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*You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings
and prosperity will be yours. Psalm 128:2*



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Notes from the Board...

As parents, we all work hard to provide our children with what they need. Homeschooling adds a new dimension to this entire process.

At times we struggle to stay on task and we tend to feel tired – especially around this time of year when we can see the end of the year in sight, but it’s still too far away to make us feel relief.

Be encouraged and stay the course!

Place yourself in the hands of God and rely on His sustaining power to help you through. Labor as unto the Lord and you will be blessed.

You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Psalm 128:2

In His hands,

Kathryn Dillow
President

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NCHEA



Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association

Presents

31st Annual Home School Conference & Curriculum Fair

April 27 and 28, 2018

Lincoln, NE

**Education – Encouragement – Enrichment for Parents
Veteran, New, and Those Parents Just Considering Home Schooling**

FEATURING *Adam & Ian Andrews* – CenterForLit, Inc.
Carol Becker - HSLDA – High School Consultant
Jake MacAulay – Institute of the Constitution

Two days of workshops presented by nationally known speakers - experts in home education. Exhibit halls packed with curriculum & materials for your homeschool.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION – Friday Evening

TEEN CONFERENCE

***What in the World – View?* with Pastor Timothy Schmidt and Deb Badeer**

KIDS CONFERENCE (ages 5-12)

The Great Adventure! A mission to pursue! A love to share!

Encourage fellow homeschoolers & any considering homeschooling to attend.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.NCHEA.ORG

Walk-in registration during the C&CF

The pre-registration deadline is extended through Saturday, April 7, 2018.

nchea@nchea.org

<https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaChristianHomeEducatorsAssociation>

Homeschool Student Achievements

Our cover was selected in praise of homeschooling parents. As you invest in your children and labor in love, know that you are given a promise – you will indeed enjoy the fruits of your labor. We invite you to read about fulfillment of this promise. We have highlighted a few of the homeschool achievements that have been shared with us. It is our prayer that you will be blessed and encouraged by these stories.

Nebraska Homeschool Spelling Bee 2018

We had a great turn-out at the Nebraska Homeschool Spelling Bee this year with a total of 47 participants. Students came well prepared and eager to compete. The Junior Division (1st-4th grades) had enough participants to run rounds for each grade and we had first and second place winners in each grade. Our Senior Division (5th-8th grade combined) went on for several rounds this year. Our Senior Division winners were Immanuel Soh (1st Place) and Agape Soh (2nd Place); both went on to compete in the Douglas County Bee where Immanuel won and Agape placed in the top four. Immanuel proceeded to the Midwest (Regional) Spelling Bee where he placed 3rd, but his story doesn't stop there. [To be continued...]



1st Moira Snyder (R)
2nd Raelyn Judge (L)



1st Kallan Hodges (R)
2nd Raelynn Gofarth (L)



1st Jace Gable (L)
2nd AnnaSophia Petersen (R)



1st Emily Schmidt (L)
2nd Zachary Dauel (R)



1st Immanuel Soh (L) and 2nd Agape Soh (R)



