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FAREWELL COLUMN: OUTGOING EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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When I first came to Northwest University in the fall of 2013 I never imagined I would become the editor-in-chief of *The Talon*. Now my college career is over and I have made so many memories it is hard to think of just one way to conclude. While everyone's college experience will be unique, I hope we all share the goal of finding what we are passionate about. I have always been passionate about writing, especially creative writing, but as I learned more in my communication classes I became more interested in journalism and my passion continued to grow from there.

Being a part of *The Talon* for the past year and a half has pushed me to become better not only as a journalist but as a leader. I learned that leading a team takes a team effort. We would not have been able to accomplish everything we have been able to do this semester without the incredible work of our leadership team, staff and amazing adviser, Dr. Will Mari.

My passion for journalism and experience as editor-in-chief led me to an internship this past summer at the *Monroe Monitor*, my hometown newspaper, and ultimately prepared me for a position working for the state as communications coordinator at Dairy Farmers of Washington. While my future career isn't directly involved with journalism, the skills I have learned have given me the ability to unite my passion of agriculture and the dairy industry with my love for writing.

I hope that the staff continues to grow and strive for valuable reporting and seeking out the truth. Even though NU is a small campus, everything we report matters—it can have a lasting impact and has the potential to create change. I hope that students searching for their passion will find a place on *The Talon* and continue to contribute to its growth and success. The world needs more Christian journalists.

I encourage each staff member to never doubt the power of their story no matter how simple or small it may be and strive to take every assignment and opportunity as a learning experience.

I cannot believe my time as editor-in-chief is now coming to a close.

I am so proud of our achievements we made as a staff this semester and I will never forget all that I have learned from being here. I am excited to start this new chapter in my life but I will be forever grateful to God for blessing me with the opportunity to attend NU and serve on *The Talon*.

I couldn't be happier to pass the role of editor-in-chief to one of my best friends and an exceptional editor, Maddi Miller. I look forward to watching *The Talon* continue to grow.

Farewell my friends and thanks for reading *The Talon*.

