



# nc advance

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## In His Grip

by Dan Woods, Administrator



At Nebraska Christian Schools, the word of God is the standard. The truth of scripture is woven deep into the fabric of each class, and each chapel speaker has the responsibility of bringing forth God's word in a way that brings glory to God. Our mission of assisting parents and the church in providing a Christ-centered education is a challenge because there is a tendency to separate Christianity from the everyday fabric of our lives. But Christ-centered means that Christ is the center of ALL things.

In my daily Bible reading, I recently read Joshua 23-24. In Joshua's farewell address, he exhorts Israel to remember all the things that the Lord has done for them. He goes on to say, "Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that you turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left." (Joshua 23:6)

What I found quite interesting is that in the politically charged environment that we find ourselves in here in the United States, many of us are looking for someone to stand up for what is right. We hear those who speak from the left and those who are on the right, but where are those who will stand for the Lord? Where are those who won't turn to the right or to the left but will have

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### Elementary Play a Galactic Success.

The elementary put on the play "Patch the Pirate Goes to Space" on March 19 and 20. The play was directed by Michael Flynn, Denise Schreiber, Charissa Smith ('94), and Janice Stuhmer, and the accompanist was Katherine Welk. Pictured above (left to right) — Row 1: Christina Starkey (Princess), Jayden Swanson (Peter), Zachary Dockweiler (PeeWee), Shane Myers (PJ), Jaydon Elge (Peanut), Rubi McHargue (Sissy Sailor). Row 2: Cassidy Ostrand (Marvin Martian), Alexis Hower (Millie Martian), Dillon Rose (Patch the Pirate), Reagan Williams (Oozie Oyster), Marilla Flynn (Ornery Oyster), Sarah Simmons (Opal Oyster), Sharina Boutin (Ozzie Oyster), Matthew Myers (Wally Whale), Whitney Heuermann (Wilma Whale).

## History's Impact

by Joanna Stuhmer, sophomore

*Editor's Note: From March 1-7, several NC students, parents, and teachers traveled in and around Washington, D.C. The group stopped at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on the way to Washington, and on the way home, they toured the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky.*

The group that went to Washington, D.C. wanted to use their trip to learn more about the United States of America. American and international students were both deeply impacted by the trip.

Michael Wang of China said of Gettysburg, "One of the most intense battles during the Civil War happened here. Lots of soldiers died in this battle for a united country. Lots of soldiers sacrificed their lives in this battle. Without this battle, perhaps the U.S. would be divided into two countries." The group looked deeper into the meaning and background of the monuments. Not only were the elaborate structures studied but



Above (left to right): Junior Tressa Johnston and sophomores Shelisa Boutin and Sierra Sheeks pause for a picture in front of the White House.

also the pros and cons of the belief the monuments portrayed. The Holocaust Museum was one experience that none of the students will ever forget. Vivid pictures of the atrocious event of the Holocaust were placed in the minds of the students. Seth Bailey said, "The feeling I had was sadness because of how pitiful the people looked when the soldiers broke into the concentration camps."

## The Senior Class of Nebraska Christian High School announces its Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 15, 2010  
10:30 am  
Nebraska Christian  
Gymnasium

Class Verse:

"But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved."

— Hebrews 10:39 (NIV)

Class Flower: Easter Lily

Class Colors: White and Gold

Class Motto:

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

— Jim Elliot

After a week in the nation's capital, the students walked away with an understanding of the difference between the moral beliefs the Founding Fathers held and the morals in Washington today. Luke Woods said, "It is amazing to see how much the beliefs of our nation have changed from the beliefs of the Founding Fathers." The group returned to Nebraska with a better understanding of the history of the United States.

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**Mission:** The mission of Nebraska Christian Schools is to assist the family and church by providing a Christ-centered education, equipping students with a biblical worldview and encouraging a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Summit Founder Speaks at NC by Jennifer Smith, senior

Each Wednesday morning, a guest speaker delivers a lesson to Nebraska Christian students and staff during chapel, but on April 6, a special guest speaker spoke three different times on campus. This speaker was Dr. David A. Noebel from Summit Ministries in Colorado. Through two-week intensive summer retreats, Summit Ministries teaches students how to analyze the different ideas in the world that are competing for their minds and hearts. Noebel has written several books, including "Understanding the Times," which Mr. Woods uses to teach the senior Bible class about worldviews.

