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God Is on the Move

by Tim Hekrdle, Superintendent



Wow! All glory to God for what has been a really exciting first semester. As you read through this issue, you will certainly see individuals and organizations that God has been impacting through Nebraska Christian Schools, and there is no doubt that He is on the move here now, as well.

As some of you know, year in and year out, we raise about 20% of our budget through generous donors who offset the cost of our school and make it affordable for our families. Some of you may have noticed that we were lagging greatly behind in the first half of our fiscal year. I feel particularly humbled and grateful to be able to give a positive report on our general budget. By the grace of God, we are back on track for this 2018-19 fiscal year with our gift income that we so heavily depend on. Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support.

We are also pleased to report that God is at work here at NC by way of bringing hearts into alignment in several areas. One important area is this: we must take great care of the resources God has granted us before we can fully embrace any new construction he might bless us with. One example includes our beloved Administration Building. If you have been on campus recently, you have likely noticed its dilapidated state. You also know that we must act soon to be able to preserve this iconic building, which has played a major role in the

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Announcing the Administration Building Preservation Project

We are excited to announce that *The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign* has moved in a new and exciting direction, focusing on a critical need, which is preserving our iconic administration building. The administration building serves as the hub of our campus here at Nebraska Christian Schools and is a rare iconic survivor of that era. We have come to a crucial time in this campaign where a decision to preserve the building and maintain the much needed administrative space was necessary.

Through the joint efforts of the Nebraska Christian School Board represented by Chairman Paul McHargue, Superintendent Tim Hekrdle, Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation Director Jody Heuermann, and Foundation Chairman Belinda Strobel, the decision has been made to *preserve* the building for future use.

The Nebraska Christian School Board has approved a budget of \$600,000 with work beginning as money is received. We believe through your generous support we can have the exterior portion of this project completed by the 60 year celebration at the 2019 Home-



coming Reunion.

Will you consider what your part might be in preserving this iconic building? We believe what God started in 1885 with the construction of this building will continue to impact the lives of our students today and for many years to come.

This project will run concurrently with Phase 2A (more info on p. 4); if you feel led to give to *The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign*, please give to whichever project the Lord has placed on your heart.

Make checks payable to *Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation* and mail to NCS Foundation, c/o Administration Building, P.O. Box 222, Central City, NE 68826.

Save the Date for Homecoming 2019

Celebrating 60 Years of Nebraska Christian!
September 13 & 14, 2019

Plan to join us for our 60-year celebration! Details to come.



Students & Staff

Pray for safety for our juniors, seniors, and staff sponsors as they go on trips in February.

Pray for the elementary students as they prepare for their musical on March 1.

Events:

Pray for preparations for the Dinner & Benefit Auction and especially for Kristy as she coordinates everything.

School:

Join us in praising God for the way He moved in hearts to give to meet the school's financial needs (see p. 2).

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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.

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history of Nebraska Christian.

Truly, just as exciting as the general budget provisions are the collaborative efforts that have been taking place by Nebraska Christian Schools (NCS), the NCS Foundation, and the NCS Board of Education. I am so pleased to let you know that we, together, are moving forward to save the Administration Building. A caveat, of course, is that we will need a lot of help to get this done. Our hope is that many are as excited about the prospect as we are. God has been faithful in getting us to this point, and we believe that He will be



Two Qualify for State Cross Country

by Laura Carlson, senior

Coach's Aide Rick Jacques, Garrett Nokelby, Laura Carlson, Head Coach Scott Johnson.

Dollars & Sense



by Tom Dockweiler ('79)

Business Manager

As business manager, I have a front row seat to watch what God is doing

to provide for Nebraska Christian Schools. Most of the time, I really enjoy that. Despite seeing a lot of encouraging things over the course of my years in this office, I sometimes act like the Israelites in the desert and start wondering if God can really provide for us this time. He always brings me up short. I would like to tell you about the most recent one.

For those of you who don't know, I reported to our Advisory Council at their December 10th meeting that our gift income so far this year was running over \$80,000 behind the previous year. Because of God's goodness and prudent planning by previous boards and administrators, being that far behind was not enough to threaten this school year, but, if the trend continued, it was likely to have an impact on how we would budget for the 2019-2020 school year. We could report that we were doing what we could and that a letter would be going out shortly to try to raise the funds. In the back of my mind, I was already trying to figure out what cuts we would have to make in next year's budget.

