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THE YEAR

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CHRISTIAN LEADERS



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kingdom Builders



I'm a huge fan of Northwest University athletics. I never tire of going to the games and watching collegiate athletes play out their calling on courts and fields and pitches and tracks. One of my favorite athletes over the years has been Michael Greene, who I first saw play basketball for NU in Seattle on Queen Anne Hill against our sister school. Our opponents slightly outmatched us that night, but I saw an intensity and competitive spirit in Michael that I knew would bode well for our future. He went on to lead the Eagles to an Elite Eight appearance in the NAIA Division II Basketball Championships.

A star student in the classroom as well, Michael turned in a virtually perfect academic performance. He was a scholar athlete who we all saw as most likely to succeed. He not only graduated, but left us with a Master of Business Administration degree under his arm. Along the way, he began a fruitful internship with Highland Private Wealth Management that would result in a permanent job offer. Just a few years later, the CEO asked Michael to take on a new leadership role in the company!

Imagine the thrill I felt this fall, when I learned that Michael had been chosen by *425 Business* magazine as one of the "30 Under 30" in the Eastside business community.

They see what I saw: Michael Greene is a leader for the future who is going to impact the Seattle area with his hard work, creativity, and competitiveness.

Michael Greene is one of countless NU alumni who are doing great things in the world. Northwest University attracts incredible young people to our student body, and they go on from here to do wonderful things in the Kingdom of God. They come from all years and all majors. And yet, they all have one thing in common: each student was encouraged in their academic and spiritual development by this university's dedication to Christ. We desire to unleash the potential and possibility that God has placed within them all.

In these pages—and in issues to come—we will tell more stories of our alumni. We are proud of each and every one of them. We hope you are, too.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Castleberry".

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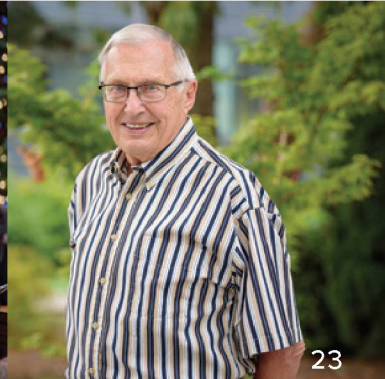
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We, the people of Northwest University, carry the call of God by continually building a learning community dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need.

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The Timothys of Today

When Paul writes to Timothy, he addresses his youth by saying, “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12, NIV). Paul saw Timothy as one who was faithful, gifted, and worthy of leading the church in Ephesus. Far from an obstacle, it was likely his very youth that gave Timothy the energy, optimism, and drive he would need to endure the countless hardships of the early church.

At Northwest University, we honor our young alumni in the following pages. Like Timothy, they are faithful and gifted—full of creativity, promise, and hope. Their mission is not in Ephesus, but in the businesses they build, in the communities they inspire, in the people they serve, and in the examples of excellence they set every day. We are honored to share their stories.



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GREENE

MAJOR: Finance/Accounting
AGE: 25
GRADUATION YEAR: 2013
JOB TITLE: Operations Manager at Highland
Private Wealth Management

Describe What Your Job Responsibilities Look Like.

I oversee our internal processes and drive improvement. This can mean choosing what technology to use and how best to use it, or who would be the best fit for a given job function. I also work in a client-facing role. We work in teams of two with clients, and I'm most often on the bottom rung of that team of two. I'm also responsible for billing and budgeting functions.

What Do You Love Most About What You Do?

The variety. Every day is genuinely different in terms of the problems

I have to solve. I could be trying to improve a client's situation or an employee's experience, but I love the chance to make a direct impact on people. It's tremendously rewarding to be able to improve someone's work experience or help a client think through a tough situation.

How Did You Get to Where You Are Today?

First, I was fortunate to land in a spot where people gave me the opportunity to learn and grow. I was exposed to a wide range of business functions and was empowered to make improvements. Second, I took on additional job responsibilities and did

everything I could to make myself more valuable to the firm. I still constantly look for ways to make the lives of my co-workers easier.

How Did NU Help Prepare You for Your Work?

NU gave me a great foundation to start from. I was able to speak the language of finance, which can be a huge hurdle. Tom Sill and John Mohan's classes were very beneficial due to their direct application of the material they were teaching.



Describe What Your Job Responsibilities Look Like.

I provide full floral designs for weddings and events. With this comes the responsibility of creating the mood boards, meeting with the client, selecting the flowers, and creating the designs with the use of quality, local ingredients. There's the not so glamorous side of washing an insane amount of buckets, putting together flower orders, 4:00 a.m. weekly flower market runs, designing late into the night, and loading and unloading for each event, but it all is truly worth it.

What Do You Love Most About What You Do?

I love that I get to use the gift Jesus has given me to bless and serve those around me, and that I get to use what He created to do so. I also love that this allows me to stay home with my son, where he is able to see his mom work hard at something to help provide for the family. It's a win-win in my book!

How Did You Get to Where You Are Today?

