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IMPACT! The word itself exudes American culture, with its energy, ambition, forcefulness, impressiveness, and expectation of lasting influence. Our culture drives us to make a difference, to improve the world, even if we leave it a little dented afterward. None of us want to toil away in a corner to no effect. We crave significance.

As a university on a mission, Northwest strives to obey God's calling by being a learning community dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need. We know that our impact on the world matters, and that impact depends on the people we influence through our educational and spiritual efforts.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus described how the soil that receives a seed affects the impact of the sowing. Hard and rocky ground resists the influence of the seed. At Northwest University, we understand the importance of accepting students who are impressionable, teachable, open—students we can have an impact on. That's one of the reasons we only accept students who confess faith in Christ into our traditional undergraduate programs. They come receptive, ready to be discipled, shaped, and filled with knowledge and God's Spirit to make an impact on the world.

Five years ago, we decided to participate in the Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative. The Act Six organization identifies outstanding leaders among students at urban high schools in several cities throughout the Pacific Northwest. After a lengthy vetting process, they introduce us to a group of finalists who have selected Northwest as one of their top choices. We then choose a group of scholars that receive full-need scholarships and forms an NU cadre to support each other through college. Whatever educational costs the government and other scholarship donors do not cover, we step up and fund.

Last year, we graduated the first cadre of Act Six



Scholars. You will have an opportunity to read several of their stories in this issue of Passages. Over the years, I have noticed several characteristics of Act Six Scholars: (1) because they come to NU with Christian faith and proven leadership potential, they quickly seek areas of service on campus and rise to positions of leadership; (2) because they are grateful for the opportunity to pursue college with this financial assistance, they have a keen sense of opportunity and try to make the most of their studies; (3) because many tend to come from immigrant families or other financially challenged situations, they live gratefully and readily express their appreciation for what the university does for them; and (4) because they come from circumstances where need is prevalent, they gravitate to people in need.

As I celebrate the success of our first cadre of Act Six Scholars, I know that our investment has made a deep impact in their lives. *More importantly, I know they will make an outsized impact on the world.* They have become a missional priority for us. We delight in telling you some of their stories and in asking you to give generously and join us in making an impact on them so they can impact the world for Christ. Expect to see a big dent up ahead!

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Arami Kidane's family is from a small country in Africa called Eritrea. He is attending NU as an Act Six Scholar and is studying to become a doctor and a missionary.

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NEWS AT NU

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NU Ranks Among Best Values

In its 2014 "Best Colleges" issue, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Northwest University #15 among the Best Regional Colleges and #6 for Best Regional School Values. Only colleges with above-average academics merit a place on the list. Scholastic quality and affordability determine which universities make the Best School Values list.

The Shack Author, Paul Young, Visits Campus (photo 3)

On October 9, NU chapel hosted Paul Young, author of *Crossroads* and *The Shack*. Students responded enthusiastically to the author's trademark casual speaking style, humor, and vulnerability. Mr. Young encouraged the audience to trust in God's divine plan and spent considerable time meeting with students when the event was over.

Regius Award Honors Streubel

NU's College of Arts and Sciences presented Dr. Jason Streubel with the Regius Award on the evening of October 24. Dr. Streubel teaches at Evangel University, and he works with Convoy of Hope to establish sustainable agriculture in Haiti. NU recognized Streubel for his exceptional work combining faith and discipline.

Scholarship Reception Connects Students and Benefactors (photo 4)

The Northwest University Foundation hosted the annual Scholarship Reception on Friday, September 13, 2013 in the courtyard just outside the beautiful Donald Argue Health and Sciences Center. The Foundation hosts the event as an opportunity for scholarship recipients to meet with their benefactor(s).

NU Concert at Benaroya Hall (photo 5)

The Northwest University Concert Choir—joined by newly formed Coro Amici—presented a Christmas Traditions concert at Benaroya Hall. The concert was a musical celebration of the Christmas season, featuring new carol arrangements and traditional Christmas selections by David Willcocks, John Rutter, David Maddux, and more. The night also included a sing-along of Christmas favorites.

Keila Garza Releases Album

(photo 1)

September's brilliantly colored leaves brought with them recent NU graduate Keila Garza's poignantly written, self-titled debut album. One month later, her clear, beautiful voice filled NU's chapel as she led students in a special mix of classic and unique worship songs including "The More I Seek You" and her stirring original "A Mi Corazon Tranquilizaras."

Reach Missions Conference

The three-day NU Reach Missions Conference launched on September 30. Students engaged with passionate worship sets, including a stunning version of Coldplay's "Fix You." Speakers Chad Alvarado and John Taylor beckoned students toward the mission field, and NUMA Missions directors unveiled 16 new missions trips available for NU students.

MBA Alumni Dinner

This year, Northwest University MBA community—alumni, current students, faculty, and guests—attended a special dinner to honor recent MBA graduates and promote the favored practice of business people everywhere: networking. NU's own Jason Miles, Vice President of Advancement, spoke openly about entrepreneurship's difficulties and rewards.

Pastor Judah Smith Speaks at NU (photo 2)

On October 14, the Northwest University community invited students from the University of Washington and Seattle Pacific University to join them in their Monday evening Pursuit service. Students had the opportunity to hear a stirring message from The City Church's pastor, Judah Smith entitled, "Don't Take What Is Yours." They also worshipped with Crossing, NU's student-led worship band.



