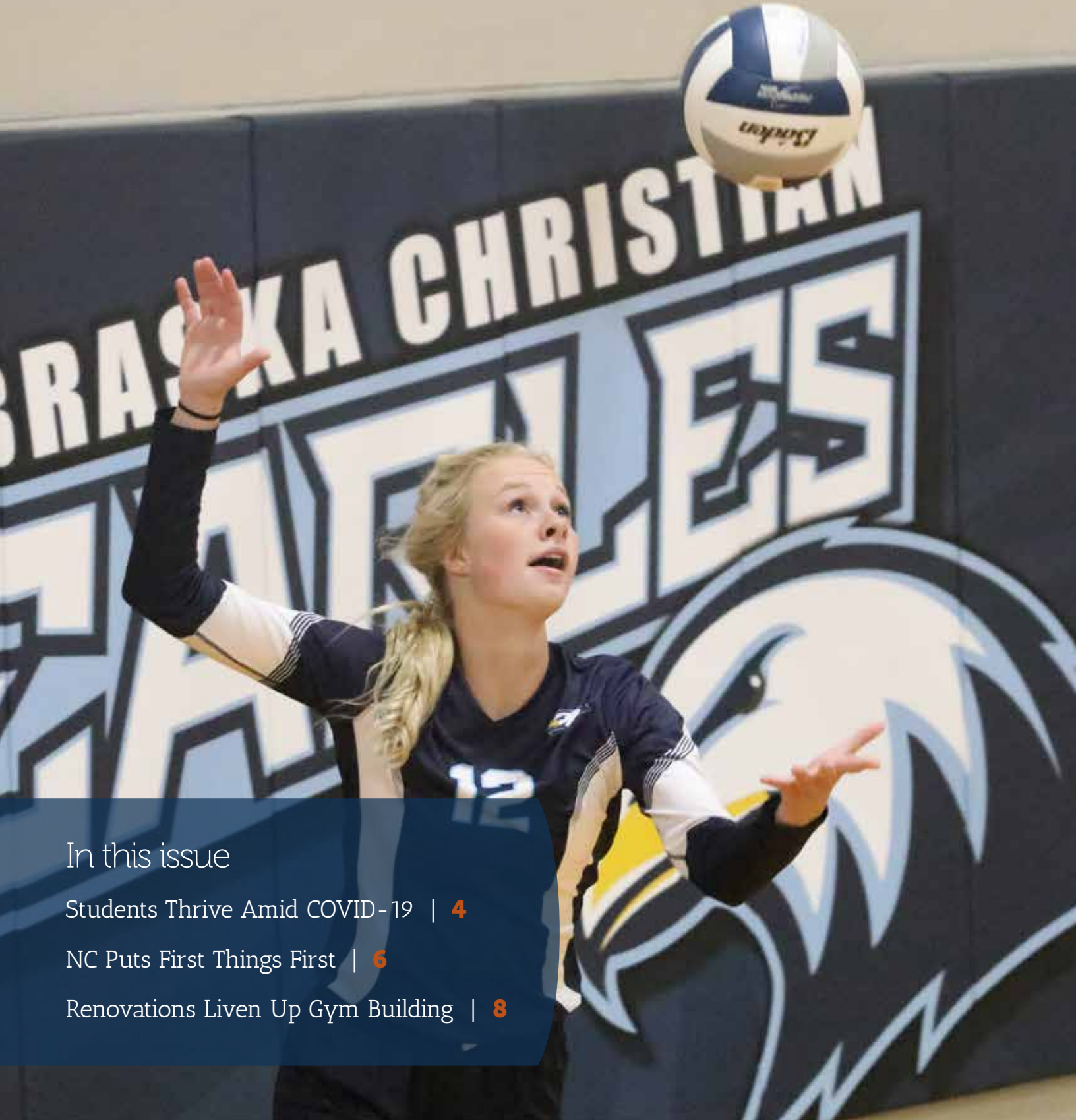


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Superintendent Tim Hekrdle with his wife Jessica and children (from left) Spencer (3rd), Oliver (1st), and Alexander (age 4).

Vision Statement

We aspire to equip students with a biblical worldview that empowers them to stand on Truth.

Mission Statement

We assist the family and church by providing a Christ-centered education and encouraging a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Greetings!

2020 has been one of the oddest years in recent history, and I bet most of you reading this have had trials and tribulations in the midst of what has felt like chaos at times. Some of us have had COVID-19, had a reduction of income, or feel like we lost our right to choose how we live our life. As we face uncertainty and difficult circumstances, it's helpful to look to examples in Scripture of how people faced trials and even persecution.