Before we left on Christmas break, just 11 days later, I was able to report

faithful in raising up the continued prayer, financial, and volunteer resources required to complete the preservation of the Administration Building. Just one question remains: Will you be one that joins us for the ride in bringing this building and

Junior Garrett Nokelby and senior Laura Carlson both qualified for the state cross country competition held at the Kearney Country Club in October by placing in the top 15 at districts.

This was Carlson's second year of cross country and first year making it to state. Nokelby has competed in cross country for three years, but this was also his first state appearance. Though neither medaled, both gave all that they had in the race.

to our administrator, Tim Hekrdle, that gift income was now slightly ahead of what we had received the previous year and only slightly behind the budget for this year. Keep in mind that while the Christmas appeal letter had been mailed, we were not yet seeing any responses to it. It was as if God was saying, "Go ahead. Write your little letter. I've got this." I even took the opportunity to harass Tim a bit. I remember telling him, "Just wait till they get your letter."

Long story short, not only was God providing without regard to the letter, but the response to Tim's letter was unprecedented. Our budget is back on track, and we cannot wait to see what God does with the funding He has provided. Join us in praising God for His provision and pray for us that we would be good stewards of what He has provided. Pray also that we would rest confidently in Him the next time the budget runs short.

Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

this campus to the next level?

To learn more about how God has blessed us, aligned hearts, and revealed his plan, please check out the articles on pages 1 & 2. To give to the Ad Building Preservation project, please send your check made out

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

23-27 Senior Trip to Washington, D.C.

27-March 2
Junior Trip to Minneapolis

MARCH

1 Elementary Musical
PAC (Central City), 7 p.m.

7 Speech Showcase, 6:30 p.m.

17 Choir Tour

22 Auction Preview, 5 p.m.

23 Dinner & Benefit Auction
5 p.m.

31 Choir Tour
York Evangelical Free Church, 10 a.m.

APRIL

14 Choir Tour
Grace Bible Fellowship (Central City),
6 p.m.

19-22 Easter Break

25 Spring Concert
PAC (Central City), 7 p.m.

29 Digging Deeper (details to come)

MAY

11 Graduation, 10:30 a.m.

16 Last Day of School

For additional events visit
nebraskachristian.org/calendar

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to the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation to NCS Foundation, c/o Ad Building, PO Box 222, Central City, NE 68826. To volunteer labor in support, please contact Joshua Davis at jdavis@nebraskachristian.org or 308-940-2973.



Volleyball Team Makes State for 2nd Consecutive Year

by Adrienne Falk, senior

The 2018 Lady Eagle volleyball season was one to remember. The team ended the season with a 26-5 record, a conference championship, and a trip to the state tournament for the second year in a row, after defeating Giltner in five sets for the district title. (At the end of the season, the team was ranked sixth in Class D-1.)

The team's success was greatly attributed to both underclassmen and upperclassmen who stepped up to fill crucial roles on the team. Junior Kendyl Jividen said, "This volleyball season provided a lot of players with new opportunities, as we lost three key players. A lot of people rose to the occasion and played positions they weren't quite used to. I am very grateful I was a part of a team that sought to win every game. Since we had a lot of freshmen playing, teamwork was even more im-

Senior Jada McHargue waves to the crowd as she is introduced at the state volleyball tournament. The Lady Eagles lost to Pleasanton in the first round and ended the season ranked 6th in Class D-1.

portant to help them play confidently."

The team was forced to pull together and communicate even more than usual in order to help out the underclassmen. Freshman Molly Griess added, "Volleyball was a huge transition this year going from junior high to playing as a highschooler. I really loved how much faster-paced the game was, and it was a huge challenge to face. Sometimes it was pretty intimidating to play with all of the super talented upperclassmen, but they are all super patient and kind, and I learned a lot from them not only about volleyball, but also how to be a team player and play for the glory of God."

Unfortunately, the team suffered a first round loss at state to Pleasanton in three straight sets. Even though the season didn't end exactly how the team had hoped, the lessons learned, relationships built, and the whole state experience are all things that the girls will not forget anytime soon.

