

Dear Friends,

In the United States, we observe African-American History Month in February. It is a month to celebrate people who have made tremendous positive contributions to our society while persevering through overwhelming obstacles. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of these people. He was a transformational leader who was motivated to influence positive change in the lives of many people. Dr. King said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" In his tragically short lifetime, he captured the essence of what leadership is all about: making a difference in the lives of others.

Northwest University is all about developing leaders. This week is a big week towards that endeavor, as several departments begin interviewing students seeking leadership positions for the 2019-2020 academic year. While most of these positions are extracurricular, they are no less excellent and formative learning opportunities. From students running for ASNU positions and giving speeches in chapel, to those interviewing for Residence Life, MOSAIC, SAB, and Campus Ministries, there are so many opportunities to be involved. The people who serve in these positions help create the environment and community that makes NU what it is today.

As you lead or pursue leadership at NU, or anywhere, consider the leadership character qualities found in [Matthew 23:1-39](#):

- **Integrity** (vs. 3-4) – Practice what you preach.
- **Authenticity** (vs. 5-7) – Who are you when no one is looking?
- **Humility** (vs. 8-11) – Guard yourself against public flattery and titles.
- **Compassion** (vs. 13-15) – Have an open spirit that welcomes everyone.
- **Vision** (vs. 16-22) – Have an idea so big that you can't do it without God.
- **Generosity** (vs. 27-28) – Be the same inside as you are outside.

Lord, I pray that You will continue to raise transformational leaders who will prepare to go out into this world and make a difference in peoples' lives. Our world is desperate for leaders with character. Bless NU as we strive to make a difference in our society. Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, Feb 18 | UNIVERSITY CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY

Mon, Feb 18 | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Wed, Feb 20 | ASNU Elections Chapel | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Fri, Feb 22 | Ephesians Series: Christian Dawson | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

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