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Dear Friends

In Pentecostal churches, the relationship between salvation and healing has always received heavy emphasis. Around the world, our churches have often emerged out of divine healing campaigns in which people came first for healing and, in the process, found faith in Christ for full salvation. In the Greek New Testament, the word *iaomai* means both “saved from sin” and “healed.”

1 Peter 2:24 quotes Isaiah 53 in declaring, “He himself bore our sins’ in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness: ‘by his wounds you have been healed/saved (*iaomai*)’” (NIV). Healing and salvation go together even when physical healing does not immediately accompany the salvation of our souls, since eschatologically, our salvation always implies our ultimate healing.

Wherever Jesus went in His earthly ministry, He healed people of every sickness and disease. Healing was a sign that the Kingdom of God had truly come in His person. By the power of the Holy Spirit, believers in Jesus still lay hands on the sick and see them recover. Such signs are still an essential part of the gospel of the Kingdom of God. In the time of Jesus, there was no such thing as medical science, and even Luke the Beloved Physician faced grave limitations in what he could achieve through his medical arts. But one of the greatest achievements of modernity was the emergence of medical science.

Over the past three generations, we have seen the grace of God working through the full realization of ever-advancing human scientific pursuit—something God put into us from the beginning. There is no conflict between medicine and divine healing. As James 1:17 says, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...” (NIV). Medical science can do wonders, but even science does not substitute for the power of love and compassion—and sometimes, the only remedy that remains is the divine healing power of God.

At Northwest University, we believe in training medical professionals who practice their art and science out of love for God and neighbor and offer it all as an act of worship in glorious partnership with God—professionals who minister the love of God along with the medicine. Our founders—in placing the founding of a nursing school and a hospital in our second charter in 1949—understood that our calling to proclaim salvation carried



with it a duty to do all we can do medically to bring healing to the world God loves.

Presently, our health care majors at Northwest include nursing, pre-medicine, exercise science (pre-physical therapy), and counseling psychology. We have developed very strong programs that have brought deep respect for us in the medical community. But in the near future, we will do more still. We are presently preparing new programs such as a Doctor of Physical Therapy and a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies to expand our contributions to the healing professions. In years to come, we will add more and more specialties to our health care options. We’ll even start a clinic to fulfill the vision of our founders.

I often receive reports about how a Northwest University nurse changed a patient’s life, but most of the stories never get back to us at the Kirkland campus. In keeping with the strong missionary focus of our founding and our heritage, we have trained health care professionals to see the world as their clinic, and they have truly touched the whole world through their obedience to the call of God.

As we focus more on health care in the future, such reports will come from more and more sources, as our graduates bring the Kingdom of God to bear on every disease and sickness with love and prayer and healing skill. In a decade, health care may be the most common calling card of Northwest University graduates. But no matter what their major, we will always train our graduates to carry a word of salvation and healing in Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

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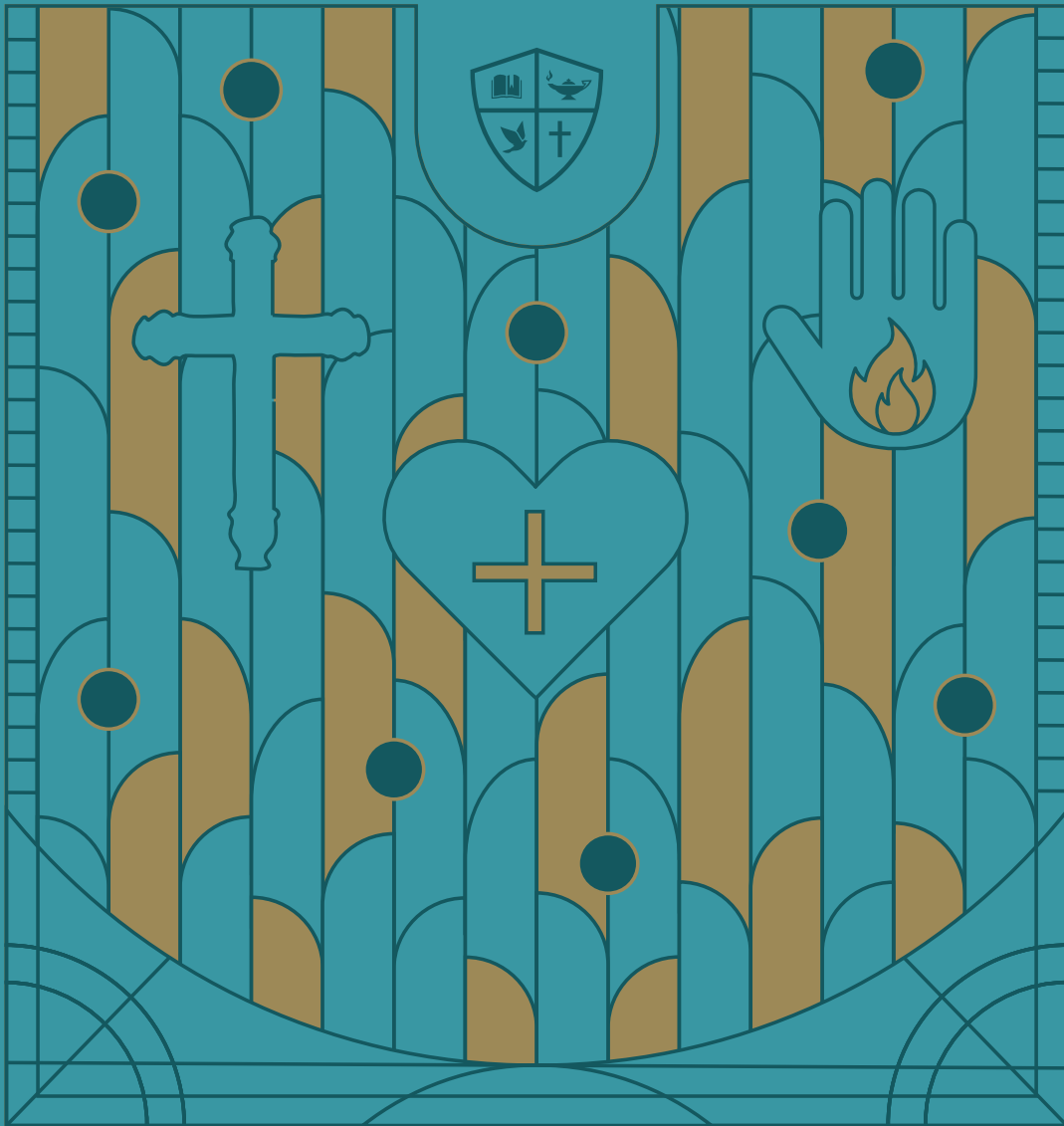


