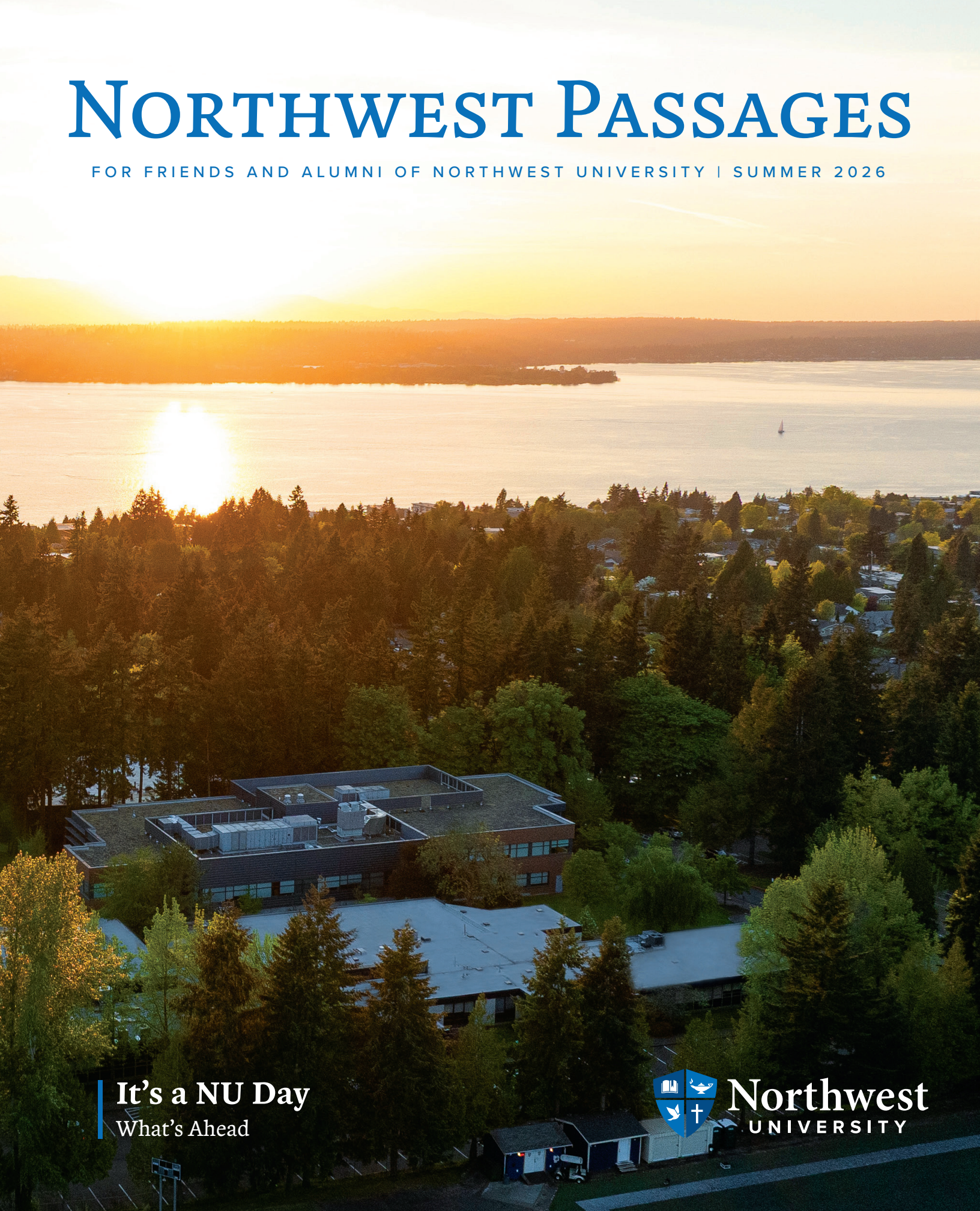


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We, the people of Northwest University, carry the call of God by continually building a learning community dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need.

