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Preparing the Fields



by Josh Cumpston,
Administrator

Nebraska weather has to be some of the most unique, frightening, beautiful, and unpredictable weather anywhere in the United States. This is probably most evident during the summer months with thunderstorms. Many times these storms bring little more than rain needed by our farmers and a sound and light show for the rest of us.

Some storms, however, also bring high winds, tornados, and hail. A recent storm system brought heavy rain, wind, and hail to central and eastern Nebraska. It caused crop damage locally and across the state, more in some areas and not as much in others. As I drove around the Central City area following the storm, I saw damaged fields and flipped over pivots. I saw siding and windows that had been destroyed in the storm. I read about the financial impact to our state and wondered how I would do as a farmer. I thought about the anxiety I would feel with each potential storm on the horizon, worried that this one would wipe out my newly planted field and being unable to do anything about it.

I was sharing this thought with Harold Cook as we talked about the recent storms. He shared a story with me about his father-in-law, Carl Kasten. Years ago, he went out to help Carl as he prepared to plant that spring. As they approached the field,

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The Nebraska Christian Schools Class of 2014. Row 1: Dana Poppe, Victoria Boersen, MyMy Luu, Nhung Phan, Cailyn Ostrand, Makenna Morris, April Faeh, Whitney Twogood. Row 2: Scott Smith, Clark Pham, Hans Epp, Ichiro Hokazono, Tim Smith, Bam Intuputi, Dan Tran, Zoe Flynn, Hannah Myers, Rachel McHargue, Talia Murphy, Sophia Songthangtham, Danny Stevens, Jack Hu. Row 3: Eric Kim, Kevin Cheng, Chihoon Lee, Johnny Iseng, Tim Fread, Jade Mieth, Shyler Boutin, Alexis Gulbranson, Brandon Brock, Chase Kwois, Beran Fisher.

33 Graduate on May 10th

by Hope Baldwin and Brittany Ritta, juniors

The day of graduation came fast for many of the seniors, but it was a great day. The sun was shining bright, and many people came to support the seniors as a new chapter of their lives was about to begin. Zoe Flynn ('14) said, "Graduation wasn't what I expected. It really wrapped up the year." Class speakers Hans Epp ('14), Zoe Flynn ('14), and Sophia Songthangtham ('14) reflected on their time at Nebraska Christian and stressed the

Victoria Ashlea Boersen attended NC for four years. Her parents are Clint & Christina Boersen of Cairo. Victoria plans to first attend Central Community College in Grand Island before transferring to a university to major in elementary education. She is also considering missions. She credits

importance of following Christ as the seniors leave the "safety" of their parents and school.

Commencement speaker Pastor Paul Nauman spoke to the seniors about this transition in their lives. He walked through 2 Timothy 1 with them and challenged them to boldly represent Christ. "What will you do with the gospel?" he asked.

Graduation marked an end of an era for the seniors and the beginning of their adult lives.

NC with teaching her the importance of treasuring God's word. Her favorite NC memory is her senior season of volleyball. Victoria's favorite verse is John 3:16.

Shyler Austin Boutin is the son of Shawn & Michele Boutin of Cen-

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Track Team Wraps Up Outstanding Season

Behind the 1-2 punch of Hans Epp and Warren Dexter, the Nebraska Christian Boys Track Team became the Class C State Runner-Up at the state meet on May 24. Epp and Dexter claimed first and second in both the 800 and 1600 meter runs. In the 800, Epp ran a 1:56.54, and Dexter came in at 1:58.15. Epp ran the 1600 in 4:28.75, and Dexter finished just over a second later at 4:29.80. Also contributing to team points were Carson Huenefeld, who placed 7th in the 200 meter dash (23.26), and the 1600 meter relay team of Epp, Huenefeld, Dexter, and Logan Faeh, who placed 8th (3:33.03). Other state participants were Faeh in the 110 and 300 meter hurdles and Adrian Epp in the 3200 meter

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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.



On March 7, the elementary presented Patch the Pirate's Kingdom Chronicles at the Performing Arts Center in Central City. Pictured are some of the featured actors. Front: Carl Mundt, Cory Ruybalid. Back: Dakota Springer, Toby Zaruba, Micah Loy, Nathan Mousel, Seth Hower, Lauren Feely, Jayden Leonard, Amy Hilderbrand, Jamie Myers, Stephanie Strobel, Alexandra Wostrel, Alyssa Broman, McKenna Leonard.