ORIENTATION 2013

A NU STORY BEGINS

By Andy Hall, Director of Student Programs



Each August at the base of the Cascade Mountains, Northwest University's newest students pour into campus, greeted with a warm welcome from student leaders, staff, and faculty. The tradition goes back a long time—cars packed to capacity, decorated doorways of blue and gold, our mascot “Swoops” the eagle flapping excitedly, and an energetic atmosphere that breathes renewal into the campus for a new academic year. We have come to know these traditions collectively as Orientation, a storied series of days that remind us that we are a community of spiritual vitality, academic

excellence, and empowered engagement. This is the story of Northwest University.

“Your NU Life Begins Here!” reads the banner hung from the Health & Sciences Center, the check-in point for all new students as they arrive for Orientation. Here, members of the Admissions team welcome students who are glad to see familiar faces that alleviate the initial anxiety of arriving at their new home. As they move on to each station at check-in, students interact with a host of staff who strategically help with nearly everything needed to get a good start in a new place—mailbox keys

to pick up care packages from home, photo IDs to dine in The Caf, and a gold t-shirt to boldly display Eagle pride. The NU Life has indeed begun.

Life is often most acutely felt in the transitions. Young adults starting college find themselves in one of the biggest transitions they have ever known. These new students leave homes, parents, and siblings to take a giant leap into the unknown. They have gone from the familiar to the foreign. Many find these first days of college exhilarating. Others are unnerved. But like many transitions, they serve as springboards for personal growth, challenging us to discern God's calling and pursue His direction and will for our lives. For those of us working daily with students, we recognize this calling in them each Orientation, whether they are new to our community or returning from a summer's sabbath. Students are ready for NU, to step into transition, and to seek growth where God has led them.

Each day of Orientation emphasizes a unique aspect of the story of NU. Move-in day introduces students

to the rich mission of the university and welcomes them into that long-standing legacy. Subsequent days underscore NU's educational focus and academic rigor. Students find purposeful opportunities to learn about the plentiful ways to plug in to campus life. Then, on the eve of the semester's first class, the entire community gathers for a powerful time of worship, prayer, and dedication for the year ahead.

After the banners are taken down and cars are emptied into the residence halls, it becomes apparent to all involved: Christ is integral to this transition. Heading off to college is a monumental moment, an experience that most will never forget. Whether recent or long ago, the purpose of NU Orientation remains the same: to welcome students into a place of belonging as integral contributors to the story of Northwest University. And each of us has a story within this story. It is in this place, in the foothills of the Cascades, that students discern the next transition that God has in store, commencing forth and carrying the call.





TRANSFORMING STUDENTS INTO LEADERS

ACT SIX SCHOLARSHIPS

Clusters of students sit in the D.V. Hurst Library on a Sunday night, deep in conversation. They're not there for a debate team or a particular study group; they're there because they've committed to being service-minded leaders on campus and in their communities—agents of transformation. They're part of a group that speaks more than 30 languages and represents six continents. These students are called Act Six Scholars.

Just looking at these scholars, you would have no way of knowing that some of them came from unimaginably difficult backgrounds. He used to live on the streets. She was bullied in school and ate her lunch in the bathroom because she had no one to sit with her. His parents went through a bitter divorce. Her father died and her mother works two jobs to support the family.

Though they all come out of very different circumstances, they are connected by a thread of leadership, sparked by their faith and energized by a deep desire to make a difference while generating change for the better. The Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative, as it is formally known, gives students like these a life-changing opportunity to reshape the direction of their lives, while living up to their full potential as leaders and learning to draw from destructive circumstances to instigate productive change in their communities.

Over the past 10 years, Act Six has developed a multicultural urban leadership training program, partnering with faith-based colleges and universities in Washington and Oregon, including Northwest University. This year at Northwest, we are committed to funding 27 full-time, traditional undergraduate scholars at a cost of more than half a million dollars in full tuition grants and scholarships. The program's name comes from the story in Acts chapter six, where the disciples prepared followers of Christ to go back into their own communities to minister to underserved populations, choosing leaders who were "of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom."

For those who are accepted into the program (roughly

six per school out of 1,000 applicants each year), training starts well before college. For the last seven months of their senior year of high school, Act Six Scholars are grouped into "cadres," or small groups of peers that will provide support and encouragement to each other through all four years of college. They meet weekly to build friendships, refine leadership and study skills, and tackle relevant social and cultural issues. In college, the cadre model continues with weekly meetings, creating a built-in support system that has enabled the program to maintain a nearly 90% retention and graduation rate.

Northwest University's Act Six Scholars are active as participants and leaders in student government, campus ministries, athletics, music and worship teams, community service, and international study programs. In fact, this year, Ilona Trofimovich, a senior Act Six Scholar, was chosen to lead our student body as its president. Clearly, these emerging leaders enrich our campus life inside and outside the classroom, and we are honored to help support them.

After college, the Act Six program sends our graduates back into their home communities and around the world, equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to serve people and meet needs, particularly those of underrepresented and marginalized groups. As a reflection of God's global kingdom, Act Six celebrates diversity; scholars come from a wide variety of ethnic and economic backgrounds, and many are the first in their families to attend college.

