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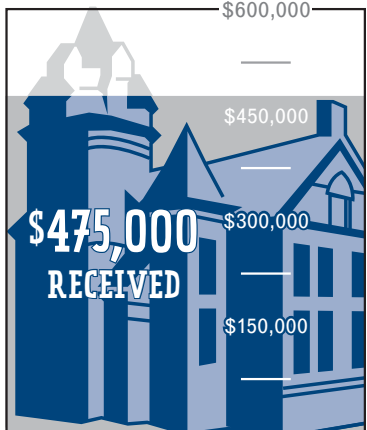
by Tim Hekrdle, Superintendent



Greetings! I am so excited to have completed my first year as Superintendent at Nebraska Christian Schools.

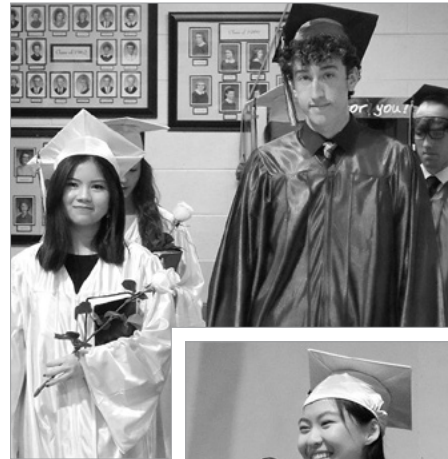
As I reflect back on this first year, I can see how the Lord accomplished much through our staff and students. Through God's provision, we finished the year in the black, had the 2nd largest graduating class in school history, and saw many successes in our activity and athletic programs. A few of these successes include the robotics team making nationals, the football team going undefeated in the regular season, the volleyball team making state for a second consecutive year, wrestling placing 8th as a team at state, and one of our international students winning the state speech contest. In each one of those successes, we did our best to give God the glory as students learned to play for an audience of one in whatever activity they were embracing at the time. From many different

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Above: Board Chairman Paul McHargue ('88) presents a diploma to his daughter Jada.

60th NC Class Graduates



Above Right: Nhat An Chu and Jon Dockweiler march into the gym as commencement begins.



Right: Arwen Zhang delivers her commencement address.

On Saturday, May 11, Nebraska Christian's 60th graduating class walked the stage, and, after the ceremony, NC officially had 1600 alumni (Arwen Zhang became the 1600th graduate).

In keeping with recent tradition, the NC band played "Pomp & Circumstance" as the seniors were escorted in by juniors Jordan Schnell and Seth Hower. The NC choir and Master's Musicians provided several musical numbers during the ceremony. Class speakers were Ben Janssen, Arwen Zhang, and Curt Bailey, and Keith Becker of the Todd Becker Foundation delivered the commencement address.

To read more about NC's most recent graduates, see page 6.

Ad Building Update

Through your generous support of the preservation of the Administration Building, over \$475,000 has been raised to install a new roof on the building, as well as install new windows and repair the masonry on the outside of the building. The roofing materials and windows both arrived the last week of June. Installation of the new windows began immediately, and roofing work began July 1.

The Administration Building is a vital part of our campus and serves all our students, staff, and administration during the year. We are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$600,000 but still need to raise \$125,000 to complete this project. Would you consider helping us reach our goal this summer?

Nebraska Christian Schools and the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation want to thank you for your support and continued prayer over this project.



The shingles have arrived, and roofing work began July 1!

"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 Messengale, President, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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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.

Follow along with our progress on the Ad Building Preservation Project!

Search #NCAdBuilding on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



Window installation is progressing rapidly, with most of the basement-level windows being installed within the first week of July.

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angles, we were blessed as a school, and I was blessed as someone who gets to serve at the school.

As I entered the year, many of you took note of a transition plan. This was my way of providing a level of transparency, and I asked the NC community and the NC Board of Education to hold me accountable to follow this process in my first year here at NC. While some minor pieces and parts were updated along the way, I am happy to say that we have wrapped up

the transition components and are now charging full steam ahead in developing a strategic plan, identifying our top priorities that we believe are in store in the next 3-5 years. This is some really exciting work, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for our school in going through this process. To see the summary of findings from the Vision & Values tour, please visit nebraskachristian.org/strategy. Below, you can get a taste of what's included in our findings.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

14 First day of school

SEPTEMBER

13-14 Homecoming (see pg. 10)

OCTOBER

18 Grandparents Day

DECEMBER

13 Festival of Lessons & Carols

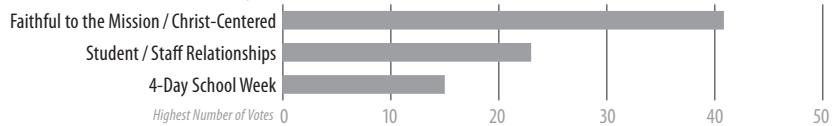
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Vision & Values Highlights*

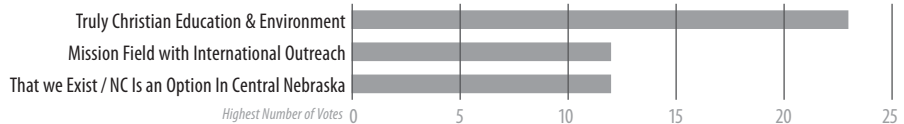
In-Person Interviews

In-person interviews were conducted with 120 people from August 30, 2018 – January 31, 2019, and the questions asked were open-ended. All staff and board members participated; student and parent participants were selected via a straw poll.

