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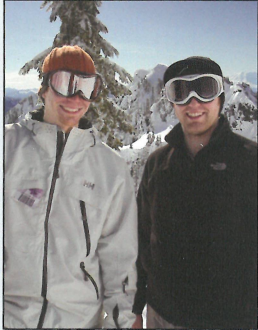
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For more information about Northwest University please call **800.669.3781** or visit [www.northwestu.edu](http://www.northwestu.edu).

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### On the cover

One of the greatest things about living in the Pacific Northwest, and specifically the Seattle area, is all of the activities available.

**Photographer John Paul Vicory** grew up in Colorado and was used to the skiing and snowboarding culture of the Rockies. He was pleasantly surprised to discover there was great skiing close to Seattle. He went to the Summit at Snoqualmie with his wife, a friend, and two Northwest students on a sunny day to get the photos on the cover and on pages 4-5. They spent most of the day at Alpental, the Summit's highest lifts. John reports: "I had not been to the Summit before. When we got to the top of the highest lift at 5,420 feet, I was impressed by the breathtaking views and beauty of the surrounding mountaintops. Northwest students **Ethan Bowe** and **Travis Lindseth** posed for a quick photo at the top, and then we got action shots all the way down."

# It takes more than Google

BY MERLIN QUIGGLE

I really like Google. I appreciate it. I probably use it a dozen times a day. But as powerful and convenient as Google is, it cannot provide answers to all the questions you have.

There are two reasons for this. At least two reasons.

First, Google doesn't have access to all of the knowledge in the world, because not all of the knowledge in the world is online. There are books that were printed before the web was created, and there are new books that haven't yet been put online. This is particularly true for works of literature, and textbooks that have a fuller and deeper content.

Second, Google doesn't help you judge the quality of the information it is pointing you to. You can find a web site that makes a statement, but how do you know it's true? What is the bias of the one providing this information? What are the other viewpoints?

The concept of cross-examination, so basic to our system of legal trials, also applies in academic contexts.

It's even in the Bible:

*The first to present his case  
seems right,  
till another comes forward  
and questions him.*

— Proverbs 18:17

When we encounter information, we need someone to help cross-examine those points, to help us see a balanced and complete picture.

It's difficult to determine the **quality** of any point of information, however, because there is so much **quantity**.

Just in the year 2009, for example, there were 175,443 books published in the United States. If you read two of these books every week, it would take you almost 1,700 years to read them all. And that's just one year's books.

There are also "serial" titles: things like magazines, journals, newspapers, book series, and newsletters. There are 76,473 serial titles published in the U.S., and 225,027 worldwide.

Then there's the web. In 2008, there were one trillion (that's a one followed by 12 zeroes) unique URLs. (That's from The Official Google Blog,

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and it's probably a lot larger by now.)

Where can you find the book you need—the one you should read? How do you find information you can trust?

It seems the answer is to find a guide. Hunters use guides, travellers use guides. Adventurers use guides.

When you're entering uncharted territory, you need someone to show you the way.

And that's one of the major roles that our faculty serve. You may think of a professor as the one standing in front of the class giving a lecture. That is important, of course. But equally important is the role that professors (and librarians) fulfill, serving as your guides—recommending reliable books, journals, and web sites.

(I can't remember how many times I've read books required for a class and been grateful. I would never have found those books on my own.)

By the way, if you want to find out more about Northwest University, just Google "Northwest University." It's the first listing that comes up!

Like I said, I really like Google.



***A great way to  
select your college  
is to visit the campus.***

***And a great day  
to visit us is on a  
Northwest Friday!***

For high school juniors, seniors, and graduates, this is a great chance to experience university life up close and personal in a Christian environment.

You will be able to visit actual classes, tour our campus, worship in chapel, dine in the cafeteria, meet current students, and chat with professors.

It's also a great opportunity for your parents. They can also visit classes, attend a special Q&A just for parents, attend a Financial Aid Session, and enjoy a Faculty Dessert and meet our professors.

***The next Northwest Friday  
is April 15!***

**To register online** for a Northwest Friday, please visit [www.northwestu.edu/nwfriday/](http://www.northwestu.edu/nwfriday/).

