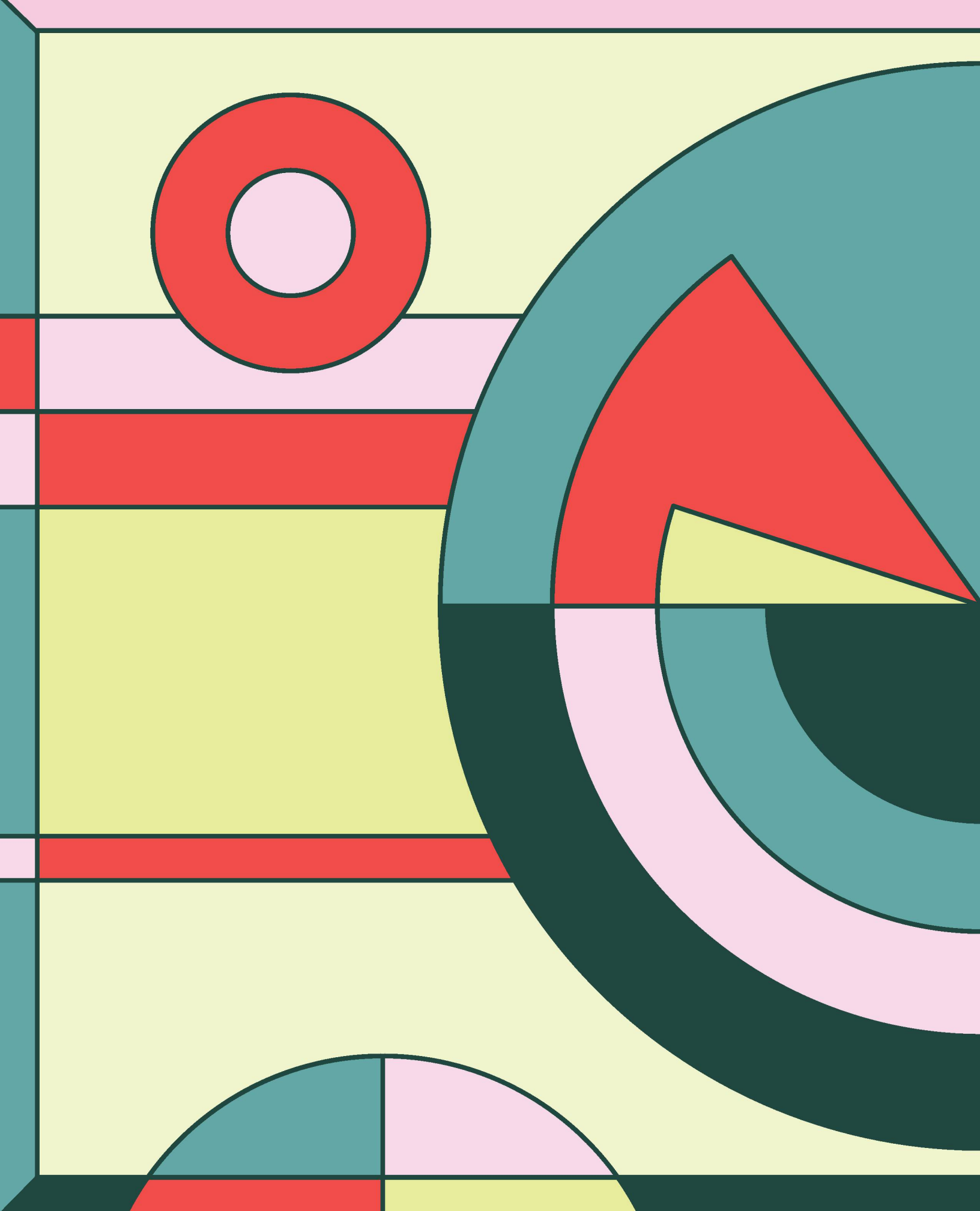


# PURSUIT

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**Northwest**  
UNIVERSITY



**The time between your birth and your twenty-fifth birthday is sometimes referred to as “the first quarter” of your life.**

Toward the end of your first quarter, life starts to move really fast. Significant life experiences like graduating from high school, choosing a college, pursuing a career field, and more all happen in the last 5–7 years of your first quarter. Our commitment at Northwest University is to help you finish your first quarter well so that you can thrive in your faith and in your career for the rest of your life.

