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COMMUNITY ENCOURAGEMENTS

During a typical school year, *Pursuit* magazine is primarily intended to provide our readers with stories and information about Northwest University. But 2020 has been anything but typical. In addition to its usual content, we felt strongly compelled to make this issue of *Pursuit* a source of encouragement.

NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY IS A COMMUNITY WITH A FOUNDATION BUILT ON HOPE. As a Christian university, our students, staff, and faculty believe that God is sovereign over all things, and that through Jesus we are each able to have real relationships with God. This is a hope that transcends circumstance—even when those circumstances include a pandemic.

Applying to college has the potential to feel daunting even without the long list of challenges this year has brought. We want you to know that our community is praying for you as you prepare for your future. May the words on the pages to follow speak to you and remind you of the hope we have in Jesus.



CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

CHRISTIAN DAWSON
NU ALUMNUS,
PASTOR AT BRIDGETOWN CHURCH

One Sunday I went on a solo hike to Dirty Harry’s Balcony in North Bend, Washington. About three-fourths of the way down the mountain, I remember almost stepping on a huge frog (that I wrongfully thought was a snake) and yelling, “JESUS, THAT SCARED ME!” As the adrenaline started to wear off and my heart rate began to slow, that moment began to replay in my mind: “Jesus, that scared me.” *Why would I have yelled such a silly thing about a frog?* I thought. *That would have been so embarrassing if someone else on the trail would have heard that.* As I chuckled to myself and continued my descent, Jesus seemed to whisper back to me, “What if that’s how you lived your life?” I think that moment I had on the mountain simply summarizes what prayer is.

PRAYER IS SIMPLY HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH GOD.

I know it sounds basic, but in my personal experience, I’ve often made prayer to be so many things. Maybe you’re like me. Maybe you think that in order to pray, you can’t have messed up or sinned in a while.

Maybe you think that in order to pray, you have to know a lot about the Bible. Maybe you think that in order to pray, everything has to be going well in your life. Maybe you think that in order to pray, you have to not have any doubt. I get what that’s like, but that’s not prayer—that’s performance. Prayer is having a conversation with God.

In 2010 I was a freshman at Northwest University living on the 500 Ducks floor in Gray Hall. One day an upperclassman named Vince was writing on a whiteboard in his room. He turned to me and asked, “Christian, do you know why the Psalms are the prayer book of the Bible?” He said, “Psalms is the prayer book because David is simply honest with God.” That conversation opened my world to God in a whole new way.

While I could probably write multiple lessons about what prayer is or on different ways to pray, I just want you to remember one thing for today: prayer is about being honest with God. You can be honest with God about your hurt, optimism, sadness, joy, disheartenment, passion, confusion, contentment, doubt,

security, disillusionment, hopefulness, or anything in between. The cool thing is, you never have to guess what God’s mood is or what His posture is toward you. He always wants to listen to and talk with His kids.

Actually, let’s take a moment to pray right now together. I’ll start the prayer and you can continue it for however long you’d like. Wherever you’re at, I encourage you to put your feet on the floor, take a deep breath in and then out, and clear your mind of other distractions. Now realize that Jesus is with you right now.

PRAYER

Jesus, you said that you’d be near. You said that you want to talk to Your people. I want to have that sort of closeness to You. Please help me in these coming days to grow closer to You. Amen.



SOUL CARE

ALIYA SHEPARD
NU ALUMNA,
NU ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR



During this time of uncertainty and an ever-changing “normal,” my head is constantly filled with questions and items to do. When I wake up, some of my first thoughts are usually: *What do I need to get done today? Who do I need to check in with? What Zoom calls am I scheduled for today?* While these things are not bad, they can be overwhelming. I have realized that since so much of my life revolves around my calendar, I have gotten into a routine of checking my schedule on my phone many times throughout the day. I am always worried about missing a deadline or a meeting. I can so easily get preoccupied with tasks that I forget to slow down and just be with God.

We are commanded to rest. **Matthew 11:28–30** says, “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (NASB).

WHAT DOES REST LOOK LIKE FOR YOU? For me, it is intentionally leaving my phone on silent and in another room while I take time to pray and listen to worship music. It’s the time in between work and hanging out with friends when I sit in the quiet of my room and simply breathe. Rest is slowing down long enough to connect with God, listen to His voice, and receive His peace. God’s peace is so much more fulfilling than hurrying to check off another new task. In **John 14:27**, Jesus reminds us: Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

Today, I want to encourage you to let yourself rest. It’s okay to move that to-do list to tomorrow. It’s okay to take a break from your normal routine. Jesus wants our souls to be refreshed and filled, and He will do just that for us. Take the time to let Him.

