anyone in need. Naiya's commitment to her responsibilities serves as an inspiration to her peers.

Sam Tonniges: (3rd Grade):

Sam Tonniges displayed remarkable initiative and responsibility. After completing a significant classroom project, Sam went above and beyond by voluntarily wiping down his classmates' desks. His selflessness and proactive attitude make him a shining example of service-mindedness.

Kaity Berck (6th Grade):

Kaity Berck has shown tremendous growth in confidence throughout the year. Her journey of self-improvement and personal development serves as an inspiration to her peers. Kaity's respectful

and responsible demeanor demonstrates her commitment to excellence.

Cora Sanborn (6th Grade):

Cora Sanborn has consistently exhibited a strong work ethic and a genuine desire to excel. Her remarkable abilities, coupled with her caring attitude, highlight her dedication to personal growth. Cora's growth and maturity are commendable traits that positively impact those around her.

Emma Zanger (6th Grade):

Emma Zanger has consistently shown dedication in completing her work and striving for excellence. Her commitment to putting forth her best effort in the classroom is commendable and serves as a model for her peers. Emma's determination and diligence are truly praiseworthy.

Selah Perdew (6th Grade):

Selah Perdew has exhibited remarkable growth and maturity throughout the year. Her respectful demeanor and positive attitude have made her a role model for her peers. Selah's journey of personal development is a testament to her character and the impact she has on others.

Jonathan Garcia (6th Grade):

Jonathan Garcia is a shining example of a responsible and respectful young individual. His commitment to fulfilling his responsibilities and treating others with kindness and respect is truly commendable. Jonathan's actions and demeanor reflect his dedication to embodying the school's core values.

Congratulations students! Thank you for setting such good examples for your peers!

NC International Student Program: A Year of Growth and Empowerment

Nebraska Christian School's International Student program, under the guidance of the dedicated International Director, Mr. Gib Killion, has witnessed tremendous growth and transformation over the past year. With a significant increase in the number of international students, the program has successfully nurtured and empowered students from various corners of the world. Through their experiences at NC, these students have not only developed effective study habits but have also discovered their true potential, expanding their horizons and embracing opportunities for personal and academic growth.



The past year has been nothing short of a blessing for the International program. Starting the year with only nine returning international students after graduating ten the year before, the program concluded with an impressive total of 25 students. Within a span of just eight months, 16 new students were welcomed into the program, a remarkable testament to success, and an answer to prayers heading back towards numbers before Covid. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness.

Mr. Gib stated "One of the most fascinating aspects of the program is witnessing how students undergo profound changes during their time at NC. The students develop effective study habits and experience personal growth, realizing their true capabilities and discovering that they can achieve far more than they ever thought possible". This newfound empowerment stems from the nurturing environment at the school, where students are encouraged to embrace challenges and strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives.

The international students at Nebraska Christian are provided with numerous opportunities to engage in a wide range of activities. These include athletics, after-school activities, clubs, groups, and other collaborative projects. Participating in group activities enables students to learn valuable teamwork skills while also providing them with a platform to hone their talents and abilities. The emphasis on involvement in these activities instills a sense of belonging and fosters personal and social growth.

Recruitment of international students occurs through various channels, including agencies that direct students to apply and word-of-mouth referrals from past international students. Mr. Gib plays a vital role in the selection process, assessing candidates based on their character, English proficiency, test scores, and performance in interviews. Despite the challenges posed by the

COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Gib has successfully adapted to the new circumstances and continued to identify promising candidates from all over the world, including countries such as Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, and many more.

As Mr. Gib reflects on the past year's accomplishments, he remains hopeful for another blessed year ahead, with more students being called to join Nebraska Christian School. The evolving landscape of the international student market presents exciting opportunities to connect with aspiring students from diverse backgrounds. With unwavering commitment and dedication, Mr. Gib aims to ensure that every international student receives the support, guidance, and education necessary for their personal and academic success.

