





THE NINETIETH  
**Commencement**  
OF NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY

Saturday, the Ninth of May  
Two Thousand and Twenty-six  
Ten O'Clock in the Morning  
Overlake Christian Church



**Northwest**  
UNIVERSITY

## Prelude Music

**Ms. CASSIE FRY**  
Pianist

## Processional\*

**Pomp and Circumstance**  
Edward Elgar

**BRASS ENSEMBLE**  
Directed by Dr. Michael Tavani  
Orchestra Director

## Invocation\*^

**MR. BENJAMIN ACONE**  
MA Graduate, Class of 2026

## Scripture Reading\*

**PSALM 107:1-9**  
**MR. THADDEUS NORRIS**  
ASNU President, Class of 2026

## Congregational Hymns\*

### *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas Chisholm  
Music: William Runyan

#### **STANZA ONE**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

#### **REFRAIN**

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

#### **STANZA TWO**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

#### **REFRAIN**

#### **STANZA THREE**

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

#### **REFRAIN**

## Choral Praise

### *Cantate Domino*

Vytautas Miskinis

#### **CONCERT CHOIR**

Directed by Mr. Ovidiu Pop  
Adjunct Professor

## Student Address

**Ms. MARLEE ARMSTRONG**  
Class of 2026

## Presentation of Special Honors

**DR. JEREMY JOHNSON**  
President

## Commencement Address

**DR. JEREMY JOHNSON**  
President

## Conferral of Degrees

**DR. JEREMY JOHNSON**

President

**DR. SARAH DRIVDAHL**

Provost

**DR. CLINT BRYAN**

Dean, College of Arts, Sciences, and Technology

**DR. ROWLANDA CAWTHON**

Dean, School of Business

**DR. ROWLANDA CAWTHON**

Dean, School of Education

**DR. JOSHUA ZIEFLE**

Dean, College of Ministry

**MS. ANGIE PURSLEY**

Dean, Buntain School of Nursing

**DR. MATT NELSON**

Professor, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

**DR. VALERIE RANCE**

Associate Dean, Center for Leadership Studies

## Northwest University Alma Mater\*

Lyrics by Alumni and Faculty of Northwest University

Music by Rev. William E. Owen

Led by Mr. Elijah Allred, Ms. Sofia D'Aquila,

Ms. Caroline Johnson, Ms. Hannah Wescott

### STANZA ONE

Let God's light shine from the great Northwest;

Go tell the Savior's love.

We carry the call into all the world,

Bring hope from God above.

### REFRAIN

Lord, bless Northwest University,

Head, heart, and hands set free.

Lord, send us out and lead us on to promised victory!

### STANZA TWO

God's Word approved in the lives of those

Who've trained at Northwest U;

The Spirit sought for pow'r and truth,

To keep our calling true.

## Benediction\*^

**REV. JEFFERY DUCHEMIN**

NU Alumnus and Parent of Class of 2026 Graduate

## Recessional\*

**MS. CASSIE FRY**

Pianist

## Recognitions and Honors

### President's Award

**MR. DANA REKOW AND MS. VICKIE REKOW**

The President's Award recognizes significant service and contribution to Northwest University, to the community, or to the public welfare of humankind. The award is made at the discretion of the president and the board of directors.

### *Sigma Chi Pi*

*Sigma Chi Pi* is an honor society established for graduates of endorsed Assemblies of God colleges. The name *Sigma Chi Pi* stands for "diligent Christian leaders," taken from Romans 12:8: "one who leads, with diligence." The faculty of Northwest University chooses honorees from graduates and alumni exhibiting outstanding academic scholarship, approved Christian character, and recognizable achievement in leadership, service, or vocation.

### Alumni *Sigma Chi Pi* Honorees

**MS. KELLY FLANNERY (2016)** *AWARDED IN ABSENTIA*

Founder, Words That Stick, Auburn, WA

**REV. CHRISTIAN T. LINDBECK (1996)**

Exec. Pastor, Campuses & Kingdom Builders, Venture Church, Mill Creek, WA

**MS. SIOBHON RUMURANG MCMANUS (2016)** *AWARDED IN ABSENTIA*

Chamoru-Palauan writer, filmmaker, and community organizer, Guåhan (Guam)

\* Congregation, please rise if you are able. ^ Men, please remove hats.

## ***Delta Tau* Faculty Honor Award**

### **DR. JAMES HEUGEL**

The *Delta Tau* Faculty Honor Award presents an opportunity for the university faculty to recognize noteworthy contributions of services and resources to the development of Northwest University and its educational objectives. Recipients will have had a sustained relationship to the university, whether on a formal or informal basis.

## **Distinguished Service Award**

### **DR. DONALD E. ROSS**

The board of directors presents the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to Northwest University for the manifestation of exemplary Christian character and for loyal support of the university.