PRAYER

Jesus, in a time of constant pressure and responsibilities, I pray that I will be reminded of the need to slow down and listen to you. Thank you for refreshing my spirit and for guiding my steps. I pray for joy and strength for the coming day as I face the tasks set before me. I pray for diligence as I plan my day and for the discipline to take the time to care for my soul. Amen.





THERE IS A LIVING HOPE

DANNY LOPEZ
CURRENT NU STUDENT



When I was a sophomore in high school, I played basketball. Granted, I wasn't good being only 5'9" and only playing JV. However, I enjoyed playing, and for a JV team we were pretty good. In our summer tournament we had played really well and made it to the finals. We played this final against a team that outplayed us. I remember the locker room talk after the game and how we all felt. We had hoped that we would win, after all. We had worked hard to get to this place only to let ourselves down.

While this is a small example, losing that game hurt, and it left us in pain because we had put our hope in winning and we didn't receive it. I'm sure many of us have felt a similar hurt when what we hope for and put our trust in lets us down. When we put our hope in things like health, money, jobs, relationships, winning, or anything else besides Christ, we are always left disappointed because all of those things are temporary. They aren't bad things, but they are finite and not everlasting.

A great example of putting our hope in eternal things is found in the book of 1 Peter. The people Peter was writing to were a scattered group who were being

persecuted all throughout Rome. Many of them were suffering and in deep sorrow, so Peter reminds them of their living hope.

IT'S NOT THAT THEY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT INSTEAD THAT JESUS CHRIST WILL RETURN AND REIGN AGAIN. In **1 Peter 1:3** it says: "Praise

be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (NIV). Their hope was that Jesus will return. Our living hope is that Jesus will return.

Later in the chapter, Peter uses an illustration of gold. When gold is put through the fire, the heat refines it and takes off any imperfections. Suffering roots you deeper into your hope. In fact, you can be filled with deep rejoicing and filled with deep sorrow. Our living hope actually drives us toward suffering. We are not called to an easy life; instead, we are called to walk in this life joyfully. Amidst the pain, amidst the suffering, we can walk through it joyfully knowing Jesus will return.

PRAYER

God, I pray that I would be deeply rooted in the only living hope, which is that Jesus will return. Amidst my suffering, help me to know I have hope and joy in You. Help me to not ignore the pain, but to know the battle has been won. I give myself to you, God. Amen.



WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING...

Some of the most valuable conversations you will have on your way to making your college decision will be with current students. Rather than making you wait for a campus visit, we thought we would bring some of those conversations to you. Here's **what students are saying** about going to school at NU.



ISABEL HOIEM

HOMETOWN: Sammamish, Washington

CLASS STANDING: Junior

MAJOR: Pastoral Ministry

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT NU?

At Northwest University, there is always someone cheering you on. No matter who you are, there is someone on campus who believes in you and in who the Lord has made you to be. It could be your roommate, a professor, a friendly face from the student development office, or your RA. There is always someone who is on your team and wants to see you succeed.

HOW IS NU PREPARING YOU FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?

Northwest University fills me with knowledge about the Word of God, how to articulate who God is, and how to love people like Jesus. Beyond preparing me as a minister, Northwest has pushed me to pursue creative passions such as art and equipped me in how to turn my passion into action. In addition, my time involved with Campus Ministries has taught me essential skills and laid out logistics of what it means to be in full-time ministry.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CLASS AND WHY?

My current favorite class is Introduction to Art and Design with Rebecca Aitken. I am relearning the basics of art from the ground up to become the best artist I can be. However, my all-time favorite class was Discipleship and Spiritual Formation with Steve Mills. I learned what it means to lead people and how to disciple them well.

WHAT DOES THE NU COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

Growing up, I never felt like I fit in at school. I was never the smartest kid in class and felt like the odd one out during lunch. At Northwest University, I feel like I belong. I am surrounded by peers, mentors, and staff who are passionate about pursuing the Lord in their day-to-day lives. I have found community in campus ministry, in the classroom, and in the dorms. The Northwest community gives me a sense of belonging.



NIHARIKA PHAMBOTA

HOMETOWN: Covington, Washington

CLASS STANDING: Junior

MAJOR: Accounting

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT NU?

I love most that I'm able to play collegiate soccer in a great environment with great people around me. This community means a lot—especially the support we receive as athletes.

HOW IS NU PREPARING YOU FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?

It gives me the chance to be more independent and shows me how life is, especially because of the distance apart from my family.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CLASS AND WHY?

Business Communication because it prepared me the most for life after college and it helped me to become way better at English.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT NU?

I love how close-knit the campus and the people are. I love that I can go anywhere on campus—whether I'm sitting in the Pecota Student Center in-between classes, in the library late at night, or even at a coffee shop in Kirkland on the weekend—and always run into someone from Northwest University. The idea of community isn't just amongst those few you know, but it runs through the school in all different grades and time spent at the university.

