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LIVING ON MISSION

TIMOTHY KNAPP | BRAD KLIPPERT | DAVID CURRY

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From the President

Dr. Joseph L. Castleberry, Ed.D.

Imagine the vision:

Thousands of Northwest University graduates, faculty, staff, administrators, directors, trustees, donors, students, parents, and friends reflecting our efforts to empower their calling.

Imagine a worldwide field, the deep impact of our people, seeds being sown and growing into great spreading trees. A massive canopy of shelter and production. God pouring out his Spirit like rain on our labor. The kingdom of God doing its thing in the world in a burgeoning way.

That's our vision statement at Northwest University—"Carry the Call." Adopted years before my arrival as President, and enduring as a clear expression of the ultimate meaning of our efforts, that simple phrase enjoins our community to take up the mission of God and prepare the earth for God's own and future reign.

Nothing could bring us greater excitement than the vision of our people walking in obedience to Christ. Whether they are pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, worship leaders (as our original charter explicitly envisioned), or other well-trained servants of the kingdom operating in business, health care, law, government, education, science and technology, the media, or any other societal sphere, their calling is one and the same. All God's people have been called to the intimate knowledge of Christ and to service in God's mission.

The mission of God on earth finds its first declaration in Genesis 1:28, in which God makes a flourishing human race the starting place for God's intentions—"multiply; fill the earth; and rule over it." To ensure that end, God poured out common grace in massive supply with air, water, food, fuel, raw materials, family, friendship, love, intelligence, and everything humanity needs to live, flourish, and glorify God. When we contribute to the flourishing of humanity, we substantially fulfill God's mission.



A human race broken by sin required redemption, and God's mission to redeem it finds full expression in Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross and summary in the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey Christ's commands."

Every person alive today has a divine call to contribute to God's mission, and those who have come to Christ find their ultimate fulfillment in taking up that mission with all their power. We often stress the fact that the call of every one of us is equally sacred—not because of the content of each specific calling, but because of the holy source of all our callings. Because Jesus has called each one of us, our callings and obedience stand on an equal footing.

This issue of Passages explores the way our people "Carry the Call" in many different ways. All these callings are holy because Jesus has made the call, they all contribute to the fulfillment of God's mission, and because through them, Jesus declares his sovereignty, in Abraham Kuyper's words, over every "square inch in the whole domain of our human existence."

As you read, my hope is that you will rejoice in the ongoing fulfillment of our vision!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph L. Castleberry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Waldemar Kowalski began his career at NU in 1985 as the director of Information Services and as a professor in the College of Ministry. Dr. Kowalski is “retiring” to pursue mission work in Indonesia. You can follow Dr. Kowalski and Rosemary at gokowalski.com.

LIVING ON MISSION: TIMOTHY KNAPP

Some people think that the only way to be involved in “real” ministry is to be a pastor or work at a church. Timothy Knapp used to be one of those people. That is, until he had a life-changing encounter with God while on a missions-related internship in India.

Timothy was well on his way toward becoming a pastor, and had even chosen to study pastoral ministries at Northwest, because, in his words, he “felt a calling to be an ambassador for the kingdom.” And while being a pastor is one wonderful way to do that, during Timothy’s college years as a new Christian, he thought it was the only way.

He described how he had drawn a distinct line of separation between ministry and work; in his mind, “one was sacred and the other was secular.” But a single moment changed all that.

“This moment I had seemed like a vision. I saw myself standing behind a pulpit, looking out at the congregation and not wanting to be there. I felt feelings of stress, restraint, resentment, and an intense dislike for myself and my circumstances. Then, to the right, I saw myself in a suit and somehow knew that it was an image of a businessman. I had feelings of joy, high self-esteem, and confidence. As I compared the two images, I heard God say to me, ‘Why are you denying who you are?’”

This was a revelatory experience that led Timothy to realize that the sacred pervades all of life. That using the gifts and talents God has given you is an act of worship, no matter what type of vocation you happen to follow.

And today, as the founder, president, and CEO of Asset Management Strategies, Inc., Timothy says that he is still discovering how to live out that lesson he learned so many years ago. But in the meantime, he has answered God’s calling to ministry—and it just happens to be in the area of business and finance. He and his team at Asset Management Strategies, Inc. have recently celebrated 25 years of business.

He shared that earning his B.A. in Pastoral Ministries at NU helped him gain “wonderful insight and skills,” ones that are directly applicable to his current work. Particularly, he learned about what he calls the “ministry of presence,” something that is a valuable skill in any career. “Most of the time,” he explained, “people just need to know that you are listening and that you ‘hear’ them. The feeling of being cared for often just comes from being heard.”

And listening to people is something that Timothy does every day as a wealth advisor. He views his day-to-day work as an opportunity to constantly be on the lookout for moments to interact with clients that allow him to “touch them in ways that might have eternal impact.” Whether that’s helping fellow Christians develop a biblical perspective on stewardship or teaching concepts of financial responsibility, for Timothy, there’s no longer any separation between work and ministry. Rather, they are beautifully intertwined and rooted in the same sense of purpose and calling that was planted in his heart more than 25 years ago.

“I feel called to help people steward the resources they are responsible for,” he said. “I see myself as God’s instrument doing God’s work that just so happens to be in business. I am His ambassador. I am in ‘ministry,’ touching hearts and lives, but doing it through business.”

Sometimes the business of touching hearts and lives is intensely, spiritually personal. “There have been several occasions where clients have given their hearts to Christ,” Timothy shared. “On one occasion, while financially counseling a couple in their home, they shared their struggles in life with me. I shared Christ with them, and they were changed forever that night.”