After getting married and graduating from NU, I had my son and struggled horribly with postpartum depression. Around six months after having him, my friend asked me to do her wedding flowers. I had always loved flowers, but the idea of designing for someone's wedding was terrifying. When she asked me I said, "Are you sure?" and she replied with a confident, "You're creative, you'll figure it out." After completing her wedding, I knew this was something I wanted to pursue more passionately. From there,

I attended a design workshop and then launched my business. In all honesty, I had no idea what I was doing, but I made an agreement with Jesus from the start that He would be the one to guide this business and to provide me with the clients that I was supposed to work with. He has been so faithful with this business, and it has truly flourished because of Him. I launched Grace & Blooms in April 2016, and booked 14 weddings my first summer. With the use of Instagram for promotional material and word of mouth, this business has continued to grow season by season. In short, I have in no way "arrived." I treat each client as a gift to steward well with the end goal of them seeing more of Jesus by the way I treated them and served them. Through this business, I have learned the importance of putting my family first and learning to say no when needed. This career is not something I take lightly because it truly is a gift from Jesus that grew out of an incredibly hard season in my life. And, I can't wait to see what He is going to do with it in the coming years!

How Did NU Help Prepare You for Your Work?

Attending Northwest University taught me the importance of placing Jesus at the center of everything I do. Whether it was school, friendships, marriage, or running a business, NU helped build that foundation. I learned the importance of honor and integrity, which are now the core principles of my business. I also learned the importance of working hard and finishing well.

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GALLUP

MAJOR: Pastoral Ministry
AGE: 25
GRADUATION YEAR: 2014
JOB TITLE: Owner of Grace & Blooms, a floral design company based out of Seattle, WA.

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PEABODY

MAJOR: Organizational Communications
AGE: 24
GRADUATION YEAR: 2014
JOB TITLE: Peabod, Recording Artist with
Centricity Music



Describe What Your Job Responsibilities Look Like.

My responsibilities include writing and recording new music, playing shows and touring with the music I've written, filming music videos, maintaining a strong social media presence, and more. Before I started talking with Centricity Music, I had already written and recorded a hip-hop album called *Healthy Snacks*. Centricity's plan is to remaster and re-release the project with a few more songs. After that, I'll hit the road and play the album live!

What Do You Love Most About What You Do?

My favorite part is songwriting. I love the process of discovering sounds and

ideas and bringing them all together to make something new. Even if I hadn't signed with a label, I would still be writing songs just because I love it, and it's good for my soul.

How Did You Get to Where You Are Today?

I wrote my first song when I was 15, and I started releasing original music shortly afterward. I released two singer-songwriter style EP's in 2014 and 2016. Then, in May of 2017, I released an album of original hip-hop songs called *Healthy Snacks* under the stage name "Peabod." Centricity Music took notice, and after meeting with them it was clear that they would push my music to a new level and take good care of me.

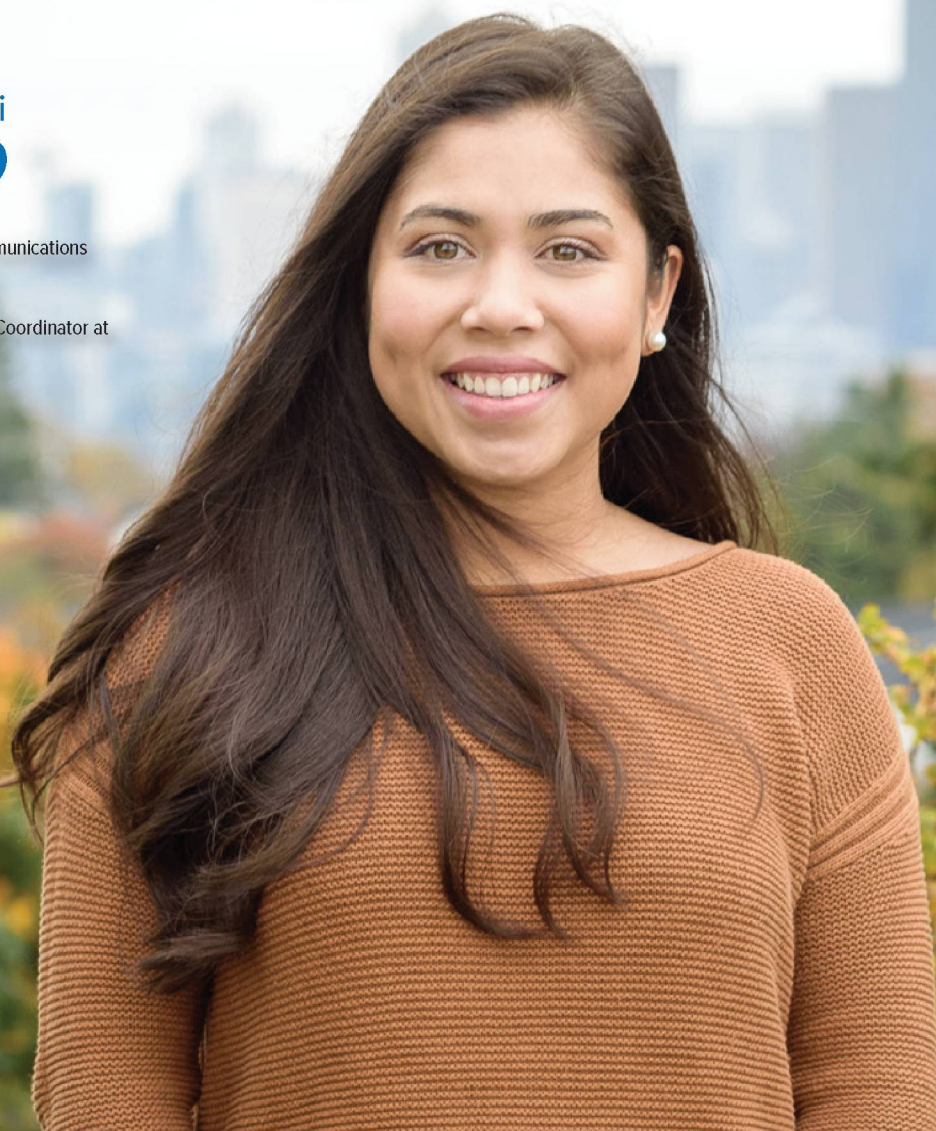
I signed a recording contract not long after.

