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Dan Neary and Randy Barton.



The Seahawks presence can still be seen around the Barton Building, like former coach Mike Holmgren's parking spot.



The Seahawks headquarters under construction.



The groundbreaking ceremony of the Seahawks headquarters.



The Eagle Fitness Center entrance to the Barton Building.



Russell Wilson, quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks, speaks at an NU event.



D.V. Hurst was the president of NU when the Seahawks built their headquarters.

SEAHAWKS & NU

The Story You May Not Know

The Seattle Seahawks charged through the 2013 football season, winning their first Super Bowl in convincing fashion before a crowd of millions worldwide. But what you may not know is the history between Northwest University and the Seattle Seahawks. It is a story we honor to this day.

The year was 1986. After 10 years in existence, the Seahawks were losing the lease on their training camp on Lake Washington in Kirkland. As Randy Barton, the Director of Development at NU and a member of the Kirkland City Council, contemplated the consequences of the Seahawks leaving town, he had an idea: “What if we offered the undeveloped land on the eastside of the Northwest University campus to the Seahawks?” It was a long shot at best, but he took it.

Not only would he have to convince the Seahawks, he would have to persuade the leadership of the university. But when everyone had examined his proposal, they all agreed. A partnership between Northwest University and the Seattle Seahawks was good for everyone.

The agreement gave the Seahawks a free, 15-year lease on 12 acres at NU. In return, NU would inherit any facilities the team had built once their lease expired and they moved away. NU didn't have a football team, but with the Seahawks' new training facilities on our campus, NU

adopted the team as their own. Players even lived in the NU dorms during the summer training camps. Over the years, students could hear the Seahawks coaches—from Chuck Knox to Mike Holmgren—shouting instructions to the team. After staying 22 years, the Seahawks moved to a permanent facility, leaving us three practice fields and a 35,000 square foot building they had built here as their official headquarters.

Today, the facilities built by the Seahawks are in full use by our athletic teams, students, and staff, and it remains one of the greatest philanthropic gifts ever given to Northwest University. While our business relationship has ended, we're still Seahawks fans. Last year, Russell Wilson spoke at our Hall of Fame event, honoring NU's student athletes. Craig Terrill, a former Seahawk, and his wife Rachel are now professors at Northwest. Other players and ex-players remain friends of NU. Some of them were married in our chapel through the years. And if you look closely, you can still see physical traces of the Seahawks legacy around campus.

The Seattle Seahawks proved to the world that they are a special team. At Northwest University, it's something we've known all along. They hold a special place in our history. And in our hearts.

Go Hawks!

“ A person’s mind,
once stretched
by a new idea,
never regains its
original dimensions.

– OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES



Very often people view education as a task.

Memorization.
Studying.
Tests.

There is truth to this. A great education is rigorous, requiring discipline and hard work. But this is only half of the equation. For an education to be truly great, it must also awaken the vast potential within you. It should introduce you to a bright and hopeful future that opens up—sometimes unexpectedly—before your very eyes.

At Northwest University, you'll find an engaging and rigorous academic environment where you can ask questions, explore new ideas, and push out the boundaries of what's possible.

You'll learn from passionate professors who know you, who care about you, and who will pour their knowledge and experience into your life.

You'll find the support of a close-knit, Christian community that encourages you to become all that God intends—academically, spiritually, and relationally.

Most importantly, you'll live and learn in a university dedicated to helping you grow closer to Christ. The way we see it, even the finest education is flawed if it doesn't include your spiritual life.

At NU, learning is not a task. It is a way of life. Ever-changing. Ever-growing.

And everlasting.



Dr. Jeremiah Webster is Assistant Professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences. His poetry has been widely published and he has written a critical introduction for *Paradise in The Waste Land* (Wiseblood Books 2013), a collection of T.S. Eliot's poetry.



Here there is no place that does not see you. You must change your life.

– RAINER MARIA RILKE, POET

Entelechy is a word from Aristotelian philosophy. It describes the fulfillment of an individual's potential. This is the kind of education Northwest University strives to provide its students. At NU, nothing is extracurricular. Every course, every credit and every conversation is an opportunity for growth and refinement. This not only makes academic life intensely meaningful, it also allows us to consider, as a community, how to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly" with our God (Micah 6:8). The work of study, ministry, service, and relationship all fall under the purview of God's redemptive work. This liberates us to inhabit God's calling, and bears hallmarks of Paul's words to the Philippians: "... being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (1:6). As a professor, I want students to pursue a college education not as a project of self-actualization, but as a way to apprehend the reality of God's grace in their lives.