Northwest University is accredited by:



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I was a high school senior, my basketball coach invited me to visit Northwest. I had seen music and drama teams from the university at my church, and I was always struck by how “all in” they were in their faith. Stepping onto campus, I began to imagine not just attending Northwest but becoming that kind of person—all in. In many ways, that visit marked the beginning of a new chapter—one where I sensed that Northwest might be a gateway to my God-given purpose.

Not long after, I applied for admission and for the President’s Scholarship. A few months later, I received a letter from President Denny Davis saying I had been selected. I still remember one line in particular: **This was not just a gift, but an investment.** That perspective has stayed with me ever since.

When I arrived on campus, I formed friendships, forged habits, and found a sense of direction that would shape my life. But I also wrestled with my calling, as many of my friends seemed more certain of their divine direction than I was about my own. I found myself in a small prayer room near the dorm lobby, longing for clarity. I wrote in my journal, “I exist to...”—and then I prayed. Slowly, simply, I finished the sentence: **“I exist to be a voice of encouragement to a generation of people toward Jesus.”** I read that sentence over and over. It resonated. Nothing dramatic happened in that moment, but something lasting took root. I had discovered my purpose.

That sentence has guided me for over three decades. It has shaped my decisions, my ministry, and my family. It led me through seasons as a youth pastor, a public school speaker, and a lead pastor. It’s also where my personal story deepened: I met my wife, Leanne, at Northwest, and together we’ve built a life and family that mean everything to me.

So when Northwest began searching for its next president, **I didn’t just consider the role—I returned to that calling.** Stepping into this position is not simply a professional shift; it is a continuation of the purpose God first clarified to me on this campus.

My dream is not just to serve as president. I want to contribute to a sacred community that awakens a sacred calling in thousands of young people. My hope is that every student who comes to Northwest will discover their own “I exist to...”—and that they will leave with clarity, conviction, and a calling that fuels a lifetime of impact.

Here to serve,

Jeremy Johnson, EdD
President

What's Ahead.

BY JEREMY JOHNSON

We are stepping into a defining season—one that demands clarity, courage, and conviction. Our road ahead is shaped by four priorities that will sharpen who we are and accelerate where we are going.



01 Culture

We will relentlessly build a Jesus-centered learning community marked by spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and bold engagement with human need. Everything we do is anchored in Scripture and driven by divine purpose. From the medical field to the mission field, we are preparing students to carry the call of God into every corner of society. Let's be clear: We are not a university with a chapel. We are a Christ-centered community, led by the Spirit, mobilized for impact. This is our identity—and it will define our future.

02 Credibility

We are unapologetically Jesus first—and we are preparing graduates who will make a measurable difference in the world. We will be known for both conviction and compassion. Our professors are shaping minds and discipling hearts. Our coaches are developing athletes and forming disciples. Our staff are creating environments where students hear God and respond with courage. We are not for everyone—and we will not try to be. We are for those who want formation, not just information; calling, not just career. As we lean into this clarity, our credibility will rise, our partnerships will deepen, and our enrollment will grow.

03 Community

We refuse to be transactional. This is not a place you attend—it is a community you belong to. Our responsibility does not end at graduation. We will actively invest in our alumni, stand with our families, and strengthen our partnership with the local church. These relationships matter—and we will treat them that way. We are building a lifelong community of people united by faith, purpose, and shared mission.

04 Construction

God has entrusted us with a beautiful 56-acre campus, and we see it as both a gift and a responsibility. As we look ahead to the next 50 years, we are committed to reimagining our physical spaces to better serve our mission. The next generation is paying attention—and we must be ready. This includes creating welcoming gathering spaces for students, developing new residence halls, and building facilities that support excellence in athletics and student life. While our mission defines us, our campus should reflect that excellence and inspire all who visit.

This is a decisive moment. But the future before us is bright—not because of what we will build alone, but because of what God is building in and through us. Together, we step forward in faith, confident that the best is yet to come.



Distinguished faculty at Northwest are all smiles as they celebrate such a momentous day for their students.



Dr. Jeremy Johnson delivers his first commencement address as president, encouraging graduates to focus on who they are in Christ rather than on their next destination.



Marlee Armstrong, class of 2026, delivers an uplifting student address. She encouraged fellow graduates to use their degrees to love and help others.



Benjamin Acone, graduating with his Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, begins the ceremony with a time of prayer.

