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## God Is Good! by Tim Hekrdle, Superintendent



God is Good! The sun is out, spring cleaning is underway, outdoor activities are in full swing, and there are celebrations all around us. We have preschool, elementary, high school, and college graduations. Our kids have made it through another year of learning and hit another milestone in their lives. All of this action feels like progress.

In many ways, May is the month that all of our hard work finally comes to fruition. That song that we have been working on all year gets performed at the spring concert, you take that math final with all of the concepts you have been learning, or you execute that spring cleaning list with all the items that have been building up over the course of winter.

In the case of Nebraska Christian Schools, we have not only been making progress with our individual students and classes, but also with our organization. As an organization, we have increased the number of staff development days, completed a comprehensive Vision & Values Tour (a full report will run in the summer issue of the Advance), begun developing a strategic plan, introduced new systems at the administrative level, reversed the decision to raze the Ad Building and moved the Ad Building Preservation Project forward, and much more. It has been so much fun to see how God has aligned hearts and desires through many of these processes at the Board of Education, staff, student, parent, and NCS Foundation board levels. God has been so faithful to the Nebraska Christian Schools community throughout this 60th year of serving families and churches in providing a Christ-centered education.

I encourage you to check out the pages ahead to see all of the ways that God is at work here at Nebraska Christian Schools. To see the campus progress or learn more about any of the work being done, please call the school to set up an appointment.



The 2018-2019 staff & student body in front of the Ad Building

*"The Nebraska Christian School, located in Central City, fills a niche in Nebraska's education system. The administration building, which is more than 100 years old, is truly an icon with marvelous architectural features, but is in urgent need of repair. This historic building and the school are so unique that I believe every effort should be made to restore and preserve it."*

— Dr. Martin Massengale  
President, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

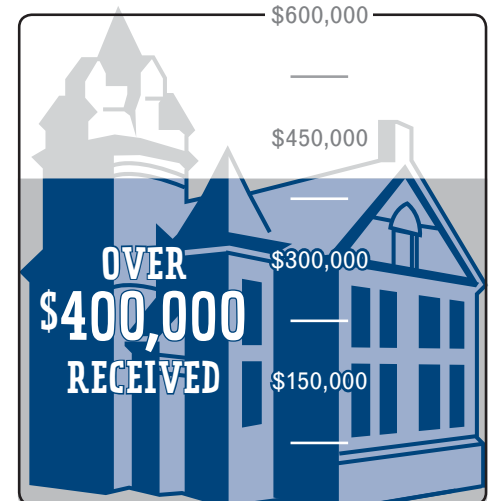
## Ad Building Work to Begin in May!

Through the joint efforts of Nebraska Christian Schools and the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation and through your generous donations, we are ready to begin work on preserving the Ad Building!

The Campus Executive Team has been meeting to make vital decisions regarding the building. So far, we've selected stone-coated shingles for the Ad Building roof, and the scope of work for the roof has been determined. We are currently researching windows, and we've had one HVAC units donated, so the boiler system has been removed. A contractor has been secured for the roof, and we hope to secure a window contractor soon. Work will begin after school dismisses for the summer and will continue as funds are available.

We have received over \$400,000 in contributions for the \$600,000 budget to preserve the Ad Building. We are well on our way but still need \$200,000 to reach our goal.

Many of you have supported this process through prayers, donations, and supportive words. Thank You!



## Match Met!

Thanks to your generosity, the \$50,000 matching grant for the Ad Building Preservation Project has been met.



The NCS Foundation participated in Go Big GIVE on May 2.

This 24-hour day of giving to area non-profits brought in more than \$16,000 for the Ad Building Preservation Project. Thank you to everyone who donated!

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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.



## Junior High Robotics Wins Award

**Junior High Robotics Team.** Front: Richie Musgrave, Adam Carlson. Back: Drew Bailey, Elijah Peters, Cooper Schnell, Chris Medlock, Ethan Carlson.

In the NC robotics club's second year of existence, two teams qualified for nationals: one high school team and one junior high team. Qualifiers included Xavier Herman, Manisa Hongdilokkul, Ben Janssen, Connor Lovejoy, and Josh Strong on the high school team and Drew Bailey, Adam Carlson, Ethan Carlson, Chris Medlock, Richie Musgrave, Elijah Peters, and Cooper Schnell on the junior high team. While neither team placed at the US Open, the junior high team won the sportsmanship award!