Thieszens Receive Hall of Faith Award

At the Harvest Festival on October 26, NC Business Manager Tom Dockweiler ('79) announced Elroy ('72) & Debby (Foley '73) Thieszen as the recipients of the 2018 Hall of Faith Award. Below is an excerpt from his speech.

Since 1983, the board of Nebraska Christian Schools has been giving the Hall of Faith Award, recognizing individuals who have been, as stated on the plaques that are given with this award, "Used of the Lord... at Nebraska Christian Schools." Tonight, the award honors a couple whose interactions with Nebraska Christian Schools go back at least 50 years.

He began his high school career on this campus in the fall of 1968. His father had served on the school's advisory council and board for a few years before that, and I suspect he participated in several work days in the years leading up to his enrollment that fall. She began her high school career a year later in the fall of 1969. Yearbooks indicate that both were active in multiple activities at NC. He graduated in the spring of 1972, and she graduated in the spring of 1973. I don't know the details of all

that transpired after that. But I do know that, starting in 1993 with the enrollment of their oldest daughter and continuing through 2005 when their youngest son graduated, each of their four children, two boys and two girls, were students at Nebraska Christian Schools. In short, this couple's life continues to fulfill, as many of our graduates do, the goals this school set for itself 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.

What focused the board's attention on this couple when they were considering possible nominees for this award, however, was the leadership they provided during his time on the board from 1997 to 2003. As chairman of the board from 1998-2003, he presided over the hiring of Dr. David Edgren as the school's administrator, the revitalization of our program for international students, and the transition to the policy governance model. All of these have had a lasting impact on the way the school functions today.

At one point in the process of



UNK Honor Band & Choir

Nine Nebraska Christian students were selected to participate in the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Honor Band & Choral Clinic in late January. Row 1: Sara Royle, Bekah Feddersen, Olivia Janssen, Talia Parlane. Row 2: Clay Purkerson, Keith Wasomi, Seth Hower, Ben Janssen, Til Lyu.

looking for an effective model for board governance, the couple hosted the board at their church for meetings with a representative from the Association of Christian Schools International. That was probably the time that her many behind-the-scenes activities supporting his role as board chairman were most clearly visible to myself and the board.

His dedication to the school was obvious, but what demonstrated it most to me was his willingness to extend short term loans to the school so that faculty and staff paychecks could be released on time. I

suspect he heard stories from his dad about earlier board members mortgaging their personal property just to keep the school open and had learned from those stories to expect that sort of sacrifice himself. I am happy to say the finances of the school improved during and after his tenure on the board. I am certain that he is happy about that, as well.

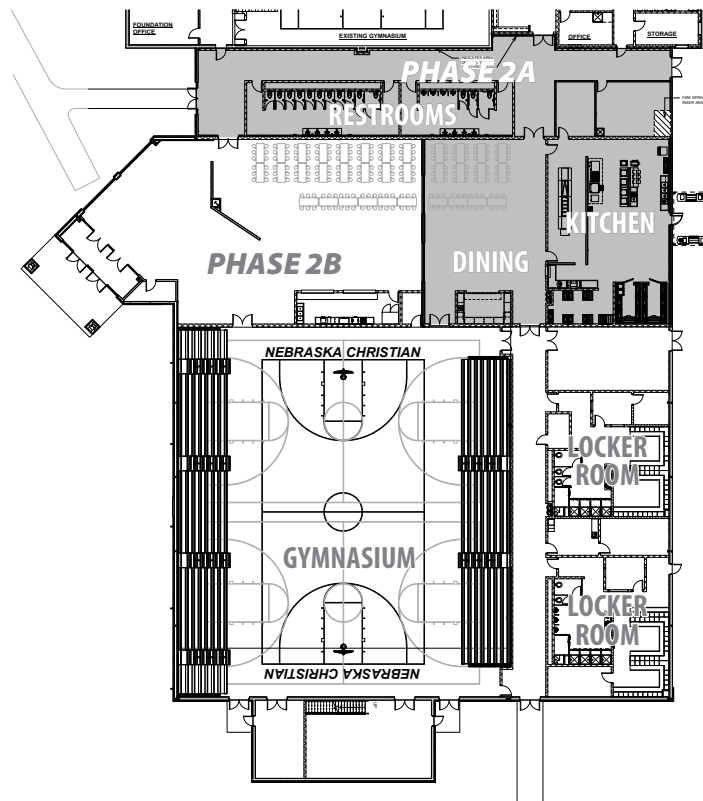
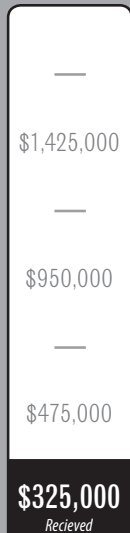
We are grateful that they have been used of the Lord at Nebraska Christian Schools. Please join me in congratulating the recipients of this 2018 Hall of Faith Award, Elroy & Debby Thieszen.