An "entelechy approach" makes education a lifelong endeavor, and encourages us to find parallels between the mission of NU and the call of Christ. When I discuss Homer's Iliad with students, for example, we do more than simply review epic conventions, explore the Bronze Age, and survey the *aristeia* of Achilles. We also grapple with questions of our shared humanity, consider the Gospel in light of pagan antiquity, and wrestle with the philosophical convictions of a given culture.

This kind of inquiry defies mere schooling, and makes it impossible for truth to remain comfortably abstract: declawed and domesticated. If I'm doing my job, taking one of my courses should prepare you for life, not a pop quiz.

The poet Rainer Maria Rilke beautifully articulates this reality in his poem "Archaic Torso of Apollo." The poem argues that any encounter with history, art, literature, science, etc., is an opportunity to perceive the eternal in our daily lives. The poem begins with a description of a statue, "... his torso / is still suffused with brilliance from inside, / like a lamp, in which his gaze, now turned to low, / gleams in all its power," only to turn the point of investigation onto the reader: "here there is no place / that does not see you. You must change your life." For Rilke, education is a process of seeing, not just the external world, but the profound responsibility of each individual. Reading Moby Dick, listening to Bach's Goldberg Variations, even taking a university level course, is a privilege. Rilke's poem suggests that such encounters will fundamentally change you, grow you up, and prepare you to engage with life's challenges—if you let them.

If you decide to attend Northwest University, the call is simply this: by God's grace, and because of His grace, you must change your life.

- Dr. Jeremiah Webster

“ Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

– WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS



Dr. Sarah Drivdahl is a psychology professor and memory researcher. She has published articles on eyewitness memory, change blindness, and autobiographical memory. Her newest article, Fluidity in autobiographical memories; Relationship memories sampled on two occasions, will be printed this spring in the journal Memory.

I think we are sometimes tempted to see education as simply the accumulation of knowledge, and thus a university education is viewed primarily as a faster way to fill our information pail, or maybe even a way to develop a bigger pail. However, I would like to suggest that the purpose of education, especially of a Christian liberal arts education, is less to acquire information, and more to become a person who can use that information to warm the world. This is no easy thing, the shaping of a person, and yet I believe that college is more about becoming than it is about anything else. It is about allowing oneself not just to be warmed by a love for learning, a compassion for people, and a desire for God, but rather to be lit on fire by them. It is about refusing to allow that fire to be wasted in purposelessness or arrogance,

but instead about developing it into a well honed tool that can help heal the world. My job as a faculty member is to sharpen that tool, to help my students think, and write, speak, and create. To do so I must allow myself to love and care for them, to listen to their dreams, and share their sorrows. I must become fuel for a fire in them which I hope will always burn brighter than my own. Learning, I believe, is more of a fire than a filling. It is meant to energize and transform us and is at its best when it is used to provide light and warmth to those around us. Likewise, education is less a gift that we give ourselves and more a gift that we are able to give the world through ourselves.

- Dr. Sarah Drivdahl



The end of all learning is to know God, and out of that knowledge to love and imitate Him.

– JOHN MILTON

What does it look like to become more like God? To love and imitate Him? I am a fairly simple person so I try to think in simple terms. One of my favorite passages of scripture offers three simple statements that really boil down what I think God is expecting out of me.

*O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to **do what is right**, to **love mercy**, and to **walk humbly with your God**.*
- Micah 6:8

What God requires of us is that we do what is right and fair in our relationships with other people. It can be as simple as being honest in even the smallest routine business transaction. In Micah, the prophet complained about the person who uses “dishonest scales, with a bag of false weights” (Micah 6:11). We must settle it deep in our hearts to be a people of integrity, and be on guard in the battle to “do what is right.”

The second thing that God requires, if we really want to imitate Him, is that we love mercy. Notice that the requirement is not that we HAVE mercy, but that we are to LOVE mercy. There is a big difference between the two. We don’t just do acts of kindness from a sense of obligation to obey, but out of a desire to show love. Mercy is often not what we would show one another; but it is the

only response that makes any sense in light of the mercy that God has shown us in Jesus Christ.

When Micah tells us what God expects, the first two things have nothing to do with God. They have to do with how we behave toward one another. But the third expectation is that God expects us to have a right relationship with Him—with God.