## **Honorary Doctorates**

### **MS. KRISTEN WAGGONER, JD**

President, CEO, and General Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom

## **Honors Program**

The Northwest University honors program began in Fall 2018. Today we recognize the fifth graduating cohort. Honors program students enroll in up to eight rigorous core courses and finish their undergraduate career by writing an honors thesis based on original research. Aligned with Northwest University's threefold mission statement, the honors program empowers students as scholars, servants, and citizens. The 2026 graduating members are:

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Anna Haddick    | Rachel Propes    |
| Emily Hayhurst  | Blake Prewitt    |
| Malia Langrehr  | Kassady Waggoner |
| Abby Miller     | Heather Walworth |
| Thaddeus Norris |                  |

## **Honor Societies**

### ***Delta Mu Delta***

## **School of Business and Management Honor Society**

*Delta Mu Delta* was founded by a dean from Harvard University and four professors from Yale University and New York University in November 1913. *Delta Mu Delta* established an affiliation with the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) in 1992 and is the International Honor Society for business programs accredited by the ACBSP at the baccalaureate, graduate, and doctoral levels. To qualify for this honor society, a student must be in the top 20 percent of his or her academic class of business students. The 2026 members are:

### ***Undergraduate***

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Nu'uhiwa Beatty   | Abigail Miller |
| Kalli Ann Budge   | Rachel Pop     |
| Morgan Harter     | Elyanna Totey  |
| Abigail Ishimitsu |                |

### ***Graduate***

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Jarron Lee Ransford | Jeremiah Vis |
|---------------------|--------------|

### ***Lambda Pi Eta***

## **Honor Society of the National Communication Association**

*Lambda Pi Eta* represents what Aristotle described in *Rhetoric* as three ingredients of persuasion: *logos* (*Lambda*), meaning logic; *pathos* (*Pi*), relating to emotion; and *ethos* (*Eta*), defined as character credibility and ethics. *Lambda Pi Eta* recognizes, fosters, and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement while stimulating interest in the communication discipline. The 2026 graduating member of Northwest University's *Alpha Beta Chi* chapter of *Lambda Pi Eta* is:

Caroline Johnson

## ***Psi Chi***

### **National Honor Society in Psychology**

*Psi Chi* was founded in 1929 at Yale University. The purpose of *Psi Chi* is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship. Undergraduate and graduate students are required to be in the top 35 percent of their class academically, and graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA. The 2026 graduates chosen for membership are:

#### ***Undergraduate***

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Kendall Albrigtsen | Thaddeus Norris |
| Amanda Grutas      | Aiden Sheppard  |
| Anna Haddick       |                 |

#### ***Doctorate***

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Aigalesala Afalava | Jacquelyn Latousek       |
| Monica Dyer        | Dorra Robinson-Sandiford |

## ***Sigma Tau Delta***

### **International English Honor Society**

*Sigma Tau Delta* confers distinction upon English language and literature students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. The society also recognizes the accomplishments of professional writers who have contributed to the field of language. *Sigma Tau Delta* has over 600 active chapters in colleges and universities, and it inducts approximately 7,000 members annually. The 2026 graduating members of Northwest University's *Sigma Tau Delta* chapter, *Alpha Lambda Kappa*, are as follows:

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Lana Brekke      | Emersen Jorgensen |
| Sinai Flores     | Meybel Sibrian    |
| Emily Hayhurst   | Heather Walworth  |
| Caroline Johnson |                   |

## ***Sigma Theta Tau***

### **International Honor Society of Nursing**

*Sigma Theta Tau* International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing was founded in 1922 by six nurses at the Indiana University Training School for Nurses. The founders chose the name from the Greek words *Storgé*, *Tharsos*, and *Timé*, meaning “love,” “courage,” and “honor.” The mission of *Sigma Theta Tau* International is to support the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. The vision of *Sigma Theta Tau* International is to create a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service, and learning to improve the health of the world's people. Membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship (top 35 percent of their class) and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing. The 2026 members are:

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Marlee Armstrong         | Naomi Popa       |
| Diana Fernandez-Renteria | Doina Savencu    |
| Rachael Haberman         | Madison terHorst |
| Keilani Mamea            | Vadim Torchillo  |
| Athena Mantalas          | Xiaoling Zhu     |

## **Highest Academic Honors**

The faculty of Northwest University confers Highest Academic Honors to baccalaureate degree graduates who have achieved the highest grade point average on all work done at Northwest University toward graduation. The 2026 honorees are:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Noah Bergmann  | Thaddeus Norris |
| Emri Butcher   | Blake Prewitt   |
| Kambree Degon  | Rachel Propes   |
| Tessa Fuller   | Elyanna Totey   |
| Malia Langrehr |                 |

## Honors at Graduation

Northwest University confers undergraduate degrees with honors on the basis of the student's grade point average at Northwest University. We recognize these honors at graduation by a colored cord worn draped around the neck of the graduate.