QUARTER

ONE

STUDENT STORIES



# SAM VANLOO

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Elementary Education with a Special Education endorsement

**Hometown:** Lynden, WA

When I walked into my first class at NU, I was pretty sure that I wanted to be a teacher, but I wasn't 100% confident in that decision. I started out as an education major but was assured that many students change their majors in the first year or two of college, so it wouldn't be a big deal if I wanted to switch directions later on. However, as I near the end of my college experience, I couldn't be more sure that I am on the vocational path that God has called me to be on. When asked what my plans are after graduation, I can't help but look back and reflect on how the past four years at Northwest have shaped me and prepared me for whatever lies ahead.

NU has allowed me to dive deeper in my relationship with Christ and has surrounded me with a community of like-minded believers who help me to discern His voice and His call on my life. This spiritual growth has been influenced through chapels and Pursuit worship nights, but also through the Christian perspective that is given in classes, as well as the relationships formed with faculty and staff members. The professors genuinely care about you as more than just a student in their class. They want to know what is going on in your life and how they can be praying for you. The community at NU is one that I have never experienced before. It has showed me what it is truly like to form relationships and be part of a community that cares so much for one another.

As an elementary education major, it shouldn't surprise anyone that after I graduate I plan to get a job teaching at an elementary school, specifically second or third grade. NU has prepared me for this not only by teaching me the skills and knowledge I need to be an

effective teacher, but also by showing me what it means to be loved and supported by a Christian community. I plan to teach in a public school, so I won't explicitly be able to teach my students about Jesus, but I will still be able to show them the same supportive, encouraging, uplifting, and community-driven love that I have experienced as a student at NU.



QUARTER  
ONE

STUDENT STORIES

# JULIO BENITEZ

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** History and Political Science

**Hometown:** Federal Way, WA

When I graduate, I hope to work in a legal office to obtain job experience. Afterward, I plan on applying to law school to become a lawyer in the immigration law field.

Several resources have made me feel prepared for my postgraduate plans. My teachers were always supportive: Dr. Todd Nelson, my professor for Business Law, invited many active and prominent lawyers to speak for our class, and Dr. Eve Wade, my advisor, ensured that I took classes that pertained to my interests. Classes such as Law and Judicial Process, Political Theory, Constitutional Law, and Religion and Politics really helped me develop my writing and critical thinking skills. My history classes, such as Transatlantic Slave Trade, History and Imagination of World War I, and Global History gave me the necessary background to work in the field that I desired. Other courses such as Work of God and Work of Humanity helped me see my work in the context of my faith.

Being part of MOSAIC (NU's student-led multicultural organization) as the assessment coordinator and being an Act Six scholar has allowed me to meet others who have a similar mindset and drive for making changes in the surrounding community. I also had the opportunity to work as an admissions ambassador on campus, which gave me the

chance to connect with prospective students who were going through the application process. Internships at Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and El Centro de la Raza got me into a setting where I could receive hands-on experience in providing legal help and other resources to immigrants. The academics and community at NU prepared me for these internships and future workplaces more than I could've ever imagined.



QUARTER  
ONE

STUDENT STORIES







# EMMA ROOKER

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Pastoral Ministries with a Church and Ministry Leadership concentration

**Hometown:** Bend, OR

I transferred to Northwest University in the fall of 2019, after spending the first year of my undergraduate studies at a different university. After realizing the previous school that I had attended wasn't the best fit for me, particularly as a female pursuing ministry, a mentor suggested that Northwest might be worth considering when it came to my ambitions and desired career path. Admittedly, I arrived on campus a little unsure, but over time, the community proved itself to be a sort of harbor for me: a viable space for me to learn, to be challenged, to be disciplined, and to engage with other peers who also look toward the future of the Church with hope. As a pastoral ministry major, I'm deeply grateful to the dean of the College of Ministry, Dr. Ziefle, for his belief in students like me and his dedication to creating a learning environment where representation and diversity matter.

As I reflect on the past three years, a number of professors and faculty members have influenced me in a multitude of ways. My sophomore year, in Dr. Wisemore's Pentecostal Spirituality class, I uncovered a personal love for theology: of considering it and writing about it and wrestling with it. Professor Lisa Russi taught me the importance of contextualization of the gospel and has mentored me countless times in my understanding of my own calling and how to lean into the invitation to participate in God's work within the world. I've also been impacted by the knowledge and scholarship of Dr. Charette, who has always encouraged me to think deeply and read the Scriptures deeply.

