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HOW WE BUILD COMMUNITY

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When you ask current students what they like most about NU, their answers ring strikingly similar: the community. Our community is more than just beautiful buildings. It's about a connection. A feeling. An indescribable something from deep within your heart that says, "This is where I belong."

You'll sense it in the caring approach of our admissions counselors. You'll experience it when you first step onto our beautiful 56-acre campus. You'll notice it in conversations with your professors. You'll feel it with each growing friendship. You'll hear it in worship as your voice rises with others in Chapel.

Community. It's what transforms a collection of buildings and people into a home. Your home.

WELCOME TO NU.



BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF BELONGING

Building community is not just something we talk about at Northwest: it is something we work at with great intentionality. One way we achieve this is through our First Six Weeks program during the fall semester.

The First Six Weeks are a collaborative programming effort across campus to provide students with a wide variety of events to help them to connect with each other and the school as a whole. Our hope and purpose behind these efforts is for students to find a place where they belong at Northwest University. Belonging can't be created by staff alone, but we can invite students to be active participants in their experience at NU. When students settle into our campus culture and community, they are more likely to be successful and enjoy their experience overall. Additionally, these students typically desire to contribute to the health of our thriving campus culture.

Our largest event in the fall of 2017 was our Welcome Back Bash hosted by the Student Activities Board. Over 350 students celebrated the first day of school with music, inflatables, games, a rock wall, and food trucks! This was a wonderful time of fellowship that lasted for hours. During this time, our campus was full of community in the most beautiful way.

Another event that brought a large turnout was our first coffeehouse concert of the year. Hundreds of students packed the patio behind the Pecota building on a beautiful September night to listen to the musical creativity of their peers.

In addition to the events mentioned above, the events during our First Six Weeks program included athletic events, inspiring talks from our professors, outdoor recreation, and a fair designed to help our students get plugged in. Our hope is that from small gatherings to large campus events, students will find something they enjoy. This was the second year of our First Six Weeks program and we have already seen a huge increase in participation from last year to this year—both in the first six weeks and throughout the rest of the year.

Building community and a sense of belonging cannot and does not end after the first six weeks. This is just the beginning for our student body. The whole purpose is to build and create a community where we can enjoy each other and God together. We're so excited to watch this community continue to grow, and we hope you'll be a part of it.



LARISSA LILLY
Director of Community Life



MY FIRST WEEKS AS AN NU STUDENT

TAYLER JOHNSTON

The first few weeks of college are a period of huge transition; trust me on this. As a transfer student, I've been "new to campus" twice. Reflecting back on my first college experience and now on my experience as a transfer student at NU, I can tell you with complete confidence that the community of this University is something special.

The foundation for this community is laid in the first six weeks. Coming to NU, I was excited like any new student, but fought feelings of fear and anxiety at the big change that was about to start in my life. However, those first weeks were filled with awesome opportunities to make friends, encounter God, and have experiences outside of my comfort zone. Those programs helped ease my fears and connect me to the community here at NU. With such a wide variety of events during those first few weeks, there is something for everyone. Some of my favorite events were the volleyball and intramural football games, hiking with NU students, the outdoor coffeehouse concert, The Color Run on campus, and bingo night! For me, it can be intimidating to show up to an event knowing absolutely no one. But I learned that leaning into the opportunities presented in the first six weeks can lead to long-lasting rewards and relationships. For example, I showed up to the hike not knowing a single soul, but when I look back on it now, it was where I met and connected with many amazing friends and experienced something that I might not have otherwise.

At each of the events, I was blown away by how Christ-centered this student body was and how kind everyone was! I believe that on this campus, the words of William Butler Yeats ring true in that, "There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met." The opportunities given to students set this school apart and serve to create a thriving, Christian community. The programming put on by the Student Activities Board during the first six weeks made my transition into life at NU an enjoyable one.