The International Student program has experienced remarkable growth and empowerment in the past year. By fostering effective study habits, encouraging involvement in group activities, and embracing students from various cultures, the program creates an enriching environment where students can flourish. With a renewed sense of purpose and dedication, Nebraska Christian looks forward to welcoming more students from around the world, providing them with an exceptional education, and empowering them to realize their true potential and stand on Truth.



A Night of Celebration and Farewell: NC's Senior Honors Banquet 2023

On the enchanting evening of Saturday, May 6th, the Nebraska Christian Schools Senior Honors Banquet brought together the junior and senior classmen for a remarkable event. The splendid Prairie Creek Barn in Cairo, NE, served as the perfect backdrop for this formal affair, where beautiful gowns and dashing young men added an air of sophistication and grace to the occasion. With group photos capturing cherished moments with family and friends, the evening was filled with joy, nostalgia, and anticipation for the next chapter in the lives of these exceptional students.

The festivities commenced with the senior grand march, an iconic tradition that symbolizes the culmination of years of hard work and dedication. As the students proudly paraded through the venue, their smiles radiated the immense pride they felt in their achievements and the bonds they had forged throughout their academic journey.

Following a warm welcome and prayer, attendees were treated to a delectable meal that delighted the senses. The ambiance was vibrant, with laughter and cheerful conversations filling the air, as cherished memories were shared and new friendships solidified. The banquet provided an opportunity for these soon-to-be-graduates to savor their final moments as students, surrounded by the supportive community that had played an integral role in shaping their educational experiences.

One of the highlights of the evening was the senior tributes, a heartfelt tradition where graduating seniors passed down meaningful items to their junior counterparts. These tokens of wisdom, friendship, and guidance symbolized the passing of the torch, as the departing class imparted their knowledge and experiences to their successors. Through this act of generosity, the underclassmen were inspired and motivated to carry on the legacy of excellence that had come to define Nebraska Christian Schools.

Adding to the emotional atmosphere, the banquet featured a special speaker, none other than NC's own Mr. Carl Ostrand. With deep-rooted ties to the school community, Mr. Ostrand delivered a heartfelt message to the upperclassmen and soon-to-be graduates. Drawing from his own experiences, he shared wisdom and encouragement, urging the students to embrace the challenges that lie ahead with courage, determination, and unwavering faith. Mr. Ostrand's words resonated deeply with the audience, leaving an indelible impact on their hearts and minds.

As the evening drew to a close, there was a sense of bittersweet anticipation in the air. The 2023 Nebraska Christian Schools Senior Honors Banquet had been a testament to the students' accomplishments, character, and the unwavering support they received from their families, friends, and educators. It was a night that would be remembered and cherished by all who attended, a celebration of achievements, and a farewell to the familiar halls of their beloved school.

As the graduates prepare to embark on their next journey, armed with the lessons and values instilled in them at Nebraska Christian Schools, they carry with them the memories and bonds forged during this unforgettable evening. With hearts filled with gratitude and excitement, they stand ready to embrace the future, knowing that they are equipped to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond.

The Nebraska Christian Schools Senior Honors Banquet of 2023 will forever remain a cherished chapter in the lives of these remarkable students, serving as a reminder of their remarkable achievements and the bright path that lies ahead.







Graduation Ceremony 2023



The graduation ceremony for the class of 2023 at Nebraska Christian took place on Saturday, May 13th at 10:30 am. The event was filled with excitement and joy as 30 graduating seniors donned their class colors, lavender and white. The class flower, a white rose with lavender baby breath, added a touch of elegance to the occasion.

The ceremony began with the class motto, inspired by a quote from CS Lewis: "There are better things ahead than any we leave behind." This sentiment perfectly encapsulated the spirit of the graduating class as they prepared to embark on their next journey in life.

Jacob Nokelby, the senior class speaker, shared his heartfelt reflections on the transformative journey he and his classmates had experienced during their time at Nebraska Christian. Having attended the school since 7th grade, Jacob received the highest academic standing and will be pursuing a degree in Pre-Med at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He expressed his gratitude for the abundant opportunities and unwavering support they had received, and emphasized their responsibility to live as responsible, God-fearing adults, striving for a life of purpose and glorifying God.