Rooted in Faith, Rising in Promise: Celebrating the Class of 2026

On Saturday, May 9, the sanctuary of Overlake Christian Church was filled with joy and a celebration of new beginnings as Northwest University held its 2026 Commencement Ceremony. Surrounded by family, faculty, and friends, graduates gathered to mark the culmination of their academic journeys. With inspiring words and heartfelt moments, the ceremony honored a new generation of leaders—prepared to step into their futures as Christ calls them to their unique areas of influence.

Congratulations to the graduates of 2026!

May God richly bless you as you move into this exciting new phase of life.



Freshly minted NU alumni gather to celebrate their accomplishments and wish each other well on their new journeys.





The Northwest Partnership Program (NPP) is an extension of NU's mission to "carry the call of God by continually building a learning community dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need."

One of my favorite parts of this mission is expanding the NU community. As a graduate of Northwest, I loved my experience on campus—and you most likely have fond memories of your time at NU as well. It would be great if everyone could have that experience. However, for students who want to pursue the call of God but are unable to come to our Kirkland campus, **the Northwest Partnership Program serves as a great option to complete their degree while also receiving mentorship and training in their local church community.** NPP students are enrolled in NU's online classes while also earning college credit for their internship where they receive leadership training for ministry and the marketplace.

At the end of March, we hosted the NPP Leadership Conference. This was a time for new and veteran partners to share ideas and encourage one another. It was also an opportune time for people who are investigating what a partnership might look like at their church to ask questions about how the program works. Our goal with these conferences is to help our coordinators connect, as they are a vital part of the NU community. It was encouraging to see some of our long-time leaders sharing their experience with the newer leaders.

The NPP Leadership Conference reminded me of three characteristics of healthy communities:

Healthy communities make room for others.

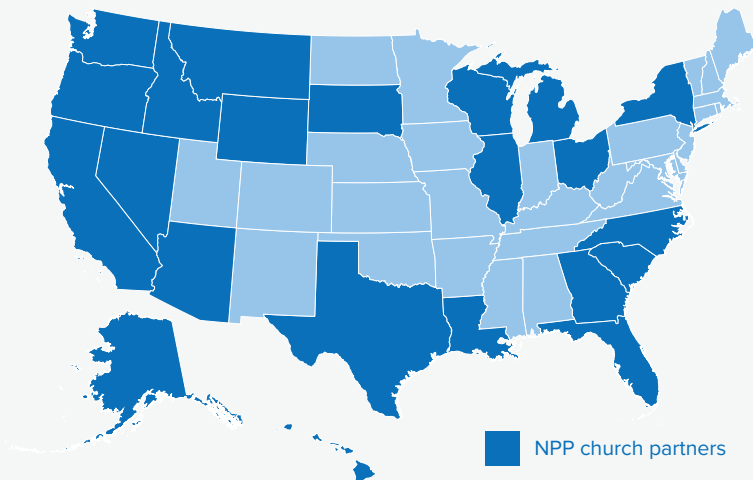
All over the country there are people who want to pursue God's calling on their lives. The NPP helps create space for these students—whatever their age or life stage—to complete their degree in the community that they are already a part of.

Healthy communities foster a heart of service.

Every coordinator I talk to is quick to offer help to new coordinators. They understand what the program takes, and they want to share the lessons they have learned with those who are starting their NPP journey. When we consider the students who are in the NPP, their internship provides them an opportunity to serve alongside the leaders in their church.

Healthy communities help people grow.

Our NPP students are receiving on-the-ground training in their churches and direct mentorship from pastors and ministry leaders. These leaders have committed to these students because they recognize the value of investing in others and helping people step into the calling that Jesus has given them.



We are blessed to have great coordinators and students who are expanding the Northwest community. As an alumnus of NU, I am so grateful for these leaders and their willingness to bring the strengths of our community to their churches. If you or your church leaders would like more information about the Northwest Partnership Program, please connect with us at NPP@northwestu.edu.

Dr. Jason Deuman | NPP Director

The NU Face of Missions.

BRENT COLBY, NU'S MISSIONARY IN RESIDENCE (MIR) AND
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP STUDIES

God is calling a new generation to missions, and Northwest University is answering that call.