During the chapel session in the morning, Noebel's main focus was to ask the question "Are you ready for college?" to each student. In explaining that each college has an agenda, he showed how the whole truth is no longer revealed to college students and how many Christian students are not truly prepared for the college road. Along with preparing students for college, he also proved how there are six worldviews controlling the world. Each worldview is a different bunch of ideas put together, and every idea has consequences. Later in the day, Noebel taught another lesson to the senior economics class about socialism and its implication for the Christian faith. He talked about the Socialization of America, explaining how three significant happenings in 1883 turned America towards socialization – the death of Karl Marx, the birth of John Maynard Keynes, and the birth of the Fabian Socialist Society.

Not only did Noebel hold sessions during school, but that evening he also held a session for anyone outside of the school who wanted to hear him speak. This particular lesson focused on the twenty blessings



Dr. David Noebel teaches the seniors about socialism during their economics class.

about America and explained how God puts us in charge of different affairs for being faithful. Throughout the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions, Noebel opened many people's eyes to what is going on in the world and taught lessons that will not soon be forgotten.

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



It is spring, and by the time most of you read this, graduation will be upon us. From what I can see right now, it still appears this spring will be typical and finances will once again be tight. Thanks in advance for prayerfully considering how God would have you respond to that information. Please know that we are well aware of how dependent this school has been and still is on God's provision, and we are grateful to God and to each of you he has and will use to provide for His work at Nebraska Christian Schools. It really will be no surprise when God proves Himself faithful again. "He does whatever He pleases." (Job 23:13)

The financial information most often asked for from me includes the following:

1.) This year's auction appears to have exceeded the goal of \$100,000. This includes income from both the scholarship side and the sales side of that event. Thanks to God

## Calendar of Events\*

### MAY

- 6 Awards Chapel, 9:00 AM
- 7 Junior-Senior Banquet  
7:00 PM
- 13 Senior Night, 7:30 PM
- 15 Graduation, 10:30 AM
- 18 8th Grade Graduation  
6:30 PM
- 20 School Dismissed for Summer, 11:30 AM
- 21-22 State Track, Omaha

### JUNE

- 7-9 Volleyball Camps:  
Grades 9-12, 9:00 AM - 12:00 N  
Grades 3-8, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- 14-16 Basketball Camps:  
Grades 9-12, 9:00 AM - 12:00 N  
Grades 3-8, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

\*For additional events, check our website, [www.nebraskachristian.org](http://www.nebraskachristian.org).

and to everyone He chose to have a part in that event.

2.) There is only \$60,000 remaining to be paid on the sewer project. Thanks to God and to each person He used to complete this project with over 75% of it paid for. The remaining \$60,000 has been set up on a five-year amortized note. There is no penalty for paying the note off early. If God lays it on your heart to do so, feel free to continue to contribute to this project.

3.) In the roller coaster analogy (see my last article) I am closer to waving arms than to white knuckles. It is my intent to finish this ride and strap in and do it again. If God allows that, I will continue to need His grace. Thanks for your prayers, but don't stop now.

4.) I have no idea how healthcare, federal deficits, etc. may or may not affect the future of Nebraska Christian Schools' finances. "Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases him." (Psalm 115:3)

Until next time, may God bless you and yours.



Tune in Saturday  
afternoons at 1:04 p.m.  
and Sunday mornings  
at 10:30 a.m. to hear  
Dan and Gordon on  
AM-750 KMMJ.

**Announcing the return of Jr. High Football!**

In the fall of 2010, junior high boys will again have the opportunity to play football. For more information, contact Carl Ostrand at 308-946-3836.