Amanda Carlson, another senior class speaker, echoed Jacob's sentiments. With a graduating GPA of 3.99 and preparing to head to college at the Montana Wilderness School of the Bible in the fall, she emphasized the importance of not forgetting God as they step into the world. Having been built upon a solid foundation provided by the NC faculty and staff, Amanda urged her fellow graduates to stand strong and live by the motto "Don't forget God" throughout their lives as they depart from the NC campus.

The commencement address was delivered by retired General Scott Vander Hamm, the VP & Corporate Lead Executive at Northrop Grumman Corporation. He shared invaluable life lessons with the graduating class, emphasizing the importance of faithfulness, using their talents to glorify God, and seeking holiness and happiness in all their endeavors.

The Nebraska Christian Choir provided a melodious backdrop to the ceremony with their enchanting renditions of "All Things New" and "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)."

Overall, the graduation ceremony was a beautiful and memorable event, filled with uplifting advice and words of wisdom. The class of 2023 has been equipped with the tools and values necessary to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. As they go forth into the world, may they honor God in all that they do. Congratulations and God bless the graduating class of 2023!







Track & Field Success to round out the 2022-23 School Year!

D-5 District Track Domination in Burwell

The Nebraska Christian track and field teams showcased their exceptional skills and unwavering determination at the highly anticipated D-5 district track meet held in Burwell, Nebraska. With outstanding performances across various events, the boys' team secured an impressive runner-up position, while the girls' team soared to victory, claiming the district championship. Led by remarkable individual achievements and stellar teamwork, Nebraska Christian's athletes demonstrated their commitment to excellence.

Boys' Team Triumphs:

The boys' team displayed their athletic prowess throughout the meet, leaving a lasting impression on the competition. Brodey Flynn delivered a sensational performance in the 800m finals, clinching the gold medal with a personal best time of 2:06.16. Flynn's exceptional achievement exemplified his dedication and hard work, propelling him to the top of the podium.

Jacob Swanson, another outstanding athlete from Nebraska Christian, dominated the competition in the 3200m event, securing a well-deserved first-place finish. Moreover, the boys' relay team comprising of Brodey Flynn, Noah Fischer, Riley Schreiber, and Jacob Swanson demonstrated exceptional teamwork and coordination, claiming the top spot in the fiercely contested 4x800 relay event.

Gabe Langemeier, a talented senior, proved his mettle in the shot put competition, setting a personal record with a remarkable throw of 46-03.00. Langemeier's stellar performance not only earned him a gold medal but also showcased his consistent improvement and determination to excel.

Micah Perdew also left a lasting impact on the competition by securing first place in the high jump with a personal best leap of 6-02.00. Additionally, Vendell Juzyk demonstrated his prowess in the triple jump, claiming the top spot and adding valuable points to the team's overall score.

Girls' Team Shines:

The girls' team from Nebraska Christian exhibited an extraordinary level of skill and teamwork, capturing the district championship with their exceptional performances. Emma Rathjen emerged as a standout athlete, winning the 800m race in spectacular fashion, achieving a personal best time of 2:26.56. Rathjen's dedication and determination were evident as she crossed the finish line, securing a well-deserved victory.

Hannah Swanson showcased her remarkable endurance and talent by clinching first place in both the 1600m and 3200m races. Her exceptional achievements not only demonstrated her remarkable abilities but also significantly contributed to the team's overall success.

Sheridan Falk displayed her agility and speed in the 100m hurdles, claiming the gold medal. Additionally, Falk exhibited her versatility by capturing first place in the long jump event. Her impressive performances underscored her talent and versatility as a formidable athlete.

Taytum Perdew soared to victory in the triple jump, further solidifying Nebraska Christian's dominance in the field events. Perdew's exceptional achievement highlighted her skill and determination.

The girls' 4x800 relay team, consisting of Reghan Flynn, Emma Rathjen, Isabelle Brumbaugh, and Gracie Hackel, delivered an outstanding performance, securing first place with their synchronized efforts and remarkable teamwork.