As a pastoral ministry major, I'm hopeful of a future where I find myself somewhere within the intersection of pastoral ministry and Christian higher education. I plan to pursue graduate studies in the near future. As my time as an undergraduate student at Northwest comes to a close, I look back on the past three years of my life in awe of the work that God has done in me and of the privilege and opportunities I've been given as I lay the foundation for the life that lies ahead.

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# REID JARRELL

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Digital Marketing

**Hometown:** Maltby, WA

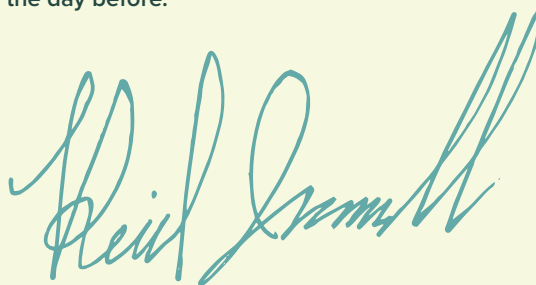
During my time at Northwest, I have been extremely blessed by the investment of those who have poured into my future. While attending NU, I received really beneficial knowledge that will help me as I pursue my dreams. I plan to work in the realm of financial advising and health insurance, but I also have a love for music and creativity.

At Northwest, there were many ways for me to grow skills for both of my passions. In my advertising class taught by Dr. Jeremy Chambers, an amazing entrepreneur and professor of marketing, we learned about the functional methods of creatively managing a business and the importance of a unique marketing strategy. As I move into a career that's highly adaptive, I value the emphasis in my education on the modern standards of practice as well as the instillment of foundational business principles.

Additionally, my passion for music led me to take advantage of the state-of-the-art Creatio studios and pursue a minor in audio production. Learning new avenues for artistry through Creatio pushed me to become familiar with new facets of an expansive industry. Through the knowledge of Steve Smith and other decorated recording engineers instructing us, I gained a useful set of skills for an art I hope to forever incorporate in my life.

More than any of this, I've valued the combination of secular and sacred education Northwest has

given me. The plentiful opportunities to serve and grow spiritually at NU have contributed to the discovery of my calling of stewardship and generosity as I continue my life beyond college. Whether it has been leading with the NU worship team, singing with Choralons, or simply receiving wisdom from incredible men and women of God through chapel, Northwest has given me the tools to integrate my passion for business with a life that seeks to love, trust, and follow Jesus more deeply than the day before.



QUARTER  
ONE

STUDENT STORIES





# What Parents Are Saying

All of our four children have attended Northwest University, and we have been very pleased. Probably what we have appreciated the most is the commitment NU has placed on intentionally providing and pursuing a godly spiritual climate on campus through such avenues as weekly chapels, Monday Pursuit gatherings focused on worship, accountability groups created for both guys and gals, and professors who do more than just teach but actually have invested in the spiritual lives of our kids. In a world where higher education has been trending in a very politically correct, socialist, and anti-god agenda, it's nice to have found a good alternative that matches our family's biblical values. And if that wasn't enough, each of our children found their spouse here, and we couldn't be happier.

## **Tim and Barb Lorenz**

*Parents of Ryan, Kyle, Micah, and Shelaine*

We knew NU was the right place for Reid, and in every way it has been. The classes and faculty are wonderful, but it's more than that: it's also the Christ-centered atmosphere that permeates everything, from encounters with the Admissions staff at the beginning, to the new classes and friendships the first semester, to chapel services and academics, to opportunities for involvement in extracurricular activities. Reid's experiences at NU have become foundational building blocks for his future. We are beyond grateful for the investment in his life by the faculty and staff at NU!

## **Jack and Laura Jarrell**

*Parents of Reid*

Northwest has been a great fit for Sam. It's been a joy to watch her grow spiritually, socially, and academically during her time there.

## **Tressa VanLoo**

*Parent of Sam*

My son has attended NU for two years, and it's been a great place to prepare him for all things and allow him to learn well. Most of all, I know that the school has its foundations in Christ, which is important as my son loves God.