**To find out more** about Northwest University or about our *Northwest Friday* event, please e-mail [admissions@northwestu.edu](mailto:admissions@northwestu.edu) or call 800.669.3781.





# Grabbing some big air

**Student Ethan Bowe soars  
over the Cascade Mountains,  
less than an hour's drive from  
Northwest University's campus.**

**PHOTO BY JOHN PAUL VICORY**





# Singin' in the big room

The Northwest University Concert Choir was joined by the Cathedral Choir from University Presbyterian Church and the Rainier Symphony to present ***Christmas Traditions*** at Benaroya Hall on December 1.

"This was a great opportunity for our students to sing in a world-class venue like Benaroya Hall," stated William Owen, the

choirs' conductor and Chair of the Music Department at Northwest. "Even more, it was a great chance for alumni and friends of Northwest University to enjoy a truly wonderful Christmas concert. It was attended by approximately 2,000 people.

For a photo gallery of the concert, visit [www.northwestu.edu](http://www.northwestu.edu).



# ASHOES

## Sending Hope Overseas to Every Sole

The idea transpired on a quiet afternoon in Cambodia. Kaitlyn Clouse, a current senior English major at Northwest University, was spending a summer working at an orphanage. "One afternoon, while the children were napping, the word 'shoes' kept coming to my mind. Try as I might, I couldn't shake it" Kaitlyn said. "The day before a missionary I met had told me, 'Kaitlyn, when God opens your eyes to a need, that's Him inviting you to be a part of the solution.' So finally I said, 'Okay God, what about shoes?' Within 30 seconds I had the name, idea, vision, everything."

Since that afternoon in Cambodia, Kaitlyn launched the non-profit, *Sending Hope Overseas to Every Sole*, also known as SHOES. She learned that for people in Cambodia, shoes are important. They prevent disease and infection, but they also provide opportunity for education and employment. "I don't understand why God chooses to use us fallible, disobedient, selfish humans, but I am thankful He gives us the chance to work out His mission." She continued, "I long to give people the chance at a healthier, longer life, the opportunity to get a job and go to work, and if clothing their feet will provide this, then I am grateful God has bestowed this passion upon me."

As Kaitlyn approaches graduation in May, she's not exactly sure what the future holds. She knows she is called to missions and will continue to run SHOES. "God didn't open my eyes to this need just so that I could see it. He moved me so that I would do something about it."



To find out more about SHOES, visit [www.toeverysole.org](http://www.toeverysole.org).





Story by Harmonie Vallerand  
Photo by John Paul Vicory

# A Patient Man

Biology Professor  
**Christian Okafor**  
waited six years  
to begin college,  
and he waited  
seven years  
to marry the  
woman he loved.



Christian Okafor was born in Nigeria, to parents who were just able to finish elementary school, and with two brothers and five sisters.

"We didn't live in a hut," he recalls, "but we did live in a house that was situated in a 'slum', to use American lingo."

Living in that environment helped him figure out that education would be the path that would help him avoid a life of poverty.

Christian's father worked for Nigeria's department of national archives as a technician, restoring and preserving documents.

When Christian was about 15, his father had enough seniority to earn the right to live in a residence at the University of Ibadan.

"Living in a university sharpened my desire to be educated," Christian remembers. "I loved the life of an educated person."

But when he graduated from high school, he didn't have the money to attend college,

even though his family lived on a university campus.

"It's different in Nigeria," he explains. "There are no student loans, and scholarships are very rare. If you have money, you go to school and get trained. If you don't have money, you don't get trained."

So Christian worked for six years, helping his family and saving money for college. After six years, he had saved up enough to pay for the first year.

"I had learned my father's craft, binding books. I used it to make money, binding theses for students."

In 1992, the military took over his country. His new business collapsed, but he still had his old job. He held on, studying and working, struggling to make ends meet, while he earned a B.Sc. in Zoology in 1999 and then a M.Sc. in Cellular Parasitology in 2002.

He didn't stop there.

### A Doctoral Student

As he was finishing his master's degree, he found out about a program established by the World Health Organization (WHO) that trained master's and doctoral students in research for tropical diseases. He applied for this scholarship and was awarded one.