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|--|-----------|-------------|
| ● <b>SUMMA CUM LAUDE</b><br>(with highest honor) | 3.90–4.00 | Gold cord   |
| ● <b>MAGNA CUM LAUDE</b><br>(with high honor)    | 3.70–3.89 | Silver cord |
| ○ <b>CUM LAUDE</b><br>(with honor)               | 3.50–3.69 | White cord  |

## 2026 Candidates for Graduation

# Doctoral Degrees

## CENTER FOR Leadership Studies

### Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Kyrin Baklund        | Bellingham, WA |
| Andreas-Bats Beccai  | Redlands, CA   |
| Bamana Kazadi Larsen | Kirkland, WA   |
| Austin Zelan         | Renton, WA     |

## COLLEGE OF Social and Behavioral Sciences

### Doctor of Psychology in Counseling Psychology

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Aigalesala Tauanu'u-Afalava | Nua, Se'etaga, and Mulivai (Safata), Samoa |
| Jessica M. Baird            | Boise, ID                                  |
| Mikaela Davison             | Tacoma, WA                                 |

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Monica May Flores          | Thousand Oaks, CA                          |
| Annie Hyunjin Kam          | Orange County, CA                          |
| Patrick Ryan McLeland      | Crystal Lake, IL                           |
| Grace Kelli Bo Oiy Peabody | Tustin, CA                                 |
| Dorra Robinson-Sandiford   | St. Vincent of the Grenadines, West Indies |

# Master's Degrees

## SCHOOL OF Business

### Master of Arts in Leadership Studies

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Gabriela Estrada | Tacoma, WA |
|------------------|------------|

### Master of Business Administration

|                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Abhishek Abraham            | Bangalore, India     |
| Stanley Aubyn Botchway      | Kumasi, Ghana        |
| Satyajeet Ganta             | Kirkland, WA         |
| Jonathan Green              | Kirkland, WA         |
| Victor T. Karpenko          | Everett, WA          |
| Tracy-Ann Sophia Kingcade   | Silver Springs, MD   |
| Moses Sann Ko               | Marysville, WA       |
| Max Kozorezov               | Federal Way, WA      |
| Agnieszka Jolanta Langhelm  | Tacoma, WA           |
| Anthony Ryan Lee            | Anchorage, AK        |
| Elliot Drago Mistic         | Lake Forest Park, WA |
| Jonathan Masamitsu Miyasato | Kaneohe, HI          |
| Dia A. Nichols              | Puyallup, WA         |
| Lavender Atieno Odetteh     | Nairobi, Kenya       |
| Jarron Lee Ransford         | Lakewood, WA         |
| Justin Blake Santiago       | Lake Stevens, WA     |
| Jairo Serrato               | Stockton, CA         |
| David A. Sickles            | Lake Stevens, WA     |
| James Edward Steinger       | Berlett, IL          |
| Dimitra Sofia Tsamopoulou   | Athens, Greece       |
| Jeremiah Vis.               | Bremerton, WA        |
| Adiel Marie Wenger          | Pullman, WA          |

## Master of Science in Information Technology Management

|                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Putu Abdi Nugraha               | Seattle, WA            |
| Angelina Amoanimaa Afrifa       | Accra, Ghana           |
| Anshu Agrawal                   | Nagpur, India          |
| Khongorzul Badamjunai           | Kirkland, WA           |
| Rupal Alaukik Bhatt             | Jamnagar, India        |
| Büsra Caglayan                  | Newcastle, WA          |
| Joao Lucas Cerqueira Fonseca    | Belo Horizonte, Brazil |
| Hoon Mee Chung                  | Seoul, South Korea     |
| Rojma Gurung                    | Pokhara, Nepal         |
| Yishan (Nora) Hsieh             | Taichung, Taiwan       |
| Yi-Ying Lu                      | Taiwan                 |
| Momodou Lamin Mamburay          | Seattle, WA            |
| Pearleen K. Rattan              | Redmond, WA            |
| Hayden Retzer                   | Redmond, WA            |
| Ethan Russell                   | Oakville, WA           |
| Furkan Şahin                    | Izmir, Turkiye         |
| Muhammad Bimo Saksono           | Jakarta, Indonesia     |
| Maria Fernanda Sepulveda Obando | Colombia, Cucuta       |
| Chuwen Song                     | Kirkland, WA           |
| Yanfen Su                       | Shanghai, China        |
| An Thanh Thanh Tran             | Seattle, WA            |
| Thong Duc Van                   | Hoi An, Vietnam        |
| Pingping Wei                    | Beijing, China         |
| Yue Zhang                       | Kunming, China         |

## SCHOOL OF Education

### Master in Teaching

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Savannah Alderman        | Bothell, WA        |
| Scott Matthew Baisden    | Gresham, OR        |
| Linda Viviana Betancourt | East Wenatchee, WA |
| Welcome Coffin           | Belfair, WA        |
| Emma Jane Cook           | Deming, WA         |
| Sophia Lynn Crowe        | Snohomish, WA      |
| Robert duPlessis Jr.     | Rainier, OR        |

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Anna Eby               | Adair Village, OR |
| Joseph Fratesi         | Marysville, WA    |
| John Fredriksen        | Woodinville, WA   |
| Katie R. Freitas       | Snohomish, WA     |
| Amy L. Fry             | Tonasket, WA      |
| Karste Haney           | Brewster, WA      |
| Allison Mykael Hanford | Lake Stevens, WA  |
| Josh Kollman           | Bothell, WA       |
| Jack Kopatich          | Bothell, WA       |
| Pa'Treon Lee           | West Seattle, WA  |
| Chase Mesaros          | Woodinville, WA   |
| Evan Moore             | Bellevue, WA      |
| Alyssa Reedy           | Tacoma, WA        |
| Andrea Robinson        | Bothell, WA       |
| Naomi Halliday Scholz  | Stanwood, WA      |
| Beatrice Simon         | Lynnwood, WA      |
| Keaton Twist           | Bennington, NE    |
| Emma Grace Unruh       | Woodinville, WA   |
| Ellie Van Berkum       | Lynden, WA        |
| Trevor VanAssche       | Snohomish, WA     |
| Joshua Westberg        | Puyallup, WA      |