Above: Preschooler Ella Schank

## NC to Host Summer Sports Camps

### Volleyball Camp

NC will be offering a volleyball camp on June 7-9 at the NC gym from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for girls entering grades 9-12, and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for girls entering grades 3-8. The cost is \$25 and will include instruction, a camp t-shirt and snacks. Players will be responsible for their own water bottle, knee pads and court shoes. Registrations received by April 28 will be guaranteed a t-shirt. Call Tonya Ostrand at 402-984-9819 with questions.

### Basketball Camp

NC will be hosting a basketball camp on June 14-16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the gym for boys and girls entering grades 9-12 and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for those entering grades 3-8. The cost is \$25 and will include instruction, a camp t-shirt and snacks. Players will be responsible for their own water bottle and appropriate court shoes. Registrations made by April 28 will be guaranteed a t-shirt. Call Tonya Ostrand at 402-984-9819 or Clay Mankin at 308-627-3037 with questions.

*Editor's Note: These camps were previously published with incorrect dates. The dates listed here and in the calendar of events are accurate.*

## From the Development Office *by Becky Deichmann, Kathy Chase, and Jody Heuermann*



We are rejoicing that God has again chosen to provide for the needs at Nebraska Christian Schools through the Dinner and Benefit Auction. By His amazing grace, we are able to report a net profit of over \$100,000.

This event touches the lives of hundreds of people, including donors, bidders, attendees, and all the willing volunteers who make it all possible. The student servers are always a little nervous, but under the able guidance of their adult supervisors, they did their jobs very well in serving nearly 300 people in

nine minutes! Our guests continue to be impressed by their gracious service.

The big band sounds of the Knights of Rhythm Orchestra set the tone for a fun evening. The generous servings of grilled ribeye steak and skewered shrimp ensured that everyone had a satisfying meal before the Live Auction bidding began.

Auctioneer Scott Wall returned for the third time to add lots of energy and fun to the bidding. He was nearly speechless when the NC ensemble serenaded him with the "Auctioneer Song," and the audience loved it too.

Items that brought special attention included a dinner for eight with Governor Dave Heineman and a private tour of the Governor's

mansion that sold for \$4,400. A guided northern pike fishing trip sold twice, bringing a total \$5,000. Other winning bids of note were the \$2,800 bid for a Baja-style racing trip with Steve Strobel and \$3,100 for a cabin stay at YMCA of the Rockies.

The Scholarship Auction continues to be an avenue for giving that our donors are enthusiastic about. Prior to the event, over \$18,000 had been received in response to mailings and phone calls. Nearly \$40,000 was raised during the Live Scholarship Auction. All these funds will be used to provide a Christian education for students who might not otherwise have the financial means.

We in the Development Office would like to express our sincere thanks for all the very generous donations of time, talent, and treasure. It's always a joy to work with so many wonderful people on this project. Please join us in thanking Jehovah-Jireh, our provider, for blessing NC in many ways through this year's Dinner and Benefit Auction.

To see more pictures and a list of donors, please visit our website at [http://nebraskachristian.org/support/benefit\\_auction](http://nebraskachristian.org/support/benefit_auction).



Top: Hors d'oeuvres servers Michelle Toukan and Nathan Ritta.

Above: Jessica Davis (right) serves coffee to a dinner guest.

Far left: The servers show their silly side as they wait for the dinner to begin.



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# seniors seniors seniors seniors

**Janelle Beth Bailey** is the daughter of Danny & Amy Bailey of Central City. She has attended Nebraska Christian for seven years. Janelle plans to study elementary education in college, and she hopes to one day use her degree in overseas missions work. She has many fond memories of her time at NC, including 5th grade with Miss Charissa Smith ('94), Family & Consumer Science quilting, and 2009 State Speech with the OID. Janelle's favorite verses are Proverbs 3:5-6. "I take comfort in these verses," she says, "because I know that when things don't make sense by human standards, God is still in control. He will direct my paths even when I don't know what the paths look like or where they will lead."

**Chia-Siang (Johnny) Chang** is the son of Yu-Ching & Hui-Chuan Chang. He is from Taipei, Taiwan. Johnny has attended NC for three years, and one of his favorite memories is going to the Henry Doorly Zoo with his class. Johnny says that Nebraska Christian is the first place where he heard the gospel. He explains, "God bring me here for a reason. He gave me the chance to hear the good news from heaven. He gave me the chance to repent and turn my way to Him." Johnny's favorite verse is Philippians 4:13.

