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Pray for
NC
Building Lives for Eternity



Be a Part of Community

by Josh Cumpston,
Administrator

Every year I choose areas of focus for myself and for the school year. An area that I am excited about, especially because it is also an area that our Student Council Executive Officers have set as a focus, is to build a stronger sense of community. We hope to do this by providing more opportunities for students to get together outside of the school day, encouraging students to reach out to other students, giving more training to E-group (small group) leaders as they mentor and lead younger students, and creating opportunities for our families to get to know one another.

The student council is planning to host events outside of school for our freshmen through seniors to enjoy. They are hoping to strengthen friendships and relationships between members of the classes, new students, and international students. The first of these get-togethers occurred the night of our school carnival/sports scrimmages. After the football scrimmage, the student council held a movie night on the football field, and we had over one hundred students attend.

We kicked off our adopt-a-dorm student program this year by inviting all of the families that participate in this program to join us for a staff BBQ. Custodian Curtis Cooper and his dad roasted a full pig, and teachers Carl Ostrand and Andy Falk led the students in

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New School Year Begins

by Tim Hofmann, senior

Second graders Anisha McCray Luce and Noah Creutzberg and kindergartner Lucy Perry enjoy their first recess of the school year.



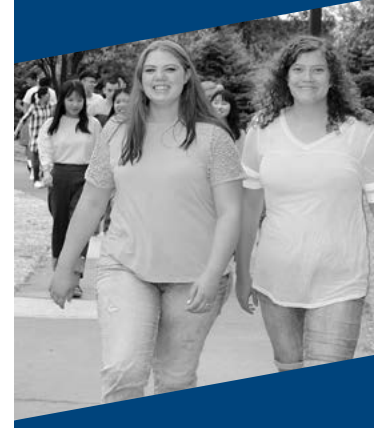
The Nebraska Christian campus started filling up with students on August 15 as the 2017-2018 school year began with 198 total students enrolled (51 in preschool-6th grade and 147 in grades 7-12). Many familiar faces walked along the sidewalks, but there were plenty of new ones on the first day of classes. A theme for this year, according to superintendent Josh Cumpston, is encouragement. "We hope to have great encouragement in our E-groups and with the whole school in general," he said.

Some events that took place in the first couple weeks of school were a root beer float social sponsored by the Student Council and the annual Family Fun and Fellowship Night, which included carnival

games, sports drink scrimmages/cross country fun run, and a Student Council-sponsored movie on the football field. Perhaps the highlight of the year so far was the Solar Eclipse day, where the students in grades 7-12 spent the day at the Christian Resource Center in Giltner.

Senior Brennan Nokelby has enjoyed the first weeks of school, saying, "I really enjoy seeing old friends in the hallway and being able to make new ones."

Leadership will also be a key to having a successful school year, as juniors and seniors are looking to be good role models to the younger students throughout the entire school year. Overall, both students and faculty are looking forward to a productive year.



Students:

Pray for community to build within the student body.

Pray that God will raise up leaders in each class.

Events:

Pray for the preparations for Homecoming (Oct. 6-7), Grandparents' Day (Oct. 13), Harvest Festival (Nov. 2), and the Festival of Lessons & Carols (Dec. 15).

Staff:

Pray that staff members will model Christ to students and prioritize their relationships with Him.

— Philippians 4:6 —

A Festival of Lessons & Carols!

Friday, December 15, 2017

Doors open at 5:30 • Festival begins at 6:15

Tickets are \$15 each and will be available for purchase in the NC office starting November 1.

Please contact the school at 308-946-3836 with any questions.

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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.



Yearbook Staff. Front: Cream Masatit, Melinda Kim, Josie Maberry, Kindra Watson. Middle: Katelynn Halstead, Keziah Dexter, Danae Burdett, Carsyn Ostrand, Madi Felt, Corryn Falk. Back: Connor Lovejoy, Daniel Myers, Brennan Nokelby, Joel Poppe, Tim Hofmann.

Meet our Media Students!

At Nebraska Christian, members of the print media class do more than create the yearbook—they also write for the NC Advance and our blog. During the 2017-2018 school year, 15 students are members of the print media class, and we want to give you a chance to get to know them a bit!

Seniors

Danae Burdett is a senior at Nebraska Christian. She is involved in speech, quiz bowl, student council, and choir. She lives in Grand Island and has been attending NC since 9th grade.