At Our School, I Am Especially Pleased With:

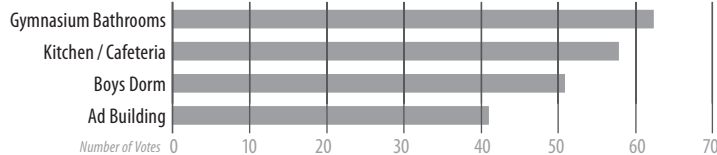


I Wish More People Knew This About NC:



Online Survey | The survey was available online from October 26, 2018 – March 1, 2019. It was promoted via the school's social media outlets as well as through the announcements and had 111 respondents. It had a mix of multiple choice and open-ended questions.

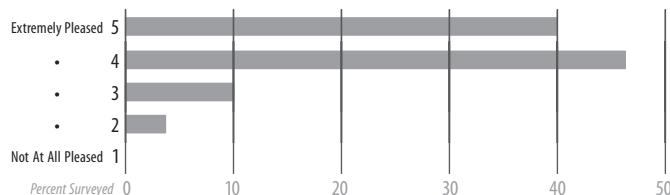
Highest Priority Potential Facility Improvements:



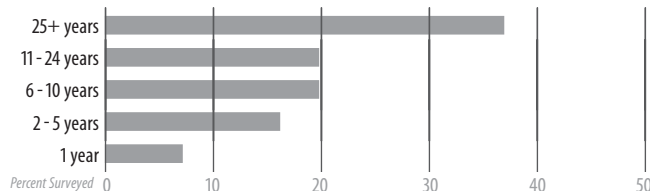
NC Is Important to Me Because:

- My children can be taught from a biblical worldview and can be taught the Bible while in school.
- It has helped my daughter learn to navigate life in the United States and within American culture.
- The non-denominational approach to educating kids and instilling a biblical world-view is absolutely INCREDIBLE! The sense of Jesus's presence on campus is priceless. NC's commitment to "Building Lives for Eternity" is evident today!
- It is the place where I came to know Jesus!

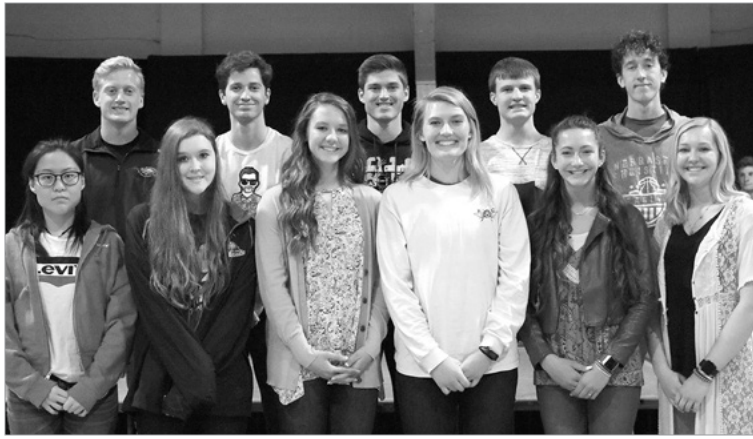
How Survey Respondents Feel About Their NC Experience:



Years of NC Affiliation for Survey Respondents:



*To see the full summary of findings, visit nebraskachristian.org/strategy.



NC's Goldenrod Conference All Academic Team. Row 1: Arwen Zhang, Bekah Feddersen, Kate Pipher, Adrienne Falk, Laura Carlson, Ali Winsterman. Row 2: Toby Watson, Curt Bailey, Jake Twogood, Ben Janssen, Jon Dockweiler.

Academic Excellence Celebration

Each year during graduation week, NC holds an Academic Excellence Celebration, which highlights scholarships earned by seniors and recognizes students for high academic achievement.

One of the highlights of the morning was the presentation of a special scholarship from the Grand Island Community Foundation. This scholarship was given in memory of Jeff Hower ('88), who was the Education Program Direc-



Jeff Hower Memorial Scholarship: Seth Hower, recipient Kate Pipher, and Daurice Hower.



Shield Award winners Toby Watson, Carsyn Ostrand, and Jake Twogood.

tor at the Foundation prior to his death in April. Jeff's wife Daurice (Pizzolato '87) and son Seth (NC junior) presented this scholarship to Kate Pipher ('19).

Other highlights included the presentation of scholarships from the NCS Foundation to two underclassmen to continue their education at NC, recognition of the seniors on the Goldenrod Conference All Academic Team (based on ACT or SAT score), presentation of the Shield Award (given for excellent Christian character and athletic achievement), and recognition of honor roll awards.



NC Art Students.