### Master of Education

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Rowena S. Disini | Manila, Philippines |
| Savannah L. Hale | Sandy, OR           |

## COLLEGE OF Ministry

### Master of Arts in Bible and Theology

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Kevin D. Chambers     | Port Orchard, WA  |
| Cristina Marie Lorenz | Tumwater, WA      |
| Kathleen Marie Kemmet | Stillwater, NY    |
| Robert Kendrick       | Bothell, WA       |
| Daniel Ouedraogo      | Issaquah, WA      |
| Justin Piang          | Lakewood, OH      |
| Emily Ann Ponczoch    | Coeur d'Alene, ID |
| Samuel William Postma | Kirkland, WA      |

Trenton Reich . . . . . Salem, OR  
 Laura Kay Shaffer . . . . . Middleton, ID  
 Giovanna Cristina Solorzano . . . . . Denver, NC  
 Marquise Nathanael Taylor . . . . . Lakewood, WA  
 Mekha Thyparambil . . . . . Auburn, WA  
 Laska Whiteaker . . . . . Bellevue, WA  
 Gabriel Nicholas Robb Yonko . . . . . Vancouver, WA

### **Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership**

Gabriella Angela . . . . . Jakarta, Indonesia  
 Elijah Beals . . . . . Snohomish, WA  
 Lincoln Dyre . . . . . Covington, WA  
 Cynthia FNU . . . . . Chandigarh, India  
 Matthew Daniel Harder . . . . . Renton, WA  
 Hillarie Kristen Markfort . . . . . Leander, TX  
 Pius Ngamau Mbaru . . . . . Thika, Kenya  
 Delaney Seymour . . . . . Vancouver, WA  
 Ivette Valdez . . . . . Porterville, CA  
 Kristi A. Weaver . . . . . Woodinville, WA

## **COLLEGE OF Social and Behavioral Sciences**

### **Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

Benjamin Paul Acone . . . . . Snohomish, WA  
 Ahmad Naweed Ahmadzai . . . . . Puyallup, WA  
 Torry John Anderson . . . . . Seattle, WA  
 Cassidy Diane Andrews . . . . . Seattle, WA  
 Natalie Bettger . . . . . Mount Vernon, WA  
 Cody M. Bosarge . . . . . Puyallup, WA  
 Benjamin Paul Brecht . . . . . Seattle, WA  
 Conrad Carr . . . . . Lacey, WA  
 Tara Bloom Chamberlain . . . . . Yakima, WA  
 Randy Kevin Chan . . . . . Mercer Island, WA  
 Anastasia Christine . . . . . Kirkland, WA  
 Eleanor Woodfin Craig . . . . . Kalispell, MT

Alliyah DaVault . . . . . Seattle, WA  
 Sara Maria Day . . . . . Marysville, WA  
 McKenzie Eader . . . . . Issaquah, WA  
 Andrew J. Eggebraaten . . . . . Vancouver, WA  
 Mariah Anne Fields . . . . . Graham, WA  
 Mark Andrew Forstrom . . . . . Olympia, WA  
 Susan Connell Gabica . . . . . Redmond, WA  
 Jessica Ruth Gomes . . . . . Dubai, UAE  
 Laura Nicole Handley . . . . . Edmonds, WA  
 Brendan W. Hellar . . . . . Saratoga, CA  
 Garrison Iams . . . . . Kalamath Falls, OR  
 Malik H. Jones . . . . . Lake Stevens, WA  
 Bethany Joy Kletka . . . . . Colorado Springs, CO  
 Ni-Tung Ko . . . . . Taipei, Taiwan  
 Azalea Elizabeth Koestler . . . . . Yakima, WA  
 Madison Brooke Kroeze . . . . . Stanwood, WA  
 Victoria Lee . . . . . Federal Way, WA  
 Anne Leonard . . . . . Vancouver, WA  
 Kelly Marie McConaughy . . . . . Shoreline, WA  
 Katie McNabb . . . . . Spokane, WA  
 Shyanna Moser . . . . . Sumner, WA  
 McKensie Lyn Nemelka . . . . . Lehi, UT  
 Yogi Patel . . . . . Bellevue, WA  
 Johanna Penttila . . . . . Bellevue, WA  
 Alicia A. Pullen . . . . . Arlington, WA  
 Nina Ann Reckinger . . . . . Bellevue, WA  
 Zenora Grace Falepule Salanoa . . . . . Vancouver, WA  
 Sapphire Shaleen Scott . . . . . Boise, ID  
 Danielle Singh . . . . . Ferndale, WA  
 Alexandra Marie Smith . . . . . Bellevue, WA  
 Taylor Jordyn Spears . . . . . Vancouver, WA  
 Ganelle Lo'rae Swindler . . . . . Arlington, WA  
 Nathan Lee Thompson . . . . . Yakima, WA  
 Kirk Thorson . . . . . Kirkland, WA  
 Kayla Thurston . . . . . Bonney Lake, WA  
 Rosathé Underwood . . . . . Woodinville, WA  
 Christina Jean Vickers . . . . . Selah, WA