Assemblies of God World Missions recently announced its most ambitious missionary initiative in decades: growing its missionary force from 2,569 to 4,000 workers by 2033. Behind that number are young men and women who have said yes to Jesus, counted the cost, and committed their lives to bringing the gospel to places where it has never been heard. Some will strengthen existing churches, walking alongside local leaders as those movements become fully self-sustaining. Others will pioneer churches among the 2,085 unengaged, unreached people groups in the world today. These are communities with no churches, no missionaries, and no access to the gospel whatsoever.

The new face of missions is sitting in our classrooms right now. But these young missionaries cannot go alone. They need the church to support them in three essential ways.

They need to be equipped—and that is the work happening at Northwest University. Our professors are not simply preparing students

for local ministry; they are preparing men and women to cross cultures, navigate complex geopolitical landscapes, and plant the church where it does not exist.

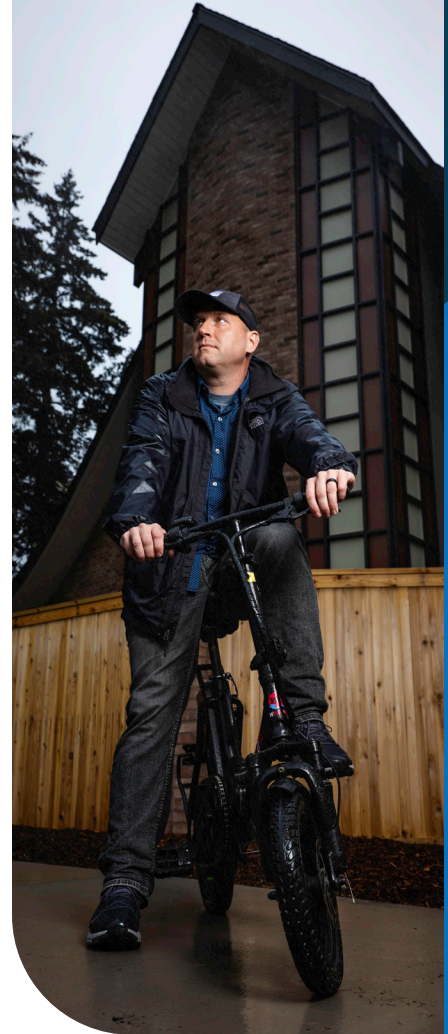
They need to be prayed for. The mission field is spiritually demanding in ways that are difficult to overstate. Our local churches carry a responsibility to hold these missionaries before God consistently, by name, with urgency.

They need to be sent. Sending is an act of faith and sacrifice for the local church. It means releasing your people, platforming their call, and giving financially to sustain their work on the field.

This year, I have had the privilege of serving as missionary in residence at Northwest University, and I have been blown away by the quality and commitment of our students who are preparing for ministry. These young men and women are the real thing. They are saying yes to Jesus, and they are counting on us to say yes right alongside them.

Will you join me?

Equip them. Pray for them. Send them well.



NU Missions

Nursing Cross-Cultural Clinical Missions



**MARLEE ARMSTRONG, SENIOR
UMRI, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA**

As I look back on my nursing cross-culture experience in India, I see God's provision through paperwork errors, hotel rearrangements, and improvements from past nursing trip visits. Our team was able to combine efforts with the nursing students in India, and we complemented each other well, which showed me the importance of diverse healthcare teams. We were able to pray together and connect over our shared understanding of nursing school and our identity as sisters in Christ. Even though we come from different cultures, we are all children of God.



**HONGJIA PAN (RIKKI), SENIOR
FORKS, WASHINGTON**

Nursing has taught me to slow down and think as I provide the best care for my patients. In a small town like Forks, the community is creative with its limited resources, which allowed us to adapt to a different kind of experience. I hope to become an international nurse, so I was grateful to learn and respect this different community, as this experience has expanded my cultural knowledge.

NU LIFE IN CHRIST

At Northwest University, education is more than earning a degree—it's becoming who God has called you to be. Inside and outside the classroom, students are shaped through Christ-centered community, Spirit-led learning, meaningful mentorship, and opportunities to serve.

