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## What's in a Name?



by Josh Cumpston, Administrator

We recently dedicated our new girls' dorm. We felt it was important for the new building to have a name, instead of being called the "new building" or the "girls' dorm." I asked a group of nine others to help choose a name to recommend to the Nebraska Christian School Board. These nine people represented different generations of NC alumni, as well as current parents, students, and staff.

The night we met, we began in discussing the importance of names. I used a blog from March 26th, 2014, that I had found on the Compassion website to open discussion.

I quoted from the blog, with a couple of slight changes. This is what I shared:

*Names are important. They have power. They define us. They're more than a bunch of letters grouped together to sound pleasant to the ear. Names are more than a convenience allowing us to talk to each other. Names are a gift from God. They contain His power. They define things. They define us.*

"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold." – Proverbs 22:1 (NIV)

When it was time to begin generating ideas, the group decided it would be important to know what we hoped the feeling of the building would be. We discussed the importance of it being a home away from home. That it would be safe, an environment of love and caring. We wanted to stress the missional and disciple-making aspects that were to take place there. We hoped it would be a place for friends to gather, to love one another, to be patient and kind. A place where Christ-like traits were taught, learned, and shared. We hoped to choose a name that embodied these ideals.

Many words, ideals, and people were mentioned as possible names that might encompass some of the characteristics we hoped to see in the new building. We finally came to Elliot, as in Elisabeth Elliot. We weren't necessarily trying to honor the

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## Dorm's Long-Reaching Impact



*At the dedication of Elliot Hall on March 18, Sherry (Masters '79) Dockweiler fondly remembered her time spend in NC's girls' dorms. Following are her remarks from that evening:*

Forty years ago last fall (1975), I was able to come to Nebraska Christian from Iowa—because there was a dorm program. In fact, there were two girls' dorms and one boys' dorm. I stayed in Whittier Hall the first year with 13 other girls. Someone asked me at Christmas that year how I liked going to NC. I told him that it was like going to Bible camp every week! I was growing in my Christian walk, making friends, studying a lot, and having a lot of fun.

I remember that we could throw snowballs from the windows of our 2nd floor Whittier Hall dorm rooms at people coming out of the Ad Building. Don't worry, we didn't have very good aim. I also remember short-sheeting our friends' beds. And when we needed to study a little extra, we would get up early and study in one of the two little bathrooms in Whittier so our roommates could keep on sleeping.

My second year at NC, I moved into West Hall (the dorm our current dorm girls just moved out of). I still remember exactly what rooms I lived in, what color they were, and who my roommates were! I spent three years in West Hall, and I loved it. The dorm became my home away from home, and the girls became my extended family.

While I lived in the dorms, I learned a lot of lessons.

I learned to be a friend to many different girls. I still write to one friend who lives in Japan.

I learned to share. We had one phone for thirty of us, so a 10-minute limit was set. We also shared our clothes, our food, and even our flower bouquets.

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## Quiz Bowl Team Qualifies for State

Coming off its Goldenrod Conference championship, the Nebraska Christian quiz bowl team competed in the ESU #7 district quiz bowl in Osceola. The team placed 2nd and secured the opportunity to compete at state in late April. The team is coached by NC science teacher Dee Flynn.

### *The Senior Class of 2016*

*Announces its Commencement Exercises*

*Saturday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m.*

*Nebraska Christian Schools Gymnasium*

Class Colors: Navy Blue & Yellow

Class Flower: White Hyacinth

Class Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:58

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Class Quote: "I've learned that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become." —James Rhinehart

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by Mark McHargue ('85),  
Campaign Chairman

The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign is well on its way with the completion of the new \$1.4 million Girls Dorm. Now girls from six different countries are enjoying the fruits of this blessing. Thank you to all of you, our faithful donors who have helped to make Phase 1 a reality.

Your faithful support enables us to launch Phase 2, which addresses the needs of the cafeteria, dining, fine arts, and gymnasium. Phase 2 will greatly enhance our athletic programs, fine arts education, and the day-to-day interactions of our students. It will also improve your experience when you visit us for events here at Nebraska Christian Schools.

