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building lives for eternity

Embracing Service

by Tim Hekrdle, Superintendent



The 2019-20 school year is off and running! This year's theme passage is Philippians 2:3-4. We have challenged our students to memorize this passage and place this truth in their hearts. The theme of service is one that matches our duties as Christians and disciples of Jesus Christ. For this reason, we have identified and begun spending more time communicating some of our core values. These core values follow an acrostic:

- S**ervice Minded
- E**xalting Christ
- R**elationally Focused
- V**ibrant Disposition
- I**nnovative Practices
- C**ollaborative Approach
- E**xcellence

Communicating these core values, along with scripture and other principles, helps us to ensure that we get the right staff, students, and families at NC. By being SERVICE minded, we can become an institution of excellence that points upward to give God the glory for all that is happening on our campus. Ultimately, we aspire to send students out of our school well equipped with a Biblical worldview that empowers them to stand on Truth. Only through God's grace in strong partnerships with the family and church can we provide a Christ-centered education that works toward that end.

As we emphasize our first core value, Service Minded, this year, we

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Ad Building Progress Made and Ground Broken on Phase 2A!

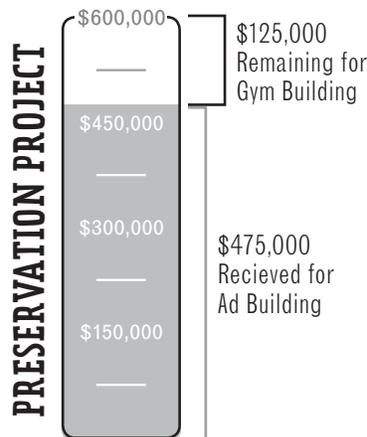


by Jody Heuermann, Foundation Director

This summer has seen a flurry of activity on the Ad Building Preservation Project! We have the funds in hand to accomplish our goal of sealing and preserving the Ad Building for future generations, and we also are going to be able to address some of the internal needs of the building to make the space more functional.

The roof is complete, the windows are installed and wrapped, metal work is done, and additional work will continue next summer. We are now in the process of addressing the interior needs of the Ad Building. We are so grateful for everything that has been accomplished and praise the Lord for His provision!

Due to significant cost-savings through volunteer labor and expertise and the wise money management of the NCS Campus Executive Team, we believe that the \$475,000 already received for the Ad Building Preservation Project will allow us to do the scope of work on the Ad Building that we are desiring. Therefore, **we are now moving our preservation project focus to the exterior and interior of the current gymnasium building.** Our fundraising efforts will now focus on the most critical needs to update and make this space more func-



Joshua Davis works on wrapping the new Ad Building windows. Over the summer, the new roof and windows were installed, and metal work was completed.

tional. Please consider what your part may be in helping us reach our goal of raising an additional \$125,000 in Preservation Project funds to continue the work of preserving our facilities.

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NC Celebrates 60 Years!



A few NC staff and faculty members gathered for a picture during Homecoming. Row 1: Larry Schreiber, Kaity Flynn ('06), Dee Flynn, Juany Musgrave, Jewel Marco, Angela Needham, Deb Lovejoy, Victoria (Boersen '14) Watson, Amy Merchant, Tim Hekrdle. Row 2: Gib Killion, Melissa Rankin, Sarah Swanson, Patty Welk, Cheri Strong, Vonda Schnell, Daurice (Pizzolato '87) Hower, Tara Mundt. Row 3: Eric Zanger, Renate Johansen, Harold Cook, Tom Dockweiler ('79), Andy Falk, Clay Mankin.

Nebraska Christian Schools celebrated 60 years of Building Lives for Eternity at Homecoming 2019. Events included home volleyball and football games, class reunions, the Renewed Strength 5K, groundbreaking for Phase 2A of The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign, and an alumni choir concert. Look for more photos and details in the next issue of the NC Impact, which will hit mailboxes in late November or early December.