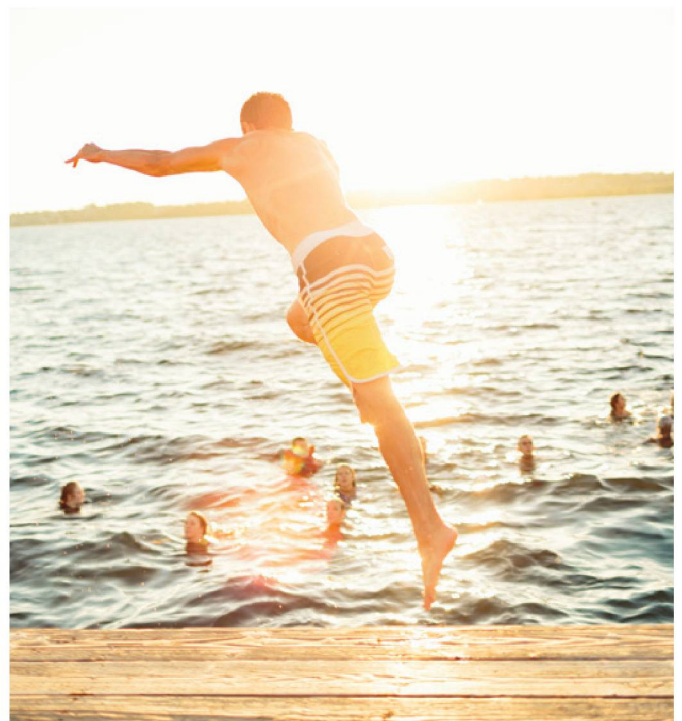
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YOUR FIRST SIX WEEKS

There are so many activities in the first six weeks that students might have trouble picking a favorite. We've put together several photos to give you a sense of the events offered at the beginning of the school year.

01. WELCOME BACK BASH



04. LAKE JUMP

02. PNW HIKE



03. OUTDOOR COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT



05. CHEERING FOR NU ATHLETICS



06. FIRST PURSUIT

GET INVOLVED AT NU

Our students come from diverse backgrounds, each bringing a unique set of interests with them when they come to campus. And while they all have found a place to belong in the larger NU community, we do our best to make sure that there are smaller groups for them to get plugged into as well. Here are a few ways students can get involved on campus.

MOSAIC

The Multicultural Organization of Students Active In Christ (MOSAIC) is a student-led group that organizes events to encourage diversity. Through these events, they aim to educate the student body on the many different cultures represented on campus.

ASNU

The Associated Students of Northwest University (ASNU) is made up of three student positions: Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, and Chief of Staff. They share the responsibilities of representing student concerns and advocating for student interests.

SAB

The Student Activities Board (SAB) is responsible for planning most of the events on campus. Whether that's the annual Mr. Northwest talent competition or the highly anticipated end of the year block party, SAB works to plan consistent and fun events for students throughout the year.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Led by the Campus Pastor, the Campus Ministries team is made up of 10 student leaders who coordinate various events: worship services, conferences, and mission trips. Students work together to encourage the spiritual health and growth of the student body.

CLUBS

We have a variety of extracurricular, funded clubs on campus. These clubs range from rock climbing groups to music appreciation groups with many more mixed in between. If there's not a club that you're interested in, you can start your own!

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SENATE

Led by the Student Body Vice President, the Senate discusses a variety of issues regarding campus life, resources, and more. Students can run for senate positions representing their class or their living area.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

There are a variety of music ensembles on campus, including Concert Choir, jazz ensembles, and Choralons (a 120-voice gospel choir). Each choir performs throughout the year, and Choralons tours around the Pacific Northwest each spring semester. Auditions for these groups are held at the beginning of the fall semester every year.

