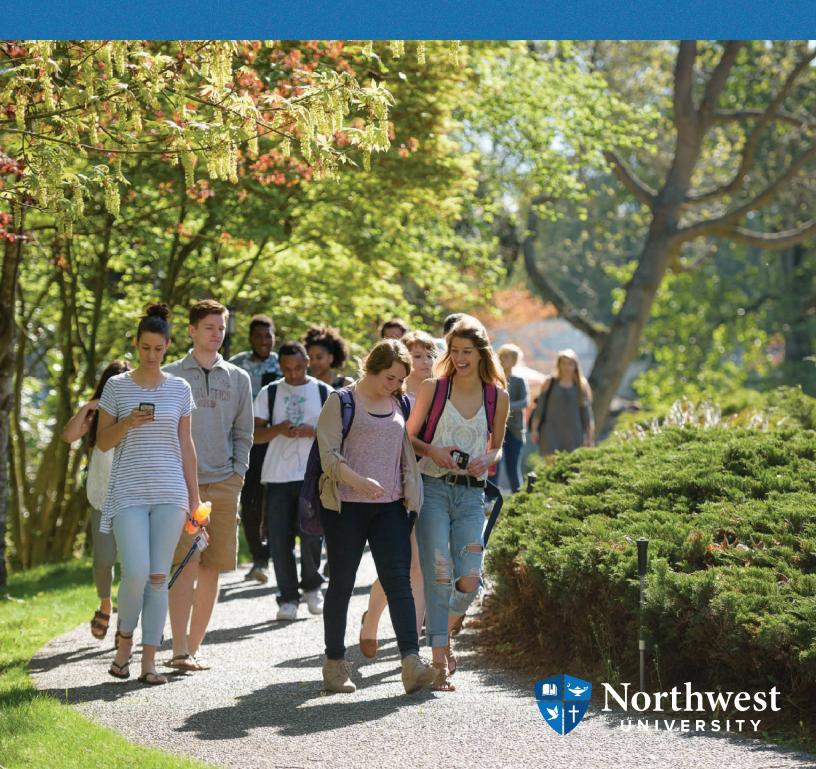
# PURSUIT

INSIDE: JESUS FIRST // HERE'S THE THING ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY // A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY



### Pleased To Meet You.

You may be wondering, "Just who is Northwest University, anyway?" We're so glad you asked.

#### A (VERY SHORT) INTRODUCTION

Northwest University (NU) began in 1934 as a Bible college and has grown over the years to offer undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees at our Kirkland campus or 100% online.

Our traditional undergraduate experience includes over 70 majors and programs—as well as internships and a Career Readiness program—to equip you for success.

Our graduates have gone on to become leaders in business, education, entrepreneurship, nursing, psychology, music production, entertainment, and more.







#### THE NU DIFFERENCE

What makes NU different from other schools? Our unique combination of academic excellence and an unwavering commitment to Jesus Christ. At NU, you'll experience a rigorous scholarly environment where faculty, staff, and your classmates are all in pursuit of Jesus (hence the name of this magazine). He goes before us and is first in all we do.

Our campus ethos is summed up in four words: Jesus First. Jesus Always.





#### **IEXPLORE MORE**

We invite you to explore these pages to learn more. It is our hope that you'll discover a university where you can pursue a career and Christ. Grow in intellect and faith. Where friends and jobs and nature abound. Where you'll create an unshakeable foundation upon which you can build the rest of your life.

And it all begins with Jesus.







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# The Pursuit of Jesus First

#### DR. JOSEPH CASTLEBERRY, PRESIDENT, NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY

Undoubtedly, as you have looked at Northwest University as a possible college choice, you have noticed the phrase "Jesus first, Jesus always" attached to our name and logo. As president of the university, I want you to know what we mean by those words. Since our founding in 1934, we have dedicated ourselves to making disciples of Jesus Christ who take up the mission of God in obedience.

College students are the coolest people on the planet, and we admire every generation that comes to us. Located in the Pacific Northwest, our students tend to live at the cutting edge of cultural development. But we don't base our community on what is "cool" or "relevant." We start with Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Our vision statement urges us all to "Carry the Call"—meaning that we believe Jesus has a purpose for every one of us and will call us to the life and career that will most perfectly fulfill us in His will.

