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Strengthening Our School and Community

Thank you to all who contributed to the NBC Foundation during the Big Give on May 8. We had a successful event and even won an incentive prize for the most contributions between 6:00-8:00 a.m. The Big Give helps us realize how fortunate the North Bend-Morse Bluff area is to have so many non-profit organizations with volunteers working to strengthen our schools and community. Groups participating in the Big Give this year included the North Bend Area Community Foundation, Library Foundation, VFW Post, Grand Passage Sportsmen Fund, NBC Booster Club, and the Purcell Initiative. Plus, there are many more organizations in our area that didn't participate in the Big Give but are devoted to public service. Your supporting dollars make possible the services these groups provide, and we recognize and appreciate your generosity.

Can the NBC Foundation count on your help again this year? Your donation of \$25, \$50, \$100, or more will help the Foundation meet its goal of increasing opportunities through scholarships and grants for NBC students and teachers. And, your fully tax-deductible contribution is partially matched by the Kinman-Oldfield Foundation, further increasing its impact. The NBC Foundation is NOT a government entity and receives NO tax support; only your gifts keep us going and growing.

We hope you enjoy the Foundation's spring newsletter and will consider contributing again this year. Our outstanding students and teachers appreciate your generosity!

~NBC Foundation Board of Trustees



Lindsey is the daughter of Francis and Carol Emanuel.



Jayla is the daughter of Jay Van Ampting and Tina Drews.

Graduate Spotlight

Leading the class of 2025 were Valedictorian Lindsey Emanuel and Salutatorian Jayla Van Ampting. Here are their brief comments on their experiences at NBC.

Lindsey: "Growing up in the close-knit community of North Bend, I've been incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by genuine supporters – people who checked in on the teams I've been a part of, celebrated my success, and offered encouragement along the way. Acts of kindness here have built lasting relationships and shown me the powerful impact of true support, something I'll never take for granted. As I reflect on these years, I'm filled with gratitude for the many ways my school and community have shaped me. I'll carry the values I've learned and continue the cycle of support, service, and kindness. I'm excited to impact others' lives the way this community has impacted mine. This fall, I will be attending UNL to study business and law. And as always, "Go Tigers!"

Jayla: "Growing up and attending school in a small town, like North Bend, has been such a blessing. Being in a smaller school allowed for my Class to become a tight-knit community and allowed for close relationships between grades as well. Teachers and coaches at NBC take the time to build bonds with their students and players. I will always be grateful for the connections I have made with other students and staff at NBC. In the fall, I will attend Wayne State College and major in elementary education."



NBC 3rd grader, Jentrie Emanuel, and mother, Paige, had a great time running the 5K run to celebrate the end of the Girls on the Run season. Girls on the Run, funded by the NBC Foundation, helps young girls recognize their inner strength, increase physical activity, and grow their confidence.

Teacher Projects Grants Awarded

The NBC Foundation Board approved teacher-initiated project grants totaling over \$13,500 at its meeting in April. This year's project grants include:

Prowling Pen Literary Magazine (Suzy Morgan)
Girls on the Run (Marissa Ortmeier)
MathCounts Competition (Aubrey Miller)
Middle School STEM Camp (Miller)
Python Robots Project (Becky Streff)
Learning Outside of Class (Streff)
Birds of Prey (Kinsey Wemhoff)
Emergency Preparedness (Streff)
Digging Into the Past (Amy Ferguson, Melissa Cody)
Future Problem Solving (Cody)
College Visits (Chris Gaughen)
Scholarship Advising/Writing Nights (Chris Gaughen)
Bird Sanctuary (Katie Scholl, Jana Post)
Wildlife Encounter (Scholl, Post)
Traveling the Oregon Trail (Scholl, Post)
Reading Celebrations (Scholl, Post)
Accelerated Reader Books (Sarah Castillo)
Series Collections (Castillo)
Wax Museum (Jordan Nelson)
Appcentri Scholarship Software (Gaughen)



NBC 5th graders exploring robotics, a project that was funded by an NBC Foundation teacher grant.

Funding for some of the grants comes from the Kay Eveland Memorial Fund, the Steve Richardson Teacher Fund, and the NBC Teacher Projects Fund administered by the NBC Foundation.

REMEMBER WHEN...

1950: The Tigers won their first conference 6-man football championship going 3-0 in conference play. Music appreciation was offered to high school students this year, giving them the opportunity to study composers and their works.

1955: The 9th annual Homecoming football game was held in the afternoon to give the coronation royalty a gala presentation. Queen Marlene Hynek and King Bill Winkleman reigned over the Farmer's Fair. The senior class presented "Shy Guy," a three-act comedy.

