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Dear Northwest College Friends, Alumni, and Prayer Partners:

Greetings from Northwest College. If you are like me, you don't give a lot of thought to what is happening at places where you send your money. At least, not until you have received your receipt. Then you may lift up a prayer for staff, faculty or a student and wonder what is happening at NC.

It has been wonderful to experience God working in His people. The new ones, freshmen, transfers, faculty and staff begin to acknowledge His mighty love for them expressed in a very personal way and also through others in the form of time, talent and treasure. The past two semesters have been awesome.

Let me share some random one liners with you:

- Music Opportunities such as Concert Chorale. **A great new expression of energy.**
- More music such as His Praise. **WOW! What a sound, what fun and excellence!**
- A new and revitalized Orchestra! **What a pleasure to hear this team of musically minded brothers and sisters express their love for the Father...**
- Remodeled dorm rooms, remodeled bathrooms, new furniture and new carpet with new lighting. **AND THE HEAT IS FIXED....**
- A computer port in every dorm room.. A telephone with voice mail available in every room.
- A new position of **Athletic Director** and what energy and leadership from all of our coaches. **Great performance from our teams and individuals alike.**
- **LEAP** - our degree completion program for those over 25 years of age. **Many adults are moving forward towards that BA degree in Organizational Management.**
- **Our Library is now "wired"!** We are now networking with libraries nationally. **Research is now done with a point and a click.**
- **A strong, dynamic Forensic Program**, and you should meet the team.
- Student, Faculty and Administration can now visit freely by electronic mail, and access Internet.
- The lawns have sprinkler systems and look super.
- **Our Scholarship program has doubled in the past four years.** Because of your generosity students now receive over \$100,000 each year in help with their education.

Self-Study (for re-affirmation of regional accreditation) has demanded a new relationship here. There is a new understanding of Transparency, Vulnerability, and Accountability in the NC Family today. We have a new consistency at Northwest College today, because of your prayers and your financial support. **There is a reason to be excited about your students and their pursuit of God.** The pursuit will continue and mature when they are here. God will not be torn from their hearts here.



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Please allow me to share with you what moves me to FUND RAISE at Northwest College. **Fund raising is the ministry of encouraging us to Experience The Grace of Giving.** Jesus was highly donor-driven in His teaching of the man who wanted to inherit eternal life. Jesus directed him to sell all he had and give to the poor—a sacrificial gift, to say the least (Matthew 19:21). **Jesus knew the man placed too much value on his holdings.** Regarding the widow who gave a small gift, Jesus pointed out that her gift was great in relation to her ability to give. (Mark 12:44)

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS DESIRED:** *“And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints”.*  
(II Corinthians 8:7)

**GIVING IS A FORM OF GRACE FROM GOD:** *“But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in the grace of giving”.* (II Corinthians 8:7)

**GIVE FIRST; COMPLETE WHAT YOU START; YOUR WILLINGNESS OF HEART IS IMPORTANT:** *“And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have”.*(II Corinthians 8:10-12)

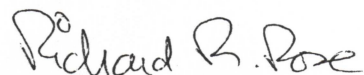
**GIVING HONORS THE LORD AND IS SEEN BY ALL:** *“What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help. We want to avoid criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men”.* (II Corinthians 8:19-21)

**GENEROUS GIVING PLEASURES GOD, AND HE IS PRAISED AS A RESULT:** *“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else”.* (II Corinthians 9:11-13)

**Thank You Again For Your Prayers and Money.** You have contributed to the success of this great opportunity to reach out to the students God has sent to Northwest College. Our Combined Gift Income this year was \$952,497.93. The Annual Fund portion of this amount exceeded \$100,000 and scholarship/student aid donations this year reached the \$125,000 level.

**Isn’t our Father wonderful and so knowing of our needs? We pray we will hear from you!**

Sincerely,



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