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bright hope for tomorrow



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HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING AT NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY?

We get this question all the time. At Northwest University, our Christ-centered community, career-ready academics, on-campus experiences, and personal relationships are thriving! God is continually sculpting a more promising future. This is our assignment, too. Northwest University is leading out in building a more positive world. And you are invited to join us! At NU, we have **bright hope for tomorrow**.

There are a few reasons why we are filled with hope. Delaying college for just one year can cost a person nearly \$100,000 in lost lifetime earnings; Northwest is not delayed! We're plowing ahead with exciting new programs—and we've been meeting on campus all year. Come explore the many ways our students are flourishing. See how you can thrive, too!

WE'RE IN PERSON – All year long, students and professors have met safely in person. For those who cannot join in person, interactive video connects every student directly to the class and professor. NU is not just “open,” we're in person!

TUITION FREEZE – Ensuring a welcoming spirit for you at NU, our tuition bill is unchanged for the 2021–2022 school year. In fact, NU's tuition remains lower than all other Christian schools in Washington, and our low room and board rates save students thousands of dollars.

TECHNOLOGY MAJORS – Have you heard? NU is all-in on tech. Our brand-new, state-of-the-art technology studio is open! Technology majors include UX design, data science,

video production, audio production, and computer science. These programs add to a diverse offering of top programs in business, nursing, education, sciences, communication, psychology, music, humanities, and more.

ROBUST SCHOLARSHIPS – NU is all about affordability. With low tuition already, NU offers extensive scholarships. Don't miss out. Ministry majors in the traditional undergrad program receive a 50% scholarship!

CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT – Northwest University's Christ-centered community stands out. Spiritual vitality is our firm foundation. Students and families repeatedly recognize NU for an unmatched commitment to faith and spiritual formation. Northwest students gain supportive and caring lifelong friendships founded in a shared commitment to Jesus.

For so many reasons, NU has **bright hope for tomorrow**. Students, like you, are visiting our campus—in record numbers! We have adapted, grown, and succeeded. NU is ready for you!

With bright hope,



Andy Hall,
*Senior Director for
Enrollment Management*

JAKE FANKHAUSER

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT NU?

I first began visiting NU every so often to catch up with some friends that had made the decision to attend. At first, NU wasn't really on my radar as a possibility for my academic track, but as I got to know the community a bit more, it became clear that it was where I belonged. When I visited, students that I had met only once or twice greeted me as I walked between buildings, and even some professors had learned my name. Those tiny "Hey Jake!" moments served as a bite-sized sample for all I needed to know about the people at NU.

TELL ME A BIT ABOUT YOUR DREAMS AND GOALS FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER.

I have always had a passion for addressing homelessness in King County. When I was younger, our church would host some homeless men every few weeks to use our building as a place to rest. I had volunteered to make meals quite a few times but began to dislike the way that the volunteers would eat in the kitchen, separate from the homeless men. One night, I decided to break the boundaries and eat with them instead and was blown away by the conversations that I had. My stereotypical notion of homeless people was shattered as these men talked about the blessings that God has given them in their life lately, whether it was a job they found or a discount on food that they had been needing. It was then that I realized I wanted to focus on giving my everything to be God's hands and feet in the homeless community. My career goal is to use my strengths in math and business to become a data scientist to numerically and objectively analyze data in ways not done before to figure out how to best help those in need.

TELL ME ABOUT THE PROGRAM YOU'RE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN.

I am pursuing a double major in business administration and mathematics. I also plan on attending NU at night next fall through the fifth-year master's program, which means I'll earn an MBA in Project Management in addition to my bachelor's degree in five years. I have loved the ways that NU professors have really invested their time and energy into seeing me succeed, and I fully believe that the pieces of advice they have given me now will pay off tenfold in the future.

WHAT PRACTICAL SKILLS ARE YOU BUILDING DURING YOUR TIME AT NU THAT WILL APPLY TO YOUR FUTURE CAREER?

I am on the board for our Entrepreneurship Club, which has given me great opportunities to connect with countless Christian leaders in the area. I also play cello for the NU orchestra, which has created great friendships and been a perfect place to use the half of my brain that's not dominated by numbers constantly. I am also a member of Delta Mu Delta, our business honors society, that has created an unending web of great people to reach out to post-graduation. As part of the honors program, I am writing a senior thesis that focuses on the disproportionalities that minimum wage has on working class vs. lower class. This thesis has been a great project of mine, and it alone acts as a microcosm for everything that I have learned at NU.

It allows me to use what I've learned through both the business and math programs to understand and explain the data that I search through, and I get to write about something that I am extremely passionate about through the eyes of a Christian education. Long story short, I am involved with quite a bit at NU, but each thing has genuinely added value to my experience in more ways I could even realize.

HOW HAS THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AT NU IMPACTED YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

I decided on NU because of the academic discipline, career opportunities, and especially the community—the fact that it was faith-based was just a bonus. However, once I got here, I quickly realized that all the areas I was focused on were great because of that Christian aspect. The strength in academics is because there are incredible professors that could teach at any school in the world but decide to teach at NU to share their faith through what they teach. The career opportunities are so vast because, despite being in a secular state, companies know that the Christian aspect of NU promises that alumni are extremely responsible and hardworking and are always willing to go the extra mile for others. I have been in multiple interviews where the fact that I'm from NU is what helped get me the position, because they know the kind of students NU produces. Lastly, the community is unlike anything I have experienced. Everyone is extremely mature and gracious and kind and welcoming. A group of people who continue to keep God at the center of their life is not a bad group to be with.