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



It was 33 years ago. One of the most beautiful girls I have ever met looked up at me and said, "I do." I consider her to be among the greatest blessings God has ever given to me. I quoted Proverbs 18:22 in my vows that day, "He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord." I cannot claim to have done anything to deserve this blessing, but I continue to enjoy it.

By the time you read this, Nebraska Christian will have wrapped up its 2013-2014 fiscal year. We will finish the year without borrowing from next year's income to cover this year's bills. We came close last year, but this will be the first year since I have been in the business office that we have done that. Finishing our fiscal year this way is also a blessing from God. Personally, it is not even comparable to the blessing I received 33 years ago, yet it does have this in common: I cannot claim to have done anything to deserve this blessing, either; nevertheless, I am enjoying it.

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Carl stopped and said he needed to pray, as he had done prior to planting for many years. He told the Lord that he had readied the field and was preparing to plant, and he was turning the outcome over to Him. As a farmer, he had done all that he could do; the rest was up to the Lord to bring the harvest. Harold shared with me that this gave them peace about the storms and all of the other things that can happen to crops.

As we talked about this a little more, the Lord laid on my heart that

mon: I cannot claim to have done anything to deserve this blessing, either; nevertheless, I am enjoying it.

Josh and I have discussed NC's finances often over the last two years. We know there have been men in our positions who were more faithful, who worked harder, who prayed more often. We have had the privilege to talk to some of them and hear them recount the financial struggles through which they helped guide the school. None of us can point to a single reason why God should choose to bless the school financially at this particular time. All we can do is say thank you and enjoy the blessing of God.

I know that, for many businesses, finishing the year without borrowing from the next year is a normal and expected outcome. We dream of a day when we can finish a year without borrowing from next year and with money set aside to cover the cost of depreciation to our buildings, vehicles, and equipment that

Nebraska Christian Schools is kind of like a field, and all of us who work here are the farmers. We prepare the field by ordering books, writing curriculum, and planning events throughout the year. We plant the field by registering students from across Nebraska and Asia. We then do our best to water and help our "crop" grow, but it is up to the Lord if there is to be any harvest. He is working in the students' lives. It is up to Him to change their hearts and open their eyes to His word.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 2 Work Day, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 11 Football Practice Begins
- 12 Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 School Begins, 8:00 a.m.
- 18 Cross Country and Volleyball Practices Begin
- 22 NC Family Carnival, 5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

26-27 Homecoming, *see ad on pg. 3*

OCTOBER

- 10 Grandparents' Day, 11 a.m.

NOVEMBER

- 7 Harvest Festival, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 12 Festival of Lessons & Carols, 7:00 p.m.

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occurred that year. If and when God blesses us with such an outcome, I will be forced to acknowledge again that I cannot claim to have done anything to deserve this blessing, but I can promise you I will enjoy it.

Thanks so much for your part in what God is doing at Nebraska Christian Schools. Keep us in your prayers. Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

As we gear up for the next school year, would you join us in praying that we would be good stewards as we are preparing the "fields" and "planting and nurturing our crop"? Would you pray that God will send us the students and families that are to be here and that he would move amongst our students and staff in mighty ways to produce an overwhelming harvest for His Kingdom this upcoming year? I'm excited to see what God will do at NC this upcoming year.



Tune in to
AM-750 KMMJ

Saturday at 1:04 p.m.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

to hear Josh Cumpston
and Gordon Thiessen.

Special Alumni Choir Concert Planned for Homecoming 2014

To celebrate 55 years, a very special Homecoming event is being planned for the weekend of September 26-27.

An all-alumni choir concert will be held on Saturday evening at 7:00pm featuring each of the three choir directors NC has had over the past 55 years:

Mr. H. Kay Sawyer
Mrs. Elaine Wischmeier
Mr. Mike Flynn

Friday 9-26-14

6 p.m. Grill Out Fundraiser
7 p.m. Football Game
9 p.m. S'mores Fest

Saturday 9-27-14

8 a.m. Alumni breakfast
9 a.m. Campus Tours
TBA All-Alumni Choir Rehearsals
7 p.m. All-Alumni Choir Concert

State Speech: Smith is Extemp Champion



2014 State Speech Qualifiers.
Row 1: Tommy Flynn. Row 2: Nhung Phan, Madi Fuehrer, Marilla Flynn, Talitha Harrington, MaKenna Loy. Row 3: Beran Fisher, Dan Tran, Scott Smith.

by Makenna Morris ('14)

On Friday, March 28, nine Nebraska Christian students competed at State Speech in Kearney on the UNK Campus. Attending the meet were MaKenna Loy, Madi Fuehrer, Tommy Flynn, Marilla Flynn, and Talitha Harrington in OID, Dan Tran ('14) and Nhung Phan ('14) in Duet, Beran Fisher ('14) in Informative, and Scott Smith ('14) in Persuasive and Extemp.