How Did NU Help Prepare You for Your Work?

I don't think I'd be where I am today without Steve Smith and the Creatio program. Even though I was a communication major, I took all of my electives in recording arts. Without these classes and Steve's teaching, I wouldn't have had the skills to record and release my own music, which is ultimately why I got a record deal.

m i k i
KANESHIRO

MAJOR: Organizational Communications
AGE: 22
GRADUATION YEAR: 2016
JOB TITLE: Communications Coordinator at
Urban Impact



Describe What Your Job Responsibilities Look Like.

I work in marketing/communications at a nonprofit organization called Urban Impact. Urban Impact was founded in 1987 to address the complex realities of urban poverty in Seattle's Rainier Valley and is built on the principles of Christian community development. We partner with local churches to address issues surrounding education, youth development, family, health, economic stability, and racial reconciliation.

What Do You Love Most About What You Do?

In my role, I get to be a part of creative projects that include writing and

design, web development, and events. It truly is the dream job!

How Did You Get to Where You Are Today?

About five years ago, I was doing mission work in Mexico when I called my dad and passionately told him that college was out of the picture and I had decided to stay in Mexico as a missionary. He gently explained to me that God could use a college education to open doors and produce a greater impact. I laughed a bit when I was asked to share in this magazine, because I did go to college after that gap year doing mission work. I graduated from Northwest University in May of 2016. Now, as I'm working

at Urban Impact, I realize that God's call is the same for me as it is for the missionary. That is good news. Wherever I am, whatever I'm doing, God calls me to love faithfully, to humble myself like a child, and believe in Him.

How Did NU Help Prepare You for Your Work?

I want to say "thank you" to my professor Michelle Holloman, who helped me get a development internship at a local safe house for women and children. It was that college internship, as well as a class I took in non-profit management, that sparked my interest in non-profit work.



Narrative
COFFEE CO.

Describe What Your Job Responsibilities Look Like.

I'm responsible for crafting and seeing through the vision of Narrative Coffee, for empowering the best team in our field, and for managing the day-to-day operations of our coffee bar and catering business. I also try to work behind our bar at least three shifts a week, as making coffee is one of my favorite things to do in the world.

What Do You Love Most About What You Do?

I love serving people through the practice of hospitality, serving our community, and pursuing excellence in crafting coffee. Hospitality comes from the Latin root *hostis*. *Hostis* is the same root word as host, hostile, hostage, hospital, and hospitality, because it was used in regards to strangers or enemies. Hospitality, then, is the art of reconciling strangers and enemies into friends. This is the fundamental concept of the Gospel: while we were strangers and enemies of God (Romans 5:10), He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death to bring about our reconciliation (Philippians 2:7). Jesus is the ultimate act of hospitality—humble service and self-sacrifice on behalf of another. This inspires me every day to serve our staff and our guests with self-sacrifice and joy. Being able to mirror that divine hospitality, even in a way as simple as making and sharing a cup of coffee, is an incredible joy.

How Did You Get to Where You Are Today?

A number of ways: through a lot of great people supporting me and what I do, through unmerited favor, from quite a bit of privilege, a great business partner, a whole lot of hard work, and an incredible family.

How Did NU Help Prepare You for Your Work?

My time at Northwest University did a lot to help me prepare for my work today. Perhaps most importantly, it gave me my amazing wife who has single-handedly helped me grow and develop into a responsible, caring, and encouraging man. Beyond that gift, Northwest also gave me an education that taught me to question and challenge the status quo, the importance of research and critical thinking (essential for analyzing market gaps and how to fill them), the importance of community, and helped me learn to communicate more effectively (particularly in how to organize thoughts in a logical and compelling way, which is essential for marketing, business plan development, and public speaking).

Another important note to mention here is the influence that the debate program had on me. I was blessed to be able to join the debate team and travel around the country and world. I engaged with some of the brightest minds in the academic system, wrestled with big ideas that maybe I wasn't being presented with at Northwest, and was given an incredible amount of public speaking practice with relatively little preparation. These skills have all been essential in being able to advance further in my field. Honestly, I received an entire second education through the debate program and it is perhaps the single most important experience I had at Northwest. Debate enabled me to think quickly and critically, to organize my thoughts effectively, to learn storytelling, and to communicate in a compelling manner. These skill sets are essential and meaningful in any trade or leadership scenario and I'm so thankful for them.

m a x w e l l
MOONEY

MAJOR: Biblical Literature
AGE: 26
GRADUATION YEAR: 2014
JOB TITLE: Founder and Partner at Narrative Coffee

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From left: President Castleberry, Stephen Ishmael, Sylvia Stewart, and John Fox.