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



The budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year has been set. It calls for a total gift income amount of \$572,550. This is higher than last years' budgeted gift income, but lower than last years' actual gift income amount. Every budget cycle starts with me looking at a huge need for gift income and doubting at least a little bit that God will provide that amount. Most budget cycles end with me thanking God for doing far more than I even

Hekrdle, *continued from pg. 1*

have added a service component to what we do here at Nebraska Christian. We believe that by requiring some acts of service from the NC body, we will help foster hearts that are eager to show God's grace and mercy to those around us. While it is certainly ideal that people want to serve organically, it is also true

imagined possible. At this point, we still need \$517,760 to meet our budget goal. That seems to me like a slow start to our sixty-first year, but I have a God who has proven faithful over and over again. I don't know what He is going to do, or how He is going to do it, but, as I told you last time, I am confident that whatever God does with this year will be perfect, and it will involve His people. Thanks so much for supporting Nebraska Christian Schools. Please don't forget to pray for us. Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

that requiring such an act can build an appetite for more service. God's Word is clear that "faith without works is dead." This gospel-rooted principle is not optional, but instead is fundamental to the faith. Per the Lord's design, service to others is a blessing and most often strengthens and deepens our rela-

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

1 Harvest Concert (*details TBA*)
Nov 27 - Dec 2
Thanksgiving Break
classes dismiss at 11:30

DECEMBER

13 Festival of Lessons & Carols
6:15 p.m. (see p. 6)
Dec 21 - Jan 7
Christmas Break

For additional events visit
nebraskachristian.org/calendar

Memorial Gifts

For: Jerry Anderson
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris
For: Vernon Anthoney
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris
Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Lucile Denning
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From: Doug & Rose Cargill
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For: Bill Kuhn
From: Linda Peterson
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Wayne & Marjorie
Freedman
Dorothy Ritta
Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Elinor Moody
From: Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Marlin Rasmussen
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris
For: Marian Smith
From: Anna Marie Moore

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for up-to-date info on the Preservation Project and Phase 2A!



Work has begun on the ADA restrooms as part of Phase 2A!

Ad Building Progres & Phase 2A, *continued from pg. 1*

With the Ad Building Project nearing completion and the Preservation Project focus moved to the gymnasium building, *we are excited to announce the beginning of work on Phase 2A* of The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign! One of the most critical needs on campus is for ADA restrooms. We currently have the necessary dollars to make that happen, so we are moving ahead with the project! Three bids were received, a contractor has been selected, and work has already begun on an addition to the current gym building. This addition will include a new entryway on the southwest corner of the building, along with restrooms for men and women. The addition will be built in such a way

that Phase 2A (kitchen/dining hall) work can continue, as the new area will fit in seamlessly with the plans for the rest of the project. Also, we are installing *air conditioning in the gymnasium!* This is a much-needed update that will greatly benefit both our own students and visitors to our campus.

Phase 2 of The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign has been in the fundraising stage for several years, and we are thrilled to be able to work on this exciting project! Phase 2 is much larger in scope than the portion we are undertaking right now, and your donation to The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign can help ensure that we are able to reach our goal of building a new kitchen, din-



A groundbreaking ceremony for Phase 2A was held during Homecoming. L to R: Board of Education Chairman Paul McHargue ('88), Superintendent Tim Hekrdle, Foundation Director Jody Heuermann, Foundation Board Chairman Belinda (Berck '86) Strobel, Foundation Board Member Wayne Williams.

ing hall, and gymnasium.

If you would like more information about Phase 2 of The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign or the Gym Building Preservation Project, visit <https://nebraskachristian.org/>

support-nc/foundation/ or contact Jody Heuermann at jheuermann@nebraskachristian.org or 308-940-0249. And please join us in rejoicing in what God continues to do at Nebraska Christian Schools!

The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign

Phase 2

New Kitchen, Commons Area & Gymnasium

Phase 2 Match: Match Met!

Thank you to the Exchange Bank of Grand Island!
The \$50,000 matching grant has been met!