That right relationship with God always begins with humility, not arrogance.

It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.
- Ephesians 2:8-9

God expects us to walk humbly with Him. Maybe for some this is an easy concept. But it is actually hard to make a reality. Why? We are arrogant. We are proud. We tend to think that God’s role is to make us happy, to serve us, to answer our prayers. But it is we who are to serve and glorify God.

So, in simple terms, how do we love and imitate God? Micah boils it down for us. To act right. To love mercy. And to walk humbly with God. I have committed to learning to do this better each and every day. I hope you will, too.

- Phil Rasmussen

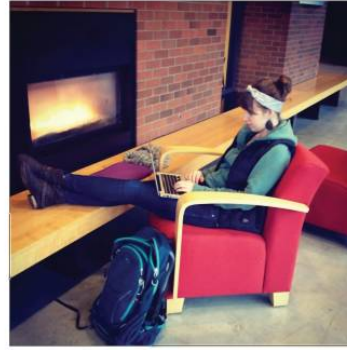


Phil Rasmussen (center), and his wife Brenda, with the student ministry leaders. Phil is the campus pastor at the Kirkland campus.

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“#iheartNU because these roots go deeper than a 4 year program.

- @FOSTEEZE



“Thankful to go to a school where my professors and friends share and encourage dreams and find how to make them possible #iheartNU.

- @GRACEAPAYNE

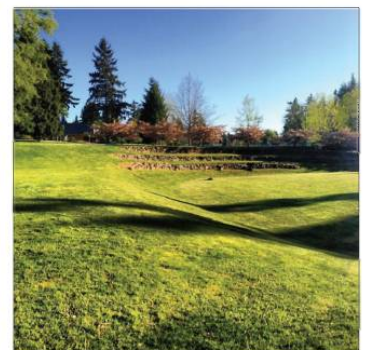


“#iheartNU because of the lifelong friendships I have made here. The community at @northwestu is incredible.

- @NATHANAVSMITH

“Served the homeless in Seattle tonight, handing out food, hygiene kits, and sweatshirts with my @northwestu peers. This is why #iheartNU.

- @ILONATRO

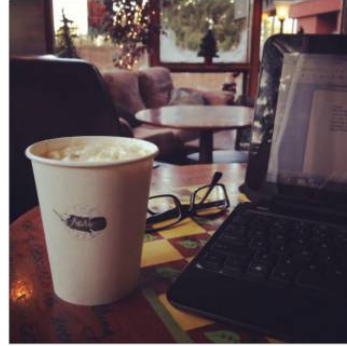


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“Northwest University: my home. #iheartNU

- @EMILYGPOTTS



“Love having profs who are passionate about us being great in our field of study. #iheartNU

- @CHRISTIAND2010



“Reflecting on some incredible conversations I’ve had w/ profs & students this week. You @northwestu folk are something else. #iheartNU

- @SIOBOMINATION



“#iheartNU because it is a community that puts Jesus at the center of everything.

- @SARAH_ELAINES



At NU, we take Christ's call to serve others seriously. That's why over half of our students study abroad as part of their majors. They've served in orphanages in China and Cambodia. They've worked in clinics in India. They've built homes in Guatemala and shared Christ in Uganda. Mission trips take us away from all the things we use to define ourselves and create a space for new understanding. Sometimes we travel halfway around the world to find, not only ourselves, but also a God who is much larger than we imagined.



“ Not all
who wander
are lost.

— J. R. R. TOLKIEN



“Guatemala was an absolutely amazing, life-changing experience. I felt, saw, and was overwhelmed by the power of God’s love. My eyes were opened. My heart was broken. I was stretched and tested. I did things I never imagined doing. I learned how precious the gift of life is and was reminded that joy does not come from our circumstances or things. I fell in love with Guatemala and its people. I came home a changed person. I think about my time in Guatemala daily and I long to go back. My dream is to stay in contact with the organizations and people I worked with in Guatemala and hopefully make trips down there every few years for the rest of my life. I am so thankful to God for the opportunity, for the work He did there through my team, and for the work He did in us through the Guatemalans.”