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR: HONORING THEIR SERVICE

As a university, there are few things we delight in more than the successes of our alumni. It is a privilege to watch our students go out from Northwest University to impact the world for Christ, and we are always thrilled to receive stories of how they are doing just that. We are so proud of these two individuals and the work they've done since graduation. Congratulations to Sylvia Stewart and Stephen Ishmael on being named Northwest University's Alumna and Young Alumnus of the Year.



Sylvia Stewart

Alumna of the Year 2017

Sylvia Stewart was born the daughter of missionaries. She grew up in what is now the Democratic Republic of Congo, and spent the majority of her life in Africa. Sylvia did, however, come to the United States to earn her bachelor's degree at Northwest University. Upon her graduation in 1962, Sylvia returned to Africa with her husband, Duane. For the next 21 years, Sylvia and Duane served as missionaries in Malawi, followed by several years in Ethiopia where they started a Bible college. During this time, Sylvia taught English writing workshops and then transitioned to teaching college level English at the Bible college. She also started a library at the college, which grew from 150 books to almost 4,500. Sylvia's writing skills did not end with academia and teaching. While still in Africa, she began writing a middle school book series about a girl in Malawi and her relationship with God. The first book in the series is called *Kondi's Quest*. Sylvia has also started a romance series, starting with a novella entitled *Seattle Rayne*.

Stephen Ishmael

Young Alumnus of the Year 2017

When Stephen Ishmael arrived on the Northwest University campus, he had already begun laying the groundwork for a project that would end up becoming his full-time career. After visiting Africa in high school, Stephen developed a passion for orphans in Kenya specifically. Upon his return to the U.S., he began the Two Feet Project, a ministry for children and teenagers in Kenya. When Stephen came to NU, he pursued a master's degree in international community development to equip him with the necessary skills to ensure the Two Feet Project was an established and sustainable ministry. Stephen was also an important member of the NU basketball team, receiving conference-wide recognition and contributing to NU's fantastic '06-'07 season that took the Eagles all the way to the Final Four of the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship. When Stephen graduated, he went back to Kenya to study international development even further. Since then, the Two Feet Project has grown into Stephen's full-time career as co-founder and director and has brought him to other African countries like Mozambique, Rwanda, and Uganda. Stephen's ministry has included teaching in schools, working with children on the streets, and helping prepare orphans for assimilation to adult life once they turn 18.





YOUNG ALUMNI *event*

On the evening of Sunday, September 17, Northwest University held its second Young Alumni event. The event took place at Wilde Rover in downtown Kirkland, and it was a hit—over 40 alumni came to join in the fun. Throughout the evening, alumni shared a wonderful dinner as they cheered on the Seahawks, and of course, reconnected with old friends and made new ones.

“It was fantastic to see everyone together again, and it was a very relaxed environment,” graduate student Kenzie Bergstrom said about the evening. **“As a university that emphasizes the importance of community, it was a great representation of an ideal that NU students embody, even postgraduation.”**

Couldn’t make it to this event? No need to worry. A Young Alumni event set to be held this spring is currently in the works and we’d love to see you there! Visit northwestu.edu/alumni to stay updated on the latest news.

ALUMNI AND FAMILY WEEKEND

On the weekend of September 29 and 30, students and faculty welcomed loved ones onto campus for Northwest University’s annual Alumni and Family Weekend. Over the course of two days, alumni, students, and their families, as well as past and present faculty, shared enriching experiences.

The weekend began with the Alumni Chapel service on Friday morning. The service was led by Alumna of the Year, Sylvia Stewart, and Young Alumnus of the Year, Stephen Ishmael. Both honored guests spoke, encouraging undergraduates and alumni alike. This event set the tone for a fantastic weekend of festivities and community building.

On Friday afternoon, guests were given the opportunity to experience (or re-experience) life at Northwest University: exploring campus, eating lunch in The Caf, and chatting with current students. **“Seeing the alumni visit the school was very inspiring,” shared Haley Jones, a sophomore English major at NU. “Hearing their stories and experiences**

told me that I can find a job and have a future, and that makes me excited for life after I graduate.” Friday night concluded with a victory from the Eagles’ volleyball team and a student-hosted outdoor coffeehouse night, where alumni and families mingled with students while enjoying live music, hot drinks, and s’mores.

On Saturday, the chapel and parking lot were transformed for the Fall Festival, an event filled with excitement for people of all ages. With an inflatable obstacle course, hot cider, donuts, and more, the festival had something for everyone. Inside the chapel, various NU clubs and organizations welcomed guests with food and games. It was a day to remember.