As a Christian higher learning community, we take very seriously the education of our students at the deepest and most current level of academic excellence. If Jesus comes first, we

feel a responsibility to serve Him to the utmost of our ability. That's why Northwest University graduates frequently go on to graduate study at many of the world's most prestigious academies. Whether students go on to graduate or professional schools or go straight into their careers, we expect them to leave here richly prepared to honor Jesus in their work.

Like any college, we also work hard to make sure students have a great social experience. The word you hear most often at Northwest is "community." You can sense a desire among students to build and cultivate strong friendships. As part of a small college, you will know your classmates and professors and they will know and support you. But our reality as an expression of the body of Christ adds a deeper dimension to our community: we have a lot of fun, enjoy close friendships, and do it all to please the Lord.

Our commitment to our students—both today as well as in our past and future—is to keep Jesus Christ at the forefront of our community. He goes first, and we will follow Him no matter the cost.





## WE ASKED A FEW FACULTY MEMBERS TO DISCUSS JESUS-FIRST LEARNING, CAREER PREPARATION, AND STUDENT SUCCESS.

#### How does NU's commitment to "Jesus first" affect your classroom?

"Each of my classes begin with sharing a Scripture verse, a devotional, or a spiritual thought that intersects with the day's lesson, followed by a prayer. This initial orienting moment allows us to "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2 BSB), the very Word who became flesh (John 1), before we move on to learning principles about the world He created (Colossians 1:16). Outside of the classroom, I also intercede for my students, knowing that it is my ultimate privilege as a Christian educator to instill in them a love for Jesus first before I develop their writing skills."

-DR. CLINT BRYAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ENGLISH



## WE ASKED A FEW FACULTY MEMBERS TO DISCUSS JESUS-FIRST LEARNING, CAREER PREPARATION, AND STUDENT SUCCESS.

#### How do you prepare students for the real world?

"Aside from an endless number of opportunities in class to reference real-world scenarios, we have two community-based internships built into the senior year of the Exercise Science major. This allows for hands-on exposure in real-world settings, and we find that experience is the key to preparation. We have had several students admitted to Doctor of Physical Therapy programs, which is exciting, and most will be serving others as clinicians, therapists, or instructors in their respective careers."

-LELAND NIELSEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, EXERCISE SCIENCE



#### What have your graduates gone on to do?

"I have had the honor of teaching students who have secured jobs at Microsoft, Amazon, Costco, Smartsheet, and other organizations. It has been a blessing to connect with graduates over the years who are living out their Christian faith and purpose because of the learning they gained at Northwest University."

DR. ROWLANDA CAWTHON, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS











It's easy for a Christian university to make a bold claim like: "We're putting Jesus first!" But what does that actually look like in the day to day? How do we live it out? We asked several students and their parents to describe their experience. Here's what they shared.

#### **Trey Waggoner**

#### Senior // Major: Business Management // Hometown: Caldwell, ID

Northwest University's emphasis on putting Jesus first has taught me the importance of striving for excellence in my studies and allowing my faith to shape every professional and personal opportunity that comes my way.

#### **Kassady Waggoner**

#### Freshman // Major: Elementary Education // Hometown: Caldwell, ID

At NU, the faculty and students alike are committed to seeking Christ. Specifically, my life group has provided a dedicated space to foster community with classmates and dig deeper into the Word of God.

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#### **Dad, Keith Waggoner:**

While I appreciate how Trey and Kassady have grown academically thanks to the honors program and the opportunities they've had to develop deep friendships with other students, it has been the unwavering commitment of Northwest University to help their students become fully equipped disciples of Jesus that has inspired my admiration and loyalty.





#### **Chris Heredia**

Junior // Major: UX Design Hometown: Kent, WA

It honestly blows me away that I go to a school where it's not only the faculty who care about your growth and walk with God but also fellow students—especially my interactions with my fellow Act Six scholars and Student Activities Board (SAB) team, and more notably, with the students I live with.

#### Mom, Angelina Heredia:

There's a joy and sense of peace that comes from being able to send your son to a college where you know his love for Christ is supported and will only deepen while he is experiencing his college years. I have seen him grow in many ways since he started attending NU.