## **Lucia Cortez**

*Parent of Julio*

While each of our kids considered other schools, all three eventually made the choice to attend Northwest University. We have been so happy with the decision as they have each seen significant growth, both academically and spiritually. We especially appreciate the culture of worship and community of believers; that is unique to NU. I would encourage any parent considering NU to attend a Monday Night Pursuit service to get a glimpse of what you can expect your student to be a part of. Every time we go to one of these services, we're reminded of what we love about Northwest University.

## **Korry and Kara Fairfield**

*Parents of Madison, Kellen, and Isaac*

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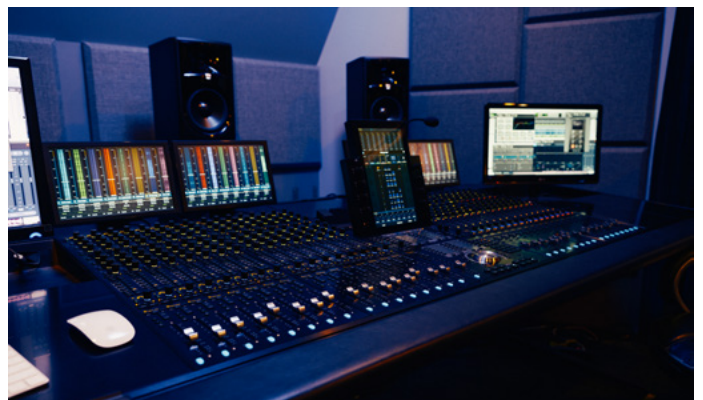


# A New Era for the Creatio Center.

**The Creatio Center for Technology, Media, and Design is the culmination of years of hard work and planning.** In 2010, Creatio began with two music-focused bachelor's degrees in music industry business and recording arts and technology. Students came from far and wide to pursue their music dreams and utilize the state-of-the-art recording technology housed in Creatio studios.

From the start, it became clear that Creatio should grow to better serve the many kinds of creative students coming to NU. The decision was ultimately made to relaunch Creatio as the Creatio Center for Technology, Media, and Design, with an expanded offering of bachelor's degrees, including UX design, computer science, audio production, and video production. This suite of programs is designed to give creative students of all kinds the skills and knowledge to excel in all technology- and entertainment-related fields, and to do so for the Kingdom of God.

Now, after the implementation of these programs, we're excited to share the all-new Creatio Center, complete with a full rebrand.





# Creatio Programs

- **Bachelor of Arts in Audio Production**  
Prepare for an audio career in broadcast, film, and gaming.
- **Bachelor of Arts in User Experience Design**  
Learn skills in a Christian environment for one of the fastest growing industries.
- **Bachelor of Arts in Music Production**  
Turn your love for music into a career.
- **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**  
Earn one of the most sought-after and versatile skill sets, but from a unique Christian environment.
- **Bachelor of Arts in Music Industry Business**  
Train for any career in the music business, including artist management, artist and repertoire, publishing, and more.
- **Bachelor of Arts in Video Production**  
Gain the skills to make high-quality videos for any medium.



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The greater Seattle area is home to Fortune 500 companies and ambitious new startups, and it's become a booming hub for the tech industry. Western Washington is also full of stunning greenery, towering mountains, pristine lakes, and spectacular vistas. But this gorgeous scenery is much more than just a backdrop, and neighboring companies are more than just interesting anecdotes. Our students interact with these places regularly. Through the Career Readiness Initiative, more NU students are interning in their chosen fields every day. And on the weekends, these same students interact with the Pacific Northwest through hiking, snowboarding and skiing, kayaking, and mountain biking. From our campus on the Eastside of Seattle, all that Washington has to offer is just a short drive away.

**But don't just take our word for it; come and see for yourself!**

Join us for a visit event and see why NU is such a great place to study. Our Admissions team offers full-day visit experiences as well as individual campus tours. On your visit, you'll get to sit in on a class, interact with current students and professors, worship in a chapel service, and more.

**To schedule a visit today, go to [northwestu.edu/visit](https://northwestu.edu/visit).**



# Saying Yes

## How One Student's Faith Journey Led to a Role as One of NU's Campus Pastors.

■ Coming to NU in 2014 as an eager freshman was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. After much debate with my parents, time in prayer, and speaking to mentors, I finally stopped wrestling with God and stepped into the season I knew deep down God was calling me and leading me into—attending Northwest University.

