



Spring 2020



A CALL TO PRAYER

This is a great season of prayer. Things have been slowed down in some aspects and we are reminded that God alone is in control. Every day brings new challenges and new reminders that God has not forgotten about us and that He sees everything.

In this issue, we wanted to remind you that God is still with us and we are still busy serving Him and fulfilling our mission to educate and disciple students for Christ.

Would you join us in prayer? NACA prayer requests:

* A cure and treatments for COVID 19 and for those on the frontlines of this healthcare crisis.

* Health and safety for our students, families, and staff.

* Give thanks for the food God has provided for us to be able to send out to families. Prayer that He would continue to provide.

* That God would continue to show us ways that we can provide spiritual nourishment for our students long distance.

* Pray that God would be in the plans and preparation for next school year. Especially that God would bring the staff that we need.

As always, we appreciate your prayers and support especially in this uncertain time. We too are lifting you in prayer. May you find peace in this challenging time.

-Dr. Kristi O'Riley



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [Cook](#)
- [Maintenance Worker](#)
- [Teacher](#)
- [Youth/Children's Pastor \(Dorm\)](#)
- [If you would like to be a part of our staff next year go to our website and fill out an application or call 928-524-6211 for more information](#)

www.NativeAmericanChristianAcademy.org/job-opportunities/



THE WATERING HOLE—NACA Springs

Social distancing may be keeping us from gathering together in large groups but it hasn't stopped us from proclaiming the Good News.

We are now putting daily devotionals on our Facebook page (Native American Christian Academy). Each of our campus pastors signed up for a day of the week to provide a video devotion for our students that have access to a phone. The devotions are to keep them in the Word as well as to encourage them during this difficult time with so many changes.

The video devotions are also a great way for you to stay connected to our ministry and the happenings here at NACA. Send us a friend request on Facebook today.



PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT US

Even though we don't currently have students on campus, we still have staff here providing long distance learning for all of our students under the new government mandate. We are also determined to get food boxes to our students.

Unfortunately, we also still have bills to pay. We still have electricity, trash, water, internet and other utility bills. In addition, our staff is still working hard providing lessons and preparing for when the students get to come back to campus.

Your donations make a huge difference and your prayers even more so. You help lighten the worries of how we will provide food for our students and families. and helps us to focus on the ministry of Native American Christian Academy.



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Academy.org](http://www.NativeAmericanChristianAcademy.org) or call 928-524-
6211.

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current events and news and to
get a special peek at the lives of
our staff and students.

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Special Needs

- Gift Cards (Wal-Mart) earmarked for the classrooms to buy supplies as needed.
- If you are interested in becoming a member of the NACA school board please contact the office via email: office1@naca-az.org

Check out the Special Needs list
on the website ([www.naca-
az.org](http://www.naca-az.org)) for a more complete list.

You are impacting students for
eternity!

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Just wanted to keep you updated on what is happening here at NACA. We are definitely in uncharted territory and each day brings new challenges.

The Governor of Arizona has closed all schools for the rest of the school year. However, included in that mandate is the expectation that we will keep the kids learning by long distance. This has been a challenge as very few of our students have access to internet or computers. Our teachers have had to be creative, especially in the lower grades. The staff here have really risen to the occasion and have pulled together in unity.

We have come up with the response plan as follows:

Packets are being sent out to students along with food boxes. We hope to have these out weekly but it may be difficult with the “stay-at-home” orders surrounding us.

We are staying in touch by phone with students, including the mentors with their assigned mentorees, so we can encourage spiritual growth as well as academic.

We are providing daily devotionals for our students on our school Facebook page who have phones.

We have been in communication with the college as to how to proceed for our students that don't have internet access (we are still working that out).

All Work and Witness teams have been cancelled or postponed until June 1st under the direction of Global Headquarters. Some teams wanted a full refund while some made a donation to our ministry.

Staff response plan:

All buildings and residences have undergone a deep clean and then sanitizing.

We are strictly adhering to CDC guidelines.

We are still ministering, still praying, and still planning. We know that God is in control and we rest in His will.



BASKETBALL

The NACA Warriors Basketball team had a strong foundational season with 16 player's grades 4th-8th. The 2020 season warriors were coached by 2 new coaches, Jake McBride, Chris Buss, and 3 high school student assistants, Tristin, Noah, and Jessica. Through daily practices at 7:00am, focusing on teamwork, fundamentals, and daily devotionals, the Warriors finished with a 4-5 record. The Warriors season climaxed with a hard fought, heartbreaking overtime loss 32-28 in the first round of the playoffs, showing tremendous growth. The coaches couldn't be prouder of the commitment and dedication the team made to each other, the coaches, and themselves. We are certainly looking forward to 2021 and picking up right where we left off. Let's Go Warriors!!



Student Sponsorship

We will continue with our student sponsorship program since we are still continuing to provide long distance education. This program is vital in the lives of our students. It is such an encouragement to students to know there are others who pray for them consistently by name and support them in their educational goals. During this time of economic hardship, it makes your role as their sponsor even more important.

Your sponsorship dollars will continue to go towards education. In this last quarter of school we will finish out with long distance learning so our teachers and staff will remain busy. Students are checking in at campus to turn in completed assignments, pick up more work and also to pick up food boxes. We also hope to continue with Summer School as planned if the current CDC guidelines are lifted.

If you would like to write to your sponsored student you can still mail it to the school address (NACA, PO Box 4013, Sun Valley, AZ 86029) and we will make sure cards and letters make it into the hands of the students (however it may be difficult for them to respond at this time). If you are not currently a sponsor and would like to become one, please visit our website at www.NativeAmericanChristianAcademy.org to sign up, or call the office at 928-524-6211.



SUMMER SCHOOL AND WORK PROGRAM

Schools don't usually talk about students who want to attend school during summer vacation, but we are doing just that! We had six High School students ask about the possibility of staying for the summer. Some would like to get caught up on credits and some would like to get ahead on credits so they can graduate early.

Students had to be responsible enough to fill out an application and sit through an interview in order to be considered for this program. One of our goals is to provide them with real life experiences and preparation. The summer program will have students in class for half a day and then working on campus half a day. Students will be housed on campus and will be responsible for getting to work on time and self care with daily checks from our staff.