SOPHIA TAYLOR

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT NU?

I heard about NU through my old home church, New Life. I knew a lot of alumni from Northwest and once I heard about their experiences, I knew that I had to check it out.

TELL ME A BIT ABOUT YOUR DREAMS AND GOALS FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER.

I want to be a bridge builder. I hope to bring people who normally wouldn't wave at each other on the street to sit down at a table for coffee together to see that they really aren't that different. Practically, this looks like working as a diversity consultant, then eventually going into urban ministry.

TELL ME ABOUT THE PROGRAM YOU'RE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN.

Part of what has made my time at NU amazing has been the communications department, and more specifically Dr. Renee Bourdeaux. She has taught me what it means to love and communicate well in business environments and with my own family. She is, in my opinion, one of the best things about not only the communications department, but Northwest as a whole.

WHAT PRACTICAL SKILLS ARE YOU BUILDING DURING YOUR TIME AT NU THAT WILL APPLY TO YOUR FUTURE CAREER?

The practical skills I have learned would be public speaking, sharpening my intercultural communication, recruiting, and learning how to lead well.

HOW HAS THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AT NU IMPACTED YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

The faith-based community has impacted my college experience by enabling me to speak of my faith freely in classes. It also helped shape me and formed who I am as a person, and it enabled me to grow in my faith.



DANIEL BLAKESLEE

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT NU?

I heard about NU through some friends that were also applying. They told me that it had a great pastoral ministries program.

TELL ME A BIT ABOUT YOUR DREAMS AND GOALS FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER.

My dreams and goals for the future are to serve in youth ministry as a youth pastor. One of my great joys is serving others, and I am passionate about getting to know students and leading them closer to Jesus.

TELL ME ABOUT THE PROGRAM YOU'RE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN.

I am currently enrolled in the College of Ministry. My major is pastoral ministries with a focus in youth ministry. This program has been so helpful in preparing me for ministry. The professors really care about you and how you are growing. Also, the students in the program are all so friendly and gracious; they are the best people to learn alongside.

WHAT PRACTICAL SKILLS ARE YOU BUILDING DURING YOUR TIME AT NU THAT WILL APPLY TO YOUR FUTURE CAREER?

My favorite practical skills that I have learned have been the "how" of ministry. Learning how to program events and services and then execute them well has been very rewarding.

HOW HAS THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AT NU IMPACTED YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

The faith-based community here at NU has been amazing. It's a unique and comforting feeling to know that as I pursue a future in ministry, I am surrounded by many others with the same passions who want to see me succeed and want to see me grow closer to God through all of it.



OSCAR ORNELAS



HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT NU?

I heard about NU through a previous alumnus that attended a couple years before. He encouraged me to attend, as NU has many opportunities and was a home away from home for him. This pushed me to be immersed in the community here at Northwest, as they have taught me that there is so much to be offered in the NU community. They would push me to further myself and help me unfold my potential.

TELL ME A BIT ABOUT YOUR DREAMS AND GOALS FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER.

Some of my dreams and goals going forward in life are to strive toward reconciliation and celebrating diversity throughout all areas of work that I am involved in. Working in furthering the reconciliation of different cultures in the church and in the workplace is what I strive to do in life. This would further the kingdom of God here on this earth and would also lead towards more unity. That is why I would love to be a part of diversity recruitment in different areas of the workplace and the Kingdom.

TELL ME ABOUT THE PROGRAM YOU'RE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN.

I am currently enrolled in the College of Business pursuing my degree in business management. This would further my understanding of how leadership works in different settings, such as the church or a corporate business. By doing this I have learned the importance of communicating and leading well in all areas of life and how to bring others together.

WHAT PRACTICAL SKILLS ARE YOU BUILDING DURING YOUR TIME AT NU THAT WILL APPLY TO YOUR FUTURE CAREER?

The practical skills I am acquiring at NU are interpersonal relations, managing through adversity, and how to further incorporate my gifts in different settings and situations. Having these types of skills has been an important part of my development at NU. All this is thanks to those who have stood by me and helped me through difficult seasons of my life, showing me that I am worthy and that I am equipped to lead. Learning different attributes here at Northwest has made me capable of recruiting, communicating, and managing people through all types of seasons.

HOW HAS THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AT NU IMPACTED YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

The faith-based community has been one of my staple points for being involved and for having a sense of belonging here at NU. Thanks to the community that has been developed here, I have been able to freely talk about my faith and learn to deepen my relationship with the Lord. This has been an immense help to me, as I have been pushed closer to what the Lord has in store for me in my life.

LUKE SCHAEFER

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT NU?

I heard about NU years ago when I was in the sixth grade and had an ACSI middle school band musical tournament here. At the time, I attended Cedar Park Christian School.

TELL ME A BIT ABOUT YOUR DREAMS AND GOALS FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER.

I hope to get a job in film, which is my passion and my major, maybe somewhere local; working for Amazon in their film department would be interesting. My ultimate dream would be to get a job in Hollywood. Even though it is a long shot, I am definitely praying about it.

