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OUR COMMUNITY REVEALS WHY
NU IS THE PLACE FOR THEM

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HELPING STUDENTS LAND
THEIR DREAM JOB

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GREETINGS

FROM NU STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Nathan Smith, NUSG President

“Northwest University (NU) is big enough to provide world-class opportunities, but small enough that you can be known and feel like you contribute to the campus and Kirkland community. Here, you’ll find a university focused on crafting a diverse, lifelong community, that recognizes the intrinsic worth and dignity of each individual. Instead of sitting in a class of 200, you will experience a smaller, engaging class environment that will challenge you to grow academically, spiritually, and personally. Professors take time to pour into your life and genuinely view their academic influence as something that extends beyond a four-year program. The relationships you build will continue well past your time at Northwest.

At NU, the friends you make will ultimately become like family. Walking across campus you’ll see students, faculty, and administrators actively engaged with each other. Here you are not a number, but rather a student that brings purpose and value to the community as a whole. You will experience students and faculty who share openly about their dreams and goals and help each other find ways to make those dreams become a reality.

As a Christ-focused community, coaches, professors, staff, and students realize the power of faith and its role in our lives. Professors take time in class to pray over their students and coaches take time to pray over their athletes. Staff and faculty encourage students to ‘Carry the Call of God by continually building a learning community dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need.’

Northwest University provides so much more than a classroom experience. You’ll leave with a top-notch education, life-long friendships, world-class experiences, and opportunities for growth where you’ve learned how to do life well together.”



What does academic excellence mean at NU?

Academic excellence is a term we use in the Northwest mission statement to indicate our desire for NU to be a place where all students are challenged to excel and are stretched to the fullness of their ability. At NU academic excellence means that every student graduates with the knowledge and abilities necessary to succeed in their field of study and to compete favorably with graduates from all other schools. Our students would be quick to say that we accomplish this within the context of a community of learners, where students and faculty not only learn together but share life as well. But what also sets NU apart is our commitment to enabling our students to think about their field from the perspective of a Christian worldview. We want our students to excel in their disciplines, as well as represent Christ in them in both thought and deed.

How have you seen NU grow in its commitment to academic excellence?

NU has never been stronger in terms of the academic qualifications of its faculty. The percentage of faculty members with doctorates (or currently working on their dissertation) is 75%—much higher than when I started as provost in 2005.

During that same time period we increased our expectations for faculty to integrate faith into their teaching. Documented strength in relating a Christian worldview with their fields of teaching has become a requirement for faculty promotion. In support of this, we created the Faculty Faith and Learning Course that is required of all new full-time faculty members.



KEEPING OUR STANDARDS HIGH

Q&A WITH DR. JIM HEUGEL, NU PROVOST

What traits do you look for in a professor?

The non-negotiables for NU faculty members are living faith, robust academic preparation, strong teaching, and a commitment to building rapport with our students. Teaching is an art that takes practice and commitment. There are many different styles of teaching that can be successful. The underlying reality is this—students learn best from people they love. That's why we look for faculty members who enjoy working with students and are willing to engage with them on a personal as well as an intellectual level. It is a joy to watch our faculty in action!

What advice would you give a student who wants to excel in college?

My number one suggestion is to build a relationship with at least one professor outside of class. Go to their office hours and introduce

yourself. Tell them you just want to get acquainted and ask them how they came to be at NU. Research shows that students who get to know their professors outside of class do best.

Beyond that, I advise that students construct a life that supports their educational goals. Choose friends who encourage you to study and to do your best. Treat your studies like the full-time job they are by planning ahead and putting in the necessary hours to succeed. Manage time carefully. Don't fill up your schedule with too many commitments. Immerse yourself in the amazing experience of being a full-time student and allow God to have this season of your life for that purpose.