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Revival • Healing • Health Care

The articles you read in this issue of *Northwest Passages* will focus on three critical areas. As Dr. Castleberry pointed out so clearly, they are interrelated.



Revival

A revival is a rekindling of the spiritual flame when God's people seek Him earnestly through prayer and repentance. Revival often begins with a small group within the body of Christ, but like a holy wind fanning the flames, it grows in intensity and number. One such revival occurred in 1906 led by an African-American pastor named William J. Seymour. It began with him and a few humble servants in a Bible study. It eventually became the Azusa Street Revival, the main catalyst for the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements in the mid-20th century.

“The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: “I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.”

Isaiah 57:15 NIV



Healing

Healings often accompany revival—a physical manifestation of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And they show the great love of our God who seeks to heal, not only our physical infirmities, but our deeper spiritual ailments through the redemptive work of Christ. God does not simply “save” the human body of its sicknesses through healing; He also saves the human soul of its affliction through the cross. By His stripes, we are healed.

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”

James 5:14-15 NIV



Health Care

When we think of health care, most tend to view it through the lens of science. But wasn't the eradication of a disease that killed 300–500 million people throughout the 19th century an absolute gift from our loving Father? Did God not equip the inventors of the smallpox vaccine with the intellect, creativity, and insights needed to develop such a medical breakthrough? Some healings are instantaneous, brought about by prayer. Others are developed by scientists in labs. Here is the truth: all are from God. And all are miraculous.

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

Psalms 139: 13-14 NIV



Revival Begins From Within: Highlights From the *Revival Now* Speaker Series

The *Revival Now* speaker series is led by Northwest University's Campus Ministries department and focuses on this important framework: in order for our students to become effective agents of revival in the Church at large, revival must begin right here on campus. The series features speakers from within our campus community as well as outside guests who are pastors, community leaders, and alumni. Here is a brief look at some of the speakers we've had so far.



Don Ross

Network Leader and Superintendent of the Northwest Ministry Network, on the importance of having an identity that is built on Christ:

“ Now you're going to be sent out of here to be pastors and missionaries, teachers, nurses, business people, counselors—all kinds of things. But regardless of where you go in life and what you do, you are first and foremost a follower of Jesus.



Beth Backes

Lead Pastor at The Table, on Christ-like hospitality:

“ I believe God is calling us to hospitality as a lifestyle. But it's critical to acknowledge in your hospitality and your relationships: Are you the one influencing? Are you the influencer? Or are you being influenced?



Manny Arango

Teaching Pastor at Social Dallas Church, on having freedom in Christ:

“ [God] put His name on you, and He put His name on me. And we went from dirt to the image and the glory manifested of God. Why? Because His name is on you. You're not a sinner. You're redeemed. You're not addicted. God says you're free.

The Greatest Spiritual Awakening:

Revival and Healing for Northwest and Beyond

On September 28, **Pastor John Lindell**, lead pastor of James River Church in Springfield, Missouri, joined us in chapel and shared a powerful message with our students, staff, and faculty on healing and spiritual awakening. Here are some memorable quotes from his message.

- “ I believe it’s going to be your generation that will propel our country into the greatest spiritual awakening we have ever seen. But it’s not going to be by might or by power. It’s going to be by the power of the Lord and the Holy Spirit working through you as you stand up and believe the Word of God.
- “ Unfortunately, when it comes to healing and when it comes to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I think a lot of people have misplaced their priorities, and it’s time to get back to the simplicity of what the Word of God says and take it at face value, believe it, and then step out boldly in the name of Jesus to believe God’s going to show Himself faithful and powerful.
- “ The gospel is both what Jesus said and it’s what Jesus did. He’s not done with His teaching ministry, and He’s not done with His signs and wonders ministry. He’s still doing them through the church today. And it’s not just for the mission field. It’s for you. It’s for Kirkland. It’s for Seattle. It’s for the Northwest. It’s for the United States. It’s for Canada. It’s for Mexico. It’s for whosoever will. And it’s for His believers to carry that message in faith, believing He’ll do it.