Keziah Dexter is a member of the class of 2018. She is the daughter of Rance ('86) and Jodi Dexter. Keziah has attended NC off and on since third grade. She lives in Burwell and rents an apartment in Central City to live in during the school year. She chooses to attend NC for the great Christian education it provides its students.

Corryn Falk is a member of the class of 2018. She participates in volleyball, basketball, and track. Corryn has attended Nebraska Christian for three years.

Katelynn Halstead is a senior at Nebraska Christian Schools. She first came to Nebraska Christian her junior year and participates in volleyball, basketball, track, choir, and ensemble.

Tim Hofmann is a member of the class of 2018 and has been attending Nebraska Christian for six years. He is from Sutton and enjoys sports and writing, and he is the student council secretary. Tim also writes for the sports section of the Central City Republican-Nonpareil.

Melinda Kim is from South Korea; her Korean name is Yae been Kim. She has attended NC since her freshman year, and she will graduate in 2018. She has a loving family with parents and one older brother. She wants to be an editor of fashion magazine in Korea.

Cream Masatit is a member of

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 6 Homecoming
- 7 Homecoming 5k, 8 a.m.
- 13 Grandparents' Day

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 15 Festival of Lessons & Carols
6:15 p.m.
- 23 Christmas Break Begins

JANUARY

- 7 Last Day of Christmas Break

For additional events visit
nebraskachristian.org/calendar

the class of 2018. She is an international student from Thailand, the land of smiles. She is also the senior class treasurer. Having creative thoughts and ideas, she loves to write calligraphy in her free time and spends her time finding new vocab games to get better at English.

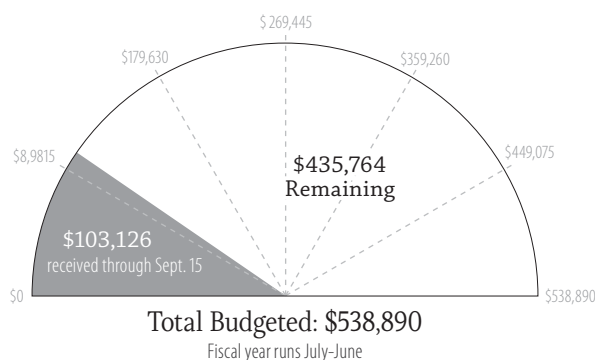
Daniel Myers is a member of the class of 2018. The son of Larry and Tracy Myers, he will be the third child in his family to graduate from Nebraska Christian. Daniel is involved in basketball and music and has attended NC for 7 years.

Brennan Nokelby is a member of the class of 2018. He also participates in cross country, basketball, track, quiz bowl, and is treasurer of the student council. Coming from Marquette, Nebraska, he enjoys water sports and reading outside of school.

Joel Poppe has attended Nebraska Christian since the 6th grade and is currently in football, basketball, and track. Joel was part of the NC band for four years and the high school choir for one year. He enjoys being with friends, music, building relationships, and serving the Lord. His favorite verses are Romans 3:3-5.

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2017-2018 Gift Income: \$103,126 received through Sept. 15



Total Budgeted: \$538,890

Fiscal year runs July-June

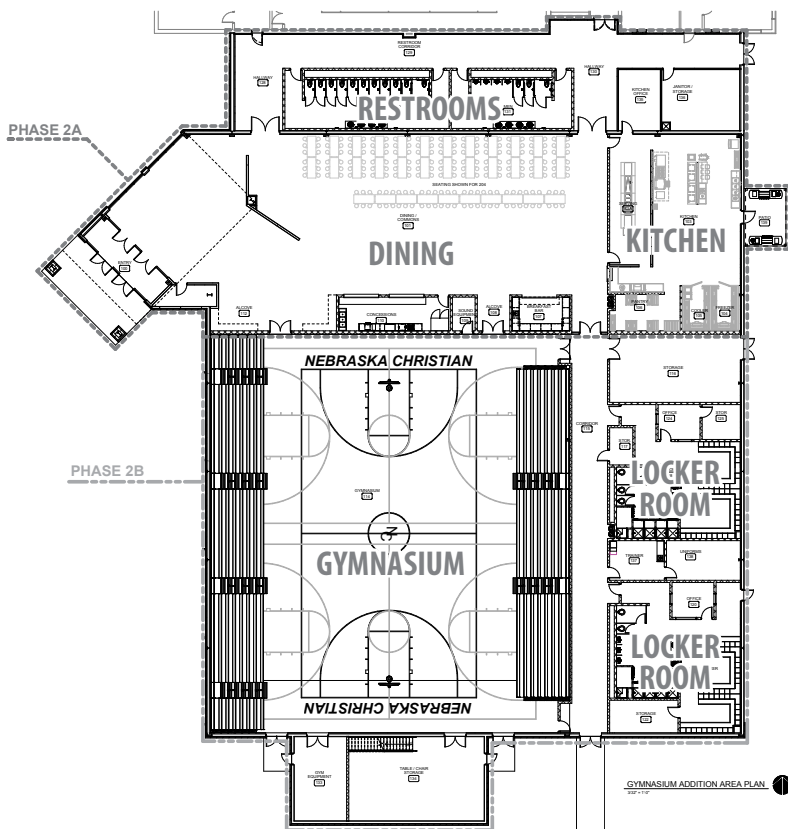
God continues to provide for the needs of Nebraska Christian Schools through the gifts of people like you. Thanks so much for your faithfulness. Your support makes our mission possible.