TELL ME ABOUT THE PROGRAM YOU'RE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN.

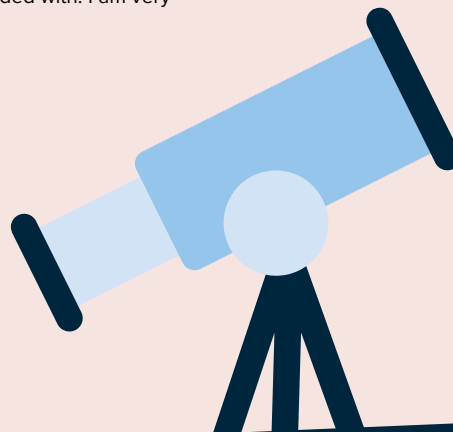
I am studying video production through the Creatio program, and I have really liked it.

WHAT PRACTICAL SKILLS ARE YOU BUILDING DURING YOUR TIME AT NU THAT WILL APPLY TO YOUR FUTURE CAREER?

One of the biggest practical skills I have learned, and even acquired a bit so far, would be my communication skills. Whether it be in my major, or in my student worker position for the chapel, or even just hanging out with friends around campus, I have really gotten better at that basic skill. I know that it is a skill that can take me long and far, so that is why I am very grateful for it.

HOW HAS THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AT NU IMPACTED YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

The faith-based community here has really inspired me to grow closer to the Lord. Before I transferred here, being at community college and then being shut down and forced to do online school for a few months due to the pandemic, I was not really reading my Bible or even putting in much effort. But now that I am here and I am surrounded by such God-fearing people, I have been much more intentional and enthusiastic about God's Word. Not even that, I have been able to be poured into numerous times throughout the week, hearing God's Word. I have chapel three times a week, church on Sunday, and my church's college group meets once a week, every week. So I have plenty of opportunities to hear from the Lord, on top of the great people that I get to be surrounded with. I am very thankful for that!



JEAN THOMAS



HOW DID YOU FIRST HEAR ABOUT NU?

I first heard about NU when my pastor's daughter attended NU and had a really positive experience. She and her family raved about NU, the community, the professors, and the opportunity to attend chapel.

TELL ME A BIT ABOUT YOUR JOB.

I am currently doing two internships in my PsyD program. I am administering assessments at Dayspring Behavioral Health to assess for ADHD and other learning disabilities primarily for children and adolescents. I am also at NUhope, a community mental health clinic located at the undergraduate campus, providing individual and couples counseling to the general population.

WHAT WAS YOUR TIME IN YOUR MAJOR LIKE?

The psychology classes I took at NU did an incredible job preparing me for the PsyD program at NU. I appreciated that we took a cultural immersion trip to Europe for 10 days, as I was exposed to the world of psychology: visiting concentration camps, Freud's hometown, and various museums. The courses during the undergraduate program were challenging, pushing me out of my comfort zone. It was a lot of work, but I always felt greatly supported by the professors and faculty at the university.

WHAT PRACTICAL SKILLS DID YOU BUILD DURING YOUR TIME AT NU THAT APPLY TO YOUR CAREER?

I feel like I learned a lot of practical skills that I am able to apply now while in my graduate program. I took a research methods course that provided me with different study skills to implement based on what research says are great ways to study, such as chunking, taking breaks while studying, highlighting key concepts, etc. My last semester of undergrad, I took a psychology course on reading various books and having discussions with the class. Although it was intimidating to speak up, it pushed me out of my comfort zone and challenged me to be a more active participant during group discussions.

HOW DID THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AT NU IMPACT YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

Growing up, always attending public school, I was amazed that there was a university where the general population shared the same beliefs as me. My first week of undergrad at NU, I witnessed some of my professors openly pray during the start of class and it was so foreign to me. I loved attending chapel; it was something I looked forward to every week because it was such a new experience. I believe my love for God really grew while in the community at NU. It was the first time where I surrounded myself with godly friends who were on fire for God. Having open conversations about what God is doing through us or teaching us really sharpened my faith and ignited a greater love for God and His people.

MADISON FAIRFIELD

HOW DID YOU FIRST HEAR ABOUT NU?

I heard about NU from my parents, actually! They both attended as students and met each other right outside the Grey-Beatty lounge. I grew up hearing stories from their college years and asking them about their time in the dorms or hanging out at the Kirkland waterfront. I always imagined myself attending Northwest as well. When the time came to apply, I looked at a few other schools in the area, but after visiting campus, I decided it was home for me too!

TELL ME A BIT ABOUT YOUR JOB.

After graduating NU, I interviewed and was hired by the Lake Washington School District. My job has shifted a little in the last couple years. Last year I taught a program for seventh-grade highly-capable students. This year, I teach eighth-grade English Language Arts. I love it! Middle school is as crazy as it sounds, but I think that is why I enjoy it so much. They're curious, they're awkward, they're funny, and they genuinely enjoy learning. Teaching in a pandemic has changed my job a bit; while my days normally involve running around a classroom, talking to groups of students, leading reading circles, and teaching multiple periods a day. Now I teach via Microsoft Teams and have to be a lot more creative! The relationships I've built with students and faculty, however, make it worthwhile. I work on a great team of fellow educators within my building, and I often have the opportunity to collaborate at a district level as well.