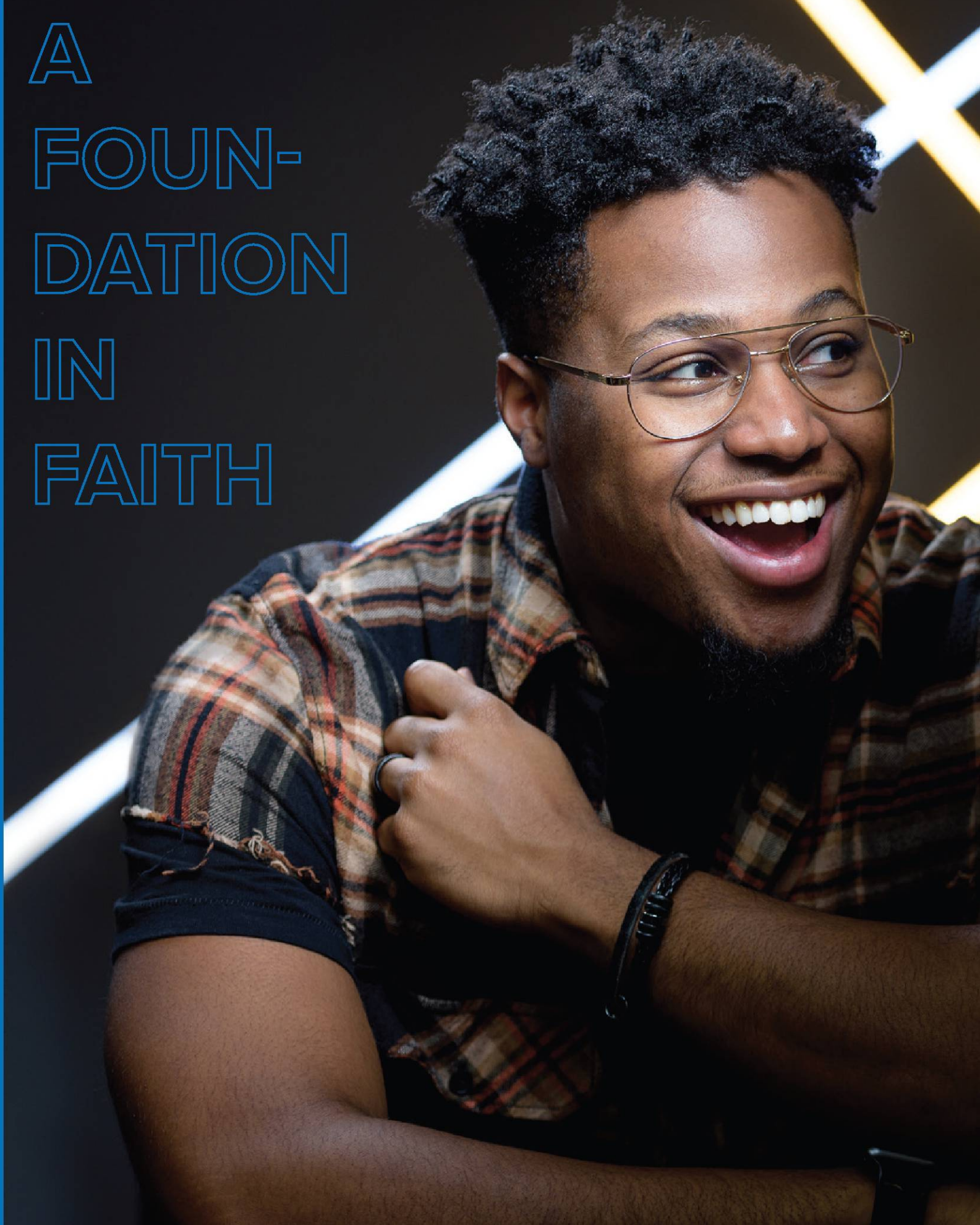
LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are coordinated by Campus Ministries but are individually led by students. These small groups serve as Bible studies and smaller pockets of community for students to get plugged into. Life Groups are also customizable to student schedules and interests, including breakfast groups, sports groups, and video game groups.



