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Alumni & Friends Banquet

September 29, 2000

Alumnus of the Year

in recognition of noteworthy achievement in Christian Service



Reverend Kent Redfearn ~ Kent surrendered his dream of becoming an engineer after an encounter with God in India. While working one summer with missionary Mark Buntain, the Lord posed a life changing question to his heart "Do you want to build buildings or build people?" Kent decided to build people. A Northwest graduate of 1983, Kent became, at age 25, Pastor of Muldoon Community Assembly after its founding Pastor, Neale Sheneman had resigned in 1986. Shortly after taking the position, Kent dedicated himself and the community to turning around the church's \$1.2 million debt. Today the church is on target to being completely debt-free. During the 1990s, Kent led his congregation on missions to assemble church buildings in Burkina Faso, Thailand, Poland, West Australia, Israel, Guatemala, Siberia, and Alaska. His current missionary objective is to adopt an unreached people group in Siberia. He was included in *Who's Who in Religion*, participates in the Council of Leadership Foundations, and the Leadership Network Young Leader's Forum. Kent's vision is to stir latent leadership into active leadership. One of his favorite verses is "Each one should be careful how he builds" 1 Cor 3:10.

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Reverend Larry Savage ~ Larry Savage has been a pastor, evangelist, and church pioneer for 26 years. He has also been the District Superintendent for the Wyoming Assemblies of God for five consecutive terms. Larry was saved at the age of 16 when a stranger knocked on the door of his family's home and invited them to a tent revival meeting. At that time, his only desire was to become a cowboy like his father and great-grandfather before him. Being a cowboy was the only life he had imagined. God had new plans. Larry spent two foundational years at Northwest College before entering into full-time ministry. He has gladly spent his entire 26 years of pastoral ministry in Wyoming, 16 of which were in one of the churches he pioneered. He has traveled extensively in America and abroad to evangelize. Larry has been married to Jacqueline for 41 years, whom he met while attending Northwest. They have a daughter, Vanida, and three sons, Verlyn, Vaun, and Vaden, and nine grandchildren. Larry's interests are in commercial flying, cowboy poetry, game hunting and "witnessing about Jesus wherever I go." Larry says he feels at home in the Lord's Church, wherever he is.

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honoring exceptional retired Northwest faculty who have impacted the lives and ministries of our Alumni



Dr. Richard Blue ~Dr. Richard Blue has faithfully served Northwest College as Director of Teacher Education, Dean of its Division of Education, and longtime member of the Board of Directors. Prior to Northwest College, he served as Director of Elementary Education for the Medford and Anchorage School Districts. He has a wealth of experience in leadership positions with service clubs and hospital boards. At Northwest he served as chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee. His honors include; Outstanding Young Men of America (1973), the President's Award at Northwest College, and election to the Phi Alpha Theta (history) and Phi Delta Kappa (education) scholastic societies. Dr. Blue is a member of a number of professional associations that promote education, leadership and management including; Washington Association College Teachers Education and the American Association of School Administrators. Dr. Blue earned a Bachelor of Arts from Alaska Methodist University in 1964. He received a Master of Arts from Stanford University in 1968, and a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in 1985.