#### **Joslyn Huff**

#### Junior // Major: Elementary Education Hometown: Buckley, WA

Whether it is time spent in chapel throughout the week, Pursuit worship nights, professors praying in class, or a fellow student praying for an upcoming test I have, it is evident that the idea of "Jesus first" is truly what makes NU a genuine home to so many—including me.

#### **Jenna Huff**

#### Junior // Major: Elementary Education Hometown: Buckley, WA

Going to chapel and worshiping with my friends is something I really value at NU because it puts Christ at the center of my days and my friendships.

#### **Parents, Thad and Dana Huff:**

Knowing Jesus was at the center of our daughters' college experience and education put our minds at ease as parents. Knowing they would have the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships with other students who share similar values has been really encouraging.

Our 56-acre campus is located in Kirkland, Washington, which has been voted by Money magazine as the Fifth **Best Place to Live in** the U.S. It makes sense why: Kirkland and the Greater Seattle Area are not only home to some of the best activities and amenities but is also ground zero for some of the most influential companies in the world. Studying at NU means you're positioning yourself for a future of bright possibilities—one that may even land you in your dream job.

To see all that Kirkland and NU have to offer. schedule a visit. We'd love to show you around.

Sign up at northwestu.edu/visit.





## **Creating Tech for Good**

At NU's Creatio Center for Technology, Media, and Design, our students not only learn powerful practical skills that will position them for their future careers as technology leaders, they also learn to think deeply about the importance of keeping their Christian faith at the center of their work. Craig Chapman, the dean of Creatio, and Kelsey Moore, who is the first graduate of the User Experience (UX) Design program, share more about NU's distinctly Christian focus.



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We are all children of the Great Creator, Christ, and our creations should reflect that. Technology—especially the internet—can be a great tool, but it can also be used for a lot of negative reasons. Christians need to be engaged with creating technology so that we can make things that are beautiful and God-honoring. Our creations have ethical and moral applications.

#### **Craig Chapman**

DEAN OF THE CREATIO CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA, AND DESIGN

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A big discussion point in my UX design classes was the importance of having empathy and a clear design ethos to help us focus on the "why" behind our creations. As a Christian, my design ethos is that I want to make a difference in people's lives. I want to focus on human-centered designs, and studying at NU really helped solidify this goal for me.

#### **Kelsey Moore**

UX DESIGN MAJOR. CLASS OF 2022





YOU CAN CHECK OUT KELSEY'S UX DESIGN PORTFOLIO
TO SEE SOME EXAMPLES OF HER HUMAN-CENTERED
DESIGN PROJECTS: BEHANCE.NET/KELSEYCUMMINS1.



**CREATIO PROGRAMS:** Computer Science; Data Science; User Experience Design; and Audio, Music, and Video Production.

## Big Tech Needs Developers and Jesus Followers. We're Preparing Both.

Northwest University is surrounded by some of the most successful tech companies in the world. How can we bless them? By training computer scientists, data analysts, and UX designers who are highly skilled and have the heart and character of Jesus.

At the Creatio Center for Technology, Media, and Design, our students aren't just being prepared for exceptional careers—they're being built in faith to serve in mission fields called Microsoft, Google, Amazon, and many others.

We're innovating in ways that equip our students to thrive in the 21st century. Yet our mission remains unchanged: We do it all to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Learn more about Creatio at creatio.northwestu.edu.