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It is largely accepted that people are shaped by their environment. Where you are shapes who you are. Right now. In this moment. The environment you are in has an effect on you. You may not realize it. You may not see it. You may not even want it. But you are being shaped. **In many ways, you are becoming who you are because of where you are.**

When I was looking at which university to go to, I was unsure of where to enroll. I knew I wanted to be at a university that offered majors I was interested in (like ministry and music) and that internships and job opportunities could be attained because of my education. But what I needed most was to be a part of a learning community and a thriving environment that would shape me into the person I wanted to be—who Jesus was making me to be. I knew that the environment I chose to be in mattered.

If you visit our campus on any given day and ask anyone what they love most about NU, they will most likely tell you “the community.” But what type of community is it? NU is an engaged, academic community that is first and foremost committed to spiritual vitality. We are devoted to making sure that every person at Northwest is participating in spiritual formation and that our community as a whole is spiritually vibrant. Why? Because you are becoming who you are because of where you are. Your community, your environment—the place where you live and learn—is shaping you.

Northwest’s unique environment aids in shaping the character and future of our students. If you desire to be a part of a community that will help you become more like Jesus—both on campus and in the world as a graduate—then Northwest University could be the perfect place for you.

Christian Dawson is the Campus Pastor at Northwest University as well as a songwriter and worship leader. When he is not ministering at churches, camps, and conferences throughout the nation, he travels with his worship band, McKinneyDawson.

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GOSPEL

I was born in Nigeria and moved to the United States in 2012. My family loved God and worshipped Him faithfully. I went to church frequently, but I wouldn't say that I had a relationship with God. I saw going to church as the norm and something I had to do in order to avoid being labeled as a "rebellious child." I never understood what it meant to be faithful to God or to be in a relationship with Him.

Coming to Northwest University was a decision that I didn't make myself; instead, my dad made the decision for me. I wanted to go to a state school in California, but God had other plans. My first semester here at Northwest was very difficult. I battled with trying to fit in to a community where everyone seemed to be in a great place with God. I went through a season where I was hard on myself because of the mistakes I had made in life and that made me feel as if I wasn't a faithful and active Christian. I felt

as if I was just saying that I trust, believe, and love the Lord, but I wasn't living like that in my everyday life.

After some time, I decided that I needed to push past my comfort zone and finally trust in the Lord's plans for me. I decided to join Choralons in hopes of simply being around people, but the Lord had far better plans for me. Since joining Choralons, I have made so many personal connections with others. The Lord provided me with opportunities to use my gift of singing for His glory, and my relationship with the Lord has prospered more than ever. I no longer feel as if I am going through the motions, and I no longer feel as if my mistakes define me. My love for Christ has become stronger by surrounding myself with amazing friends and mentors at Northwest University who keep me accountable in my walk with Christ. The past year of my life has been the best yet because of how much spiritual growth I've experienced.

DANIKA

I started school at Northwest University in the fall of 2014. My understanding of faith was works-based and I was stuck in life, striving for perfection. I handed God my agenda and expected Him to meet all my expectations because I had lived "right" for Him. Inevitably, by the end of freshman year, my shortcomings arrived and I was face to face with reality: I was not perfect and I desperately needed Jesus. This faith was not mine to earn, but rather it was mine to accept and welcome with open arms, even though I did nothing to deserve it. Our God loves us that much.

I started my time at Northwest as a nursing major, playing on the women's soccer team and set to graduate in May of 2018, with an end goal of working somewhere in the Seattle area. I am currently double majoring in intercultural studies and biblical studies, serving as a student leader for Campus Ministries, and am set to graduate in May of 2018. I have opened my heart to work wherever the Lord will lead me.