After their performance at Districts, all Eagle Track and Field fans eagerly anticipated the State Championships to be held just days later in Omaha. It's undeniable that this year's NC athletes are a force to be reckoned with. Way to go, Eagles!





Eagles Shine at NSAA State Track and Field Championships



The Nebraska Christian Eagles delivered an impressive performance at the NSAA State Track and Field Championships held at Burke High School in Omaha. Competing in Class D, the Eagles showcased their skills and determination, achieving remarkable results in various events.

The first day of the championships witnessed the Nebraska Christian Eagles making their mark on the track and field. The boys' 4x8 relay team, comprised of Noah Fischer, Jacob Swanson, Riley Schreiber, and Brodey Flynn, demonstrated their strength and endurance, securing an outstanding fourth-place finish with a time of 8:36.54. Meanwhile, the girls' 4x8 relay

team with Reghan Flynn, Isabelle Brumbaugh, Gracie Hackel, and Emma Rathjen, showcased their exceptional teamwork and tenacity, earning a well-deserved third-place finish with a time of 10:13.70.

Hannah Swanson, a standout athlete from Nebraska Christian, emerged as the State Champion in the highly competitive 3200m event. Swanson's determination and stamina propelled her to victory, showcasing her dedication to the sport and her outstanding running abilities finishing with a time of 12:00.73, nearly two seconds ahead of the competition. In another thrilling event, Vendell Juzyk showcased his athleticism in the triple jump, securing a remarkable second-place finish with a jump of 43-08.50.

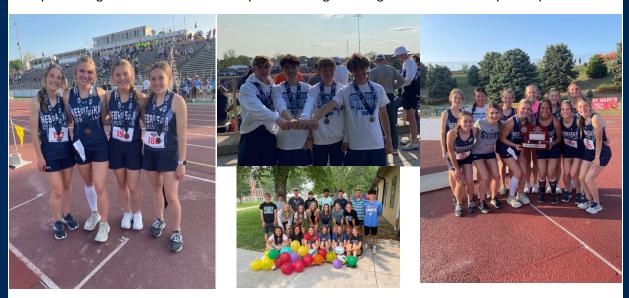
The field events proved to be equally exciting for the Eagles. Sheridan Falk displayed her remarkable talent in the long jump, capturing a notable second-place finish with a jump of 16-09.00. Additionally, Micah Perdew showcased his skills in the high jump, earning a commendable fourth-place finish with a jump of 6-02.00. In the boys' 3200m, Jacob Swanson exhibited his endurance and skill, crossing the finish line in fifth place.

Day two of the championships continued to witness the Eagles soar to new heights. Taytum Perdew showcased her jumping abilities in the triple jump with a final score of 34-02.75, securing a commendable fifth-place finish. Sheridan Falk once again demonstrated her versatility, excelling in the 100m hurdles, earning fifth place.

The Eagles' success extended beyond the field events. Terry Sebek showcased his throwing prowess, finishing eighth in the discus competition with a throw of 141-08. The girls' 4x400 relay team, made up of Cara Sidak, Emma Rathjen, Isabelle Brumbaugh, and Reghan Flynn, exhibited their determination and teamwork, earning a commendable sixth-place finish with a time of 4:16.44. Hannah Swanson continued to impress, finishing fourth in the challenging 1600m event with a time of 5:31.26. Gracie Hackel also displayed her running abilities, securing a respectable seventh-place finish in the same race.

Vendell Juzyk showcased his versatility once again, achieving a sixth-place finish in the long jump event. With their impressive performances across various events, the Nebraska Christian Eagles' girls' team ended the competition as State Runners Up in the Nebraska Class D category. Their outstanding teamwork and individual accomplishments were a testament to their hard work and dedication.

The Nebraska Christian Eagles can be immensely proud of their performances at the NSAA State Track and Field Championships. Their remarkable results, highlighted by numerous podium finishes and individual achievements, reflect their commitment, talent, and the guidance of their dedicated coaches. Congratulations to all the athletes for their outstanding efforts and for representing Nebraska Christian with pride on the grand stage of the state championships.