## Elementary Musical a Success

Cal Seip and Will Poland sing "Welcome to Anthropolis" during the Patch the Pirate musical "The Incredible Race."

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## Calendar of Events

### MAY

29-31 Grades 1-6 Basketball Camp  
(see p. 3)

### JUNE

1 Grades 3-6 Football Camp  
(see p. 3)

12-14 Grades 3-8 Volleyball Camp  
(see p. 3)

### JULY

8-12 & 15-18 Educational Summer Kids Camp  
(see p. 8)

### AUGUST

14 First day of school

### SEPTEMBER

13-14 Homecoming

### OCTOBER

18 Grandparents Day

### NOVEMBER

1 Harvest Festival

### DECEMBER

13 Festival of Lessons & Carols

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

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



Our school year ends this month, and our fiscal year ends June 30th. For my wife and me, the ending of the school year is significant because our youngest son graduates this spring as part of Nebraska Christian's 60th graduating class. For Nebraska Christian Schools, the ending of this fiscal year is significant because it seems almost certain that we will finish the year in the black. I continue to be amazed at how God provides. Proverbs 16:9 reminds us that "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." I often

think of that verse when I am working on the budget or printing budget reports during the year. That is because, again this year, God has provided in ways that we did not anticipate in our planning. It is awesome to watch God work! I can't help but glorify God for what he is doing. In the words of the Psalmist from Psalm 115:1-3, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! Why should the nations say, 'Where is their God?' Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases."

Until next time, may God bless you and yours.



**Boys Basketball Team.** Row 1: Til Lyu, Kevin Yu, Bennett Zaruba, Cody Griess, Toby Watson, Jon Dockweiler, Noah Boersen. Row 2: Grant Stuhmer, Aidan Pipher, Keith Wasomi, Seth Hower, Garrett Nokolby, Elijah Boersen. Row 3: Head Coach Andy Perdeu, Charlie Cheng, Gavin Lybarger, Kobe Morris, Dayton Falk, Ethan Merchant, Michel Kondohoma, Assistant Coach Drew Schreiber.

## Boys Basketball Wins Sportsmanship Award

For each sports season, the Goldenrod Conference gives a sportsmanship award to the team whose players, coaches, and fans display the best sportsmanship. This year, the NC boys basketball team received this honor. The team is coached by Andy Perdeu and Drew Schreiber ('04).

## Twogood & Boersen Selected to All-Star Game

by Cody Griess, senior

Every year, Nebraska's best 8-man football players are selected to play in the annual Sertoma 8-Man



Noah Boersen



Jake Twogood

All-Star Football Game. We are honored to announce that after a successful football season, seniors Jake Twogood and Noah Boersen were selected as members of the East Squad for the 42nd annual game. Twogood said, "I'm grateful for the opportunity to play one last time. I know it will be a unique experience, and I will do my best to represent Christ and my school."

Along with Twogood and Boersen, NC's head football coach Carl Ostrand was also selected for this game. Ostrand will be an assistant coach for the East Squad. The 2018 season was Coach Ostrand's 12th season for the Eagles, and the 9-1 season was the best under his tenure. "This football season was special in the way in which our players developed good team chemistry and showed improvement each week. As coaches, we enjoyed practice each day, and our senior leadership provided an excellent example for our younger players," Ostrand said.

The game will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019, at the Hastings College Football Complex.

## Wrestling Team Ranked 8th in State

by Garrett Swantek, junior

The 2018-2019 wrestling season wrapped up with four state tournament berths and three medalists, and the team ended the tournament in 8th place in Class D, the highest finish in school history. This was a great way to wrap up Head Coach Terry Elge's 20th year at the helm of the Nebraska Christian program!

During the season, the wrestling team saw some great matches and continually drilled, conditioned, and learned new moves that gave them a competitive edge. Coach Terry Elge, who has been NC's head coach ever since the program's inception in the 1998-1999 season, said, "The NC wrestling team was battle-tested this year. When you sweat, bleed and face sheer exhaustion daily, there is a bond created that few ever experience. You find out what you are made of. This team pushed



State Wrestling Qualifiers: Kalob Green, Carl Mundt, Justin Brock, Elijah Green.

their bodies and minds to compete past their own breaking point. [They learned] lessons that will be carried throughout their lives."

