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Angela Barker

A Passionate Teacher Embarks on a New Adventure

It was a beautiful day in the summer of 2012 when Mrs. Angela Barker first arrived at the Rehoboth elementary/middle school library to fill the position of librarian and teacher. She was in for a nice surprise. As she walked in, she noticed the pictures on the wall were of the Code Talkers including a picture of her mother, holding a picture of her father who was a Code Talker during World War II. While Angela knew her dad was a Code Talker, he had never talked about it much and what a blessing it was to be working where he was featured on the wall where she was to spend the next ten years of her career. Angela had been hired to be part-time librarian and part-time Navajo teacher, but she also became curator of the Code Talkers Museum located in the library. Over the past ten years, she has told the story countless times to many groups and visitors to the library, and what a personal story it is!

After graduating from college and getting her Master's Degree,



Mrs. Barker began her career in the public schools of Albuquerque and McKinley County, staying for 30 years. When she retired from the public school system in 2012, Angela felt a call to Rehoboth and has spent an additional ten years heeding the call to work here: not only in the library and teaching Navajo and its culture, but also leading Pathways for Boys and Girls, Bible, Reading and in 2020-2021 she added teaching Navajo to the Kindergarteners during that hybrid-learning year! She found out that in the Christian school, you are called to wear many hats, but one of the most interesting gifts she discovered in herself was that she enjoyed writing curriculum for many of the different classes she has taught.

When asked what her greatest joy is in working at Rehoboth, Angela shared that she received joy “knowing that I could talk to my Father in Heaven anytime I wanted without feeling apprehensive. I love praying

with my fellow teachers and students and having these prayer warriors backing me when I needed them. Also, witnessing to my peers and students has been a great blessing.”

Angela Barker and her husband Dave look forward to traveling in their RV during retirement and visiting family and friends, and maybe even coming back to RCS to volunteer.

Mrs. Barker has some wise advice she wants to share for new and younger teachers: Treat the kids with respect, in turn, they will do the same for you. Teach your subject area with passion and always remember why you enjoyed learning about your subject.

Above all, “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Prov. 3:5-6

When asked what do you see as the challenges that Rehoboth will face in the future, she responded: “In the past, present and future, Satan will work very hard to snatch our children from the Lord’s grip. Rehoboth needs to live up to the name Christian School. Sometimes it’s hard because we don’t want to step on any toes or we want to be politically correct. Rehoboth Christian School needs to: ‘chal-



Mrs. Barker, center, gathers with her family during the Retirement Party on May 27, 2022, honoring her, along with Elmer Yazzie, and John and Emily Lee. Past directors Ron Polinder and Carol Bremer-Bennett, along with past students, shared stories about each individual. Mrs. Barker will be remembered fondly as a passionate dynamo who speaks her mind and deeply loves her students.



Mrs. Barker shares a memory with one of her past students, Rathika Ramadoss. Rathika gave a tribute to Mrs. Barker at the event.

lunge its students to know the Triune God and equip them to love, serve and transform the world in his name.’ ”
*My deep hope for you is that you will appreciate and respect people as you listen to God’s voice and follow Him.
Dine’ nil’ji doo. Diyin God yísiníłts’ąą’ doo bikée’ yii náat go. Akót’éeego ná shít chohoo’í.

RCS Track and Field

Individuals Become a Team, Find Success at State

by Collier Kempton



It’s easy for track to be regarded as an individual sport, and it certainly can be depending on how athletes and coaches approach it. This year, our Rehoboth Christian School track team was composed of individual athletes who became a team together as they struggled—day in and day out, at both practice and competition—to redefine their personal limits.

Throughout the season, Rehoboth athletes leaned on each other when they were having trouble, and everyone grew as a result of the community that formed. At the end of the season, some of our athletes qualified to compete at the New Mexico State Championship Track Meet and proved that they were truly a team by supporting each other. Our

girls team placed in all four relays for which Rehoboth had qualified, winning three of those races. At the end of the state championship meet, even though Rehoboth had no individual event medals, the Lady Lynx earned second place in team points standings. Considering the fact that everyone who traveled to the meet contributed to the point total, one can say it truly was a team effort. I couldn’t be more humbled by the tenacity and perseverance the entire track team exhibited from February to May.

We Are Family

I was surprised when Cheyanne Carlisle reached out to me regarding her desire to give a laptop to a Junior or Senior planning to go to college. As a recent graduate of New Mexico State University, she wrote “there wasn’t a day

that I wasn’t using my laptop, and not having a laptop shouldn’t ever stop somebody from pursuing a career.” Students entered the “Laptop for the Future” contest where they identified goals and important role models

in shaping who they are. What a beautiful example of community—an alumna reaching out to a current Rehoboth student. Cheyanne still sees Rehoboth as part of her family.