As a supporter of NC, I wanted you to be among the first to know the details of our Phase 2 plan:

#### Phase 2A — \$3.2 million

- New construction of a kitchen, dining hall, commons area, restrooms, and concessions

stand; and updated siding, roof and windows for the existing gymnasium.

*\*Upon complete funding of Phase 2A we will begin Phase 2B*

#### Phase 2B — \$2.8 million

- New construction of a gymnasium, locker rooms, storage rooms, and expanded parking lot.

We have received a generous dollar-for-dollar matching grant of up to \$50,000. This means that:

- Your gift of \$50 will equal \$100 for the campaign!
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Please prayerfully consider how you can be part of Phase 2 of The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign.

Thank you for your faithful prayer support of Nebraska Christian, its ministry, and The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign.

#### Dollars & Sense

by Tom Dockweiler ('79), *Business Manager*



Gift income for 2015-2016 remains on track. If it continues as it has been, we will meet our budget for the year. Thank you for your continued support of Nebraska Christian Schools.

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## Calendar of Events

### MAY

- 6 Spring Concert  
7 p.m., PAC in Central City
- 14 Graduation, 10:30 a.m.
- 19 Last Day of School

31-June 2

Volleyball Camp  
see p. 6 for details

Football Camp grades 3-6  
call the NC office for details

### JUNE

13-15 Basketball Camp  
see p. 6 for details

For additional events visit  
[nebraskachristian.org/calendar](http://nebraskachristian.org/calendar)

## NC Almanac

### 10 years ago ('06)

- Congressman Tom Osborne speaks at the 5th Annual Dinner & Benefit Auction.
- Lisa Osler ('06) places 5th in persuasive at state speech.

### 20 years ago ('96)

- Emily Kauk ('98) places 1st in the grades 9-10 life sciences division of the ACSI science fair.
- Three students place 5th at state speech: Melinda Musgrave ('96), humorous prose; Nicholas Stone ('97), entertainment; Molly McHargue ('98), persuasive.

### 30 years ago ('86)

- 360 people attend the Advance Dinner.

### 40 years ago ('76)

- Glenn Davenport resigns as superintendent, and J.L. Grantham is named interim superintendent.
- Dr. Paul Kienel speaks at the Advance Dinner.

### 50 years ago ('66)

- The board decides to purchase a school bus.

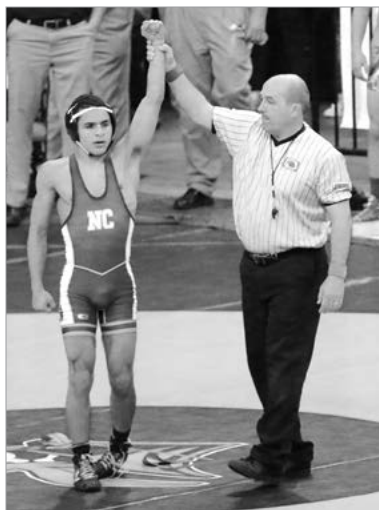


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**Saturday at 6:30 a.m.**

to hear Josh Cumpston  
and Gordon Thiessen.





## Lasso Qualifies for State Wrestling

Junior Juan Lasso booked his second trip to the NSAA Class D wrestling championships with a 3rd place finish in the 132-pound weight class at the D-1 district meet. At the state meet, Lasso lost to Trent Steinkraus of Plainview in the first round, beat Breidyn Cumpston of Amherst in the first consolation, and lost to Seth Simants of Stapleton in the second consolation.



## Ocean Commotion

Bootstrap Ben (Chantz Stuhmer) and Captain Patch (Tyler Cumpston) sing as they rescue the islanders from the coming storm in "Ocean Commotion." The annual elementary play incorporated the story of Noah and the parable of the wise man and the foolish man.

### What's in a Name? *continued from pg. 1*

person Elisabeth Elliot, who passed away last June, but we hoped to use some of the things from her life as an example to all that live in and visit our dorm.