WHAT WAS YOUR TIME IN YOUR MAJOR LIKE?

It was a lot of fun and a lot of work. After applying to the College of Education, I wasn't sure what to expect. I knew that I felt called to teach, but I knew very few of the professors and almost no one in the cohort. That changed quickly! At the end of my junior year, we traveled to Costa Rica to visit schools and help teach English in local classrooms. It was a beautiful experience, and I learned so much. And my cohort bonded a lot! It made our senior year especially fun because we knew we were all on a similar journey, learning to teach and serve students. I can honestly say I met some of my closest friends in the College of Education. We spent many late nights writing lesson plans, making coffee runs, forming a life group, and just having fun.

WHAT PRACTICAL SKILLS DID YOU BUILD DURING YOUR TIME AT NU THAT APPLY TO YOUR CAREER?

The COE provided me with several opportunities to observe real class settings, which not only affirmed my excitement to enter the field, but also gave me the tools I'd need after graduation. I spent the second half of my senior year student teaching in a sixth grade classroom: five days a week fully immersed in the school's culture and building relationships with my students. Under my mentor teacher's guidance, I learned how to plan real units, assess student progress, and problem solve when plans changed (and they always

do!). Student teaching also helped me realize how much I enjoy middle schoolers. I knew I was interested in secondary education, but it wasn't until I stepped into the joyful chaos of a sixth-grade classroom that I realized how much I truly thrived in it. My classes also prepared me to understand and contribute to the ever-changing world of education. Some of my favorite courses included discussions around curriculum design, assessment, and middle school culture. I still refer to some of these notes throughout the school year as they continue to prove relevant in my everyday work.

HOW DID THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AT NU IMPACT YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

The faith-based community was everything! I cannot think of a single more impactful part of my college experience. I looked at several other colleges before choosing NU, but it really came down to the question: "Lord, where do I feel your presence the most?" For me, the answer was undoubtedly Northwest. Times spent in worship at Pursuit, community in the dorms, and deep conversations with professors challenged me to consider the core of my beliefs and how it was relevant to the culture we find ourselves in. Though I grew up knowing about God, my college years helped me understand why I believe what I do. It was a safe place to grow, at times fail, and ultimately find identity in Christ.





FINDING YOUR LIFE CALLING

At Northwest University, every student takes a short series of classes with the course code “UCOR.” These courses are designed to assist students in answering the question, “What am I called to do?” **English professor Dr. Clint Bryan** and **communication professor Dr. Renee Bourdeaux** spearhead this important introduction for our first-year students and help guide their experiences as they answer this question and plan out the rest of their courses. In the following interview, Dr. Bryan and Dr. Bourdeaux break down what UCOR classes look like and why they are so very important for NU students.

WHAT IS UCOR?



One of the things that NU does really well is helping shepherd students toward their calling early on. Even if students have an idea of where the Lord is sending them, NU has a class called “Life Calling” which allows them to be able to ask, “Who am I as a Christian, and what is God calling me to do?” We spend the entire semester building around this model, where we ask, “How do your faith and your service matter? And how does that build your character?” Whether it’s in the classroom on campus or in your future job, we help them learn to think in these dimensions.

WHERE DID THE IDEA FOR UCOR BEGIN?



The name change to Life Calling occurred a couple of years ago in response to research that students are already searching for what their calling is. This idea that, “I’m going to be a nurse, and I knew that at youth camp when I was 13 and I’m never deviating,” is really actually quite a small number of people. The average adult changes careers six times, and some of us are above average. We are applying theory and theology to the question, “Who am I, and what has God called me to be?” Renee, as the communication specialist and theorist, brings the theory, and I, as an Assemblies of God ordained

minister for over 25 years, bring the theology side. We try to help students understand that these are questions they've thought about, but they need to be able to articulate the answers for themselves. Back in the day, people would come in and share about why you should pick their major. We don't do that anymore. We're being very intentional about putting in pastoral safeguards because we realize that this is a huge transition, and they need somebody who's watching to make sure that they're transitioning well.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS RECEIVE TRAINING AROUND THE IDEA OF CALLING?



We often feel like we have to have this one answer for what we're going to do. While some students do, the realization that God has created us in His image means we have multiple gifts. So, if we are only honing one of them, we lose the ability to see how the Lord wants us to fit into the larger Kingdom. The way you learn about calling isn't just your job. It's taking all of the gifts God has given you and flexing those muscles, if you will. You need people around you to say, "You're doing a good job. Keep pushing." We shepherd the students toward digging into their gifts, not just into a job. Because in the event that the job doesn't work out or the Lord calls you somewhere else, then your whole identity isn't built on one job, because you understand your gifting and your connection with the community around you.



One of the key verses we've taken on as a theme is Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (NIV). The idea that you're called to something doesn't mean that you are able to do it from the moment you hear that call. If you say, "I'm called to be a physician," no one is going to hand you a scalpel right away and tell you to take someone's spleen out. We all have to learn these things and go through the processes. UCOR helps students look at the next four years and ask, "What classes do I need to be taking to build those things up, and where am I deficient?"



We even work with them on developing their eight-semester plan. I think the other thing about calling that's interesting is we have this misnomer about going into full-time ministry. But everybody is in full-time ministry! Everything is ministry. That also means, wherever you go and whatever you're doing, you can do that to the glory of God.