Row 1: Manisa Hongdilokkul, Barry Zhang, An Chu, Michelle Huang, Bella Yin, Cejay Mieth, Laura Carlson, Carsyn Ostrand, Skylar Swantek. Row 2: Teacher Renate Johansen, Connor Lovejoy, Til Lyu, Emma Kaczor, Z Ha, Baron Bai, Sara Royle, Angelina Rodriguez, Stephanie Strobel, Jonathan Dockweiler, Benjamin Janssen, Curt Bailey, Toby Watson, Noah Boersen, Ryan Dexter. Row 3: Jordan Schnell, Johnny Wu, Moses Lu, Emily Meng, Chaeyeong Lee, Jai Wu, Bryce Krieger, Kaler Johansen, Gabe Huenefeld, Elijah Green, Kaleb Morton, Elijah Boersen. Row 4: Sam Qu, Charlotte Wang, Tenny Sebek, Nehemiah Peters, Carl Mundt, Cody Kaczor, Kobe Morris, Boxin Du.

NC Art Students Win Conference

Each year, NC art students enter their artwork at the Goldenrod Conference Art Show. Each year, a few students win Best of Show ribbons. But 2019 had something else in store for the NC art students: a conference championship! "We usually end up somewhere in the middle,

so to win was a real blessing," said NC art teacher Renate Johansen. In addition to the conference championship, three NC students did win Best of Show: junior Jordan Schnell, senior Skylar Swantek, and junior Emily Meng (who won two Best of Show ribbons).



Best of Show. Jordan Schnell, Skylar Swantek, and Emily Meng.

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



I am extremely grateful to God, who again provided our needs, and to you, who responded to His promptings to support us during the 2018-2019 school year. Because of the faithfulness of God and His people, we were able to finish our 2018-2019 fiscal year in the black.

After completing our sixtieth year, it is time to start our sixty-first year. The preliminary budget for 2019-2020, which will be finalized at the August board meeting, once again calls for gift income of between \$500,000 and \$600,000. I know that I should be used to it by now, but every time we set a budget for gift income, I am tempted to doubt the faithfulness of God and of His people. It is a stupid temptation. I have years

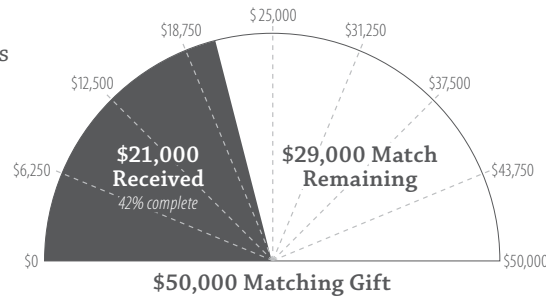
of experience that argue for the faithfulness of God and more stories than I can remember that illustrate the faithfulness of His people.

I can't tell you how God will provide this year. Sometimes He brings in gift income beyond anything we thought or imagined. Sometimes He lets the gift income fall short, but we end up with far more tuition income than we thought we would get. Sometimes He lets both gift income and tuition fall short of our expectations, and I am really tempted to doubt. It is usually at that point that He chooses to do something unexpected that we couldn't possibly take credit for. Whatever God does this year, I am confident of two things. It will be perfect, and it will involve His people.

Thanks so much for your support, and until next time, may God bless you and yours.

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!

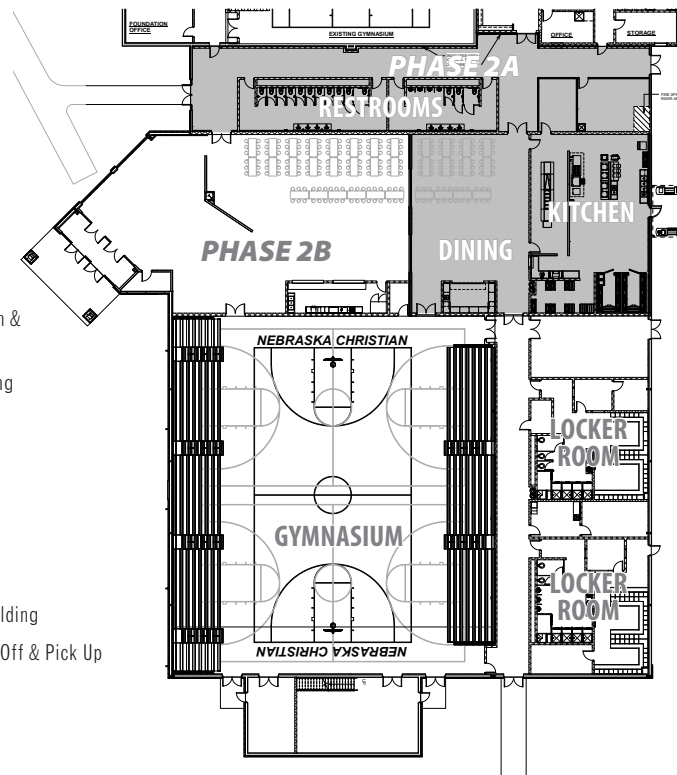


Phase 2A \$1.9 million

- 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



Make checks payable to Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation

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Leaving a Legacy that Builds Lives for Eternity by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director



Receive to give...to receive more...to give more.