Nebraska Christian Schools and New Hope Christian Schools Partnership



In a bold move to tackle budget challenges and foster a dynamic relationship, Nebraska Christian Schools (NC) has recently announced a groundbreaking partnership with New Hope Christian Schools. This exciting collaboration aims to breathe new life into both institutions, creating a mutually beneficial alliance that promises to shape the future of Christian education in the region.

The cornerstone of this partnership is the appointment of Greg Smith as the acting Principal at Nebraska Christian Schools. With his extensive experience and passion for education, Smith brings a wealth

of knowledge to his new role, poised to drive positive change and innovation within the school.

One of the primary motivations behind this partnership is to increase support for teachers while minding the perpetual budgetary concerns faced by Christian Schools. By sharing administrative services, the two institutions can pool their resources, optimize their operational efficiency, and reduce costs. This strategic decision enables NC to redirect valuable financial resources toward enhancing academic programs, infrastructure development, and student support services.

Beyond the financial benefits, the collaboration between Nebraska Christian Schools and New

Hope Christian Schools holds the promise of fostering a vibrant relationship between the two organizations. By working together, sharing insights, and collaborating on various educational initiatives, both schools can gain a fresh perspective. This dynamic exchange of ideas has the potential to inspire and challenge educators, benefiting students in both institutions.

The partnership between these two Christian schools extends beyond administrative cooperation. It represents a commitment to jointly cultivate an inclusive and nurturing learning environment that aligns with their shared values. By collaborating on projects, extracurricular activities, and spiritual development programs, Nebraska Christian Schools and New Hope Christian Schools aim to create a cohesive community that empowers students to excel academically, spiritually, and personally.

With this transformative partnership, Nebraska Christian Schools and New Hope Christian Schools are demonstrating their dedication to Christian education in the region. By leveraging their combined strengths, these institutions are positioning themselves to thrive in an ever-evolving educational landscape. The shared administrative services will serve as a catalyst for positive change, enabling Nebraska Christian Schools to overcome budget challenges and offering new avenues for growth and advancement.

As this partnership unfolds, it is expected to leave an indelible mark on both schools, their faculty, students, and the wider community. By embracing collaboration, Nebraska Christian Schools and New Hope Christian Schools are poised to lead the way in delivering exceptional Christian education, preparing students for a future filled with purpose and success.

NCCA Update



Nebraska Christian Classical Academy (NCCA) is proud to announce some exciting updates for the upcoming academic year. Perhaps most importantly, we are closing in on having the right teachers committed to carrying out the mission and vision. Secondarily, we have recently announced that NCCA will utilize uniforms in an effort to carry out the mission and vision of the school.

In the realm of education, the adoption of uniforms has long been a topic of debate. However, when considering Christian classical education philosophies, uniforms play a unique role in fostering an

environment that keeps the focus on Christ rather than individualized students. By emphasizing unity, discipline, and humility, uniforms can serve as a powerful tool in promoting the values and principles of Christian classical education. Let's take a deeper look at these three areas to learn more about how uniforms might help us to accomplish our vision and carry out our mission. More information on why uniforms are important to our mission will be released in the near future.

In addition to the uniform update, NCCA is delighted to welcome a new full-time teacher, Colette Olson, who will join Autumn Peña in this inaugural year. Alongside Colette and Autumn, there will be other new faces in the classroom including TJ Norris, Holly Oswald who will be teaching Latin, and Curriculum Committee Member Ryan Faeh who will be teaching at the junior high level one day per week. You will find their individual biographies on our Facebook page in the near future and in next month's Advance. Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook @ NCCA.GI to stay up-to-date on everything NCCA!

Nebraska Christian Classical Academy is poised to provide an enriched educational experience rooted in discipline, character development, and a love for learning. The upcoming year promises to be one of growth, unity, and academic excellence for the entire NCCA community.

Budget Corner

Tom Dockweiler - Business Manager

Despite very strong support at our auction, gift income so far has not reached our budgeted goal for this fiscal year. However, some other income areas have exceeded budget expectations. We obviously do not know what



experience.

this last month of giving will look like, but we can be sure that whatever God provides will be exactly what we need. We are grateful to God for his provision and to all of you for your part in it. Thank you all for your prayers, gifts, and support over the course of this past year. We are so incredibly grateful.