Timothy James Walker ..... Seattle, WA  
 Yiran Wang ..... Chengdu, China  
 Melanie D. Williams ..... Redmond, WA  
 Sage Young ..... Tonasket, WA  
 Sarah Young ..... Rochester, WA  
 Nato Zhgenti ..... Kirkland, WA

### **Master of Arts in Human Services Counseling-Counseling Theories**

Mia Rosae DeLeon ..... Moses Lake, WA  
 Mihad Eisa Yahia ..... Renton, WA

## *Associate Degrees*

### **Associate in Arts**

Tristen Boulter ..... Arden, NC  
 Alasandra Brinkerhoff ..... Four Oaks, NC  
 Linda Vianey Camarillo Estrada ..... Yakima, WA  
 Luke Chambers ..... Snohomish, WA  
 Pearle Dyre ..... Graham, WA  
 Bayleigh C. Ivester ..... Arlington, WA  
 Angela Magelssen ..... Waco, TX  
 Alexandria Moran ..... Yakima, WA  
 Kevin Perry ..... Calumet City, IL  
 Richard Donald Powell Jr. .... Las Vegas, NV  
 Ellia Taylor ..... Surabaya, Indonesia

### **Associate in Ministry Leadership**

Paxton Luke Bates ..... Puyallup, WA  
 Jacob Cramblit ..... Eugene, OR  
 Aiden Garza ..... Zillah, WA  
 Jerrell Shandle ..... Tacoma, WA  
 Jack Tangen ..... Graham, WA  
 Kamdyn Thornburg ..... North Bend, OR

# *Baccalaureate Degrees*

## **COLLEGE OF Arts, Sciences, and Technology**

### **Applied Mathematics**

● Jacó M. Steele ..... Auburn, WA

### **Audio Production**

Nathan David Antonescu ..... Newcastle, WA  
 Galilea Jihan Dugger ..... Nampa, ID  
 Anton Elliot Koplán ..... Kirkland, WA

### **Biology**

David Jonathan Fulga ..... Issaquah, WA  
 ● Blake Hudson Prewitt ..... Kalispell, MT  
 ● Laura Emily Rice ..... Mountlake Terrace, WA  
 Giselle Ruiz-Martinez ..... Auburn, WA  
 Sierra I. Russell ..... Oakville, WA  
 Roberto Salas Gasca ..... Spanaway, WA  
 Charly Hope Scherbarth ..... Kennewick, WA  
 Jennifer Duran Valenzuela ..... Fort Hood, TX  
 Valerie C. Wanjiku ..... Renton, WA  
 ● Hannah Grace Wescott ..... University Place, WA

### **Communication**

Kameryn E. Myers ..... Silverton, OR

### **Communication Studies**

● Emily Lorraine Barrett ..... Kirkland, WA  
 Velen Beeks ..... Issaquah, WA  
 Arlet Galvez-Munguia ..... Marysville, WA  
 ● Claire Esther Hopkins ..... Sumas, WA  
 ○ Caroline Elyse Johnson ..... Federal Way, WA  
 Emma Christine Kitselman ..... Puyallup, WA

## Computer Science

Tobin Farzad Kar ..... Snohomish, WA  
Charlize Frances Katz ..... Bremerton, WA

## Contemporary Music Industry

Jazlyn Smith ..... Bothell, WA

## English

Victoria Chavez-Gomez ..... Everett, WA  
● Emily Hayhurst ..... Redmond, WA  
Meybel Nayeli Sibrian Olivares ..... Kenmore, WA  
● Matthew Smith ..... Richland, WA  
Anthony Valdez ..... Kirkland, WA  
● Heather Walworth ..... Kirkland, WA

## Environmental Science

● Taylor Grace Rowse ..... Bothell, WA  
○ Cole Andrew Vaughan ..... Washougal, WA

## Exercise Science

● Elijah M. Allred ..... Normandy Park, WA  
● Aubree Caroline Dees ..... Teachapi, CA  
● Ellie Lynn DeWard ..... Lynden, WA  
● Monique Collette Evans ..... University Place, WA  
Brennan M. Koontz ..... Port Orchard, WA  
● Malia Janae Langrehr ..... Kettle Falls, WA  
Rashid Potter ..... Tracy, CA

## History and Politics

CJ Nhunin Thomas ..... Enumclaw, WA

## Interdisciplinary Studies

Jordan Carswell ..... Lake Stevens, WA  
Bethany de Jong ..... Lake Stevens, WA  
Mia Nicole Gamez ..... La Habra, CA  
● Chase Michael Pack ..... Monroe, WA  
Emily Gray Pierson ..... Seattle, WA  
○ Crysten Sabra Slocum ..... Olympia, WA  
○ Kai Ushikubo ..... Lynnwood, WA

Michael Raymond Vela ..... Port Orchard, WA  
Trent Everett Williams ..... University Place, WA  
Samuel Winters ..... Kirkland, WA