Hayley Hanford, Organizational Communication



Success is a science; if you have

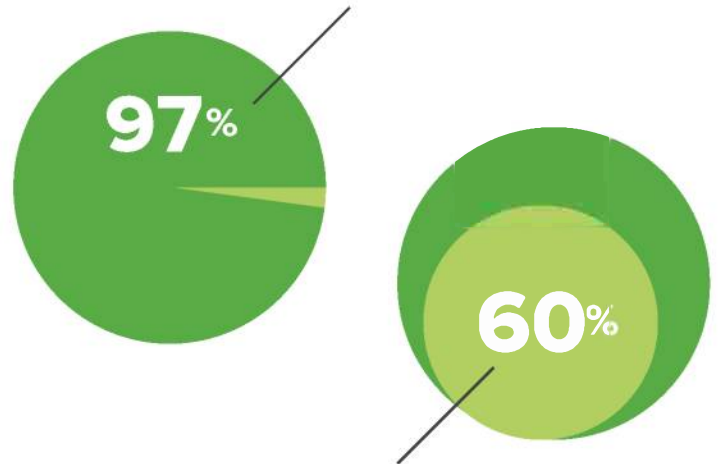
— OSCAR WILDE

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70%

of NU students have an **INTERNSHIP.**

Last year, 97% of NU students received **FINANCIAL AID.**



The average award **COVERED** nearly 60% of their costs.

Kirkland to Seattle in **10 MINUTES**

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Seattle—recently named one of **THE BEST** places to find a **GOOD JOB** in the U.S.

the conditions, you get the result.

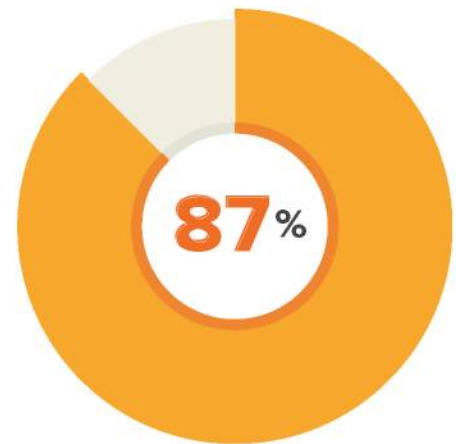
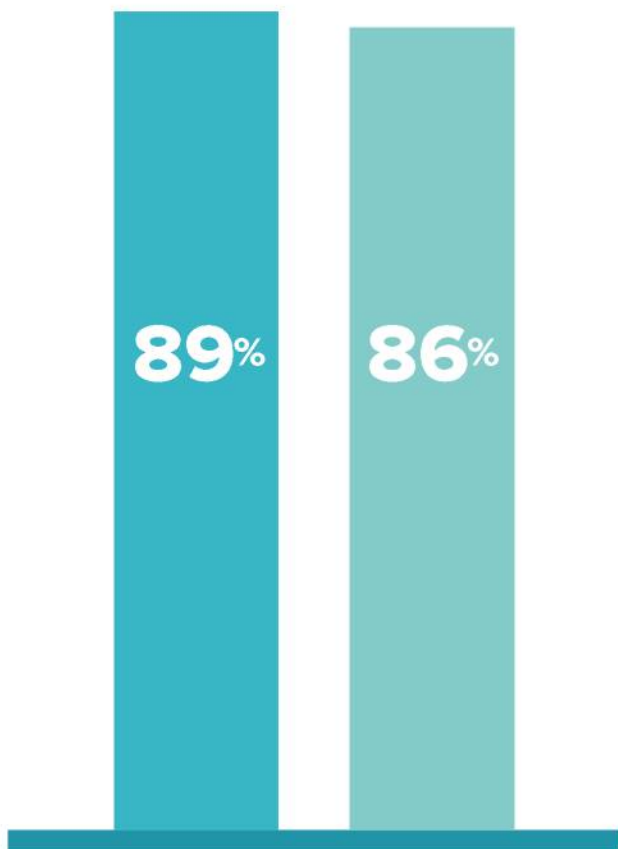
In a recent study of
NU Alumni

89%

of NU graduates reported they were fully employed six months after graduating.

86%

said they were working in a field related to their major (or another field by choice).



of students report NU
has cultivated their
SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

U.S. News and World Report
recently named us a
BEST VALUE COLLEGE

#6

in the **WEST.**

C A S C A D E



Oh, the places you'll go.

- DR. SEUSS

MOUNTAINS

MT. RAINIER
ELV. 14,444



One of the great things about attending NU is our proximity to some of the best brands on the planet. As a result, internships and job opportunities abound here that can't be found anywhere else. The map above shows just some of these outstanding companies—many of which have hired our alumni. Who knows where you'll go?