While pursuing my BA in Intercultural Studies, God used my four years of undergraduate education to completely direct and change my life. The culture and intentionality of NU sets up young people to encounter the Living God and follow Him with *everything* they have, regardless of what major they are pursuing. During these four years God used friendships, professors, local churches, chapel gatherings, worship nights, and so much more to captivate my heart and whole life.

God has a sense of humor. After accomplishing my intercultural studies degree, I was wholly anticipating a job out of state in a church or overseas in missions work. Instead, God had me stay put; God led me to plant deep roots right here at Northwest University. I started working in Campus Ministries and pursuing my master's to do ministry leadership. A few years later, I am completely humbled and honored to serve as one of the campus pastors at NU.



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This next season that you are stepping into has God's fingerprints all over it. I truly believe that God has led every Northwest University student to this campus, and that He has a wonderful plan ahead. My prayer is that you will grow and walk in *everything* that God has for you during your time at NU and beyond! Lean in to all that God has for you, wants to do in you, and desires to do through you. He is gentle, and He won't force you. My encouragement to you is to say humbly and confidently, "God, I trust you. Have Your way in me during my time at NU." I have no doubt that God desires to do something great in you and through you. *Partner with Him in it, and say yes.* ■



# DOES COLLEGE

# STILL MATTER?

(SPOILER ALERT: IT DOES!)

In many ways, today's world is changing faster than ever. Technology is advancing at breakneck speeds, entire industries that weren't even imaginable five years ago are coming into existence, and the workforce is undergoing a massive shift as adults from all walks of life make significant career changes in staggering numbers. Any major shift in everyday life brings with it a necessary reevaluation of the way things have been done.

Dr. Sarah Drivdahl, current dean of Northwest University's College of Arts and Sciences and future provost, has been thinking specifically about how this reevaluation applies to Generation Z and their decision to attend college or not. "I think Gen Z has a little bit of disillusionment about the way things have been; maybe they also feel a little bit of hopelessness, or a sense that college doesn't matter. Maybe the world is a mess no matter what. I would totally speak against that," Dr. Drivdahl explained. "When the world is a mess, we need education even more."

Before she became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Drivdahl spent significant time as a psychologist and researcher. Her background gives her unique insight into today's version of the college decision-making process. "History plays out the

importance of education—not just for individuals, but for whole societies," Dr. Drivdahl affirmed.

She went on to explain that college graduates are statistically far better off financially than those who choose not to attend college. But that's not where the benefits stop. "Even more interesting to me as a psychologist and as a human being is life satisfaction," Dr. Drivdahl said. "College grads have much higher life satisfaction. They're happier, they're healthier, and they even live longer." According to one article, "People who go to college also tend to have better health outcomes, more stable marriages, and longer lives than those who didn't graduate from high school." (Stieg, 2021)

But will those benefits still be available to college students who graduate in 2030 or 2040? Dr. Drivdahl believes so. "We live in this incredibly complicated world, and a high school education just isn't enough to prepare for the complexity anymore," she explained. "And that's actually why I think places like Northwest are so important because we're going to train you in the technical skills you need for your field. But, we're also going to give you this powerful basis of how to deal with information. We're in a knowledge economy where the most valuable thing you can have right now is an ability to deal with information."



“TO BE IN A COMMUNITY OF FAITH IS TO BECOME A RICHER AND BETTER PERSON AND TO BECOME MORE LIKE CHRIST.”

According to Dr. Drivdahl, learning how to *continue* growing in knowledge long after graduation is one of the greatest benefits of a college education. As the world continues to change, college graduates will have the ability to adapt and change with it. For Northwest University, our mission is to help college students excel in their chosen fields and to make an impact in those fields for the Kingdom of God. The combination of faith and academics gives NU graduates the ability to interact with the world in unique and meaningful ways.

“This is a really special place,” Dr. Drivdahl said. “To be in a community of faith is to become a richer and better person and

to become more like Christ. Being with people who encourage you in your faith is rare and beautiful, especially in our world today. We’re teaching people how to learn, and we’re teaching people how to live in these powerful ways so that they can grab hold of the world and impact it for good.”