## Music Production

Brett Chirgwin ..... Oregon City, OR  
● Tyler Clausen ..... Federal Way, WA  
● Caleb Putra ..... Yelm, WA  
John D. Swift ..... Waconia, MN  
● Jacob C. Weaver ..... Snohomish, WA  
○ Jonathan Ying ..... Spokane, WA

## User Experience Design

Nayel Elijah Berket ..... Everett, WA  
● Rachel Anne Propes ..... Sheridan, OR

## Video Production

Kenneth Romlen Alba ..... Maui, HI  
Amber Ford ..... Everett, WA  
● Melissa Fordyce ..... Salem, OR  
Fernando Lopez-Mata ..... Lakewood, WA  
● Joshua Sterling Sanders ..... Kirkland, WA

## Visual Design

○ Micah Hinson ..... Snohomish, WA

## SCHOOL OF Business

### Accounting

Brady Elliott ..... Olympia, WA

### Business Administration

● Maria Del Carmen Arano Hernandez ..... Marysville, WA  
○ Gonzalo Basterrechea Laca ..... Bilbao, Spain  
● Nu'uhiwa K. Beatty ..... Kailua-Kona, HI  
● Kambree Degon ..... Lacey, WA  
Jaron Hansen ..... Seattle, WA  
● Ava Hoy ..... Olympia, WA

- Abigail Ishimitsu ..... Sammamish, WA
- Kennedy Nicolle Leach..... Yakima, WA
- Jersey Rae Ethel McGehee..... Tacoma, WA
- Carter James McMillan..... Maple Valley, WA
- Elyanna Grace Totey..... Federal Way, WA

## Business Management

- Emmie Suzanne Adsit..... Woodinville, WA
- Melannie Denise Ahuactzin..... Everett, WA
- Aaron Carson..... Camas, WA
- Lakeera Uneek Clinkscale..... Jacksonville, FL
- Leandra Engelson..... Marysville, WA
- Eden Selah Fraser..... Jacksonville, FL
- Alexis Good..... Aberdeen, WA
- Benjamin Lamar Jantz..... Edmonds, WA
- Edward Shekinah Pace..... Grand Prairie, TX
- Jeiven Pemberton..... Whitefish, MT
- Liliya Spasic..... Bothell, WA

## Management

- Alexis Apoian..... San Francisco, CA
- Caitlin Rae Berry..... Bellevue, WA
- Kalli Ann Budge..... Rainier, OR
- Morgan Michael Harter..... Ridgefield, WA
- Andrew Christopher Chukwuyem Iyamah... London, England
- Abigail Kristine Miller..... Bonney Lake, WA
- Rachel Marie Pop..... Newcastle, WA
- Eve Hadassah Price..... Redmond, WA
- Luke Tchobanoff..... Steilacoom, WA
- Devin Wade-Henderson..... Minneapolis, MN

## Marketing

- Sofia Ann D'Aquila..... Snoqualmie, WA
- Colin Gibbs..... Snohomish, WA
- Yujeong Lauren Jang..... Andong, South Korea
- Vivian Rice..... Mountlake Terrace, WA
- Violet Strelchik..... Newcastle, WA

## Organizational Leadership

- Arriola, Ricardo..... Galt, CA
- Mary Teresa Benjamin..... Spanish Fort, AL
- Hannah Huls..... Port Townsend, WA
- Kaleena Lott..... Orange Park, FL
- Maria Guadalupe Rivera Silva..... Mexico City, Mexico
- Anthony David Robert Saccente..... Woodburn, OR

## Organizational Management

- Jamila A. Clay Yun..... Irvine, CA

# SCHOOL OF Education

## Educational Studies

- Sarina Rose Anderson..... Kirkland, WA
- Sinai Bojorquez..... Olympia, WA
- Aubrey de Jong..... Lake Stevens, WA
- Hailey Edwards..... Auburn, WA
- Natalie Madeleine Holder..... Olympia, WA
- Kelsey Koopmans..... Burlington, WA
- Carolina P. Marchuk..... Kent, WA
- Riley Marie Mello..... Minden, NV
- Amelia Melton..... Kirkland, WA
- Kaitlyn Mickle..... Fullerton, CA
- Randi Isabella Ortega..... Burien, WA
- Delaney Sparks..... Rocklin, CA
- Hermon Habtom Tekeste..... Everett, WA
- Kassady Noelle Waggoner..... Caldwell, ID
- Rachel A. Yates..... Bellingham, WA

## COLLEGE OF Ministry

### General Ministry

Seth V. Myers . . . . . Spanaway, WA

### Intercultural Studies

- Justin Michael Anderson . . . . . Poulsbo, WA
- Emri Butcher . . . . . Arlington, WA
- Emma Prokhor . . . . . Spanaway, WA
- Addison Smith . . . . . Sumner, WA