As I said goodbye to our

seniors at the Senior Breakfast, I reminded them that they have been part of our family and that they always will be. This means that we celebrate with them by attending weddings and baptisms. We grieve with them as they bury classmates who die way too soon. We try to support them through late night phone calls and reminders that God loves them deeply.

Our goodbyes to our staff are painful because we are more than co-workers. When people move or retire, a part of our heart goes with them. When volunteers can no longer come to Rehoboth because of the challenges of

growing old, we feel the loss. And when new staff and new volunteers come into our lives, we are encouraged and the family expands.

My prayer is that in this newsletter, you will join us in celebrating the Rehoboth family. This family has unique historical roots which have led to both distinct challenges and amazing relationships. But the most important thing about the Rehoboth family is that we, like you, are mysteriously linked to God’s Story—a story which we trust.

Trusting God’s Story,
Bob Ippel, Executive Director



During the Senior Breakfast before graduation rehearsal, Bob Ippel reminds seniors that being part of the Rehoboth family does not end at graduation.

Band Tour '22

by Coye &
Shannon Balok

Experiencing Extended Rehoboth Community

This year my wife and I were blessed to travel with the Rehoboth Christian High School band on their multi-state trip. We weren’t sure what to expect but knew we were in for a treat. The band’s tour group traveled up through Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, back down through Colorado, and then home to New Mexico.

If you’re not familiar with band tours, Mr. Kevin Zwiers, Rehoboth’s band director, takes the high school band made up of 47 students, packs up their instruments and leads the students in playing four full

band concerts as well as five or six chapels at schools and churches along the way. It is an exhausting trip, covering 3000+ miles while taking in many of the amazing sights around the Rocky Mountains. A rented tour bus was followed by a school Suburban and small covered trailer filled with the largest brass and percussion instruments. Six adults, one band director and the world’s most fun bus driver spent six days touring our neighboring states and sharing what Rehoboth is all about.

This was a new trip for me so I did not know what to

expect. The best part of our trip was when we arrived in Manhattan, Montana for a two-day stay. The Manhattan Christian School community opened their doors to give our students and adults a place to sleep for two nights. These families treated our students, whom they did not know, like they were old friends. It was amazing. A small group of our adults and several kids had a pretty bad stomach bug which made traveling and playing instruments a challenge. One of the families that Rehoboth has known for years opened up their home as a sick ward



"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

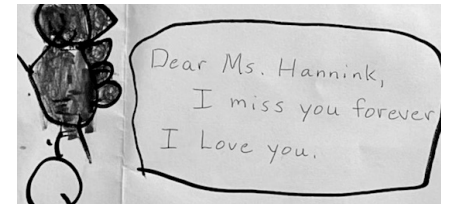
for five of our students to stay. They made homemade chicken soup, cinnamon rolls and did the students’ laundry. It was truly a life saver with the large group that we had.

This trip could have turned out poorly if these families hadn’t been there to care for our students and some of our leaders. The only way this was possible was because of the long term

relationship and support that the Manhattan community has formed with Rehoboth Christian School. It was great for us, as Rehoboth parents, to see the fruit of that relationship. It was a blessing to me and it was a blessing to our students. We’re already looking forward to being chaperones on the next band tour in 2024!

PreK Director Departs

by Mary Johnson



PreK Director, Eryn Hannink, is moving back to Michigan after teaching and directing the Rehoboth Early Childhood Center (RECC) for 10 years. It is obvious that Eryn understands early childhood development, and she worked to know her students—their culture, how they learned,

and what they needed in order to have a good foundation for future schooling. She understands that integrating academics into play-based learning is the best education for young children.

A parent wrote, “All three of my children have thrived at Rehoboth’s Early Childhood Center under

the supervision of Eryn. My eldest daughter remembers how she always made everyone feel included. Eryn was clear in her communications and expectations with both our children and with us as parents. She has been a blessing to so many Rehoboth children and families over the years.” Another parent wrote, “My daughter thrived! It was such a nurturing environment! Miss Hannink and staff helped set her on a path for educational success.”

Eryn led and supported a growing staff of 10-15 people over the course of 10 years. While working as the first full-time Director, Eryn was instrumental in tripling the size of the program from one classroom to three. During this time, Eryn helped the Center achieve the acclaimed 5 STAR status—the highest

status achievable in the state of New Mexico. She wrote and successfully received over 12 grants during her years with the program, while assuring the Center met all state licensing requirements.