"All giving starts with receiving." King David observed this principle as he watched people give to the need of building the Temple. 1 Chronicles 29:14

says, "But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us!"

What a great reminder that God owns everything,

and we are called to walk with a heart of giving! Let us boldly live in the spirit of giving as we prepare our students to live Christ-centered lives in a globalized and interconnected world.

Please consider your part in helping to move Phase 2A forward. The need for new ADA restrooms/storm shelter, kitchen, and dining hall is critical. We currently have \$346,000 and are committed to completing this project debt free.

Leave Your Legacy—as you support and enhance the mission of Nebraska Christian Schools.

NC Almanac

10 years ago ('09)

- NC's 50th Anniversary Alumni Volleyball & Basketball Tournament is held over the July 4th weekend.
- Work begins on the sewer project, which will connect NC into the city sewer system.

20 years ago ('99)

- NC purchases the Marquette school facility for \$50,000 and prepares the building for the NC elementary's use.

30 years ago ('89)

- 96 people attend Alumni Day. New alumni officers are President Ed Ritta ('73), Vice President Eric Benson ('79), and Secretary-Treasurer Lois (Lebar '68) Seadore.

40 years ago ('79)

- A Summer Work Retreat is held at the end of June, and nearly 50 people attend. Families could stay in the dorms or bring a tent or camper. While on-campus projects were the focus of the days, the evenings featured events like swimming, softball games, and a "singspiration."

50 years ago ('69)

- The L4L Program has 52 head of cattle and 3 hogs.

60 years ago ('59)

- NC's first school board is elected: Joyce Grantham, Glenn Taylor (vice president), Paul Oswald, Orvil Hamer (president), Eldon Nickolaus (secretary), Floyd Boilesen (treasurer).
- Walter Ediger is hired to be NC's first superintendent and temporary business manager.
- The NC campus is purchased.



Tonya, Carsyn, and Carl Ostrand



Kelly, Skylar, and Jason Swantek

Ostrand, Swantek to Play College Ball

NC seniors Carsyn Ostrand and Skylar Swantek have signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college. Ostrand will play volleyball at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Swantek will play soccer at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

Last Day of School Fun

Grant Stuhmer tries to fend off Selah Perdew and Lucy Perry during a game on the last day of school. The Servant Leadership Team hosted a cookout for all students, and then Mr. Andy Falk led the students in a variety of games before they returned to the classroom to take their last final.



Schreiber, Falk to Take Over Volleyball, Football Programs

Volleyball

by Seth Hower, junior

A familiar face will be on the Nebraska Christian sideline when the 2019 volleyball season begins. Amy Schreiber, a 2002 NC graduate and NC's current 4th-6th grade teacher, will be the Eagles' head coach. Schreiber takes the reigns from Tonya Ostrand, who in her 12 years at the helm led the Eagles to five consecutive Goldenrod Conference titles and state tournament appearances in 2017 and 2018.

Schreiber brings a wealth of volleyball experience to her new position; during her college years, Schreiber was a Missouri certified high school volleyball official, and she coached volleyball at Westridge Middle School in Grand Island for five years. She said, "I'm just looking forward to building into the lives of the players. There is great opportunity for us if we go after it with diligence and desire to do our best to glorify God. Stepping into an already successful program is excit-

ing for me. I feel like I've just been handed the baton, and my goal is to run the race well." Schreiber plans to make a strong run at another district championship while keeping the team's focus upon God and keeping the mindset of playing for an audience of One.



Schreiber

Junior volleyball player Steph Strobel said, "I am very thankful for Coach Ostrand and everything that she has done for the volleyball program here, and I am excited to see what next year has in store."

NC Athletic Director Larry Schreiber said, "I am looking forward to Miss Schreiber leading our volleyball program. She brings a strong passion and love for the kids she works with, whether in the classroom or on the court. Amy also has a solid background in volleyball after being the head coach at Westridge Middle School in Grand Island. I am excited about Amy, a former NC volleyball player, being the next head volleyball coach at NC."

Football

by Cody Griess, senior

For the upcoming football season, the sidelines will look similar but be very different. The team will be under new head leadership for the next season. Coach Carl Ostrand, who has coached for 30 total years, 12 at NC, will be stepping down as the head coach following a successful 9-1 season. Ostrand is not leaving the school and will still be keeping his teaching duties. He made the decision to step down so he can attend more of his daughters' college volleyball games and ultimately spend more time with his family. Ostrand says, "My decision to step down was primarily for my family. I'll have three daughters playing college volleyball next year, and in order to attend their games and be a support to them, I felt like I needed to have more flexibility and availability to watch and encourage my family."

The team will have a familiar face as their new leader. Former assistant coach and defensive coordinator Andy Falk will be taking the reigns

as the new head football coach. Falk says, "I am anticipating many more hours of preparation and making sure everything is in place as it should be. If each of the young men who participate in football come out of this next year with a deeper love for God and a genuine concern for each other, I will consider the year a success."



Falk

Falk has coached at NC and under Ostrand's leadership for eight years. "Having Mr. Ostrand and Mr. Gee on the football staff has given me great examples to follow on how to coach well and handle the various situations that may arise," Falk says.

