

## 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.

### God Is In Control!



If you have been engaged with Nebraska Christian Schools over the past few years, you know that the Lord has blessed our school in a multitude of ways. From the physical plant of the school, enrollment increases, high quality staff and faculty additions, student activity success, and all the way to a Classical Academy start-up in Grand Island, the Lord continues to pave the way for our school. While all credit ultimately goes to the Lord, it is apparent that your prayers and support are instrumental in allowing us to provide a strong, Christ-centered education. Undoubtedly, there has been change at Nebraska Christian. Even so, our board continues to ensure that the school remains steadfast in the mission and vision of the school. We have a wonderful school with dedicated teachers and staff. We have

supportive parents and families, and we have a community of students who are eager to learn and grow in their faith.

All of that said, we know that all of our blessings come from God. We are simply stewards of His gifts, and we are called to use them for His glory. I recently studied through the book of Judges and a classic story hit me in a different way than it did in my Sunday school class back in the day. What really hit me in this section of my study is that the Lord did not use Sampson because he was such a great guy. It was quite the opposite. God used Sampson in spite of his depravity. While he was a man of great passion and great strength, he also had a lot of flaws. Although his parents made the decision for him to be a Nazirite before he was even born, it does not appear that he remained faithful in his Nazirite vows to abstain from worldly things. He made a lot of bad choices. Even so, it also appears he was a man of great faith. For that reason, he was able to use his strength to defeat his enemies, deliver his people from their passivity, and catalyze a desire for his people to be separated from the influence of the Philistines.

I would like to challenge you in whatever life circumstance you might be in right now. No matter what choices you have made or what life circumstances you are in, remain faithful. Say yes to the instructions you are given from our Lord through His Word and through prayer.

Thank you for being a part of the Nebraska Christian Schools family. We are grateful for each and every one of you and pray that above all else, you remember that it is a great day to be a follower of Christ.

For His glory,



Tim Hekrdle  
Superintendent

## Exciting Summer Camps Enrich Young Athletes' Skills and Knowledge

The NC Junior Eagles Summer Camps have been in full swing, offering young athletes an opportunity to improve their skills, foster camaraderie, and deepen their passion for various sports and scientific pursuits. With three camps already concluded and three more yet to come, the basketball, wrestling, and science camps have left participants with unforgettable experiences and valuable lessons. Let's take a closer look at these remarkable events and the impact they've had on the attendees.

### Basketball Camp

#### Honing Skills and Embracing the Game

From May 31 to June 2, young basketball enthusiasts between 1st and 8th grade gathered for the highly anticipated Junior Eagles Basketball Camp. Led by Coach Erin Mankin, supported by Coach Clay Mankin and members of the varsity Eagles girls basketball team, the camp attracted a near-record number of participants. Throughout the camp, students engaged in various fun drills and games to enhance their dribbling, ball-handling, and shooting skills. The camp not only focused on skill development but also emphasized teamwork, a love for the game, and how to have fun in the sport.

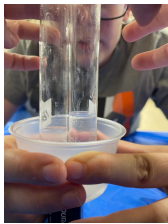


### Wrestling Camp

#### Building Relationships and Embracing Challenges

On June 13-15, the Junior Eagles Wrestling Camp offered young men in different grade groups the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of wrestling. Under the guidance of Coach Greg Smith, the new NC wrestling coach and K-12 Principal, 24 enthusiastic students discovered the physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of the sport. Coach Smith expressed his satisfaction with the camp's success, highlighting the strong relationships built with each participant. Through the motto, "We

GET to do this,” the camp instilled qualities of Gratitude, Effort, and Toughness in the young wrestlers, nurturing their growth both on and off the mat.



### Science Camp

#### Exploring the Wonders of Chemistry and the Human Body

On June 21, the NC Summer Science Camp invited Kindergarten through 6th grade students to delve into the captivating world of chemistry and the human body. This single-day event was filled with exciting experiments, allowing participants to witness firsthand the beauty of scientific discoveries. From explosive reactions to unraveling the intricacies of human anatomy, the camp fostered a sense of wonder and appreciation for the marvels of God's creation. The young campers left with a deeper curiosity for science and a greater understanding of the world around them.