After the success of this year’s annual Alumni and Family Weekend, we’re looking forward to next year. So when the time comes, be sure to mark your calendars. You won’t want to miss out!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Tree Lighting and Jazz Concert

December 1, 2017

6:00 p.m. Lighting | 7:00 p.m. Concert
Northwest University campus

Christmas Traditions

December 5, 2017

6:30 p.m. Alumni and Parent Reception
7:30 p.m. Concert
Benaroya Hall

Choralons Concert

December 8, 2017

6:30 p.m. Alumni and Parent Reception
7:30 p.m. Concert
Eastside Foursquare Church

President's Banquet

February 23, 2018

7:00 p.m.
The Westin Bellevue

Alumni Reception in the Desert

March 10, 2018

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa, Palm Desert, California

50th Reunion Alumni Celebration

May 5, 2018

8:30 a.m.
Overlake Christian Church

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May 5, 2018

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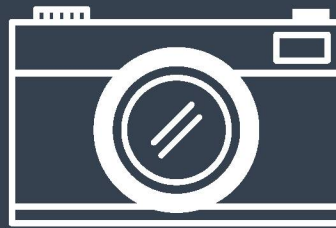
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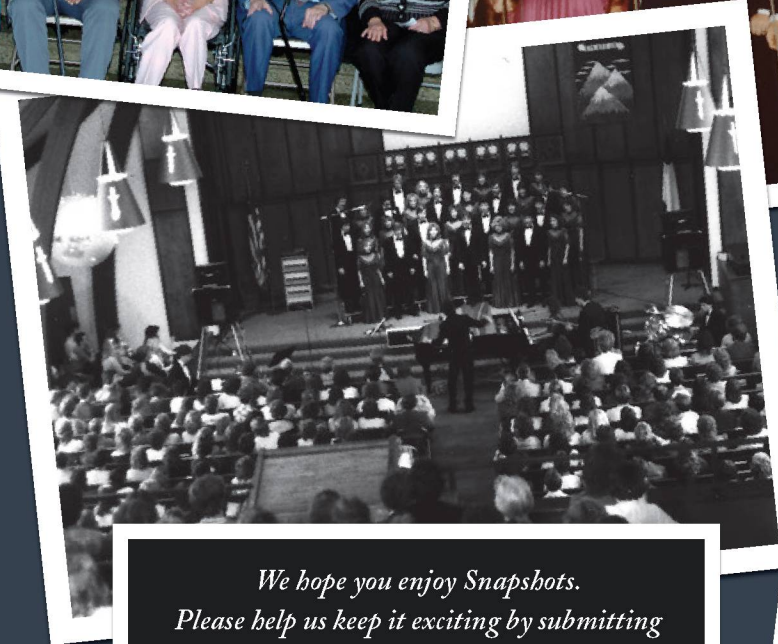
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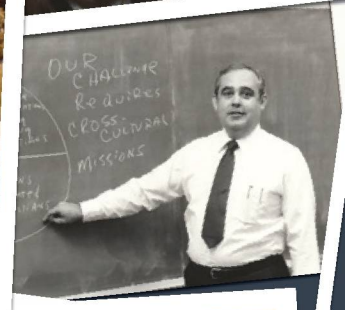
SNAPSHOTS

NU Through The Years



*We hope you enjoy Snapshots.
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time at NU to passages@northwestu.edu.*







DEVELOPING CHRISTIAN LEADERS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

BY EARL CREPS, *Ph.D., D.Min.*

DIRECTOR, PROFESSOR
CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP STUDIES

My terrier wakes up every morning with a plan for my life. He spends the day imposing his will on mine, making sure I afford him all the comforts and conveniences he demands. He gets a treat just for waking up and another just for going to his crate for the night (a crate lined with a fleece and a hoodie that used to be mine). He is willful and vain, a bully who rules with an iron hand. All the terrier owners I have ever met report the same feeling of being hostage to a pet.

How does an eleven-pound animal manage to outsmart two humans with doctoral degrees? That's easy. My terrier's world revolves around a simple idea: "I'm in charge." He holds to this conviction unswervingly, never hesitating to reinforce his authority by extorting rides in the car or other items on his list of unreasonable demands. In every situation he operates by just one principle: "I'm in charge." No idea is as powerful as a simple one.

MENTAL MODELS

Psychologists refer to the patterns of thought around which we organize our lives as "mental models." First described in the mid-1940s, this way of understanding how we relate to the world, while not without its detractors, also reveals how leaders function in organizations. After all, the way we lead doesn't fall out of the sky; it comes from somewhere. The source is in the often unspoken assumptions that make up a mental picture of what it is leaders do.

So every leader operates from a mental model of some kind. I often talk with leaders, for example, who see no reason to pay attention to the scholarship or theory in their vocation, which they regard as impractical time wasters. It's as if they're saying, "Let's just get on with it. We already know what to do, let's just do more of it!" Ironically, these friends seem oblivious to the fact that this position is itself a kind of informal theory, a mental model that pictures leaders as pragmatic people with a bias for action and little else. In this view, leaders are doers only, not thinkers or researchers.

What is your mental model of leadership? There are as many available as there are people leading:

- Authoritarian leaders see the organization as a passive audience for top-down influence.
- Permissive leaders evade responsibility by delegating power without accountability.
- Insecure leaders feel threatened easily and prioritize protecting their position.

These premises are almost never stated out loud. They operate by stealth far below the leader's awareness. As a result, our mental models can control us without ever being examined, challenged, or discarded.