There is no doubt that Coach Falk will be able to handle the new head coaching duties and still lead a successful Nebraska Christian football team. "Coach Falk will do a great job. He has a desire to minister and encourage young men, and he also has a great knowledge of the game. He is an excellent motivator and very organized in his preparation. NC football is in great hands," says Ostrand.



Above: NC Class of 2019. Row 1: Z Ha, Cody Griess, Madi Felt, Bekah Feddersen, Adrienne Falk, Jon Dockweiler, Ryan Dexter, An Chu, Laura Carlson, Justin Brock, Noah Boersen, Curt Bailey, Baron Bai. Row 2: Tainsley Sebek, Sara Royle, Angelina Rodriguez, Kate Pipher, Carsyn Ostrand, Linh Nguyen, Cejay Mieth, Jada McHargue, Til Lyu, Richard Li, Emma Kaczor, Ben Janssen, Michelle Huang, Manisa Hongdilokkul. Row 3: Arwen Zhang, Barry Zhang, Bennett Zaruba, Kevin Yu, Bella Yin, Ali Winsterman, Toby Watson, Jake Twogood, Dream Tungtweegait, Savannah Thomas, Skylar Swantek, Halle Strong, Brad Hilderbrand.

Far Left: Halle Strong ('19) and her father Brent ('91) celebrate her graduation following the ceremony.

Left: Board member Dave Watson presents a diploma to Kevin Yu ('19).

Meet the Newest NC Alumni: Class of 2019

Runqi (Baron) Bai is the son of Hulin Bai & Zhuzhu Chen of Taiyuan, China. He attended NC for four years. Baron says he learned a lot of English during his time at NC, and he loved spending time with his friends in the dorm. Baron is unsure of what comes next, but he plans to attend college in the future.

Curtis Richard Bailey of Central City is the son of Danny & Amy Bailey. He attended NC for four years, and his sisters Janelle ('10), Shanna ('13), and Christina ('16) are also NC graduates. Curt says that "literally every class period with Mr. Ostrand" is his favorite NC memory. He especially enjoyed the friends he made and teachers he learned from at NC. "I've strengthened my friendships and made so many new friends by coming here. It's also been an awesome chance to

grow academically and spiritually, and I'm beyond grateful for my teachers here," he says. Curt plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney to study English Education.

Noah James Boersen of Cairo is the son of Clint & Christina Boersen. He attended NC for four years. Noah's sister Victoria ('14) is also an NC alum. His favorite memory from his time at NC is state track his junior year. He is grateful that NC helped shape his worldview and encouraged his walk with Christ. Noah plans to attend Central Community College in Grand Island, studying architecture.

Justin Allen Brock is from Yankton, South Dakota. His parents are Shawn & Janell Brock, and his brothers Brandon ('14) and Zach ('15) are also NC graduates.

Justin's favorite NC memory is of his senior year football season, when the team went undefeated in the regular season. Justin says that being at NC has brought him closer to God and brought him many great friends. He plans to attend Central Community College in Grand Island and go into law.

Laura Elizabeth Carlson, daughter of Cale & Megan Carlson, is from Marquette. She attended NC for four years. "Nebraska Christian has blessed me with a profitable, Christ-centered education, practical leadership skills, and relationships that will last a lifetime. I am so thankful for my teachers and friends and the positive influence they have been on me," she says. Laura plans to get an agriculture degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and then farm with her dad and grandpa.

Nhat An Chu of Hanoi, Vietnam, is the daughter of Trung Trong Chu & Thanh Thi Nguyen. She attended NC for one year. She says she met a lot of friends and made good memories while attending NC. An plans to take a semester off of school to do charity work before studying hospitality management in college.

Ryan David Dexter, son of Zane ('85) & Kathy Dexter, is from Central City. His older siblings Jessica ('09), Dillon ('11), and Warren ('15) are also alumni. He attended NC for 9½ years. His favorite NC memory is getting second at state track in the 4×8 relay with Noah Boersen ('19), Brennan Nokelby ('18), and Sam Twogood ('18). He plans to study business management at Central Community College-Hastings and then work in the family business.

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Jonathan Levi Dockweiler, son of Tom ('79) & Sherry (Masters '79) Dockweiler of Central City, attended NC for 13 years. His siblings Melody ('04), Carmen ('06), and Zac ('16) are also NC graduates. He especially loved Mr. Ostrand's classes, and he appreciates that being at NC helped him learn how to think critically. Jon plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where he will study business administration with a focus on marketing.

Adrienne Vanessa Faith Falk of Pleasanton is the third of Andy & Monica Falk's children to graduate from NC: her brother Carson graduated in 2016, and her sister Corryn graduated in 2018. Adrienne attended NC for four years. Her favorite memory of her time at NC is her junior year volleyball season. She plans to study nursing in college and eventually become a nurse practitioner.

Rebekah Anna Feddersen of Kearney is the daughter of Scott & Anna Feddersen. She attended NC for three years. She appreciates the Christian friendships she developed while at NC. Bekah plans to attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix.