Following a successful regular season, NC had four qualifiers for the NSAA 2019 state wrestling tournament: senior Justin Brock (195), junior Kalob Green (152), sophomore Carl Mundt (170), and sophomore Elijah Green (138). Each one of them put forth maximum effort and wrestled hard. Mundt and Elijah Green both placed third, and Brock placed sixth.



Front: Josh Strong, Arwen Zhang, Olivia Janssen, Xavier Herman. Back: Ben Janssen, Christopher Needham, Jonathan Needham, Curt Bailey, Kate Pipher, Connor Lovejoy. Not pictured: Coach Dee Flynn.

## NC Quiz Bowl Team Qualifies for State

Earlier this spring, NC's quiz bowl team won the conference meet and the ESU 7 district meet. By winning districts, the team qualified for the state competition at Holdrege on April 24. At state, the team won its first match before being eliminated after dropping the next two.



Front: Halle Strong, Olivia Janssen, Arwen Zhang. Back: Tenny Sebek, Madi Felt, Xavier Herman.

## Zhang Wins State Speech

by Josie Maberry, junior

The speech team this year saw six of their nine district finalists place and continue onto state speech for class C2 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in mid-March. Seniors Madi Felt (serious prose), Arwen Zhang (extemporaneous), and Halle Strong (duet) and sophomores Xavier Herman (extemporaneous), Olivia Janssen (poetry and duet), and Tenny Sebek (persuasive) all qualified for and competed at state.

Zhang, the only NC qualifier to break finals, gave an incredible speech on the relationship of the U.S. and the Middle East in her final round and emerged as the C2 extemporaneous state champion. Zhang said, "It felt like I did my best speech of the whole season during finals." The team was thrilled to have such an amazing end to the season.

*Editor's Note: In our last issue, we inadvertently mislabeled gifts in memory of Alverta Johns from Larry & Virginia Cooper, David & Dawn Hanson, Don & Kayleen Riley, and Ed & Marilyn Ritta. We sincerely apologize for the error.*

## Elementary Students: Join us for Summer Sports Camps!

**1st-6th  
Basketball Camp**  
May 29-31 • \$25

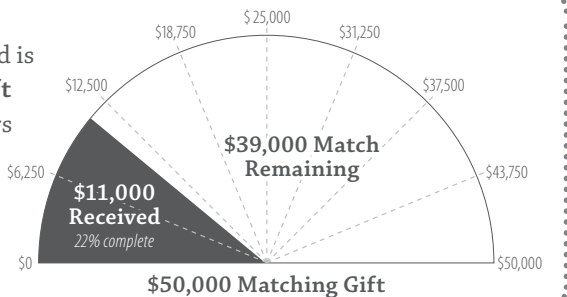
**3rd-6th  
Football Camp**  
June 1 • \$15

**3rd-8th  
Volleyball Camp**  
June 12-14  
\$25 (3rd-6th) or \$30 (7th-8th)

Download registration forms at [nebraskachristian.org/documents](http://nebraskachristian.org/documents)

## Phase 2 New Kitchen, Commons Area & Gymnasium

The Exchange Bank of Grand Island is offering a **\$50,000 matching gift** for Phase 2A of The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign. This is a great opportunity to turn \$50,000 into \$100,000 for Phase 2A!