HOW IS NU PREPARING YOU FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?

NU is preparing me for life after college by building a foundation in my faith that I won't fall away from. It is allowing me to set a foundation for myself and for my future. NU is also preparing me in character building and growing my leadership skills that will be used in the business field and will be the reason I stand out in the job field I go into.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CLASS AND WHY?

My favorite class by far has been Human Resource Management. This is because it was an interactive class with the professor, peers, and the textbook. Being able to be excited about a class where reading the textbook and doing the homework is fun is what this class was for me. I built more of a passion for HR and leadership through this course.

WHAT DOES THE NU COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

The NU community means to be in step in the same season. Community means to grow in education, press into friendships, lean into personal leadership, and overall be together in spiritual growth. It truly means, regardless of what season we all may be in, that we all look to the same Lord through it all.



ALEX THIEHOFE

HOMETOWN: Bottrop, Germany

CLASS STANDING: Sophomore

MAJOR: Business Administration

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT NU?

What I love most about NU is the community: more specifically, the staff and faculty. I am amazed by the way professors and leaders pour into each and every student at NU. They make me feel loved and cared about by taking the time to get to know me. They make me feel supported by making sure I was on track for my major and helping in any way they could when I struggle with an assignment. Even out of the classroom, leaders set time aside in their day to meet with me and mentor me. They treat me as a friend, and I am extremely grateful for the love and support NU has shown me throughout the years.

HOW IS NU PREPARING YOU FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?

I receive hands-on learning in my labs, as well as in the classroom, and an amazing support group to push me to be the best I could be. I am confident

in what I have learned and have made connections within my degree as well. Each professor integrates faith into the classroom, so when certain problems arise in my field, I can stand firm in my faith and respond accordingly. I didn't expect to have grown so much in my faith while attending school, but spiritually I am at the best I have ever been.

WHAT DOES THE NU COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

The NU community means people I can do life with. Whatever season I'm in, I know that my friends are going to be there to encourage me. They build me up using scripture and I'm able to talk about anything I have going on. They help set me on the right path and remind me that God is in control when I feel lost. It means I have a strong spiritual family that will love me through the good and bad seasons of my life. I am so incredibly grateful to be attending NU.



LIZ MORETTI

HOMETOWN: Caldwell, Idaho

CLASS STANDING: Junior

MAJOR: Biology



ZACH SHELTON

HOMETOWN: Farmville, Virginia

CLASS STANDING: Junior

MAJOR: Accounting

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT NU?

What I love most about Northwest is the people. I truly believe that every student at NU is here for a reason, and each person has such a unique story. Northwest allows for everyone's story to be told in unique ways, allowing for deeper relationships with others and God.

HOW IS NU PREPARING YOU FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?

NU is preparing me for life after college by ensuring my success. My professors have helped me set up internships and real-world experiences to allow me to thrive after I graduate.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CLASS AND WHY?

My favorite class currently is Business Communication. Dr. Fletcher does an amazing job including activities and assignments that allow us to learn while also keeping the content fun and interesting.

WHAT DOES THE NU COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

The relationships that I've established here are unlike anything I expected. I am always grabbing lunch with friends, having coffee with a prof, or hanging out in one of our lounges making the best memories possible. There really is no place like NU.



BLESSING GASELA MHLANGA

HOMETOWN: Mutare, Zimbabwe

CLASS STANDING: Junior

MAJOR: Human Communication

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT NU?

What I love about Northwest is the community that Latina and Latino students have. It is a small community, but we all love to get to know each other, and we always welcome each other with open arms. Something that people always talk about when they come to NU is how amazing the community is as a whole, but they never mention how there are multiple communities on campus that make the whole university so wonderful; one of them being the Latino and Latina community.

HOW IS NU PREPARING YOU FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?

I remember having a conversation with Christian Dawson, our former campus pastor, because I mentioned

to him when I first got on campus that I was struggling to love the campus as a whole. He mentioned to me that over the years he has noticed that the students who didn't learn how to love the campus struggled to love other communities when they left NU, while the students that did learn to love it, thrived. Being at NU prepares me to love all the seasons I am going to be experiencing in the future. One season I might be in a work environment where I might struggle to love, but I will be able to use the tactics I use now at NU.

WHAT DOES THE NU COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

The NU community means unity in Christ. We may not all look the same or think the same way, but we all follow one God.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT NU?