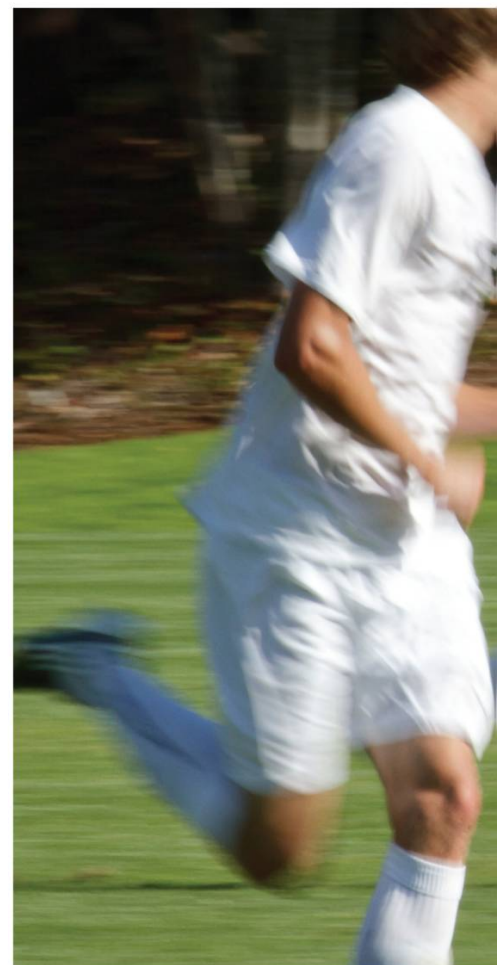
Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

– JOHN WOODEN, BASKETBALL COACH, UCLA


Whether on the gleaming hardwoods, cross country trails, or manicured field, the NU Eagles show up to win. As part of the Cascade Collegiate Conference, our athletes have won conference championships and have been selected as Academic All-Americans. They also show up as men and women of character who understand the importance of winning off the field. As important as victories may be, our coaches realize that—long after the game is over—it is lessons of character that will help these student-athletes succeed throughout their lives.

Sports Offered at Northwest:

- Men's & Women's Soccer
- Men's & Women's Basketball
- Women's Volleyball
- Men's & Women's Track and Field
- Men's & Women's Cross Country
- Women's Softball
- Men's & Women's Intramurals (flag-football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, disc golf)







Bridle Trails is a 482 acre forested park within walking distance of Northwest and offers a trail system for pedestrians and horses. It is a place of respite and recreation; a hidden gem where God's grandeur is abundantly evident.

The Pacific Northwest is a stunning area of shimmering lakes, snow-capped mountains, and towering evergreen trees. Recreational opportunities are everywhere. From our campus, you can swim at Lake Washington in minutes, snowboard in less than one hour, and trek the trails with friends in no time. Hiking, biking, boating, swimming, snowboarding, or just admiring the beauty of our 56 acre campus—outdoor exploration is never far away.

THE TRUTH ABOUT RAIN.

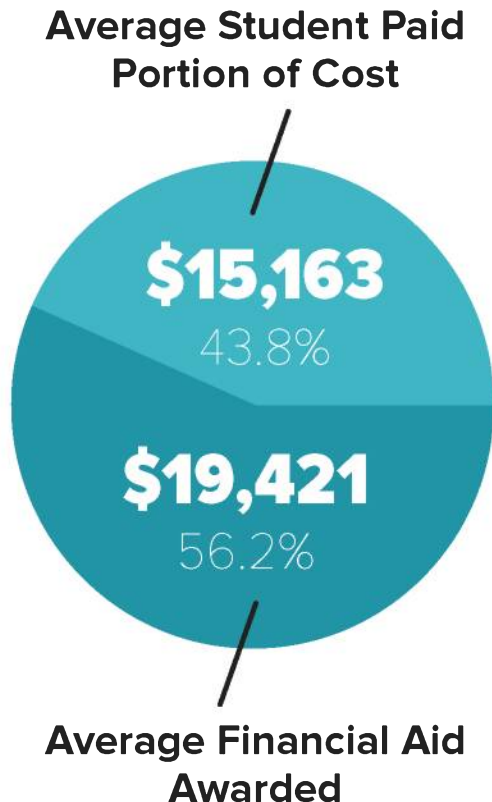
The Seattle area has a reputation for rain. And yet, it rains more in New York, Chicago, Dallas, Nashville, Boston, and Miami. When it does rain, it tends to be a light drizzle that won't stop you from your plans. There is a silver lining: the gray helps to create all of our beautiful green.