Here at Northwest University, we welcomed our fifth cadre of new freshman Act Six Scholars this fall; our first cadre graduated as seniors last year. This year, the groups have created and are launching a plan to integrate themselves into various NU student organizations, bringing diversity and vision as trained servant leaders.

We invite you—Northwest University's alumni and friends—to join us in our commitment to grow this influential program and support our Act Six Scholars as we launch our fall fundraising campaign.



MEET A FEW OF OUR ACT SIX SCHOLARS

ILONA TROFIMOVICH

When Ilona Trofimovich graduates this spring, she will be the first person in her family to obtain a university degree. But without the support of Act Six, there's a very good chance it would never have ever happened at all. "My parents fled Ukraine because of religious persecution under Communism. When they arrived here in the U.S., there were many difficulties they had to overcome: learning a new language, acclimating to a new culture, and with very little support, finances were an issue."

Although Ilona excelled in high school, her prospects for a college education did not look good—until she found Act Six. "My high school counselor understood my deep desire to go to college and told me about the Act Six program. I heard the words 'full tuition scholarship' and I couldn't believe it. Here was a chance."

Ilona immediately applied and was excited to hear she had been accepted into the program. But tuition was only one of the benefits she found. "In Act Six, we formed a cadre of students that would be attending Northwest University. Together we received about nine months of training to prepare us for college in areas like leadership development and culture. It really prepared us to succeed."

All incoming freshmen experience an adjustment period to living a new life on campus. However, for students from minority cultures and other backgrounds, it can be even more

difficult. Fortunately, Ilona and the other Act Six freshmen had become a crucial support system to one another. "We wouldn't have been nearly as successful without Act Six. My group of peers—all from various backgrounds—understood what I was experiencing and could help me through it."

It's important to Ilona that students share their diverse backgrounds with the NU population. In doing so, it deepens their understanding of other cultures and creates a closer campus community. "I started the NU Cultural Coffee House, where students share stories about their culture in song, poetry, or spoken word. We also began the Taste of NU, where students can sample food from other countries. Having opportunities to express who we are and where we come from has helped us to celebrate the diversity of our campus."

When Ilona graduates this spring, she will do so with a degree in secondary education. She intends to take what she has learned at NU to make a difference in the lives of students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. "I want to serve people in need to emulate what Christ has done for me. My goal is to work in educational policy to help districts bridge the achievement gap in those students who are traditionally underserved."



LIZ PERKINS

By her own account, Liz Perkins was a “semi-checked out” senior at West Seattle High School whose future was unclear. But all of that changed one day when a representative from Act Six came to her school. “I decided to attend this scholarship meeting instead of hanging out in math class. I learned about the leadership scholarship and thought my qualities as a leader, my spiritual beliefs, and my passion for diversity would make me a good fit.”

Liz applied, interviewed, and was accepted as an Act Six Scholar. Once she entered the program, the real work began. “I received leadership training regularly and met individually with mentors who truly wanted to see me succeed in life and in leadership.”

Additionally, Act Six helped Liz to think more critically about her own role in society and challenged her to embrace diversity and actively pursue partnerships with diverse people and organizations. “I learned important lessons about interacting and working with people from different cultures and I developed the skill of personal reflection.”

Through her time at NU and Act Six, Liz developed a passion for serving low-income communities. While these underserved students may face the extra challenges that poverty can bring, there is an increasing body of evidence that shows they can achieve academically at the highest levels. Among the things that they need most is a teacher who cares and is committed to their success.

Liz Perkins is that kind of teacher. Today, she is working in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas as a middle school English teacher. Through the Teach for America program, Liz has committed the next two years of her life to help kids growing up in poverty to receive the kind of education they deserve. “Teach for America has built on my leadership skill and passion for social justice developed during my time at Act Six and Northwest. Teaching is admittedly a challenging career, but my training with Act Six at NU has prepared me well to give back to this community.”

A portrait of Augustine Ajuogu, a Black man with a beard, wearing a dark sweater over a collared shirt. He is sitting with his hands clasped in front of him, looking directly at the camera. The background is a brick wall.

AUGUSTINE AJUOGU

As a young boy in Nigeria, Augustine Ajuogu noticed when a classmate was absent. He was not wondering when he or she might return. Instead, he wondered if he would ever see his fellow student again—another victim of disease.

Augustine moved to the United States with his mother and settled in to life in America. But he never forgot his friends and family back home. In fact, it was this experience that sparked his deep passion for biology, hoping that he might one day develop vaccines to save lives. And yet, he saw little chance of getting there. “I wanted to go to college, but I didn’t think there was much of a chance for someone like me. I wasn’t sure I’d ever get into a four-year college. Even if I did, my mother certainly couldn’t afford it.”

One day, a teacher told Augustine about the Act Six Scholarship. While he was doubtful of his chances, the high school junior applied out of respect for his teacher. Augustine was eventually accepted into the scholarship program and chose to attend Northwest University.

Admittedly, Augustine was not well-rounded in biology.

He knew he had to work hard to get to the high level of competence that he so earnestly desired. At NU, he met professors who saw his passion for biology, and they encouraged his efforts. “There was so much I needed to learn in the sciences. My professors spent time with me, invested in me, and held me to a high standard.”