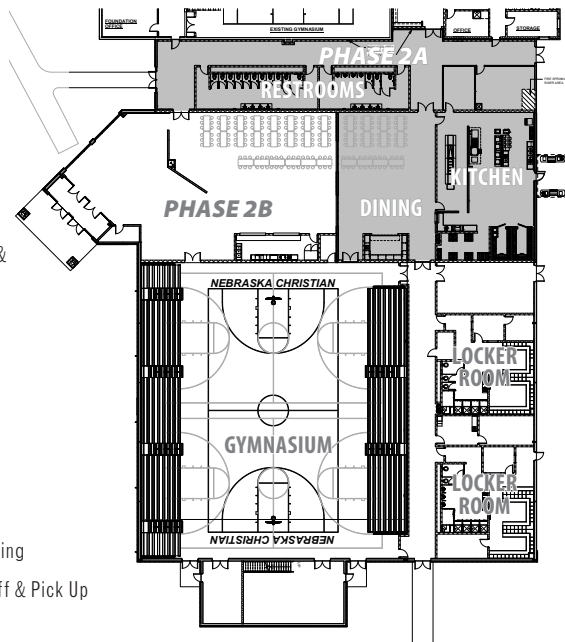


### Phase 2A \$1.9 million

- State of the Art Kitchen
- Dining Hall with Seating for Over 200
- ADA Restrooms / Storm Shelters

### Phase 2B \$4.1 million

- Collegiate Sized 94' Competition Gymnasium & Activity Center with Seating for Over 900
- Concession Stand for Activities & Fundraising
- Boys & Girls Locker Rooms
- Athletic Training Room & Uniform Storage
- Athletic Storage Space
- Fine Arts/Programming Storage
- Entrance & Commons Area
- Exterior Remodel of Existing Gymnasium Building
- Expanded Parking Lot with Convenient Drop Off & Pick Up



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## Leaving a Legacy that Builds Lives for Eternity

by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director



It is certainly true that God owns everything and His grace towards us is abundant. John 3:16 tells us, "God so loved the world that He gave..." It's quite simple: love gives! God is the owner of

everything that exists, all that we possess and everything we are is a gift from our Creator. If God owns everything, then He intends for His wealth to be applied in blessing other people and His work. How we use our blessing of money matters!

We currently have approximately \$336,000 in hand. Won't you consider your part in giving a portion of the resources God has blessed you with to support Phase 2A of the Nebraska Christian Schools Next 50 Year Capital Campaign. This addresses the needs of having a State of the Art kitchen, dining hall, and ADA restrooms/storm shelters. We currently have approximately \$325,000 in hand for the project and are committed to completing this project debt free.

*"For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more."*

Luke 12:48 NKJV

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

Please consider partnering with us as we support and enhance the mission of Nebraska Christian Schools.

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The Auction Servers.



NC junior Steph Strobel and senior Jake Twogood serve hors d'oeuvres to auction guest Todd Wheeler.

## Dinner & Benefit Auction 2019 by Kristy Langemeier, Special Events Office



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 this year's auction netting over \$209,000. Over 500 items up for bid from more than 300 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.

Nearly 300 guests, including Lt. Governor Foley and his wife Susan, attended the Dinner and Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 23. Highlights of the evening included delicious food prepared by Whitefoot Market from Boelus, Nebraska, and served by our gracious student servers; big band sounds of the Knights of Rhythm; and lively bidding by our generous supporters. It was truly an evening of blessing from the Lord.

Twenty-five items were offered for sale on our Live Auction. Items that sparked aggressive bidding with our auctioneer Bruce McDowell from McDowell Auction Services were the Salt Dogs Sky-

box for 20, Exclusive Husker Suite Experience, the Prairie Club Golf Package, the Lt. Governor Dinner, and the Muzzleloader Deer Hunt near Valentine, NE. The South Dakota Pheasant Hunt and the 14th 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, \$28,000 of the \$100,000 had been received in response to the mailings. The Scholarship Live Auction bidding resulted in \$70,434.66, bringing the total to \$98,434.66! We are only \$1,565.34 away from

our goal, and we are looking to reach the goal very soon. All these funds will be used to provide a Christian education for students who might not otherwise have the financial means to attend Nebraska Christian.

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 17 years has now passed \$2.4 million! Please join us in thanking God once again for his amazing faithfulness to NC through the Dinner and Benefit Auction.