This Rehoboth Early Childhood Center was built with funds from the Chris Johnson Memorial. The children knew him as Officer Chris, and we observed them saluting his picture that hangs in the hallway. When I came yearly to show the kids his picture, we talked about the words “Honor” and “Courage,” which mark his gravestone in the Rehoboth Cemetery. The children visited his grave, and Eryn talked about how he loved Jesus and was in heaven with Jesus now. One little boy said, “Well, he must be walking streets of gold!”

Yes, this PreK has grown in size under Eryn’s directorship and will continue to bless even more children in the future as plans are being made to build a whole new Early Childhood Center. That center could also serve as a daycare for children as young as 6 months old and possibly grow the program from its present number of 55 students up to 170! Who knew that out of the tragic death of a young soldier, a chain of events would be set in motion that would bless future generations of PreK children and families at this school?

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Rehoboth Early Childhood Center, Eryn Hannink. We wish you God’s blessing on your next endeavors.



A Memoir by Ron Polinder

What possibly would be the motivation to write a book, especially for this farm boy from Lynden, Washington? My best answer would be that it became something of a calling—that given our adventures, friendships, and even suffering, there are stories to be told. Thus a book entitled *Establish the Work of Our Hands*, using the last verse of Psalm 90.

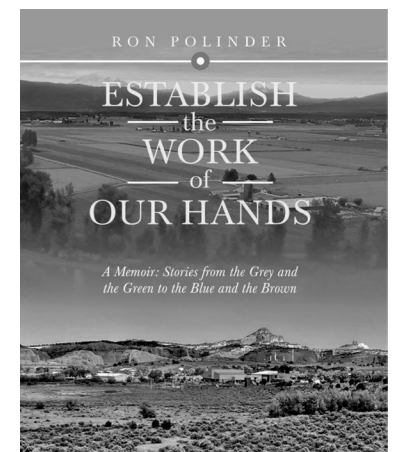
There is also a subtitle: “A Memoir: Stories from the Grey and the Green to the Blue and the Brown,” representing all the years we traveled back and forth between Washington and New Mexico. The cover quite attractively captures that reality which enriched our lives so much. To move in and around these diverse geographies and cultures fills one with lessons.

In visiting Rehoboth the last week in May, we were honored to move far more books than we expected. In fact, we

went home empty-handed, except for a list of names to whom we sent books. We have since restocked the Rehoboth Administration Office, which is the most convenient place to buy one for NM folks. Michigan people will find them at the Calvin University bookstore.

Of course, there is also Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and LifeRich which tend to claim too much of the \$20 price of the book. Or we will mail a copy from our house for \$25 including postage. For that option, email ronpolinder@icloud.com.

Thanks to our Rehoboth friends for allowing me to hereby share this interesting book experience. And we will be honored if you choose to do the same by reading it.



One of Rehoboth's beloved past executive directors gets published!

Christians in the Visual Arts

Rehoboth Teachers Attend Conference Celebrating Indigenous Art

In May, Rehoboth Art teachers, Autumn Newell and Rudy Folkerts, attended a conference organized to celebrate Indigenous Christian Art and Artists. The Oklahoma City event hosted by CIVA (Christians in the Visual Arts) featured three artists—Bobby Martin, Erin Shaw and Tony Tiger—who held an exhibit called “Altars of Reconciliation,” and the driving question for the conference was, “Why do Indigenous Christians follow the invaders’ God?” Both Autumn and Rudy took some time to share their reflections afterward.

Autumn Newell, Elementary Art Teacher

We learned about Christian art, Indigenous art, and the people of the red dirt (Okla-homa) during the event. There is a community of native artists in Oklahoma who have been Christians for generations. They carried their churches, piece by piece, on the Trail of Tears and set them up again in Indian Territory. What a testimony of their faith! Seeing other artists working to express their culture, their heritage, and their beliefs through visual art both blessed and inspired me.

I made a variety of new friends: professors; accountants; and teachers who do many types of art. We bonded over the intersection of artistic expression and faith, and we connected deeply through conversations about knowing the true history of this country, worshiping with different instruments, and navigating the tension between being Christian and Indigenous. What a blessing to be able to encourage others and be encouraged! After this conference, I will be thinking about how art—including my own and my students’—will be viewed by others to build the Kingdom of God.