**Eun Hee (Dominic) Cho** is from Daejeon, South Korea. Her parents are Chang-hyen Cho & Jung-hwa Yang. This is Dominic's first year at NC, and her favorite memory is dorm life. Dominic says that while she was at NC, she started taking her work seriously. She plans to major in hotel business in college, and she would like to be a hotel manager in the future.

**Richard Alexander Dawson** attended NC for his sophomore and senior years. His parents are Alex & Dorene Dawson of Stromsburg. He remembers drinking way too much Mountain Dew on the sophomore Washington, D.C. trip! His favorite verse is Revelation 12:7 because it shows that the forces of good and evil do exist. Rik plans to have a career in the military.

**Anh Thoi (Anna) Dinh**, daughter of Lein Pham of Hochiminh City, Vietnam, has spent two years at Nebraska Christian. Anna plans to study business management and theater in college. Anna's life completely changed after she began attending NC. "I became a Christian at NC last winter. The way I used to look at life and deal with everything is really different [now], and that influences my life," she says. The day several dorm students were baptized

last year is one of her sweetest memories of her time at NC. Anna's favorite verse is Proverbs 16:9 because it shows her that God will direct her no matter what, and it reminds her that she can always trust Him.

**Thayer Warren Perkins Dungan** of Hastings has attended Nebraska Christian for four years. His parents are Dr. John Dungan and Nancy Hyde. Thayer plans to become an Army officer in the future. He says that Nebraska Christian has brought him many new friends as well as spiritual guidance. Thayer fondly remembers finals week his sophomore year, when he, classmate Fred Lee, and Alex McCoy ('08) hung out in his room, rather than studying for their tests. His favorite verse is Jeremiah 33:3.

**Conrad Garrett Huenefeld** has spent one year at Nebraska Christian. His parents are Dan & Linda Huenefeld of Aurora. Conrad is the second child in his family to graduate from NC; his brother Caden graduated in 2008. Conrad's favorite NC memory is his senior weight lifting class, and his favorite verse is Joshua 1:9.

**Abigail Lee Krug** of Chapman is the only graduating senior who has attended Nebraska Christian from Kindergarten through 12th grade. She is the last of Norm & Sue Krug's children to graduate from NC; Andrea (Krug '99) Plucker, Nate ('01), and Sam ('06) are also alumni. Abbie believes that she has benefited greatly from her Nebraska Christian education. She is especially grateful for her teachers, who have taught both through words and actions. Her favorite NC memory is from 2009 State Speech, where her OID (Oral Interpretation of Drama) group placed fifth. She says, "When we arrived at the hotel, we received a bouquet of candy. The girls proceeded to each pick out a flower and dance around the room, turning the flowerless boys into toads. Speech held many memorable moments throughout the years!" Abbie's future plans include attending Grace University and majoring in elementary education. Her favorite verses are 2 Corinthians 1:4-5.

**Janae Carlyn Landrigan** has attended Nebraska Christian for four years. She is a native of Broken Bow, and her parents are Paul & Janet Landrigan. Janae plans to attend community college for two years, then transfer to Hastings College and major in secondary music education. Her favorite verses are Matthew 11:28-30. She says, "These verses comfort me because I can see that Christ holds the best for me. If I follow His will, He will provide for me and grant me peace and rest." She credits her

time at NC with preparing her to "always be ready to give a reason to everyone who asks of the hope that is in me, hope only found in Jesus Christ."

**Kuei-Ching (Fred) Lee** has spent five years at Nebraska Christian. He is from Taipei, Taiwan, and his parents are Alfred & Grace Lee. He greatly enjoyed playing football, and he is thankful for the English he has learned while at Nebraska Christian. Fred's future plans include college.

**Yirong (Gail) Mao** of Shenyang, China, has attended NC for 1-1/2 years. Her parents are Liangmin Mao & Yongmei Wang. Gail believes that God sent her to Nebraska Christian. "I have received His grace," she says. "My worldview has changed, and I will have strength to face temptation and trials in my coming future." Her favorite verse is 2 Corinthians 4:18. Gail enjoyed celebrating her birthday at NC, and she loved going on all the international trips.

