

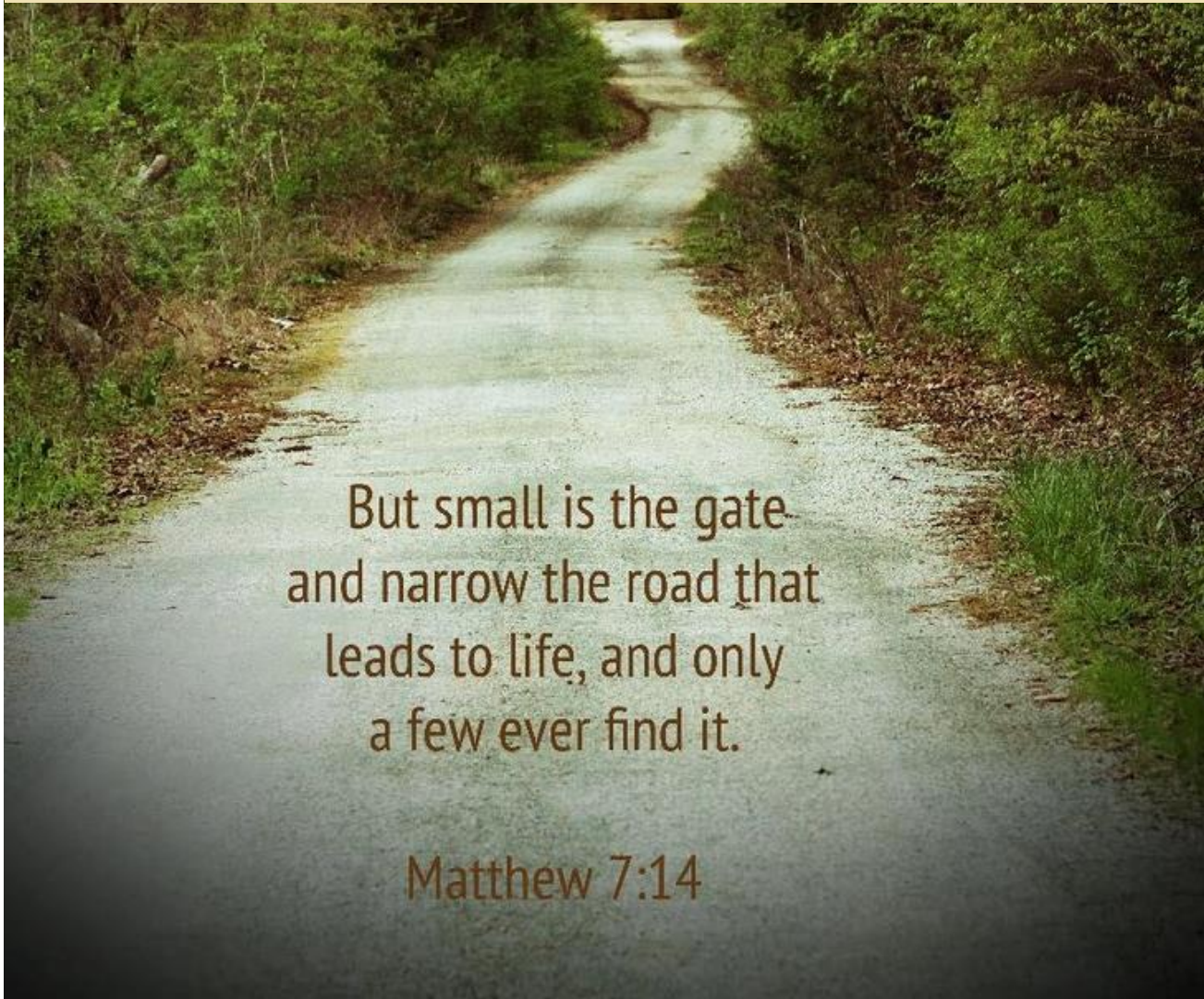


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But small is the gate
and narrow the road that
leads to life, and only
a few ever find it.

Matthew 7:14

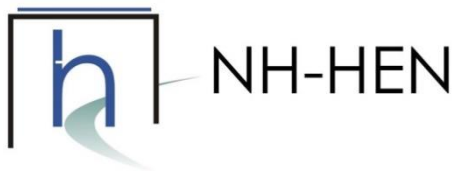
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Notes from the Board...

In this Summer issue we celebrate the graduates of the *Class of 2018* who have reached the end of their homeschooling journey. We pray God's blessings upon their lives and for His guidance as He directs them along the narrow road ahead.

This issue continues with contributions from members of our very own homeschool community. Last month you heard from a homeschool mother, this month you'll hear from a homeschool graduate.