The students walked out of their rounds saying that it was the best they had done all season, but that the competition was fierce. Only the top six make finals in each event, and Scott Smith was among those six in both of his events. He



placed fifth in Persuasive and was the State Champion in Extemp. Assistant Coach Becky Ritta ('99) said, "Scott has worked so hard, not only this year, but throughout his speech career. It was so exciting to see him go out on top!"

When asked about the day as a whole, Head Coach Charissa Smith ('94) stated: "Going into the day, I felt that we were ready. We had done everything we could to prepare! Overall, I was hopeful and excited to see the results start coming in!"

Congratulations to Scott Smith on being the State Champion in Extemp and to all those students who competed at State Speech!

Construction to Begin on \$1.1 million New Girls' Dorm this Fall

by Stephani (Deichmann '03) Francl, Development Director



When *The Next 50 Years* Capital Campaign launched just a few months ago in February, no one guessed that we would be standing on the cusp of breaking ground for a new building. Only God could have orchestrated the events that have led us to this point.

In February, Board Chairman Paul McHargue ('88) and Campaign Chairman Mark McHargue ('85) unveiled a vision for NC's campus to prepare it to serve for another 50 years. The vision included renovations to three buildings on campus (Girls' Dorm, Gym Building, and Boys' Dorm) with the goal of addressing the major needs of each building in order to best serve students, staff, and visitors in the coming years.

Since then, the NC Board has prayerfully considered the renovation plans and has voted to build

a new girls' dormitory rather than renovate the existing building. This new build comprises Phase 1 of *The Next 50 Years* Capital Campaign. Site preparations have already begun, and construction will begin this fall. The dorm will be completed and ready for students in Fall of 2015.

The cost of the new girls' dormitory is \$1.1 million, and as of this writing, we have already secured \$1,018,000 in funding! That leaves just \$82,000 to go. In addition, we have received a matching grant of up to \$125,000 to help finish Phase 1 and jumpstart Phase 2. So to finish out Phase 1, we only need an additional \$41,000 in new donations + \$41,000 in matching funds. Praise the Lord for His direction and provision in Phase I!

Plans for Phase 2, which will address the kitchen, cafeteria, gymnasium, bathrooms, and music facilities in the Gym Building, are currently being finalized. How

the needs of those areas will be met will be announced this fall. Please pray with us for the Lord's direction as decisions are being made.

We are committed to completing each project of this campaign 100% debt free, which means we need your help. Please prayerfully consider how you can partner

with us in this effort. And special thanks to each of you who have helped get the campaign this far.

Donations to *The Next 50 Years* Capital Campaign should be made out to Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation and can be mailed to PO Box 222, Central City, NE 68826.

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Dinner & Benefit Auction 2014 by Kristy Langemeier & Deana Leonard

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. This year's auction netted nearly \$200,000. Over 400 items up for bid from more than 270 donors, as well as approximately 100 volunteers, contributed to the success of this event.

Our Friday "Preview" Night was a big success in 2014. 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 attended the Dinner and Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 29, enjoyed a wonderful evening of delicious food served by our gra-

rious 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-five items were offered for sale on our Live Auction. Items that sparked aggressive bidding were the Dinner with Governor Heineman and the First Lady package, Trophy Deer Hunt package, Winchester SX3 Red Performance Shotgun package, and the UNL Volleyball package. The Berck & Strobel Motorsports Racing package, KYMCO scooter package, Fabulous Fishing Experience package, and the Hot Air Balloon Ride for Two package 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 budget for student scholar-

ships each year. Prior to the event, \$33,500 of the \$100,000 had been received in response to mailings. The Live Auction bidding resulted in \$46,950, bringing the total to \$80,450! 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 12 years has now passed \$1.3 million. Please join us in thanking God once again for his amazing faithfulness to NC through the Dinner and Benefit Auction.