As a school, we have been looking closely at how Peter handled himself when he was being persecuted. The recurring theme throughout this teaching is suffering and submission, and Peter didn't just talk the talk; he walked the walk. Eventually, Peter was crucified because he was not willing to renounce his faith in Jesus Christ. Peter suffered in ways far beyond what we face here in America, and yet he was submissive to the governing authorities. Like Daniel, Peter's exception to falling in line was only when the governing laws and officials interfered with people's obedience to Christ—when they were asked not to pray, read scripture, or acknowledge their true King.

The Word of God has given us some great examples that demonstrate similar suffering and submission, and the greatest example is Jesus Christ. Not only did He experience pain and suffering, but because He was sinless and perfect, His suffering was undeserved in any way and was in total, perfect submission to the Father.

Our students get to learn how to respond in times of trial from those who endured suffering and persecution. 1 Peter 4:8 says, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." While we are suffering, or even being persecuted, we are called to put love first. The church has not had a better platform to demonstrate peaceful suffering and submission in America in quite some time. Imagine what could be accomplished for the Kingdom if thirty graduating NC students who truly grasp the role of the Christian in troubling times went into the world each and every year?

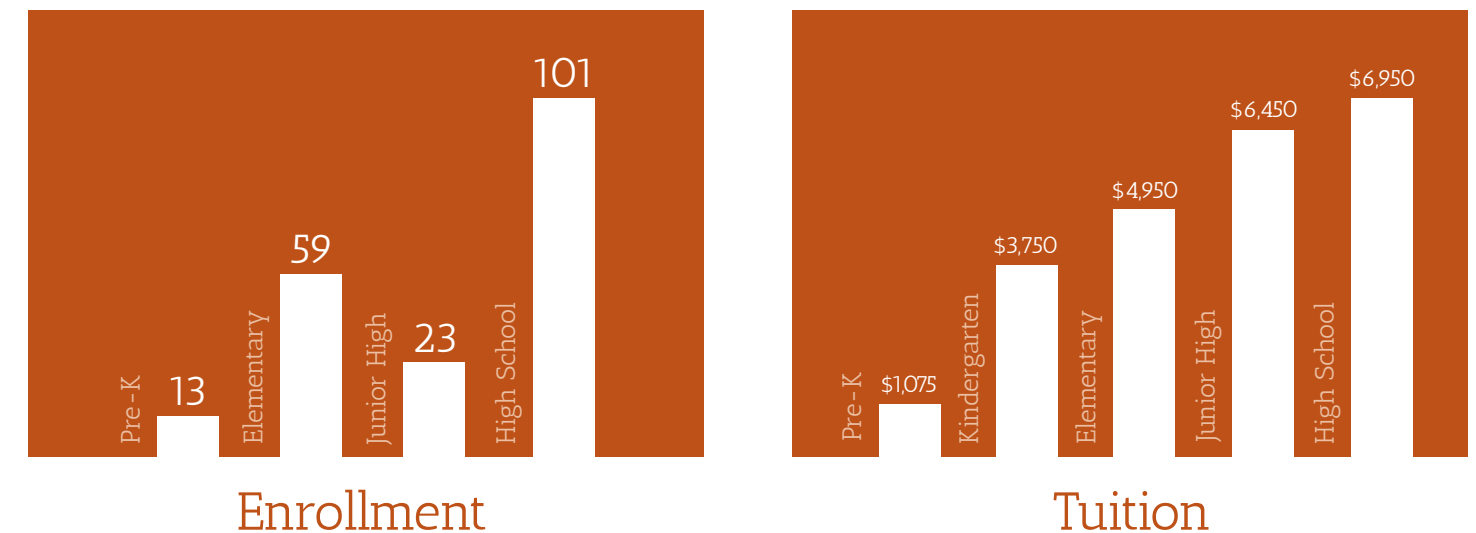
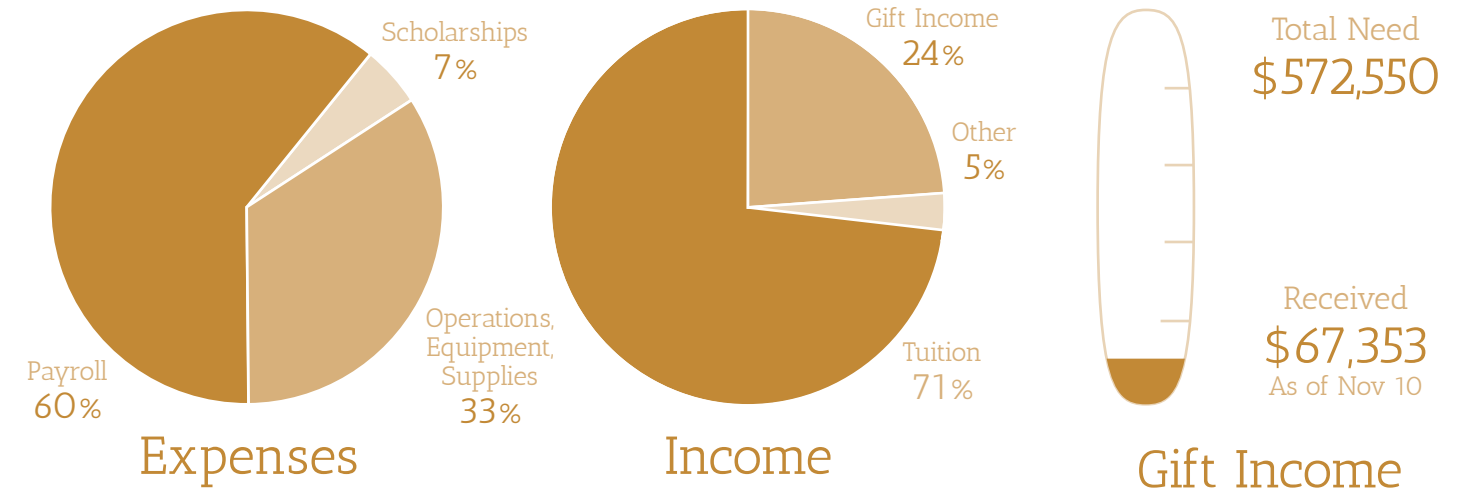
It is critical to equip our students with Truth so that they can walk in obedience to God in times of peace and in times of trial. By God's grace, they can make an everlasting impact on the hundreds, or even thousands, of lives that they will encounter as they spread their wings beyond the NC community. Thank you for the impact you have made through your prayers and partnership with us.