This allowed him to quit his job and concentrate on his studies. In 2006, he earned his Ph.D. in Immunology and Epidemiology.

"I wanted to do basic research in tropical diseases. The field of immunology is applicable to any disease that affects humans," he explains. "The way humans survive is to mount immune responses."

His interest at the time was malaria research. He studied malaria in children, pregnant women, and newborn babies.

He would come to the U.S. to continue his studies in malaria, but first he had a one-year detour. He went to Stockholm University in Sweden to study tuberculosis in children. His focus was to understand how newborns respond to TB and to the vaccine.

"In my wildest dreams I never wanted to come to the U.S.," Christian recalls. "But after I finished my Ph.D. I wanted post-doctoral study, and that took me to Sweden. While I was doing that, somebody I had worked with in Tanzania heard that I had finished my Ph.D. He had a project for developing a vaccine for malaria."

He offered Christian a position, and the new Dr. Okafor moved to Seattle in 2006. During the next two years, he met Dr. Dan Graetzer, a science professor at Northwest University. Dr. Graetzer mentioned that the university was looking for a biology professor. Dr. Okafor applied for the position, and got it.

Why the change?

"Working as a 'post-doc' you want to

become a Principal Investigator, a PI," he explains. "To do that, you need to establish your own research. Teaching provided a way to spend more time with my family, without having to sleep in a lab."

Family. His story moves from science to romance.

### The Friend Becomes a Wife

When Christian lived at the University of Ibadan, a young woman named Olubukola (Buki) lived three blocks away. But she lived in a different world. Her parents were both professors, and she lived a life of privilege.

They met at church, then started attending the same youth Bible study.

"My responsibility was to make sure that everyone got home safely, so I walked everyone home," says Christian. "We became close friends, but I never thought we were going to be married."

Eventually, the friendship deepened, and they wanted to marry.

But Christian had grown up in church in Nigeria, and he held important positions in the church. He felt that he had to lead by example. He couldn't marry Olubukola (Buki) without getting her father's permission.

He was 25, just beginning his B.Sc. program. He asked. The answer was "no."

So they waited, and Christian studied. He finished his B.Sc. Then he finished his M.Sc. And then her father gave his permission. They were married three months later.

Buki is a physician. She studied at the same university that Christian attended, and did her residency in pediatrics in Nigeria.

After they moved to the U.S., she had to retrain. She is now in North Carolina, doing a residency in pediatrics.

In the meantime, their two boys Chisom (7), and Chima (2), live with Christian.

### Lifelong Learners

Northwest University often emphasizes the importance of lifelong learning.

Christian is taking it literally. At the end of this semester, he is relinquishing his position as a professor to return to college. This time he'll be going to Dental School.

"The mouth is a huge gateway for bacteria to enter the body," Dr. Okafor explains. He plans to work as a dentist and also use this knowledge to further study immunology. His ultimate goal is to establish his own independent research and clinical practice.

He will maintain his relationships and his friendships with the Northwest University community. And his example—of patience and persistence—will remain.



# “Financial aid has

**Martin Yorio** is a sophomore majoring in Biblical Literature. He chose Northwest for its rich combination of spiritual vitality and academic excellence. He plays electric guitar in two chapel worship teams and sings in the Northwest Concert Choir.

**“Financial aid has been the biggest reason that allows me to attend Northwest University.**

**It’s been a huge help and a great blessing.”**

When he graduates, Martin plans to attend seminary and get involved in a church, pastoring or teaching in some capacity.

SEE MARTIN’S VIDEO AT

[www.northwestu.edu/financialaid/video/martin](http://www.northwestu.edu/financialaid/video/martin)

**Krista Garcia** is a junior majoring in Pastoral Ministries. She chose Northwest because she felt God opened doors and directed her here. She is an R.A. in a Women’s Residence Hall, investing in the lives of her fellow students.

**“Financial aid has made coming to Northwest possible, because when I started college I had three siblings going to university. A scholarship helped pave the way for me.”**

When she graduates, Krista plans on doing missions work, and someday planting churches where they aren’t yet present.