Dollars & Sense



by Tom Dockweiler ('79)
Business Manager

Our last fiscal year, 2016-17, was another good year financially. It was tighter than any of the previous five years. We didn't quite get in everything we budgeted, but, as always, God provided everything we needed. Thanks for your continuing prayers and financial support.



Phase 2 New Kitchen, Commons Area & Gymnasium

Phase 2A \$3.2 million

- State of the Art Kitchen
- Dining Hall with seating for over 200
- Concession Stand for Activities & Fundraising
- ADA Restrooms
- Entrance & Commons Area
- Exterior remodel of existing Gymnasium Building
- Expanded Parking Lot with convenient drop off and pickup

Phase 2B \$2.8 million

- Collegiate sized 94' Competition Gymnasium & Activity Center, with seating for over 900
- Boys & Girls Locker Rooms
- Athletic Training Room & Uniform Storage
- Athletic Storage Space
- Fine Arts/Programming Storage

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Choir Tour 2018

The NC Choir will
be touring on
March 11, March 18,
& April 22.

Call the office
at 308.946.3836 or email
nc@nebraskachristian.org
if you're interested in
hosting the choir at your church.



Leaving a Legacy that Builds Lives for Eternity

by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director

The option of a Christian education is available today at Nebraska Christian Schools because of people who came before us, saw a need, and worked to meet it. I wonder if they ever imagined the impact this school would have someday. With alumni on every continent of the world except for Antarctica, the school they founded is impacting the world with the message of Jesus Christ.

Today, we have the opportunity to leave our own legacy by building a secure financial foundation so that Nebraska Christian Schools can continue to provide a Christ-centered education. The Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation exists to help realize that goal.

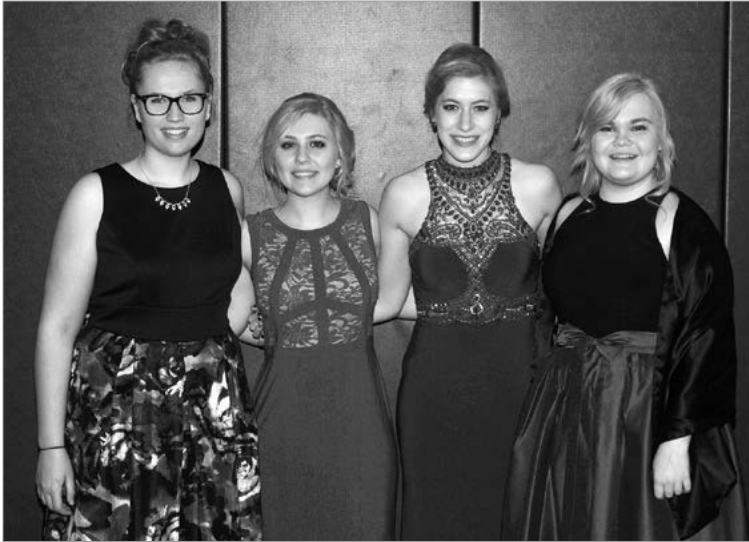
Leave Your Legacy— You can be part of The Next 50 Years at Nebraska Christian Schools.

Your gift to the Next 50 Years Capital Campaign will touch the

lives of the students for decades to come. Your legacy will live on with NC alumni as they continue to become leaders in their communities around the world.