Thanks to all our donors and patrons. When you do business, remember them.

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 tral City. He attended NC for eight years. His sister Shelisa ('13) is also an NC graduate. His favorite NC memories are of the D.C. trip and shop class. He plans to work after high school. Shyler's favorite verse is Jeremiah 29:11.

Brandon Michael Brock is the son of Shawn & Janell Brock of Columbus. He attended NC for four years. Brandon's uncle, Tim Fread, is also a member of the Class of 2014. His favorite NC memory is the D.C. trip, and he plans to work after high school. Brandon says, "[NC] has taught me to study the Bible to see what God wants and how we should handle things God's way." His favorite verse is Proverbs 3:15.

Hsuan (Kevin) Cheng of Shinchu, Taiwan, is the son of Kuo-Pao Cheng & Yueh-Ying Chin. He attended NC for 3 years. Kevin's favorite memory of his time at NC is when he got his first buck five days before the end of deer season. He plans to become a game warden. He appreciates his time at NC because it changed the way he looks at the severity of sin and his need for a Savior. His favorite verse is John 11:25.

Hans Huenefeld Epp of Giltner is the son of Greg & Caroline Epp. He attended NC for four years. His siblings Alexis (Epp '04) McMillan, Brittany (Epp '07) Rice, and Anthony ('11) are also NC grads, as are several of his extended family members. His favorite NC memory is when his cross country team won state his freshman year, and he credits NC with teaching him how to be a teammate and servant. Hans plans to major in exercise science and later attend physical therapy school. His favorite verse is 1 Corinthians 10:13.

April Marie Faeh attended NC for four years. Her parents are Andy ('81) & Lori Faeh of Marquette. Her older siblings Luke ('07), Audra ('09), and Anna ('11) are also NC graduates, and she has several aunts, uncles, and cousins who are also NC alums. She plans to major in education with a history endorsement and a minor in ESL with the goal of teaching English in Asia. April's favorite NC memory is when several international girls were baptized on Easter 2013. Her favorite verses are Romans 8:38-39.

Beran Britton Fisher is the son of David & Susan Fisher of Bradshaw. He has attended NC since the sixth grade. Beran's favorite NC memory is being part of the speech team. He says that while at NC he has developed great friendships and learned to be discerning. He plans to attend Colorado Christian University, where he will major in theology and minor in music. His favorite verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Zoe Anastacia Flynn of Broken Bow attended NC for four years. Her parents are Kelly & Angela Flynn. While Zoe is the first in her immediate family to graduate from NC, her cousins Amanda (Flynn '95) Schweitzer, Michael Flynn ('97), and Kaity Flynn ('06) are also NC grads. Of her time at NC, Zoe says, "My favorite memory by far is living in the girls' dorm my junior year. I got to see almost all of my dorm sisters become my sisters in Christ within a couple of weeks! It was so awesome!" Zoe plans to obtain a nursing degree from UNK before working in a rural hospital and, hopefully, going overseas. Her favorite verse is Jeremiah 20:9.

Timothy Wyatt Fread is the son of Doc & Connie Fread. His hometown is Ord. He attended NC for four years, and his favorite memo-

ry is beating Spalding in basketball this year. Tim says that while he's been at NC, he has realized how real God is and what He is capable of doing. Tim's favorite verses are 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

Alexis Jo Gulbranson of Central City attended NC for 1-1/2 years. Her parents are Ryan & Chasity Gulbranson. She is the first in her immediate family to graduate from NC, but her aunts Jessica ('05) and Anna ('13) Kirby are alumna. She says that NC gave her a good Christian community where she could learn and grow, and her favorite NC memory is the D.C. trip. She plans to attend college in the fall. Her favorite verses are 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

Ichiro Hokazono of Fukuoka, Japan, attended NC for 3 years. His parents are Xie Yong and Miyuki Hokazono. Ichiro's favorite verses are Luke 9:23-24 because they show him how to follow and love Jesus. His favorite memories of NC involve playing with friends in the dorm. In the future, he hopes to become a game designer.

YuanJiu (Jack) Hu of Taiyuan, China, is the son of Huibin Hu & Baohong Chen. He attended NC for three years. Jack's favorite NC memory is the senior trip to Washington, D.C. His favorite verse is Revelation 22:12 because it gives him motivation and hope.