**Elliot Samuel Murphy** has attended Nebraska Christian since the 8th grade, and his favorite NC memories are Friday night football games. His parents are Chuck & Trish Murphy of Stromsburg. Elliot is the fourth child in his family to graduate from NC; his sisters Charlene Friesen ('04), Holly Murphy ('06), and Emily McHargue ('09) are also NC graduates. He is grateful for the education he has received at NC, saying, "I have received a top level education that provided a solid base for a Christ-centered worldview, and I have learned from examples what a follower of Christ looks like." Elliot plans to attend a private 4-year college, where he would like to run track & field. His favorite verses are Romans 14:7-8. He says, "What do I have to fear in life or death if I belong to the Lord? Nothing."

**Alexander Scott Newby** is the son of Kristen ('90) & Michelle Klein of Cairo. He has attended Nebraska Christian throughout high school. His favorite memories of his time at NC include dorm experiences, hanging out with friends on Friday nights, and the D.C. trip. Alex says that his time at NC has helped him recognize how small he is compared to God's vastness. His favorite passage is Psalm 51. "It is a psalm of forgiveness," he says. "Whenever I mess up, I go to Psalm 51 and know that God is always there, working to bring me back to Himself, that I might be in accordance with His will in my life." Alex plans to major in youth ministries and worship studies at either Grace University or John Brown University.

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**Rebekah Anne Poeffel** has attended NC for five years. Many of her family members have also graduated from NC, including her sister Jamie Drescher ('95), brother Jeremy ('99), sister-in-law Susanna (Weiss '99) Poeffel, and cousin Tyson Smith ('04). Rebekah's parents are Duane & Christine Poeffel of Columbus. Following graduation, she plans to attend a four-year Christian university and major in either elementary education or music. Rebekah says that NC has given her a passion to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Rebekah's favorite NC memory is from Homecoming her freshman year when she, Abbie Krug, and Amber Rainbolt were left behind during a game of Alpha

Wolf. Her favorite verse is 1 Peter 3:15, and she thinks it will be a helpful reminder when she's not surrounded by Christian friends.

**Amber Joy Rainbolt** of Central City has attended Nebraska Christian for nine years. Her parents are John Rainbolt and Julie Rainbolt. Her sisters Jenny ('02) and Sarah ('05) are also NC grads. Next year, Amber plans to attend Grace University and major in elementary education. One of Amber's fondest NC memories is from 6th grade: "The bathrooms didn't work, and we had to walk across the street to the port-a-potties as a class whenever we needed to go!" She is thankful for her time at NC because while attending NC, her walk with

**2010 Seniors.**

Seated: Janelle Bailey, Kelsey Shepherd, Gail Mao, Kate Zuehlke, Ling Vuong, Anna Dinh, Amber Rainbolt, Janae Landrigan, Abbie Krug, CJ Urban. Standing: Rik Dawson, Alex Newby, Dominic Cho, Shannon Rodehorst, Jennifer Smith, Adam Richardson, Rebekah Poeffel, Elliot Murphy, Thayer Dungan, Fred Lee, Johnny Chang. (Not Pictured: Conrad Huenefeld.)

Christ has strengthened, and she has learned to always depend on Him through all kinds of storms. Her favorite verse is 2 Timothy 1:7.

**Adam John Richardson** is the son of James & Cheryl Richardson. His hometown is Columbus. Adam's favorite memory of NC is joking around with Elliot during their junior year Spanish class. He says he's grateful for the five years he has spent at NC because the teachers have equipped him

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with the tools to face college professors, as well as the tools necessary for sharing his faith. His favorite verse is 1 Samuel 17:45. "This verse is powerful to me because it reminds me just how awesome God is," he says. In the future, Adam hopes to play college basketball and become a teacher.