You can learn more about Pastor Lindell’s ministry and James River Church at jamesriver.church.



The Spiritual Center of Northwest University

The chapel has been the heart of Northwest University since 1965. It is where hands and voices have risen in praise. Where lives have been transformed. Where miraculous healings have amazed and encouraged. It is where students bring their joys and worries and tears, seeking God’s call upon their lives. It is where love for Christ and community come to life in song and spirit.

It is the very soul and center of our campus.

Because of this centrality, we are updating its name to now be called the Worship Center. Within the Worship Center, you will still find the Butterfield Chapel and Westbrook Prayer Room, just as always. But new and exciting things are happening. The Worship Center deserves our very best, so we’re making renovations now—starting with a new roof.

And we are planning more updates that we’ll be announcing soon, so stay tuned.

Your Chance To Tell Your Worship Center Story

Over 60 years ago, President C.E. Butterfield knelt to pray on the foundation of an old cabin that had stood in the village of Houghton. Not many years later, Northwest University would build a beautiful place of worship on that very property to call out to God daily for the abiding presence of Jesus on our campus.

So many meaningful experiences have occurred in the Worship Center over the years. We invite you to share your story. All you have to do is create a short 30- to 60-second video recounting your favorite memory and upload it to our website at northwestu.edu/worship-center. It’s a great way to share with others just how magnificently God has met the Northwest community as we gathered in the Worship Center.

We’ve collected a few videos already. You can watch them at northwestu.edu/worship-center. But be sure to leave your own—because every story matters.

Share Your Worship Center Story

The Butterfield Chapel inside the Worship Center is the heart and soul of Northwest University. We may have lived in different dorms or lived off campus, but we came together in worship and praise as one body during chapel services. Lives were transformed. Laughs were shared. Tears were shed. Hands were raised in praise. And God was glorified.

Do you have a powerful, funny, or poignant Butterfield Chapel experience you'd like to share with others? This is the place to do it. We'll gather the videos and post them to a page where they can be shared with the larger NUJ community to enjoy.

Helpful Hints When Recording

- If using your phone, record in vertical format.
- Record with a light source in front of you, not behind you.
- Stabilize the camera on a hard surface.
- Make sure you are close enough to the mic to ensure good sound.
- If possible, opt for a simple and uncluttered background.

How to Upload Your Experience

Here's how it works. It's easy and we aren't looking for perfection.

1. Use your phone or laptop to record a 30 – 60 second video. Any longer can create a large file size that may be difficult to upload.
2. Once you've recorded your video, simply use the form below to upload it.

Upload Your Story

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“ The chapel has been a safe place where God has met with me, comforted me, healed me, and instructed me. This has empowered me to live as a disciple and to follow after what His heart desires. Words cannot express how grateful I am for this place.

Destiny Kennedy, Graduate, *Northwest University*





Healing Hands

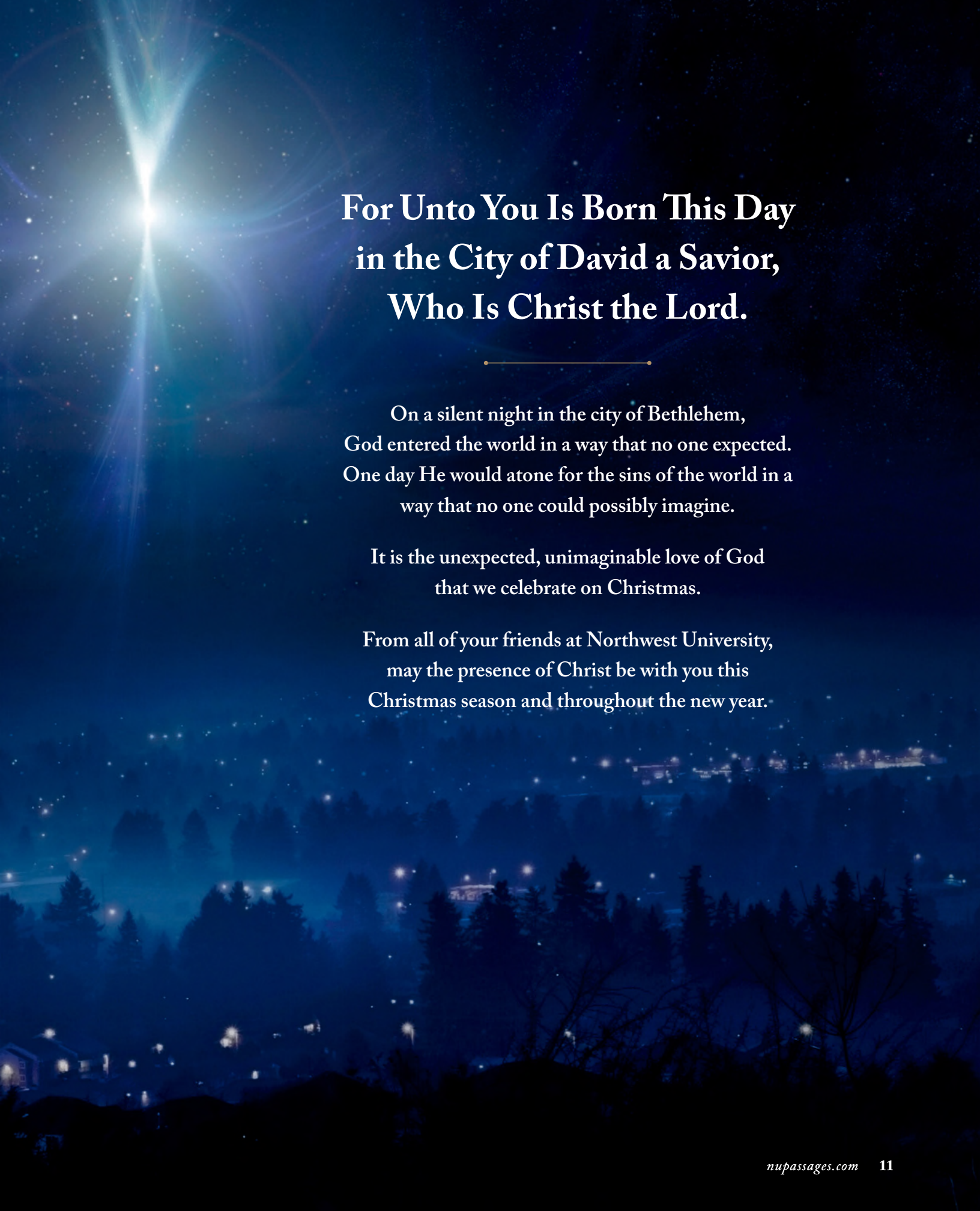
Stricken with a nerve disorder, Ethan Wall entered Pursuit one night to worship. He would leave one hour later with a miraculous answer to prayer and a new understanding of his gifts.