The stories on these pages reflect lives transformed—faith deepened, callings clarified, leadership strengthened, and confidence discovered. Each journey is unique, but together they tell one powerful story: At Northwest, students don't just prepare for a career—they encounter the living God. And that changes everything.

What's not to love about Northwest? I have taken classes with Dr. Joseph McQueen that have expanded how I view the world, found a close-knit community with both friends and professors, and have been a leader for the NU women's soccer team. Attending a church conference helped me gain tools that I can use in the future, and I can see a leap in both my ministry abilities and everyday skills, which will continue to grow during my time as a student.



HAILEY DEESE

**Sophomore
Pastoral Ministry**

JENISHA GREEN

**Senior
Psychology**



Growing up in a non-Christian family, I have now been able to ask the hard questions about faith. I am able to express my faith to others, confident that I am a small part in God's plan to be a light. As a student-athlete, I was the captain of the track and field team for the past two years, leading prayers alongside the head coach, who is so bold and influential in his faith. Even when I was injured during track, I was surrounded by my team in prayer and learned that I am never alone, which has shown how much of a blessing Northwest is to me.

Throughout my six years on campus, I've seen leaders and students come and go—yet Northwest continues to adapt to people's needs and modern topics while remaining committed to God. Diving headfirst into the disability panel was a big, changing moment in my life that helped restore faith in myself and to see what God has called me to do. Northwest has shaped me to learn how to serve God going into an environment that might not accept Him and understand that God can do anything in my life.



ETHAN RUSSELL

**Class of 2024 and
Current Graduate Student**
Mathematics

TITO SALAS GASCA

Senior
Biology Pre-Med



Just like how the church is the congregation, not the building, Northwest is so much more than a campus; it is the community. Professors have poured into me with unconditional love, especially when a professor welcomed me into his home for Thanksgiving during many difficulties in my life. That sacrifice changed my mindset while leading on the Student Activities Board as an event coordinator later in my time at NU. I've realized what is important and to trust in God and the people around me.

Northwest has blessed me with the Act Six scholarship, confidence in leadership with VIDA (multicultural fellowship group) and Choralons, and a sense of direction with my career. I learned in my education classes that being an educator is more than just seeing a child and producing a grade; to be an educator is to see your students as God's creation, meeting them where they are. Coming into college with a sense of uncertainty, I now know that I want to be a safe space for children after my own transition to Northwest helped me learn to not worry about tomorrow but instead rely on Him.



SINAI FLORES

Senior
Elementary Education

THE NU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

Membership Has Its Privileges.

Join the NU Alumni Association! This is an excellent way to stay in touch with NU and your fellow alumni, and you'll receive plenty of benefits when you join. Joining is easy. Simply complete the online form and begin your membership privileges right away. Scan the QR code or visit northwestu.edu/alumni/association.



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.

A NU PERK FOR YOU.

Passport Unlimited Membership

The Passport program connects you with exclusive savings at many local and national merchants both online and around town.

Hotel Discounts

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

Take a Free Class

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

NOMINATE AN ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



Do you know someone who graduated from NU who is doing outstanding things for the Kingdom of God through their work, family, and community engagement? Consider nominating them for the Alumni of the Year award!

Scan the QR code or visit our website to submit your nomination.

Clinical Excellence and Christ-Centered Compassion



ANGIE PURSLEY MN, BSN

Dean, Buntain School of Nursing

As I reflect on my first few months as dean of the Buntain School of Nursing, I am encouraged by the impact our graduates are making across the nursing profession. My own journey with Northwest University began as a student and graduate of this program. After serving in a variety of nursing roles, including rural nursing, hospice, and case management, and later returning as a faculty member, it is especially meaningful to now lead a program whose influence I see every day through the faithful service of its alumni.

The Buntain School of Nursing at Northwest University prepares graduates to answer their call to serve God throughout the world and lead others by using their professional expertise as nurses. This mission continues to guide our work and is reflected in the lives and practice of our graduates.