Sincerely,

Tim Hekrdle, Superintendent


Annual Budget of \$2.35 Million

Fiscal year runs July 1 - June 30



 Number of countries represented

5

 Number of towns represented

23

 Number of families represented

101

Students Thrive Amid COVID-19

On Sunday, March 14, as the United States was bracing for the arrival of the COVID-19 virus, the Nebraska Christian Board of Education made the decision to close school for a week of "spring break," followed by an undetermined time of remote learning.

This remote learning environment ended up lasting through the remainder of the school year while people hunkered down at home to help slow the spread of the virus. It could have

been the "quarter that wasn't," but a massive team effort by the NC community made learning possible for NC students.

Students, teachers, and parents had to quickly master new ways to learn together and maintain both standards and a sense of community while everyone stayed separated at home. Elementary staff

distributed weekly packets to students via porch drop-off, and students attended limited online Zoom sessions to catch up with their classmates and reinforce the homework their parents oversaw. High school

teachers held online classes for students, and everyone learned to manage questions, class discussions, and assignments in the new format.

The new systems put in place to continue NC's mission of providing a Christ-centered education caused unanticipated expenses, and the broader NC community rallied around the students and staff. The 2020 Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction could not happen in the traditional way, but the NC events staff turned the auction into an exciting online experience. People could view and bid on items from the comfort of their couch, and the Lord blessed the event through the generosity of those who bid.

The school year would not have been complete without honoring NC's 2020 seniors at graduation. But social distancing guidelines and Directed Health Measures required the organizers to get very creative in their planning. Graduates and their families attended in their vehicles that were strategically parked around a central stage. Additionally, an enormous screen was brought in to allow cars parked in more distant spaces to see.

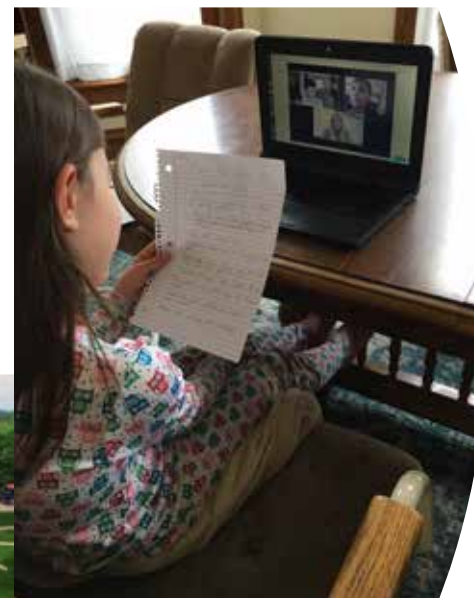


Christian Strobel attends a Zoom chapel session during the 4th quarter.



NC staff use Zoom to thank the NC community for all of their support throughout 2020.