Rudy Folkerts, Middle & High School Art Teacher

My first year at Rehoboth has been a time of watching and listening—learning as much as I can about the cultures of my students to be a better art teacher, and I knew this conference would help me in this pursuit. As a teacher of Dutch descent, this was not an easy event to attend. A number of the speakers were brutally honest about history—especially in areas that showed how the church often interacted with native populations.

At times I felt like hanging my head in shame as I learned how the church, the government, and my ancestors often treated the ancestors of my students. However, the speak-



An exhibit at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City.

ers made it clear that their intent was not to shame anyone. Rather, they wanted to look honestly at history. One artist, Erin Shaw, said that despite growing up in a Christian home, reconnecting with her native roots helped her understand Jesus even better.

Another speaker, Rev. David Wilson, compared sets of values between the perspectives of many Native cultures and those of Euro-American culture. Throughout that activity, Native values proved consistently more biblical and shared much with the ancient Hebrew culture of the Bible. As an artist, I know part of my response to this conference will be a piece of art, and I’m excited to see how the Lord will inspire that work.

Bottom Left: The “Altars of Reconciliation” art exhibit.

Below: Artist Bobby Martin screen printing t-shirts and bags for conference attendees.



Class of 2022 Recap

Restoring Normalcy after Two Years of Pandemic

This year's senior class at Rehoboth started to feel some normalcy returning to their lives after missing so many experiences due to the pandemic.



Back were all of the full-length sports seasons, Homecoming, Band Tour, Junior-Senior Banquet, Senior Trip, and of course attending school in person all year. Yes, masks still covered our faces at times, but connections and relationships were rebuilt so that the Class of 2022 could finish high school on a high note.

Academic accomplishments proved more difficult during the pandemic era,

but these seniors made their mark. A few highlights include class Valedictorian, Hannah Newman, earning a full scholarship to Middlebury College in Vermont worth \$80,000 per year—made all the more prestigious by the school's 20% acceptance rate. Salutatorian, Shelby Arviso, will enter the highly competitive BA/MD program at the University of New Mexico, which fast tracks students who want to become doctors. Isaac Zwiers' academic exploits and service-minded life landed him a \$4,000 scholarship from the Gallup Rotary Club as part of their Senior of the Year competition. We are proud of our graduates not only for achievements like these, but also for summoning the motivation to press forward with their studies and pursue future goals when it would have been easy to give up.

This class made a difference on campus and in the community too. The Reho-

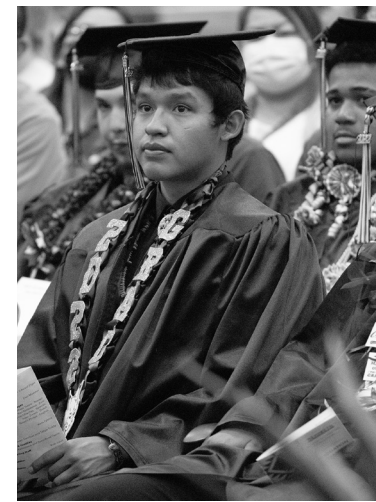
both chapter of the National Honor Society devoted significant time and energy to injecting joy back into the lives of our students by organizing monthly competitions that proved fun for all. Seniors Isaac Zwiers, Naomi Philips, and Kora Zylstra—



serving as officers for NHS—anchored these efforts. The Christmas window-decorating competition transformed the lobby of the Sports and Fitness Center into a winter wonderland and brought smiles to the faces of every-

one attending basketball games as well. The group also planned a schoolwide service day in and around Gallup that saw students doing work both on campus and at a variety of nonprofits and faith-based organizations.

Coming back to school in person also provided a first time opportunity to study God's Word in a fresh way. With Rehoboth's newly adopted literary approach, students read large portions of the Bible and dove deeply into its context, themes, and connections. As part of that process, 16 of these seniors participated in a special Discipleship Bible Class taught by world-renowned Bible expert, Ray Vander Laan, who shared recorded sessions of his class in Holland, Michigan with the group. Three of these seniors hiked through Israel this summer, along with 32 Re-