Exciting Opportunity!

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



Phase 2 New Kitchen, Commons Area & Gymnasium

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 and Pick Up

Make checks payable to Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation

Mail to:
NCS Foundation, Phase 2A
PO Box 222, Central City, NE 68826

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Jody Heuermann, Foundation Director

Leaving a Legacy that Builds Lives for Eternity

by Jody Heuermann,
NCS Foundation Executive Director



God gives each of us resources to use and invest for his purpose. The resources are not to be hidden or thrown away. What is God's plan for your talents and wealth? What is your responsibility in multiplying your wealth for spreading the gospel?

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 Years Capital Campaign*? This addresses the needs of having a State of the Art Kitchen, Dining Hall, and ADA Restrooms / Storm Shelters.

Phase 2A will impact future leaders who will shape our world for generations to come. The outreach of this campaign will serve our local and global community initiatives. NCS strives to serve the educational development of our youth and the economic well-being of Nebraska.

"Put your hope in God. Be rich in good deeds, generous and willing to share. Take hold of the life that is truly life, and guard what has been entrusted to your care."

I Timothy 6:17-19 (paraphrase)

As you consider your yearlong giving, remember the need for a strong financial base at Nebraska Christian Schools. Our students are truly making a difference right here in our community and throughout the world! Please consider partnering with us as we support and enhance the mission of Nebraska Christian Schools.

Foundation Board Members:

- Belinda Strobel, Board President
- Larry Myers, Board Vice President
- Lanny Faeh, Board Secretary/Treasurer
- Matt Green, NC Board Liaison
- Wayne Williams, General Board

118 INTERVIEWED

6 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
6 COACHES
9 BOARD MEMBERS
15 PARENTS
37 STAFF MEMBERS
45 STUDENTS

Vision & Values Recap

When Mr. Hekrdle arrived this summer, he felt it was important to reflect, set goals, and seek the Lord's guidance as he learned the school's culture, strengths, and weaknesses in order to be well-equipped to lead the school. He undertook the Vision and Values Listening Tour with the goal of hearing from various stakeholders in the NC community.

To date, Mr. Hekrdle has hosted 28 interviews with a total of 118 people. These interviews have included board members, staff, students, parents and alumni. Additionally, he has received 65 responses on NC's website to the Vision & Values Survey. Participants

in the interviews and survey give feedback on their experience with NC in the past, their perception of its current state, and their hopes for the future of the school.

Across all participants, common positive themes stand out. Participants cite NC's faithfulness to its mission of providing an education with a biblical worldview as the thing they're most pleased with at NC. Also commonly cited are the quality of the staff, students, and academic education.

Strong themes arise for areas of improvement as well. When asked to prioritize facility needs on campus, participants pointed to

the Gym Building's bathrooms, the kitchen/cafeteria, and maintaining existing facilities as the highest needs. In relation to communication, many see the need for stronger advertising and public outreach to prospective families.

The results of the interviews and survey will be compiled and used to help Mr. Hekrdle and the board in developing a strategic plan for the future of the school. Although the interview stage of the process is completed, you can still participate by filling out the Vision and Values Survey found on the homepage of NC's website (nebraskachristian.org). The survey will close on March 1, 2019.

Football Season Ends at 9-1

by Cody Griess, senior

The 2018 Nebraska Christian Eagles football team had one of the most successful seasons in school history. Prior to the season, the Eagles were predicted to have only two or three wins, but they did not pay too much attention those predictions.