There are a lot of things to love about Northwest University, but if I had to choose one it would have to be the community. I say community because everywhere you go on campus—be it in the classroom or your dorm lounge—everyone just loves each other tremendously. If you are struggling with something personally, people will just come around you, love on you, and pray for you. The students here just really have a passion for living out what God has called them to be, and you can see it in their eyes. If I had to sum up what Northwest University is, it's a loving community. I love NU.

HOW IS NU PREPARING YOU FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?

Northwest University is preparing me for life after college because it is intentionally teaching me how to live a life centered around God. As

a communications major, Northwest University is preparing me to find God in that field of work, and center that around God.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CLASS AND WHY?

My favorite class right now is Positive Communication because it is teaching me how to be a more positive communicator. That is so important because as a communicator I need to be able to positively communicate to an audience. People will refuse to listen to someone who is always negative, but if you are positive, people will listen to you.

WHAT DOES THE NU COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

The NU community means that I am able to lean into my brothers and sisters in Christ and get the prayer and help I need. Not only getting help myself, but also reaching out and helping a brother or a sister in need.



GABRIELA SALAS

HOMETOWN: Tacoma, Washington

CLASS STANDING: Junior

MAJOR: Business Administration

Programs and Colleges Overview

As NU has grown from our humble beginnings as a Bible college in 1934 to a fully accredited regional university, we have made it a point to expand our offerings so that our graduates can minister to as many different industries as possible. Now in 2020, we offer over 80 different programs within the various colleges that make up Northwest University's academics.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) at Northwest University is the most programmatically diverse of all our colleges. CAS students at NU might major in anything from music to biology to communications. Whether it's crafting a speech, composing a score, or experimenting in the lab, each degree is designed to inspire and challenge the students that choose the College of Arts and Sciences.



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

The College of Business (COB) at Northwest University is proud to offer a variety of on-campus and online business degrees to equip the next generation of business professionals. NU offers everything from an on-campus Bachelor of Arts in Business Management to an online MBA program. Marketing, business administration, and music industry business are just a few of the many areas of study available through the College of Business.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education (COE) at Northwest University exists to send teachers and principals of the highest quality into schools around the globe. There is a growing demand for educators in school districts across the nation, so we've made sure that our education degrees are accessible for a variety of future educators. With our on-campus and online undergraduate, graduate, and non-certificate programs, we have an abundance of programs designed to help students and current teachers bring their education skills to the next level.

COLLEGE OF MINISTRY

Since 1934, the College of Ministry (COM) at Northwest University has equipped students as ministry leaders. Over those 80 years we have established a rich tradition of academic excellence, spiritual vitality, and empowered engagement with human need as a Christ-centered university in the Seattle area. We are ready and eager to provide students with sound and holistic ministry leadership training.



BUNTAIN COLLEGE OF NURSING

The Mark and Huldah Buntain College of Nursing (BCON) at Northwest University prepares graduates to answer their call to serve God throughout the world and lead others by using professional expertise as nurses. Expert faculty at the Buntain College of Nursing provide unique learner environments that integrate Christian faith with evidence-based practice and diverse practice experiences, such as an international practicum for every student.



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

People in this world are experiencing challenging circumstances. Fortunately, there are those who feel called to help them. This is exactly why the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS) at Northwest University exists. Whether it's our on-campus BA in Psychology, our PsyD program, our MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, or our MA in International Community Development, we have the programs to help you make a real difference in the lives of real people.



CREATIO CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA, AND DESIGN

Over the years, Northwest University has become a hub for all kinds of creative people. Musicians, designers, photographers, and others continue to make their mark on our campus while they prepare for their chosen careers. As a Christian university, we believe that all of us are made in the image of a creative God and so we understand the inherent value in human creativity. Through the Creatio Center for Technology, Media, and Design, our hope is to empower students with a passion for creativity to become leaders in the areas of advanced technology and media production.



For more on these programs, go to northwestu.edu and select "Academics."



Rick Engstrom, Dean of Student Development



Larissa Lilly, Director of Community Life



Abby Stovall, Housing Coordinator



Blake Small, Director of Multicultural Life

Student Development

Building and maintaining a strong, connected community is something we take very seriously at Northwest University—even in the middle of a global pandemic. We're able to give this important aspect of university life the attention it deserves because of our talented and passionate Student Development team. Through their hard work, our students have an abundance of opportunities to connect with each other and get involved on campus. Their efforts to produce high-quality events, a diverse list of clubs, and impactful student-led organizations have contributed greatly to providing our community with the beautiful, vibrant, Christ-centered culture that it has today.