#iheartNU

“Truly thankful for the community here at @northwestu! #iheartNU

- @CINDYRAMIREZ253



“When class stops so the students can come around you in prayer. Because we’re family—no matter what. #iheartNU

- @MARACURLEY



“I love Seattle and the people here. Northwest students have really made my life better. #iheartNU

- @THEFLYINGSKUNK



“Just had my preaching professor take 10 minutes of class just to encourage us and say how much he believes in us. #iheartNU

- @CHRISTIAND2010



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“Northwest University: my home. #iheartNU

— @EMILYGPOTTS



“#iheartNU because we get to read and explore the Bible in our classes. What a humbling and uplifting opportunity.

— @MIKAYLADAY



WHAT TO DO AT NU

- Student Government
- Talon (Online student magazine)
- Intramural Sports (Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer)
- Disc Golf
- Life Groups
- Embargo (Abolition of human trafficking)
- Lighthouse (Homeless ministry)
- Choralons (Music ministry)
- Prayer Team
- Student Activities Board
- Screaming Eagles Week
- Improv/Drama
- Chapel Bands
- Debate Team
- Multicultural Club
- Talent Show
- Eagle Fitness Center
- Men's and Women's Soccer
- Men's and Women's Basketball
- Women's Volleyball
- Men's and Women's Track and Field
- Men's and Women's Cross Country
- Women's Softball

finding
JESUS
in the unexpected



Mikayla Day
Psychology

“When I first experienced Northwest Friday (NU’s college visit day) as a junior in high school, I was instantly struck with the richness and vibrancy of this community, where Christ was so firmly rooted and celebrated. I was captivated by an environment where students can worship together in chapel, pray in classes, and minister to each other. At NU, spiritual vitality is where you would expect it: chapel, Pursuit worship nights, and in life groups. I saw that well enough as a visiting student. What I came to realize as an attending student was where Jesus was at work within the facets of life where I didn’t necessarily expect to find him: in the residence halls, as I grappled with personal conflict and doubt, I found an incredible support system of friends who became family, showing me

Jesus’ heart of hospitality and care; in my classes, where teachers integrated valuable teachings of faith in fields of study such as psychology and biology, revealing to me that Jesus is present in the details; and in my workplace on campus, my boss prayed for me and gave me grace and encouragement. Now, going into my third year as a student here, I look back on times of trial and see God’s faithfulness, revealed through floor life groups, conversations in my dorm rooms, lessons from my professors, and nights of worship. I am so grateful to be in an environment that is so caring and exploding with the love of Christ. Very quickly Northwest became more than a school, it became my home, and I thank God every day for leading me here and guiding me day by day.”

“Northwest isn’t just a school where I wanted to pursue my college degree; it’s my second home. Coming in as a freshman I didn’t know what to expect, but I knew Northwest was where God wanted me to be. I knew that he wanted me to live in a spiritual community and also pursue my bachelor’s degree with professors who would truly care about my career and my relationship with the Lord. One of the greatest feelings I have is attending chapel and worshipping the Lord with all my peers. Coming from a public school, I would have never wanted anything more.

The professors at Northwest not only help you with your schoolwork but they pray with you, read the Bible with you, and mentor you. You don’t see professors in large universities interact with students with such compassion. I am so grateful for all the professors that I’ve encountered because not only have they prepared me for my future career, but they’ve also assimilated faith with my education. I am a firm believer in community, and Northwest is the place to be. As a senior at Northwest, I have grown so much in my faith. I am so grateful for the administration, the professors, the leaders, and all the students that have made Northwest my second home.”

Cindy Ramirez
Business Management



KIRKLAND'S *TREASURES*



Sunset at nearby Kirkland waterfront



Marsh Park



Peanut Butter Bacon
Burger at The Slip



Zoka Coffee



Homegrown

Our campus is located in the heart of Kirkland—one of the best zip codes in Washington state. From your dorm room you can be at one of several waterfront parks in a matter of minutes. If it's food you're after, Kirkland does not disappoint. Choose from upscale restaurants to small ethnic eateries—and just about anything in between. There are art galleries, a performance center, skate parks, farmer's markets, and much more. Local buses can whisk you into Seattle, but with all Kirkland has to offer, you might just stay right in your own neighborhood.