**Shannon Robert Rodehorst** of Kearney is the son of Randy & Shelly Rodehorst. He has attended NC for four years. Shannon plans to attend Trinity Christian College and get a teaching degree. His favorite verses are Matthew 6:33-34. He says, "If I am seeking God, I have nothing to worry about. He will give me what I need, and I will not have to worry about tomorrow." Shannon's favorite NC memory is being cross country student manager, where he was able to assist and cheer for the team.

**Kelsey Marie Shepherd** has spent five years at Nebraska Christian. Her parents are Bruce & Valerie Shepherd of Minden. Kelsey's sister Brittney graduated from NC in 2008. While she's been at NC, Kelsey has especially enjoyed being surrounded by students from other cultures because it has given her the opportunity to learn about other countries and people groups. Kelsey is especially thankful for her friends, and her favorite verse, John 15:13, encourages her to share the love of Christ with them. Kelsey plans to study culinary arts in college, possibly at Southeast Community College in Lincoln.

**Jennifer Robyn Smith** of Grafton is the third of Steve & Jane Smith's children to graduate from Nebraska Christian; their daughter Heather graduated in 2006, and Liz graduated in 2008. Jen has attended NC since her freshman year. Her favorite NC memory is placing 3rd at conference volleyball her junior year. Jen says that she has grown as a Christian while attending NC. Her

favorite verses are Colossians 3:23-24 because they remind her that she is to do everything for the Lord.

**Caleb James Urban** has attended Nebraska Christian for six years. His brother Jeremy ('03) and sister Holly Smith ('05) are also NC graduates. CJ's parents are Tom & Dawn Urban of Central City. CJ fondly remembers playing on the merry-go-round his freshman year with Kelsey Shepherd, Rose Fansler ('07), and Kirk Rose ('07). CJ credits NC with making him responsible. His favorite verse is John 3:16 because "it's the gospel in a nutshell." His future plans include joining the Air Force, seeing the world, and eventually taking over the family business.

**Linh Tieu Vuong** is the daughter of Dat Quoc Vuong & Phuong Thi Nguyen of Haiphong, Vietnam. This is her first year at Nebraska Christian. In the future, she plans to go into business management. She is thankful for her time at NC because while a student, she learned more about Christianity, and she treasures the memories she made while living in the girls' dorm. Her favorite verse is Micah 7:8.

**Katherine Elaine Zuehlke** is in her first year at Nebraska Christian. She is the daughter of David & Paula Zuehlke of Grand Island. While Kate is the first in her immediate family to attend NC, her cousins Erin (Nickel '02) Aerni, Jill Nickel ('04), and Annie Nickel ('06) are all NC grads. Kate's favorite memory is having sawdust wars with Chloe Bauer in shop class. She says that being at NC has helped her learn more about God and taught her how to witness. Kate's favorite verse is Joshua 1:9 because it's a good reminder that God will be with her no matter what she's going through. Kate hopes to become a nanny after graduation, and she is considering studying photography in college.

## From the Foundation Director's Desk

by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director

The Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation has been in existence for nearly two years now, and it's exciting to look back on the progress that has been made in that short time. By God's grace, despite the economic downturn the entire country is experiencing, the Foundation has continued to grow.

Our Foundation Board is working closely with the Nebraska Christian Schools Board to determine new endowment area needs and to map out a vision of growth in student recruitment, building development and programming.

The following are ways to begin your philanthropic journey with the NCS Foundation:

**Gifts of cash** – Cash gifts are a convenient and popular means of support.

**Gifts of long-term appreciated**

**property** – A gift of property can increase your tax benefits.

**Gifts of real estate** – Capital gains tax savings can result from this gift.

**Gift of life insurance** – Simply name Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation as policy owner and beneficiary.

Endowment areas that are currently open include: General Operating Budget, Student Scholarships, Teacher Salaries, General Endowment, Athletic Equipment Upgrades, and Where Needed Most. These continue to grow through donations and investment income.

We invite you to join us in acknowledging the Giver of these gifts through the generosity of faithful people who want to "leave a legacy that builds lives for eternity."

## NC Flashback



Sing unto the Lord a New Song! These girls formed the Girls' Glee during the 1982-1983 school year. If you can identify at least five of them, you could win an NC t-shirt! Send your guesses to [advance@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:advance@nebraskachristian.org).