The landscape
belongs to the person
who looks at it.

– RALPH WALDO EMERSON

QUICK FACTS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID



Total

**Cost of
Attendance
\$34,584**

2013–2014

- Tuition: \$26,410
- Student Fees: \$558
- Room & Board: \$7,616

Average

**Financial Aid
\$19,421**

2013–2014

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Loans

WHEN IT COMES TO PAYING FOR YOUR EDUCATION, YOU HAVE OPTIONS:

Scholarships range from \$500 to full tuition:

- Presidential & Provost
- Academic
- Musical Talent
- Athletic
- NU Success
- Visit

Other options:

- Work study
- Federal Loans
- Private Loans
- Interest-free Payment Plan

Grants range from \$400–\$8,214:

- Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Washington State Need Grant



For the best return
on your money,
pour your purse
into your head.

– BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Step

1

Apply Online at:
northwestu.edu/apply

Step

2

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

Step

3

**Complete the NU Financial Aid
Application at:**
northwestu.edu/financialaid

Helpful Hints:

- Apply early! Some funds are limited, so financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Be first in line!
- Remember to apply for outside scholarships. Start looking now so that you can apply for scholarships in the fall of your senior year.
- Take the SAT or ACT several times. By improving your score you may qualify for larger scholarships.



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Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.

– MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY—APPLY NOW!

Step

1

Apply Online at:
northwestu.edu/apply

Step

2

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

Step

3

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

Step

4

Request References:
Pastoral Reference
Academic Reference

SENIORS:

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

JUNIORS:

Apply as early as July 1st to secure priority admissions status.

AREAS OF STUDY

Majors & Concentrations

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

*Minor

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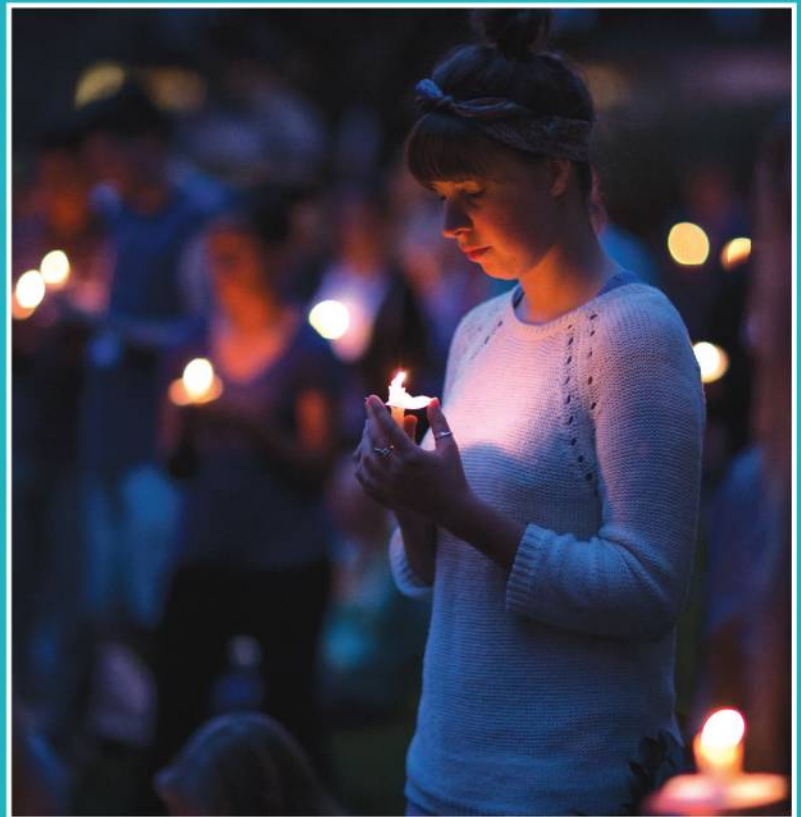
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VISIT US!

Northwest University students aren't just living life; they're actively pursuing God through chapel services, small groups, urban missions, and coursework taught from a biblical worldview. We offer a variety of visit opportunities for transfer students or perspective nursing students, and you can always schedule a personal tour. Find out more at northwestu.edu/nuvisit.

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