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Pizza Palace, Burwell  
Pizza Ranch, Columbus  
Pizza Ranch, Grand Island  
Plainsman Museum, Aurora  
Poppen, John & Kris  
Pueblo Viejo, Aurora  
Prairie Creek Vineyards, Central  
City  
RBR Graphics, Central City  
Ramada, Kearney  
Rath's Café, Aurora  
Red Lobster, Grand Island  
Rodan + Fields, Anita Ruybalid,  
consultant  
Rodan + Fields, Lisa Senkbile,  
consultant  
Ron's Music, Grand Island  
Roses for You, Grand Island  
Ross Realty, Central City  
Runza, Central City  
Runza, Grand Island  
Rustic Lux Designs, Columbus  
Rutten, George & Paula  
Sack Lumber, Aurora  
Sack Lumber, Central City

Salsarita's, Lincoln  
Sam's Club, Grand Island  
Sandstone Grill, Burwell  
Sapp Bros., Columbus  
Scarecrow Patch, St. Libory  
Scheels, Lincoln  
Schreiber, Larry & Denise  
Side Street Deli, Central City  
Skate Island, Grand Island  
Sky Zone, Omaha  
Smith Welding Shop, St. Paul  
Smokin' Dan's BBQ, Central City  
Spring City, Grand Island  
Starbucks Coffee, Grand Island  
State Farm Insurance, Central City  
State Theater, Central City  
Solt-Wagner Funeral Home, Central  
City  
Stoltenberg Irrigation Inc., Cairo  
Stuhmer, Travis & Kim  
Stuhr Museum, Grand Island  
Subway, Central City  
Super Saver, Columbus  
Super Saver, Grand Island  
Susan's Books and Gifts, Aurora  
T.O. Haas Tire, Aurora  
T.O. Haas Tire, Central City  
Taco John's, Central City  
Texas Roadhouse, Grand Island  
The Amazing Pizza Machine, Omaha  
The Archway, Kearney  
The Edgerton Explorit Center, Aurora  
The Farwell Arms Bed & Breakfast,  
Farwell  
The Fort, Columbus  
The Happy Brush, Grand Island  
The Hub, Burwell  
The Wishing Well, Central City  
Thirty-One, Vicky Krieger, consultant  
Tokens 'n Treasures, Marilyn Heins  
Tommy's Restaurant, Grand Island  
Touch of Health Therapeutic  
Massage, Aurora  
Trav's U-Save, Central City  
TriJuvenate Center for Wellness,  
Anna McHargue  
Twogood, Ryan & Rachel  
Underdog Designing & Drawing  
Usborne Books, Laurie Zanger,  
consultant  
Valentino's, Grand Island  
Verizon, Central City  
Waffles-N-More, Central City  
Wal-Mart, South Locust, Grand Island  
Wal-Mart, Diers Ave., Grand Island  
Wal-Mart, Kearney  
Wasabi Bistro, Grand Island  
Wegner Monument, Central City  
Widman Cinema, Central City  
Zanger, Larry & Bonnie

# Alumni News



## Jeff Hower ('88)

Jeff Hower began attending NC as a high school sophomore, graduating in 1988. With his wife Daurice (Pizzolato '87), he returned to NC as a dorm parent in 1996. Throughout the years, he served at NC in a variety of capacities: as dorm parent or dorm director from 1996-2007, as football coach from 1997-2001, and as English/Spanish/Drama teacher from 2011-2013.

Jeffrey "Jeff" S. Hower, 48, of Grand Island went to his Heavenly home, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at CHI Health-St. Francis.

Celebration of life services were held at the Berean Bible Church in Grand Island with Pastor Jim Reynolds officiating. Burial of ashes was in the Elmwood Cemetery in St. Paul, Nebraska.

Jeff was born on May 24, 1970, to parents Larry and Jayme (Johnson) Hower in Honduras.

Jeff spent much of his childhood in Puebla, Mexico, while his parents served as missionaries. He came to the United States as a sophomore to attend Nebraska Christian Schools in Central City, Nebraska. He then graduated from NC in 1988.

On December 23, 1989, Jeff married his high school sweetheart, Daurice Pizzolato ('87). They made their home in Kearney, Central City, and, most recently, Grand Island.

Jeff was the Education Program Officer for the Grand Island Community Foundation. In the past, he taught English and was a principal

at Grand Island Senior High. He worked at Herk's Welding in Central City and served as the youth pastor for two local churches. Jeff and Daurice were dorm parents at NC for 8 years, and Jeff taught English and Spanish as well as coached football. For 10 years, Jeff photographed and wrote the front page news for the Central City Republican-Nonpareil. His weekly column, "I'm Just Sayin," was read and loved by many.