If you have questions or would like information regarding leaving your legacy through the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation, please contact me at foundation@nebraskachristian.org. Your partnership will help secure the option of Christian education for generations to come.

Follow our blog for regular updates about NC: nebraskachristian.org/blog/



Mark Your Calendars for March 24, 2018 Nebraska Christian Dinner & Benefit Auction



by Kristy Langemeier, Special Events Coordinator

Mark your calendars and begin thinking of who you are going to invite! The upcoming

16th Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction will be held here at Nebraska Christian Schools on March 24, 2018. This highly anticipated event is the perfect time to raise a significant part of our annual budget, meet the tuition needs of many students through scholarships, and show our campus to those who don't often find themselves here.

Much work goes into making this a successful evening, and we are so thankful for all the help we have received from many generous supporters throughout the years. We have already begun preparations for the 16th annual event and would like to take this time to ask for your help to make this year's event another record breaking one.

We need help in the following areas:

- **Prayer**
The Lord is control of all, and we need His guidance as we prepare for this event.
- **Acquisition Team**
We have an organized list of established givers who just need to be contacted and a time to

be arranged for the items to be collected. It is not a cold call, and if we have a large team, the numbers to approach will be few. It is a wonderful way to share NC with businesses everywhere and collect the items that will help support our teachers and students. A bonus is that you will get a sneak peek at what will be up for bid in March or even acquire an item that you want to bid on! The Acquisition Team will start December 1, 2017.

• Items for the Auction

If you have an item you would like to donate or an idea for an item, please contact the Special Events Office. We would love to hear from you.

- **Assistance in getting mailings out** in the months of January, February, and March.

Be looking for our initial mailing during the first few weeks of January, outlining the details of this year's wonderful event.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kristy Langemeier in the Special Events Office at 308-946-3836 or via email at klangemeier@nebraskachristian.org.

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Juniors

Madi Felt is a member of the class of 2019. She has volunteered for many service and mission trips, following her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She currently resides outside of Central City with her family and overweight cat, Nala.

Carsyn Ostrand is in the class of 2019. She has attended Nebraska Christian for ten years. Carsyn is involved in volleyball, basketball and track. Carl and Tonya Ostrand, who have taught and coached at NC for ten years, are Carsyn's parents.

Sophomores

Josie Maberry is a member of the class of 2020. This will be her first year at NC, along with her two brothers, Clay and Justin. She is participating in track, cross

country, soccer, and one act. Her family just moved to Central City this summer, and her dad is the new worship pastor at Heartland Evangelical Free Church. She's excited to see what this school year has for her, and she can't wait to be a part of the yearbook staff.

Kindra Watson is a member of the class of 2020. This is the first year she has attended NC. She was homeschooled for five years before coming to NC. Kindra makes her home in Grand Island.

Freshman

Connor Lovejoy will graduate in 2021. He enjoys working on cars and programming video games. Connor has attended Nebraska Christian since 2017. He lives in Central City.

NC Flashback



The Class of 1997 will be having its 20 year reunion during Homecoming 2017. Can you identify these members of the Class of '97, pictured at Conference Speech? If you can correctly identify four of these students, you could win a prize! Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.



From the last issue (left): Congratulations to Dora Cunningham! She correctly identified all the students in the picture, as well as their teacher, Daurice (Pizoloto '87) Hower, and her name was drawn from the correct entries, so she wins our prize. Row 1: Hannah Marsh, Carmen Dockweiler ('06). Row 2: Bill Gripenstroh ('06), Shane Swanson, Jordan Davis, Kylee Bokelman, Ashley Stone ('06). Row 3: Chris Senkbile, Sam Krug ('06), Phillip Cunningham ('06), Phillip Hamilton, Tyson Ratliff ('06).

New Teachers & Staff Join NC Family



Angela Needham
by Josie Maberry,
sophomore

Angela Needham is a new staff member here at Nebraska Christian. Her husband's name is Gary, and they have five children who all attend NC: Christopher (10th), Jonathan (8th), Amanda (6th), Matthew (3rd), and Bethany (1st).

Angela's responsibilities at NC include helping Mr. Gib Killion with the international program, and she also drives the Grand Island bus route. Before she came to NC, she was a stay at home mom. She says, "One of my main reasons for coming to NC was to be closer to my kids." She also likes the benefits of Christian education and wanted to be a part of making that possible for the international students. She says, "One of my favorite parts of my job is getting to know the international students and the NC staff."