Phase 2A
\$1.9 million

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\$1,425,000

—
\$950,000

—
\$475,000

\$375,000

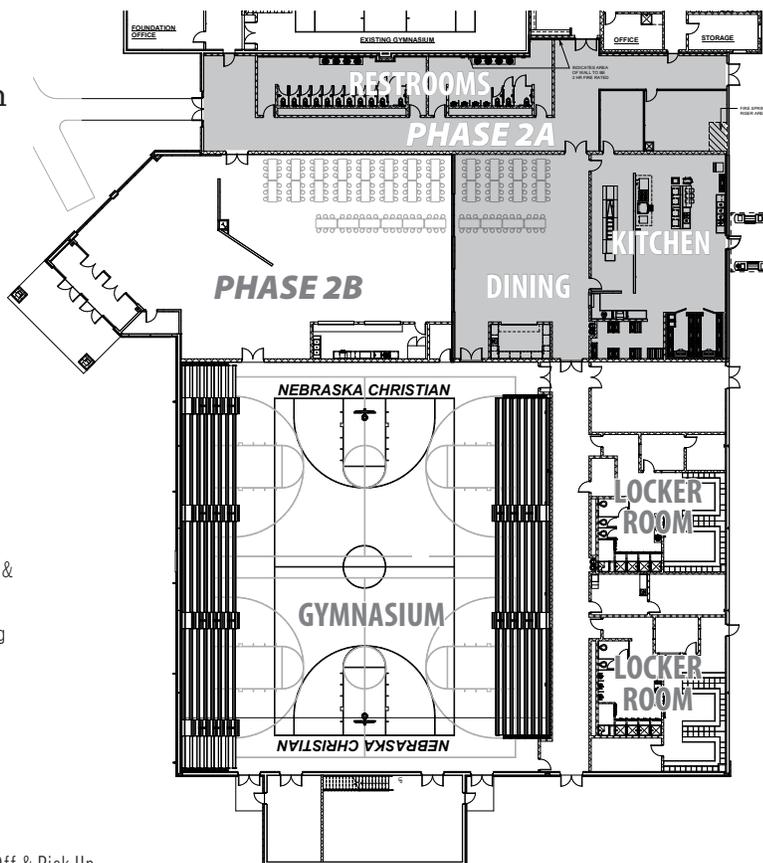
Received

Phase 2A \$1.9 million

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

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
- Expanded Parking Lot with Convenient Drop Off & Pick Up



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Jody Heuermann, Foundation Director

New Staff Join NC Family Alumni News



Juany Musgrave

by Chandra Davis,
sophomore

Juany Musgrave is a new staff member at Nebraska Christian Schools this year. She is married to Tim Musgrave and has three children who attend NC: Daniel (10th grade), Richie (8th grade), and Kaitlyn (1st grade).

Musgrave was born and raised in Mexico. She grew up in a Christian home and accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of 13. She attended Rio Grand Bible College in Texas and a dentistry school in Mexico. Before she came here, Musgrave worked as a paraprofessional at Barr Middle School in Grand Island. She now takes on the role of the Nebraska Christian Spanish teacher. When asked one reason she decided to come, Musgrave responded, "To have the opportunity to be part of my kids' life at school and because I love working with high schoolers."

Since Musgrave's native language is Spanish, she makes the class more approachable. Her enthusiasm shines when she shares her culture and language with her classes. Musgrave said, "I enjoy teaching the students my language, hoping someday we can communicate in Spanish." With this aspect in mind, she will continue to help the students learn Spanish until they can use their knowledge to interact with people of a different culture.



Melissa (Francis '92) Rankin

by Jordan Schnell,
senior

Melissa Rankin is a new member of the Nebraska Christian staff. She attended NC from eighth grade until her graduation in 1992. She and her husband Chris have three children; their oldest, Josiah, is 21 and serves

in the U.S. Army, while their younger children, Haddie (5th grade) and Rebekah (1st grade), both attend NC.

Rankin's responsibilities at NC include being a para-educator and a study hall supervisor. Before coming to NC, she was a stay-at-home mom, and she is now excited for the opportunity to be employed at the same school her children attend.

Rankin came to know Christ at an early age but says it was a journey to grow into a strong relationship in which she knew that she could trust Him with everything. She hopes to share her love for the Lord with the students at NC; consequently, some of her goals this year are "to help students know how much God loves them, and to help them grow closer to him and to have success in the classroom."

After having an education at Nebraska Christian where she was uplifted by many teachers, she desires to return the favor to the students she meets. Rankin said, regarding her passion for helping students, "I was very insecure as a teen, and many teachers at NC loved on me, encouraged me, and guided me. I hope to do the same for the students I am blessed to be with."



Victoria (Boersen '14) Watson

by Marlie Mundt,
freshman

Mrs. Victoria Watson is enjoying her job at Nebraska Christian. She came straight from the University of Nebraska at Kearney to teach as a full time 2nd and 3rd grade teacher. She is married to Noah Watson, and they recently moved to Central City.

Mrs. Watson might be a new teacher to NC, but she definitely isn't an unfamiliar face to many already at NC. Mrs. Watson graduated in the class of 2014, along with Hannah Myers, an ELL (English Language Learning) teacher, dorm mom, and co-teacher in biology. Ms. Myers



Millie Everly Hoffman daughter of Brady & Alycea (Unruh '11) Hoffman

Brady and Alycea Hoffman are excited to announce the birth of their second child, Millie Everly Hoffman. She was born at Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings on Thursday, August 1st, 2019, at 7:22 p.m. She was 6 lbs, 14 oz and 18¾" long.

enjoys Mrs. Watson's company, saying, "It's surreal that neither one of us dreamed while we were in high school to be back at NC, yet, here we are! I also feel a little less alone because I was the youngest teacher at NC last year. NC was a big part of my forming this friendship, and now we get to enjoy it as teachers!"