The people of Northwest—the staff, faculty, and students—have taught me that faith is not what I have done or what I want done

for me. It is quite the opposite: faith is believing in the God of the universe, knowing that He sent His son to save you, and heal the brokenness within you, for all eternity. Faith is accepting the salvation Jesus came down to bring. Faith is surrender. Faith is saying "yes" as He asks you to walk away from things dearest to you, because you now understand that He is all you need. Northwest has taught me that the most important thing you could spend your life doing is sharing the love of the gospel with anyone and everyone around you.

Life with Jesus is not about desperately striving to uncover your perfect calling. Life with Jesus is seeking His heartbeat more today than you did yesterday. And as you seek His heartbeat, you understand more and more the way He lived, the way He calls us as believers to live, and the freedom you can find in His gracious arms. You are not perfect, but you are loved. You are known, and you are cared for by your heavenly Father so deeply. Faith is letting Jesus lead your life for His purposes with complete surrender of self.



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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



RICK ENGSTROM
Dean, Student Development

One of the great joys in my 12 years of working with Christian college students has been living on campus. At Northwest University, the nearly 700 residential students also happen to be my neighbors. [My wife, Shelley, and I love opening our home to students throughout the school year.](#) Whether it be for a game night, movie night, awards show, “the big game,” Bible study, or simply to share a home-cooked meal together, we find plenty of opportunities to host Northwest students.

During the fall semester, my small group met at my house every Thursday morning. Each week, two ecstatic dogs and the smell of freshly brewed coffee would greet them at the door. Students were invited to kick off their shoes and make themselves at home. A sophomore in our group lead us through a range of discussion questions and together we reflected on a number of interesting topics. Personally, each Thursday morning was a practice in gratitude. As the small group talked, laughed, and connected, I would just sit back and look around the room. I would pray for each student individually and thank God for them—for their stories, journeys, and futures. These are the meaningful opportunities that inspired

me to pursue a career in student development all those years ago. Ultimately, I got into this line of work because I wanted to journey alongside Christian college students in their learning and formation. Thursday mornings this fall provided some of the best reminders of why I love this job and this university community.

My experience is not unusual on campus at Northwest University. [Nearly 50 faculty and staff members live in apartments or houses around campus. Though it makes for a convenient commute to work, many of these educators choose to live on campus in order to more intentionally invest in the lives of students.](#) Plenty of faculty and staff who commute to our Kirkland campus welcome students into their homes as well. It is not uncommon for them to share a meal in The Caf, or a coffee, tea, or smoothie with students in the Aerie. All of this contributes to a unique community, culture, and student learning experience. And it speaks to one of our primary goals: helping students find belonging and a home away from home. Even after students graduate from Northwest, we want this place to be remembered and cherished as a second home.



I teach a two-week summer class called Northwest Ecology where we study the geology and ecological recovery of Mount Saint Helens. What's great about the class are the students. They make it unique every year and are always a lot of fun to interact with.

Additionally, the topic is fantastic, because we're taking something that's difficult to study and we're examining it outside where you can actually see it. [The first week of class is spent in class lecture, learning about how Mount Saint Helens has rebounded since it erupted in 1980. The second week is then spent camping at Mount Saint Helens and interacting with the exact location that we've been studying.](#) I think this kind of interaction is really beneficial for the students. People who enjoy hands-on learning, like I do, really enjoy the class.

ERIC STEINKAMP
Professor, Life Sciences

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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

I love being a faculty member at Northwest University. I work with some of the best people I have ever encountered—they are top notch across the board. Beyond that, the students that gravitate to pursue their education at Northwest have a unique combination of love for the Lord and His Kingdom and a passion for equipping themselves for what God desires them to do in the future. I genuinely want to be around students because their zeal for their education is so inspiring.

I believe it is important to invest in students inside and outside the classroom for two reasons. One, as a relational scholar, I research and teach about the importance of communication in relationships. Therefore, I know relationships take work. By talking to students in class and outside of class, I model the importance of communicating in diverse ways when creating connections with others. Two, we are called to be in community with one another. **A great way to create community is to spend time together. Sharing a meal is one of my favorite ways to do that, so I love to invite students over for meals at my house.** These meals allow us to pray together and continue to strengthen the web of the NU community.