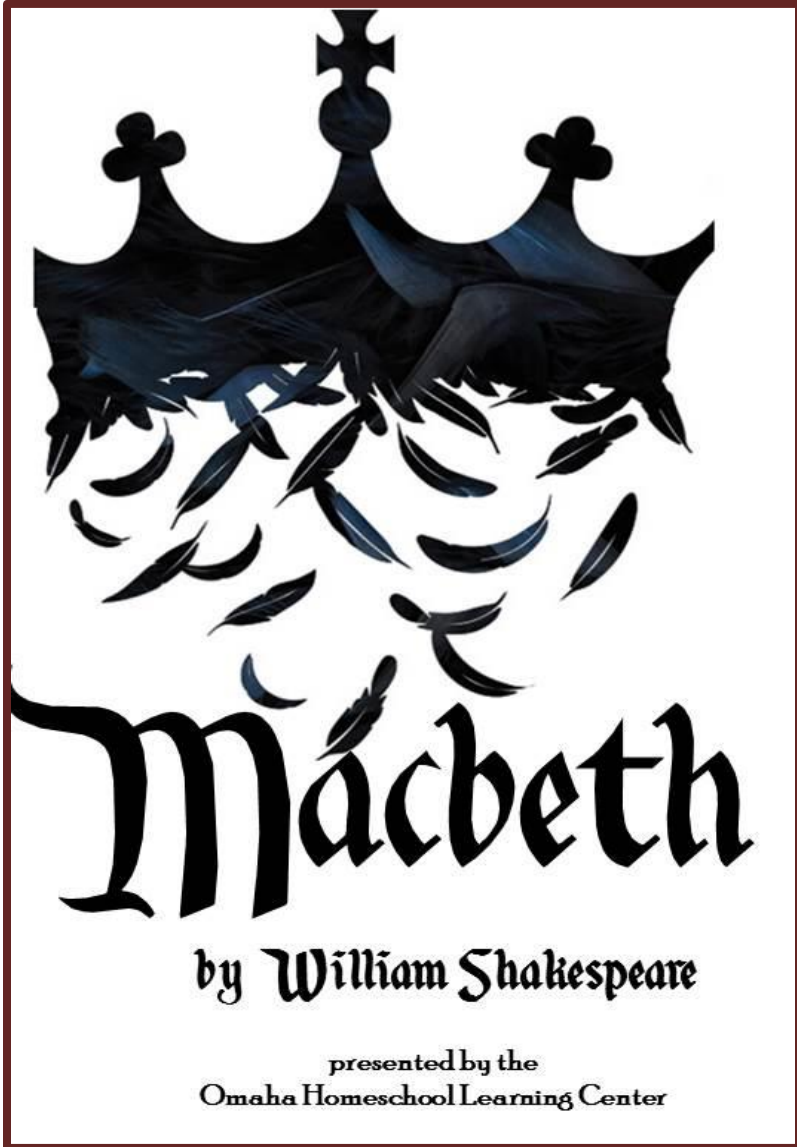


Our Hope for the Future

Krista Wamhoff, a 10th grade homeschool student from Papillion, was named state winner in the 2017-18 Voice of Democracy for Nebraska. Krista qualified for the state contest as a winner of the local and district Voice of Democracy contests.

On February 2nd, the top ten Voice of Democracy winners and the top three Patriot's Pen winners in Nebraska, along with their families, participated in a day of activities in Lincoln in honor of their accomplishments. Their day included a tour of the State Capitol, an opportunity to observe the Nebraska Unicameral in session, and a lunch at the Governor's Mansion where they heard remarks by Lt. Gov. Mike Foley. A Parade of Winners and an awards ceremony were held that afternoon where the students learned their placings. Krista received first-place and a scholarship award. The day concluded with a banquet and presentations of the winning Voice of Democracy speech and Patriot's Pen essay. As the first-place winner, Krista will compete at the national level in Washington, D.C., in March 2018.

The Voice of Democracy and the Patriot's Pen are annual nationwide youth scholarship programs sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The Voice of Democracy is an audio-essay contest for high school students grades 9-12 and the theme for the 2017-18 entries was "American History: Our Hope for the Future." The Patriot's Pen is an essay contest for students grades 6-8 and the theme for 2017-18 was "America's Gift to My Generation." For more information about this opportunity, visit [VFW Youth Scholarships](#).



OHLC Spring Play

FREE

Fun, scary, & still family-friendly homeschool adaptation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

Four Show Times:

Friday, April 6th
(4pm & 7pm)

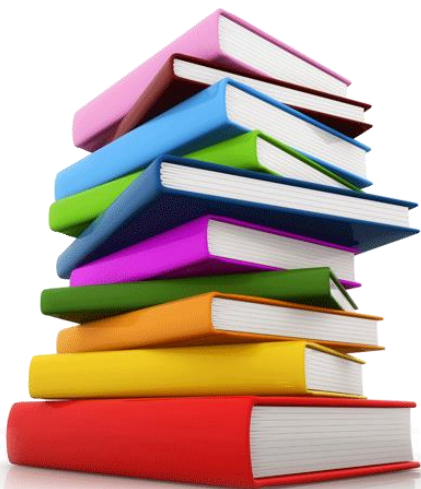
Saturday, April 7th
(4pm & 7pm)

Location:

College of St. Mary
Gross Auditorium

Bring your friends!

[FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW CLICK HERE](#)



[2018 Used Curriculum & Book Sale](#)

[June 8, 2018](#)

If you're finished with your curriculum and books, why not sell them to another homeschool family? It's a great way to decrease the clutter in your home, generate a little income for next year's books, and help another family save a little bit on their homeschool expenses. **Table reservations start next week.**



Homeschool Provided More Opportunities For Learning

By Jennifer Dougherty

Pride and emotions have run high for the last few months in our home as our eldest received college acceptance letters, numerous scholarship offers, and notices in the mail of his standings as a National Merit Finalist and U.S. Presidential Scholar Nominee. Many have said to us, “You must be so proud of him.” While the answer is obvious, the reason might not be.

Some might say that we should be proud of the many advanced classes accomplished at home (13 College Board approved classes),

or all the facts he learned over the years, demonstrated in high standardized test scores (1590 SAT and 35 ACT). Quite honestly though, it was not the hours of teaching and planning that resulted in success. It was because our son Collin was homeschooled that he was able to learn valuable lessons outside of his textbooks.