Cheri Strong
by Connor Lovejoy,
freshman

Mrs. Cheri Strong has joined the kitchen staff at NC this year. Cheri and her husband Brent ('91) have four children: Halle (11th), Joshua (9th), Grace (6th), and Orrin (Pre-K).

Cheri came to know Christ as a child through the Awana program. After high school, she attended Doane College, and, prior to this year, homeschooled several of her children. This year, the Strongs decided to enroll all of their children at NC, and Cheri applied for an open kitchen position. "I enjoy being able to interact with the students during lunch hour," she said.



Stacy Berck
by Carsyn Ostrand,
junior

Stacy Berck is the new preschool teacher here at Nebraska Christian. Stacy is the wife of Kyle Berck ('87). Together, they have three children. All three children attend NC. Abby, the oldest, is a 3rd grader, Kaity is a 1st grader, and Ryan is a Kindergartner. Stacy has been a stay at home mom for the past seven years, but now that all the kids are out of the house, she decided to head out too.

Stacy came to know the Lord at a young age, when she attended a vacation Bible school program. After graduating from Winside High School, she went to Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. Stacy has had experience at a number of schools in the past, working with a variety of ages.

God opened a door for her as a preschool teacher at NC, and she is eager to be around a school that is centered on Christian values. Stacy said, "I'm excited to be a part of the NC family and have the opportunity to work with these children." We are very blessed to have Stacy Berck, and many others like her, serving on staff at Nebraska Christian Schools.



Amy Shotkoski
by Keziah Dexter,
senior

Nebraska Christian has the privilege of calling Mrs. Amy Shotkoski one of the newest additions to their staff. Amy is a part time art teacher who fills in for Mrs. Renate Johansen on Fridays. Amy is married to Steve, and they have two sons and one daughter. Their daughter Macy is currently attending junior high part time at NC and is a member of the volleyball and cross country teams.

In the past, Amy coached various sports at NC as well as at other schools. From 1996 to 1998, she taught kindergarten at NC, and then in 2009 and 2010 she helped coach volleyball and taught junior high art. Before returning to NC this year, Amy was coaching junior high track in Fullerton and homeschooling Macy. One of the things that led her to be offered the position at NC was Macy wanting to attend NC.

Amy said a big thing she loves about working at NC compared to other schools is the freedom you have to pray or read out of the Bible in class. She is very excited to make an impact on the students around her this year, and she wants to glorify God in all she does.



Amy Schreiber ('02)
by Melinda Kim,
senior

Meet our lovely new 4th-6th grade teacher Amy Schreiber! Amy attended NC from kindergarten through 12th grade, and she graduated in 2002. She then went to the College of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri, and she graduated in 2006. Before she came to NC, she taught in Grand Island for eight years. The biggest reason Amy decided to take the job at NC is that she loves the idea of training students in a biblical foundation.

Amy came to know Christ at the age of 7. After being being sent up to her room, she turned on the radio, and there was a song playing, "Watch the Lamb" by Ray Boltz. In that moment, she could not stop crying because she just knew that she needed a savior.

We are very excited to welcome Amy to the NC family!

One-Act Drama



Drama students Olivia Janssen, Bekah Feddersen, and Skylar Swantek do an initial read-through of their one-act play. This year, Karmen Hamer's drama team decided to write their own play. They will compete with it in conference and district contests in November.

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NC Almanac

10 years ago ('07)

- New staff include Nancy (Glynn '74) Cook, Craig & Jennifer Lorenz, Carl & Tonya Ostrand, and Danica Woods ('06).
- Nebraska author Stephanie Grace Whitson speaks to students and adults during a special event at NC.

20 years ago ('97)

- New staff include Amy Shotkoski and Tim & Deb Johnson.
- Josh Merchant ('98) and Emily Kauk ('98) are named Homecoming King and Queen.

30 years ago ('87)

- The annual back-to-school social features a picnic and tractor pull.
- Mike Neely ('74) is the Spiritual Emphasis Week speaker.

40 years ago ('77)

- The Nebraska Christian Elementary School opens with 20 students. It is temporarily housed in the Central City Evangelical Free Church. Teachers are Gil Glad and Lynn LeMahieu.

50 years ago ('67)

- 133 students are enrolled.
- New staff include Marion Zook and Allen McDermott.

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games. This program has become a great outreach to our international students. They get to make friends with and see a Christian family at work.