SPIRITUAL MODELS

The calling of Christian leaders is not to control (as my terrier does) or to be controlled, but to serve. Christian leadership is much more than just Christians leading. We have a model that begins and ends with the person of God's Son, Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul defined this relationship succinctly: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1, ESV). This phrase from his letter to a fragmented and confused Corinthian church is not a casual observation. The original language literally means, "ever become imitators of me." Paul defines the priority of every Christian called to influence an organization: become like Christ so the people around you will do the same. Writing to his protégé, Timothy, Paul encourages him to, "Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress" (1 Timothy 4:15, ESV). Nothing stimulates followers to grow like watching their leaders go first, just as Jesus did for us.

The defining trait of Christian leadership, then, is not a theory or a set of best practices, although both are beneficial for other reasons. Our center and core is the person and character of Jesus. He alone can shape us into what we need to be as stewards over the callings He has given us. With Jesus at the core, research and scholarship are not a threat. In fact, they are a leader's best friends, allowing him or her to check assumptions and practices against the real world to be sure they reflect Jesus. In fact, scholarship can surface our mental models, exposing them to scrutiny and calling them to account. We can yield to Jesus only that of which we are aware.

Northwest University has founded the Center for Leadership Studies to provide a platform where the best of Christian spirituality and the best of scholarship can come together. Our new Ph.D. and Ed.D. programs in organizational leadership will prepare our students to write the books others are reading and lead the organizations others are copying. With Christ as our model, research on the leadership arts can only make us stronger. Jesus will give voice to this perspective and prepare our students to lead the leaders of our day, because no idea is as powerful as a simple one: imitate Christ.

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For over 83 years, Northwest University has been educating men and women of faith to go out into all the world to bless it in the name of Jesus Christ. That blessing begins in local communities as pastors build churches, entrepreneurs build businesses, and teachers build young lives. But it does not end there. The blessing spans the globe as missionaries, nurses, and teachers—built up in Christ—offer light and life in His name.

Before these students can bless, they need a blessing from you. Though we are among the most affordable private Christian colleges on the West Coast, many of our students are only able to attend NU because of scholarships.

Won't you join our mission to build the next generation of leaders with a Christ-centered NU education? The world needs our graduates now, more than ever.

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- Make a legacy gift
- Mentor an NU student
- Create an NU internship

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“I’d like to be an example to other churches—that they can do this, too. Young people—and the world itself—will be blessed for many years to come by including Northwest University in their annual budget to endow more scholarships.”



INFLUENCING THE NEXT GENERATION

Denny Davis and Friendship Church

When Denny Davis laughs, you believe it. Something joyous comes from deep within the former Northwest University president that can't be denied. But don't let his good nature fool you. When Dr. Davis sets his mind on something he believes that God is calling him to do—like helping College of Ministry students at NU—he rolls up his sleeves and brings the vision to life.

And in 2007, he did just that.

After leaving his role at Northwest University in 1998, Dr. Davis eventually found himself in Palm Desert, California, leading Friendship Church. When he arrived, the church was small and the giving was modest. But over time, a new vision began to take hold.

“The Lord really began to bless us at Friendship [Church] with a greater passion for missions,” said Dr. Davis. We felt that the education of young people for ministry at a theologically sound university like Northwest should be a crucial component of our missions giving. After all, if young people aren't educated with a Christian worldview, we may lose our influence in helping to shape the world.”

In 2007, the church developed the initial funds to endow a College of Ministry scholarship for \$100,000. Today that endowment has grown to \$200,000 and has helped NU ministry students earn their degrees and move into ministry work—from pastoring community churches to serving globally as missionaries.

One of Dr. Davis' favorite moments is actually meeting the scholarship recipients at NU events and seeing the exceptional students who benefit. They are not unlike the students he knew when he attended NU in the late '50s. The styles may have changed, but their commitment to Christ runs just as deep. “I've met several of the Friendship Church Scholarship recipients over the years and have been so impressed. They've all been winners.”

Dr. Davis has seen firsthand the real difference these endowed scholarships can make. But he knows that more needs to be done. “I'd like to be an example to other churches—that they can do this, too. Young people—and the world itself—will be blessed for many years to come by including Northwest University in their annual budget to endow more scholarships.”

If you'd like to learn how you or your church can set up an endowed scholarship to bless NU students and the world, contact Justin Kawabori at justin.kawabori@northwestu.edu.

ALUMNI UPDATES

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Stay connected with your classmates as they share personal and professional updates and some great NU memories.

Visit northwestu.edu/alumni/update if you have an update or a favorite memory you'd like to share with Northwest.

1950s

Calvin David Jones ('58)

Thank you for the invitation to the homecoming and to the reunion for those who graduated over fifty years ago. I received a BA degree in 1958 and also one of the original first four MA in Theology degrees offered in 1960 at Northwest University. Later, I went on to earn a B.Ed. degree from Seattle University in 1964 (I was the first Protestant minister to earn a degree from that Jesuit university), and in 1976, I received a D.Min. degree from Drew University.

From 1951–1994, I served as the pastor of 16 different pastorates in Kansas, Washington, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, and after retiring served two more congregations in Georgia. It was also my pleasure to serve on the faculties of Essex College in Baltimore, Maryland, the Theological School of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, and Loyola College in Columbia, Maryland. I had one foot in the parish and the other foot in academia, but I was always first and foremost in the parish.