As parents, we have tried to instill a love of learning, to teach critical and analytical thinking, and to encourage independent studying. Collin learned from a very early age how to work hard and to sometimes struggle through a concept until he understood and mastered it. Using a variety of educational tools, both online and hard copy, he found what he needed to do in order to complete a rigorous college prep high school education, but more than that, he learned what fascinated him.

At 9 years of age, when our house was hit by a tornado, Collin became fascinated with severe weather and delved into the challenges of predictive meteorology. He spent many hours creating paper sketches of severe weather forecasts, and over time, Collin began to love math. He now intends to major in Math and Philosophy in college. People who know Collin readily understand why he would major in Math, but Philosophy? Well, it is easy to understand why a homeschooled kiddo would choose Philosophy once you are reminded of the

subject's definition. Philosophy is the study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence. The study of knowledge – now that ought to make us homeschool parents proud!

Collin Dougherty is a senior this year and will be graduating from Trinity Classical Academy Home School in Omaha. He plans to attend either the University of Nebraska – Lincoln or the University of Texas at Dallas. He and his two younger sisters love to learn and to debate topics from the relevancy of the Classics to whether or not [Jack Bauer](#) is the coolest TV character ever. ~

Members Night January 26, 2018

Photographer: Alicia Olari



Food, Fun,
& Fellowship



Games, Prizes, Updates, More Food & Fellowship



Member Benefits – Making the Most of Your Membership

Nebraska Homeschool – The Home Educators Network, Inc. (NH-HEN) continues to seek ways to add value to your group membership. We thought you should know about these so you can make the most of your membership.

Member Services & Savings:

- Eliminated the table rental fee for NH-HEN members to sell at the Used Curriculum and Book sale
- Dropped price of the Legacy Yearbook – members now pay only \$25 per book

Offered Member Exclusives:

- January 26th – Member Night – Fun, Fellowship, Food & Prizes
- March 19th – Creation Museum 4 Tickets Give-Away
- March 23rd – Member Night – Curriculum Planning & Selection
- April 5th – Symphony in Space 4 Tickets Give-Away

Things in The Works:

- Nebraska Homeschool Expo 2018 – an exhibit vendor hall for homeschool activities and businesses that want to connect with you. If you want us to invite a particular vendor, please email info@nebraskahomeschool.org about that vendor and we'll look into it.
- Continued collaboration with businesses, community resources, and other nonprofits to bring you the best possibilities for your homeschool journey.

Metropolitan Area Homeschool Graduation

*We, the Homeschool Class of 2018
invite you to share in the celebration
of our Graduation
Saturday, twenty-first of April
Two thousand and eighteen
at one o'clock in the afternoon*

*Good News Church
7415 Hickory Street
Omaha, Nebraska*

*Please join us for the Senior Prelude at
eleven-thirty in the morning*

VERSE

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” - Proverbs 3:5-6

MOTTO

“You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.” - C. S. Lewis

COLORS

Navy Blue & Gold

You are Invited to Judge



National Christian Forensics and Communications Association Region V: Omaha Qualifier Tournament on April 12 -14, 2018

West Hills Church 3015 S. 82nd Ave., Omaha, NE 68124

The mission of the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (NCFCA) is to promote excellence in communications through competitive opportunities where homeschool students develop the skills necessary to think critically and communicate effectively in order to address life issues from a biblical worldview in a manner that glorifies God. (Learn more about NCFCA at www.ncfca.org.)

Speech Events: Interpretive, Platform, and Limited Preparation categories.

Debate Events

Lincoln-Douglas Debate 2017/18 Resolution – Resolved: *Nationalism ought to be valued above globalism.*

Team Policy Debate 2017/18 Resolution – Resolved: *The United States should significantly reform its policies regarding higher education.*

Judge Eligibility – Most any adult is qualified to serve as a judge. In fact, we desire feedback from a variety of community judges with varied backgrounds, experiences, and viewpoints. Students rely on your valuable feedback for improvement, growth, and encouragement. No prior judging experience is required. Judges must be at least 18 years old and not enrolled in high school.

Time Commitment – Judging each round of speech or debate is approximately a 3-hour commitment which includes a judge orientation. You may judge as little as one round on one day or as many as your schedule allows over all three days. *Complimentary beverages and refreshments will be provided.*

Questions? Please contact the NE Judge Coordinator nejudgecoordinator@gmail.com.

Register to judge for the Omaha Tournament <http://dev2.ncfca.org/Judge/Index/762>

Be sure to tell them you were “Referred by Nebraska Homeschool.”



Annual Homeschool Track Meet

Saturday, May 26, 2018

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Wahoo High School Track – Wahoo, NE

Registration opens Monday, April 2nd, at 8:00 AM

Register early to secure your spot!