SEE KRISTA’S VIDEO AT

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# made it possible!”



**Keila Garza** is a junior majoring in Music. She chose Northwest because she was the first person in her family to attend college and wanted to be in an environment where she could grow both musically and spiritually. She sings in the Northwest Choralons as well as Jazz Choir.

**“Financial aid has helped me to accomplish my goals in my studies every semester that I have attended.”**

When she graduates, Keila plans to pursue a career in music. She says that she loves to teach, she loves choirs, she loves to sing, and she loves music ministry.

SEE KEILA'S VIDEO AT

[www.northwestu.edu/financialaid/video/keila](http://www.northwestu.edu/financialaid/video/keila)



**Robert Valdez** is a sophomore majoring in Marketing. He chose Northwest because of friends and family who are here, who have told him about Northwest. He sings in the Northwest Choralons and throws the javelin for the Track and Field team.

**“If it wasn't for my scholarship, I wouldn't be able to attend Northwest. It's a great help for me and my parents.”**

When he graduates, Robert plans to “get his foot in the door” with a large company, join the marketing department, and manage people in the experiential marketing area.

SEE ROBERT'S VIDEO AT

[www.northwestu.edu/financialaid/video/robert](http://www.northwestu.edu/financialaid/video/robert)

# FA Q&A

## FINANCIAL AID | QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Paying for your college degree is no easy task. That's why Northwest University's Financial Aid Office is dedicated to helping students find the resources they need to help pay for their education.

We know you may have some questions about how Financial Aid works. Below are some of the most common questions that we receive from students.

### 1. What is financial aid?

Financial aid is money provided to help you pay for college. When you submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a formula established by Congress will calculate your family income and assets and determine your anticipated need.

Our Financial Aid Office can guide you through the application process and help you explore your options. Almost everyone, regardless of income, can qualify for some form of financial aid.

### 2. What types of financial aid are available?

**a. Scholarships**, which are based on achievement and unique skills, and do not need to be paid back. Northwest offers institutional scholarships determined by academic performance, as well as talent scholarships for such things as music, drama, short sermon, and athletic abilities.

**b. Grants** are based on financial need and also do not have to be repaid. These include the Federal Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Washington State Need Grant, and Northwest University grants.

**c. Work-study awards** enable students to earn money towards their educational expenses while in school by working part-time.

**d. Loans** are also available to qualified students to help pay for their education.

### 3. What scholarships are offered by Northwest University?

We determine institutional **academic awards** based on your high school grade point average (GPA) and SAT or ACT scores. Academic awards for transfer students are based on their transfer GPA. Academic scholarships are renewable annually if you maintain the appropriate academic standing.



# Academic Programs

Northwest University also offers a number of other scholarships. More information is at [www.northwestu.edu/financialaid/](http://www.northwestu.edu/financialaid/).

Besides the FAFSA, students must also complete the Northwest University Financial Aid application to be eligible for other scholarships.

To receive full consideration for all scholarships, be sure to submit your completed application as soon as possible.

## 4. What are costs for the current academic year?

### 2011-2012 tuition and fees before financial aid:

Tuition and fees	\$23,440
Room and Board	6,884
Total cost	30,324

## 5. What are important steps to remember?

Submit the FAFSA (at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)). To ensure that Northwest University receives your FAFSA information, please include our college code on the form (**003783**).

Complete your admissions application as soon as possible to qualify for the maximum financial aid you are eligible to receive.

## 6. What happens after I file my FAFSA?

After you file your FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) in four to six weeks. If you listed Northwest as one of the colleges on the form, your information will also be sent to us. When you are formally admitted as a student, our Financial Aid office will start working on your Financial Aid package.

We know that paying for college can be an intimidating process, but Northwest University will do everything we can to make the process run smoothly.

If you ever have questions about Northwest University or Financial Aid, please contact the Admissions Office at **425.889.5231**, toll-free at **800.669.3781** or [admissions@northwestu.edu](mailto:admissions@northwestu.edu).

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in the conference.

Ebany Herd hugged Alyssa Welk after a 74-64 victory on February 5 moved the Northwest University Eagles into first place in the Cascade Collegiate Conference.

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