For Timothy, the scope of ministry also extends outside the workplace. In addition to his involvement with a number of charitable and community organizations, he has returned to

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NU in a leadership capacity. After hearing about Northwest's expansion into a university, he "felt a tug in [his] heart to listen closer," which led to his appointment as a trustee of the Northwest University Foundation and also as a member of the NU School of Business and Management Advisory Board.

"I have this sense that God is doing something special at Northwest," he explained. "I love being a part of what God is doing. There is a joy, an energy, an excitement in being where God wants me to be and being used by Him for His purposes. I love this feeling I get—something stirring and bubbling inside me as I engage."

Timothy sensed that "something special" even as a student at Northwest, and "would roam the halls praying over each

and every dorm room. For His touch and favor. For His purposes to be fulfilled." He would pray not just for students, but that the school and everyone associated with it would experience "God's best."

Today, his prayers and dreams have come full-circle, as NU continues to grow and be an influence in its community and a testament to God's work in the Northwest region and around the world—and as Timothy himself plays a role in shaping the future of the University. "I developed a groaning inside me, an ache to see Him move and do wonderful things," he said. "But life took me on a different direction until now—25 years later."



LIVING ON MISSION: *BRAD KLIPPERT*



Law enforcement, teaching, army service, or holding government office would all be rewarding careers in themselves. But NU alumnus Brad Klippert has worked in all of these areas and more over the past few decades. And while some of these positions may seem unrelated, Brad chose them for a specific reason: they gave him an opportunity to answer God’s call to service.

Brad’s passion for serving people has been a constant in his professional life. “I have personally seen the power of the Holy Spirit minister through (and oftentimes, in spite of) me,” he said. “Whether as a sheriff’s deputy, a paramedic, a public school teacher, a helicopter pilot for the Army, a youth pastor, or a camp counselor, I have simply tried to position myself so that He can work through me.”

As a Lieutenant Colonel in the National Guard, Brad completed deployments in Haiti and Bosnia and served as the detachment commander of a Chinook helicopter unit. As a pilot, he transported important public figures, including two Haitian presidents and even a U.S. vice president.

But for Brad, the rank, title, or position of the people he works with aren’t the important thing. Whether protecting presidents or teaching schoolchildren, he brings the same dedication and enthusiasm to his work.

“I love my country, I love my state, and I love the community in which I live. I love my family and friends. I get great satisfaction in serving others,” he said. And he is currently acting on those convictions by serving his third term as a representative of Washington State’s 8th legislative district. “This nation is so blessed by God, but I also know that we are capable of an even higher level of greatness, if we will simply honor God and live according to the principles found in His Word,” Brad added. “Although I fall very short of perfection, I simply try to live out those principles and values in everything I do.”

Many of those values began to be ingrained in Brad’s thinking during his time at NU, where he studied behavioral science and biblical studies. He described his educational experience as deeply influential both in his personal life and in what he’s been able to accomplish professionally. “I so

admired the love, devotion to His calling, and commitment to Christ that I observed in the lives of the NU faculty and staff,” he said. And those examples helped shape Brad’s own commitment to doing the work that God has for him.

Often, that work has taken the form of a call to leadership. In fact, Brad shares how others have sensed that calling in him, creating opportunities for him to be a servant-leader. As a patrol officer for the Benton County Sheriff’s Department, a position he maintains along with his elected one, he describes how people will often come into his office, despite him being dressed in full law enforcement uniform, and simply ask for prayer.

In whatever capacity he serves, Brad makes himself available, and as a result, has had opportunities to make a difference in situations that seem hopeless. Once, he had to arrest a young man on a felony charge, but after the man got out of detention, he came back to Brad and asked for help in getting his life back on track. Because Brad made himself available—as a mentor, and perhaps even more importantly as someone who “carries the call” of God into his work—he was able to play a redemptive role in that young man’s life, who is now serving successfully in the U.S. Army.

Brad related another instance when, through his work as a resource officer at a local school, he was able to help arrange a life-changing surgery for a high school student with cerebral palsy. After the student had successful surgery to help straighten his legs, Brad said, “I was so blessed when his mom gave me a big hug to say, ‘Thank you,’ and I felt her tears of joy on my neck.”

It is these small moments of knowing that we are making a difference that help give us assurance that we are fulfilling God’s calling to—as Northwest University expresses it in its mission statement—be agents of “empowered engagement with human need.”

And as Brad puts it, there will be no greater reward than to “one day be held in the loving arms of my Lord and Savior, and with His arms wrapped around me and His tears of joy falling on my head, hear Him say, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.’”

LIVING ON MISSION: *DAVID CURRY*



For David Curry, social justice isn't just a popular cause or a nice idea—it's a way of life. More than that, it's his calling.

As the president and CEO of Open Doors USA, an international ministry that supports and strengthens persecuted Christians in 60 of the most dangerous countries in the world, David has spent much of his career confronting social challenges like homelessness, hunger, and addiction through his work with various nonprofit organizations.

"My whole life and calling have been about serving those who are suffering, living in despair, and who are placed in really challenging circumstances," he said in a blog written for the Open Doors website.

David graduated from Northwest with a degree in youth ministries, but soon realized that his strengths and interests were pointing him in another direction, because, as he put it, "Understanding your calling and the context where you best fit is really the work of maturing."

"When I graduated from NU, I knew I was called to ministry, broadly speaking," he explained. "But as I tried different settings, I realized that my leadership is well suited to the executive context. In addition, I learned that I love a big challenge, and that issues of justice are important to me."

However, for David, NU's mission of "empowered engagement with human need" is far more than inspiring words. It's a call to get your hands dirty. To "get in the game." To feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and serve in areas where no one else wants to serve. In short—to follow Jesus' own example.

"Engaging with others suggests more than just flying over issues from 35,000 feet," he said.

“We need to get down on the ground level and serve and care for people who are hurting and who will not experience validation from the world because they have no position, no resource, no voice.”