Our fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30. If you would like to 'Help us cross the finish line', check out our Year-end giving letter. We are excited to add a really simple online giving option that will help to streamline your giving





Give Now

Fiscal Year-End Giving

As we near the end of the fiscal year, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support and commitment to Nebraska Christian Schools. With gratitude, we acknowledge the numerous achievements and milestones we have reached this year, thanks to your generous contributions and prayers.

This year, we celebrated the graduation of 30 outstanding young individuals who have been prepared academically, spiritually, and morally to face the challenges of the future. Their success is a testament to the dedication of our faculty, staff, and your continued investment in our mission. We pray that they remain steadfast in their faith.

Additionally, our responsibilities continue to grow. Enrollment at our primary campus has increased, and we have added a new homeschool collaborative called Nebraska Christian Classical Academy (NCCA). Together, we will be serving over 300 students next year. It is a great privilege to be part of the transformative power of a Christ-centered education for students and families. Your ongoing support enables us to fulfill our calling and make a lasting difference in the lives of these precious young souls.

We have complete trust that the Lord will provide partners like you who share our vision and mission. Together, we can pursue our purpose of assisting families and churches in providing a Christ-centered education that fosters a deep love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

We humbly request your prayerful consideration. Is the Lord leading you to support Nebraska Christian Schools with a one-time gift to help close this year or become a monthly supporter through Educating Eagles? Your contribution could help us achieve financial stability for the 2022-23 school year and propel us into the 2023-24 school year, enabling us to continue His important work. If you would like to donate, please go to our Year-End giving page by clicking here, or scanning the QR code below.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Nebraska Christian Schools community. Your support, whether through prayer, financial contributions, or volunteering, has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of our students. May God bless you abundantly for your faithfulness.



Scan the code above to give to our Fiscal Year-End Campaign today!

Memorial Gifts

For: Charles Gleason **From:** Joyce Glynn

Upcoming Dates

June 13

• Jr. Eagles Wrestling Camp Begins

June 21

• Jr. Eagles Science Camp

July 11

• Jr. Eagles Volleyball Camp Begins

July 13

• Jr. Eagles Football Camp Begins

July 17

• Jr. Eagles Soccer Camp Begins

August 14

• All Student Open House

• New Student Orientation

August 15

• First Day of School!

August 22

• First Day of Preschool!

Alumni News

To the 2023 graduating class of Nebraska Christian Schools, congratulations on your graduation! As you embark on this new chapter of your lives, we invite you to become members of the Nebraska Christian Schools Alumni Facebook page. Joining this community will connect you with the rich history of our school, help you stay in touch with past graduates and classmates, and keep you informed about upcoming class reunions.

By joining the Nebraska Christian Schools Alumni Facebook page, you can foster new relationships and reconnect with old friends. Share your achievements, memories, and experiences, and celebrate the successes of your fellow alumni. Together, we can continue to strengthen the bonds that were formed during our time at Nebraska Christian Schools.

Stay connected, be a part of the legacy, and stay informed on the latest updates and events. Join the Nebraska Christian Schools Alumni Facebook page today and become a part of this incredible network by clicking here or scanning the QR code. Go Eagles!



You can email Rachel, NC's Communication Specialist, at rblair@nebraskachristian.org and your news will be published in the next Advance. We can't wait to hear from you!

Core Value Highlights



At Nebraska Christian, there are a set of values that staff and students strive to exemplify each and every day. These values are arranged as an acrostic poem and posted in every classroom on campus, and moving forward The Advance will look to highlight one of these attributes through the telling of it being lived out by a member of the NC Family. With this in mind, please feel free to share your stories of how you see the vision, mission, or core values being lived out by emailing Rachel Blair at rblair@nebraskachristian.org. Thank you in advance for being a part of telling the ongoing story at Nebraska Christian and stay tuned for the stories of the NC family being the hands and feet of Jesus in Nebraska, the United States, and possibly the world!