In the same spirit, we invite other homeschool alumni, both students and parents, to help us bring honor to Christ and join us in serving in Nebraska Homeschool. If you wish to submit an article or want to learn more about how you can serve, drop us an email at info@nebraskahomeschool.org

~ The Board of Directors



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Congratulations to the Class of 2018

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“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

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Talitha Grace Armbrust

After graduation, she intends to finish her first degree in criminal justice in the fall of 2018 with Liberty University Online and after that, plans to attend Liberty University in Virginia for a double major in viola performance and film scoring.

"speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord," Ephesians 5:19



Gabriella Hope Batchelder

Gabriella plans to attend Bellevue University and pursue a degree in computer information systems with a focus on web development.

"As the deer pants for streams of water so my soul pants for you, my God." Psalm 42:1



Esther Regina Becker

Her love of sports and athletic training has led her to pursue the study of kinesiology in college.

"God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able," 1 Corinthians 10:13



Greer Behnke

She will be pursuing economics and then law at university, starting this fall.

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14



Joseph Riley Brewer

He has been attending Metropolitan Community College for the past three years and is soon to transfer to the University of Nebraska Omaha to follow God's calling to be an engineer.

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:17



Hannah Michelle Carden

She plans to attend university to study to become a veterinarian.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Selena Marie Thurman Cornell

Her future plans include getting her nursing degree at Metropolitan Community College.

"Even to your old age and gray hair I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4



Tyler Kevin Donnelly

Tyler plans to attend college to pursue a degree in business.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1-2



Benaiah Ikaikakaoanokahaku Fern

Following graduation, Benaiah plans to attain his pre-medical degree and play baseball through Evangel University.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1-2



Holly The're'se Fitzgerald

Holly will attend Metropolitan Community College for two years to attain her associate degree. Afterwards, she'll move on to a series of professional online courses to finish her training.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39



Jesse Michael Allen Dane Garcia

Jesse is pursuing a music production degree at Full Sail University in Florida and in his free time he enjoys rapping and making his own music.

"for we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7



Bret Samuel Gleason

Currently taking classes at Metropolitan Community College, Bret plans on finishing his associate degree in construction management and someday owning his own construction company.

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

WHAT WE DO & WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

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- National Home School Honor Society
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- Legacy (Homeschool) Yearbook
- Used Curriculum & Book Sale (Buy & Sell)
- Nebraska Homeschool Event & Exhibit Hall
- Special Sponsored Events

COLLABORATION

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- Metropolitan Area Homeschool Graduation
- Nebraska Homeschool Spelling Bee (Scripps)
- Box Tops For Education
- Rose Theater Homeschool Group Rates
- Homeschool Group Leadership Support

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- Nebraska Homeschool Facebook Page
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- Network News (formerly HEN eTree)
- Nebraska Homeschool Resource Directory
- Local Community & Businesses Partnerships
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William Wallace Hall

After graduation William plans on getting his criminal justice degree.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4



Elizabeth Kelly

Being homeschooled for the past six years of her life helped her discover a greater love for the Lord, a passion for art, a talent for drama, an appreciation for logic, and a strong work ethic. She asks for prayers for her future.

"So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:17



James Michael Rawlinson Knowles

He plans to attend the University of Nebraska Omaha, to attain some sort of writing degree.

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus," Romans 8:1



Madelaine-Rose Rawlinson Knowles

She has been accepted to the University of Nebraska Omaha to study fine art. She intends to study abroad during her undergraduate degree and have loads of adventures.

"One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple." Psalm 27:4



Thomas Meyer Knutson

Thomas is excited about his future as God directs his steps, first to Metropolitan Community College and then to a career actively helping others.

"He has told you, O man what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8



Zander Michael Kok

Following graduation, Zander plans to travel starting with a trip to Australia.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31



Jacob Daniel Kreifels

He is currently taking classes at Iowa Western Community College in the hopes of achieving an associate degree for his dream job of being a software engineer.

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12



Sarah Ann Larsen

Although she is unsure what post-graduation life will look like, her hopes for the future include more dancing, a bachelor's degree, and a trip to Germany.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17



Evan Lovett

Evan is planning to join the U.S. Coast Guard with hopes of being a rescue swimmer. He is excited about what God has in store for him.

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2



Aidan Larie Martin

Aidan has always had a love for animals, and someday hopes to become a wildlife rehabilitator.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jeremiah 29:11



Marissa Lynsey Mathia

She received the Scott Music Scholarship from the University of Nebraska Omaha and will be attending there in the fall to pursue a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance.

"For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy." Psalm 92:4



Gabrielle Diann McClellan

Following graduation, Gabrielle will be attending Union University in Jackson, Tennessee.

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28



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."

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- Same Tech Soup access as a board member
- Same NAM training opportunities as a board member
- Opportunity to shape the program you manage



Our immediate needs:

2 – Board members

1 – Network News manager

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Gabrielle Elizabeth Miller

After graduation, Gabi plans to continue taking classes in the art program at Metropolitan Community College and see where the Lord takes her from there.

"neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:39



Justin Scott Miracle

Justin plans to go to Bellevue Master's Commission for a Youth Ministry bachelor's degree and eventually he would like to take drafting and designing courses and work in the automotive industry.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1



Elijah Michael Mott

He enjoys reading, music, homeschool dances, fishing, hunting, and eating. He is thankful for his parents and sisters and enjoys spending time with his loved ones.

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12



Joshua Donald Mulhearn

Joshua has been accepted into the Physical Therapist Assistant program at Nebraska Methodist College for the fall of 2018, where he is looking forward to serving God's people throughout his career!

"You make known to me the path for life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Psalm 16:11



Madelyn Mae Olds

In the fall, she plans to study law enforcement at Metropolitan Community College.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not of yourselves, it is a gift of God – not works so that no one can boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9



Elizabeth May Ott

She wants to study to become a lawyer and plans on taking classes at Metropolitan Community College this fall, eventually continuing on to the University of Nebraska Omaha.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Jonathan Paul Perrault

After finding a passion for electronics, he is currently focused on studying art, animation, and computer programming.

"To answer before listening – that is folly and shame." Proverbs 18:13



Rebekah Anne Plummer

Rebekah hopes to go to the University of Nebraska Omaha and work towards a degree in business management, with a focus on international business.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil."
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14



Molly Ann Rader

Molly isn't sure what her future holds but she knows Who holds her future.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11



Aurora Melinda Strobbe

After graduation, Aurora plans to get her bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska Omaha then go into the military to be a better candidate for the FBI.

"God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns." Psalm 46:5



Grant Zachrey Swenson

He is enrolled for the fall in the University of Nebraska Lincoln architectural engineering master's degree program.

"To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice. Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin. The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty." Proverbs 21:3-5



Russell Joseph Vacanti

After graduation Russell plans to go on a two-year mission for his church.

"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Romans 10:12



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Three Steps to Financial Fitness

Jonathon Bartsch

Striving for financial fitness is something that everyone can do, regardless of our circumstances or stage of life. It is an area that can often induce stress and uncertainty in our lives, but there are things we can do to proactively conquer our financial fears and simplify our lives. I like helping people get their financial house in order and helping them keep it that way.

Take Control of Every Dollar

This is a step that many people take for granted. In the course of everyday life, we often mindlessly pay for things as they come to our attention. While we may try and stick to a budget, sometimes the budget's parameters may be too generic or we lose motivation to adhere to the plan. I would guess that the majority of people cannot explain how their paycheck disappears so rapidly every month. A large factor in taking control of every dollar is intentionally looking at the big picture. Analyze your budget over the course of an entire year and determine if you can justify the destination of each dollar that passes through your hands. The goal of this step is to eliminate frivolous spending that does not fit your long-term plan. People who take control of every dollar know exactly what happens with their income, and can sleep easier because they have removed a large source of ambiguity in their lives.



Jonathon Bartsch, a 2015 Nebraska homeschool graduate, obtained his BS in Accounting from the University of Northwestern in St. Paul, MN and is currently working on his MBA from the same university. He is a licensed financial advisor and is employed as an Associate Advisor with Midwest Capital, Inc. in Omaha, NE. You can contact him via email at Jonathon@midwestcapitalinc.com or via phone at (402) 571-1505 to discuss financial planning.

Save with Purpose

A big reason that people get discouraged from saving is that they lose sight of their goal, or do not even have one. I help people quantify their financial goals and feel confident about reaching them. Saving with purpose is accomplished by combining your dreams with practical methods of achieving them. These methods can come in many different forms, like contributing to your 401(k), effectively utilizing insurance products, and saving money in an investment account that puts your dollars to work. Rather than simply hoping that you will end up in the place you want, put the practical pieces in place to systematically advance your situation. According to Steven R. Covey in *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, “Beginning with the end in mind” is the foundation of accomplishment.

Attack Your Weak Spot

Nobody knows everything there is to know – we are constantly in a state of education. The difference between good and great is the ability to recognize the areas that need work and to face them directly. This is true in educating children, and it is true for adults dealing with money. One of the things I love most about being a financial advisor is the ability to build relationships with people and to help them overcome timidity by becoming educated. For example, there have been major changes to the tax code in 2018, and that is important to understand so that you know how you will be affected. The idea of saving for children’s college can also be intimidating, but there are tools like 529 College Savings Accounts to take advantage of. In conclusion - rather than evading weak spots and doubt, I support ongoing education so that we may confidently work toward goals and simplify our lives.

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**Calendar**

### **2018 Homeschool Picture Days**

Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10am-2pm  
Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9am-12pm

### **2019 Nebraska Homeschool Spelling Bee**

Friday, January 11, 2019

### **2019 Metropolitan Area Homeschool Graduation**

April 2019

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