The NC Junior Eagles Summer Camps have already left an indelible mark on the young participants who have attended the basketball, wrestling, and science camps. Through the guidance of passionate coaches and engaging activities, these camps have provided a platform for skill development, character building, and exploration of new subjects. As the remaining camps approach, it is evident that the NC Junior Eagles Summer Camps are making a lasting impact on the lives of young athletes and learners, inspiring them to embrace sportsmanship, nurture their passions, and discover the wonders of the world.

## NC Makes a Sweet Impact at Lone Tree Days



Nebraska Christian students and families recently came together to spread joy and exemplify Christian values at Central City's Lone Tree Days. The event marked the first time that Nebraska Christian (NC) participated, and it was an afternoon filled with fun and community engagement. Led by NC's Development Specialist, Brandi Flynn, the team of eight student ambassadors volunteered from 1 to 5 p.m., delighting the crowd by giving out 200-250 cotton candies in six different flavors.

The event had its fair share of memorable moments. Julie Sidak, the master floss maker, kept the cotton candy supply flowing, while Lilly Macken's amusing fear of getting the floss on the cone provided entertainment for all. Despite a few sprinkles, the day went smoothly, thanks to the tent



which provided cover for the long line of people eagerly waiting. The flow of attendees remained constant, and both children and parents reveled in the sweet treats and bubbles, resulting in countless smiles throughout the day.

Central City's Lone Tree Days proved to be an incredible opportunity for NC to make its mark in the community. This inaugural event was a resounding success, and the participation of local residents who came out to fellowship, enjoy cotton candy, and support NC was deeply appreciated. By embodying the Christian values of service, community, and joy, this Nebraska Christian team demonstrated their commitment to spreading positivity and love to all those around them.



## NC Track Additions and Corrections from the May 2023 Nebraska State High School Championships



In the latest edition of the NC Advance, published on June 10, 2023, an oversight came to our attention that warranted correction. We regretfully omitted the names of several remarkable individuals who demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication as qualifiers, competitors, and medal winners at the recent Nebraska State High School Championships at Burke High School in Omaha, Nebraska, specifically the names of some of our field competitors. Our commitment to acknowledging

every deserving athlete's accomplishments has compelled us to rectify this mistake by providing a comprehensive list of the NC athletes who participated and their respective standings in the highly anticipated event, which took place on May 19-20th.



• Girls 300m Hurdles (Class D) - Prelims

• Girls Long Jump (Class D)