For more than 25 years, the Buntain School of Nursing has prepared graduates to meet the demands of an increasingly complex healthcare environment. Students complete over 700 clinical hours across diverse care settings, gaining the skills and confidence needed for professional practice. Graduates leave Northwest well prepared to enter the

workforce, and **employers consistently recognize our alumni as competent, compassionate nurses who are ready to contribute from day one.**

The strength of our graduates is shaped by faculty who are deeply invested in student development and professional formation. Faculty bring current clinical expertise and ensure the curriculum remains aligned with state and national standards, while also modeling the integration of faith into nursing practice. Students are equipped to care for patients with both clinical excellence and Christ-centered compassion.

A defining part of the program is the required cross-cultural clinical experience completed during the senior year. Since 2002, senior nursing students have provided nursing care and ministry in locations such as Taiwan, Greece, India, Kenya, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, and beyond. Graduates continue to describe this experience as transformative, strengthening cultural humility, adaptability, and a commitment to serving diverse and underserved populations.

I am deeply proud that Northwest University is preparing Christ-centered nurses to enter a profession that desperately needs the hope and healing of the gospel. Our graduates carry their faith into practice through presence, humility, and service. As dean, I am confident the Buntain School of Nursing will continue to prepare nurses who are both highly valued in the workforce and faithful to their calling.



A NU Chapter for Our

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It has been an amazing year at Northwest University in so many ways. Serving as one of the pastors at NU, it has been very special to see the completion of the chapel renovation and the excitement and energy that students have as they get to enjoy the finished space. It is not simply about having an updated space—it is much more! This building represents God at work in the lives of NU students for generations.

In the years that I have been at NU, I have seen students in the chapel meet God, experience healing, get baptized, and encounter God's grace and freedom—from chapel gatherings to worship nights, to prayer meetings, to students just using the space without any formalized gathering.

One memory that will stay with me forever happened back in November when we were able to host our first 24-hour prayer in the new prayer chapel. The carpet was supposed to be laid already but got delayed. I am so glad it did! The floorboards are now covered with hundreds of written prayers by NU students.

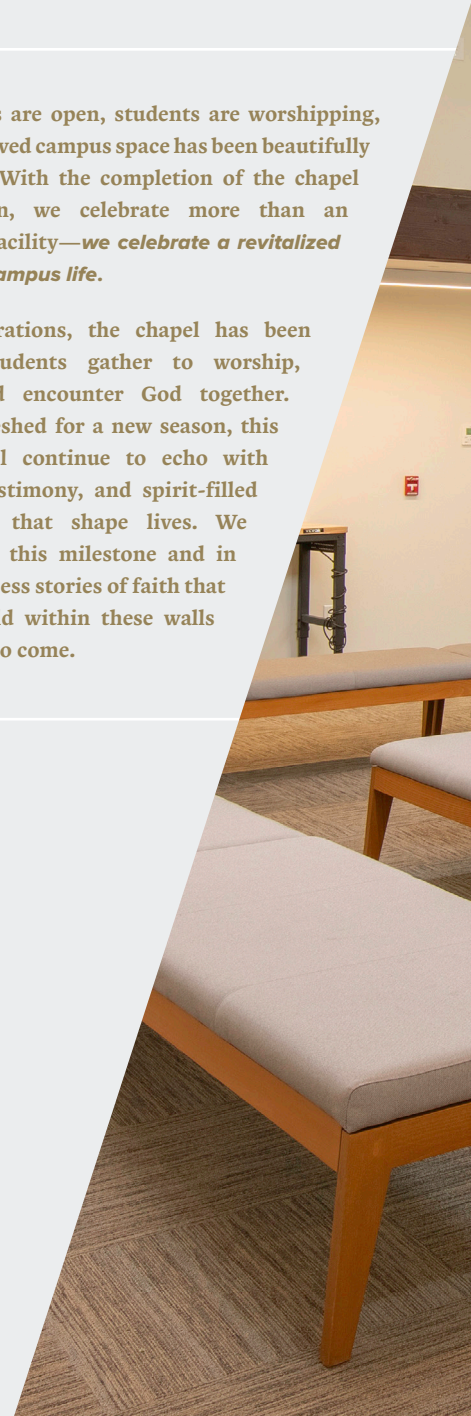
Their prayers were not for themselves but for the future students of NU to also experience God and His transforming power in the chapel.