David is living out that mission through his leadership at Open Doors by supporting and being an advocate for the more than 75 million Christians who are living in areas where Christianity is opposed or even illegal—areas such as North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, and the Middle East. Christians are the largest persecuted faith group in the world, and David is currently “making a nuisance of [himself]” to draw attention to the 70,000 Christians who are being held in labor camps in North Korea.

“It’s not a ‘sexy’ subject,” he admits. “The situations are intensely bleak and the humanitarian issues are huge. Additionally, there are more immediate problems here in the West that get a lot of media and social media attention. So, if we are ignoring the problem, does it go away? No, it does not. Christians need to step in and make a ruckus about our brothers and sisters imprisoned for their faith.”

Prior to accepting his current role at Open Doors, David spent eight years as CEO at The Rescue Mission, a homeless shelter and addiction recovery organization based in the Tacoma area. As a Tacoma native, David served the organization with a passion for “helping to alleviate suffering, despair, and hopelessness in my part of the world. For me, it’s not just about the practical services, but about the transformation of the whole person—body, mind, and spirit.”

David has described his time at Northwest—especially the school’s intellectual and spiritual learning environments and the influence of his professors—as an important formative period, one that helped prepare him for his future involvement in local and international nonprofit work.

“I’m fortunate in that, while I struggled to find my context early on, once I found my niche, I knew it was God-directed,” he said. “This has given me great synergy in my work-faith life.”



THE UNIVERSITY OF POSSIBILITY

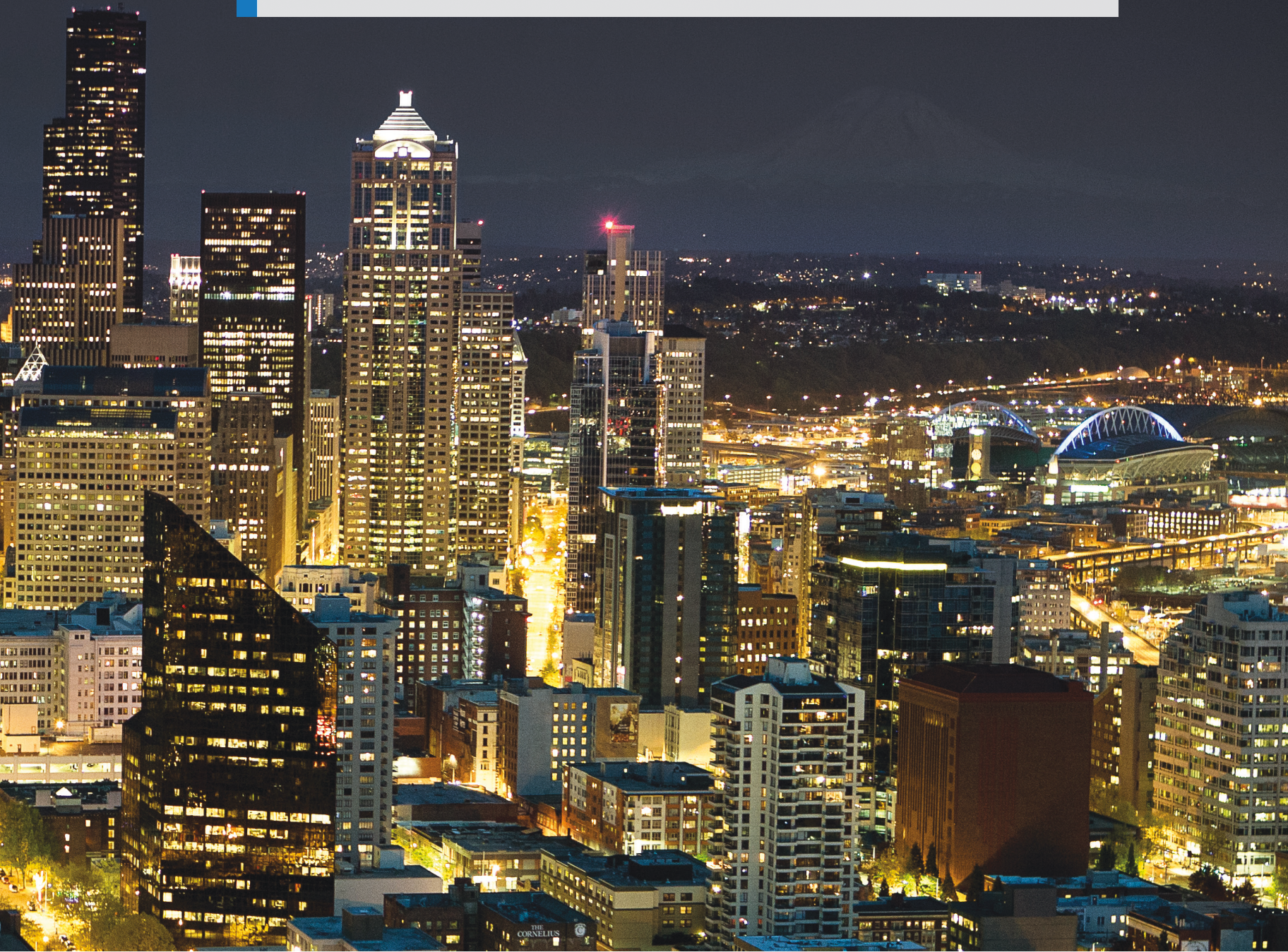


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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

By all accounts, the 4th Annual Hall of Fame Benefit at the Bellevue Hyatt Regency was another successful event. The evening began with a silent auction as attendees made their way to each table in search of sports memorabilia, trips, dinners, and countless other items. Guests returned to their favorite silent auction items to see if their bids had been outdone and to provide some gentle ribbing to others considering an offer.