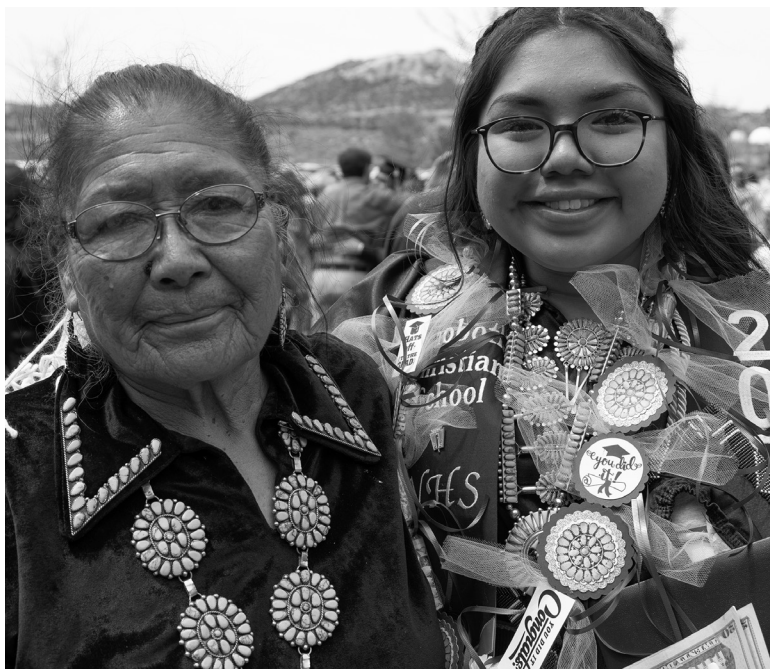
hoboth staff members thanks to this special connection with Vander Laan's *That the World May Know Ministries*.

With sports back in full swing, our seniors distinguished themselves individually as well as through their team achievements. The girls soccer team earned its first winning season in years and advanced to the state tournament. In cross country, the girls team took the district championship, while the boys were district runner-up. Boys and girls basketball also both won the district and advanced in the state tournament—earning the opportunity to play in front of their home fans during the playoffs. The girls made it to the quarterfinals, while the boys followed up on last year's state championship with a trip to the final four in Albuquerque. Once spring came,



it was time for baseball and girls track and field to make their mark. The Lynx baseball team won the district and advanced deep into the state playoffs, battling into extra innings before falling in the state semifinals. The girls track and field team captured the district title as well and turned in a herculean group effort at the state meet to follow their team championship from last year with a second place trophy this year.

Individually, our senior athletes earned many accolades. Naomi Philips played in the girls soccer state all star game and earned all-state honors in multiple events for track and field. Kari Kallestewa was the girls basketball District Player of the Year, a 2nd-Team All State selection, and played in the state all-star game. She also earned all state status in multiple events for girls track and field. Nina Bitsilly joined in the all state track honors with her 5th place finish in the 3200 meters. On the boys side, Rehoboth saw lots of basketball and baseball honors. All-district hoopers included Mato Chapman, Isaac Zwiers, and Talon West—with West named the District Player of the Year. Additionally, Chapman and West were both awarded 1st-Team All State honors and played in the state all star game. In baseball, Chapman and West were joined by Tyler Keedah as players in the state all star game as well. Finally, senior O'dey Tom earned his second qualification for bull riding in the Indian National Finals Rodeo.



Getting back into the swing of school as normal demanded a great deal of effort and perseverance from this senior class. Students needed to take charge of their success and dare to dream about their futures when so much of the past two years was focused on just surviving the

present. Finishing their race together brought the class closer, and we hope you will join us in praying fervently for these young men and women as they take the next steps in their lives. We trust that the Lord has big plans in store for them!



Senior Story

Isaac Zwiers

By Dan Meester

When considering Isaac Zwiers' passions and his heart for others, you could say it's in his blood. Isaac was born at Rehoboth to Kevin and Anna Zwiers who have spent their careers here bringing the joy of music to our students. Isaac will be attending Northwestern College in Orange City, IA, hoping to join the family business as a third generation band director. While a high school student, Isaac racked up the most band points in Rehoboth history through the quality of his performances and his dedication to helping younger students build their own musical expertise.

Isaac's parents model lives of service to the Lord, and he shares that same enthusiasm. Starting in elementary school, Isaac organized Bike for Hope, an annual event that raised money for Yezelalem Minch, an Ethiopian orphanage with connections to several Rehoboth area families. Over the years, Bike for Hope has raised over \$75,000 for the cause, but that's not the only way Isaac



fills needs. When he learned about the referee shortage in New Mexico, he studied and got certified as a soccer official and a basketball referee. He spent the fall officiating soccer games, along with many basketball contests during the winter season. Even in the day to day life of our campus, Isaac steps up to make a difference. He serves as an unofficial greeter to students each morning, welcoming them with a boisterous "Hello!" and a smile. He encourages students to engage up front with chapels, and his relentlessly positive attitude can't help but rub off on others. We're grateful for the way the community of Rehoboth shapes its students—especially when they've literally grown up here. For "Isaac Begay," as Athletic Director, Adrian Pete, affectionately calls him, using his gifts for the Lord and for others was in his blood all along.