Last month, Chaplain Gordon Theissen trained seniors to lead small groups and in leadership principals and decision making at a single-day senior retreat at the Christian Resource Center and again at a two-day overnight event held at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp. Gordon provided lectures and practice facilitating small groups, and he helped kick off the first book for our senior Bible class. Gib Killion and I worked with the seniors to help them strengthen their leadership and communication skills through different training games and discussion.

While we work to build community on campus, we recognize that you—our alumni, financial supporters, and prayer warriors—are also a vital part of the NC community. With that in mind, I would like to invite you to attend events on campus this year.

- We have a *full sports schedule* listed on our website, and we'd love to have you come to one of our games.
- *Homecoming is October 6-7*, which

will include the Conference Cross Country meet (held at Valley View Country Club near Marquette), a BBQ tailgate, football game vs. High Plains, tours, and a Saturday morning 5K run.

- You can come see us at *Harvest Festival on Thursday, November 2nd*.
- Our *Festival of Lessons and Carols* is a can't miss event; we usually sell out pretty early, so be sure to get your tickets when they go on sale November 1. (See the Festival ad on pg. 1.)
- The Elementary PTF will again hold a *pancake feed in February*, and our elementary students will perform another *Patch the Pirate Musical in the spring*.
- Our *Dinner and Benefit Auction* is not only an incredible school fundraising night, but a lot of fun—who knows what might happen this year ☺. (See pg. 4 for more about the auction.)
- *Our choir will tour again this spring*, and you can also catch them and our band at our *Spring Concert*.

We're always looking for families to host our international students over Christmas vacation. If you live in the Central City area and are interested in this opportunity or in becoming an adopt-a-student host next year, please contact our international office at 308-946-3836.

We also want to provide more chances for our families and supporters to fellowship this year with a few fellowship nights. Be watching for these to be announced on our website. We'll host whomever would like to stay and have cookies and coffee with us following designated home games.

We are meant to encourage one another and live as brothers and sisters in Christ; the Christian life isn't meant to be lived alone. We hope you can join us in community this year whether it is on campus, on-line, or through prayer.

P.S. I also want to remind you that we live stream many of our events on striv.tv. We also post our chapel broadcasts on our website and hope that they might be encouraging to you. You can find them under the resources tab on our website.

Have you seen our video?

It gives a glimpse at what a Nebraska Christian education looks like today. Watch it on the homepage of our website (nebraskachristian.org).

If you like it, please share it!

Memorial Gifts

For: Erin Aerni
 From: Larry & Denise Schreiber
 Richard & Elaine Wischmeier
 For: Gladys Anderson
 From: Linda Peterson
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 From: Don & Kayleen Riley
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 For: John Kliewer
 From: Bob & Susan Ritta
 For: Richard Monnier
 From: Dave & Ruth Ferris
 Larry & Denise Schreiber
 For: John Vinson
 From: Mary Reisinger

Alumni News



Hadley Joseph Hoffman
son of Brady & Alycea (Unruh '11) Hoffman

Brady & Alycea Hoffman of Hastings, Nebraska, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Hadley Joseph Hoffman. He was born in Mary Lanning Hospital on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 10:53 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Uncles are Benjamin ('04) (Angela) Unruh of Lincoln, Micah Unruh ('07) of Lincoln, and Ethan Unruh ('15) of Lincoln. Grandparents are Lester & Twyla Unruh of Central City and Todd & Lisa Hoffman of Hastings. Great grandparents are Donald & Mildred Blunk of Wichita, Kansas; Edith and the late Wayne Unruh of Enid, Oklahoma; Glenn & Nadine Hunnicutt of Hastings; and Merle & Sharon (Kay) Hoffman of Juniata.



Emmalyn Maria Batenhorst
daughter of Alex & Katie (Beck '08) Batenhorst

Alex & Katie Batenhorst of Grand Island are pleased to announce the birth of Emmalyn Maria Batenhorst. She was born on April 7, 2017, at 5:46 p.m., weighing 6 lbs 14 oz and measuring 20 inches. She is a joy and blessing.



Mikayla Wegner ('05) & Nathan Deckinger

Mikayla Wegner of Lincoln, daughter of Delton & Cheryl Wegner of Central City, is planning a September 23, 2017, wedding to Nathan Deckinger of Lincoln, son of Charles & Jan Deckinger of Falls City. The wedding will be held at Roca Ridge in Roca, Nebraska.