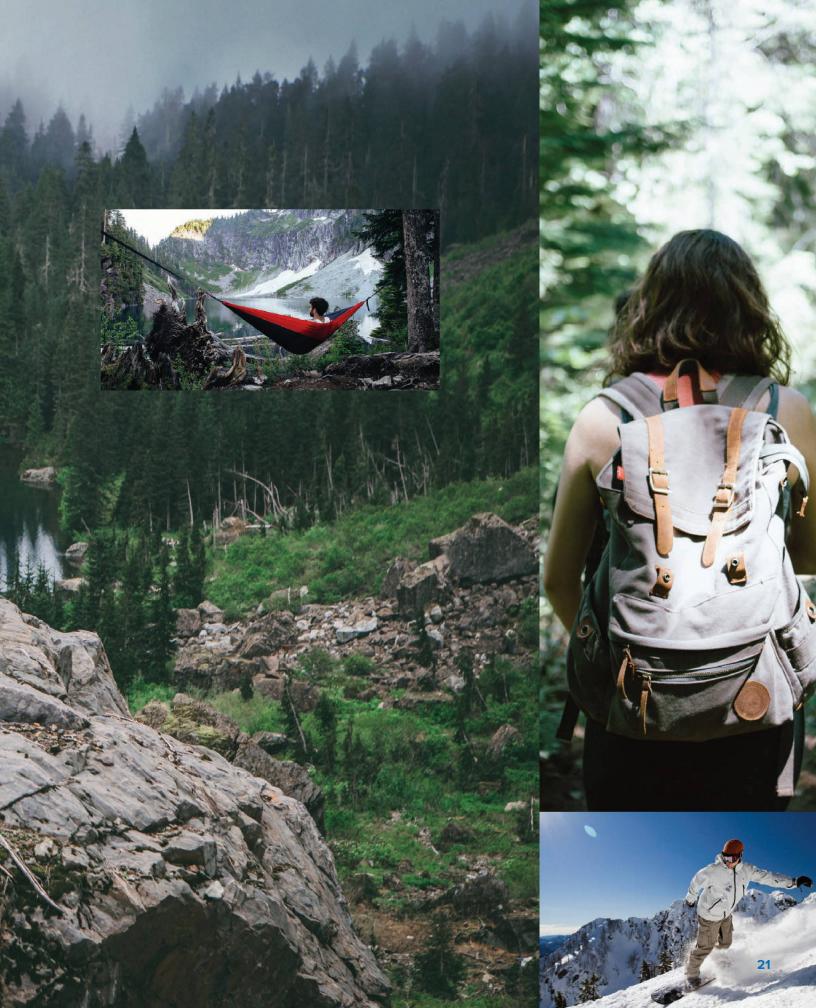


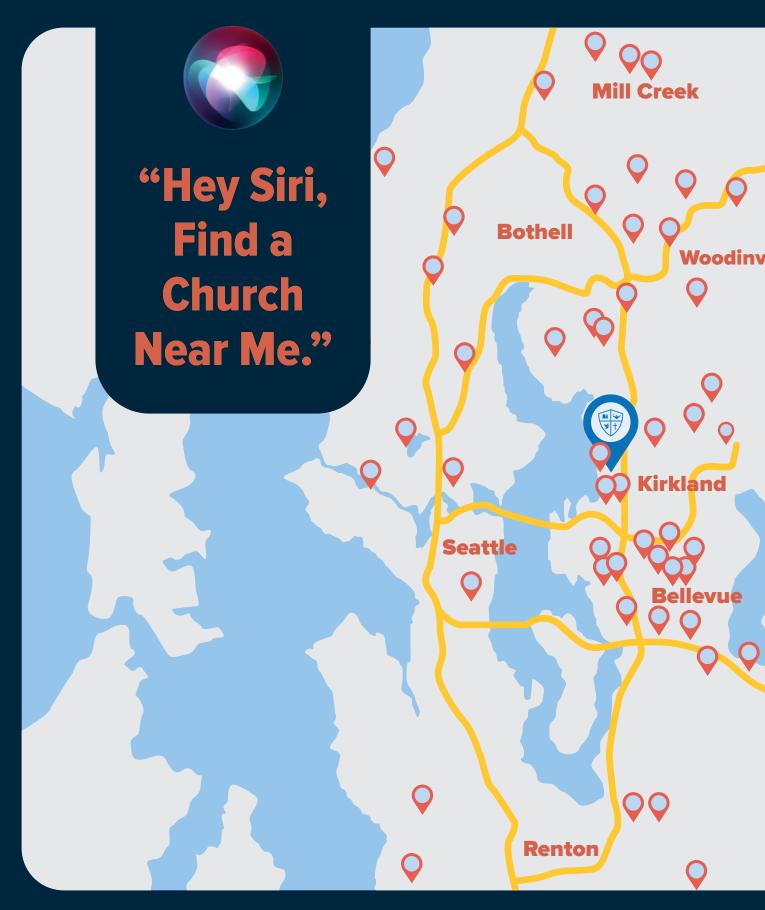
Jesus First. Jesus Always.



