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## **NAMPA CHRISTIAN PRESENTS AWARDS AT NNU BRANDT CENTER**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 7 p.m. during the Nampa Christian High School graduation the Board Service Award was presented to David Fillmore and the 2011 Patron of the Year Awards were presented to Kenny and Bette Lee and Larry and Mary VanderStelt.

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously this spring to award the Board Service Award to David Fillmore because of his devotion to the school. David served in the past as Chairman of the Board and is presently serving as Chairman of the Nampa Christian Alumni Board. Most recently, he has spent countless hours over the past two years re-writing the Board policies and bylaws. In addition, this Board service award is being given to a whole family that has donated their time in a unique way. Last year when the Board was in need of additional help to have an administrative assistant help with development and school wide needs, this past Board member's wife worked the whole year as an exemplary volunteer. Clearly, this family loves the school.

Kenny and Bette Lee were honored with the 2011 Patron of the Year Award. Kenny and Bette Lee have a longstanding relationship with Nampa Christian Schools. Kenny Lee served as a Board member for three consecutive three year terms. In his nine years of service, he was an outstanding Board member who spoke infrequently, but when he did speak, the Board listened intently. Bette Lee has unselfishly given of her time and talents. She has invested many volunteer hours in the school and both sons, Kenton and Kevan graduated from Nampa Christian.

Notably, the Lee family was involved as a major donor for the initial capital campaign to build the new Flamingo campus. Most recently, Kenny and Bette Lee provided a lead gift for the December 2010 Foundation Gala. This lead gift challenged others to give a total of \$421,000 in one night. Most importantly, the Lee family prayerfully supports Nampa Christian Schools on a daily basis.

Larry and Mary VanderStelt were honored for their work on several different levels. This family has two children attending Nampa Christian and two children who have recently graduated. Mary is an extraordinary volunteer. She volunteers her time at many co-curricular events that Nampa Christian hosts. She serves on the Foundation Board of Directors who in the past two years have raised over \$750,000 for school wide needs. Larry is a soft spoken gentleman that is an ardent supporter of the school. Most recently, he has volunteered

his time to serve on the bylaws committee. This family has given of their time and resources by providing a lead gift in both the capital campaign and the million dollar matching program.

This family also demonstrates their commitment to Christian education by their positive influence in the Nampa community and by their willingness to recruit other families to attend the school.

Nampa Christian Schools is a non-denominational Biblically based school located in Nampa, Idaho. The early childhood (ages 6wks-5), K-6th grade campus is located at 439 West Orchard Ave. and grades 7-12 are located at 11920 W. Flamingo Ave. Nampa Christian Schools provides Christ-Centered Biblically-based academic excellence, and church-family-school partnership integrated with a large variety of extra-curricular activities.

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