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## ABOUT DR. SARAH DRIVDAHL

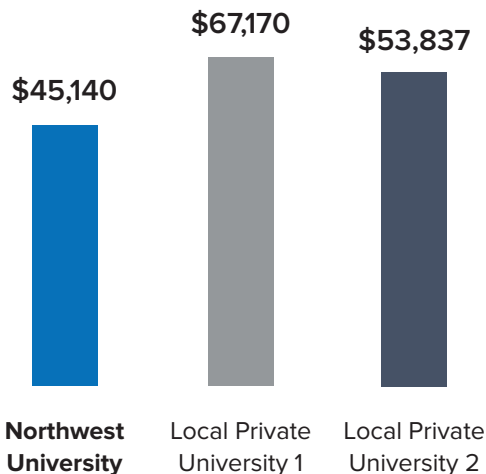
*Dr. Sarah Drivdahl is the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a professor of psychology in our College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. To learn more about our programs at Northwest University, please visit [northwestu.edu/home](https://northwestu.edu/home).*

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\*Prices are from the 2022–2023 school year.

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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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For private schools, typically you'll see one of two options when it comes to tuition:

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## “Top 20 Best Value Schools”

– *U.S. News and World Report*

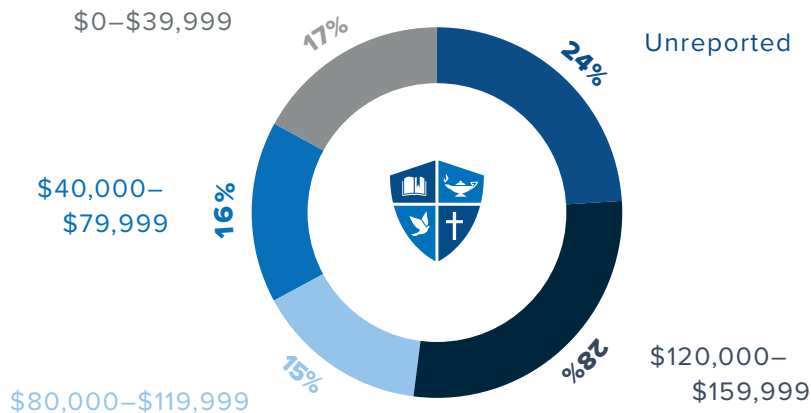


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# OUR STUDENTS COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

Household Income Distribution for 2022–2023  
Students Receiving Financial Aid



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# 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%	<b>KIRKLAND CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS</b>
30+	<b>COFFEE SHOPS NEARBY</b>
946	<b>KIRKLAND CAMPUS UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT*</b>
2,398	<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT* ACROSS TWO CAMPUSES AND ONLINE</b>
95%	<b>STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS</b>
10	<b>VARSITY SPORTS</b>
1934	<b>YEAR FOUNDED</b>
94%	<b>GRADUATES WHO FOUND JOBS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATION</b>
93%	<b>GRADUATES WHO SAY THEY WERE PREPARED FOR THEIR CAREER</b>
70+	<b>MAJORS AND PROGRAMS</b>
10:1	<b>STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO</b>
100%	<b>ACADEMIC PROGRAMS WITH INTEGRATED INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES</b>

\*FALL 2021 ENROLLMENT



# MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

## BUSINESS DEGREES

**Accounting**

**Business Administration**

**Finance\***

**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**

**History and Politics**

- American Studies Public Policy
- American Studies Strategic Communication

**Interdisciplinary Studies**

**Pre-Law\***

## EDUCATION DEGREES

**Educational Studies**

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

**Elementary Education\***

**Secondary Education\***

## MINISTRY DEGREES

**Biblical Languages\***

**Biblical Literature**

**Biblical and Theological 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 Industry Business**

**Music Production**

- Producer
- Recording Arts Technology

## PSYCHOLOGY DEGREES

**Psychology**

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

## SCIENCE, HEALTH, AND MATH DEGREES

**Applied Mathematics**

**Biology**

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

**Chemistry\***

**Environmental Science**

- Environmental Education
- Environmental Policy
- Natural Science

**Exercise Science**

**Health Science (AA)**

**Nursing**

## TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA, AND DESIGN DEGREES

**Art\***

**Audio Production**

**Audio Production\***

**Computer Science**

**Music Production**

- Producer
- Recording Arts Technology

**User Experience Design**

**Video Production**

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

\*Minor

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