1960: Valedictorian Richard Freeman and Salutatorian Marcia Dodge represented the senior class. The journalism class worked to meet the deadline for the first school edition of the *North Bend Eagle*. Toastmaster for the Pep Club Banquet was James Arneal with Irvin Peterson of Nebraska Wesleyan giving the address.

1965: The Annual was dedicated to William Paden, Salutatorian of the Class of 1940 and the current superintendent. Homecoming Royalty were Kathy Chromy and Steve Powers.

1970: After 63 years, students said "goodbye" to North Bend High School with its saggy ceilings, drafty rooms, and falling plaster. NBC Librarian Stella Softley prepared to move to the new NBC Library. NBC wrestlers opened their sport under Coach John Samuelson.

1975: Mini-classes were offered this year, including plastics, puff blankets, film developing, wire art, golf, and trap. Mrs. Ciemny (Wizard of English) retired after 46 years of teaching. NBC Wrestling Coach John Samuelson leaves North Bend for Winnebago.

1980: The yearbook theme was: "NBC Pride of the Platte Valley." The track teams included 46 boys and 36 girls. The last page of the Annual dealt with hostages in Iran, inflation, and the prices of gold and glass.

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Seniors Earn Foundation Scholarships

CONGRATULATION to the 2025 Seniors who earned NBC Foundation scholarships. The Foundation Board awarded \$38,400 in scholarships this year -- a record amount --including 10 Board of Trustees/Kinman-Oldfield scholarships and 13 family memorial scholarships administered by the NBC Foundation or Fremont Area Community Foundation. Since 1993, the NBC Foundation has awarded 387 Board of Trustees and family memorial scholarships valued at more than \$335,000.

Winners of the Board of Trustee scholarships:
Joseph Blaha—Northeast Community College, Welding
Alexa Brodd—Wayne State, Agribusiness
Olivia Buresh—UNL, Veterinary Medicine
Brier Cerny—USC, Mass Communications/Pre-Law
Anna Dunker—UNL, Biological Sciences
Lindsey Emanuel—UNL, Business/Law
Prezley Limbach—Wayne State, Business Management
Brooke Van Nortwick—UNL, Elementary Education
Wyatt Schwanebeck—NECC, Building Construction
Jayla Van Ampting—Wayne State, Elementary Education

Board Scholarship winners: (Front row) Brooke Van Nortwick, Olivia Buresh, Jayla Van Ampting, Anna Dunker, Prezley Limbach, (second row) Alexa Brodd, Joseph Blaha, Brier Cerny, Wyatt Schwanebeck, and Lindsey Emanuel.



Family Memorial Scholarships winners: (Front row) Kellen McLaughlin, Izik Tant, Joseph Blaha, (second row) Kylin Swanson, Alexa Brodd, Olivia Buresh, Jayla Van Ampting, and Lindsey Emanuel.

Winners of the family memorial scholarships are:
Darlene Ough Memorial 2026: **Kylin Swanson**—Southeast Community College, Nursing
Thomas E. Wolf Memorial: **Lindsey Emanuel**
Jeffrey Mines Memorial: **Joseph Blaha**
Jim/Sandra Kruger Memorial: **Jayla Van Ampting**
Janet Kavan Memorial: **Izik Tant**—UNO, Engineering
Carol Wilson Memorial: **Paige Bunn, Olivia Buresh**
Ladehoff Family Memorial: **Jayla Van Ampting**
LCF Traditional **Alexa Brodd**
LCF Vocational: **Kylin Swanson**
Anne Simanek Memorial Career/Technical: **Joseph Blaha**
Anne Simanek Memorial STEAM: **Kellen McLaughlin**—UNL, Civil Engineering
Jody (Flamme) Riemann Memorial: **Olivia Buresh**

If I were in charge of the world, I'd cancel joint pain, soy sauce, Nebraska weather, and also stuff getting underneath my fingernails.

If I were in charge of the world, there'd be Steve's from my old town in North Bend, dogs allowed everywhere, mandatory naps every day, and school would start at 11 a.m.

If I were in charge of the world, you wouldn't have due dates.
You wouldn't have math as a subject.
You wouldn't have fights with friends, or have to pay for gas.
You wouldn't even have to pay for the Fortnite battle pass.

If I were in charge of the world, a flight would be a lot shorter distance, all diseases would have a cure, and a person who sometimes forgot to say thank you and sometimes forgot to use an MLA heading would still be allowed to be in charge of the world.

Poem written by senior Chloa Ningen from the Prowling Pen.

Remember When Continued...

1985: Superintendent Francis Masten retired after 16 years to be replaced by Mike Ough. New to NBC were computer science classes at the beginning and advanced levels.