KAMERON GOETZ | Student Body President

I distinctly remember the warm, sunny atmosphere of that September afternoon. Barely two weeks a freshman, I stood in awe of the numerous booths representing various clubs and organizations lining the edges of the central plaza. So many students, so many different interests, passions, and hobbies all in one place. Opportunity was everywhere. Since then, my time has been filled with representing NU at various ministry conferences, traveling with a 130-voice choir all along the West Coast (including Disneyland), overseeing a hall of 40 freshmen men, and trying my hand at student government. And that's just a snapshot. My experience isn't unique. From Campus Ministries to Adventure Club, the ways in which any student can get involved at NU seems endless. Doing so was a turning point for me, one that led directly to where I am today. I hope you choose to get involved, too.



Being a student at Northwest brings you into a family and community like no other. Living on campus only makes the experience that much better. Living in the residence halls is a great way to step into the community, meet new friends, and dive deep into relationship with one another. The RAs in the residence halls do an incredible job of creating unity between their hall and their sibling floors. Between floor events and campus-wide events, there is always something to do and people to go with. Living on campus gives you the best glimpse of our unique and special community that is also considered the NU family. If you find an area of interest that we don't already have a club for, you can start your own club and find a different community with people that have the same interests as you. Student Development is always here to support you and help you find your place in our community.



SHELBIE FRYE | Residence Life Coordinator

As the director of Multicultural Life, I have the joy of serving alongside various multicultural groups on campus such as Mosaic, Black Student Fellowship, VIDA, and our Act Six scholars. The overall desire from these student-led groups is to present diversity and multiculturalism as something to celebrate and learn about, rather than shy away from or fear. The Kingdom of God is multicultural, and we love it! Culture expands our understanding of who we are and how BIG our God truly is. We want every student to realize that unless we pursue relationship with those that are different from us, our view of the Kingdom of God will always be small and incomplete. We hope to see students take steps toward one another in the name of Jesus Christ and for unity to be found amidst a contentious cultural climate.

BLAKE SMALL | Director of Multicultural Life, Pictured Left

We are surrounded by companies that have changed the world.

Our 56-acre campus is located in Kirkland, Washington, voted by *Money* magazine as the **Fifth Best Place to Live in the U.S.**

This means access to internships while getting your degree, excellent employment options and strategic alumni connections once you graduate. Not only that, students can participate in boundless recreational activities in the great Pacific Northwest.

To see all that Kirkland and NU have to offer, [schedule a visit](#). We'd love to show you around.

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We are fortunate to be located in one of the most beautiful geographic regions in the country. The Pacific Northwest is a richly diverse environment with snowy mountains, enormous lakes, wooded hikes, three national parks, and more, all easily within driving distance of each other. NU is nestled in the heart of many of these natural wonders, so our students take full advantage of these outdoor adventures. Plus, Seattle is just a 15-minute drive away.

We would love to have you on campus to experience our inspiring location for yourself. To sign up for a campus visit today, go to northwestu.edu/visit.





ADVENTURES

SNOQUALMIE PASS (SKIING/SNOWBOARDING)
50 MILES AWAY

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE (HIKE)
30 MILES AWAY

SEATTLE
10 MILES AWAY

DOWNTOWN KIRKLAND
1.5 MILES AWAY

LAKE WASHINGTON
1 MILE AWAY



EXPERIENCE NU TO THE FULLEST.

Brochures and websites provide a glimpse into campus life. But a campus visit is the best way to learn if NU is right for you. Due to the pandemic, visiting campus looks a little different than in the past. But that doesn't mean that there are fewer ways to experience all that NU has to offer!

You can customize your visit so that you receive the information you need most. Whether that's a socially distanced in-person campus tour or one of our frequent virtual info sessions, there are plenty of ways to picture yourself as a student at NU. Choose from any of our visit options and be on your way to earning your **\$500 Visit Scholarship**.

Learn more by going to northwestu.edu/visit.

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- NURSING INFO SESSION
- GENERAL INFO SESSION
- TRANSFER TALK
- COLLEGE PREP WEBINAR
- NU INTERACT

IN-PERSON VISIT

- INDIVIDUAL VISIT
- CAMPUS TOUR

Creatio

The Creatio Center for Technology,
Media, and Design

It's no secret that technology is growing faster than ever before. As the massive tech companies of our time continue to make incredible strides in creativity, we want to equip creative Christians to contribute.

With the Creatio Center for Technology, Media, and Design, we are excited to train students to excel in the world of tech and make an impact for the Kingdom of God.

With state-of-the-art studios and design labs and a strong foundation in Christianity, the degrees offered through the Creatio program are truly unique. If your hope is to craft a dream career in an exciting area of technology or media production, we are confident that Creatio has the perfect degree program for you.

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COMPUTER SCIENCE*

Build your understanding of data acquisition, management and curation, data workflow and reproducibility, domain-specific considerations, and more as you pursue one of the most popular degrees with seemingly endless career options.