Napat (Bam) Intuputi of Bangkok, Thailand, is the daughter of Nuttapong & Prapasiree Intuputi. She attended NC for two years. Her favorite NC memory is the senior trip. She says that her time at NC helped lead her back to Jesus Christ and strengthened her walk with Him. Bam plans to study interior design and architecture in college. Her favorite verse is Proverbs 3:5.

Yu Bin (Eric) Kim of Nam-yang-ju, South Korea, attended NC for two years. His parents are Seung Lee Kim & Hye-suk Jung. He plans to continue his education at Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island. Eric's favorite NC memories involve playing with his dorm friends. His favorite verse is Genesis 1:1.

Chase Lee Kvols of Laurel is the son of Jason & Kathy Kvols. He attended NC for four years. His favorite NC memory is playing pass the watermelon at the Back-to-School social his freshman year. Chase says that he appreciates how at NC, he was surrounded by people who always encouraged him to do his best. His favorite verse is Proverbs 29:23. Chase plans to go into music and hopefully become a vocal performer.

Chihoon Lee of Seoul, South Korea, is the son of Jaesung Lee & Sook Myeong. He attended NC for 2-1/2 years. Chihoon's favorite NC memory is playing soccer with Mr. Clay Mankin. He says that his time at NC taught him about Jesus. His favorite verses are Luke 9:23-24 because they teach him how to follow Christ.

My Trang Thao (MyMy) Luu is from Hanoi, Vietnam. Her parents are Luu Quang Hoan and Cao Tuyet Mai. MyMy attended NC for 1-1/2 years. She has especially enjoyed cooking with the dorm girls. MyMy says that NC has changed her worldview and has caused her to think a lot about religion. Her favorite verses are Matthew 7:1-2. MyMy hopes to one day open her own restaurant.

Rachel Hannah McHargue of Central City attended NC for 12 years. Her parents are Mark ('85) & Judi (Elsberry '85) McHargue. In addition to her parents, her brothers and their wives are all

NC grads: Andrew ('08) & Emily (Murphy '09) and Jordan ('11) & Janae (Landrigan '10). She also has multiple aunts and uncles who have graduated from NC. Rachel's favorite NC memory is getting a free kitten from her kindergarten teacher. Of her time at NC, she says, "Having Christian friends and teachers has been a huge blessing to me. I wouldn't be who I am today without NC." Rachel plans to attend college and eventually become a wife and mother. Her favorite verse is Philippians 4:8.

Jade Courtney Mieth attended NC for five years. Her parents are Ted & Dawn Mieth of Central City. Jade's favorite NC memory is the D.C. trip. She says that being at NC has helped to keep Christ at the forefront of her life. Jade's favorite verse is Isaiah 40:31. She plans to attend Central Community College.

Makenna Lee Morris is the daughter of Troy & Jessica Morris of Elba. She attended NC for one year. She plans to attend York College, where she will play basketball and major in secondary education. Her favorite NC memory is doing the play-by-play announcing of volleyball games for Striv. She says that NC has given her the structure to build her life around God. Her favorite verses are Psalm 145:1-2.

Talia Ellynn Murphy of Stromsburg is the daughter of Chuck & Trish Murphy. She attended NC for four years, and she becomes the fifth member of her family to graduate from NC, following Charlene ('04), Holly ('06), Emily ('09), and Elliot ('10). Talia's favorite NC memory is getting out of class with Cailyn Ostrand to eat a chocolate pie. She plans to attend college, possibly pursuing a degree in nursing. Her favorite verses are Philippians 3:7-8.

Hannah Louise Myers of Central City is the daughter of Larry & Tracy Myers. She attended NC for five years. She is the first in her immediate family to graduate from NC; her cousin Kemery Myers graduated in 2013. Hannah's favorite NC memory is when the girls' cross country team won the McCool Junction meet. She says that NC has given her a greater appreciation of a Christ-centered education and community. She plans to attend UNK and major in elementary education. Hannah's favorite verses are 2 Timothy 2:20-22.

Cailyn Christine Ostrand of Central City attended NC for seven years. Her parents are Carl & Tonya Ostrand. She plans to major in early childhood education/special education at Hastings College. Cailyn says her favorite NC memory is from volleyball season, when they would practice and then go to the football game. Her favorite verses are Ephesians 2:4-5 because they provide a glimpse of the gospel.