From the last issue (left): Congratulations to Joann (Rath '76) Hattan, winner of last issue's flashback contest! Joann's name was drawn out of those who correctly identified the two women as Gladys Wiebe and Susan (Roth) Ritta.



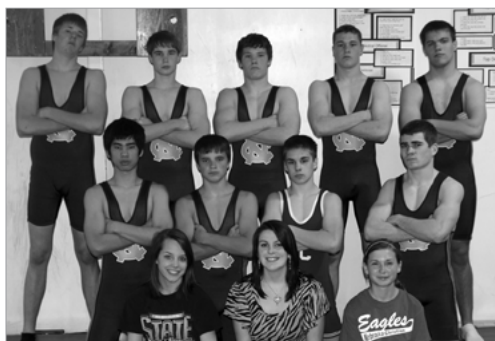
'09-'10 Girls' Basketball.

Row 1 (l to r): Jen Smith, Amber Rainbolt, Janae Landrigan. Row 2: Student manager Emily Simmons, Joanna Stuhmer, Michelle Toukan, Alycea Unruh, Tressa Johnston, Jasmine Guo, Maika Urasaki, student manager Cailyn Ostrand. Row 3: Head Coach Gordon Thiessen, Heidi Hofmann, Katie Griess, Rachel Miller, Ashley Mazankowski, Shawna Ritta, Bekah Mead, Anna Kirby, Assistant Coach Erin Mankin, Coach's Aide Frank Rodriguez.



'09-'10 Boys' Basketball.

Row 1 (l to r): Student manager Scott Smith, student manager Jerod Prettyman. Row 2: Braden Moody, Derek Rose, Jahn Landrigan, Jason Wang, Kevin Lee. Row 3: Cody Smith, Jay Han, Levi Landrigan, Luke Woods, Jonathan Smith, Wai Ng, Vu Nguyen, Seth Bailey. Row 4: Head Coach Clay Mankin, Michael Wang, Duy Trinh, Caleb Schulze, Scott Ritta, John Zhang, Adam Richardson, Elliot Murphy, Johnny Chang, Coach's Aide Adam McClanahan.

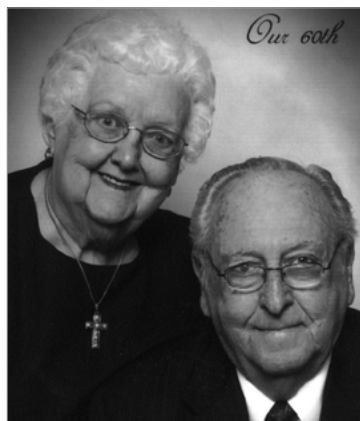


'09-'10 Wrestlers.

Row 1 (l to r): Student manager Jessica Davis, student manager Kendra Griepenstroh, student manager Tori Swanson. Row 2: Son Nguyen, Anthony Faeh, Isaac Elge, Nathan Ritta. Row 3: Curtis Heuermann, Alex Newby, Andrew Swanson, Jarrod Thiessen, Conrad Heunefeld. (Not pictured: Head Coach Terry Elge, Coach's Aide Scott Griepenstroh, Coach's Aide Chris Schweitzer.)

## Memorial Gifts

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## Paul & Ruby Schreiber Celebrate 60th

Paul & Ruby Schreiber, longtime NC supporters, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house on Feb. 21 at the Central City Community Center. Paul and Ruby were married on Feb. 19, 1950, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbus, Nebraska. Their family includes Linda & Jim Lukesh of Lincoln, Deanna & Rick Huggins of Plano, Texas, and Larry & Denise Schreiber of Central City. They have 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Card of Thanks

Our 60th Wedding Anniversary was our greatest celebration! Our life has been shared by our three children and each of their families. God has blessed us with so many wonderful friends and families who came to share this day with us in person, as well as those who sent us cards and gifts.

We thank you and ask God to bless each one of you.