One of the most famous examples is her work with the Auca (Waodani) Tribe in Ecuador. Her husband Jim Elliot—along with Nate Saint, Roger Youderian, Peter Fleming and Ed McCully—was speared and killed in 1956 by the Aucas while trying to reach them with the Gospel. After the mens' deaths, the effort to reach the Auca Indians was not abandoned. Elisabeth Elliot and Rachel Saint, the sister of Nate, moved into the Auca village. There they learned the language and evangelized the tribe. Years later, the pastor of the tribe, one of the killers, baptized Nate's children. These women had been used by God to reconcile with the Aucas and bring them the ultimate reconciliation of Christ's salvation. The Auca Indians were able to accept the message of the Gospel because they were able to see forgiveness, reconciliation, and grace lived out.

Elisabeth also is well known as an

author and a radio personality. She wrote over twenty books and hosted her radio program *Gateway to Joy* for thirteen years, with her famous line: "You are loved with an everlasting love, that's what the Bible says, and underneath are the everlasting arms." The [travelingteam.org](http://travelingteam.org) website has this to say about Elliot, "Elisabeth Elliot has become one of Christendom's most beloved and well-known lecturers and writers. She has been an encouragement and challenge to women in godliness, faithfulness and God's purpose in world missions. She wrote challenging one young woman, 'If indeed He is directing you toward missions, BE GLAD! He will show you His way in His own time.'"

Probably the thing that cemented this name as our top choice was when we looked up what the name Elliot means. Elliot is the Greek version of the Jewish name Elijah. When translated to English, it means "Jehovah is God." I can't think of a better way to dedicate a building to the Lord's service than by having that meaning with its name.

What's in a name? An awful lot.



2016 State Speech Qualifiers.

Row 1: Grace Wu, Duet; Trang Doan, Duet; Isabella Yang, Duet; Sydney Fuehrer, Humorous Prose. Row 2: Cole Ruybalid, Humorous Prose; Alex Hao, Duet; Makenna Loy, Serious Prose; Wendy Bornmann, Poetry; Danae Burdett, Persuasive.

## Speech Team Places 2nd at Districts, Qualifies 7 Entries for State

The Nebraska Christian speech team had a phenomenal day at the C2-5 District Meet in Loup City on March 15. After going into the final rounds in fourth place, the team surged ahead to finish the day in second place with 272 points to District Champion Burwell's 274 points.

Each school is allowed to take 18 entries to districts (two each in nine

events). NC only took 14 entries and still placed ahead of several teams that were full with all 18 entries. Of NC's 14 entries, 11 broke finals, and 7 placed in the top 3 to qualify for State Speech in Kearney. Additionally, two entries—Makenna Loy in Serious Prose and Danae Burdett in Persuasive Speaking—were crowned event champions.



At the state meet, nearly all of the Nebraska Christian participants received superior ratings. Burdett was the only NC competitor to break finals, and she placed 2nd in persuasive with her speech on mental illness.

Left: Danae Burdett stands on the state speech podium after receiving her second place medal.



From the last issue (below):

Congratulations to former NC administrator Rich Musgrave! His name was drawn from those who correctly identified this picture as the construction of the gymnasium/dining hall complex.



Nebraska Christian used to hold two dinners per year for its constituents: the Harvest Festival and the Advance Dinner. Can you identify two of these ladies who were preparing for one of these dinners in the 1990's? Send your guesses to [advance@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:advance@nebraskachristian.org), and you could win our prize.

NC Flashback



# Dinner & Benefit Auction March 18-19, 2016



*Kristy Langemeier, Special Events Coordinator; Deana Leonard, Asst. Special Events Coordinator*

We are pleased to report that God has chosen to pour out His blessing on NC once again by moving in the hearts of many very generous donors to give to the Dinner and Benefit Auction. Preliminary figures are showing that this year's auction netted over \$200,000. Over 510 items up for bid from more than 220 donors, as well as approximately 100 volunteers, contributed to the success of this event.

Our Friday "Preview" Night was a big success. This evening was an opportune time to casually preview all the items, start the bidding, or even "guarantee" a purchase. It was also a perfect opportunity to take part in the auction if attending the Saturday night event was not possible. NC supporters were able to receive a bid number at no cost and bid on silent auction items or make a "guaranteed" purchase.