Nghia Tran Tri (Clark) Pham of Hanoi, Vietnam, is the son of Nghi Viet Pham & Ha Thu Tran. He attended NC for one year. Clark's favorite memory from his year at NC is the senior trip. He plans to study law in Massachusetts. His favorite verse is Genesis 1:1.

Nhung Hong Phan is the daughter of Thinh Van Phan & Ngan Kim Nguyen of Hanoi, Vietnam. She attended NC for one year. Her favorite NC memory is the senior trip to Washington, D.C. Nhung says being at NC helped her to become more mature and changed her point of view about friendship. Her favorite verse is Genesis 1:1.

Dana Kay Poppe of Central City attended NC for four years. Her

parents are Dan & Diane Poppe. Dana's favorite NC memory is 6th hour study hall her senior year. She is grateful for her time at NC because of the Christian friends she made. She plans to attend Central Community College in Grand Island, studying early childhood education. She hopes to one day be a preschool teacher or daycare provider. Dana's favorite verse is Joshua 1:9.

Scott Gilbert Smith of Marquette attended NC for nine years. His parents are Gil & Dawn Smith. His sister Charissa graduated from NC in 1994. Scott says that NC has provided him with a safe and sheltered environment to learn in. His favorite NC memory is of his success in speech. He plans to attend UNL and major in Agricultural Economics. Scott's favorite verse is Proverbs 1:7.

Timothy Scott Smith of Grafton is the son of Steve & Jane Smith. He attended NC for four years, and he is the sixth child in his family to graduate from NC: Heather in 2006, Liz in 2008, Jen in 2010, and Johnny and Cody in 2012. Tim's favorite NC memory is going to state wrestling with the team. He says that his time at NC has helped bring him closer to God. His favorite verse is Proverbs 1:7. Tim plans to either work for a year before college or go straight to Southeast Community College to study tool and die.

Natnicha (Sophia) Songthangtham is from Bangkok, Thailand. Her parents are Somchai & Pattriya Songthangtham. She attended NC for five years. Sophia's sister Eunice graduated from NC in 2012. Sophia plans to major in biology/pre-med at Chadron State College and eventually become a medical doctor. She has many great memories of

her time at NC, including being on Student Council her senior year, eating at Fogo de Chao on the senior trip, and the Back-to-School social her freshman year. Sophia's favorite verse is Matthew 6:33.

Daniel Andrew Stevens of Ord attended NC for two years. His parents are Daniel & Julie Stevens. His favorite NC memory is football practice, and he says that NC challenged him to grow and to make sure his actions mirrored his beliefs. He plans to pursue a career in engineering. Danny's favorite verse is Ephesians 6:13.

Dan Thi Linh Tran is from Hanoi, Vietnam. Her parents are Thanh Nhat Tran & Ha Thi Bui. She attended NC for two years, and she says her time at NC has made her a much better person. She especially enjoyed being on the girls' basketball team. Dan hopes to one day open a coffee shop and clothing store.

Jun-Yao (Johnny) Tseng of Taipei, Taiwan, is the son of Oliver Tseng & Jayde Liu. He attended NC for two years. Johnny believes that God sent him to NC, and while here, his views of God and evolution changed. His favorite memories are the Oklahoma City trips to watch the Thunder play and basketball season. His favorite verse is 1 Corinthians 12:12.

Whitney Margaret Twogood attended NC for four years. Her parents are Ryan & Rachel Twogood of Stromsburg. She plans to continue her education at New Saint Andrews College in Idaho. Of her time at NC, she says, "I have been prepared to face the world. I've learned valuable lessons and made life-long friends, and I've learned to work hard and be discerning." Her favorite Bible passage is Philippians 2.

NCS Foundation

by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director



The focus of the Foundation over the last few months has primarily been on

The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign as we have been charged with managing the funds of the campaign on behalf of the NC School Board. However, the Foundation is still hard at work doing what it was formed to do: building a solid financial base for the future of Nebraska Christian Schools.

To that end, we have five areas currently open for endowment:

- Student Scholarships
- Teacher Salaries
- Capital Improvements
- Athletic Equipment
- General Fund

The biblical principle of setting aside during times of plenty in preparation for the future is seen clearly in the story of Joseph. He was directed by God to set aside resources during the seven years of plenty in Egypt – and he was then able to provide for his family, his country and many others during the seven years of lean. Imagine what people must have muttered during years three through seven:

Why is he saving so much back?