IN YOUR EXPERIENCE, HOW HAVE YOU SEEN UCOR MAKE AN IMPACT IN STUDENTS' COLLEGE EXPERIENCES?

One thing that's really important that we point out is that this is a class that meets as a lecture, and it also breaks into a small group every week. We work closely with student development, so Larissa Lilly, director of community life, made sure that every mentor is the orientation leader for that group of students. So they have already met each other and gotten to know each other. This gives them a positive small group experience in their first semester so that when there's an opportunity to join a small group later on, they can say, "Oh yeah, I've been in a small group before."

Every opportunity is what you make of it. If they're aligned with the Bible as they come to college, this should be an adventure to see all of the things the Lord sets in front of them and see how they can learn and grow from it. So sure, you can go into this class and not embrace it for what it is. But being able to see where you're at and what the Lord is giving to you, you start to ask how you can get the most out of that. We get asked all the time to write all of the letters of recommendation for students who have come through UCOR, because we've been able to watch them grow. They're all on their own journey. The thing that I think students do is compare themselves too much. Instead of asking how they compare to someone else, they should think, "The Lord has brought me here, what does he want me to do? Not me with everybody else; it's how the Lord is using me right now." If you do that, you will see the opportunities that the Lord sets in front of you, and you'll rock your degree.





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For several years in a row, Northwest University has been recognized as a best value college by prominent ranking outlets like *U.S. News & World Report*. This is due to our wide array of majors and programs, competitive scholarships, and a lower-than-average sticker price.

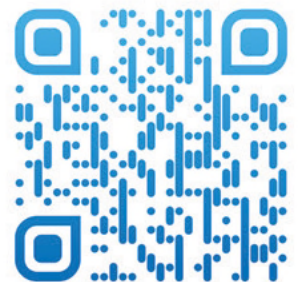
Our goal is to help as many students as possible follow their callings through pursuing a college education, and that means committing to helping them financially whenever possible.

When the pandemic hit, we wanted to honor that commitment in a major way: this upcoming school year, we have placed a **tuition freeze** on our undergraduate programs. In the past NU has been forced to raise tuition,

but we will not raise the cost of attendance for the 2021–2022 school year.

In many ways, this makes it the perfect time to apply to NU. Students have the unique opportunity to use this stalled time during the pandemic to build their skills and do so at a fixed cost. When the pandemic ends, they will be ready to hit the ground running and take full advantage of the new normal.

NU will be accepting applications through **May 1**, which is **National College Decision Day**. There is no application fee, and it's easier than ever to apply online. Take the next step toward your dream career and apply today. Your future isn't canceled—it's just beginning. Scan the QR code below for more:



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We are fortunate to call such a stunning area home. From the safety and quiet of our campus in Kirkland, our students are easily within driving distance to [breathtaking mountains](#), [rewarding hikes](#), and [tranquil lakes](#). In fact, many of our students often walk down the hill to Lake Washington to cool off during the warmer months. In addition to the natural beauty of our location, downtown Kirkland is full of coffee shops, restaurants, and boutiques to explore. With a laid-back culture and plenty of hidden gems to discover, Kirkland is the best-kept secret of the Pacific Northwest.





VIEWS TO SEE WITH YOUR OWN EYES

We've said it before and we'll say it again: visiting the schools you're most interested in is the very best way to inform your college decision-making process. Plus, when those campuses are located in areas as amazing as this one, it makes for quite the adventure. Our Admissions team has worked hard all year round to put together some incredible visit experiences for our prospective students, including virtual visits, personalized individual visits, transfer info events, and more.

To sign up for a campus visit today, go to northwestu.edu/visit.





Emerging From Challenging Times

On August 31, classes began for the 2020–2021 school year. After months of intense planning and pivoting, NU was finally able to open its doors to students once again. While the masks, social-distancing measures, and safety regulations are a daily reminder that life is not “back to normal,” we remain grateful for the opportunity to bring the members of our community together again.

Our top priority as a university will always be the health and

safety of our community. So, when the pandemic struck in March 2020, we took every precaution necessary to protect our students. This, unfortunately, meant an altered end to the Spring 2020 semester. It was heartbreaking to cancel so many of our community’s favorite events, including our baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies.

As we began to approach the fall, we knew it was crucial to find a way for our community

to return to campus safely. We firmly believe that a high-quality educational experience for our students remains vitally important for their development and calling. So, we’re taking every necessary step to continue providing that education in this unique Christian learning environment that we all love so much. We know that this school year looks very different than any year we’ve ever had on our campus. Nevertheless, we will continue to fill this school year and the next with good things.

With safety regulations in place and a new hybrid modality for our courses called HyFlex, we have been able to charge ahead with our classes in a way that both protects our students and provides them with the education they're seeking.

Though there have been a few cases of the virus among our community, the percentage for our student body is far below average, and at the time of writing, all cases have made full recoveries.

We are grateful to be open, but our plans for the future are focused on thriving, not just surviving. Our online enrollment has surpassed goals for this year, our graduate programs are filling their cohorts, and we've launched several new, cutting-edge programs with more on the way later this year. We have not slowed in our continued pursuit of providing a quality, Christian education to the leaders of tomorrow.