DATA SCIENCE*

Learn the skills necessary to launch you to the forefront of the competitive tech industry. Gain skills in statistical analysis, constructing data models, software programming tools, and more near Seattle, a major hub in the tech world.

BA IN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC INDUSTRY

Study the fundamentals of analog and digital audio recording systems while exploring the workings of the music industry, but also learn to understand and perform music in an exciting, hands-on environment.

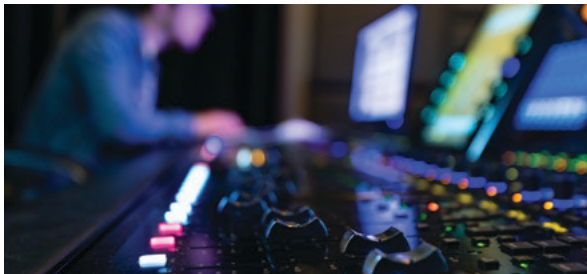
USER EXPERIENCE (UX) DESIGN

Explore UX design's interdisciplinary combination of art, design, psychology, and engineering. Graduate with nearly unlimited career opportunities with technology companies around the world. UX design students will take classes in art and design, psychology, human factors, and engineering and get the experience of working for local companies on real projects.



AUDIO PRODUCTION

Learn from music industry veterans who know firsthand what it takes to succeed, and record in studios that are the envy of other programs. Use the same equipment and software as professional studios, world-class concert venues, and large churches.



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YOUR GUIDE TO NU

Meet your Admissions Counselors! They will help you through each step of the admissions process.



TERRITORY: Serving all students from the Eastside of Seattle, Pierce County, Alaska, Hawaii, and all states in the Central time zone.

HOMETOWN: Gig Harbor, WA

FUN FACT: I absolutely love dogs, and I will never say no to seeing cute puppy pictures!

ALIYA SHEPARD // aliya.shepard@northwestu.edu

TERRITORY: Serving all students from the Seattle and south of Seattle area, Eastern Washington, the Olympic Peninsula, Idaho, and all states in the Eastern time zone.

HOMETOWN: Snohomish, WA

FUN FACT: I was part of 4-H archery for five years as a recurve archer. Just call me Robin Hood!

TYLER PERRON // tyler.perron@northwestu.edu



TERRITORY: Serving all students from Snohomish County, Northwest Washington, Southwest Washington, California, and all states in the Mountain time zone.

HOMETOWN: Snohomish, WA

FUN FACT: I love national parks. My family has spent every summer going to at least one national park since I was ten years old. I have been to over fifty national parks, historic sites, and monuments.

OLIVIA RAGLAND // olivia.ragland@northwestu.edu

TERRITORY: All students from the Tacoma area, Southwest Washington, and Oregon.

HOMETOWN: Beaverton, OR

FUN FACT: I love watching Marvel movies. My top three favorites are *Thor: Ragnarok*, *Winter Soldier*, and *Infinity War*!

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APPLY

At Northwest University, your future receives a considerable advantage. **You'll share** the same neighborhood with globally recognized businesses, organizations, and ministries. **You'll build** relationships in an unrivaled network of influential professionals and peers. **You'll gain** insight to strengthen your spiritual formation. **You'll grow** responsive to a world in need of thoughtful, compassionate, and bold leaders. **You'll join** a lifelong community of caring professors and devoted friendships. We can't wait to be a part of your journey.

Apply today at northwestu.edu/apply.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

STEP 1 // Apply online at northwestu.edu/apply.

STEP 2 // Using NU's school code, 003783, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

STEP 3 // Complete the NU Financial Aid application at northwestu.edu/financialaid.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Application
- Biographical essay
- Official high school transcript
- Official SAT or ACT scores (SAT Code: 4541 ACT Code: 4466)*
*SAT and ACT scores are optional. They are not required for admission.
- Transcripts from all colleges attended
- \$30 application fee (Free before November 15)

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 15—Early Action
- January 15—Early Action II
- February 15—Priority Financial Aid
- May 1—Priority Confirmation

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FIVE FACTORS

FOR FIGURING OUT
YOUR COLLEGE FIT

ANDY HALL, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

For some people, the decision of where to go to college is easy, and for others the decision is more arduous. In the wake of a global pandemic, this decision might feel more difficult than ever. Our biggest decisions are often driven by cost and convenience. It makes sense, naturally, that we place high priority on these in selecting a college. But is this always wise? **WE MIGHT BE WISER TO PRIORITIZE FINDING A PLACE TO THRIVE.** By thriving in our pursuits and enjoying our experiences, we open future possibilities that we never imagined. Thriving goes hand in hand with fit. How can we best find our college fit and be confident in this decision? Here are five important considerations.

1

ALIGN YOUR BELIEFS.