RENEE BOURDEAUX

Assistant Professor, Communication



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Instructor, Nursing

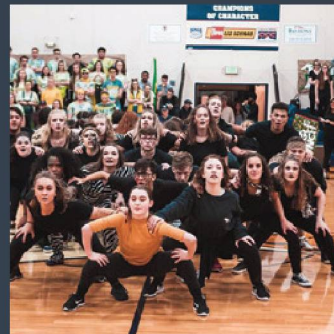
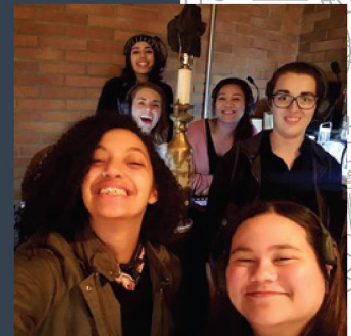
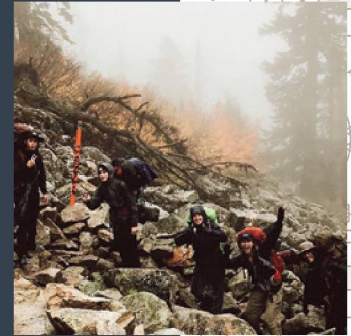
Each year, the Buntain School of Nursing sends its students to another country for a 30-day, full immersion experience. In the past, I've taken students to Kazakhstan, and in the last five years I've been taking students to Kenya.

One of the most unique aspects of this trip is spending a full month with the students. **As a nursing faculty member and as a pastor, this is a very special opportunity to pour into the lives of students outside of a couple hours in the classroom or on Sundays at church.**

I see teaching as a privilege because I get to inform and influence a young person's future. Talking with students outside of the classroom opens up opportunities for the students to ask different questions, and it gives me an opportunity to provide more direct answers to specific people and their situations.

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Northwest University Wins Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Trophy



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When Northwest University's chess team first arrived at this year's Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championships at Ohio State University, heads turned. After all, it was led by college chess star Phiona Mutesi—the “Queen of Katwe”—featured in the 2016 Disney film of the same name that chronicled her rise from the slums of Uganda.

Even so, little was expected of the newly formed team. But all that changed when NU walked away with the first place trophy in the Top Small College Team category with its 4-0 sweep of defending champion Oberlin College.

The Northwest team faced stiff competition to earn the trophy. To clinch the championship, Phiona won three matches while drawing on another. Ben Mukumbya, her Ugandan countryman and fellow freshman, earned three wins on Board 1. Teammates Andrew Uptain and freshman Walter Borbridge also contributed wins to the team's success.

Northwest's coach, National Master Elliott Neff, serves as CEO and Founder of Chess4Life, one of America's largest chess teaching companies. “I am so proud of this team for the composure and focus they've shown.” Northwest University President, Dr. Joseph Castleberry, heartily agreed and looked to even greater accomplishments. **“We will build on this success to develop a winning tradition in chess at Northwest and will take the lead in building intercollegiate chess in the Northwest region.”**

TALONS UP!

Our fall athletes had a big season this year. We are always proud of our teams, but this year was special. At the end of the 2017 fall semester, our women's volleyball, women's soccer, and men's and women's cross-country teams all competed in the NAIA National Championships.

Though our women's soccer and women's volleyball teams were eliminated from the national race early on, competing at this level is still a considerable accomplishment. Men's cross-country finished 33rd overall, and women's cross-country finished in the top 25.

This was the first national tournament for women's volleyball and men's cross-country and the second national tournament for women's cross-country and women's soccer. **NU women's soccer has now gone to nationals two years in a row** under the leadership of NU alumnus and coach Bryan Chud. Cross-country coach Mark Mandi and volleyball coach Steven Bain were excited to join Chud in the national tournament this year.