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A Whole Family of Graduates

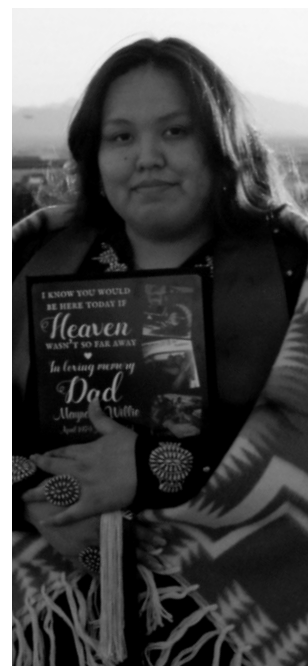


The Chapman family had a lot to celebrate this year as they watched three of their children cross the stage to receive diplomas. Rehoboth alum Krystle Chapman '11 graduated from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture. She is now interning for Jeebs & ZuZu. LLC, and is a master's candidate with the School of Architecture. Their youngest son Kodah graduated from 8th grade and their son Mato graduated from Rehoboth High School and plans to attend trade school to study welding.

Their mother Char Chapman (Bautista) graduated from Rehoboth in 1986 and met her husband Donald Chapman at the University of New Mexico. Their oldest daughter Natalie Chapman-Jones graduated from RCS in 2005 and their other daughter Kennedi graduated in 2019.

As more graduates become a part of our alumni family, we look forward to alumni returning and serving in our community. We are thankful for Char who has been part of our coaching staff since 2009 and Krystle who has been our phonathon manager for several years. Rehoboth's sense of community is strengthened by its amazing alumni. Go Lynx!

RCS College Graduates 2022



Upper Left to Right:
Jessica Becenti, RCS Class of 2017
San Diego State University
Bachelor of Arts
in Interdisciplinary Studies

Fallon Blackbull,
RCS Class of 2017
University of New Mexico
Bachelor of Science in Public Health
and Anthropology

Krystle Chapman,
RCS Class of 2011
University of New Mexico
Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Jordania Livingston,
RCS Class of 2016
University of Arizona
Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Caitlin Willie, RCS Class of 2018
Grand Canyon University
Bachelor of Science in
Elementary Education

Celebrating Our Retirees

After a few delays due to the pandemic, the celebration for past Rehoboth retirees, Elmer Yazzie, and John & Emily Lee, along with our latest retirees, Angela Barker and Fred Thomas, took place in late May. Friends, family, and former students gathered at Rehoboth High School to share stories, homemade desserts, and to show love for each of these staff members. Former executive directors, Carol Bremer-Bennett and Ron Polinder, along with past students shared words of encouragement and appreciation for each of the retirees.

Pictured from left: Elmer Yazzie, Carol Bremer-Bennett, Angela Barker, Emily Lee, Bob Ippel, John Lee, and Fred Thomas.



Creating an Unlikely Community

by Paul Ippel

Our God is incredibly creative. Who else would have thought to send a group of Dutch Americans to the high desert of the Southwest, to share the story of His Son with the Navajo and Zuni peoples? What a strange combination—a group of stereotypical stubborn, pig-headed Dutch Calvinists, who practiced cleanliness and order and believed they knew it all, including the right way to live and worship, plopped in the midst of the windy, dusty territory of the Southwestern Native Americans. They were to bring the gospel to the Navajo—a group of people who still today delight in family and extended family. They loved the dry land they raised their sheep herds on, who respected their elders, and practiced a culture of listening before speaking. And yet, with God’s grace and blessing, these two cultures that would have seemed to clash, have studied, learned, and worshipped, and loved God together for the past 100 years at a very special place named Rehoboth.

It is easy to look back at those early missionary pioneers through our politically correct lenses of today and look back in horror, raking them for making those early students cut their hair, wear

military uniforms, march to classes and speak only English. Hopefully today we see things a little more sensitively through the eyes of those first students, understanding a bit more of what they gave up to attend Rehoboth, the pain they must have felt at being so far from their families and clothed in a culture so foreign to their bodies and tongues.