You'll be happiest at a place that resonates with your beliefs. Every school has a mission; you want to choose the one that best aligns with who you are. Does the mission support you? Many schools are faith-based, but may not provide the community that truly contributes to your spiritual formation. College is an incredibly transformative time of personal growth. You should choose the community that supports you in the ways that matter most.



2

JOIN A COMMUNITY FOR THE LONG-TERM.

When you choose a university, you are choosing more than just your next few years. Believe it or not, a college is a long-term relationship because it connects you with a community. Your new friendships could last a lifetime. Will you have professors and staff that will stay in touch long after graduation? A great university is synonymous with a great community—and you'll likely want to be in a community where you fit well.

3

OPENS DOORS TO THE FUTURE. Choosing a college is one thing, but opening career doors beyond college is another. A university's ability to connect students with professional opportunities should be a primary focus. If a college requires professional internships for their academic majors, then you can gain a bridge to a solid career. The connections of an established Career Development office can provide you with a network to thrive in your calling.

4

LOCK IN YOUR LOCATION.

You can go to school almost anywhere, but a key to thriving is found in location. What school is strategically positioned near world-changing companies that increase your career network? Where can you go to be on the doorstep of incredible amenities and hangout spots? What university provides outdoor recreation, service opportunities, and a great quality of life? Are there solid local church options for worship and growth? Possibilities are endless if you choose the right location.

5

VALUE YOUR EDUCATION. Education is one of the few things that pays you back over time. A good education will contribute to your growth, open doors for your future, give you a meaningful and lifelong community, build upon your calling, and deliver academic excellence. The value that a college can provide is worth it when you factor in your future.



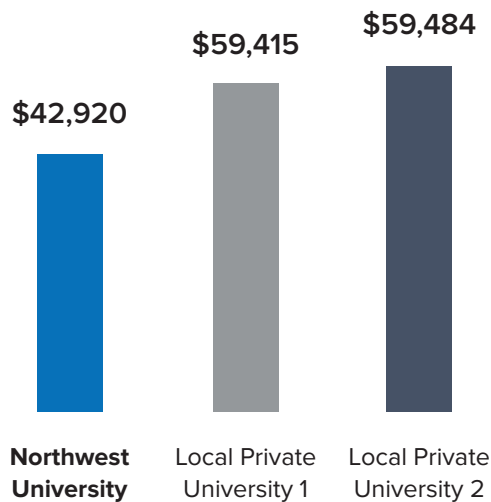
We are made to thrive. And we thrive best when the university we attend fulfills who we are and the future we are striving toward. Look forward to your future and have confidence in knowing that you are on a great journey. Deciding on a college becomes clear when you are focused on these factors for finding the right fit for you.

CAN I AFFORD A PRIVATE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY?

The answer might surprise you.

WE START LOW AND AIM HIGH.

As you can see from the graph, **NU's total cost is significantly lower than other private universities in the area.** But our accreditation and academic standards are high. It's why we were recently selected as a College of Distinction and have been rated as an exceptional value.



NU Tuition and Room and Board*

Tuition: **\$33,500**

Room and Board: **\$9,420**

Total: **\$42,920**

**Prices are from the 2020–2021 school year.*

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST ME?

While we can't give an exact number before an application has been submitted, our **net price calculator** helps students and families plan for the future by generating estimates of actual costs.



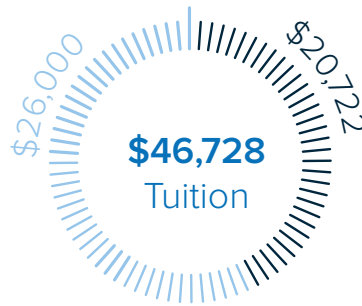
To use this tool, visit:

northwestu.edu/netcalculator.

DON'T BE MISLED BY A LARGER SCHOLARSHIP.



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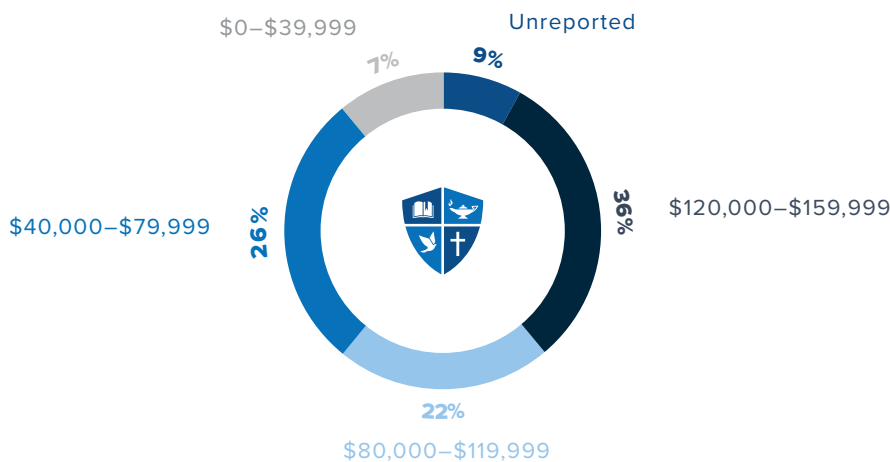
- Scholarship Awarded
- Remaining Tuition