Rain threatened the event, but the class of 2020, as you can imagine, is resilient and determined. Each graduate walked across the stage to receive their diploma. They left campus in a parade of cars to complete the most unique graduation NC has ever hosted.



Lily Franel checks in with her teacher and classmates on Zoom during the third week of online learning at NC.

It wasn't the quarter we planned for; it wasn't the quarter we expected; it wasn't even the quarter we wanted; but it wasn't "the quarter that wasn't." The Lord provided through the talents, time, finances, and resources of His people to continue His purposes through the ministry of Nebraska Christian

Schools despite the pandemic. To each of you who played a part, thank you.



NC held a socially-distanced, drive-in graduation for the Class of 2020.

Spotting Blessings in the Pandemic

2020 has been a difficult year. Yet if we look closely, we can see ways God has blessed Nebraska Christian in spite of - and even through - the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The gymnasium work was able to proceed much sooner than expected due to the shutdown, allowing our students, staff, and visitors to enjoy our renovated gymnasium throughout the entire fall sports season. (See p. 8)
- Our auction, which was entirely online due to the pandemic, netted more than \$210,000, including a record-setting \$112,000 given towards scholarships.
- We were able to open the 2020-2021 school year on campus. While we did have to briefly shut down in October due to staff illness, that time away gave staff members ample time to recover, and we are now fully operational.
- Our international students, who remained on campus into the summer, broke down barriers between nationalities and bonded in a way that NC had never seen before. (See p. 10)
- With a theme of #commUNITY, Central City residents and businesses came together to support both Central City Public and Nebraska Christian seniors as their senior years turned out much differently than anticipated. A community parade and an adopt-a-senior program were just some of the ways Central City's citizens came alongside area seniors.
- We were able to make vital upgrades to our technology infrastructure, thanks in part to CARES Act Grant funds.

We are so grateful for the ways God has sustained us throughout this pandemic!

NC Puts First Things First

How we spend two simple resources - our time and our money - can tell a lot about what we actually value. Here at Nebraska Christian Schools, we value the Bible, and how we build our students' schedules bears that out.



An E-Group meets during the March 2020 Spiritual Emphasis Day to discuss the message.

The vision of NC is "to equip students with a biblical worldview that empowers them to stand on Truth." We do this using a curriculum that integrates a biblical worldview throughout all of the subjects. Reading, writing, arithmetic, and all the rest are taught from a biblical perspective, unified by the single common thread of the Gospel.

But the Bible isn't just peeking out through other subjects at NC. It is the focus and the first thing we do each day.

We plan for at least 154 hours of our junior high and high schoolers' NC experience each school year to be dedicated to biblical education through 1st period Bible classes (119 hours) and weekly chapels (35 hours). Additionally, students meet in small groups called E-Groups once or twice a week to pray and discuss chapel messages. All told, more than 12% of an NC student's total school hours are dedicated to biblical instruction and study.

The elementary students spend slightly fewer hours studying the Bible than the older students, due to shorter chapel times and more compact daily Bible lessons in class. But whether students are in elementary or high school, they will spend equivalent amounts of time studying the Bible as they will spend studying any other subject.

Out of anything that a student could study, we believe Scripture is the most essential. Second Timothy 3:16-17 tells us that, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." As we carry out our mission in partnership with the family and the church, we pray that the time we spend together with students in Bible study does just that.

Calendar of Events

<p>Elementary Musical 3.5.21 7pm</p>	<p>Dinner & Benefit Auction 3.27.21 5pm</p>
<p>Spring Concert 4.29.21 7pm</p>	<p>Graduation 5.15.21 10:30am</p>

Events are subject to change. Please visit nebraskachristian.org/calendar for up-to-date information.

Classroom Shuffle Shows God's Hand At Work

NC's 2020 preschool class exemplifies how God sometimes works behind the scenes before anyone understands what He is doing, in order to accomplish His purposes.

It all started back in the spring of 2020 with registration for the 2020-21 school year. The elementary class sizes required some shuffling of classrooms and teachers. As the staff worked out the logistics, it became clear that all of the classrooms in the elementary building would be needed for grades K-6. This meant the preschool needed to find a different building and classroom.



The new preschool room provides the perfect space for both sections of NC's preschool.

At the same time, renovations to the gymnasium and west hallway (previously rooms 1-4) of the gym building were underway, and exploratory renovations of two rooms in the Ad Building (on the main floor across from the office) began. By mid-summer, the decision was made to move the superintendent's office and the NCS Foundation office out of the gym building and into the two rooms being renovated in the Ad Building. This left rooms 1 and 2 of the gym building open to become the new preschool room.