In October of 2018, I woke up with no feeling in my hands. I later found out that I had a nerve disorder that took away something I had always assumed would be there: the ability to feel. For someone whose two main passions were piano and basketball, it was pretty much the worst-case scenario. As a result, I had to learn how to do things differently. Even the simplest things—like dribbling a ball or playing a scale—had become much more difficult. Feeling would come and go for the next three years, but most of the time, my hands were numb.

However, in October of 2021, God moved! I was prayed over at a Pursuit worship. To be honest, I wasn't planning on receiving prayer that night, but there I was, in the middle of Butterfield Chapel, prayers being raised for my healing. After the prayer, I sensed the Lord placing it on my heart to go feel the brick pillars outside the chapel. I could feel the cold under my hands and couldn't help but smile. I rushed back into the chapel and worshiped with everything I had. How could I not! The Lord miraculously healed me, and I couldn't be more thankful.

Since being healed, my God-given passion for piano has become even more intense. I believe God has worked through the gift He has given me and that the healing of my hands is a confirmation of the plans He has in store.





**For Unto You Is Born This Day
in the City of David a Savior,
Who Is Christ the Lord.**

On a silent night in the city of Bethlehem,
God entered the world in a way that no one expected.
One day He would atone for the sins of the world in a
way that no one could possibly imagine.

It is the unexpected, unimaginable love of God
that we celebrate on Christmas.

From all of your friends at Northwest University,
may the presence of Christ be with you this
Christmas season and throughout the new year.





SNAPSHOTS

NU THROUGH THE YEARS

Do you have any snapshots from your time at NU that you'd like to share with the community? If so, submit them to passages@northwestu.edu.





Offering Hope Through Health Care: NU's New Physician Assistant Program

Now, more than ever, the world needs well-prepared health care professionals. This was made undoubtedly evident during the COVID-19 pandemic, and it continues to be true as we enter life after the pandemic.

A staggering number of health care professionals left their careers during the height of this recent global health crisis, and this exodus is expected to continue. According to a recent article in *Forbes* magazine, surveys indicate that “up to 47% of U.S. health care workers plan to leave their positions by 2025.” The problem is even more stark in rural areas where there simply aren't enough health care workers to serve the needs of the population.

What should a Christian university do in response to this reality?

One of Northwest University's missional pillars is *empowered engagement with human need*. We are passionate about preparing graduates who are deeply committed to serving Christ and their neighbors.

That is why we are launching a new Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program. We have seen the broken state of our health care system and are ready to respond to this need in a way that promotes Christ-centered hope and healing.

The first Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies cohort will begin in the fall of 2024 and graduate 28 months later.





The program will be led by its dean, Dr. Troy Bender. Dr. Bender holds a Doctor of Medical Science (DMSc) degree with an emphasis in PA education and leadership. He brings 29 years of experience in health care and has worked as a physician assistant for the past eleven years.

“Northwest University’s commitment to bring PA education to the area will play a vital role in the ever-growing needs of the health care industry,” he says, and goes on to explain why NU students will be uniquely positioned in the marketplace and the mission field: **“But more than that, it will bring**

an added commitment to align our faith with the ability to treat patients that are in dire need of both a physical healing and a spiritual connection.