We may not know what lies ahead with the future of this virus, but we do know that we remain determined to provide the Christ-centered education we're known for, no matter the circumstances. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines for universities, and we will continue to go above and beyond when it comes to the needs of our students. We will also remain united in Christ as we seek to equip the Christian leaders of tomorrow to impact our world for Christ. **Though these are indeed challenging times, we will reach the other side as the Lord our God gives us strength.**



From Anne B., an NU Parent:

What would you say to other parents whose children are considering NU?

My husband and I both attended Northwest University, so we knew it would be a great fit for our daughter. We are at peace knowing that our daughter is getting an education with a biblical foundation from professors who genuinely care for her.

As a parent, what have you thought about NU's safe on-campus teaching during the pandemic?

We have been very pleased with Northwest's safe on-campus teaching this year. We haven't worried for our daughter's safety and are thrilled that she is getting some sort of normal class and college life experience even during this pandemic.

holistic care @ NU



The Wellness Center: Whole-Person Health

The Wellness Center's main goal is to create a web of support for students that fosters success throughout their college career. We accomplish that through a unified approach to caring for the whole person. God miraculously created humans in the divine image with each person being uniquely fashioned into one body with interconnected parts. Just as Paul described the body of Christ as one body with many parts (1 Corinthians 12:27), so our bodies are one with many components: physical, mental, and spiritual. The Wellness Center's care team collaborates to treat the whole person through counseling, medical services, and nutrition services.

Mental health is an important part of caring for the whole person. It is well documented that anxiety and depression, as well as other mental health concerns, can manifest in physical conditions. Anxiety has been linked to nausea, headaches, insomnia, shortness of breath, and other physical ailments. Sarah Davison, clinical director of counseling services at the Wellness Center, directs a team of counselors in caring for students using a whole-person approach. Counselors see students for anxiety, depression, trauma, relationship concerns, and other mental health matters. Counselors often collaborate with the medical team and the dietitian in cooperation with the student.

Physical health is an important factor when considering the whole person. When we do not feel physically well it can affect our mood, productivity, and spiritual well-being. Julia Fitts, registered nurse at the Wellness Center, works with our nurse practitioner to treat urgent physical needs including injury and sickness. Julia promotes preventative care and a healthy lifestyle with resources and individualized activity plans. She also collaborates with the Wellness Center team to resolve physical illnesses that are connected to nutritional or mental health.

Obtaining adequate energy and nutrients from food optimizes one's mental and physical health. Poor nutrition has been linked to stress, low energy level, and illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. Amy Reuter, the Wellness Center's registered and certified dietitian, works with students to strategize food choices, schedule the timing of meals and portion sizes to fuel their academic and athletic activities, manage food allergies, and prevent chronic diseases. Amy collaborates with counselors and the medical team to help students reach their healthiest potential.

A healthy lifestyle that focuses on a whole-person approach is the foundation for a successful college career and beyond. The Wellness Center is here to help you meet that goal!



Campus Ministries: Student Care

The Campus Ministries department contributes to the holistic care surrounding Northwest University students in **three key areas: prayer, pastoral care, and mentorship**. NU is a **praying community**. From students, to staff, to faculty, to administration, you will frequently find people praying for one another all throughout our community. Campus Ministries has a prayer cellphone number that students can text anytime with their prayer requests. Our prayer team responds to messages and intercedes for requests, as well as hosts weekly prayer gatherings that are open to all.

With regard to **pastoral care**, there are three pastors in our department: Phil Rasmussen (campus pastor and VP of church relations), Megan Netherton (associate campus pastor of care and coordination), and Micah Lorenz (associate campus pastor of spiritual formation and discipleship). All three set aside dedicated hours each week for pastoral care appointments to talk and pray with students individually. On a larger scale, Campus Ministries also collaborates with the Student Care Group, which includes professionals from Student Development, Academic Success and Advising, and the Wellness Center. The Student Care Group gathers any student concerns, whether academic, spiritual, emotional, or relational, from NU faculty and staff and makes sure that a plan is put in place that provides relational support and resources to any student who might be going through a challenging time. Campus Ministries also oversees the Benevolence Fund, a fund available to students who experience unexpected financial setbacks, such as an unforeseen car or medical bill. This fund has been able to provide help to many students experiencing financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, Campus Ministries provides **mentorship** to our students as they grow in their faith walk and relationships at NU and beyond. Bi-semesterly, we host a women's event, Chic Chat, and a men's event, Fellaship. Both gatherings select topics that are relevant to our female and male students. These sessions involve biblical truth, space for mentorship, honest discussion, and heartfelt prayer. Taking our example from Jesus and His 12 disciples, we also organize and mentor dozens of student small groups called CREWS, the purpose of which is to develop a close circle of peers to spiritually grow with during their time at NU. Each group goes through a book of the Bible or a spiritually formative book together and prays for one another.

Campus Ministries' commitment to prayer, pastoral care, and mentoring contributes to the holistic student care provided by Northwest University, and it is a great honor and responsibility to be part of creating a loving, growing, caring community around each one of our students.



THE INDUSTRIES OF TOMORROW

In 2020, NU expanded Creatio Studios into the Creatio Center for Technology, Media, and Design. Creatio is now home to cutting-edge degrees in audio production, video production, computer science, UX design, and data science with more on the way. These majors are designed to help students get their foot in the door in rapidly growing tech and creative careers. **Derek Hoiem, one of the pioneering professors for the Creatio center,** took some time to share about where he sees these programs going in the future and what that means for NU students.



TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE NEW VISION FOR THE CREATIO CENTER.

It started with the great legacy that Northwest has in music and expanded to connect with more contemporary expressions of Christian music. Now, we're taking that creative energy even further to also include video and tech, as we've seen tech become a game-changing ecosystem that Christians need to be a part of. Creatio is creating the stream of skill sets that encompasses that entire world. I like to say that our culture now speaks the language of books, movies, music, and apps, and if we don't speak that language, we're not speaking into culture.

WHAT CAN STUDENTS EXPECT IN THE NEW UX DESIGN PROGRAM THAT YOU HAVE HELPED CREATE?

What I'm trying to do is have students think very broadly about what design is. Not only for software and apps, but also just things in the world. That's all framed within the distinctive Christian worldview that God created us, life, DNA, and the universe. What's interesting is over the last 100 years, the pace of scientific discovery has been accelerating, and we now know more things that validate a biblical worldview than we have ever known in human history. That's where I start the class, with that worldview: God is the ultimate designer, both for the universe, and for life, and we have a lot to learn from God. We take principals from what God has made and use those principals to design things in our world for the benefit of others.



**The Creatio Center for Technology,
Media, and Design**

HOW DO YOU ANTICIPATE THE CREATIO CENTER UNIQUELY PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE?

The information I'm sharing in my class about design in the universe coupled with our professors' expertise (I have over 20 years of product design experience for fortune 500 companies), represents the kind of quality that you're not going to get at a three-month school. Not to mention we're not only uniquely qualified in terms of the people we bring, but also geographically, as many have pointed out. Once word gets out that we're churning out high-quality students with a deep knowledge and four years of specific training in product design, we're going to have a very healthy job pipeline. What we're doing at Creatio is equipping students to be well rounded and exposed—to be excellent in multiple skillsets.

HOW DOES THIS COMMITMENT TO PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE INDUSTRIES OF TOMORROW TIE IN WITH NU'S IDENTITY AS A CHRISTIAN INSTITUTION?

To be relevant in today's culture, you have to be able to speak these languages; so relying on archaic communication methods isn't going to work. All of these skills are needed to communicate effectively in today's world. We as Christians have to be really excellent communicators, and being proficient in technology makes us able to reach large audiences.

I think of it as living in two worlds: we live in the physical world, and we live in the virtual world. Old-school thinking would say, "You're addicted to technology." There can be a tendency to look down on kids and say, "Oh, they're just addicted to their screens." But it's here; it's not going away. If we want to live in the world in this century, we better be really good at being effective communicators through this new technology. It's a matter of embracing them and embracing our Christian values at the same time.

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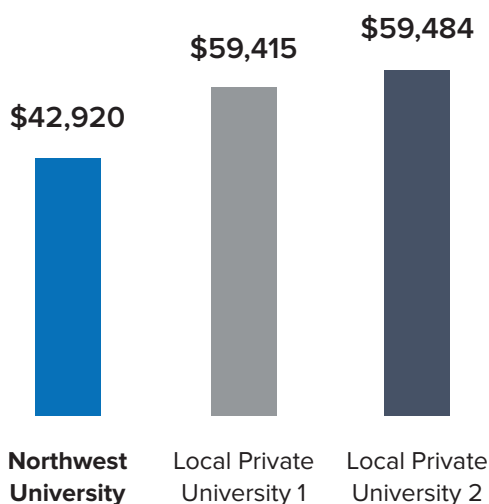
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CAN I AFFORD A PRIVATE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY?

The answer might surprise you.

WE START LOW AND AIM HIGH.

As you can see from the graph, **NU's total cost is significantly lower than other private universities in the area.** But our accreditation and academic standards are high. It's why we were recently selected as a College of Distinction and have been rated as an exceptional value.



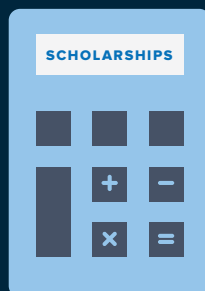
NU Tuition and Room and Board*

Tuition: **\$33,500**
Room and Board: **\$9,420**
Total: **\$42,920**

**Prices are from the 2020–2021 school year.*

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST ME?

While we can't give an exact number before an application has been submitted, our **net price calculator** helps students and families plan for the future by generating estimates of actual costs.