With just a few weeks until the start of school, the wall between rooms 1 and 2 was torn down, and new flooring, ceiling paint, fixtures, and finishes were installed. Preschool teacher Stacy Berck moved into the room just days before school started and began setting up the classroom in preparation for her class that would meet three mornings each week.



Tobias Mankin, Rex McHargue, and Evelyn McHargue use frosting and marshmallows to build an igloo as they study the letter 'I'.

Then the week before school was to start, the preschool applications began pouring in. Due to the early-August closure of another preschool in town, there was a last-minute need for a number of preschoolers to find a spot in a class. Because the preschool had its own dedicated room (and was not used in the afternoons by the elementary school as it had been before), NC was able to open up a second section of preschool three afternoons a week to accommodate the additional students.

"It was a whirlwind," said Stacy, "but it has worked out well, and I'm enjoying both of my preschool classes." Looking back now, we clearly see God's sovereign hand at work using NC to care for some of his youngest students.

Renovations Liven Up Gym Building

Most anyone who has been inside the Nebraska Christian gymnasium in recent years would agree that the space, which has served the school well for many years, needed renovation. Blistering heat (with the only cooling coming from a few large fans), inadequate lighting, and dated bleachers are all things that staff, students, and guests have had to deal with over the years.



The elementary students sit on the new bleachers as they listen to a chapel message by Pastor Josh Thiessen ('04)

In October 2019, the NCS Foundation announced that preservation project efforts would be shifting from the Ad Building to the Gym Building. The Gym Building Preservation Project had a budget of \$125,000 and focused on the interior and exterior needs of the current gym building. As of September 2020, more than \$140,000 had been raised for the project!

Considerable work took place during the spring and summer of 2020. This work was able to begin sooner than anticipated, due to the COVID-19 shutdown in mid-March, which kept all except the dorm students off campus and out of the building. Within the gym itself, new lighting, air conditioning, paint, sound system, ceiling grid, and acoustic tiles have provided a much needed facelift to this important, public space. New bleachers were installed in early October. These improvements, coupled with last year's completion of a new

entryway, ADA restrooms, and concession stand, have made the gymnasium a much more welcoming and functional place for our staff, students, and guests.

Beyond the gym walls, two offices (formerly Rooms 1 and 2) were combined to create a new preschool room in the west hallway of the gym building. (Read more about our growing preschool on page 7.) The west hallway received a new floor, and both the west and east hallways acquired fresh paint, lighting, and ceiling tiles.

A few additional improvements are planned for this winter (see page 15). We are so grateful to everyone who donated to the Gym Building Preservation Project, and we invite you to attend an upcoming game or event to see these improvements for yourself!

Ad Building Facelift

In the winter of 2019, the Ad Building Preservation Project was announced. The \$475,000 raised toward the project provided funding to seal and fortify the exterior of the building and do minor work inside the building, with renovation work beginning in the summer of 2019.



Christian sign, something that had not been on the building in the school's 61-year history.

Throughout the summer and fall of 2019, a new roof went on the building, new windows were installed, and some metal work was completed. Work continued in the summer and early fall of 2020, with tuck-pointing, cleaning and repairing the exterior brick, installing new gutters, painting white exterior surfaces, and repairing metalwork. The final pieces were the installation of louvres on the outside of the bell tower and the addition of a Nebraska

With work wrapping up on the exterior of the building, attention turned to the interior. So far, two rooms on the main floor have been completely renovated. One room (previously called Room 11) is now the superintendent's office and includes space for meetings. The other room (which at one point served as the chaplain's office and is just south of the former Room 11) is the new NCS Foundation office. These spaces celebrate the beauty of the 115-year-old building while incorporating some modern touches.

Future plans for the building include a complete renovation of the office space on the main floor. To learn more about our plans, please see the Foundation report on page 15.

Longtime Staffer Retires

For most of the last 25 years, visitors to Nebraska Christian's main office have been greeted by the warm smile of Susan (Roth) Ritta.

In July 2020, she officially retired after spending four months off-campus due to COVID-19. Susan's first association with NC came in 1973, when she accepted a secretarial position. In those first years, "Miss Roth" also served as the pep club and cheerleader sponsor and taught voice lessons. She married NC graduate Bob Ritta ('69) in 1976, and the two soon moved away. In 1986, they returned to NC with their young family to become boys' dorm parents, a role they filled for six years. Then in 1995, Susan began working in the main office following the retirement of receptionist Judy (Grantham '62) Taylor. Apart from a short-lived stint at the Marquette elementary campus

in the early 2000's, Susan maintained her post in the main office until this past March. She looks forward to spending more time with her four children (all alumni of NC) and their families and being more active in caring for her elderly mother-in-law. She says, "I have loved working in the office; it has been a huge part of my adult life! I thank the Lord for the opportunity of working with the administrators, teachers, and families of NC."