The nearly 300 guests who attended the Dinner and Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 21, enjoyed a wonderful evening of delicious food served by our gracious student servers, big band sounds of the Knights of Rhythm, entertaining music from Josh Cumpston, Allene Cumpston, and Chad Jividen ('90), and lively bidding by our generous supporters. It was truly an evening of blessings from the Lord.



The student servers.



Auction stage assistants Cameron Langemeier and Whitney Heuermann.

Twenty-six items were offered for sale on our Live Auction. Items that sparked aggressive bidding with our auctioneer Bruce McDowell were the Lt. Governor Dinner, Exclusive Husker Suite Experience, Scottsbluff Mule Deer Hunt, and the Sedona Sanctuary. The Hot Air Balloon Ride for Two and the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols Celebration Evening 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 scholarships each year. Prior to the event, \$18,800 of the \$100,000 had been received in response to the mailings. The Scholarship Live Auction bidding resulted in \$56,415, bring-

ing the total to \$75,215! All these funds will be used to provide a Christian education for students who might not otherwise have the financial means to attend NC.

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 14 years has now surpassed \$1.7 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. Thank You!

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### Jr High Quiz Bowl Success

In the inaugural year of the ESU junior high quiz bowl, the NC team became the ESU 7 district runner up to champion Osceola. Head Coach Tara Mundt said, "They competed with so much more confidence than they did at conference [where they were eliminated before the finals]. It was fun to watch."

### Seniors Sign Letters of Intent

Two NC seniors have signed letters of intent to participate in athletics at the collegiate level. Nolan Kohmetscher, son of Marc and Beth Kohmetscher of Hastings, will play basketball at Hastings College. Cassidy Ostrand, daughter of Carl and Tonya Ostrand of Central City, will join the Hastings College volleyball team.



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### Girls' Dorm, continued from pg. 1

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I learned respect for others, their feelings and moods, their property and their time.

I learned to appreciate my parents and all they were doing for me.

I learned about life: I and the other girls got to watch our beloved volleyball coach (who lived in our

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dorm) start dating. Some of you know her today: Marilyn (Luce) Ritta. Later I would start dating, too. After high school, it was scary to think about getting married, because I would have this roommate for life. (If you are wondering, I got a good roommate and husband).

Memories of our weekly dorm meeting are special to me, too. We all crowded into the meeting room,

sitting on the chairs or on carpet squares on the floor, and we would sing, worship God, and pray together. I loved that time together.

In closing, my prayer for the girls in this new dorm is that each one will learn many lessons and have many great memories. May each girl have a home away from home, and may each one know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior!

## Memorial Gifts

For: Dick Bauer  
From: Ed & Marilyn Ritta  
For: Henry Cramer  
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris  
Dick & Carla Mundt  
For: Orvil Hamer  
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris  
Rondell & Jeanette Friesen  
Gil & Dorothy Glad  
Bernice Grantham  
Arnold & Gayle Moody  
Bob & Susan Ritta

Ed & Marilyn Ritta  
Mildred Root  
Ken & Judy Taylor  
For: Ed Haynes  
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris  
Bob & Susan Ritta  
For: Lucille Hermsmeyer  
From: Mildred Root  
For: Jolene Hokanson  
From: Al Cudly  
Sondra Foulk  
Donna Lindberg  
Tom & Nancy Mundt  
George & Anita Wochoer

For: William Lee  
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad  
For: Anton & Ernestine Warta  
From: Kerry & Janice Stuhmer  
For: Eleanor Weber  
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad  
For: Joni Worden  
From: Ed & Marilyn Ritta  
For: Eleanor Wright  
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris  
Bob & Susan Ritta  
In Memory of my sister, Jo  
From: Carla & Dick Mundt

## NC Volleyball Camp

May 31-June 2  
Girls Entering Grades 3-8

Grades 3-5: \$20, 9-10:30 a.m.  
Grades 6-8: \$25, 9-11:30 a.m.

Registration deadline: May 1

Forms may be obtained from the office  
Call or text Tonya Ostrand (402.984.9819)  
with questions.

## NC Basketball Camp

June 13-15  
Boys & Girls Entering  
Grades 2-9

Cost: \$25  
Grades 2-5: 9 a.m.-Noon  
Grades 6-9: 1-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 30

Forms may be obtained from the office.