19th – Sheridan Falk | H2 • Yr:9 | 50.34

• **Girls 400m (Class D) - Prelims**

20th – Cara Sidak | H2 • Yr:9 | 1:04.30

• **Girls 800m (Class D)**

11th – Emma Rathjen | H2 • Age:15 • Yr:9 | 2:28.17

15th – Isabelle Brumbaugh | H1 • Yr:10 | 2:30.40

• **Boys 800m (Class D)**

12th – Brodey Flynn | H1 • Age:16 • Yr:10 | 2:04.63

• **Boys 1600m (Class D)**

10th – Brodey Flynn | H1 • Age:16 • Yr:10 | 4:45.01

11th – Jacob Swanson | H1 • Age:15 • Yr:9 | 4:46.51

12th – Noah Fischer | H1 • Age:16 • Yr:10 | 4:49.41

• **Girls 1600m (Class D)**

4th – Hannah Swanson | +5pts • H1 • Yr:11 | 5:31.26

7th – Gracie Hackel | +2pts • H1 • Yr:10 | 5:36.87

23rd – Rachel Rathjen | H1 • Yr:12 | 6:20.63

• **Girls 3200m (Class D)**

1st – Hannah Swanson | +10pts • H1 • Yr:11 | 12:00.73

12th – Grace Musgrave | H1 • Age:17 • Yr:11 | 13:17.71

13th – Ava Brumbaugh | H1 • Age:15 • Yr:9 | 13:23.33

• **Boys 3200m (Class D)**

5th – Jacob Swanson | +4pts • H1 • Age:15 • Yr:9 | 10:28.08

• **Boys Discus Throw (Class D)**

8th – Terrigen Sebek | +1pts • F3 • Yr:12 | 141-08 • 43.18m

• **Boys High Jump (Class D)**

4th – Micah Perdew | +5pts • F1 • Yr:11 | 6-02.00 • 1.88m

• **Boys Long Jump (Class D)**

6th – Vendell Juzyk | +3pts • -1.8m/s • F1 • Yr:10 | 20-03.75 • 6.19m

2nd – Sheridan Falk | +8pts • 0.7m/s • F3 • Yr:9 | 16-09.00 • 5.11m

11th – Taytum Perdew | 3.0m/s • F1 • Yr:9 | 15-11.25 • 4.86m

• **Boys Shot Put (Class D)**

17th – Gabe Langemeier | F2 • Yr:12 | 42-08.25 • 13.01m

22nd – Terrigen Sebek | F1 • Yr:12 | 41-05.00 • 12.62m

• **Boys Triple Jump (Class D)**

2nd – Vendell Juzyk | +8pts • 3.4m/s • F3 • Yr:10 | 43-08.50 • 13.32m

13th – Micah Perdew | 2.3m/s • F2 • Yr:11 | 40-06.00 • 12.34m

• **Girls Triple Jump (Class D)**

5th – Taytum Perdew | +4pts • -1.1m/s • F3 • Yr:9 | 34-02.75 • 10.43m

14th – Maryah Wheeler | 0.6m/s • F2 • Yr:12 | 32-11.00 • 10.03m

• **Girls 4x100 Meter Relay (Class D)**

9th | 52.09 | 'A' • H2 • T. Perdew, S. Falk, M. Wheeler, C. Sidak

• **Girls 4x400 Meter Relay (Class D)**

6th | 4:16.44 | 'A' • +3pts • H2 • C. Sidak, E. Rathjen, I. Brumbaugh, R. Flynn

• **Girls 4x800 Meter Relay (Class D)**

3rd | 10:13.70 | 'A' • +6pts • H1 • R. Flynn, I. Brumbaugh, G. Hackel, E. Rathjen

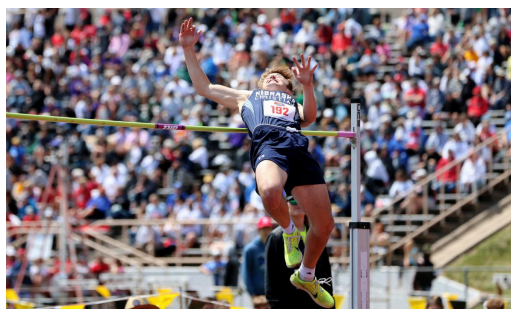
• **Boys 4x800 Meter Relay (Class D)**

4th | 8:36.54 | 'A' • +5pts • H1 • N. Fischer, J. Swanson, R. Schreiber, B. Flynn

**Nebraska Christian Boys (Class D) Finished 9th Overall with 26 (tied with Brady)**

**Nebraska Christian Girls (Class D) Finished 2nd Overall with 42**

\*All times, names, and race data listed above were collected online from [Black Squirrel Timing Company](https://results.blacksquirreltiming.com/meets/25029) at [results.blacksquirreltiming.com/meets/25029](https://results.blacksquirreltiming.com/meets/25029)



**Empowering Students Through Summer Camps and Programs**

Summer is a time for students to take a break from their academic routine and explore new horizons. For some, this means participating in various camps and programs that offer unique opportunities for personal and professional development. In this article, we will highlight the experiences of students who recently graduated from the Nebraska Junior Law Cadet Academy and those who attended the FCA Distance Camp at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. These students gained invaluable knowledge and skills while forging lasting memories and connections.

### **FCA Distance Camp**

In another exciting endeavor, Eagle runners had the opportunity to participate in the FCA Distance Camp at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in June. This four-day camp brought together over 200 student-athletes from across the state, including Marlie Mundt (NC Class of 2023), who served as a huddle leader.

The FCA Distance Camp focuses on enhancing distance running skills while also emphasizing the spiritual aspect of running for the glory of God. The camp featured rigorous workouts, interactions with runners from various backgrounds, insightful speakers, uplifting music, and specialized training sessions. The athletes, including freshmen Abby Berck and Haddie Rankin, sophomores Eva Brumbaugh and Jacob Swanson, junior Noah Fischer, and seniors Heather Swanson and Grace Musgrave, shared an enriching experience that facilitated growth in both their athletic abilities and faith.



### **Nebraska Junior Law Cadet Academy**

On June 23, 2023, at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy in Grand Island, 42 high school students got the chance to train like a trooper. The 26 male and 16 female junior law cadets successfully completed their training at the 53rd Nebraska Junior Law Cadet Academy. Rachel Hale, an NC junior from Fullerton, was among the proud graduates. The Junior Law Cadet Program, which selects participants through a rigorous application and interview process, offers students an immersive experience in law enforcement training.