It was my privilege to serve as the senior pastor of the Brighton Assemblies of God Church in southeast Seattle from 1957–1967, and to have among my assistant pastors: the Rev. Dr. Warren Bullock, NW District Superintendent; Rev. Roland Perreti, Alaska District Superintendent; Rev. Jay Littlefield; Rev. William Finkie, missionary; and Rev. Dr. Eugene Kinney. Among our Christ's Ambassadors Youth Group, I served with: Rev. Terry Peretti and his brother, the bestselling author Frank Peretti; Rev. John Jendresen; and Linda Anderson Long among others. So, a good part of my ministry is associated with Northwest University and the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God.

Presently, I live in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and celebrated my 85th birthday this past November. I sincerely wish that I were a bit younger and that it wasn't so far between my home here and the NU campus, so I could attend the homecoming and enjoy your good fellowship.

Please bear my greetings and best wishes to all of my classmates and colleagues at NU.

1970s

Orin Marsh ('73)

I remember taking trips with classmates to various places like Madras, Oregon, and being a part of the military outreach in Seattle. I also enjoyed being a part of the NU choir, Choralons, and other choirs in the area. I enjoyed prayer sessions with close friends, attending chapel every day, and working in the kitchen with good friends and co-workers. Above all, my favorite memory was going on a tour to the Holy Land, Rome, Egypt, Cyprus, Greece, and an extra week in London and Lucerne, Switzerland. I remember the trip like it was yesterday.

2000s

Cassie Arnold ('01)

From a young age, I can clearly see how God had started developing a passion in me for helping people that seemed at a disadvantage in society. A few years after graduating from NU, I entered vocational ministry at a church in the San Francisco Bay Area. Eventually I became an associate pastor, which I loved; but I still felt something missing. As I began to articulate my dream, I realized that my heart was for social justice and rallying the church around a common cause.

That dream led me to Bayshore Christian Ministries (BCM) in East Palo Alto, California, where we equip students and develop leaders. A city once deemed the crime capital of the U.S. is now an under-resourced population that is predominantly a community of African-Americans and Latinos. We sit in the shadows of the Silicon Valley and have Facebook and Google as neighbors. Our school district is consistently underperforming and our high school students are bussed to a neighboring school in an affluent community where many struggle to keep up academically and socially. BCM exists to

help close the academic gap in our community as well as introduce students to Jesus. By pairing academic programs with the gospel, we have seen our students consistently catch up to grade level in reading and math, as well as start taking interest in STEM careers. I believe that God's Word to us to "seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17) meant to also do something about it and for us that means fighting for education equality in our city.

2010s

Joshua Meeks ('13)

During my time at Northwest, I was a commercial carpenter. What I learned and experienced at NU directly helped me transition from an apprentice to a journeyman, to a lead, and to a general foreman. While I was pursuing my next transition into a superintendent position in construction, the NU career counselor connected me with someone who owned his own real estate business. Through a conversation with him, I began to seriously consider starting my own real estate business.

The year I graduated from Northwest, I took a real estate certification course and made a career transition. Four years later, I now own a top-producing real estate company that encompasses six employees/partners and we're still growing. While I started with a goal of just creating a position for myself, I now have the honor of helping others make a living and build their own careers while helping people in an industry I'm passionate about. This year we're on track to help 90–100 families buy or sell a home. I've had the pleasure of using principles on management, marketing, ethics, life management, and my Christian worldview to create a company and service that sets us apart as an employer and real estate service.

David Barnes ('16)

Since graduating with my Master in Ministry degree, I have become part of two great communities at Calvary Community Church as Director of Leadership Development and Cascade Christian High School as Head Baseball Coach, both of which are dream roles. My wife and I are also proud to have dropped our oldest daughter at YWAM Kona for Discipleship Training School and missions in both the Philippines and Thailand. God has blessed our family beyond our wildest dreams. We give him all the praise and glory.



Tiffany Taylor ('16)

Upon graduating from my undergrad in May of 2016, I continued to play soccer through the fall because I had one year left of NAIA eligibility. We ended up making it to the Final Four of the Women's Soccer National

Championship. That entire experience was incredible, and being able to represent NU on the national stage was such a blessing! Now I am entering the second year of my MBA at NU and working full-time as an executive assistant to the CEO at DriveShop, an experiential marketing agency that works exclusively in the automotive industry. I am also in the process of launching a website that will be a fitness-based platform to share various aspects of health-related topics.

After you graduate college, you learn a lot about yourself and who God is. You sometimes have to fight to defend your faith and withstand different obstacles. I'm so thankful for the environment of NU, and I didn't realize how blessed I was until I left! I think the year after you graduate is somewhat of an unknown of where you're going, what you're passionate about, and finding out who you were called to be. Not only is it a season of change, but it's a season of trust. I have learned that true joy comes from fully trusting God to meet you where you are and it means being committed to walking with Him regardless of how far we can see in front of us. I hope every graduate knows that the most important thing you can do is seek God wholeheartedly and trust He is preparing you for something greater.



STAFF & FACULTY UPDATES

Every year our staff and faculty venture off of campus to publish, speak, and engage our communities. Here is this year's list.

College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Renee Bourdeaux (Assistant Professor, Communication Studies) co-authored the article, "The Task and Relational Dimensions of Online Social Support" for *Health Communication*. She was also the featured speaker at Portland Christian Center for a worship service (Maintaining Your Relationships), as well as an evening communication workshop (Choosing Positivity and Gratitude).