Not only does Mrs. Watson have a fellow classmate at NC, but she also has siblings. Graci Boersen (7th) likes having her sister at NC because, "I can see her every day, and if I have any homework questions I can ask her." Another sibling of Mrs. Watson's, Elijah Boersen (11th), says, "It is nice having her there because if I need something, then I know I can go talk to her."

Mrs. Watson's relationship with Christ started at a young age, and NC has helped it ignite. She says, "When I was little, I would ask God to come into my heart over and over just to be sure. My relationship with Christ has been growing with challenges and blessings over the past few years."

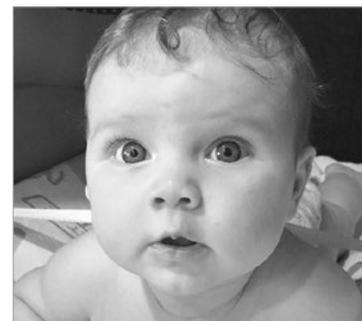
Mrs. Watson is excited to teach at NC because "I love the children, and I love Jesus. It isn't really a job to me."



Brooklyn Jo Nunnenkamp daughter of Tyler ('07) & Stacey (Krieger '07) Nunnenkamp

Brooklyn Jo Nunnenkamp was born at 12:30 p.m. on May 14, 2019, to Tyler and Stacey Nunnenkamp of Aurora. She was 6 lbs, 14.5 oz and 21" long. She joins her big brother Carter at home.

Grandparents are Lowell ('82) and Vicky (Masters '81) Krieger of O'Neill and Gary and Joyce Nunnenkamp of Henderson.

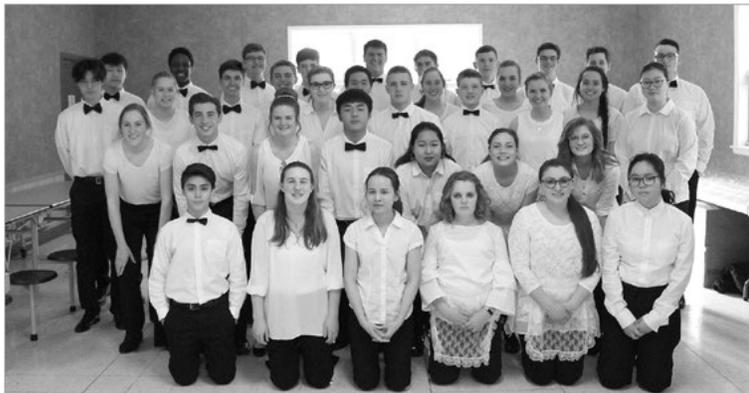


Hattie Louise Keim daughter of Jonathan & Beth (Ritta '98) Keim

Hattie Louise Keim was born on July 8, 2019, to Jonathan & Beth Keim of Saint Peters, Mo. She was 8 lbs, 10 oz and 21½" long. She joins her big sister Emma at home.

Grandparents are Ed ('73) and Marilyn Ritta of Marquette and Jerry and Jan Keim of Wakefield, Kan. Great-grandmother is Dorothy Ritta of Central City.

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NC Dinner & Benefit Auction

by Kristy Langemeier, Special Events Coordinator

Mark your calendars and begin thinking of who you are going to invite! The upcoming 18th Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction will be held here at Nebraska Christian Schools on March 28, 2020. 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 18th 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 13, 2019.*

- **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 Development Office at 308-946-3836, via email at klangemeier@nebraskachristian.org, or call or text her at 402-209-3282.

NC Almanac

10 years ago ('09)

- Richard & Suzanne Olson and Marlow & Donna Pedersen receive the Hall of Faith Award at the Harvest Festival.
- New staff include Clay Mankin, Janet Landrigan, Shelly Rodehorst, and Amy Shotkoski.

20 years ago

- The NC elementary moves to the Marquette campus.
- New staff members include Scott Johnson, Karmen Hamer, Charissa Smith ('94), Verna Zaruba, Kimberly Hiebner, Joannette Regier, and Alistair Parlane.

30 years ago

- Marlow Pedersen becomes the new NC principal.
- NC's enrollment of 188 sets a new record high.

40 years ago

- The NC elementary moves from the Evangelical Free Church in Central City to the boys' dorm. This change is due to regulations from the state fire marshal's office.
- NC extends its outreach by assisting a start-up school in Grand Island. Grand Island Christian School opens for grades K-6, and NC elementary principal Gil Glad spends one day a week helping there.