Registration open to the first 250 participants.

If you have attended before, you should go check your login and password to make sure you know it for Monday morning April 2nd. If you need help please contact Tori Ryan at torijo@earthlink.net.

If you have not attended before, please contact Tori Ryan at torijo@earthlink.net for a first-time password to set up a login on Monday morning April 2nd.

This is the website to find details, check your login and register on Monday morning: <http://www.homeschooltrackmeet.inviteto.com/>

More questions? Please contact Tori Ryan at torijo@earthlink.net OR [402-202-4716](tel:402-202-4716)

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SYMPHONY

THOMAS WILKINS
MUSIC DIRECTOR



SYMPHONY in SPACE

Enlist in Symphonic Starfleet, board the Sonic Spaceship,
and engage in intergalactic adventure! Set a course for maximum
fun with music from *Star Wars*, *The Planets*, and more!

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

HOLLAND CENTER

ENRICO LOPEZ-YAÑEZ, CONDUCTOR

Instrument Petting Zoo at 1:15 pm

Concert at 2 pm





SYMPHONY in SPACE

Enter the Symphony in Space Drawing!

Nebraska Homeschool Members - we're offering 4 free tickets to a member family. Only one entry per family. Entry must be made by midnight on April 5. [Be sure to login to member website.]

[ENTER DRAWING FOR 4 FREE TICKETS](#)

Performance: April 15 @ 2:00 pm

Home School Legal Defense Association Membership

Are you enjoying the savings?

NH-HEN Members enjoy a \$20 savings on Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) membership when they use our *Discount Group* number. Login to the member website to find the discount number or request it by email from info@nebraskahomeschool.org.



Seeking Christian homeschoolers to serve on Board of Directors and in other programs.

Serving others is a reward unto itself. But we want to offer a few more perks to those who are willing to help Nebraska Homeschool support homeschool families.



Board member perks:

- Waived membership fee; lifetime membership for those who serve a term as president!
- TechSoup account allowing you to purchase computers and discounted software while you serve with Nebraska Homeschool.
- Free or discounted professional training with Nonprofit Association of the Midlands (NAM). We're all life-long learners, so build your skills and resume.
- Opportunity to shape our programs. We're always seeking ways to improve homeschooling opportunities across Nebraska. We would love some fresh ideas and folks who are willing to help us "make it happen."

[Board applicants must be approved by sitting BOD and agree to sign documents prior to serving.]

Program manager perks:

- Support from the board of directors (website promotion, marketing, administrative requirements, etc.). We'll do our best to let you have the fun of running a program while we take care of the behind the scenes business.
- Same Tech Soup access as a board member
- Same NAM training opportunities as a board member
- Opportunity to shape the program you manage

in a 
nutshell

Our immediate needs:

2 – board members

1 – Network News manager

[Contact us for more details](#)



We don't know what you're thinking unless you tell us.

- Do you want to reserve your copy of the 2017/18 Legacy Yearbook? If so, click the link below to reserve your yearbook.
- Do you still need to submit your group's photos or your family's homeschool photos? Send your photos to yearbook@nebraskahomeschool.org
- Do you know a person or business that wants to donate to Nebraska Homeschool and help us to continue a quality yearbook at an affordable price? Please send them our way at info@nebraskahomeschool.org

Don't forget to order a keepsake copy for your senior.

With prices this low you could order a book for each child!

Legacy Yearbook Prices! Nebraska Homeschool Members: \$25; Non-Members: \$35

Don't forget to submit your homeschool photos to the yearbook.

Mail submissions to yearbook@nebraskahomeschool.org

[Order Online Today!](#)



SAVE THE DATES!

- Apr 21, 2018** Class of 2018 Homeschool Graduation Ceremony
- Apr 27-28, 2018** NCHCA Homeschool Conference
- Jun 8, 2018** Used Curriculum & Book Sale
- Jun 8, 2018** Explore Homeschooling – Get Started Seminar
- Jun 8, 2018** NDE Exempt (Home) School Staff Visit
- Jun 9, 2018** Nebraska Homeschool Expo 2018

Watch for details in the Network News!
[Subscribe to the Network News HERE](#)



Share Your Homeschool Events: Do you or your group want an event listed on our calendar? If so, just email info@nebraskahomeschool.org. Be sure to place "Calendar Submission" in your email subject line and include full details in the body of the email. We are interested in homeschool events, clubs, sports and arts activities. We also accept some community events as well. Please submit your item as early as possible so we have time to contact you if we have any questions. Submission is not a guarantee of posting. NH-HEN holds full discretion on which items to post.

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Special Edition: Class of 2018

Why Isn't Homeschooling Working For Me? (rescheduled for future issue)

Meet Our Project Managers (rescheduled for future issue)