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THE EMPLOYERS THAT SURROUND US
SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

MOUNTAINS

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When choosing a university, don't overlook the potential to get a great job once you graduate. At NU, we're surrounded by companies that have changed the world. Perhaps that's why our region was recently named by *Forbes* as one of the best places to get a job. Here, you can intern and network while going to school, setting yourself up for a successful career.

FROM CLASSROOMS TO CAREERS



“My education from NU was engaging and taught me how to think critically about the range of issues facing our nation and world. The small class sizes allowed me to develop relationships with professors who challenged and broadened my thinking and who continue to support me to this day. Ultimately, NU equipped me with the tools that I needed to succeed in both my graduate studies and career.”

– Kasea Hamar, Political Science

Senior Defense Analyst at the U.S. Government Accountability Office



“Every professor within the department cares about their students. Not only did they push me in my academics, they talked with me, gave guidance, and ideas for where to move on professionally. The fact that they care about their students shows. I don’t think I’d be the editor and writer I am today without them.”

– Chuck Steinhilber, English

Editor at Expedia



“Passion and determination are the two words that best describe the professors at Northwest. They challenge you to think outside the box and encourage you to build relationships. In today’s business world thinking creatively outside the box and nurturing relationships is a necessity.”

– Rubelyn O. Chu, Business Administration

Office Manager and HR Coordinator at WOWRACK Technologies, Inc.



“The professors in the Youth and Family Ministries major go deeper than just the academics. They care about you, they pray for you, and they believe in you. My time at NU was valuable because of the relationships that were fostered with the students and faculty which created a friendly and caring network beyond my four years at NU.”

– Nik Nair, Youth and Family Ministries

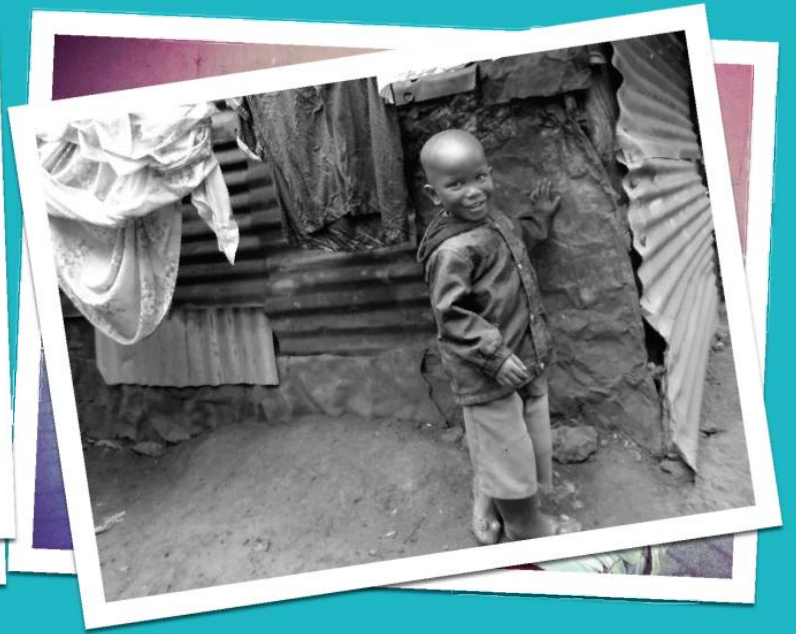
Associate/Youth Pastor at Angle Lake Neighborhood Church



Levi Davenport
Director of Career Development
and Corporate Relations

CAREER SERVICES CAN HELP YOU SUCCEED

Northwest University places great importance on the internship experience and believes that in order for academic learning to be successful, it needs to be paired with experiential learning. Students have found their internship experience to be extremely beneficial in helping to position themselves for full-time employment after graduation. In fact, these experiences are so beneficial, NU's Career Services works rigorously to create internships for students. As a result, 70% of NU students take part in our internship programs. Many alumni have enlisted the help of Career Services to find employment after graduation, and the office makes it a priority to generate job leads for students by fostering relationships with businesses in the community.



MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Chloe Derrenger, Nursing

"I came to Northwest University for the travel aspect of the nursing program, knowing that the school did a trip to Africa with the Mercy Ships. Little did I know my experience would be much more than just a trip. When I made the Mercy Ships team, I was overwhelmed with joy to be living my dream.

After traveling 4,000 miles, we arrived at our home for the next month and spent our first week becoming familiar with the city, hospital, and people. Our schedule consisted of three days a week in the hospital, with weekends spent running medical camps in surrounding cities and slums.

In the hospital, I worked on four different units. There were so many perplexing situations—for instance, in the pediatric ward, one nurse would care for anywhere from 17 to 40 children! In the U.S., a pediatric nurse would normally have three to five patients. It was very hard to see these children not getting full care due to the lack of staff.

The trip was life-changing—few things are more eye-opening than healthcare missions. God is doing amazing things through NU's nursing program.

The following week, I worked in an HIV/AIDS treatment center. We hear so much about HIV in the States that the stigma here is far less than in Kenya. I saw firsthand how people hide their status and sometimes even deny being positive.

A 12-year-old girl with AIDS was given a few months to live and stopped taking her anti-retroviral medications to punish her family for keeping her disease a secret.

A few of our medical camps involved working with 400 widows, juvenile detention boys, and children. We went to the Kibera Slums—a five-square-mile radius where 1.3 million people live—to provide child wellness check-ups. Most of the children were diagnosed with malaria. Others had worms, fungal infections, or upper-respiratory infections. These children had so much joy, even though they had so little.

The trip was life-changing—few things are more eye-opening than healthcare missions. God is doing amazing things through NU's nursing program, and I urge students interested in nursing to consider Northwest University. My experiences in Kenya will influence me the rest of my life."

DISCOVERING THE GOD OF ALL CREATION

Josh Harris, B.A. Organizational Communication, M.A. International Community Development

“While studying abroad is common among universities, learning how to integrate faith in Jesus in a multi-cultural setting is something not many students get to experience. Traveling abroad provides a global perspective of what God is doing in other countries, reveals the beautiful differences between cultures, and opens our eyes to injustices around the globe. It is because of these great learning points that my travels through Northwest were some of my best learning experiences I have had to this day.

Every summer, Northwest sends students on short-term mission trips. In the summer of 2013, I went to Cambodia, and it was such an eye-opening experience. I worked with two missionaries who run a non-profit organization called Sparrows Nest. Their goal is to provide a place where kids can receive education, a nutritious meal, a shower, and be safe from the danger of trafficking. We often hear stories of kids being trafficked, kids who have little to no education, kids who are malnourished, kids who don't seem to have a chance at upward mobility. But, to put a face and build a relationship with such kids gives you a fresh perspective.

Traveling to Cambodia helped me develop a compassion for those in need that God commands us to be generous toward, and enforced the idea that our resources are indeed not our own, but are to be dispensed out to others who need God just like us. In fact, that personal growth process motivated me to continue toward my master's degree at Northwest in International Community Development, in hopes that one day I can have a vocation that helps those in need.”



A STUDENT WHO STAYED

Chelsea Green, Admissions Counselor
and NU Alumna



“One of the best ways to navigate your college search is to know in advance what you’re looking for. When I was looking into colleges, I knew that I wanted to go to a smaller school. I was looking for a Christian university with a great community of people, but also an environment where I would get to know my professors (as an accounting major, networking was crucial). That’s exactly what I found at Northwest: professors who would take prayer requests before class, and then still remember what they had prayed about, even months later. Professors who knew my strengths and goals, and could write brilliant recommendation letters as a result. I found professors who would take the time to attend chapel alongside their students. I found professors who would not only encourage and challenge me academically, but also spiritually. And I found those treasured friends that I will have for

the rest of my life—it’s amazing how close you get to people when you spend all your time with them!