Rehoboth School would not exist today without those first students and their families who were willing to separate from each other for months on end to allow their children to be educated, to learn of Jesus and worship Him. And yet, this school also would not exist today without those early pioneers. Yes they made mistakes - lots of them, as we still do today. Too often they followed the predominant thoughts of the times, treating the students as the government would have instead of how fellow Christians should. But they, too, gave up much to be part of the Rehoboth history, and we are grateful to them as well as those first Navajo families, because they came together to this place and flourished under the love and grace of God.

Only God could create a Christian community out of these unlikely efforts.



The strange, sometimes tragic, sometimes beautiful, coming together of Dutch American and Native cultures.

Many Kinds of Tools

Reclaiming Lost Learning Skills After the Pandemic

by Emily Jeninga and Becca Yazzie

Tool. When most people hear this word they think of a hammer, a screwdriver, or pliers. When our elementary school students hear the word they think of a wiggle seat, check-in chart, or a fidget toy. We have learned that our students need more tools to help them learn and be a positive member in our school and classroom communities because so much was lost or altered in the pandemic. As educators we are still picking up the pieces—adjusting our teaching to fit the needs of our students now.

In 3rd Grade, we learned that a few students struggled with self-regulation—not knowing how to safely and appropriately handle emotions that were rising to the surface in the classroom. To help, we tried out a variety of tools with students. Some had check-in charts to tell us how they were

feeling at different times of the day, while others had fidget toys or break choices. Together we were learning how to best support our students’ social and emotional development during the moments they really needed us.

It wasn’t just teachers learning and guiding these tools, as sometimes peers would help each other. Students started to read the room and notice their classmates’ emotions. They advocated for each other and noted the need for one of these tools: a break, a check-in, or someone to talk to—understanding that those tools helped their classmates succeed. It was a powerful and amazing example of the way community works, and it showcased our students living out the Rehoboth Throughline of Community Builders.

Rehoboth participates in a program called Big Brother Big Sister in which high school “Bigs” are partnered with elementary school “Littles.”

The Bigs mentor the Littles and meet together as buddies once per week throughout the school year. They share lunch, do fun activities, and play together. This year I saw a pairing of one of my previous students (now a sophomore) with one of my current 3rd Graders. One day, the 3rd Grader was having a rough time self-regulating, and his emotions came out hurtfully toward his high school Big. After a break and time to talk through what had happened, he apologized to his Big. The sophomore forgave his Little and then proceeded to share how he understood that emotions and frustrations can bubble up and explode out of you. He told his Little how he struggled with this in 3rd Grade too before he learned to control it and monitor it. That story encouraged his Little to persevere and the two shared a hug to finish.

This year, the blessing of our wider school community nurtured us. Students helped each other, taught each other, supported each other, and grew together. Tools come in all shapes and sizes. Some are check-ins, fidget toys, breathing tools, and others are classmates and high schoolers who step in to support and encourage.

Gifts Given in Memory & Honor

In Memory of Miriam Jane Schaafsma

Mr. and Mrs. David and Cynthia Visbeen
Ms. Judith Cooke
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and Beth Kieft
Dr. and Mrs. James and Mary Sue Biel

In Memory of Del Arendsen

Mr. and Mrs. Howard and Marian Johnson
Mrs. Muriel Arendsen
Mr. Kurt Mast
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin and Ramona Beversluis
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen and Marsha Kolean
Mr. and Mrs. Earl and Lou Arendsen
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon and Harriet Karsten
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Alma Vanderveen
Mr. and Mrs. Gene and Mariann Arendsen
Ms. Arlene Timmer
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis and Lucille Wierda
Ms. Kay L. Stroop
Ms. Gertrude VanHaitsma

In Memory of William and Lynn Baker

Mrs. Elsa B. Slomp

In Memory of Estelle Bosma

Mr. Alvin A. Bosma

In Memory of Marilyn Bosma

Mr. Alvin A. Bosma

In Memory of Dr. James A. Cook

Mrs. Joyce VanderMolen

In Memory of Lois Holwerda

Mrs. Judy Daverman

In Memory of Ed Kamps

Star Vista Village

In Memory of David Meulink

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard and Helen Hoogland

In Memory of Harley Riemersma

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Ms. Michelle Leyendekker
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Come Volunteer!

Looking for an amazing place for your group to serve? We are ready for you. Email or call our Volunteer Coordinator, Deanna Benson at dbenson@rcsnm.org or (505) 726-9603 today!

Sioux Falls Christian School group from South Dakota helping run our June Camp





Thank you Volunteers!

It's a well known fact that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for Rehoboth to function without its many volunteers. During the pandemic our volunteer numbers took a big hit, but we're beginning to see a comeback. We are so grateful for all they do: from office work, to teaching, to construction and campus upkeep. Please come join us, as a group or individual!