Dr. Clint Bryan (Assistant Professor, English) co-authored, "To Be Real Honest, I'm Just Like You: Analyzing the Discourse of Personalization in Online Sermons," which appeared in *Text & Talk*.

Dr. Will Mari (Assistant Professor, Communication Studies) published "Telephone and Mobile-Reporting Technology Adoption in the American Newsroom, 1920-60" in *Journalism Studies*. He presented the paper "Romantic Relationships in the Newsroom: 1920 to 1960" at the Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference in New York City and the paper "Life as a Cub: the Careers of Junior Reporters in U.S. Newsrooms from 1920 to 1960" at the AEJMC annual meeting, history division in Chicago. Dr. Mari also wrote two reviews for *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*.

Joseph McQueen (Assistant Professor, English) presented "Remembering the Revolution: Wordsworth, Benjamin, and Mnemonic Critique" at the Nineteenth Century Studies Association in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. Joshua Meeks (Assistant Professor, History) published *France, Britain, and the Struggle for the Revolutionary Western Mediterranean (War, Culture and Society, 1750-1850)*. He also presented "Indemnity and Security: Coalition Building the Western Mediterranean, 1793" at the Consortium on the Revolution Era in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. Millicent Thomas (Professor, Mathematics) co-authored "Multi-Focus and Multi-Modal Fusion: A Study of Multi-Resolution Transforms" for *Proceedings of SPIE*. She also presented "Study on Shannon's Mathematical Theory of Communication" at the International Research Symposium in Singapore.

Dr. Jeremiah Webster (Associate Professor, English), published *Other Space: Every Day Poems*.

College of Business

Dr. Rowlanda Cawthon (Assistant Professor, Management) will be presenting a research paper to the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs Global Conference in November 2017, on "Management Consulting: Lessons Learned from an Innovative International Leadership Experience for MBA Students."

Dr. Don Doty (Professor, Business Management) presented a research paper at the 2017 Academy of Management Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, titled "The Elephant in the Classroom: Anxiety Reduction in Traditional and International Student Management Oral Presentations."

College of Education

Dr. Jeremy Delamarter (Assistant Professor, Education) received the Clark grant in 2016-2017 and is pursuing research to develop a measurement tool for understanding pre-service teacher expectations.

Dr. Suzan Kobashigawa (Professor, Education) will be presenting “Many Threads, One Tapestry: Classroom Learning and Cultural Identity” at the 36th Annual National Conference for Teachers of English held in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Dr. Molly Quick (Interim Dean and Associate Professor, Education) published a reflective article on her professional practices in the *Journal of the International Christian Community for Teacher Education* titled, “Relearning Professionalism: From High School Teacher to University Professor.”

College of Ministry

Dr. Kari Brodin (Professor, New Testament and Greek) is on sabbatical in Greece, preparing pedagogical aids for teaching New Testament Greek as a living language.

Dr. Blaine Charette (Professor, Bible and Greek) presented two papers at the 2017 Society for Pentecostal Studies conference in St. Louis titled, “The Spirit and Righteousness: Baptism in the Spirit and Keeping the Commandments in Matthew’s Gospel” and “Rethinking Cultural Engagement: Reflections on the *God’s Not Dead* Franchise.” In September 2017 he gave a plenary address at the Faith and the Arts Conference sponsored by Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, titled, “Is It Possible to Make a Jesus Film?”

Dr. Wayne Goodall (Dean, College of Ministry) recently concluded writing a book on faith with Pastor Yonggi Cho. A significant amount of research on the topic was included in the writing. Presently, Dr. Goodall is doing extensive research on the topic of prayer as he has an agreement with a publisher to write on this topic in 2018.

Dr. Bob Stallman (Professor, Bible and Hebrew) is currently working under contract with Zondervan to produce a wide range of teaching materials to support a textbook by Bruce Waltke titled, *An Old Testament Theology*.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Leihua Edstrom (Associate Professor, Psychology) received the Pope Memorial Grant and is studying gender identity formation in the context of Christian faith.

Dr. Kim Lampson (Professor, Psychology) presented “Binge Eating Disorder” to the Northwest Ministry Network Christian Counselors Network meeting. She was also a co-presenter of “Staffing Clinics with Quality Supervisors” at the Association of Psychology Training Clinics Annual Meeting.

Dr. Julie Lerwick (Assistant Professor, Clinical Mental Health Counseling) presented “A New Way to CARE: Minimizing Healthcare-Induced Anxiety and Trauma” at the Oregon Mental Health Practitioners Conference in Portland. She also presented “Understanding Children’s Response to Grief and Trauma” at the Mission ConneXion Northwest Conference in Portland.

Dr. Brooke Lundquist (Assistant Professor, Psychology) presented “Ph.D. Student Mothers: Challenges and Successes” at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in Chicago.

Dr. Matt Nelson (Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences) presented “The Benefits of Strategic Living” at the Northwest Ministry Network Christian Counselors Network meeting.

Office of the Provost

Dr. Ben Thomas (Associate Provost) was a co-presenter on the topic of how faith impacts the experience of doctoral students in May at the NASPA Religious, Secular, and Spiritual Identities Convergence Conference.



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Eagle Fitness Center

The fitness center is located in the Barton Building. As an NU alum, you have access for \$15/month for individuals or \$25/month for family memberships.

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