The Pacific Northwest is home to some of the best locations, activities, and events in the United States. You won't have to travel far from the NU campus to explore Insta-worthy parks and forests, attend incredible concerts from local and touring artists, wander some world-class museums and exhibits, and eat at some of the best restaurants. There's never a shortage of things to do here—and most of it is just a short drive away!









Students considering which university to attend have lots of questions. Some—like costs and majors—are obvious.
Other questions are less apparent but just as important.

"Where will I attend church?" is one of those questions.

At Northwest University, there's good news when it comes to the Good News. We are surrounded by Jesus-first churches; many are pastored by graduates from our College of Ministry.







To see a list of the many churches that surround us, check out northwestu.edu/churches.

# the PRESIDENT'S BANQUET



Jesus First. Jesus *Always*.

#### A World of Opportunity

We know that affording a private Christian university can be a challenge. But here's the thing: If God is calling you to a place like NU, we believe He will open the right doors and provide the resources you need to pursue that calling.

We also do everything we can to help you get there. Every year, the Office of the President and the NU Foundation Board of Trustees hosts the President's Banquet—a semiformal event where community members and friends of the university come together to raise money for our Opportunity Fund. The donations received are used for many different scholarships,

one of which is our full-tuition President's Scholarship.

Sarah Garat, a senior Nursing student from Duvall, Washington, is one of the recipients of the President's Scholarship and has this to say about her experience:

"If it wasn't for the President's Scholarship, I would not have been able to attend NU. No other university captured my heart and aligned with my dreams like Northwest, and it was certainly the grace of God on my life that empowered me to excel in academics and earn the full-tuition scholarship I needed to follow His calling."



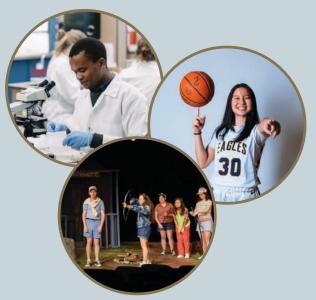
#### Scholarships at NU

What other scholarships and financial assistance opportunities does NU offer? Here's a non-exhaustive list of merit, talent, and need-based scholarships you can apply for before you get here:

- Academic Scholarship
- Athletic Scholarship
- Bible Quiz Scholarship
- Talent Scholarship (Music and Theatre)
- Program Scholarship
- NU College Bound Scholarship
- District Youth Directors Scholarship
- Empowering the Future Ministry Scholarship

Visit northwestu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships

for details on how to apply. And once you are here, we have even more ways to help you pay for school through work-study programs; on-campus employment opportunities; and student leadership roles in Campus Ministries, student government, Student Activities Board (SAB), MOSAIC (Multicultural Organization of Students Active in Christ), and Residence Life. In addition to helping you afford your education, these jobs will give you real-world work experience that you can take with you into your future career.



## YOUR GUIDE

#### MEET YOUR ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS!

They will help you through each step of the admissions process.



**TERRITORY:** Serving all nursing transfers and students in Alaska and Hawaii.

**HOMETOWN:** Gig Harbor, Washington

**FUN FACT:** I absolutely love dogs, and I will never say no to seeing cute puppy pictures!

ONE QUESTION I WISH I'D ASKED MY ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR:

"What are some ways I can meet friends and get involved in campus life as a freshman?"

ALIYA SHEPARD // aliya.shepard@northwestu.edu

**HOMETOWN:** Snohomish, Washington

**FUN FACT:** I was part of 4-H archery for five years as a recurve archer. Just call me Robin Hood!

ONE QUESTION I WISH I'D ASKED MY ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR:

"When is the best time to start my application for NU?"

**TERRITORY:** Serving all students in Eastside King County, Southwest Washington, Oregon, and all states from the Mountain time zone.