1990: Science Club was formed under the leadership of Bob Feurer. FBLA promoted a better business sense and business skills under the guidance of Geri Kinney.

1995: Citizenship points were introduced as a new percentage grade to be added to a student's average. Bob Feurer was named as Nebraska's recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence for teaching.

2000: The football team ended with a 7-2 record and the East Husker Conference Championship. The first boys golf team included 13 members; the girls golf team had 11.

2005: NBC serves students came from 13 towns and 14 zip codes covering 229 square miles. NBC welcomed two exchange students Michael Vocetka from the Czech Republic and Chau Phung from the Republic of Vietnam.

2010: Superintendent James Havelka retired after 37 years in education. The NBC Quiz Bowl team won the conference competition for the second straight year. Five wrestlers qualified for state and four brought home medals.

2015: The tiger statue that stands in the Tiger Arena entrance was presented to NBC by Edwin Slavik in memory of his wife, Sylvia. "Under the Big Top" was the prom theme.

2020: The football team went 8-1 in and then made it to the second round of state playoffs, the first team in school history to do so. Girls basketball won the state championship. The COVID epidemic forced school to close and students to learn via electronic devices.

2025: Twenty-two members of the NBC Band were selected for the EHC Honor Band at Wayne State College. The musical this year was "Mary Poppins" and featured singing, dancing, and flying kites.

Compiled by Judy Kleopfer

Creating Memorial Scholarships

The NBC Foundation Board would like to thank all the families who endow memorial scholarships administered by the Foundation. This year's new scholarship is the Jody (Flamme) Riemann Memorial Scholarship targeted toward students attending UNL or UNO and administered by the Fremont Area Community Foundation. Mrs. Riemann was a 1969 graduate of NBC.

Establishing a memorial scholarship is a great way to recognize a beloved family member or classmate. If you are interested in establishing one, please contact Board Chairman Jim Havelka at **(402) 620-1705** or **jhavelka48@gmail.com**. Your generosity can make a world of difference to an NBC graduate while memorializing your loved one for years to come.



Jody (Flamme) Riemann

THANK YOU...to all who have donated to the NBC Foundation since our December newsletter, including: Jim/Brenda Robinson, Lon/Carol Bohling, Dave/Karma Amison, Mary Robinson, Mike/Claire Eason, Bill/Carolyn Jackson, Kevin/Julie Kavan, Rachel Wise, Mark Johnson, Brad/Amy Williams, Dorthy Mick, Darlene Becker, Randall/Kathleen Kucera, Lavonne Ladehoff, Kristin Eveland Caradine, Rod Scott, Janet Brabec, Francis/Carol Emanuel, Patrick O'Hara, Rick Tank, Kathleen Zelazny, Michael Vyhldal, Jerry/Barb Soukup, Todd/Rachele Petersen, Rick/Jan Hobza, John Wolf, David Bauer, Emmett J. Powers, Susan Emanuel, Gary/Robin Widhelm, Paul Regan, Doug/Jennifer Johnson, Don Vopalensky, John Dorcey/Sandie Rains, Mark/Patrice Hines, Ken/Becky Streff, Doug/Nichole Ruzicka, Steve/Bev Grueber, Mary Meyer, Steven Powers, Rolлие/Mary Ann Otte, Thomas Siebels/Darcy Cleveringa, Mick Tank, Fred/Lois Lambley, John/Renee Campbell, Steve/Mary Le Arneal, Larry Feala, Mel/Joan Stenger, Emanuel Custom Welding, Sharon Cody, Erik/Tam Korshoj, Ken/Pat Beebe, Darryl/Ann Brodd, Steve/Audrey Chromy, Jim Havelka, Joe/Jacqueline Raus, Larry/Mary Flamme, Don/Deb Andrews and Broc/Ashley Blanchard.

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MEMORIALS...Among those memorialized with donations since our June newsletter were...Beverly Snyder, Evelyn Hovenden, Doug Haase, Linda Havelka, DeeAnn (Limbach) Witthuhn, Vern/Sharon Virka, Jeff Mines, Mike McGinn, Ray Schutt, Bill Peters, Jack/Charlotte Tawney, Tom Wolf, Gregory/Cecilia Powers, Dennis Emanuel, Linda Parson, Don O'Neill, Genni Cerny, Sydney Regan, Harlan Ladehoff, Jannie Fleming, Joyce Ruzicka, Ed Johnson, Jim Vech, Dave Bacon, Robert E. Brodd, Georgia Vyhldal, Robert Polacek, Linda Baumert, Francis Minarick, and Gary Durkop.

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