This will elevate our students to faithfully serve the communities and the people across the nation that are truly hurting and are in need of a passionate servant that will reach across the barriers and connect with their patients.”

If you are interested in learning more about the new Physician Assistant program at Northwest University, visit northwestu.edu/school-pa-medicine.



Dr. Troy Bender, DMSC, MS-PAS, PA-C
DEAN OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES PROGRAM

Dr. Troy Bender has been involved in PA education for the past seven years. His career in PA education began as a clinical preceptor and guest lecturer before he assumed the role of founding program director of a new PA program in northeastern Oklahoma in January of 2018. Dr. Bender also holds a master’s degree in Physician Assistant Studies and a bachelor’s degree in Business Management. His doctoral studies focused on PA program accreditation standards.



A Growing Need, An Innovative Approach: Doctor of Physical Therapy

Baby boomers comprise the largest segment of the U.S. population. Born between 1946 and 1964, the youngest boomers are now 58. As this population continues to age, their health care needs will increase. As a result, physical therapists will become even more integral to the health care system as its practitioners tend to the aches, pains, and recoveries of aging bodies. At the same time, health care workers are leaving the profession in record numbers. These two data points are on a collision course that could leave patients in a vulnerable and dangerous predicament.

At Northwest University, we look to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, market trends, and human needs to determine which new programs we'll add to our growing academic offerings. Our prayers and research have shown us that few professions are as critical to the future of health care and the communities we serve as physical therapy. As a result, we are pleased to announce our proposed new Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program will offer a unique hybrid approach that allows for unusual flexibility—something today's students seek. This

hybrid experience combines online learning with four weeks of hands-on training on the Northwest University Kirkland campus every six months. According to Dr. Matthew Vraa, dean of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, new elements will set this program apart from others. "We aren't using the usual playbook. We're focusing on innovation and incorporating technology in our instruction, such as virtual reality and simulation labs. Our program is accelerated so students can graduate in two years. And because our faculty are committed Christians, they understand the importance of serving student needs—both academically and spiritually."

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program will begin training its first cohort of students in the summer of 2024. Two years later, the first graduating class will bring healing and comfort to a world that has never needed them more.

Through the year 2030, employment for physical therapists will grow 21% and add, on average, 15,000 new jobs each year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



We'd like you to meet Dr. Matthew Vraa, dean of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Dr. Vraa is well acquainted with the need for physical therapy. As a speedskater who competed nationally and internationally for the United States, physical therapy was a regular part of his athletic regime. Seeing the effectiveness of physical therapy, Dr. Vraa began to understand his calling in life clinically and academically. His background is an impressive one.

In his most recent role, Dr. Vraa served as the program director of the Rasmussen University Physical Therapist Assistant program in Maple Grove, Minnesota, one of the nation's first online didactic programs with immersive lab programs. Previously, he served as the director of Clinical Education and Musculoskeletal Lead at Concordia University—St. Paul in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.



Dr. Matthew Vraa, PT, DPT, DSC, MBA

DEAN, MASTER OF SCIENCE, PROFESSOR OF THE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

Dr. Matthew Vraa, PT, DPT, DSc, MBA is dean of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. He holds a Master's in Physical Therapy degree and an MBA with an emphasis in health care finance. He completed his Transitional Doctorate of Physical Therapy and earned his DSc in Physical Therapy at Bellin College in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He has published two articles, a book chapter, and given presentations at several national conferences.

HEALING *REDEFINED*

When Pat Lynn first heard about Northwest University, he says he didn't know a thing about Christian colleges. In fact, he was all set to accept a basketball scholarship at a secular institution.

But then he met Jesus in 1999, and his entire life changed. He felt the call of vocational ministry on his life and left his basketball scholarship behind to carry out his new calling at Northwest.

"Northwest was an explosion of knowledge for me," he reminisces on his experience taking Bible and theology classes at NU. He felt like he was learning an entirely new language as he studied Scripture and dove deeper into his ministry courses. He graduated in 2003 with a double major in Biblical Literature and Youth Ministry and went on to serve as a youth pastor and Bible teacher at Life Center and Life Christian Academy in Tacoma, Washington.

On July 4, 2009, at the age of 29, Pat's life dramatically changed once again. He was on a mission trip in the Dominican Republic and was involved in a traumatic diving accident that left him totally paralyzed.



Doctors told him that he would remain this way for the rest of his life and that he likely would never have children. Yet, in the midst of that hopeless news, Pat distinctly recalls the Holy Spirit speaking to him and telling him that he would be healed.



But some healing miracles, Pat learned, take time. Over the next many months, he underwent countless doctor and physical therapy appointments and had to relearn how to use his body and motor functions—all while waiting for his miracle.

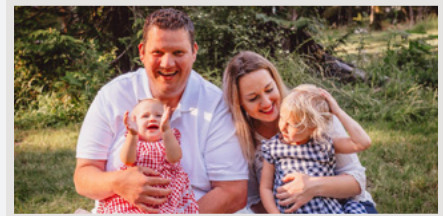


He found himself angry at times, questioning God's promise and even asking why the Lord bothered to spare him at all if he wasn't going to physically heal him. What he ultimately learned, though, was that healing looks different for every person and that God's timing is perfect. Some miracles happen in an instant. But others are prolonged because there are other lessons God may want to teach us throughout the journey.