### Ministry Leadership

- Kaitlin Banker . . . . . Salem, OR
- Armando Balderas Aguirre . . . . . Mexico City, Mexico
- Dylan Cash Bartel . . . . . Henderson, NV
- Oakley Burton . . . . . Albany, OR
- Russel Chinyani . . . . . Lynnwood, WA
- Chloe Combs . . . . . Puyallup, WA
- Jackson Derrick . . . . . Olympia, WA
- Kaycee Fredson . . . . . Ennis, MT
- Madison Gish . . . . . Prineville, OR
- Katelyn Rose Griggs . . . . . Bozeman, MT
- Zakary Hedeman . . . . . Kalispell, MT
- Heidi Renee Hicks . . . . . Lynden, WA
- Kyra Leta Hutchison . . . . . Kalispell, MT
- Nathan Ryan Jones . . . . . San Francisco, CA
- Emily Ginther . . . . . Billings, MT
- Philip Lyle Maize . . . . . Freeport, IL
- Adalie Matlock . . . . . Tualatin, OR
- Liana Pierce . . . . . Sacramento, CA
- Cooper Knight Robertson . . . . . Port Orchard, WA
- Isaiah Robinson . . . . . Seattle, WA
- Baldrich Rodriguez . . . . . Boise, ID
- Ana Elisa Salazar . . . . . Yakima, WA
- Adam R. Schweitz . . . . . Newberg, OR
- Brianna Smith . . . . . Post Falls, ID

### Pastoral Ministries

- Noah Jacob Bergmann . . . . . Cartier, Canada
- Ian de Kock . . . . . Snohomish, WA
- Brodie M. Holland . . . . . Moses Lake, WA
- Hunter Lewis . . . . . Kent, WA
- Caleb Martin . . . . . Bainbridge Island, WA
- Levi Ephrem Nichols . . . . . Snohomish, WA
- Isaac S. Randall . . . . . Spanaway, WA
- Cole Seymour . . . . . Renton, WA
- Joshua Athon Veggin . . . . . Everett, WA
- Micah Andrew Woodard . . . . . Lincoln, CA

### Worship and Music Studies

- Gracie Michelle Duchemin . . . . . Yakima, WA
- Shannon Isabelle Frombly . . . . . Bellingham, WA
- Ethan Walker Martin . . . . . Arlington, WA
- Andrew Isaiah Stephens . . . . . Renton, WA
- Aidan Vines . . . . . Twin Falls, ID
- Landon Williams . . . . . Council Bluffs, IA

### Youth, Children, and Family Ministries

- Joshua Aaron Booth Jr. . . . . Snohomish, WA
- Chloe Rose Clouse . . . . . Tacoma, WA
- Justin Zinchuk . . . . . Federal Way, WA

## MARK AND HULDAH BUNTAIN SCHOOL OF Nursing

### Nursing

- Beteal Zekarias Abraha . . . . . Seattle, WA
- Marlee Pearl Pengdwende Armstrong . . . . . Salem, OR
- Esther Baranovsky . . . . . Auburn, WA
- Kythanna Bullock . . . . . Lakewood, WA
- Kaetlyn Didjurgis . . . . . Bonney Lake, WA
- Ella Drake . . . . . Renton, WA
- Brisbani Favela Jimenez . . . . . Sultan, WA

- Diana Fernandez-Renteria ..... Black Diamond, WA
- Rachael Haberman ..... Edmonds, WA
- Eunjin Im ..... Yong-in, South Korea
- Helen R. Kanjabi ..... Kent, WA
- Danyelle Helen Kauffman ..... Glendale, AZ
- Keilani Mamea ..... Gig Harbor, WA
- Athena Mantalas ..... Vancouver, WA
- Nattaly Moreno ..... Bothell, WA
- May Monica Aguilar Orallo ..... Cavite City, Philippines
- Abram DeRoche Ordonez ..... Shelton, WA
- Hongjia Pan ..... Shandong, China
- Naomi Tara Popa ..... Bellevue, WA
- McKenna Diane Ramoso ..... Everett, WA
- Madelyne Christine Renz ..... Graham, WA
- Doina Savencu ..... Kent, WA
- Chandler Pi Scherer ..... Tacoma, WA
- Bitania Mengesha Solomon ..... Lynnwood, WA
- Madison Anamarie terHorst ..... Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
- Vadim Torchillo ..... Lynnwood, WA
- Margaret Njeri Njau Warukira ..... Renton, WA
- Gennadiy Yaychenya ..... Everett, WA
- Xiaoling Zhu ..... Chongqing, China

- Amanda ValAnna Grutas ..... Lakewood, WA
- Anna Lee Haddick ..... Pasco, WA
- Chloe Celeste Hartlove ..... Seabeck, WA
- Aaron Charles Iseman ..... Los Angeles, CA
- Jianna Joy Jackson ..... Olympia, WA
- Masa Spela Jarc ..... Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Annie Joy Kasozi ..... Milton, WA
- Alison Kaylene Lindblom ..... Kent, WA
- Shayna Marshall ..... Moxee, WA
- Megan Dale Martin ..... Mukilteo, WA
- Anya McMullen ..... Kent, WA
- Alicia Marie Nichols ..... Allyn, WA
- Thaddeus Chase Norris ..... Redmond, WA
- Heidi Rene' Powers ..... Tulalip, WA
- Lance Roberts ..... Auburn, WA
- Evelyn Diana Salazar ..... Yakima, WA
- Aiden Sheppard ..... Shelton, WA
- Keyona M. Thompson ..... Seattle, WA
- La'akea Kalaula Kahiau Manuia Thompson ..... Lahaina, HI
- Juan E. Torres ..... Boise, ID
- Hunter James Gregory Vaughan ..... Rochester, WA
- Agustin Villa-Cortez ..... Federal Way, WA
- Rose Walcker ..... Edmonds, WA
- Brandon Wells ..... Pittsburg, CA