Pandemic Drives Bonding In The Dorm

The international dorm students experienced COVID-19 differently from the rest of us, as they were able to be together instead of isolated in individual houses.

International Program Director Gib Killion, Boys' Dorm Parents Mike & Dee Flynn, and Girls' Dorm Mom Hannah Myers ('14) worked hard to make this unexpected time positive for NC's international students.



The dorm students proudly show off their hand-decorated Easter eggs during the special Easter weekend activities.

"We tried to provide a structured schedule that matched normal routine as much as possible during quarantine," Hannah Myers explains. That meant class every school day, but a shortened

schedule that allowed for more time together. The students played a lot of soccer and kickball, as well as corn hole, volleyball, badminton, and other games to pass the time while they were secluded on campus.

Traditionally, the international students travel over the Easter weekend. Because that wasn't possible in 2020, the dorm parents focused on making the Easter weekend

special. Students decorated Easter eggs, played games, and had an egg drop competition. One senior even said that the Easter activities were the best part of the whole school year!

Throughout the spring, the international students bonded in a way not seen during a regular school year, as they had a built-in group of friends on campus who all experienced quarantine in the same way. And the benefits continue, as Hannah has seen the relationships between the girls in the dorm grow even stronger now that students are back for a semi-normal school year.

Reflecting on the lockdown time in the spring, Hannah says, "Overall, I saw God work through hearts to love others well, be content in all circumstances, and process fear in a way that is pleasing to the Lord. I personally was thankful God gave me nine young women when many of my friends were locked alone in their homes. God is good, and that time of quarantine proved His goodness to the NC dorm even more."



The international students enjoyed a final feast together in the Girls' Dorm great room following graduation.

Advance Announcement

We have made the difficult decision to discontinue the Advance (our quarterly newsletter) in its current format and will be transitioning to an online newsletter following the Winter '20-'21 issue. Printed copies of the newsletter will be available upon request. We would love to keep in touch with you through our new newsletter! Please send an email to advance@nebraskachristian.org to be added to the email list or to request printed copies. Alternatively, you can send your request to Nebraska Christian Schools, Attn: Advance Editor, 1847 Inskip Ave, Central City, NE 68826 or call us at 308-946-3836. You will continue to receive a printed Impact no matter what you choose regarding the Advance.



Alumna Invests In Dorm Students

Melissa (Francis '92) Rankin has a long history with Nebraska Christian and with the dorm program.



Melissa Rankin and Poko Hongdilokkul make cookies for a potluck together.

She began attending NC as an 8th grader and graduated in 1992. While at NC, she lived in the dorm, and she still keeps in touch with some of the international students she met at that time. Two and a half years ago, Melissa and her husband Chris decided to move their family from Lincoln to Central City so their elementary-aged girls could grow up in a small town environment while attending the school that meant so much to Melissa. (The Rankins also have an adult son who serves in the US Army.)

During their first year at NC, the Rankin family hosted a girl from China as part of the monthly "Adopt-a-Student" program, where local families welcome an international student into their homes one Sunday each month. In 2019, Melissa joined the staff as a paraprofessional working with one of NC's international students from Thailand, Poko Hongdilokkul. She also began subbing in the girls' dorm on Wednesday evenings to allow dorm mom Hannah Myers ('14) the opportunity to attend a Bible study.

The Rankins saw their involvement in the international program increase again in the summer of 2020. When it became apparent that many of NC's international students would not be able to go home for the summer due to COVID-19, International Program Director Gib Killion had to find homestays for them. He asked the Rankin family to host Poko, and they jumped at the chance. "Our family thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to love on someone's

daughter the way we would hope our own children would be loved if they were in the same situation," Melissa explains.

The family loved having Poko with them for the summer, and Poko loved staying with them. Though some aspects of the summer were different due to COVID-19 restrictions, Poko was still able to experience a typical American summer, full of swimming, shopping, bike riding, baking, and visiting friends. A highlight of the summer was introducing Poko to Independence Day traditions while the family visited one of Melissa's dear friends from NC at her farm in northern Nebraska, but Poko also enjoyed the more mundane activities.

"Going to Grand Island and eating Mexican food and shopping at Target in Lincoln were some of my favorite things," Poko says.

Now that summer is over and Poko has returned to the dorm, Melissa's involvement with Poko and the other international students continues. She considers this a calling from the Lord. "I am so thankful that God has allowed me this wonderful blessing," she says. "My desire is for each and every one of [the international students] to come to know how much God loves them and for them to fall in love with God and begin a life changing walk with Him for the rest of their lives. And baking cookies or hosting them or breaking down a verse for a Bible test or asking them about their country are little ways I can be a part of what God is doing, and I am grateful for that."