Pat's healing miracle did come, but not in the way he expected. Little by little, day after day, as he persisted in physical therapy and learned to remain faithfully perseverant in his devotion to Jesus, Pat began to make progress. His limbs began to work again. And his heart filled back up with hope.

Today, despite the predictions of his doctors, Pat is the father of three children—Kennedy, Emma, and James—

and husband to his wife, Jennifer. Their family resides in Sequim, Washington, and Pat regularly shares his story of healing and perseverance as a guest speaker at various schools and churches. He is a resounding example of how God can turn one's brokenness into joy, and he hopes to inspire people everywhere with his story.



When asked to summarize his journey and the unique timeline of his healing, he says: "A miracle doesn't have to look the way you expect it to look. A miracle is anything God does that's for your benefit. In my case, God extended my mission trip. Instead of just the time I spent in the Dominican Republic, I now get to spend the rest of my life sharing the gospel."

Pat is currently working on a book that recounts his experience and hopes God will use it to bring hope to many in the future.



To learn more about Pat and his family, you can visit his website at patlynn.tv.



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Janet Dubois (associate professor) served as a content expert and reviewed ancillary content for the pharmacology textbook, *Focus on Nursing Pharmacology* (9th ed.). She also organized the Sigma Psi at-large Clinical Instructor Workshop held at Northwest University and presented “Tips for Successful Clinical Instructing and Precepting.”

Dr. Tiffany Zyniewicz (associate professor) served as a content expert and created the ancillary syllabi, PowerPoints, and lesson plans for each chapter of *Introductory Clinical Pharmacology*.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Charlotte Easterling (assistant professor, Biology and Physics) co-authored “The Lesser-Known Transitions: Organismal Form and Function Across Abiotic Gradients,” which was published in the *Journal of Integrative and Comparative Biology*.

Dr. Joseph McQueen (associate professor, English) presented a panel for the national conference of the Modern Language Association.

Dr. William Thompson (assistant professor, History) presented a new, in-depth historical role-playing simulation he has written entitled “Money, Politics, and Sport: Bidding to Host the 2018 & 2022 FIFA World Cups” at the Reacting to the Past Game Development Conference. He also published a book review of *New Horizons for Early Modern European Scholarship in The History Teacher*.

Dr. Clarisse van der Feltz (assistant professor, Biology and Biochemistry) published an article called “ACT1-CUP1 Assays Determine the Substrate-specific Sensitivities of Spliceosomal Mutants in Budding Yeast” in *Jove*.

Dr. Jeremiah Webster (professor, English) published his novel, *Follow the Devil / Follow the Light*, as a nine-part serial by Mockingbird Press (mbird.com). He was also featured as a guest on a podcast hosted by Joe Day, who was a lead worship pastor at Mars Hill.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dr. Rowlanda Cawthon (dean and associate professor, Business) presented “Transactional to Transformational Leadership, Conflict Management, Media, and Wellness” modules for the Executive Leadership Training for Newly Appointed Wardens. She presented “Women Empowering Women” as the opening keynote speaker at the Washington State Department of Corrections Women’s Leadership Conference.

Dr. Shannon Fletcher (associate professor, Business) presented “Leveraging Soft Skills to Navigate Today’s Workplaces and Manage Conflict” at the Academy of Management Conference.

Bamana Larsen (adjunct professor, Business) and Dr. Cawthon presented a workshop on “Transformational Leadership” at the Washington State Department of Corrections Women’s Leadership Conference.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dr. Sung-Ae Kim (assistant professor, Education) co-authored “Translanguaging in Writing as a Recursive and Collaborative Process,” a chapter in *Handbook of Research on Teacher Practices for Diverse Writing Instruction*.

COLLEGE OF MINISTRY

Dr. Blaine Charette (professor, Bible and Greek) was the first NU professor to be appointed to the rank of distinguished professors and received an award for this achievement.

Dr. JP O’Connor’s (associate professor, Ministry) dissertation was published as *The Moral Life According to Mark*. His article, “Void of Ethics No More: The Gospel of Mark and New Testament Ethics,” was published in *Currents in Biblical Research* and his review of *Hell Hath No Fury: Gender, Disability, and the Invention of Damned Bodies in Early Christian Literature* was published in *Journal of Theological Studies*.

Dr. Bill Oliverio (associate professor, Public Theology) had a compilation of his journal articles and book chapters published as *Pentecostal Hermeneutics in the Late Modern World*.

Dr. Josh Ziefle (dean, Ministry) received a grant for \$1 million from the Lilly Endowment entitled Family Faith Formation Initiative with a focus on how families contribute to faith formation.

Several College of Ministry faculty members contributed to a special double issue of *Pneuma: Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* accounting for the presence of the divine Spirit across the biblical canon from leading Pentecostal biblical scholars from around the world.