The Eagles were 2-6 in 2017 and lost six seniors from that team, but that obviously had no effect on this year's team. They began the season with a first game win against Thayer Central. From there, the Eagles just gained momentum, getting better every week and rolling over teams.

The Eagles returned key starters Noah Boersen, Toby Watson, Jake Twogood, Elijah Boersen, and Seth Hower. The team remained fairly healthy during the season with injuries to some younger guys, an early injury to junior Garrett Swantek and a mid-season injury to senior Cody Griess. Younger, less-experienced players, such as Grant Stuhmer and Aidan Pipher, stepped into varsity roles to help the Eagles continually win, and the Eagles paved their way to the playoffs with an 8-0 record.

Junior Seth Hower said, "I expected us to have a decent season with four or five wins, but I didn't expect us to go undefeated [in the regular season] and win a playoff game."

The team suffered a minor injury to starting sophomore quarterback Elijah Boersen early in the first round, but that did not stop their offense as they scored a season high 76 points. The Eagles flew their way to the second round of the state playoffs but lost a close game to the North Central Knights by a touchdown, ending the season at 9-1. When the Omaha World Herald's final football rankings were released after the playoffs, the Eagles found themselves ranked 9th



Aidan Pipher (#9) and Keith Wasomi (#28) work together to tackle an Ainsworth ball carrier during the first round playoff game. The Eagles won the game 76-40 and lost to North Central 28-36 in the second round.

— NC Almanac —

10 years ago (Winter '08-'09)

- Bernice Grantham, who, with her husband Joyce, was instrumental in NC's founding, receives the Hall of Faith Award at the Harvest Festival.
- Jessica Bailey ('09) is the state winner of the VFW's Voice of Democracy competition.

in Eight Man-1.

When asked what his favorite part of the season was, senior Jake Twogood commented, "What I liked most about this season was the tight bond we had as a team. The games were really fun to play in this year because we played for each other and for God."

20 years ago (Winter '98-'99)

- NC begins its wrestling program with Coach Terry Elge at the helm.
- Josh Schreiber ('99) is selected as the FCA Regional Athlete of the Year
- The elementary raises more than \$2,600 through the Pancake Feed.

30 years ago (Winter '88-'89)

- Mr. & Mrs. Erceil Sellers and Miss Helen Ogle receive the Hall of Faith Award at the Harvest Festival, which is attended by nearly 500 people.
- Dennis Fling ('89) and Niki Wagner ('89) are named homecoming king and queen.
- \$10,000 is raised to reroof the cafeteria portion of the gym building.

40 years ago (Winter '78-'79)

- \$10,000 in cash and \$5,500 in pledges come in at the 20th Anniversary Harvest Festival

50 years ago (Winter '68-'69)

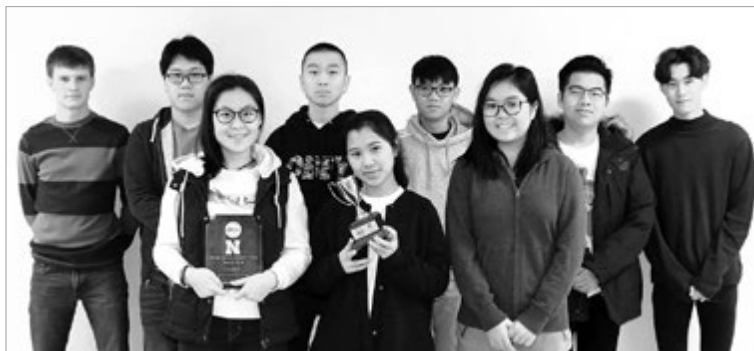
- The board decides to add a football program. (NC's first football team took the field in the fall of 1969.)



NC Elementary Grandparents Day

The NC Elementary held its annual Grandparents Day on October 12 with the theme "Game On." Grandparents and grandchildren enjoyed lunch together, made a take-home craft, played games, took a campus tour, and spent time in the classrooms. The elementary band and choir also performed at the event.

Brinlee Galles and her grandma Denise Winsterman work on a craft project during Grandparents Day.