Poko Hongdilokkul takes a moment out of Independence Day activities to document her first 4th of July in the United States.

Fall Athletes Prove Their Resiliency

The 2020 Fall Sports Season looked different than any other. Schools were required to follow current Directed Health Measures from the State of Nebraska, which limited the number of spectators at events.

Beyond that, each school was responsible for implementing its own COVID-19 protocols, which ranged anywhere from only parents being allowed to attend and required mask wearing to events that felt fairly pre-pandemic.

Nebraska Christian's fall sports teams were cruising through the season until the end of September, when the Board of Education made the decision to close the campus for 10 days, largely due to staff illness. This meant not only no practices during this time, but also that the football team had to miss two games, the cross country team was unable to participate in the Goldenrod Conference meet, and the volleyball team canceled three matches.



Senior Elijah Boersen carries the ball in a 46-42 win over Arcadia-Loup City.

When the campus reopened on October 12, the teams came roaring back. Cancellations due to COVID-19 did not negatively affect teams when it came to playoff hopes, according to the NSAA guidelines, and the football team made the state playoffs with a 4-2 record. In the first round of the playoffs, NC defeated

Hemingford 24-14. The team went on to lose to Elm Creek in a 22-24 nailbiter in the second round.



Hannah Swanson (far right) runs at the State Cross Country Meet in October.

The cross country teams returned to action just in time for districts, where three Eagles qualified for the state meet: junior Chantz Stuhmer, sophomore Marlie Mundt, and freshman Hannah Swanson. All represented NC well at state, and Swanson placed 4th in the Girls' Class D race with a school-record time of 19:59.3.

For the third time in four years, the volleyball team made the state tournament, this time with an upset over Bertrand in the district final. The team went into the tournament seeded 8th, where they faced #1 seed Diller-Odell. After taking the first set in the match, NC dropped the next three, ending the season with an 18-9 record. Head Coach Amy Schreiber ('02) said that what impressed her most about her team was their unity: "After we missed a few games, we played a little rough. But we came together and pushed through districts and played for Him."

NC Student Helps Found Group To Aid Habitat Families

One of Nebraska Christian's Core Values is being Service Minded. We desire our staff and students to volunteer both on campus and in their own communities.

Junior Nehemiah Peters has taken his commitment to service a step further by helping form and serving on the leadership team of Campus Committee, which is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity of Columbus, Nebraska. The

Campus Committee was started by some high school students living in the Columbus area who had volunteered for Habitat's annual building program but wanted to serve more in the community. The conversation began in the winter of 2019, and a leadership team of five students worked to develop their goals and objectives. The Habitat Board of Directors approved their goals, and the group became an official operating committee of the Columbus affiliate in 2020. Nehemiah serves as the Campus Committee's treasurer.

Nehemiah Peters (left) helps assemble a bunk bed for a Habitat family.



The Campus Committee wanted to focus more on doing things for the children in the Habitat program. "Many times, families coming into a Habitat home have very little, or what they do have is not suitable," said Lori Peters, Executive Director of the Columbus Habitat affiliate. "The

Campus Committee provides a way to help each family individually. The Habitat affiliate only builds the house. We don't furnish or provide domestic items. The high schoolers want to help bridge that gap for the Habitat kids and provide household items they need to have a great start in a new home."

In 2020, the group made a handmade, full size bunk bed for one family and made bookshelves and provided bedding for another. They funded these projects through a "Movie Night In" fundraiser held during quarantine in the spring of 2020.

The Campus Committee represents four area high schools: Columbus Public, Lakeview Community Schools, Nebraska Christian, and Scotus Catholic Schools. Fifty students are currently involved, and the leadership team is still actively recruiting and would love to have more members from Nebraska Christian. The goal is to have at least one Campus Committee build day in 2021, and the group may also do some other projects for the Columbus Habitat affiliate.

When asked about his involvement in Campus Committee, Nehemiah said, "It gives the teens a good opportunity to serve teens in their community and help those in need. Having your own home is like a match that starts the fire on the way to turning your life around. A stable home environment is something every family should have."

Those interested in learning more about Campus Committee can check out its Facebook page: Habitat for Humanity of Columbus, NE - Campus Committee.

Alumnus Releases Album

Over the last 61 years, more than 1600 students have graduated from Nebraska Christian, leaving our small campus to make an impact all over the world. We recently caught up with one such graduate, An Tran ('09), who released a classical guitar album with Frameworks Records earlier this year.