In another part of the venue, guests had their photos taken with the evening's special guest speaker, Steve Largent. The all-pro wide receiver for the Seattle Seahawks graciously signed autographs and posed for photos that would eventually make their way to living room shelves and office walls throughout the Northwest.

When it was time for dinner, guests enjoyed the chance to spend time with family, friends, and colleagues. NU athletes from an earlier era heard cheers once again as they took the stage to be honored as the 2014 Hall of Fame inductees. The audience hushed as Steve Largent took the stage and told more than 400 attendees about what has been happening in his life since retiring from the Seahawks and Congress.

Once the auction began, paddles were raised up and down like fans as good-natured guests competed from table to table. When the paddles came to rest and the evening ended, over \$88,000 was raised for NU sports teams and athletic scholarships. We'd like to offer a heartfelt thanks to all Hall of Fame participants. Because of your support, NU athletes will continue to receive the kind of Christ-centered education that changes lives.

Hall of Fame by the Numbers:

- Over 400 attendees.
- 17,745 square-foot Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue.
- 24 sponsors who made the night possible.
- Over 150 silent and live auction items sold.
- More than \$88,000 raised for our sports teams and athletic scholarships.
- Countless thanks from your friends at NU.



Steve Largent (left) sat down with Alumni Director, Dustin Shirley for a Q&A.



Joe Gailbraith (left), Male Athlete of the Year.



Rachel (Elenbaas) Olson (center) was inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Doug Filan coached the 1993 Men's Basketball team, who were inducted into the Eagle Hall of Fame.



Sarah Stoker, Female Athlete of the Year.



LeRoy Johnson, 2011 Eagle Hall of Fame coach, introduced the 1993 Men's Basketball team.



National Football League Hall of Fame player and former Congressman, Steve Largent.



Faculty Marshal Kari Brodin guides the students to their seats.

A HISTORIC FINALE

The main level at Overlake Christian Church was filled to capacity, overflowing into the balcony. It wasn't a Sunday service—at least not technically—but the 78th Northwest University Commencement Ceremony was a celebration of students, their hard work, and the God who brought them through it all.

Bill Owen directed the Brass Ensemble and Orchestra in a piece of music recognized by all: “Pomp and Circumstance.” As the music played, Dr. Kari Brodin led students and faculty in the processional, while audience members cheered for their loved ones. The Concert and Alumni Choir performed “At the Name of Jesus,” a beautiful and rich choral statement of the lordship of Jesus Christ. The entire audience stood and sang “Now Thank We All Our God,” a sentiment that parents in the crowd especially understood, grateful that their son or daughter was finally graduating.

After another hymn, President Joseph Castleberry took the podium, congratulating students for having the courage to make a decision for college, and more importantly, sticking with that decision. He applauded students for seeing the benefits of “the tangible and durable fruits of intense labor.” According to Dr. Castleberry, the achievements of their decisive action “will endure for eternity.”

Student commencement speaker Ilona Trofimovich approached center stage to shouts of encouragement from her graduating class. When the audience hushed, the 2014 graduate, Act Six Scholar, and class president spoke from her heart about the choices she and her classmates are now facing. While much of today's culture encourages new graduates to make career decisions based solely upon opportunity, Ms. Trofimovich reminded the audience that maintaining one's community was equally valid in the equation. Yes, moving to a new place for opportunity is courageous, but foregoing opportunity

to preserve one's community is also an act of bravery. In either case, God is with you.

Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, President of the National Hispanic Leadership Conference and one of TIME Magazine's “100 Most Influential People in the World” (2013), gave the Commencement Address. Rev. Rodriguez approached the podium with a fresh honorary doctorate that had just been awarded to him by President Castleberry. He began with words of gratitude and thanks, but very quickly, the minister transformed commencement into an impassioned exhortation about the grace, power, and victory that is found only in Jesus Christ.

An Honorary Bachelor of Arts (posthumous) was awarded to Ms. Yeiko Ogato, a student at Northwest Bible Institute who was protected by the school from being sent to an internment camp in 1942. In a story uncovered by NU graduate student Devin Cabanilla, Northwest challenged an order that forced the relocation of Japanese American citizens and helped the young student continue her education at North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota. According to President Castleberry, the posthumous degree was “a fulfillment of all righteousness—a celebration and reclaiming of a long-forgotten NU heritage.”

Finally, the students began to walk and lay claim to their long-awaited degrees. Amidst the cheers of family and friends, 445 students walked across the stage to complete their current educational journey. Of those, 39 percent graduated with academic honors. Before the celebration was over, NU graduate number 10,000 walked across the stage to a flash of streamers and confetti. The graduates of 2014 said their goodbyes to classmates who had become such an integral part of their lives and turned towards the next path in life. May God richly bless each one.



Graduating senior Samantha Gee was surprised with music, streamers, and cheers as she walked across the stage as Northwest University's 10,000th graduate.



A graduate student relishes the moment of her hooding—the result of determination and hard work.



Looking at her fellow classmates on the big screen.



President Castleberry awards Sigma Chi Pi honors to Ms. Kristen Waggoner, Rev. Lillian Sparks, and Mr. Monty Hipp.



NU Class President, Ilona Trofimovich, was selected by classmates to give the student address.



Waldemar Kowalski receives the Delta Tau Faculty Honor Award for his significant contributions.



The graduating class of 2014 sings the NU Alma Mater together one last time: "We carry the call into all the world, bring hope from God above."



A member of the Concert and Alumni Choir lifts her voice in praise and celebration.