Their high standards have paid off. Recently, that young boy from a small Nigerian village achieved his dream—Augustine was accepted into the Master of Immunology program at Oxford University. His goal is not only to develop vaccines, but to also make sure they get to the very people who need them most—those countless schoolchildren who sit in chairs that empty, one by one. NU graduate Augustine Ajuogu wants to be sure that those chairs remain full.

“Without the Act Six scholarship and the instruction and care of my professors at NU, I never would have had this chance. I have been blessed and I have a moral obligation to extend that blessing to others. God has done His part. Now it’s time for me to do mine.”



the SACRAMENTO CAMPUS *Launch Event*

Thursday, November 14, 2013

It began with a simple phone call.

James Braddy, the Superintendent of the Northern California and Nevada District of the Assemblies of God, called Dr. Joseph Castleberry with a question: *Would Northwest University consider working with the district to achieve its higher education goals?*

It took time. It took effort. It took partnerships.

On Thursday, November 14th, the hard work of many came to fruition as we celebrated the launch of our new Sacramento campus. God is up to something exciting. If you couldn't attend the event, we invite you to experience it in the pages that follow.



BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

Over 300 people gathered at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in downtown Sacramento on Thursday, November 14 to celebrate the launch of the Northwest University Sacramento Campus, located at Capital Christian Center (CCC).

The evening began with a greeting from Emmanuel Garza, Director of Advancement at NU Sacramento, who welcomed everyone to the launch event. He introduced Scott Hagan, the pastor of Real Life Church, who did a fantastic job as emcee for the night. CCC Pastor Rick Cole opened up the evening with a word of prayer before guests enjoyed a delicious dinner reception and live music from Demitiri & Band featuring NU Crossing and Choralons alumna Keila Garza.

One highlight of the evening included testimonies from Grant Faulk and Doreen Babo, two members of NU Sacramento's first class of 63 students. "The regional accreditation, the ability to have a more marketable degree outside of ministry, the extremely reasonable cost, and the amount of credentials, experience, wisdom, and insight of Dr. Tarr and the other faculty members is priceless," said Faulk.

Following the student stories, Dr. Tarr, Chancellor Emeritus at NU Sacramento, called all of the current students in attendance to the front of the room, where he prayed over them.

Superintendent James Braddy, of the Northern California and Nevada District of the Assemblies of God, shared about how the district council had voted unanimously to become partners with Northwest University earlier this year. He said it was a wonderful decision. "The Assemblies of God is not just about sending people into ministry, but sending qualified, trained people who have the call of God on their lives and who have immersed themselves in an educational system that prepares them for the challenges of society.

Bringing NU to the site of a thriving, 6,000-member church community presents a wealth of mutually beneficial opportunities to grow together in partnership with CCC. Pastor Rick Cole highlighted this and spoke about his gratefulness for the presence of the new campus. "Northwest University is an organization that is truth-based, all about growth, and has a strong foundation of love that can be felt

here tonight," he said. "Northwest University has everything we believe in and want to aspire to. We believe this will be something that makes Sacramento better and makes our efforts more significant to reach the world with the most beautiful message imaginable."

Finally, Northwest University President Dr. Joseph Castleberry voiced his gratitude and spoke on both the importance and the vision of planting the NU Sacramento Campus at such an incredible time in history. "We did not come here to set-up an education business in Sacramento," said Dr. Castleberry. "We came here to win this thing for the mission of God. We came here because the harvest is great and the workers are few. In every program we start at NU Sacramento, we will be training up workers to be part of God's great movement that is just around the corner."

Three special scholarships are already in place for students at NU Sacramento: the Reverend Cole Memorial Scholarship, the Northern California Nevada AG Scholarship, and the Miles Family Scholarship.

The evening came to a close with a special acoustic set of songs led by internationally acclaimed worship artist, Lincoln Brewster. The worship pastor at Bayside Church in Granite Bay, California, Brewster expressed his excitement for the new campus by saying, "There's always somebody waiting on the other side of our obedience." He thanked all those involved with the campus launch who are demonstrating obedience to the call of God by investing in the students at NU Sacramento.

Many left the launch event with a sense of enthusiasm and hope for the great things God is doing on the West Coast. And everyone went home with the knowledge that the NU Sacramento Campus is a Christ-centered university that will shape students' lives forever.

To learn more about the campus launch, search "Northwest University Sacramento Campus Launch" on YouTube or visit sacramento.northwestu.edu.



Rev. James Braddy, District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Northern California and Nevada District.



Jenni Victoriano, Manny Garza, and Del Tarr received special recognition for their hard work and leadership at the Northwest University Sacramento Campus.



During the event, the current students of NU Sacramento that were in attendance were asked to come up to the stage to be recognized. Dr. Del Tarr asked the audience to join him in prayer for them.



Dr. Joseph Castleberry, President of Northwest University.



The NU Sacramento Launch Event was held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in downtown Sacramento.



Lincoln Brewster, internationally-acclaimed worship leader and singer-songwriter, performed as the special guest. His songs include "Today Is The Day," "God You Reign," "Everlasting God," and "Salvation Is Here".

TAKING — A — STAND

From a young age, Kristen Waggoner was reminded by her parents that she was an “Esther” or a “Deborah,” born “for such a time as this.” Her father often told her that God had a special purpose for her life and that true fulfillment would only come from finding and following that purpose. Today, Kristen is casting a giant shadow by standing as Senior Counsel with the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), a national organization that combines strategy, training, funding, and litigation in the fight for religious freedom and conscience.