Madison McKayla Felt, daughter of Ryan & Dyanne Medlock, is from Central City. She attended NC for seven years. Of her time at NC, Madi says, "My friends at NC have definitely impacted me more than they will ever know. Having a friend group with core Christian values has influenced me to grow stronger in my faith." She plans to study elementary education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Cody Joseph Griess of Grand Island is the son of Les & Marty Griess. He attended NC for six years, and his brothers Nathan ('15) and Ben ('18) are also NC alumni. Cody's favorite memories are Mr. Ostrand's classes and visiting Mrs. Daurice (Pizzolato '87) Hower with Toby Watson ('19) and Seth Hower each day at lunch. Cody says, "NC has provided a Christ-centered education where I am surrounded by grounded friends. I'm grateful for NC's culture and that being here has helped me strengthen my relationship with Christ." Cody plans to study agribusiness or a related field at UNL. He hopes to eventually join his dad in the family hog business.

Duong (Z) Ha attended NC for one year. He is the son of Son Tuan Ha & Huong Thi Phan. He especially enjoyed the boys dorm's Thanksgiving trip to Chicago. Z says his English improved greatly due to studying at NC. He plans to study computer science in college.

Bradley James Hilderbrand, son of Roy & Cheryl (Dockweiler '90) Hilderbrand, is from Central City. His siblings Jeff ('13), Chris ('15), and Jessica ('18) are also NC graduates. Brad's favorite NC memories are of community service days, where students would go out and "put what we are taught into practice." Brad is grateful for all the people at NC who encouraged him in his walk with Christ and helped him with school work and everyday life. Brad plans to join the workforce.

Manisa Hongdilokkul, daughter of Komgrit & Kanjana Hongdilokkul of Bangkok, Thailand, attended NC for one year. Her favorite NC memory is going to watch *Aladdin* with the other dorm students. She is grateful that she was able

to study in America by coming to NC. Manisa plans to study dentistry in college.

Yuting (Michelle) Huang of Taiyuan, China, has attended NC for four years. Her parents are Qinghai Huang & Ling Zhang. Michelle loved hanging out with the girls in the dorm, and she learned study and communication skills while at NC. Michelle plans to study medicine in college.

Benjamin David Janssen of Marquette is the son of Steve & Donna Janssen. He attended NC for six years. Ben's favorite NC memory is going to state quiz bowl his sophomore year. "NC helped to get me reading my Bible. I also made good friends [at NC]," he says. Ben plans to study engineering and/or agriculture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Emma Grace Kaczor of Boelus is the daughter of Aaron & Bobbi Kaczor. Her brother Joel graduated from NC in 2018. Emma attended NC for six years, and her favorite NC memory is volleyball club with Mrs. Mundt. "NC has impacted my life by giving me friends that love the Lord and by helping me to grow in my relationship with Christ," she says. Emma plans to study massage therapy at the Universal College of Healing Arts in Omaha.

Ze Cheng (Richard) Li of Guang Zhou, China, is the son of Zhi Ping Li & Qi Xia Wu. He attended NC for three years. Richard especially enjoyed the dorm trip to Chicago in 2018, and he appreciated his teachers at NC. He plans to major in marketing in college.

Yipin (Til) Lyu, son of Haoliang Lyu & Zhenshuang Liang, is from Qingdao, China. He attended NC

for two years, and he's grateful for the friends he made while here. Til plans to study math in college.

Jada Grace McHargue is the daughter of Paul ('88) & Anna McHargue of Central City. She attended NC for 12 years. Jada's favorite NC memory is buying 12 Kit Kat bars with Kate Pipher ('19) in order to win a student council competition. She says that NC has played a huge role in her life: "[Being here] has grown and challenged my faith in more ways than I could have imagined. NC has provided me with a biblical foundation." Jada plans to attend Xenon Academy.

Cejay Paige Mieth of Central City is the daughter of Ted & Dawn Mieth. Cejay's sister Jade ('14) also graduated from NC. Cejay attended NC for six years, and her favorite memory is being a kitchen aide. Cejay is grateful for the friends she made while at NC. College is in her future plans.

Linh Nguyen, daughter of Dinh Dang Nguyen & Huong Thi Giang Ha, is from Hanoi, Vietnam. She attended NC for two years, and her brother Phillip graduated from NC in 2016. Her favorite NC memory is snow days, and she's glad she was able to make friends from other countries. Linh plans to study marketing and management at the University of Melbourne in Australia.

Carsyn Brooke Ostrand of Central City is the daughter of Carl & Tonya Ostrand. She attended NC for 12 years, and her three sisters are also NC graduates: Cailyn in 2014, Cassidy in 2016, and Claire in 2018. Carsyn's favorite NC memory is her junior volleyball season. She values her time at NC because of the sound Biblical

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doctrine she was taught and the friends she made. Carsyn plans to play volleyball at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where she will study nursing.

Kate Elisabeth Pipher is the daughter of Zeke & Jamie Pipher of Central City. She attended NC for four years. Kate's favorite NC memory is the senior trip to Washington, D.C. Of her time at NC, she says, "NC has provided me a place to grow spiritually and academically while being a part of a fantastic community. I am so grateful for the teachers and coaches who have invested in me and modeled Christ-likeness to me." Kate plans to continue her education at Hillsdale College in Michigan.