**Tuition figures are based on the 2020–2021 academic year.*

Other universities may offer you a larger scholarship, but don't forget, NU's tuition is significantly lower. An \$16,000 scholarship from NU may still result in a lower overall cost than a larger scholarship from a more expensive university. **When comparing scholarships, be sure to look at their impact on the overall cost.**

OUR STUDENTS COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

Household Income Distribution for 2020–2021 Students Receiving Financial Aid



You may assume that students who attend a private Christian university come from high-income homes. Here again is a surprise. **A quick look at this graph shows that our students come from every economic background.**

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of **POSSIBILITY**®

We call ourselves the University of Possibility because a private Christian education really is achievable here. Don't settle for less. See what possibility our Christ-centered education will inspire and unleash in you. **Apply today.**

NU QUICK FACTS

One magazine isn't quite enough space to tell you every single exciting detail about NU, but we wanted to make sure we communicated as many as possible. Here are a few quick facts about our campus, student life, and more.

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KIRKLAND CAMPUS
UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT*

56
ACRES

SIZE OF CAMPUS

93%

GRADUATES WHO SAY
THEY WERE PREPARED
FOR THEIR CAREER

11:1

STUDENT TO
FACULTY RATIO

70+

MAJORS AND
PROGRAMS

2,409

TOTAL ENROLLMENT*
ACROSS TWO CAMPUSES
AND ONLINE

30+

COFFEE SHOPS
NEARBY

60%

KIRKLAND CAMPUS
RESIDENTIAL
STUDENTS

10

VARSITY
SPORTS

95%

STUDENTS RECEIVING
FINANCIAL AID AND
SCHOLARSHIPS

76%

GRADUATES WHO ARE
EMPLOYED IN A FIELD
RELATED TO THEIR MAJOR

1934

YEAR
FOUNDED

*FALL 2019
ENROLLMENT

MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

BUSINESS DEGREES

Accounting
Business Administration
Business Marketing
Finance*
International Business
Management
Marketing

- Digital Marketing
- General Marketing
- **Professional Sales***

Music Industry Business

COMMUNICATION, ENGLISH, AND HUMANITIES DEGREES

Communication Studies

- Dramatic Studies
- Human Communication
- Media and Society
- Strategic Communications

English

- Literature
- TESOL
- Writing

History and Politics

- American Studies Public Policy
- American Studies Strategic Communication

Interdisciplinary Studies
Pre-Law*

EDUCATION DEGREES

Educational Studies

- Community Programming
- Instructional Technology
- International Education

Elementary Education

- English
- English Language Learner (ELL)
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Science
- Special Education

Secondary Education

- Biology
- English and Language Arts
- English Language Learners (ELL)
- Health and Fitness
- Mathematics
- Music Endorsement
- Social Studies
- Theatre Arts

MINISTRY DEGREES

Biblical Languages*
Biblical Literature
Biblical Studies
Children and Family Ministries
Church and Ministry Leadership
General Ministries
Global Development*
Intercultural Studies

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

Media Ministry*
Pastoral Care*
Youth and Family Ministries

MUSIC DEGREES

Contemporary Music Industry

- Producer
- Recording Arts Technology

Music
Music Industry Business

PSYCHOLOGY DEGREES

Psychology

- Counseling

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

SCIENCE, HEALTH, AND MATH DEGREES

Biology

- Animal Biology
- General Science
- Pre-Health
- Pre-Medicine

Chemistry*
Environmental Science

- Environmental Education
- Environmental Policy
- Natural Science

Exercise Science
Health Science (AA)
Mathematics
Military Science and Leadership*
Molecular and Cellular Biology
Nursing

TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA, AND DESIGN DEGREES

Audio Production
Computer Science
(anticipated Fall 2021)
Contemporary Music Industry

- Producer
- Recording Arts Technology

Data Science
(anticipated Fall 2021)
Video Production

- Animation and Motion Video
- Live and Live Action Video

User Experience Design

*Minor



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SHOULD I
**APPLY
EARLY?**
YES!

Applying early is a great way to set yourself up for success in your college search. **Our Early Action Deadline is coming up soon on November 15.** Applying before November 15 will put you in the first group of students to receive financial aid, housing placement, class registration, and more.

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