In one of her more recent cases, Kristen led her legal team to victory in a 12-day federal trial called *Stormans v. Selecky*—a case challenging the constitutionality of Washington regulations that require pharmacists and pharmacy owners to dispense Plan B and ella, early abortifacient drugs. “The court issued nearly 100 pages of findings in our favor,” she said. “The State allows pharmacies to refer patients for almost unlimited business and convenience reasons. The only absolute ban is when the referral is motivated by religious belief. The Constitution prohibits the government from valuing money and convenience over religious conviction.” Planned Parenthood and the State appealed. Kristen will argue the case before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on the ninth of December.

Kristen is also involved in defending Barronelle Stutzman, the owner of Arlene’s Flowers in Richland, Washington. Mrs. Stutzman respectfully declined to serve as the florist for a gay wedding ceremony—a customer she had befriended and served on many occasions over nine years. But Mrs. Stutzman told the customer she could not design the floral arrangements for his wedding because of her religious convictions about marriage. In the first lawsuit of its kind in Washington, Washington’s Attorney General filed suit against Mrs. Stutzman, claiming she engaged in illegal discrimination

and seeking to impose monetary penalties. The ACLU later filed a separate lawsuit. Kristen, along with others at ADF, are defending Mrs. Stutzman’s right to live out the precepts of her conscience.

From Kristen’s perspective, there is much at stake. A loss in the courts can mean a loss of her client’s livelihood, career, family business, and the imposition of significant monetary penalties. Clients have also received physical threats, threats to destroy their businesses and property, boycotts, picketing, and hate mail. The stand comes at no small cost. “When we go into these cases, we go to win. But as a Christian, I need to remind myself that God is in ultimate control. The real victory is in the act of taking the stand—and doing so in a spirit that emulates our Savior. God’s purpose will be accomplished whether or not the judge decides in our favor, but I want to do everything in my power to help that judge make the right decision.”

Kristen’s worldview is shaped by Scripture. “That’s what I love about NU. It teaches students a biblical worldview—scriptural principles undergird the law and the things we value and protect. When we understand who we are, how we were created, and what our purpose is as revealed through Scripture, that knowledge brings meaning to a whole host of social and cultural issues we face today.”

Kristen attended NU from 1990 to 1994, where she played volleyball and participated on the debate team. She met her husband, Ben, in one of Dr. LeRoy Johnson’s classes, and they both went on to attend law school at Regent University in Virginia. “I wish I could take all those Bible classes again. I see now what a gift they were—especially for those of us going into lay ministry. The mission field is not limited to formal ministry vocations; in fact, I would argue that those who work outside the Church have an opportunity to have a much greater impact for Christ than most who serve in the



Church. I believe the NU classes really help to prepare us to know why we believe what we believe and to help us articulate it in a winsome way.”

After graduating from Regent University School of Law, Kristen clerked for Justice Richard B. Sanders of the Washington State Supreme Court. From there, she accepted an associate attorney position at the Ellis, Li & McKinstry law firm in Seattle, where she became a partner in 2004. Her decision to join ADF this year was not an easy one, but it was clear. “I felt like God was calling me to stop measuring myself by titles like ‘partner’ and take what I perceived to be a risk for Him. My security cannot come from a ‘position’; it must come from the Lord. More and more, our government has begun

to force Christians to choose between foundational religious beliefs and their vocations and livelihood. My prayer is that God will use me on the front lines defending the faith.”

Being on the front lines isn’t always easy. Kristen has received threats and her share of hate mail. Cases like these also require a lot of time, hard work, and sacrifice—not just by her—but her family. Still, this does not deter one who is armed with the truth and it only further anchors her and Ben’s resolve to raise their children to live their lives where Kristen has always been:

Taking a stand.



IMPACT THAT REACHES THE ATMOSPHERE

FACULTY FOCUS: LARRY ISHMAEL

IN 1995, you could taste the air in Sao Paulo. Over 20 million inhabitants lived in one of the most populous and polluted cities on the planet. The result? Each year, more than 4,000 people died because of the toxic emissions being belched from the millions of cars and buses that clogged the roads. Northwest University professor, Larry Ishmael, found this loss of life to be not only unacceptable, it was avoidable. So he dedicated the next 12 years of his life—from 1995 to 2007—working with the Brazilian government to create the country’s first Clean Air Act, the largest clean air project the world had ever seen.

“I started a consulting company in 1991 that helped developing countries to privatize companies that had been owned by the government. In that time, I gained considerable experience and became a pioneer in the privatization industry.” Professor Ishmael worked with a telephone company in Ecuador, electric and water companies in Argentina, and various vehicle emission inspection programs in Mexico, Chile, and Argentina. But his work on the Clean Air Project for Sao Paulo has brought him the most satisfaction. “When you can manage a project that has an impact on that many lives, it’s a real blessing.”

But how did Professor Ishmael get from Sao Paulo to Northwest University? He tells the story best: “One day, I was sitting at a business prayer breakfast and struck up a conversation with a gentleman sitting next to me who loved Latin America as much as I did. His name was Dr. Joseph Castleberry. We maintained our relationship, and one day after I lost my second bid for the U.S. Congress, Dr. Castleberry

asked me if I’d like to become a professor at Northwest. He really saw the importance of helping business students to understand that business is a calling as much as being a pastor.”