## COLLEGE OF Social and Behavioral Sciences

### Psychology

- Kendall Albriktsen ..... Snohomish, WA
- Isaac Seth Blanco ..... Yakima, WA
- Sydney Calobeer ..... Whitefish, MT
- Margaret A. Chastain ..... Olympia, WA
- Gavin Lee Delos Santos ..... Port Orchard, WA
- Anna Rene Eckert ..... Stanwood, WA
- Michelle Marie Elliott ..... Renton, WA
- Jasmine Esquivel-Villanueva ..... Tacoma, WA
- Tessa Fuller ..... Seattle, WA
- Keven Gilbert ..... Sammamish, WA
- Jenisha Love Green ..... Kalispell, MT

*Please note that participation in today's commencement ceremony does not necessarily indicate degree completion.  
Students will receive an official Northwest University diploma upon degree verification.*

## Northwest University: A Legacy of Faith, Learning, and Leadership

Founded by the Northwest District Council of the Assemblies of God, Northwest University opened on October 1, 1934, as Northwest Bible Institute in Seattle's Hollywood Temple. Over the decades, the school evolved to Northwest Bible College (1949), Northwest College of the Assemblies of God (1962), and finally Northwest University in 2005.

In 1948, Northwest expanded to a four-year curriculum and added a liberal arts division in 1955, earning regional accreditation from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities in 1973.

The university moved to its Kirkland campus in 1959, where it now spans 56 acres just 10 miles from downtown Seattle—an ideal location near thriving industries that provide career opportunities for students and alumni.

Since joining the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU) in 1992, Northwest has broadened its reach through online learning, the Northwest Partnership Program, study abroad, and partnerships worldwide. Key developments include the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing (1999), the Health and Sciences Center (2007), and the Creatio Center for Technology, Media, and Design (2010). Graduate and doctoral programs have since expanded in counseling, leadership, business, and ministry.

Today, Northwest University offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees, integrating faith, learning, and service. Its students and alumni live out the mission to “Carry the Call—with heart, head, and hand.”

## Mission Statement

We, the people of Northwest University, carry the call of God by continually building a learning community dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need.

## The University Seal

The Northwest University seal includes these elements:

- An open Bible, for our commitment to God's Word;
- The lamp of knowledge, for our tradition of scholarship;
- A dove, for our reliance on the Holy Spirit's leading and power;
- A cross, for the centrality of Christ in all we do;
- A braid, for the bonds of Christian fellowship;
- The year 1934, for the year of Northwest's founding; and
- The Latin motto, *Vocationem Dei Gerite*, which is translated “carry, carry out, and be characterized by God's calling.” This phrase reconfirms the university's motto: Carry the Call, with heart, head, and hand.

## The Pageantry of Academic Regalia

Traditional academic attire originated in the Middle Ages as the regular garb of scholars. In the unheated buildings and lecture halls of the day, the robes, hoods, and caps were very practical.

The **GOWN** was useful outerwear, and it served to equalize class and wealth distinctions in the community of scholars. Today, in the U.S., the gown is customarily black, though it may be one of the colors of the school. Bachelor gowns are simple and are worn closed, while master's gowns are frequently worn open at the front. The doctoral gown commonly has trim down the front and three velvet bars on the sleeves, in black or in the color of the degree field.

The **HOOD** originated as a practical head covering, but today it is strictly ceremonial. It is commonly worn by those holding master's or doctoral degrees and differs in length according to the degree. Hoods are lined with the colors of the conferring institution and trimmed with an edging in the color of the degree field. The act of “hooding” is part of the traditional ceremony conferring advanced degrees.

The “Oxford” **CAP** or **MORTARBOARD** was possibly developed as a ceremonial combination of a close-fitting indoor cap and a soft, square-topped outdoor cap. Some schools use a type of beret or tam for doctoral degrees.

The **TASSEL** is customarily worn on the left by degree holders; thus bachelor's degree candidates wear the tassel on the right until the symbolic “moving of the tassel” at a climactic point in the graduation ceremony.

Degree fields are identifiable from this commonly used color scheme: Business—*Drab*, Economics—*Copper*, Education—*Light Blue*, Fine Arts—*Brown*, Humanities—*White*, Journalism—*Crimson*, Law—*Purple*, Library Science—*Lemon*, Medicine—*Green*, Music—*Pink*, Nursing—*Salmon*, Oratory (Speech)—*Silver Gray*, Philosophy—*Dark Blue*, Physical Education—*Sage Green*, Science—*Golden Yellow*, Social Work—*Citron*, Theology—*Scarlet*.

The **MACE** is the symbol of authority of the faculty and is carried in the commencement processional by the official representative of the faculty, the Faculty Marshal. The central emblem of the mace is the university seal.