Front: Arwen Zhang, Linh Nguyen, Manisa Hongdilokkul. Back: Ben Janssen, Til Lyu, Kevin Yu, Duong Ha, Johnny Wu, Sam Qu.

Math Team Excels at UNL Math Day

On November 15, math teacher Andy Falk took nine math students to UNL's annual Math Day. 1,359 students from 97 Nebraska high schools participated in the day, which consisted of individual PROBE (Problems Requiring Original and Brilliant Effort) competitions and a team math bowl competition. The top individual scores from each team were also combined to create a team PROBE score.

The NC team placed third in its division in the math bowl tournament and second in the PROBE I team competition. In the individual

competitions, senior Arwen Zhang placed 23rd in the PROBE I competition and tied for 9th in the PROBE II competition. Due to her placing in PROBE II, she received a \$2,000 UNL scholarship.

Of the day, Falk said, "Each of the students contributed to the success we had at math day. Some scored really well on the PROBE I test, which earned us second place in our class and sixth place overall. Many also contributed to our success in the math bowl competition. It is always satisfying to see students enjoy math and desire to do well in math."



2019 Dinner & Benefit Auction March 22nd & 23rd

by Kristy Langemeier, Special Events Coordinator



You are invited to attend this very important dinner and auction! By God's grace, this event has raised over \$2.1 million during the past 16 years and has afforded NC the ability to supplement teachers' salaries and provide scholarships for those students who may not otherwise be able to attend Nebraska Christian. As we are preparing for our 17th auction, we can see God's hand all over this event. He has chosen to bless us not only financially, but also through the community exposure it gives us and the opportunity to invite people to our campus that might not come for any other reason. It is also a time for the entire NC family to work together and give back to the school we all appreciate so much.

You can partner with Nebraska Christian by:

- **Providing items, gift certificates, and/or services.** We will be accepting items for

our Silent and Live Auctions until February 8th. Feel free to call with your creative ideas. We may be able to network some items to create a total package, or you may be able to give us a lead to something we haven't thought of. Unique experiences have brought thousands of dollars to this fundraiser.

- **Donating cash to underwrite the expenses of the event.** The more of our expenses that are underwritten by your donations, the greater the profit the school realizes from the sale of tickets and items.

- **Sponsoring a table.**

Corporate Level:

\$1000 Table Sponsor/8 guests & prominent recognition in the catalog at the event and in our publications

Standard Level:

\$400.00 Table Sponsor/8 guests

Individual Level:

\$50.00 Per Dinner Reservation

- **Donating money to go directly to the scholarship fund.**

We have found our donors to be very enthusiastic about giving to scholarship, thus making a Christian education available to students who might otherwise not be able to attend NC.

Reservations and donations can be made by stopping by the Special Events Office, calling the office at 308-946-3836, calling Kristy's cell at 402-209-3282, or emailing klange-meier@nebraskachristian.org.

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#NCEagles



Marlow Pedersen (1936-2018)

Marlow Pedersen began working at Nebraska Christian in 1989 and retired in 2011. Throughout the years, he served as a teacher, principal, coach, and athletic director. Following his retirement, he and his wife Donna remained faithful supporters of NC and attended as many events as possible. Bruce "Marlow" Pedersen was born August 22, 1936, near Meckling, SD, the son of Ole and Bertha (Peterson) Pedersen. He died Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at the Central City Care Center in Central City, Nebraska.

Marlow graduated from Scotland High School in 1955. He worked for two years at home, then attended college at Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, SD, graduating in 1961.

Marlow married Donna Mae DeGroot on June 3, 1959, in the Kingsburg Community Church.

Marlow taught at Harrisburg High School for two years. They moved to Sunshine Bible Academy, Miller, SD, in June 1963. He earned his Masters of Science in Education degree (1970) and his Principal's Certification (1972) at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. "Coach" taught industrial arts, social science, and math at SBA. He coached football, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track, boys and girls cross country, wrestling, and volleyball. He is still known as "Coach" Pedersen to the Sunshine alumni. He was a Principal, Dean

of Students, and Athletic Director. In August 1989, Marlow started at Nebraska Christian Schools, where he was Principal and Athletic Director. He also taught industrial arts, coached boys basketball, and assisted with track. Marlow retired in 2011 after 50 years in education. Marlow and Donna were faithful attenders of all sporting events until he passed.