Professor Ishmael started as a guest lecturer to test the waters. Fortunately for NU, he loved the experience. “I come from a family of educators. And I’ve always wanted to go into education, but could not afford the time or money it took to change careers. Finally, the timing was right. So I earned my Ph.D. from one of the best schools in sustainability, and here I am.”

Larry Ishmael’s exceptional air quality work in Latin America has not gone unnoticed. He recently presented his Ph.D. thesis at the World Clean Air Congress, one of the foremost international meetings on atmospheric sciences and policy. This year the event was held in Cape Town, South Africa, and our own Professor Ishmael was one of only a few speakers to present at multiple sessions.

People sometimes ask Professor Ishmael about the connection between his work in Latin America on air quality and his tenure as an NU professor. He answers without hesitation: “I made a difference in Sao Paulo, for which I’m grateful to God. But I can think of no other profession where I can make so deep an impact on the future than through educating the next generation of Christian men and women to lead this world.”

More information on Professor Ishmael’s presentation at the World Clean Air Congress can be found at <http://www.iuappa2013.com>

Staff and Faculty Updates

John Bacon

Faculty, Business

- Facilitated the business faculty sessions at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) conference this past summer.

Larry Bailey

Faculty, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- Delivered a presentation on the effective use of parables in Christian counseling for the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS).
- Presented “The Gospel Is Like a Good Cup of Coffee” at Northwest University’s own Faith in Humanities Conference.

Kari Brodin

Faculty, College of Ministry

- Presented “Multiplication: A New Testament Perspective” at the Northwest Ministry Network’s annual conference.
- Delivered presentations entitled, “Introduction to 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, Titus, 1-2-3 John” and “The Rapture” for Cedar Park’s Bible Quiz Discipleship ministry.
- Published an article entitled “The New NIV” for the National Bible Quiz website.

Joseph Castleberry

President

- Published his book *The Kingdom Net: Learning to Network Like Jesus through My Healthy Church* (a division of Influence Resources), along with his blog post, “Exploring the Kingdom Net,” found at www.josephcastleberry.com.
- Published the following articles: “Networking Like Jesus” in the Fall 2013 issue of *Enrichment: A Journal for Pentecostal Ministry* and “The Spirit and Suffering” in the September 8, 2013 issue of *Pentecostal Evangel*.
- Contributed as a regular guest writer to the “Nuestra Fe/Our Faith” column in *Tú Decides/You Decide*, a bilingual newspaper.
- Writes “Inmigrantes en el Corazón de Dios—A Bilingual Blog for Immigrants and Those Who Love Them” at www.inmigrantesdedios.org.

Kevin Cooney

Faculty, Political Science

- Published “Religious Freedom in Japan: Research Needs in History and Social Science” in Volume 11, Issue 2 of *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*.

- Received a \$10,000 Liberty Grant from the Charles Koch Foundation to conduct a series of student seminars on the topics of taxes and terrorism in collaboration with the University of Washington and Dr. Anthony Gill.
- Presented “China, Religion, and the Economics of the Rule of Law” at the International Red Cross Humanitarian Law Workshop in Seattle, April 2013.
- Joined a team of external accreditation reviewers for the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

Bill Cooper

Faculty, Business

- Published “Getting Employees More Engaged in High Performance” and “Aligning Business Strategy and Operational Excellence” in *MetaOps Magazine*.
- Delivered a presentation at the Washington State Lean Transformation Conference.
- Developed and delivered an “8-Hour Lean Simplified” training program.

Don Doty

Faculty, College of Adult and Professional Studies

- Presented his paper “The Leadership Skills of Jesus” at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference in San Francisco.
- Submitted “Reported Quality of Life of Those 65 Years and Older Experiencing Dementia” for publication in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.
- Submitted the following papers to *Mentoring & Tutoring: Partnership in Learning*, an NCEA publication: “Embedding Youth Mentoring in a Cultural Context to Support the Transition to High School” and “Improving Reading Comprehension through Holistic Intervening and Tutoring During After-School with High-Risk Minority Elementary School Students.”

Sarah Drivdahl

Faculty, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- Presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition in Rotterdam, Netherlands, titled “The Updating Function of Autobiographical Memory—Keeping the Self Located in Time, Place, and Relationships.”

Marty Folsom

Faculty, College of Ministry

- Published his book *Face to Face: Volume 1: Missing Love* with Wipf and Stock in 2013.

Gary Gillespie

Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

- Served as a judge at seven intercollegiate debate tournaments.

Teresa Gillespie

Faculty, Business

- Presented “Using the MBA Oath to Teach Responsible Leadership” and facilitated a mentoring faculty panel discussion at the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs Annual Conference in June 2013.

Jacqueline Gustafson

Faculty, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- Published an article entitled “Internationalizing the Psychology Curriculum: Engaging Undergraduate Psychology Students in Cultural Identity Exploration” in Volume 17, Number 3 of the *International Psychology Bulletin*.
- Presented “Life with Facebook: A Qualitative Look” at the annual Western Psychological Association (WPA) convention in Reno, Nevada.