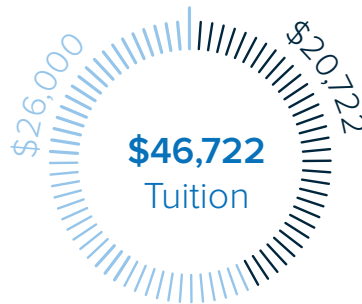


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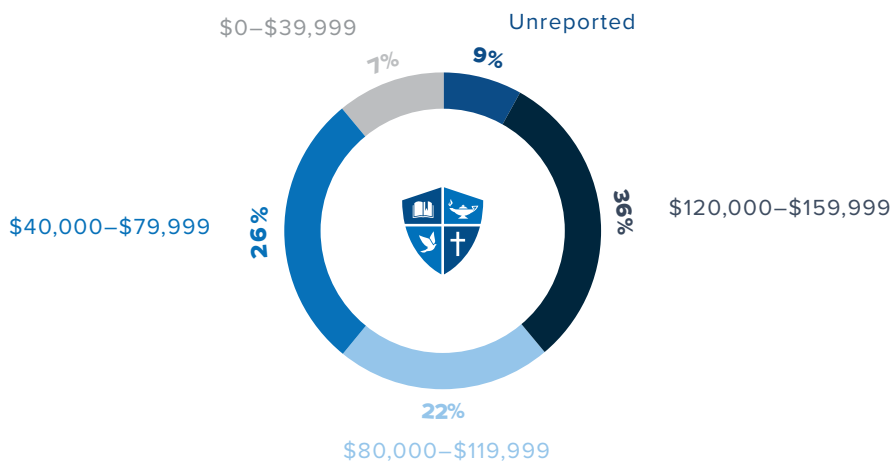
- Scholarship Awarded
- Remaining Tuition

**Tuition figures are based on the 2020–2021 academic year.*

Other universities may offer you a larger scholarship, but don't forget, NU's tuition is significantly lower. A \$16,000 scholarship from NU may still result in a lower overall cost than a larger scholarship from a more expensive university. **When comparing scholarships, be sure to look at their impact on the overall cost.**

OUR STUDENTS COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

Household Income Distribution for 2020–2021 Students Receiving Financial Aid



You may assume that students who attend a private Christian university come from high-income homes. Here again is a surprise. **A quick look at this graph shows that our students come from every economic background.**

the **UNIVERSITY**
of **POSSIBILITY**®

We call ourselves the University of Possibility because a private Christian education really is achievable here. Don't settle for less. See what possibility our Christ-centered education will inspire and unleash in you. **Apply today.**

NU QUICK FACTS

One magazine isn't quite enough space to tell you every single exciting detail about NU, but we wanted to make sure we communicated as many as possible. Here are a few quick facts about our campus, student life, and more.

60%	KIRKLAND CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS
30+	COFFEE SHOPS NEARBY
946	KIRKLAND CAMPUS UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT*
2,409	TOTAL ENROLLMENT* ACROSS TWO CAMPUSES AND ONLINE
95%	STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS
10	VARSITY SPORTS
1934	YEAR FOUNDED
76%	GRADUATES WHO ARE EMPLOYED IN A FIELD RELATED TO THEIR MAJOR
93%	GRADUATES WHO SAY THEY WERE PREPARED FOR THEIR CAREER
70+	MAJORS AND PROGRAMS
11:1	STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

**FALL 2019 ENROLLMENT*



MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

BUSINESS DEGREES

Accounting
Business Administration
Business Marketing
Finance*
International Business
Management
Marketing

- Digital Marketing
- General Marketing
- Professional Sales*

Music Industry Business

COMMUNICATION, ENGLISH, AND HUMANITIES DEGREES

Communication Studies

- Dramatic Studies
- Human Communication
- Media and Society
- Strategic Communications

English

- Literature
- TESOL
- Writing

History and Politics

- American Studies Public Policy
- American Studies Strategic Communication

Interdisciplinary Studies
Pre-Law*

EDUCATION DEGREES

Educational Studies

- Community Programming
- Instructional Technology
- International Education

Elementary Education

- English
- English Language Learner (ELL)
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Science
- Special Education

Secondary Education

- Biology
- English and Language Arts
- English Language Learners (ELL)
- Health and Fitness
- Mathematics
- Music Endorsement
- Social Studies
- Theatre Arts

MINISTRY DEGREES

Biblical Languages*
Biblical Literature
Biblical Studies
Children and Family Ministries
Church and Ministry Leadership
General Ministries
Global Development*
Intercultural Studies

- Africa Studies
- Asia Studies
- Cross-Cultural Studies
- First Nations Ministry
- Latin American Studies
- Middle East Studies
- Urban Ministry

Media Ministry*
Pastoral Care*
Youth and Family Ministries

MUSIC DEGREES

Contemporary Music Industry

- Producer
- Recording Arts Technology

Music
Music Industry Business

PSYCHOLOGY DEGREES

Psychology

- Counseling
- Cultural Psychology

- General Psychology
- Marriage and Family
- Organizational Behavior
- Research

SCIENCE, HEALTH, AND MATH DEGREES

Biology

- Animal Biology
- General Science
- Pre-Health
- Pre-Medicine

Chemistry*
Environmental Science

- Environmental Education
- Environmental Policy
- Natural Science

Exercise Science
Health Science (AA)
Mathematics
Military Science and Leadership*
Molecular and Cellular Biology
Nursing

TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA, AND DESIGN DEGREES

Audio Production
Computer Science
(anticipated Fall 2021)
Contemporary Music Industry

- Producer
- Recording Arts Technology

Data Science
(anticipated Fall 2021)
Video Production

- Animation and Motion Video
- Live and Live Action Video

User Experience Design

*Minor



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**IT'S NOT
TOO LATE
TO APPLY!**

Good news—we are still accepting applications! In a time when so many plans have been canceled or changed, we felt it was important to allow extra space for students to make their college decision. Make sure to **apply before May 1** so that we can send you a financial aid package as soon as possible. To get in touch with your admissions counselor, send an email to admissions@northwestu.edu.

To apply today, simply go to northwestu.edu/apply.