50 years ago

- 106 students are enrolled.
- At the 11th Annual Corporation Meeting, student body president David Schwenk ('70) expresses the students' gratitude for a Christian education.

60 years ago

- Nebraska Christian High School opens with 38 students. Each student pays an average of \$400 for tuition, room and board.

NC Flashback



On September 13, we broke ground on Phase 2A of The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign. This first step of Phase 2A includes ADA restrooms and a new entryway added onto the south side of the gym building (see p. 3). Forty-four years earlier, on October 13, 1975, ground was broken on a prior addition to the gym building. Work on that addition

is pictured here. If you can tell us what is being built in this picture, you could win our prize! Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.

From the last issue: Congratulations to Shelby (Elge '08) Swanson! Her name was drawn from those who correctly identified our Marquette, Nebraska, campus, so she wins our prize.



A Festival of Lessons & Carols!

Friday, December 13, 2019 // Doors open at 5:30 • Festival begins at 6:15

Tickets are \$22 each and will be available for purchase online starting November 1. See our website for more information.



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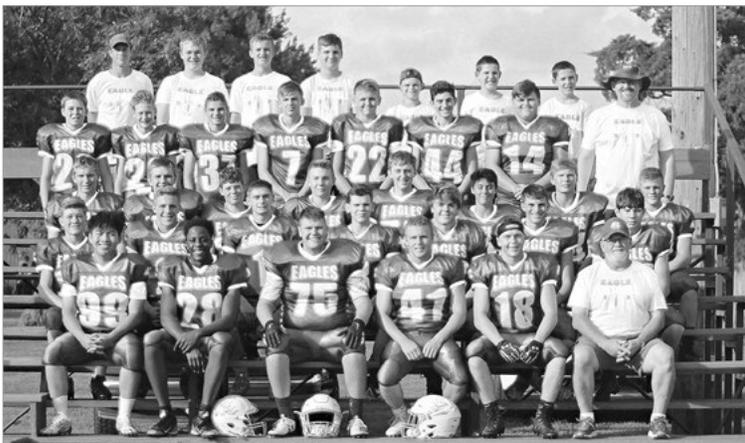
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Fall Sports Teams Begin Strong

NC's fall sports teams are off to a great start! Through the beginning of October, the football team is 4-1 (2-0 in the district), the volleyball team is 15-4 (2-1 in the district), and the boys cross country team recently won the conference meet.



Above: Football. Row 1: Johnny Wu, Keith Wasomi, Seth Hower, Kalob Green, Garrett Swantek, Assistant Coach David Gee. Row 2: Gabe Huenefeld, Elijah Green, Elijah Boersen, Aidan Pipher, Carl Mundt, Grant Stuhmer, James Thomas. Row 3: Peter Paul, Dayton Falk, Kaleb Morton, Isaac Halbgewachs, Nehemiah Peters, Daniel Musgrave, Zach Egeland, Stone Swantek. Row 4: Micah Davis, Isaac Herman, Jacob Nokelby, Drew Perdew, Terry Sebek, Will Twogood, Malachi Wheeler, Head Coach Andy Falk. Row 5: Assistant Coach Clay Mankin, Student Managers Gavin Falk, Micah Perdew, Drew Bailey, Jacob Frey, Isaiah Davis, Josiah Davis.

Right: Volleyball. Row 1: Stephanie Strobel, Grace Langemeier, Kendyl Jividen. Row 2: Sophie Swanson, Sidney McHargue, Reghan Flynn, Lizzie Powers, Shelby McHargue, Tina Wang. Row 3: Marlie Mundt, Tabitha Seip, Molly Griess, Tenny Sebek, Chelsey Myers. Row 4: Maryah Wheeler, Claire Pipher, Makayla Wheeler, Amy Springer, Sarah Klein. Not pictured: Head Coach Amy Schreiber ('02), Assistant Coach Kate (Ritta '00) Perry.



Above: Cross Country. Row 1: Garrett Nokelby, Talia Parlane, Clay Purkerson. Row 2: Poko Hongdillokkul, Rachel Rathjen, Olivia Janssen, Amanda Carlson, Shelby Swanson, Chantz Stuhmer, Joshua Strong, Xavier Herman. Row 3: YuFan Ma, Malachi Zaruba, Riley Schreiber, Caden Bokelman, Ethan Merchant, Kaler Johansen. Row 4: Charlie Cheng, Truitt Merchant, Ethan Carlson, Tug Burdett. Not pictured: Head Coach Scott Johnson, Assistant Coach Rick Jacques.