Mikayla is a hairstylist at Beauty First Salon at the SouthPointe Pavilion in Lincoln. Nathan is a motorcycle ATV mechanic and will receive a degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln next spring.



Cameron, Gavin, & Jayden Weedon
sons of Ryan ('06) & Melissa (Krieger '05) Weedon

Ryan & Melissa Weedon of Hampton are pleased to announce the birth of their triplets on May 4, 2017.

Cameron Eli born at 1:48 p.m.; 3 lbs 11 oz; 17 inches long. Gavin Isaac born at 1:48 p.m.; 4 lbs; 17 inches long. Jayden Noah born at 1:49 p.m.; 4 lbs 13 oz; 17.5 inches long.

Siblings are MaKenna and Josh. Grandparents are Lowell ('82) and Vicky (Masters '81) Krieger of O'Neill and Don & Kathy Weedon of Hampton.



Nolan William Francl
son of Chase ('02) and Stephani (Deichmann '03) Francl

Chase and Stephani Francl proudly announce the birth of their son, Nolan William, on May 11, 2017. Nolan weighed 9 lbs and was 21-1/4 inches long. He is welcomed by his siblings Lily, Connor, and Spencer. Grandparents are Tod & Gayle Francl, Becky Deichmann, and Dave Deichmann.



Noah & Victoria (Boersen '14) Watson

Victoria Boersen of Cairo, Nebraska, and Noah Watson of Grand Island, Nebraska, were married on July 29, 2017. Victoria graduated from Nebraska Christian in 2014 and will graduate from the University of Nebraska-Kearney with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in the fall of 2018. Noah graduated from Grand Island Northwest in 2015. He will graduate from the University of Nebraska-Kearney with a bachelor's degree in construction management. Parents of the couple are Clint & Christina Boersen of Cairo and Dave & Kapra Watson of Grand Island. The wedding was held at the Stuhr Museum in Grand Island.



Jahn Landrigan ('13)

Jahn Landrigan graduated from the University of Nebraska-Kearney in May, and he will be going on staff with the Navigators at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. You can learn more on Jahn's blog: <http://unlnavigator.blogspot.com/>

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Harvest Festival • Thursday, November 2 • 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a complimentary meal and music by our students as we celebrate what God has been doing at NC!
No reservations are required.



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Lady Eagles Take State...Fair

by Katelynn Halstead, senior



Members of the varsity volleyball team at the Nebraska State Fair.

On Saturday, August 26th, the Nebraska Christian Lady Eagles volleyball team competed in preseason matches at the Bill Marshall Volleyball Classic at the Nebraska State Fair. This was a unique opportunity for the volleyball team, considering playing at the Bill Marshall Volleyball Classic requires an invitation presented to hand-selected high school and collegiate teams. The Nebraska Christian volleyball team was scheduled to play Kearney Catholic and Columbus Lakeview. Starting off the morning strong, the Lady Eagles quickly found their rhythm and easily defeated Kearney Catholic in a 25-15 set. Coming back just as strong in the second set, the Lady Eagles finished them off in a 25-20 set, resulting in an overall win against Kearney Catholic. Next up to the net was Columbus Lakeview. The Lady Eagles, still thriving off the energy from the previous Kearney Catholic game, conquered Columbus Lakeview with a win margin of 13 points in a 25-12 set. In a more disappointing second set, the Eagles started out slowly but made a halfhearted comeback. However, this comeback was not quite enough to pull out the

win against Columbus, resulting in a tie ball game between the Nebraska Christian Lady Eagles and Columbus Lakeview.

After the volleyball festivities concluded for the morning, the entire team was provided with wristbands allowing them to ride all the carnival rides at the fair for free. What better team bonding time than screaming at the top of your lungs on carnival rides? As sophomore Grace Lange-meier said, "I was really able to connect with the girls on a more personal level as we were flying through the air, screaming and laughing until our stomachs hurt!"

Feet sore from standing in line and stomachs still spinning from the rides, the volleyball team headed back into the main volleyball gym to watch Hastings College play. Watching a collegiate team play resulted in a good learning experience for the girls.

Of the day's experience, junior Carsyn Ostrand said, "It was a memorable experience to play in such a nice facility with great competition!" Overall, the Nebraska Christian Lady Eagles volleyball team had a successful and fun-filled day at the Nebraska State Fair.