

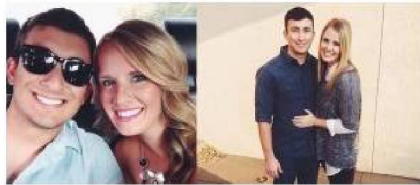
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ASSOCIATE CAMPUS PASTOR GRADUATES INTO NEW SEASON

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Jennifer Garza will be leaving her role as one of Northwest University's Associate Campus Pastors at the end of the school year. Garza will be graduating from NU this May with a Masters in Missional Leadership.

Garza and her husband Ric are looking to relocate in Tri Cities area after the school year ends. "We've been praying for a while and just feel like it's time to settle down somewhere we can start a family," Garza said. One thing she wants to do is start writing women's small group curriculum that is gospel based and shows who Jesus is.

Women's ministry is something Garza has been involved in through a variety of different platforms in her time at NU. As an undergrad she developed friendships with many of the female students on campus. Throughout her time as a student she was always wanting to further relationships whether it be through life groups, coffee, lunch or other events.

"I love college students and being able to do life with them even after I had graduated was such a blessing," Garza said. "I'm a very relational person, so being able to work with girls on campus that God put on my heart was one of my favorite things" Garza said.

Now, in her role as the women's pastor at NU, one of the most common sights to see is Garza and a student meeting. Whether it be in the Aerie, her office or even in the chapel, she is constantly engaging in conversation with students.

Garza graduated from NU in 2011 with a communications degree and started later that year as a ministry assistant to Pastor Phil Rasmussen. Over the years her job's roles and titles have grown and adapted.

"You'll get out of something what you put into it" Garza said when asked what she will take away from her experience here. "I know who Jesus is to me and how he is faithful," Garza said. "But seeing and hearing people's stories and testimonies about who Jesus is to them is something I will never forget."