"Junior Law is a great opportunity for high school juniors considering a career in law enforcement to experience part of the training our recruits go through," said Captain Andy Ecklund. The cadets delved into various aspects of law enforcement throughout the academy, including firearms training, K-9 handling, accident and criminal investigation, SWAT missions and responses, and state patrol car driving. Rachel expressed her enthusiasm, noting that the academy felt like a week packed into two days. She found the drug investigation session particularly interesting, while the cybercrime investigator session presented a challenging perspective on the impact of these crimes.

Rachel highly recommends the program to all high school juniors, emphasizing the fun-filled experience and the exceptional knowledge and inspiration provided by the Troopers. She extends her gratitude to The American Legion of Nebraska and the Nebraska State Patrol for sponsoring this transformative program.





Participating in summer camps and programs provides students with unique opportunities for growth and exploration. The experiences of the Nebraska Junior Law Cadets and the FCA Distance Camp participants highlight the transformative power of such initiatives. Whether it's learning about law enforcement or honing athletic skills while deepening their spiritual connection, these students have developed valuable skills, made lasting connections, and expanded their horizons. We encourage aspiring students to actively seek out such programs to embark on their own journeys of personal and professional development.

## Budget Corner

We are so thankful that the Lord has provided for us in a multitude of ways over the years. While our cash balance has depleted a bit in the past few years, we haven't gone without paying staff members either. God has been good and we are grateful. If you feel compelled to support the continuation of our vision to equip students with a Biblical Worldview that empowers them to stand on Truth, click the button below to give to our General Giving Fund, our Scholarship Fund, or to give in honor of a loved one or friend, you can give to our Memorial Fund. Thank you for your generosity.



[Give Now](#)

Scan the code or click the button above to give to our [General Giving Fund](#) and give where it's needed most!

We do not have an approved 2023-24 budget at this time, but we anticipate a similar public support need to the \$800k + that was required this last year.

*June 2023:*  
\$ 6,558.73

*Monthly  
Giving  
Goal:*  
\$65,750

*Fiscal Year 2022-23:*  
\$564,832.80

*Annual Giving Goal:*  
\$800,000

## Memorial Gifts

**For:** Cora Ann Wood  
**From:** Donald and Kayleen Riley

**For:** Harold Schlagel  
**From:** Dorothy Glad

## Upcoming Dates

### 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

Seth Hower ('20) is now the new Pastor at Sand Hills Community Bible Church in Mullen, NE. Here is what SCBC posted about their new Pastor on their Facebook page:



We are excited to announce Seth Hower as the new Pastor at SCBC!

Seth was born and raised in small-town Nebraska until his family moved to Grand Island when he was 8. He graduated high school from Nebraska Christian in Central City in the spring of 2020 and went on to Calvary University in Kansas City Missouri. After three years of schooling, Seth has just finished all of his undergraduate studies and will continue on to get his Master's Degree in Divinity. Seth is extremely grateful for the opportunity to be a senior pastor.

Let's bless our new Pastor!

Congratulations Seth!

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!





Scan the code above to join our Facebook Group!



You can email Rachel, NC's Communication Specialist, at [rblair@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:rblair@nebraskachristian.org) or Brandi Flynn, NC's Development Specialist at [bflynn@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:bflynn@nebraskachristian.org), and your news will be published in the next Advance.

We can't wait to hear from you!

## Core Value Highlights

<b>OUR VISION</b> We aspire to equip students with a <b>Biblical Worldview</b> that <b>empowers</b> them to stand on <b>Truth</b> .	<b>OUR CORE VALUES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> <b>S</b>ervice Minded</li><li> <b>E</b>xalting Christ</li><li> <b>R</b>elationally Focused</li><li> <b>V</b>ibrant Disposition</li><li> <b>I</b>nnovative Practices</li><li> <b>C</b>ollaborative Approach</li><li> <b>E</b>xcellence</li></ul>
<b>OUR MISSION</b> We assist the family and church by providing a <b>Christ-centered</b> education and encouraging a <b>love relationship</b> with the <b>Lord Jesus Christ</b> .	

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](mailto: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!