Angelina Justine Rodriguez of Columbus is the daughter of Barton & Paula Barcel and Cheryl Posadas. She attended NC for three years. Her favorite memory is tripping in front of the junior highers while setting up for the Harvest Festival and spilling popcorn kernels all over. She appreciates NC because it has given her tools to grow in her faith and prepared her for life after graduation. Angelina plans to attend Wichita State University.

Sara Katherine Royle of Central City is the daughter of Mike & Susan Royle. Her brother James ('13) is also an NC graduate. Sara attended NC for two years, and her favorite memories are from Miss Kaity Flynn ('06)'s Women of Vision class. "We had many deep and meaningful conversations that have been valuable to my growth as a Christian, a young woman, a daughter, and a friend," she explains. Sara plans to take a one-year course in creation and apologetics at Jackson Hole Bible College.

Tainsley Claire Sebek, daughter of Greg & Dawn Sebek of Hampton, attended NC for 1½ years. She loved Mr. Zanger's personal finance class, and she's grateful for the way her relationship with Christ grew while she attended NC. Tainsley plans to attend Central Community College and go into broadcast journalism.

Halle Jeanne Strong from Polk attended NC for 11 years. Her parents are Brent ('91) & Cheri Strong. Halle is grateful for the deep friendships she built while attending NC. She says, "Nebraska Christian has taught me how important a relationship with the Lord is and how crucial it is to have godly friends and mentors in my life." Halle plans to attend Spurgeon College in Missouri, where she will be part of the Fusion: International missions training program.

Skylar Grace Swantek is the daughter of Jason & Kelly Swantek of Genoa. Her sister Taylor graduated from NC in 2015. She attended NC for five years. Skylar's favorite memory is starting the first Lady Eagle (club) soccer team. She says, "After playing on many different teams, this one has been my favorite. Laughing with each other, working hard, and encouraging one another in the Lord has been one of the best experiences of my life." Skylar plans to attend Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, to study criminal justice and illustration, and she will also play for their women's soccer team.

Savannah Lynn Thomas of Seneca is the daughter of John & Terri Thomas. She attended NC for one year. Her favorite memory of her time at NC is learning archery

in the after school program. She plans to double major in psychology and criminal justice at Wayne State College.

Peerapat (Dream) Tungtweegait of Thailand is the son of Surasit & Marisa Tungtweegait. He attended NC for his senior year. He is grateful for the opportunity that NC provided him to live in a new culture and get to know people with different perspectives. He plans to study computer engineering at UNL.

Jake Elliot Twogood of Stromsburg is the son of Ryan & Rachel Twogood. Jake's siblings Whitney ('14) and Sam ('18) are also NC graduates. He attended NC for five years, and his favorite memory is his senior football season. Jake says that NC has helped to shape his biblical worldview and prepare him for a life of servitude to the Lord. Jake plans to study finance at Bethel University.

Toby Orv Watson, son of Dave & Kapra Watson of Grand Island, attended NC for three years. He says that being at NC helped him grow in his faith and gave him a solid biblical worldview. Toby plans to get a biblical studies degree from Colorado Christian University and become a pastor.

Alison Ann Winsterman is the daughter of Denise Winsterman of Central City. Her siblings Abbi ('11), Jacob ('13), and Andrew ('17) are also NC alumni. Ali attended NC for 9½ years, and one of her favorite memories is Miss Kaity Flynn ('06)'s Women of Vision class. "Through NC, I have not only been challenged academically, but also spiritually. I feel that NC has prepared me to go off to college by helping me develop a strong Christian

worldview," she says. Ali plans to attend Nebraska Wesleyan, where she will major in biology.

Jiayi (Bella) Yin of Shanxi, China, is the daughter of Hong Yin & Lina Zhi. She has attended NC for four years. Bella enjoyed the dorm and class trips, and she made many wonderful friends at NC, all while improving her English. She plans to study marine biology in college.

Yaoning (Kevin) Yu of Yuci, China, is the son of Qiang Yu & Liting Zhang. He attended NC for four years. Kevin appreciated being able to learn about American culture and meeting people from other countries while at Nebraska Christian. He plans to study mathematics in college.

Bennett Jize Zaruba of Clarks is the son of Leroy & Verna Zaruba. He attended NC for 12 years, and his sisters Jessica ('99), Alyson ('01), and Sydney ('06) are also NC graduates. Bennett's favorite NC memory is attending the State Fair in elementary school. He is grateful for the biblical worldview that NC has provided. Bennett plans to study drafting and design in college.

Shi Yong (Barry) Zhang is the son of Wei Zhang & Jun Yu of Taiyuan, China. He attended NC for four years. His favorite NC memories are the snow days. He plans to attend college.

Tingyu (Arwen) Zhang of Taiyuan, China, is the daughter of Wei Zhang & Kaihui Zhao. She attended NC for three years. Her favorite NC memory is the surprise 18th birthday party her friends threw her. She plans to study math and economics in college.