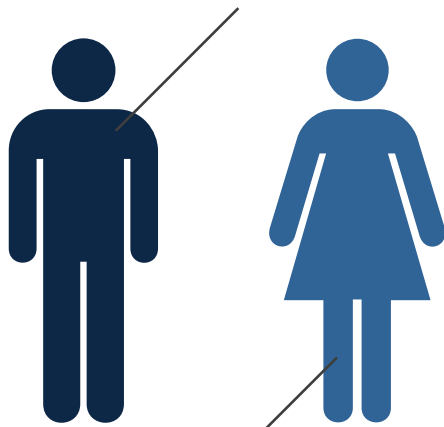


President Castleberry bestows an Honorary Doctorate Degree to Rev. Samuel Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez also delivered the Commencement Address and inspired us all.

OUR CLASS OF 2014

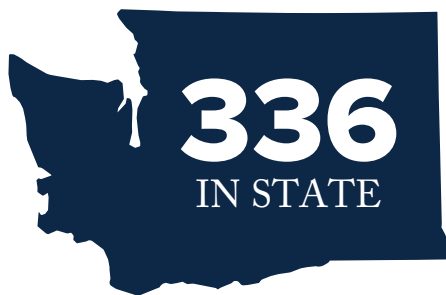
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Of all graduates **190** or **43%**
were **MALE STUDENTS**



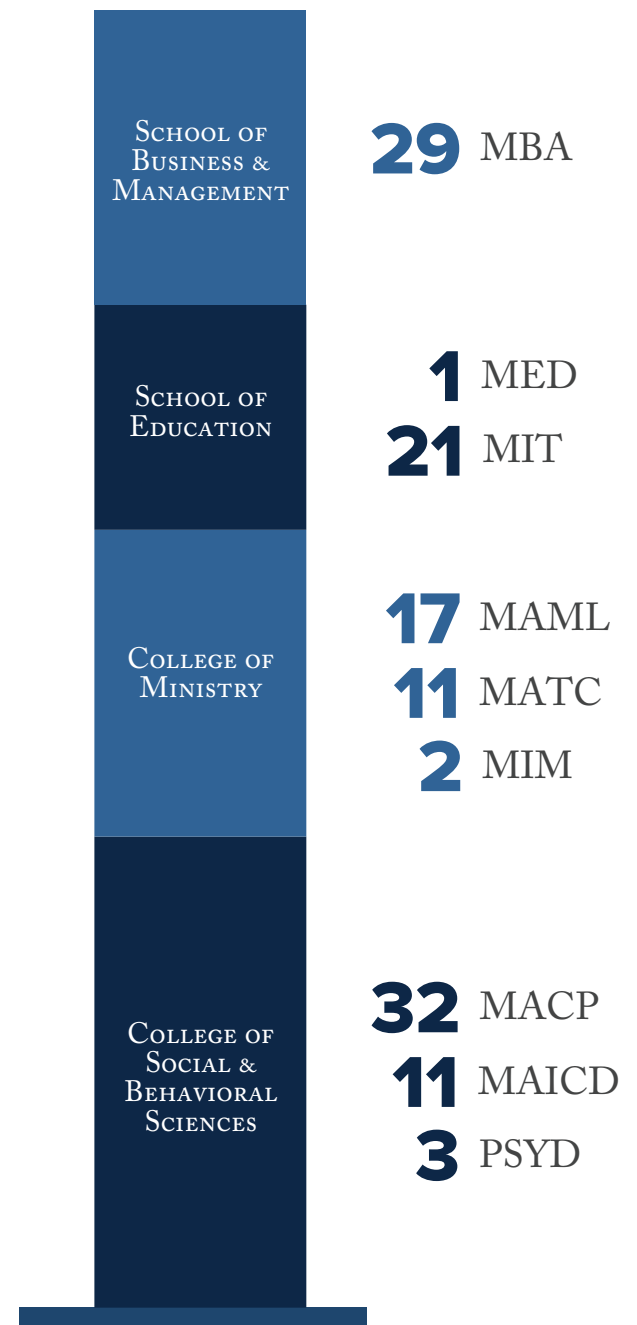
and **255** or **57%** were
FEMALE STUDENTS

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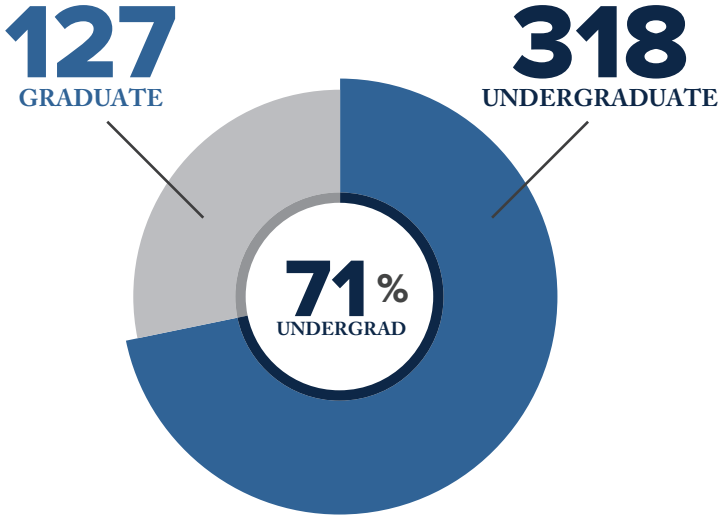


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OUT OF STATE

Distribution of
GRADUATE STUDENTS



CLASS OF NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY



Distribution of **UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE** degrees

Of our undergraduate students this year

39%

GRADUATED WITH HONORS

GRADUATES FROM Brazil, Canada, Chile, Croatia, England, Fiji Islands, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, South Korea, and Vietnam



Northwest University
**THROUGH
THE YEARS**



Class in Millard Hall. Year: 1981.



Brenda Rasmussen. Year: unknown.



Northwest University campus. Year: unknown.



Administrators
Bennett, Millard,
Dutledge, Barton,
Hurst, Ming, and
Hodges.
Year: unknown.



Jim Heugel at Spring Banquet. Year: 1979.