Marlow was a member of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, where he was an elder and taught Sunday School. Other activities that Marlow enjoyed were gardening, fishing, hunting, and woodworking.

Marlow is survived by his wife, Donna, numerous children and grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Memorials will be directed to Sunshine Bible Academy, Nebraska Christian, and Grace Bible Fellowship.



Festival Ushers in Christmas Season

by Jody Heuermann, Festival Director

The 2018 Festival of Lessons & Carols, entitled "Amazing Love," continued our annual celebration on Friday, December 14. This event is so special and has become a significant concert of worship and outreach for many people who have made it part of their family's holiday tradition.

This year's Festival brought together students from NC, High Plains, and Heartland Lutheran, making up a choir of 150 high school students. An additional 32 elementary students formed the children's choir. Both of these choirs rehearsed and performed with an orchestra of 45 local musicians and college students.

The event was again led by internationally-known conductor Maestro Eric Dale Knapp and featured keyboard artist Linda Sweetman-Waters, who graciously shared

their talents and gift of music with us again this year.

The planning for the Festival is a year long process, and we thank each person for their part in what has become a tradition for the NC family and reaches out to our communities, proclaims the gospel, and honors the Christmas story.

I'd like to give a special thank you to Music Director Mike Flynn for his great efforts in working with all the students, Superintendent Tim Hekrdle for the school-wide support, Kristy Langemeier for her decorating support, and to Festival Assistant Director Amy Fetterley, who worked tirelessly with me in planning and organizing this special event.

Thank you to everyone who attended; your support is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2019 Festival of Lessons & Carols on December 13, 2019.

NC Flashback



Since 2003, the Dinner & Benefit Auction has been NC's largest fundraising event, and preparations are currently underway for our 2019 auction. Can you identify these girls who are helping prepare for the second annual auction? Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org. You'll get one entry in our drawing for each person you correctly identify.



From the last issue: The teacher pictured is Tom Dockweiler ('79). After teaching at NC for several years, Dockweiler became the business manager in 1996, a position he holds to this day. Congratulations to Molly Masters! Her name was drawn from those who correctly identified Dockweiler, so she wins our prize!

The NC Elementary Presents:

THE INCREDIBLE RACE

a Patch the Pirate Musical

Friday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.

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Now Booking the NC Choir

Our choir will be touring on **March 17, March 31, and April 14.**
We still have openings on all three dates, so if you're interested in having the choir at your church, please call Susan at 308-946-3836.



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Purkerson Named to All-State Chorus



Each year, approximately 3,000 of the best high school musicians in the state audition for the

Nebraska All-State Band, Chorus, Jazz Band, and Orchestra, which are sponsored by the Nebraska Music Education Association. Selection as a member of one of these groups is one of the highest music honors attainable in Nebraska.

Junior Clay Purkerson is one of 440 students selected to the 2018 All-State Chorus. Purkerson, son of Travis & Ruth Purkerson of Central City, sang Bass 2.

The All-State Chorus rehearsed November 14-16 and gave a public performance at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus on the 16th.



Robotics Clinic

NC hosted a robotics programming clinic and skills challenge on Saturday, January 12. Approximately 65 students attended the morning workshops, and 11 robot teams competed in the afternoon skills challenge. The NC team C3604R won for the highest skill score, and they also won the CREATE Foundation Think Award for best computer programming.

Josh Strong, Xavier Herman, Connor Lovejoy, Ben Janssen

Do You Love Graphic Design? We Have an Opportunity for You!

NC is soliciting proposals for a new logo from our alumni and friends who are gifted in graphic design and marketing. The logo will be used to help brand all school materials and marketing such as letterhead, business cards, pens, school clothing, signage, website, etc. The desired final product will be delivered prior to August 1, 2019, and will include vertical, horizontal, black and white, color, and various file types for different uses.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please include your connection to NC, a budget, a timeline, and examples of past projects and/or your vision for the new logo. All proposals must be submitted by March 1. A committee will select a designer to work with.

You may send submissions to sfranc1@nebraska-christian.org OR Nebraska Christian c/o Stephani Franc1, 1847 Inskip Ave, Central City, NE 68826.