NC: Why did you decide to study in America, and how did you end up at Nebraska Christian?

Tran: I wanted to study abroad, and going to the US was a dream. My parents were working with a study abroad agency in Vietnam, and they suggested applying to this school in Nebraska. Well, "this school" accepted me and I was at Nebraska Christian shortly after. I have never regretted that decision.



NC: What has been the highlight of your professional life so far?

Tran: Other than being very lucky to be able to travel to many different places, one of the highlights is my album. I finished my debut album [Stay, My Beloved] in April 2020, and it is doing quite well. It is currently being considered for a Grammy nomination and also getting great reviews. I'm very grateful for that.

NE: What stands out to you about your time at NC?

Tran: NC was the starting point of my life in the USA, so it was very memorable. My teachers and friends were so nice, helpful, and patient with me, and I'm thankful for that. I still remember the music theory lessons that I had with Mr. Flynn, the international student trips, the bike rides into Central City, and performing with Mrs. Ritta for the

Christmas concert. [There are] many more [memories] that I cannot list them all!

NC: What has life looked like for you since high school?

Tran: Life got so much busier after high school. After NC, I received my Bachelor of Music at North Park University in Chicago. After that, I

went to Yale University to complete my Master of Music. I'm currently finishing my Doctor of Music degree at Northwestern University. I'm also currently a professor of classical guitar at Northern Illinois University. When I teach my students, I always try to remind myself to be as patient and kind as possible, like how my teachers at NC were to me.

An Tran accompanies Susan Ritta on "Mary Did You Know" at the 2009 Festival of Lessons & Carols.



Tran: It features all Vietnamese classical guitar music. This is basically a tribute to my musical life, since this music has been with me throughout my life. I played some of these pieces many times at NC.



NC: What comes next for you?

After COVID-19 is over and we can travel again, I will have a tour in Asia, Europe, and the US to promote this album. Whatever happens, I'm getting back to record another album in August 2021, this time it will feature all music from the French composer Napoleon Coste, and it should be out sometime in 2022.

You can learn more about An Tran, purchase signed copies of his album, and listen to his music by visiting antran.org/music. You can also follow him on Facebook and Instagram at [@antranguitar](https://www.instagram.com/antranguitar).

Do you know of an alum we should feature in a future issue of the Impact? Send your suggestions to nc@nebraskachristian.org.

What's Next?

Is anyone else curious as to "what's next?" I'm glad you asked!
(If you didn't ask, I'm still happy to share!)

Dear Friends,

This past spring, summer, and fall, the campus experienced substantial facelifts and improvements. I thank each of you for your support, whether through monetary contributions, prayer, direct service, or all of the above. God's providence and blessing have permeated every aspect of these projects thus far. Reflecting upon our progress, the foundation, board of education, and our campus executive team feel not only called but inspired and energized to utilize our current momentum to embrace "what's next!"

So, "what's next?" This question's answer lies in three of our current project areas, including Phase 2A, the Gym Building, and the Administration Building.

Within Phase 2A, preliminary plans are in place, and we will be able to move forward once additional dollars arrive to build new dining and kitchen facilities. Our current facilities have seen their better day; thus, I stress the importance of addressing this critical need to benefit every student, faculty, and staff member. Please pray with us for the Lord's leading as we work to secure about three quarters of a million dollars in funding for this project's completion. The Lord is moving, even now, for His glory in this project, and as soon as the funding is secured, we project less than a year to the project's completion.

On a less urgent note, our Gym Building Preservation Project is almost complete! This winter, plans include renovating the girls, boys, and visitors' locker rooms. The revamping of these spaces will consist of new lighting, lockers, sinks, toilets, dividers, paint, and flooring. Not only will we support our student-athletes, but create a welcoming space for our visiting opponents.

Finally, if you visited campus in recent months, you may have noticed that the Administration Building exterior is looking quite spiffy. Thus the Administration Building Preservation Project's next steps involve updating the inside to match the new and improved outside. The first step includes renovating the main floor offices to create updated, functional space for our staff, students, and visitors. We are still working out the budget for this project, but with the Lord's guidance of the campus executive team and provision through the gifts of His people, we are praying we can have the main floor refurbished by the fall of 2021.



It is with great joy and privilege that I've shared "what's next!" However, I contemplate that announcing "what's next" would not be possible without the significant progress and improvement that has come thus far. Your support, prayers, and donations have and will continue to be essential to continuing our progress; with the greatest sincerity, thank you!!

I now ask that you consider what your role may be moving forward and to join with Nebraska Christian as we, through God's blessing and grace, diligently pursue "what's next!"

In Him,

Jody Heuermann
Executive Director
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