Stephanie Hofland

Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

- Directed and produced a readers’ theater production of stories collected from Redmond Senior Center patrons, entitled “Rattlesnakes and New Beginnings.”
- Wrote and directed a production called “Redmond School Days” for the City of Redmond, in conjunction with the Redmond Historical Society.

Kim Lampson

Faculty, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- Presented topics at a workshop for the Washington State Psychological Association (WSPA), including the following: “Creative and Effective Uses of Video in Clinical Training and Teaching of Psychologists” and “The Clinician’s Window: The Trauma We See, The Trauma We Bring, The Trauma We Heal.” She also serves as president of Chapter 4 of the WSPA.

Rex Rempel

Faculty, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- Presented “Integrating Case Management & Housing: Bringing Outpatient Work into Clients’ Homes” at the Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference in Yakima, Washington, June 2013.

- Presented a seminar entitled “Benefits and Financial Entitlements for Low-Income and Disabled Adults,” which has occurred every two months for the past seven years at the Downtown Emergency Service Center.

Matthew Rivera

Faculty, History

- Presented his paper, “The Mystery of Missing Militancy: Catholic Religious Orders in Lyon, 1560-1660,” as part of a panel at the Western Society for French History.

Jeremiah Webster

Faculty, English

- Wrote the critical introduction for Wiseblood Books’ edition of T.S. Eliot’s *Paradise in the Waste Land: Early Works*.
- Presented his paper “Eros Abandoned: Chastity as Communal Preservation in Sir Gawain and the Green Knight” at the Theological Virtues Conference at Viterbo University in March 2013, which was published in *Dappled Things*, Summer 2013.
- Spoke on “Reviving the Poetry of T.S. Eliot” as Northwest University’s 2013 Regius Award Speaker.
- Presented a poetry reading at Northwest University’s Faith in Humanities Conference.
- Delivered a message entitled “Batter My Heart: Romans 10” as a speaker at one of Northwest University’s chapel services in February 2013.

Joshua Ziefle

Faculty, College of Ministry

- Presented his paper “From Fear-Based to Holiness-Based: Thoughts About the Work of the Holy Spirit in Youth Ministry” at the Society for Pentecostal Studies Conference, which was published in *A Future for Holiness: Pentecostal Explorations*, edited by Lee Roy Martin and printed by CPT Press in 2013.
- Co-authored the article “Missionary Church Planters and Developers” along with Darrin Rodgers and Darlene Robinson, which appeared in *Assemblies of God Heritage* this year.
- Published “Presbyterians or Pentecost? The Strange Case of John Mackay and David du Plessis” in the spring/summer 2013 issue of *The Journal of Presbyterian History*.
- Presented “Jesus or Else?: Defending Your Faith in an Anything Goes World” at the Evoke Student Leadership Conference in Kirkland, Washington.
- Presented his “Youth Culture 101” seminar at both the Pacific Youth Conference in Seattle and the Northwest Ministry Network Youth Summit in Yakima, Washington.

Alumni Updates

1950s

Harry Leid ('54) and his wife Kay ('54) now live with their daughter and son-in-law in Oakland, Calif. Email: leid77@aol.com

1980s

Janet Cornish's ('86) best friend at NU was Patty Abbott Hoffman (Ungels, '86). She was ASB treasurer in 1986. She passed away on August 21, 2013, and is survived by her husband, John Hoffman. Email: cornishjanet@aol.com

1990s

Kimberly Johnson (Roudybush, '93) has just released her debut novel, *A Christmas Promise*, published by Harlequin's Christian romance line, Heartsong Presents. It was released in November 2013.

Dr. Michael DeLashmutt ('97) has been appointed VP of Academic Affairs and Dean at Trinity Lutheran College in Everett, Wash. Michael and his family are happy to be moving back to the Pacific Northwest after spending nearly a decade in the UK and the last several years in Minnesota, where he was Associate Dean at Luther Seminary. Email: michael.delashmutt@tlc.edu



Charis Downs' (Marquis, '97) husband, Joshua Downs, was awarded his fourth Emmy at the Northwest Regional Emmy Award Show on June 15. He won in the Graphic Arts Division for his work on a Seattle Seahawks broadcast package. The Downs family lives in Lynnwood, Wash.,



where Josh runs his company from home and Charis works for Cedar Park Christian Schools during the week and as an on-call therapist for local nursing homes during the weekend.

2000s

Jennifer Cudmore's (Shaddox, '00) first novel, *The Lawmen of Clayton County: Athena Creek*, was released this summer by Helping Hands Press. Email: cudmore.jen@gmail.com



Rachael Boyer (Dill, '03) graduated with a Master of Communication in Digital Media from the University of Washington (June 2012), and loves her job as a web content strategist at World Vision. Paul and Rachael bought their first house in north Tacoma (January 2013), where they're members at New Community Church. Paul is in his sweet spot as an independent writer for Paul David Boyer Communications. Still bucking the trend with no children. Email: rachaelboyer@gmail.com

Mark Rodli ('04) and his wife Sunny were recently married. The two continue doing missions work amongst the unreached of Thailand. Email: markrodli@gmail.com



Jeremy Macias ('07) is now serving as a support-raising missionary with Children of the Nations (www.cotni.org) in the southern African country of Malawi. He and his new wife, Madalo, were married in September.