John McDuffin Chapel. Year: 1982.



Mrs. Edith Butterfield at Lay Council.
Year: 1979.



Buel Brodin. Year: 1978.



Jubilee Balloon. Year: 1983.



NEWS AT NU

Northwest Choralons Live

(photo 5)

The Northwest University Choralons recorded their first live CD project this spring. The event took place in Butterfield Chapel at 10:40 a.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. The Northwest community gathered to offer their support and join in a night of worship and ministry. You can hear the results of their efforts on the new Choralons Live CD.

Classic Radio Presented by Drama Department

(photo 1)

The NU Drama Department staged its spring production, *Soundbites on Set: An Old Time Radio Variety Show*. The nostalgic play ran for two weeks and transported viewers back to the good old days with two radio programs: *Our Miss Brooks* and *The New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. The play's participants consisted of students, faculty, and staff.

M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust Provides Grant to Science Department

(photo 3)

Thanks to a grant of \$70,500 from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, paired with the capital fund match from the NU Foundation, the Northwest University College of Arts and Sciences purchased \$141,000 of research equipment to support student and faculty research in biology and chemistry. The equipment obtained was a protein/DNA imaging machine, a fluorescent microscope, and research/student-grade UV spectrometers. "This is the latest technology available for these applications, and it is a privilege to have," said biology professor, Dr. Tracie Delgado.

NU named NAIA Champion of Character

Northwest University was named a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) *Champions of Character* Five-Star Institution this year, as announced by the national NAIA office. The *Champions of Character* Scorecard measures each institution's commitment to the NAIA *Champions of Character* program. Points are earned in five key areas: character training, conduct in competition, character recognition, academic focus, and character promotion.

Students Visit TV Show at KING 5

(photo 4)

Dr. Peg Achterman's Mass Communication class had the unique opportunity to witness media production in action. Students sat in the live studio audience of the KING 5 talk show *New Day Northwest*, asked questions about how the show is executed, and met special guests featured on the program. Students were able to see the many pieces that go into creating a TV show and obtain a firsthand look at various career possibilities.

NU Makes National News In Korea

Eun Young (Joy) Shin, a Northwest University student and budding journalist, made a splash with her news clip "Kimchi in The Caf," aired on KTV-National Korean News. Joy reported that NU now serves kimchi, a traditional Korean dish. International students are raving about this touch of home and how it makes the NU Caf more welcoming and inviting to students from other countries.

Northwest University Scholar Athletes Honored

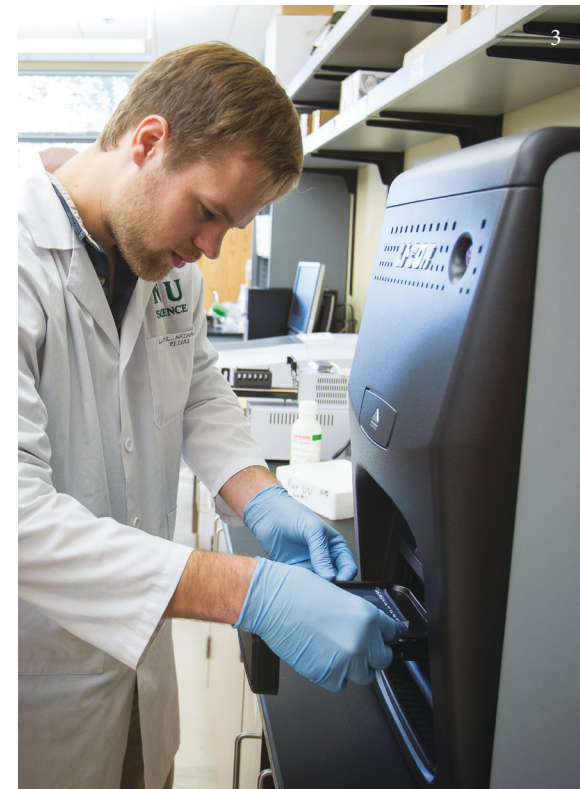
When the Academic Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) winners were announced, 10 were from NU. To earn recognition as a CCC scholar-athlete, a student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 and sophomore standing. Congratulations to all of our scholar-athletes:

- **Kelsey Anderson**, Arlington, Wash., Jr., Track/Field, Nursing
- **Corinne Burke**, Lake Stevens, Wash., Jr., Track/Field, Nursing
- **Jonathan Ferguson**, Pleasant Hill, Ore., Soph., Track/Field, Biblical Literature
- **Meagan Governor**, La Center, Wash., Sr., Track/Field, Math/Biblical Literature
- **Kaisa Hall**, Ellensburg, Wash., Soph., Track/Field, Communication
- **Jered Leslie**, Woodinville, Wash., Jr., Track/Field, Religion/Philosophy
- **Ericka McDaniel**, Kenmore, Wash., Jr., Track/Field, Nursing
- **Kelli Peckham**, Spokane, Wash., Soph., Softball, Education
- **Emily Sears**, Grants Pass, Ore., Soph., Track/Field, Nursing
- **Sigrid Thoreson**, Snohomish, Wash., Sr., Track/Field, Education

Emmy® Award-Winning Vocal Coach Invests in Northwest University

(photo 2)

Since her arrival as a vocal instructor at NU, Bernadette Bascom—an accomplished performer, recording artist, producer, director, and Emmy® award winner—has donated \$10,000 worth of music manuals and songbooks to the Hurst Library on campus in Kirkland. Students can now check out a variety of publications and materials from the newly created music section.