From my first contact with the Admissions office, to the countless adventures with friends, to the time I walked across the stage at graduation, it was apparent to me how much the people here genuinely care about each other. Now, as an Admissions Counselor, it is my mission to impart that same sense of value to each student I work with. Even if I’m the only person from Northwest that you ever interact with, I still want you to come away with an understanding of our community and what our university is all about. Of course, the best NU experience is a first-hand one so I hope that, as you read this, you are already planning a visit to our campus. I’d love show you around.”

*Meet the Admissions team at
northwestu.edu/admissions/counselors.*

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY—APPLY NOW!

Step

1

Apply Online at:
northwestu.edu/apply

Step

2

Request Official Transcripts:
Make arrangements through your registrar's office to obtain official high school or college transcripts. Transfer students with at least 30 semester or 45 quarter college credits are not required to submit a high school transcript.

Step

3

Request Official SAT or ACT Scores:
NU SAT Code: 4541
NU ACT Code: 4466
Transfer students with at least 20 semester or 30 quarter college credits are not required to submit test scores.

Step

4

Pastoral Reference:
When you complete the online application you will have the opportunity to request a reference electronically.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

There's still time to apply, but you need to act quickly! Start your application now at northwestu.edu/apply.

November 15 – Early Action I

January 15 – Early Action II

February 15 – Financial Aid

May 1 – Confirmation

Apply by November 15th and we'll waive your \$30 application fee!

AREAS OF STUDY

Majors & Concentrations

- Accounting
- Audio Production*
- Biblical Languages*
- Biblical Literature
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry*
- Children and Family Ministries
- Communication
 - Communication & Preaching
 - Drama
 - Film Studies
 - Media Studies
 - Organizational Communication
 - Public Affairs
 - Rhetoric & Public Affairs
- Contemporary Music Industry
 - Producer Track
 - Recording Arts Technology
 - Performance Track
- Elementary Education
 - Humanities
 - Mathematics
 - Science
- English
 - Literature
 - TESOL
 - Writing
- Environmental Science
- Finance*
- General Ministry
- General Studies
- Health Science
- History
- Interdisciplinary Studies
 - Single Area
 - Multiple-Area
 - Legal Studies
 - Political Science
- Intercultural Studies
 - African Studies
 - Asia Studies
- Cross-Cultural Studies
- First Nations Ministry
- Latin American Studies
- Linguistic Studies
- Middle East Studies
- University Ministry
- Urban Ministries
- Mathematics
- Management
- Marketing
- Media Ministry*
- Military Science & Leadership*
- Music
- Music Education
- Music Industry Business
- Music Ministry
- Nursing
- Pastoral Care*
- Pastoral Ministry
- Political Science
- Professional Sales*
- Psychology
 - Cultural Psychology
 - Counseling Psychology
 - General Psychology
 - Marriage & Family Studies
 - Organizational Behavior
- Religion & Philosophy
- Secondary Education
 - Biology
 - English & Language Arts
 - English Language Learners (ELL)
 - Health & Fitness
 - Mathematics
 - Social Studies
 - Theatre Arts
- Youth and Family Ministries

*Minor

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VISIT US!

One of the best ways to learn about a university is to actually experience it. We'd like to invite you to visit NU and see all that we have to offer. Visit chapel, sit in on a class, meet your Admissions Counselor, tour the campus, and even stay overnight in the dorms! There are lots of options to fit with your schedule.

\$500 VISIT SCHOLARSHIP

Schedule your visit today, and we'll give you a \$500 scholarship good toward your first year at NU. Check out northwestu.edu/visit to choose the campus visit option that's best for you!



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