*Paul & Ruby Schreiber*

- IAFF Local 647
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Graves
- Mike & Kathy Ritta
- Jeff & Richelle Schreiber
- Roger & Elda Smith
- For: Ivan Soper
- From: Deryl & Linda Peterson
- For: Jean Tyler
- From: Gil & Dorothy Glad

# NC Almanac

## 10 years ago (2000)

- 18 seniors graduate. Kate Ritta ('00) is valedictorian, and Carisa Bergen ('00) is salutatorian.
- Lanny ('79) & Jewel (Schweitzer '82) Faeh receive the Alumni of the Year award at the Advance Dinner.
- The junior high boys' basketball team completes its season at 9-0.

## 20 years ago (1990)

- 24 seniors graduate. Brian Poland ('90) is valedictorian, and Jason Beck ('90) is salutatorian.
- New alumni officers are installed: President Eric Benson ('79), Vice President Donn Glynn ('81), and Secretary-Treasurer Eddra Ritta ('81).

## 30 years ago (1980)

- 24 seniors graduate. Julie Creutzberg ('80) is valedictorian, and Faith McGrew ('80) is salutatorian.
- 46 prospective students attend campus preview day in May.
- Paul Borden speaks at the Advance Dinner.

## 40 years ago (1970)

- 22 seniors graduate. Margaret Root ('70) is valedictorian, and Lynn Ballagh ('70) is salutatorian.
- Dr. John Blanchard speaks at the Advance Dinner.

## 50 years ago (1960)

- 7 students comprise the first graduating class of Nebraska Christian Schools.
- 18 students travel to Oklahoma to compete in the Association of Christian High Schools music and track meet.

Alumni: Save the date for  
**Homecoming 2010**  
 September 17-18

We're planning several activities, including a volleyball tournament, for Saturday the 18th. Watch your mailbox for more information in the coming months!



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## Speaking Out

On March 19, the speech team capped its most successful season in several years with multiple superior performances at the State Speech Meet in Kearney. The team attended six Saturday meets in January and February before placing second at both the conference and district meets. At the district meet, held at NC on February 27, eleven team members qualified for the state competition. Additionally, Janelle Bailey (serious prose) and

Abbie Krug (poetry) each won their respective events. Krug, whose poetry presentation was anchored by "The Touch of the Master's Hand" by Myra B. Welch, reflected on the opportunity speech has given her to share the Gospel, saying, "Speech always provides an outlet to leave your comfort zone behind and simply have fun. However, its greater purpose lies in the opportunity to be a witness for Christ. I was greatly blessed with the opportunity to

do this through my poetry."

State Qualifiers: Janelle Bailey, Anna Dinh, Anna Faeh, Rebekah Poeffel, Kelsey Shepherd - OI-D; Janelle Bailey - Serious Prose; Anna Dinh - Serious Prose; Abbie Krug - Poetry; Janae Landrigan & Levi Landrigan - Duet; Shannon Rodehorst - Humorous Prose; Joey Sun - Poetry; Katherine Welk - Entertainment Speaking.



**Above right: State Speech Qualifiers.** (Left to right) Row 1: Levi Landrigan, Janae Landrigan. Row 2: Katherine Welk, Shannon Rodehorst, Abbie Krug, Anna Dinh, Kelsey Shepherd, Janelle Bailey. Row 3: Joey Sun, Anna Dinh, Rebekah Poeffel.

**Left: The 2010 Speech Team.** (Left to right) Row 1: Kimberly Deichmann, Michelle Toukan, Kelsey Shepherd, Anna Dinh, Janelle Bailey, Katie Nuss, Katherine Welk. Row 2: Assistant Coach Ruth Ferris, Chloe Bauer, Janae Landrigan, Rebekah Poeffel, Anna Faeh, Abbie Krug, Head Coach Becky Ritta. Row 3: Shannon Rodehorst, Levi Landrigan, Elliot Murphy, Jahn Landrigan, Joey Sun, Duy Trinh.



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 courage to keep all that is written in God's Word?

Joshua told the people to have courage. He knew that to hold fast to the word of God would take courage. It always does.

Thanks for partnering with us as we challenge our students to stand on God's Word. By God's grace we are continuing to Build Lives for Eternity.

Be encouraged.