Staff and Faculty Updates

Jack Wisemore

Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

- “The Better Angels of Our (Emergent) Nature: A Review of Amos Yong’s *The Spirit of Creation: Modern Science and Divine Action in the Pentecostal–Charismatic Imagination* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2011).” *Australasian Pentecostal Studies*, Volume 15 (January 2013).
- “Pentecostal Pegs in Greco–Germanic Holes: The Trinity, Personal Ontology, and the Priority of Grace.” Annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri (March 7, 2014).
- “Benny C. Aker—An Appreciation.” Biblical Studies Symposia, annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri (March 6, 2014). This was part of a panel talking about the academic impact of Benny Aker.
- Chair, “Review Panel of Merold Westphal’s *Whose Community? Which Interpretation?*” Annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri (March 8, 2014). Also contributed a new, specifically Pentecostal engagement with the work for publication alongside panel’s papers and Westphal’s response.
- “Women in Pentecostalism and the Assemblies of God,” guest lecture for the adult education program, Calvary Christian Assembly, Seattle, Washington (April 30, 2014).

Sarah Drivdahl

Faculty, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- Drivdahl, S.B. & Hyman, I. (in press). Fluidity in autobiographical memories: Relationship memories sampled at two occasions. *Memory*.
- Drivdahl, S.B. (2014, February). Is hindsight really 20/20: An exploration of relationship memories over time. Keynote presentation at the Faith and Humanities Conference, Kirkland, Washington.

Moses Harris

Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

- The Word Study. Sunday School Lesson on www.mosesevangelisticassociation.org is an example of the weekly scholarly production. For this section, writing on average a 3,500 word piece each week, Dr. Harris lists, explains, and discusses all of the key Hebrew and Greek terms for the Bible lesson.

Joshua Ziefle

Faculty, College of Ministry

- “Historical Meanings of the Charismatic Movement.” Annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri (March 2014).
- Submitted book chapter on “The Charismatic Renewal” for new Brill multi-author project *Handbook of Contemporary Christianity: Movements, Institutions & Allegiance*.
- Submitted book review to *Pneuma* on the book Joseph Smale: *God’s ‘Moses’ for Pentecostalism*.

Ben Thomas

Faculty, Office of the Provost

- Hulme, E., Thomas, B., & DeLaRosby, H. (2014). Developing creativity ecosystems: Preparing college students for tomorrow’s innovation challenge. *About Campus*, 19(1), 14-23.
- “The Change Challenge,” NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland for Student Affairs Administrator in Higher Education (March 2014).

Rex Rempel

Faculty, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- “Table Talk: Suicide” Northwest University, Kirkland, Washington (April 28, 2014).
- “Integrating case management & housing: Bringing out-patient work into client’s homes,” Housing First Partners Conference; Chicago, Illinois (March 21, 2014).

Wendy Murchie

Faculty, School of Nursing

- Murchie, W., Roberts, J., Leininger, R., Clifton, H., Ridling, D. Implementation of a Pediatric Safety Surveillance Program. Rapid Response Systems International Conference, Miami, Florida (May 2014).
- Roberts, J.S., Murchie, W.E., Leininger, R.J., Clifton, H., Development of Definition of Failure to Recognize and Respond in Pediatric Inpatients. Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia (May 2014).

Donald Doty

Faculty, School of Business Management

- Living Your Best Life with Memory Loss. *Senior Living*. Accepted for October, 2014.
- Paper: The Leadership Skills of Jesus. AERA Annual Conference, San Francisco, California (2013).
- Reported Quality of Life of those 65 years and older experiencing dementia. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. (February 2014).
- Embedding Youth Mentoring in a Cultural Context to Support the Transition to High School. *Mentoring & Tutoring: Partnership in Learning*, NCPEA Publications (2013).
- Book: Bailey, R. *Writing & Speaking at Work*, 5th edition (2013). New York: Prentice Hall.

Matthew Whitney

Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

- Since September 2013, he has served as Artist in Residence for Fuller Seminary Northwest in Seattle, Washington, which included an exhibition of artwork, guest lectures and workshops, and a written piece for Fuller’s Christ and Cascadia blog: <http://christandcascadia.com/clairvoyance/>.



This fall, he will serve on faculty for the new Cascade Fellows program, hosted by Fuller Northwest and involving many Seattle-area churches, which seeks to engage young professionals in the realms of vocation and faith (<http://cascadefellows.com/>).

Jeremiah Webster

Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

- “Second Space: Czesław Miłosz and a Vision for Education,” Dean’s List Reception Speaker, Northwest University, Kirkland, Washington (February 2014).
- “Writing as Pilgrimage,” Speaker, Northwest Christian Writers Association (NCWA), Kirkland, Washington (January 2014).
- “Reviving the Poetry of T.S. Eliot,” Regius Award Speaker, Northwest University, Kirkland, Washington (October 2013).
- From Inside the Sickroom: An Interview with Charles Hughes (Spring 2014).
- The Far Field Blog: Other Space (Poem, November 2013), Online, Selected by Kathleen Flenniken: Washington State Poet Laureate 2012-2014: <http://kathleenflenniken.com/blog/>.

Kari Brodin

Faculty, College of Ministry

- “To Marry or Not To Marry: Is That the Question? 1 Timothy 5:9-15,” a scholarly presentation to the Northwest University community upon being awarded the rank of full professor.

Larry Ishmael

Faculty, School of Business and Management

- Policy Development for Reducing the Impacts of Vehicle Emissions on Human Health in the Developing World (October 2, 2013).

Bob Stallman

Faculty, College of Ministry

- Book Review: Reading Genesis 1-2: An Evangelical Conversation in Enrichment. (2014).
- “The Place of Intimacy in the Interpretation of Biblical Metaphors.” Annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri (March 7, 2014).

Jim Heugel

Provost

- Served as an evaluator on a site team visit for the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) to Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah in March.
- Chair of the National By-Laws Committee for ACBSP.
- Published “Lessons for Civil Litigators from Criminal Law,” American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division (April 2014).