TYLER PERRON // tyler.perron@northwestu.edu



TERRITORY: Serving all students in Snohomish County, Northwest Washington, California, all states from the Central and Eastern time zones, and U.S. citizens living abroad. **HOMETOWN:** Snohomish, Washington

**FUN FACT:** I love national parks. My family has spent every summer going to at least one national park since I was ten years old. I have been to over fifty national parks, historic sites, and monuments.

ONE QUESTION I WISH I'D ASKED MY ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR:

"What internships and travel abroad opportunities does NU have?"

OLIVIA RAGLAND // olivia.ragland@northwestu.edu



**FUN FACT:** I love watching Marvel movies. My top three favorites are *Thor: Ragnorak, Winter Soldier*, and *Infinity War!* 

ONE QUESTION I WISH I'D ASKED MY ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR:

"What scholarships can I apply for?"

**TERRITORY:** Serving students in South King County.



JORINE JOHNSON // jorine.johnson@northwestu.edu



**TERRITORY:** Serving all students in Pierce County, Seattle, Eastern Washington, the Olympic Peninsula, and Idaho.

**HOMETOWN:** Kennewick, Washington

**FUN FACT:** I am a first generation Mexican-American, I love national parks, and I have never broken a bone (knock on wood).

ONE QUESTION I WISH I'D ASKED MY ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR:

"How does the transfer process work? Will NU accept all of my credits, or is there a way to see which credits will transfer?"

OSCAR ORNELAS // oscar.ornelas@northwestu.edu

## TO NU

#### Don't Just Read About Us-Join Usi

Check out these campus visit events and sign up today at northwestu.edu/admissions/visit.

#### START HERE

NORTHWEST FRIDAY: A "day in the life" visit day.



#### **TAILORED FOR YOU**

**INDIVIDUAL VISITS:** Personalized to your interests.



#### **INVITE ONLY**

**CHOOSE NU:** Exclusively for accepted students.

**SOAR:** Exclusively for confirmed students.



## APPLY

At Northwest University, your future receives a considerable advantage. You'll share the same neighborhood with globally recognized businesses, organizations, and ministries. You'll build relationships in an unrivaled network of influential professionals and peers. You'll gain insight to strengthen your spiritual formation. You'll grow responsive to a world in need of thoughtful, compassionate, and bold leaders. You'll join a lifelong community of caring professors and devoted friendships. We can't wait to be a part of your journey.

Apply today through the Common App or at **northwestu.edu/apply.** 

#### HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

STEP 1 // Apply online at northwestu.edu/apply.

**STEP 2** // Using NU's school code, 003783, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at **fafsa.ed.gov**.

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- □ Application
   □ Optional Biographical essay
   □ Official high school transcript
   □ Official SAT or ACT scores (SAT Code: 4541 ACT Code: 4466)\*
- \*SAT and ACT scores are optional. They are not required for admission.
- ☐ Transcripts from all colleges attended

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

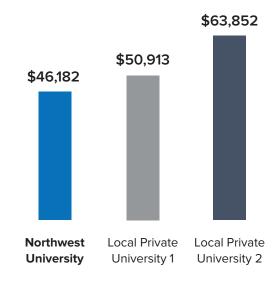
- November 15–Early Action
- ☐ January 15—Early Action II
- February 15—Priority Financial Aid
- May 1-Priority Confirmation

## 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.



Prices do not reflect student fees, books, personal expenses, etc.



#### NU Tuition and Room and Board\*

Tuition: **\$35,535**Room and Board: **\$10,647**Student Fees: **\$500** 

Total: **\$46,682** 

\*Prices are from the 2023-2024 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.



To use this tool, visit: northwestu.edu/netcalculator.

#### DON'T BE MISLED BY A LARGER SCHOLARSHIP.

For private schools, typically you'll see one of two options when it comes to tuition: Either 1) a college with a lower overall starting cost but minimal scholarships, or 2) a college with a higher sticker price but strong scholarships. At NU, we mix the best of both worlds. We start with a lower "sticker price" than many

schools in our region, and we add an extensive amount of generous scholarships. This leaves our average cost for students at a fiercely competitive price with any school in the area. This is just one of the reasons that *U.S. News & World Report* listed us as one of their Top 20 Best Value Schools.

\$46,682\*

#### **Starting Costs**

\*Includes tuition room & board and student fees

We start with the lowest cost for a private Christian university in the region.