Joseph is hoarding resources because he's greedy.

We could never use as much as he's holding back — it would take years!

And it did take years. But, the resources were then put to great use.

There are three reasons you may want to consider supporting Nebraska Christian Schools by giving toward Nebraska Christian Foundation endowment funds.

1. Long Term Impact

Gifts given to the Foundation are invested. The earnings on the investment are then used

to benefit the school, and the principal remains to continue assisting the school year after year.

2. Tax Saving Benefit

Gifts of cash to the Foundation are tax deductible and other types of gifts can provide serious tax benefits. (Example: a gift of real estate can result in significant capital gains tax savings.)

3. Lasting Legacy

Each donation to the Foundation continues to give year after year... *leaving a legacy that builds lives for eternity* by supporting the work of Nebraska Christian Schools.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can give a gift of cash, real estate, life insurance, will, or bequest, please contact me at 308-940-0249 or send me an email at jheuermann@nebraskachristian.org.

Will you pray about partnering with us in this effort?

NC Flashback



This couple has been involved with NC for decades – as parents and grandparents of students, as staff members, and now as volunteers. They're pictured here when they were the boys' dorm parents in the mid-1980s. If you can identify them, you could win a prize! Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.



From the last issue (left): Congratulations to Angela (Russell '97) Gustafson, the winner of the last issue's flashback contest. The students pictured are all members of the Class of 1995 (left to right, front to back): Kristin Hattan, Mandy Flynn, Susie Wiles, Mandy Jividen, Christy Hampton, Nancy Rikli, Dana Taylor, Jessica Behrens, Shawna Leach, and Lina Oshio.

Memorial Gifts

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Connor Samuel Francl

son of Chase ('02) & Stephani
(Deichmann '03) Francl

Chase and Stephani welcomed a baby boy, Connor Samuel, on March 28, 2014 at St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island. He weighed 8 lbs, 12.5 oz, and was 20 1/2 inches long. His big sister, Liliana, age 2, was excited to finally meet him. Grandparents are Becky Deichmann and Dave Deichmann of Central City, and Tod and Gayle Francl of Palmer. Great Grandparents are Gordon and Jewel Deichmann of Central City, Dorothy Francl of St. Paul, and Jerry and Dolores Friesen of Geneva.

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Valerie Ritta ('05) & Greg Baumgardner

Robert ('69) and Susan Ritta of Central City are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Lynne, to Gregory Paul Baumgardner, son of Mark and Carrie Baumgardner of Winona Lake, Indiana. The couple is planning a July 26, 2014, wedding at Westminster Hall on the campus of Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Valerie is a 2005 graduate of Nebraska Christian High School and received a BA in English from Grace College in 2009. She is employed at Zimmer, Inc. in Warsaw, Indiana. Greg received a BS in Biology from Grace College in 2006 and a Master's Degree in Biology from Purdue University in 2011. He is a microbiologist at Zimmer, Inc.

Beth (Ritta '98) & Jonathan Keim



Bethany Ritta and Jonathan Keim were married on May 25, 2014, at Community Bible Church in Central City, Nebr. Pastor Dale

Janzen officiated.

Parents of the couple are Ed ('73) and Marilyn Ritta of Marquette and Jerry and Jan Keim of Wakefield, Kan. Beth is a 1998 graduate of Nebraska Christian and received a BS in Graphic Design from John Brown University in 2002. She is a Starbucks barista and freelance graphic designer. Jonathan received a BS in Physical Science from Kansas State University in 2004. He is a salesman at The Master's Craft Flooring Company. The couple resides in Omaha.



Heidi (Hofmann '13) & Derek Rose ('13)

Heidi Marie Hofmann, daughter of Fred & Lori Hofmann of Sutton, and Derek Michael Rose, son of Ron & Jo Rose of Aurora, were married on June 14, 2014, at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Sutton, Nebr.

Heidi is a graduate of Nebraska Christian High School and is currently studying to earn a bachelor's of science degree in business marketing at Peru State College. Derek is also a Nebraska Christian graduate and is studying biology at the University of Nebraska-Kearney with the intentions of earning his doctorate at a chiropractic college once finished with undergraduate requirements. The couple resides in Kearney.