Alumni Updates

1950s

Since they were married almost 55 years ago, **Ed** ('61) and **Sharon** ('59) **Jacobson** have been in ministry in Oregon, Massachusetts, and Montana. Recently, Ed changed his “address” forever on March 11, 2013, leaving behind his wife, their six children, and fourteen grandchildren. Sharon continues to give God all the praise and glory.

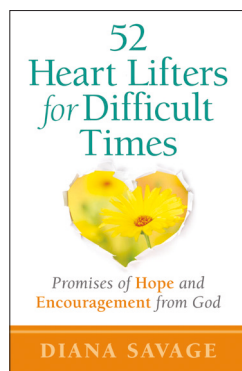
1960s

Darlene Danner (**Miller**, '63) has been teaching courses in leadership studies/conflict management to students getting their master's degrees. In the past, she served as an executive secretary at the Northwest Ministry Network office. After her first husband, Rev. James Russell, went to be with the Lord, she accepted the position of secretary to President Denny Davis at NU. She resigned when she married Ed in 1991 and together they have served as missionary associates in several countries as the Lord has led. Four of their children attended NU and their oldest granddaughter, Leslie recently graduated from NU, as Darlene celebrated her 50th reunion.
E-mail: dannerdarlene@gmail.com



1970s

Diana Savage ('72) is the principal at Savage Creative Services, LLC, providing professional writing, editing, and speaking services. In February her latest book, *52 Heart Lifters for Difficult Times: Promises of Hope and Encouragement from God*



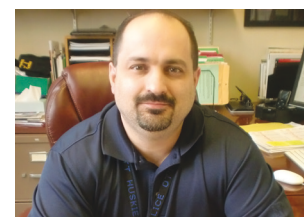
Encouragement from God, was released by Harvest House Publishers. Email: info@dianasavage.com

1980s

Timothy McGee ('82) now works for Milhous Children Services. He loves working there and is able to share his faith with children that have come from a rough background. Email: timothymcgee58@gmail.com

1990s

James Johnston ('92) was honored as the 2013 Oregon Middle School Principal of the Year. His school was recognized as an Oregon Model School and a 2014 NASSP/Metlife Breakthrough School.



Dr. Steve Studebaker's ('92) recent book, *From Pentecost to the Triune God: A Pentecostal Trinitarian Theology* (Eerdmans, 2013), received the 2013 Society of Pentecostal Studies Pneuma Book Award and was nominated for the 2014 Grawemeyer Award in Religion.
E-mail: studeba@mcmaster.ca



Mike Marsh ('93) married Keri on July 25, 2010 and their son, Reagan Blackmore Marsh was born on July 6, 2012. Mike and Keri work for Nintendo and attend Cedar Park Church.
E-mail: marshplace@gmail.com



Trina Chrisholm ('94) had a job change from nonprofit organization to working as a federal contractor with the Office of Commemorations, Department of Defense.
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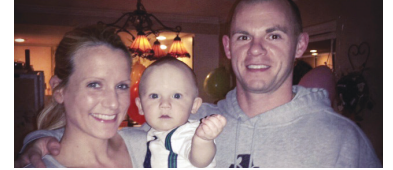
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Rachel (Nettleton, '04) and Jamison Birrell welcomed their first child, a son named Stone Carlin Birrell on June 27, 2013.



Christianna ('07) and her husband Micah Johns, currently live in Canby, Oregon with their cute little Beagle dog, Lilly. Micah continues to work at Travelers Insurance. Christianna is currently an instructional assistant at an elementary school in Wilsonville, and the worship leader at Valley Christian Church. They are in the process of adopting one to two kids from foster care.
E-mail: sanctus.crux@gmail.com

Jamika Jones ('11) started working for Steilacoom Historical School District in August 2012 and is currently working at Steilacoom High School. In October 2013, a dream of hers was realized when she was asked to be the keynote speaker for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America fall conference. In April 2014, she was installed as the Area 11 Director for Washington Association of Educational Office Professionals.

Steven Knemeyer ('05) accepted the pastorate at Peshastin Assembly of God in January 2014.

Eli Thomas ('06) and his wife, Jennifer moved to Vancouver, Washington in July 2013. On September 29, 2013, Eli was ordained and installed as pastor at Christ Community Lutheran Church.

Dave and Sharon Guernsey ('06) moved to Lacey, Washington where they serve as associate pastors alongside Peter Degen at Faith Assembly. Prior to that they pastored Ahtanum Valley Assembly in Yakima for the past 17 years. They have two daughters, one son, and two grandchildren.

Ashleigh Corbin (Smart, '10) was married last May with over 400 of their closest family and friends in attendance. This September they are expecting their first child and couldn't be happier. E-mail: ashleighdcorbin@gmail.com

2000s

Lisa Wilson (McKenney, '01) graduated in May 2013 with her Master's in Social Work from Dominican University's Graduate School of Social Work in River Forest, Illinois. She is now a case manager with Catholic Charities Older Adult Services. She is also working towards becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), and hopes to someday work with victims of sex trafficking.
E-mail: lhwilson07@yahoo.com



Susan Tesch (Koukari, '03) retired from federal civil service in 2011, and is now working for American Family Insurance in Madison, Wisconsin.
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Northwest University is proud to announce that it has entered an agreement with the Dream Center Leadership School (DCLS) in Los Angeles to become the Center's academic partner. The Dream Center Leadership School will be part of Northwest University's Church Partnership Program, a new initiative that brings NU's 80 years of educational experience and top accreditation to church internship programs throughout the Northwest and West Coast.

"We couldn't be more pleased with this partnership," said President Castleberry. "Both NU and the Dream Center are committed to building men and women of character and competence who show Christ's love through hands of compassion. We can't wait for the immersive outreach and service opportunities it will provide for our students."