Jeff's faith has been the cornerstone of his life. At 5 years old, Jeff accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was a member of the Berean Bible Church where he served as an elder, a Sunday School teacher, and a member of the worship team. Jeff also worked with Iglesia El Shaddai in Hastings and spent Sunday afternoons teaching English for the GI Literacy Council. One of Jeff's greatest loves was to read and write. He co-authored two historical books with Tom Kruger celebrating Nebraska heritage.

His memory will be cherished by



## Greyson James Stretch son of Rob ('03) & Carissa (Schweitzer '03) Stretch

Greyson James was born March 5th, 2019. He weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz and was 18 1/4 inches long. Big brothers Breckstyn (age 9), Logan (age 6), and Taven (age 3) are all very excited to have a new baby brother.

his wife, Daurice; children Alexis (Hower '16) & Dillon (16) Rose and Seth Hower; parents; grandmother, Paula Johnson; siblings Jody ('90) & Abril Hower, Lori (Hower '91) & Sean Hannon, Todd ('96) & Michelle Hower, and Brock ('98) & Heather Hower; mother-in-law Grace (Jim) Nordlund; along with numerous sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Jeff was preceded in death by his infant child, Tobi; and grandparents Everett and Hilda Hower and Vernon Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

# NC Almanac

## 10 years ago ('09)

- The 50th NC graduating class walks the stage. 27 students graduate. Stephanie Ritta ('09) and Rebecca Woods ('09) are class speakers.
- At state speech, NC's duet (Janae Landrigan ['10] and Levi Landrigan ['12]) places 5th, and the OID (Janelle Bailey ['10], Audra Faeh ['09], Darren Holzinger ['09], Abbie Krug ['10], and Shannon Rodehorst ['10]) places 4th.

## 20 years ago ('99)

- NC's largest senior class graduates with 41 members. Melody Johnson ('99) is valedictorian, and Becky Ritta ('99) is salutatorian.
- Jeff ('88) & Daurice (Pizzolato '87) receive the Alumni of the Year award at the Advance Dinner.

## 30 years ago ('89)

- Twenty students make up the 30th graduating class of Nebraska Christian. Joanna Schmidt ('89) is valedictorian; Dorothy Jordan ('89) and Jennie Pizzolato ('89) are co-salutatorians.
- Dennis Fling ('89) is selected to the Sertoma Eight-Man All-Star game.

## 40 years ago ('79)

- 27 seniors graduate. Deborah Buller ('79) and Denise Buller ('79) are co-valedictorians.
- 275 people attend the Christian Education Advance Dinner in late March. Several students, alumni, parents, and staff members speak about the impact NC has had on their lives.

## 50 years ago ('69)

- NC's 20th class graduates with 26 members. Robert Ritta ('69) is valedictorian.

## NC Flashback



Students from the '90s, '00s, and early '10s will recognize these teachers pictured at the 2009 Junior-Senior Banquet. Correctly identify them, and you could win a prize. Send your guesses to [advance@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:advance@nebraskachristian.org)

From the Last Issue: The girls serving at the 2nd Annual Dinner & Benefit Auction are Kristi Johnson ('05) and Valerie Ritta ('05). Congratulations to Holly (Murphy '06) Oswald! Her name was drawn from all of the correct entrants, so she wins our prize.



# Save the Date for Homecoming: September 13 & 14, 2019

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- Fun, Hands-on Learning
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- Week 2 includes trip to Henry Doorly Zoo
- Gold, Silver, & Bronze Experiences Available

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NC Summer Kids Camp T-Shirt  
Science, Art, Technology, & Math Sessions  
9:30 am to 12 noon each day  
Day Trip to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo  
(Week 2 only)

### Silver: \$100/week

All Bronze Activities  
Lunch each day of camp  
Afternoon Outings  
(potential outings include The Archway in Kearney,  
teambuilding activities at Timberlake, Nebraska State  
Capitol, Island Oasis, Edgerton Explorit Center)

### Gold: \$150/week

Space Limited to 10 Boys & 10 Girls

All Bronze & Silver Activities  
Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner  
Overnight Stay  
(Week 1: 5 nights Week 2: 4 nights)

Register at [nebraskachristian.org/camp](http://nebraskachristian.org/camp)

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