Dr. Blaine Charette authored “The Spirit in Matthew: Righteousness and Obedience” and “The Spirit in Mark: Power and Suffering.” **Dr. Bill Oliverio** served as the editor assigned to develop the issue and co-authored an introductory note entitled “A Concert of Many Tongues: Accounting for the Divine Spirit Across the Biblical Canon.” **Dr. Josh Ziefle** wrote a book review of *A History of Christian Conversion*. Additionally, four College of Ministry faculty members, inclusive of full-time and adjunct faculty, served as blind peer reviewers.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Dr. Forrest Inslee (professor, International Community Development) co-edited *Re-Imagining Short-Term Missions* with Angel (Meeks) Burns, an alumna of NU's International Community Development program.

Dr. Nikki Johnson (associate professor, Psychology) was featured on the podcast *Behavioral Health Today* for the episode, "What I Wish I Knew as a Student Now That I'm a Professor." She also presented "Understanding Diversity, Bias and our Students" at a Young Life Team Training, "Emotional Intelligence" at the Young Life Regional Leader Team Training, and "Preparing for the EPPP" at LightHeart Psychological Associates.

Dr. Cheri Seese (associate professor, Psychology) presented a virtual poster session called "Belongingness in the Classroom" at the American Psychological Association's National Convention.

Dr. Katherine Winans (associate professor, Psychology) was a co-author of "Utility of Diagnostic Classification for Children 0–5 to Assess Features of Autism: Comparing In-Person and

COVID-19 Telehealth Evaluations," which was published in the *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*.

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Dr. Ben Thomas (associate provost) was a co-presenter of the session "Financial Literacy for Young Professional and Graduate Students" for the National Association of Student Professional Administrators virtual and in-person conferences.

SCHOOL OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MEDICINE

Dr. Troy Bender (dean and associate professor) was recently awarded the Distinguished Fellow, American Academy of Physician Assistants (DFAAPA) by the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA).

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Dr. Matthew Vraa (dean and associate professor) published "Prevalence and Extent of Low Back Pain and Low Back-Related Disability in Non-Care-Seeking Working-Age Adults" in *Musculoskeletal Science and Practice*.



NU WOMEN'S SOCCER NAMED CCC CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Northwest University's women's soccer team on becoming the Cascade Collegiate Conference champions!

The team beat 22nd-ranked College of Idaho on the road with a 2–1 win to seal the title. This win gave NU the top seed in the 2022 CCC tournament and an automatic berth to the NAIA Opening Round in November. We are so proud of our athletes and the way they represent NU on and off the field.

Well done, team, and coaches, Gary McIntosh, Makenna Wheeler, Rylee Rassier, and Elmer Rodriguez!

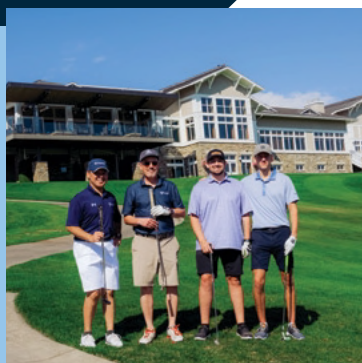
To keep up with the latest news on all of NU's sports teams, visit nueagles.com.

EVENT RECAP: HERE'S A QUICK LOOK AT SOME OF OUR FAVORITE EVENTS AND GET-TOGETHERS FROM THIS YEAR!



JULY 24 | ALUMNI PICNIC

Northwest University alumni gathered at Idylwood Beach Park in Redmond, Washington. Alumni from 1952 to 2022 met together on a beautiful sunny day, ate a great lunch, and played games. What a blessing to connect with old and new friends across multiple generations!



SEPTEMBER 26 | GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Golf Tournament was hosted again at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge. It was a record year with over \$65,000 raised for student athletic scholarships and the Opportunity Fund! The tournament field consisted of 120 registered golfers—the most in the tournament's history.

NU is very grateful to Smead Capital who generously donated \$20,000 as the event sponsor. Roger Blier and Passport Unlimited captured the title of first place, but the real winners are the students of Northwest University, who will benefit from the funds raised at this event.

SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 1 | HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

After a three-year hiatus, we brought back our annual Homecoming & Family Weekend! The weekend gave alumni, students, parents, and families the opportunity to attend various college open houses, alumni chapels, intramurals, athletic games, and improv performances. On Saturday, NU hosted a giant BBQ tailgate and fall fest that featured a donut truck hosted by NU's very own alumni board.



NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY IS BACK IN FULL SWING WITH A VARIETY OF IN-PERSON CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY GATHERINGS!

PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THESE EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS.



PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

February 10, 2023

7:00 P.M.

The Westin Bellevue | Bellevue, Washington



COMMENCEMENT

May 6, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Overlake Church | Redmond, Washington

UPCOMING EVENTS

NORTHWEST CHORALONS CONCERT

December 9, 2022

7:00 P.M.

Cedar Park Church | Bothell, Washington



CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

April 14–16, 2023

Location: TBD



Roy Brewer ('62)

Roy went home to be with Jesus in June 2022 after many years serving in ministry. He and his wife, Arlene (née Wheeler, '62), were full-time evangelists until 1971, when Roy became the Assemblies of God District Youth Director in Montana. After they left Montana, they pastored in Colorado before going back into evangelism in 1985. In addition to their ministries in the States, the Lord also took Roy and Arlene to Paraguay, Kenya, Senegal, the Philippines, Cambodia, Italy, and Mexico to plant 60 churches. They continued their service until Roy passed away.