NC Flashback



20 years ago, NC purchased an old school campus in a nearby town, and the NC elementary moved to this campus for the next several years. Can you identify the town? If so, you could win a prize! Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.

From the last issue:
 Congratulations to Janae (Landrigan '10) McHargue! Her name was drawn from those who correctly identified longtime NC teachers Bill & Jacky Uhler.



Digging Deeper Features Crevier Family

On April 29, approximately 100 elementary and junior high students from New Hope Christian, Grand Island Christian, Sutton Christian, and Polk County Christian joined NC's students for Digging Deeper. This year's event featured the Crevier Family's Spin-Tacular Basketball Show and Team USA Skeleton Athlete Michelle Toukan ('11).

Superintendent Tim Hekrdle tries to juggle basketballs back to Bruce Crevier during the Spin-Tacular Basketball Show.



Linh Nguyen ('19) models Michelle Toukan's medals as Toukan talks to students about the hard work that went into her success and encourages them to root their confidence in Christ.

Memorial Gifts

For: Bertina Anderson
 From: Linda Peterson
 For: Jerry Anderson
 From: Linda Peterson
 For: Don Dockweiler
 From: Elsie Dockweiler
 Brenda Kirby & Cliff Dorn
 For: Willa Freeland
 From: Larry & Virginia Cooper
 Linda Peterson
 For: Nellie Russell Forbes
 From: Marilyn Sonderup
 For: Bernice Grantham
 From: Carole Amateis
 Kevin & Joan Bennett
 Stan & Rozalyn Boyer
 Richard & Ruth Brunken
 Charles & Kathy Burke & Family
 Phyllis Cargill
 Leland & Ruby Davis
 Nancy Deckert
 Peter & Ruth Diedrichsen
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 Aaron & Mary Howland
 Glenda Johnson
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 Bernice Renner
 Bob & Susan Ritta
 Mildred Root
 Kenny & Rogene Schaer
 Larry & Denise Schreiber
 John & Marilyn Smith
 Dan & Luella Spilinek
 State Bank of Scotia
 Ken & Judy Taylor
 Patsy Thiele
 Dan & Alice Thomazin
 Lloyd & Sharon Thorin
 Jera Timmons
 Todd & Kim Tobiason
 Larry & Marilyn Topf
 Bill & Jacky Uhler
 Valley County Extension Staff
 Gary Wald
 Gene & Mayre Wray
 Elaine Young
 For: Pat Holmberg
 From: Linda Peterson
 For: Jeff Hower
 From: Mark & Angela Gustafson
 Christopher & Lisa Lenz

Donn & Carolyn Russell
 For: Marie Joseph
 From: Mary Reisinger
 For: Robert Knapp
 From: B K Heuermann Farms
 Deloris Christensen
 Lyle & Joyce Christensen
 Kent & Dorrita Helm
 Keith & Norma Heuermann
 Alan & Jeanette Koelling
 Norm & Sue Krug
 Russell Kucera
 James Mager & Audrey Betka-Mager
 Bruce & Helen Ohme
 Norman & Alma Rohlfing
 Barbara Severance
 Rollie & Gloria Staab
 Merrill & Sharyll Walkup
 Mary Winters
 Mary L. Winters
 James & Carole Wray
 For: Lynda McCoig
 From: Donn & Carolyn Russell
 For: Marlin Rasmussen
 From: Stella & Chuck Rasmussen

Join us for our Summer Work Days! August 2 & 3, 8-4 p.m.

Come and go as you are able! Lunch will be provided.



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State Track Qualifiers.

Row 1: Grace Langemeier, Carsyn Ostrand, Laura Carlson, Tabitha Seip.
Row 2: Toby Watson, Ryan Dexter, Elijah Boersen, Noah Boersen.

NC Sends 8 to State Track

by Seth Hower, junior

This track season, eight students qualified for the State Track Meet at Omaha Burke High School with a total of 13 entries in the meet. The competitors were Grace Langemeier (long jump, triple jump, 4x1), Carsyn Ostrand (100 hurdles, 4x1), Laura Carlson (300 hurdles, pole vault, 4x1), Tabitha Seip (100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 4x1), Toby Watson (110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 4x4), Ryan Dexter (800 meters, 1600 meters, 4x4), Elijah Boersen (4x4), and Noah Boersen (4x4). At the state meet, Dexter finished 5th in his 800 meter run, Langemeier finished 6th in long jump, and Carlson finished 8th in the pole vault and 5th in the 300 hurdles. In the team placings, the girls finished 24th, and the boys finished 39th.

Homecoming 2019 & 60 Year Celebration

Join us for our 60 Year Celebration during Homecoming 2019, September 13 & 14!

Friday, September 13:

Senior Fundraiser Cookout, 5:30 p.m.

Football vs. East Butler, 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 14:

5K, 9 a.m. (registration at 8:30)

Choir Reunion/Practice (time TBD)

60th Celebration BBQ, 5-6:30 p.m., Freewill Donation

Alumni Choir Concert, 7 p.m.

Alumni, watch your mail for more information!

Class Reunions & Campus Tours Available Upon Request