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Terry Green ('08) completed her Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy at Seattle Pacific University in 2012. She became a credentialed minister with the Northwest Ministry Network in 2013, and her grandson Maximus Mansfield was born on March 30, 2013. She has now opened a private practice for marriage and family therapy in downtown Edmonds, Washington. Email: bia62@frontier.com
Website: www.integratedcounselingsvc.com



After graduating from Northwest, **Rachel Buchman** ('09) wanted to stay close to family due to some family health issues, but her heart was also for evangelism. She currently works at a missions school in Washington that accepts students of all faiths and teaches from the Bible. Email: rachelb85@gmail.com

2000s

Paul Godwin ('10) and his wife Liz are in their third month of a minimum two-year mission in Japan. They have been seconded from their agency, International Students, Inc. (ISI), to TEAM Japan. They are currently in the Kobe area and hope to do outreach in the Kansai region of Japan. Email: paulgodwin@teamjapan.org

Nikita Williams (Hall, '10) recently got married.
Email: Nikita.hall07@gmail.com

After graduating from NU in 2011, **Christine Ballew's** ('11) grandma, who was a huge support during her time at NU, passed away from pancreatic cancer on February 1, 2012. Christine attended Wenatchee Valley College, where she graduated in August 2012 with a one-year certificate in early childhood education. In January 2013, she and her parents moved to Tennessee where Christine is a caregiver for her aunt and attends a Nazarene church where she volunteers with the children's ministry. Email: christine.ballew11@yahoo.com

Leslie Flores ('12) will be traveling to Dublin, Ireland in January to minister as a missionary associate to the youth and disadvantaged in the heart of the city. She cannot wait to be where God has called her! Email: singing.groves@hotmail.com

Mary Priest (Knight, '13) and her husband are now working with youth students at Jubilee Worship Center in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Anjuman Lochan ('13) got married on June 15, 2013.
Email: tigercub_5@msn.com

Rachel Klas ('13) has moved to Fresno, Calif., and is working in the Registrar's Office at Fresno Pacific University.
Email: racheljoyklas@gmail.com

Colleen Weimer ('13) has recently accepted a position as a lead preschool teacher at Cedar Crest Academy in Kirkland. She is very excited for her first year of teaching and the start of her professional career. Colleen has also been accepted into the Master in Teaching program at Northwest and plans to begin her graduate studies next year.
Email: Colleen.weimer10@gmail.com

Matthew Smith ('13) has accepted a new position at Premera. He and his wife, Chelsea, recently bought their first home in Monroe, Wash., and couldn't be more excited. Email: mcsmith9@gmail.com

Teresa Henrickson ('13) didn't plan on moving back to her hometown after graduating, but God had a different plan! She is now working at a Christian organization with an amazing team. Her job promotes abstinence and healthy relationships within the school for grades 5-12 in more than seven districts. She prays with co-workers every day for the young lives she gets to invest in. God has truly blessed her in this position. Email: teribethh2@gmail.com

DOUBLING THE DIFFERENCE



For Alan and Gwen Lovelace, it became a personal challenge.

As twenty-something young professionals who desire to make an impact in their community, Alan and Gwen Lovelace considered how they could leverage their giving to make a larger footprint. Realizing that Alan's employer would match charitable giving dollars for educational organizations, they found the perfect vehicle and opportunity—a one-to-one match for every dollar given up to a certain threshold. When it came time to decide where to give their hard-earned dollars and direct their corporate gift match, they decided on Northwest University via The Opportunity Fund.

Alan earned his degree at Northwest in business, with an emphasis in management. He chose NU due to proximity to Gwen, his job at UPS, and because of the university's alignment with his values.

Alan wasn't able to participate much in the NU community, as he had to work his way through school. However, while Alan was here, he developed some close relationships with several of his business professors, along with a handful of students. Those relationships helped to mold and shape him, and they have kept Northwest University close to his heart today.

Ask Alan about his educational experience, and he'll tell you that the people at NU care and that he is especially indebted to Professor Tom Sill. "Professor Sill believed in me, and he made things work. He would discuss subjects with me, and he encouraged me to create solutions. What he taught me also helped prepare me to earn my MBA." Another pivotal mentor was dean of the School of Business and Management, Teresa Gillespie, who spent extra time with him.

The education he received provided him with fundamentals necessary for success

in any industry—operations, finance, management, factory flow, cost structure, or human resources. As a procurement finance analyst for an international Fortune 500 company, ranked 30th this year, Alan says he learned about all of those concepts in his classes at Northwest, and that he's been able to apply them in his professional career.

Alan has kept in close contact with his small group of NU friends since graduating, and the impact they are making in the community is what has prompted him and Gwen to choose Northwest as the target of their giving.

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money and maxing out becomes a fun challenge. We get excited. It's like earning additional income! If you had twice as much to give, how would that make

you feel?"

Gwen and Alan Lovelace are making a huge impact in the lives of Northwest University students via their charitable giving and by doubling their generosity through their corporate gift match. They are excited that their giving makes a real difference in scholarship aid through unrestricted Opportunity Fund dollars. More importantly, they are blessed when they see the impact Northwest University students are making in the lives of others. Together, they invite you to join them in the challenge of looking into corporate gift matching through your employers, and making Northwest University the recipient of your charitable giving to the best and highest levels possible.

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