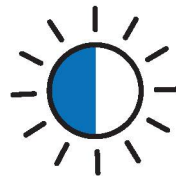
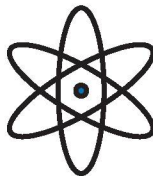
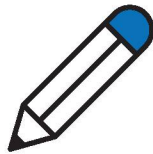
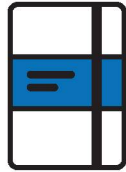
In addition to these three teams competing at nationals, there were **several athletes that received individual national recognition**. Alysanne Van Dyke was recognized as a NAIA All-American honorable mention for her skills as NU volleyball's libero (a defensive specialist that can substitute for any player in the back row). In women's soccer, Allison Lorraine was also named a **NAIA All-American honorable mention**. In men's cross-country, Riley Sine was named **NAIA National Runner of the Week** in October.

NU athletes didn't just excel on the court and playing fields. True to the mission of our athletic program, they also excelled in the classroom. **NU finished 2017 with 40 All-Conference Scholar-Athletes—a record number for the school.**





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NU QUICK FACTS

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: **2,343**

TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT
(KIRKLAND CAMPUS): **1,020**

BEACH PARKS IN KIRKLAND: **9**

KIRKLAND CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL
STUDENTS: **60%**

STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID
AND SCHOLARSHIPS: **98%**

RESTAURANTS IN KIRKLAND: **250**

VARSITY SPORTS: **10**

NUMBER OF COFFEE SHOPS NEARBY: **30+**

NUMBER OF MAJORS AND PROGRAMS: **70+**

YEAR FOUNDED: **1934**

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO: **10:1**

LENGTH OF THE CROSS KIRKLAND
CORRIDOR TRAIL: **5.75 miles**

SIZE OF CAMPUS: **56 acres**

SCHOLARSHIPS



At some point in your college search, you probably asked a very important question: “Can I afford a private Christian university?”

The answer is different for everyone, but here at Northwest, we strive to make sure that the answer is “yes” for as many students as possible. One way we do this is by offering multiple scholarship and financial aid opportunities. Here are just a few of the scholarships Northwest University offers: Academic Scholarship, Bible Quiz, International Scholarship, Northwest Athletic Scholarship, Northwest Missionary Tuition Credit, R.O.T.C. Scholarship, and Talent Scholarship (Music).

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MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

Accounting
Audio Production*
Biblical Languages*
Biblical Literature
Biology

- General Science
- Pre-Health
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Vet

Business Administration
Chemistry*
Children and Family Ministries
Communication Studies

- Communication for Business
- Dramatic Studies
- Human Communication
- Media and Society

Contemporary Music Industry

- Producer Track
- Recording Arts Technology Track
- Performer Track

Elementary Education

- English
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Science

English

- Literature
- TESOL
- Writing

Environmental Science

Exercise Science
Finance*
General Ministries
Global Studies*
Health Science (AA)
History
Information Technology
Intercultural Studies

- Africa Studies
- Asia Studies
- Cross-Cultural Studies
- First Nations Ministry
- Latin American Studies
- Middle East Studies
- University Ministry
- Urban Ministries

Interdisciplinary Studies

- Single Area
- Multiple Area
- Legal Studies
- Political Science

International Business
Management
Marketing
Mathematics
Media Ministry*
Military Science and Leadership*
Music
Molecular and Cell Biology
Music Education
Music Industry Business

Music Ministry
Nursing
Organizational Leadership
Pastoral Care*
Pastoral Ministries

- Children and Family Ministries
- Church and Ministry Leadership
- General Ministries
- Youth and Family Ministries

Political Science
Pre-law*
Professional Sales*
Psychology

- Cultural Psychology
- Counseling
- Marriage and Family
- Organizational Behavior
- General Psychology

Religion and Philosophy
Secondary Education

- Biology
- English and Language Arts
- English Language Learners (ELL)
- Health and Fitness
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- Physics
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