Cheryl (Lyon '76) Roberts

Following her graduation from Azusa Pacific University in 1980, Cheryl worked in Hollywood as a recording artist and model. She then moved to Michigan, where she married a musician, and they formed a band. They had a daughter, Simone, and Cheryl also worked as a professional make-up artist. Following their divorce, Cheryl married Keith Roberts, a newspaper reporter, and they currently live in Detroit. She would love to hear from her former classmates — contact her on Facebook under Cheryl Lyon Scheele Roberts.

NC Almanac

10 years ago ('04)

- 33 seniors graduate.
- More than 280 people attend the 3rd Annual Dinner & Benefit Auction.
- Nathan Ritta ('11) wins the Merrick County Spelling Bee.
- Ben Unruh ('04) wins two gold medals at state track.

20 years ago ('94)

- 25 seniors graduate. Erin Marsh ('94) is valedictorian; Joy McHargue ('94) and Bev Swartz ('94) are co-salutatorians.
- The sophomore class spends a day at the Henry Doorly Zoo with children from the Open Door Mission.
- A special chapel is held to dedicate the new International bus.

30 years ago ('84)

- 29 seniors graduate.
- 325 people attend the April 5 Advance Dinner.
- Glen Cunningham, former world record holder in the mile, speaks at the athletic banquet.

40 years ago ('74)

- 31 seniors graduate.
- The board considers beginning a busing program to bring in students from area communities.
- The board decides to sell the house being used as a junior high boys' dorm.

50 years ago ('64)

- 28 seniors graduate.
- Hord Hall is deemed structurally unsound, so the board votes to build a new boys' dorm.
- The price to live in the dorm is raised by \$10 per semester.

Work Day Scheduled for August 2 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Mid-morning snacks and drinks will be provided, as well as lunch at noon. Come and go as needed.

NC families: Time spent at workdays counts toward the 20 hours needed to work off the facilities fee. Just keep track of your time, and let the office know when you've reached 20 hours.



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run. The Eagles ended up with 39 points to state champion Thayer Central's 41.

On the girls' side, the team ended up in 16th place with 18 points. Katie Cumpston placed 3rd in the 3200 meter run (11:51.32) and 4th in the 1600 meter run (5:31.45). Tara Murphy placed 4th in the 100 meter hurdles (16.24) and 7th in the 300 meter hurdles (47.70). Other qualifiers were Cailyn Ostrand and Hope Baldwin in the pole vault; Amber Mazankowski in the 800 meter run; Tara Murphy, Katie Entz, Cailyn Ostrand, and Talia Murphy in the 400 meter relay, and Mazankowski, Cailyn Ostrand, Cassidy Ostrand, and Tara Murphy in the 1600 meter relay.

The state track meet wrapped up an incredible season which saw nine school records fall and one

tied. Sophomore Katie Cumpston set new records in the mile (5:31.45) and two mile (11:47.6). The previous record holders were Victoria Bergen (FS '07) in the mile (5:33.49) and Kassia Anderson ('01) in the two mile (12:06.82).

Sophomore Tara Murphy set records in the 100 meter hurdles (15.6) and 300 meter hurdles (47.2). Previous record holders were Susan Kremer (FS '86) in the 100 hurdles (16.2) and Rebecca Woods ('09) in the 300 hurdles (47.5).

Junior Carson Huenefeld set a new record in the 100 meter dash (10.9). The former record holder was Bob Buller (FS '75) at 11.1 seconds. Huenefeld tied Buller's 200 meter dash record at 22.7 seconds.

Senior Hans Epp set three records: the 800 meter run (1:56.54), the mile (4:28.75), and the two



State Track Qualifiers. Front: Warren Dexter, Adrian Epp, Logan Faeh, Carson Huenefeld, Hans Epp. Back: Cassidy Ostrand, Amber Mazankowski, Katie Cumpston, Tara Murphy, Hope Baldwin, Cailyn Ostrand, Talia Murphy, Katie Entz.

mile (9:47.9). Epp broke his own 800 record (1:57.80). Clark Pedersen ('81) previously held the mile record (4:32.2), and Jahn Landrigan ('13) had held the two mile record (10:01.94).

One relay record was broken: the girls' 1600 meter relay

(4:16.2), which was comprised of sophomores Cassidy Ostrand and Tara Murphy, junior Amber Mazankowski, and senior Cailyn Ostrand. The previous record was held by the 2013 relay team of Ostrand, Ostrand, Mazankowski, and Rubi McHargue (4:16.73).