\*22,792\*

#### **Actual Costs**

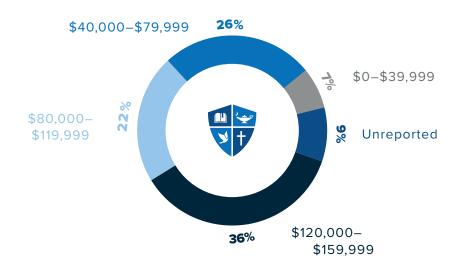
\*Includes tuition, room & board, and student fees.

Final costs may vary.

With NU's average financial aid award of \$23,890 your final costs are drastically reduced. And your financial aid package may be even higher.

#### **OUR STUDENTS COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.**

Household Income Distribution for 2023–2024
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.

## RU QUICK FACTS

60% **KIRKLAND CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS** 30+ **COFFEE SHOPS NEARBY** 662 **KIRKLAND CAMPUS UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT\*** 2,247 **TOTAL ENROLLMENT\* ACROSS TWO CAMPUSES AND ONLINE** 95% STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS 11 **VARSITY SPORTS** 1934 **YEAR FOUNDED** 94% **GRADUATES WHO FOUND JOBS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATION** 93% **GRADUATES WHO SAY THEY WERE PREPARED FOR THEIR CAREER** 70+ **MAJORS AND PROGRAMS** 10:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO 100% **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS WITH INTEGRATED INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** 

\*AS OF FALL 2022 ENROLLMENT



## MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

#### **BUSINESS DEGREES**

**Accounting** 

**Business Administration** 

Finance\*

Information Technology\*

#### Management Marketing

- · Digital Marketing
- General Marketing
- Professional Sales\*

#### COMMUNICATION, ENGLISH, AND HUMANITIES DEGREES

#### **Communication Studies**

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

#### **English**

- Creative Writing\*
- Literature\*
- TESOL\*
- Writing\*

#### **History and Politics**

- American Studies
- History
- Pre-Law Studies

**Interdisciplinary Studies** 

Philosophy\*

#### **EDUCATION DEGREES**

#### **Educational Studies**

- Community Planning
- Elementary Education
- Instructional Design
- International Education

Elementary Education\*
Secondary Education\*

#### **MINISTRY DEGREES**

Biblical Languages\*

**Biblical Literature** 

**Biblical Studies** 

**Church and Ministry Leadership** 

Communication and Preaching\*

#### **General Ministries**

Global Development\*

#### **Intercultural Studies**

- Domestic
- International

Media Ministry\*

Pastoral Care\*

**Pastoral Ministries** 

University Ministry\*

Worship and Music Studies Youth, Children, and Family Ministries

#### **MUSIC DEGREES**

Music

Music Education Preparatory Music Industry Business

#### **Music Production**

- Producer
- Recording Arts Technology

**Music Technology** 

#### **PSYCHOLOGY DEGREES**

#### **Psychology**

- · Counseling Studies
- Cultural Psychology
- General Psychology
- Marriage and Family Studies
- Organizational Psychology
- Research
- School Psychology

Sociology\*

#### SCIENCE, HEALTH, AND MATH DEGREES

#### Applied Mathematics\*\*

- Computer Science
- Education
- Finance

#### Biology\*\*

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

Chemistry\*

#### **Environmental Science\*\***

- Environmental Education
- Environmental Policy
- Natural Science

**Exercise Science BA\*** 

**Exercise Science BS\*** 

Health Science AA

Nursing

#### TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA, AND DESIGN DEGREES

Art\*

**Audio Production** 

Audio Production Technology\*

Computer Science BA\*

Computer Science BS\*

**Music Production** 

**Music Technology** 

User Experience Design\*

Jser Experience Design

#### **Video Production**

- Animation and Motion Video
- · Live and Live-Action Video
- Virtual Production

#### \*Minor

\*\*STEM Majors

We offer over 70 academic programs, each one designed to uniquely

orepare you for your chosen field. For a complete list of majors, minors, and concentrations, visit **northwestu.edu/programs**.



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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED



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 time 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.

Apply today through the Common App or go to **northwestu.edu/apply.** 