Long Term

Wes Brower
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Short Term

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Volunteer Groups

Grand Valley State University
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Sioux Falls Christian School

Advancement Needs

Ace Scholarships

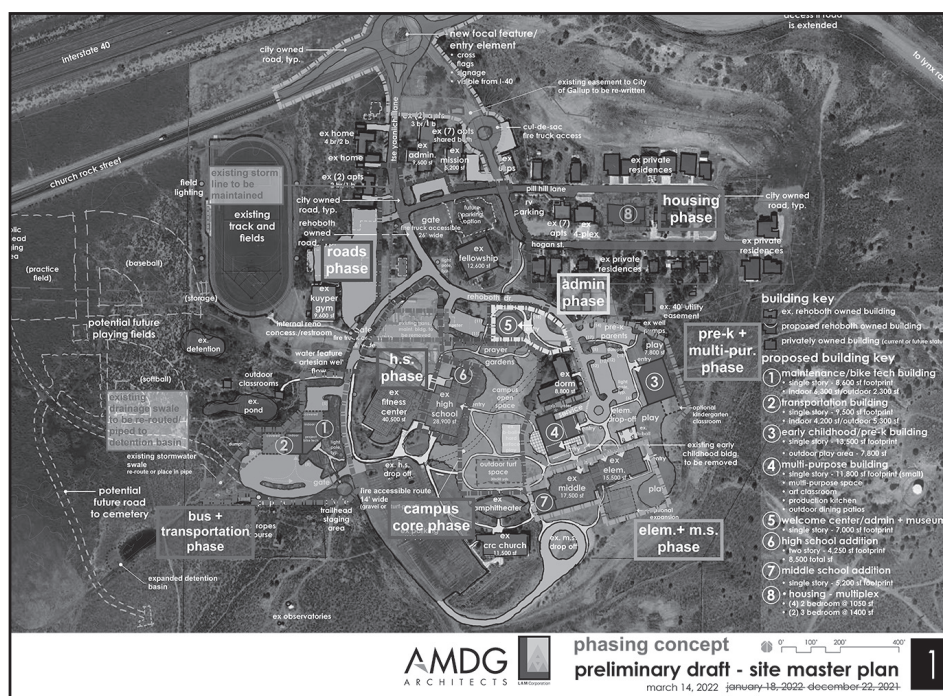
In late spring, Rehoboth was made aware that the ACE Scholarship was expanding into New Mexico. Many of our families applied for the ACE Scholarship, which is intended for families sending their children to private schools. It was reported that 194 scholarships representing 26 new partner schools were awarded in our state. Applications were received representing over 700 students so they were not able to award all who qualified. We are excited that 33 Rehoboth families did receive ACE Scholarships. The scholarships were distributed by the organization with a two fold goal: to introduce new students to private education and to support current families who have chosen private education with 50% of the awards in each of those two categories. We are thankful that families have been helped through this new scholarship opportunity which will coincide nicely with our tuition assistance program. We also have our Lynx Scholarships (funded through our Family Endowed Scholarships) as another way to support our families as they plan for tuition payments for next school year. To learn more about ACE Scholarships, and to see if they are available in your state, you can visit: www.acescholarships.org.



Tuition Assistance Needs for 2022-2023

The tuition assistance need for the 21-22 school year has been fully funded. Thank You! As plans are put in place for the coming school year beginning in early August, the budgeted need for tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year is \$1,862,500. This fund is used to help over 75% of our students with support averaging approximately \$3,750 per student. We ask for your support now, and throughout the school year as we seek to make Christian education affordable for all the families in our community.

Rehoboth Campus Planning



Our Campus Planning Process has made significant progress over the past year. This past spring, budgets were prepared for the eight different project areas identified by our administration and staff. Over the next six months, we will be prioritizing our campus and programming needs with the hope of creating the next phase of campus development. We look forward to sharing this plan with you as it comes together.

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Questions? Concerns? Want to Help Out?

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Learning Tools



Rehoboth participates in a program called Big Brother Big Sister in which high school “Big’s” are partnered with elementary school “Littles.” The Bigs mentor the Littles and meet together as buddies once per week throughout the school year. They share lunch, do fun activities, and play together.

This year, the blessing of returning to our wider school community nurtured us. Students helped each other, taught each other, supported each other, and grew together once again. Read about the various learning tools used in elementary to help students readjust to being back in the classroom, including utilizing high schoolers and older students as guides and role models. p. 9