An endowment is being created to honor his incredible impact and faithful service. If you would like to give to the Roy Brewer scholarship fund at Northwest University, please do so on our Giving page at northwestu.edu by clicking *In Memory of* and writing "Roy Brewer" in the name field.

**Troy Jones ('89)**

Dr. Troy Jones, lead pastor of New Life Church in Renton, Washington, has been named Chancellor of Northwest University's College of Ministry. We are thrilled to partner with him in this new capacity and look forward to seeing the impact his leadership will have on our ministry programs.

He was recently featured in an October 2022 article entitled "A Lengthy Legacy" in AG News, which talks more about his background and family, his extensive career in ministry, and his new role at NU. You can read the article at news.ag.org.

**Ashley Ott ('05)**

Ashley, who graduated from the Buntain College of Nursing, launched The Mosaic Project, a medical clinic, women's vocational school, and professional learning center in Gatumba, Burundi, in July 2022. Additionally, she is the director of Hummingbird Medical Resources, which partners with churches to

run a standardized blood donation campaign and provides village health care services in Belize. Ashley is also a faculty member in the College of Nursing, where she is empowering the next generation of nurses.

Benjamin Simila ('21)

Benjamin graduated with a BA and MBA from NU and now serves as an analyst at Goldman Sachs. He recently shared his story of professional success with current College of Business students by speaking in one of Dr. Tony Pizelo's business classes.

Zachariah Shelton ('22)

Zachariah has recently landed a job with the Washington State Auditor's Office after graduating with honors from NU. His story is one of incredible faith and overcoming obstacles while he was a student, and we are so proud of him for his perseverance, which led to this amazing professional outcome.



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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Kristen Waggoner ('94)

When Kristen Waggoner walked across the NU commencement stage in May of 1994, she was full of excitement and hope for the future. As big as her dreams may have been, she could not possibly imagine that her steps from that stage would one day lead her to stand before the Supreme Court, arguing for religious freedom. But God had plans for Kristen, guiding her every step along the way.

Kristen attended NU from 1990 to 1994, where she played volleyball and participated on the debate team. She met her husband, Ben, in one of Dr. LeRoy Johnson's classes, and they both went on to attend law school at Regent University in Virginia. After graduating from Regent, Kristen clerked for Justice Richard B. Sanders of the Washington Supreme Court. From there, she accepted an associate attorney position at the Ellis, Li & McKinstry law firm in Seattle, where she became a partner in 2004.

In 2013, Kristen began to feel God calling her to a different focus in life. No longer impressed by titles such as "partner," she felt drawn to use her skills to protect religious freedom. That same year, she joined Alliance for Defending Freedom (ADF) as their senior counsel, the world's largest legal organization committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, the sanctity of life, parental rights, and God's design for marriage and family. Over the years, Kristen has argued landmark cases—many before the U.S. Supreme Court—eventually serving on the legal team that overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

For all her leadership, intelligence, and exceptional skills, Kristen was recently named CEO, president, and general counsel of ADF. Over the years, Kristen has moved from the commencement stage to a much larger stage. But if you ask her, she still remembers with great fondness the significance of her NU experience and how it helped shape a young Eagle to soar higher than she could ever imagine.

Landmark cases argued by Kristen Waggoner and ADF

Under her leadership on the U.S. legal team, ADF has secured 13 of ADF's 14 U.S. Supreme Court wins since 2011. Waggoner personally argued and won two of these victories before the high court: *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* (2017) and *Uzuegbunam v. Preczewski* (2021). She is slated to argue her third, *303 Creative v. Elenis*, later this year. Most recently, ADF celebrated the Supreme Court victory that reversed *Roe v. Wade* in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, in which ADF was honored to serve on the Mississippi legal team defending the law at the Supreme Court and to work with the state's lawmakers and governor to draft and enact the legislation.

"My time at Northwest was a memorable and formative experience that helped prepare me for the future that continues to unfold. I continue to treasure the lifelong lessons and friendships formed there. As I take on this new role as CEO and president of Alliance Defending Freedom, I pray that the work I do honors those at Northwest who invested in me and brings glory to God."

KRISTEN WAGGONER





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THE NU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: *Membership Has Its Privileges.*

If you've ever thought about joining the NU Alumni Association, there are plenty of reasons to do so. It's a great way to stay in touch with NU and your fellow alumni, and it offers real benefits you can use. Joining is simple. Just complete the online form and begin your membership privileges right away: northwestu.edu/alumni/association.

Take a Free Class

NU grads have the opportunity to attend an undergraduate day or evening class totally free of charge every year.

NU ID Card

The NU ID card will provide access to a variety of benefits—both on and off campus.

Northwest Passages

We'll send you *Northwest Passages*, a 28-page magazine that will help you stay connected with NU and your fellow alumni.

Alumni E-Newsletter

Stay up to date on NU news and events with our e-newsletter, which comes out several times each year.

Eagle Fitness Center

The fitness center is located in the Barton Building. As an NU alum, you have access for \$15/month for individuals or \$25/month for family memberships.

Library

You'll have full borrowing privileges at Hurst Library. To check out books, all you need is your NU ID card.

Hotel Discounts

Receive discounts at Kirkland hotels when visiting the campus during university events.