This chapel has stood the test of time, experienced renovations, and remained a place of spiritual vitality for NU students—past, present, and future—as we witness all that God has done, is doing, and will do!

JAIME SHORES, EXECUTIVE CAMPUS PASTOR

The doors are open, students are worshipping, and a beloved campus space has been beautifully renewed. With the completion of the chapel renovation, we celebrate more than an updated facility—we **celebrate a revitalized heart of campus life.**

For generations, the chapel has been where students gather to worship, pray, and encounter God together. Now refreshed for a new season, this space will continue to echo with praise, testimony, and spirit-filled moments that shape lives. We rejoice in this milestone and in the countless stories of faith that will unfold within these walls for years to come.





PEL





2025-
2026



Kaitlyn Mickle
Volleyball
2026 NU ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Josiah Jaquith
Track and Field
ALL-AMERICAN HONORS
2026 NU ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Jenisha Green
Weight Throw (13.33M)
Track and Field
NU SCHOOL RECORD



Rachel Elliott
6k (22:27.0)
Cross Country
NU SCHOOL RECORD



Noah Ushikubo
60 M (7.15)
Track and Field
NU SCHOOL RECORD

NAIA SCHOLAR TEAM AWARD

- MEN'S SOCCER
- WOMEN'S SOCCER
- VOLLEYBALL
- MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY
- WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY
- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
- MEN'S TRACK & FIELD
- WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD
- BEACH VOLLEYBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE (CCC) PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT SPOT

- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
- MEN'S BASKETBALL
- VOLLEYBALL
- WOMEN'S SOCCER



NU Athletics was honored with the Champions of Character Five-Star Award by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), earning a perfect score for its commitment to character-driven athletics.

EAGLES



Alex Johnson ('07)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, BIOLOGY

The end of the 2025–26 academic year marks the completion of my seventh year serving as a biology and environmental science professor at Northwest University. When my wife, Stacy (Anderson, '06), and I returned to NU in 2019, it felt like we were coming home. As students, this place played such an important role in our lives—drawing us nearer to God and providing deep friendships and community. It is evident that the God who transformed us during our time as students is still transforming the lives of NU students today, and we feel blessed to be a part of it. As I reflect on my time as a professor, I specifically cherish moments with students in the classroom, outside in God's creation, and as a part of this community.

HOLISTIC, CHRIST-CENTERED ACADEMICS

One of the frustrations I experienced while teaching at a large public university was the lack of deeper discussion about students' worldviews and beliefs. In settings where faith is separated from learning, education is lacking—restricted to students' heads (knowledge) and hands (practical skills), while the heart (deeper beliefs and values) is shut out. In science courses specifically, when the Creator is removed from studies of creation, we become blind to God's transcendent beauty, goodness, and truth that His creation so readily declares.

At NU, conversely, our science classes educate the "whole" person, and each subject declares the glory of Christ, our creator and sustainer. Our faith also provides the framework for addressing topics such as genetic engineering, medical treatments, and bioethics. As our students enter the workforce, I feel confident that they are prepared with the knowledge, skills, and values to bring Christ into a hurting world.

EMPOWERED ENGAGEMENT IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

The biology department at NU provides students with opportunities to intern with local organizations and to participate in faculty research projects. My research background is in wildlife conservation, and I currently lead a biodiversity conservation research lab at NU. Undergraduate researchers in my lab use wildlife cameras to monitor local wildlife around Kirkland, including bobcats, coyotes, black bears, and extraordinary northern flying squirrels. One of the major questions that our research looks to answer is how to steward God's creation in and around urban areas.

In addition to research and internship opportunities, Dr. Steinkamp and I began a campus restoration project in 2024 that involves students in our environmental science course. As part of the course, students remove invasive ivy and replace it with native flowering plants in an effort to restore ecosystem health and beauty on campus. Engagement opportunities like these within the local community empower students to bring God's light wherever they live.



FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY

Much of the transformative experience during college occurs outside the classroom. At NU, the community has always been paramount as it represents God's call to do life together. As such, when Stacy and I began serving Christian colleges, we decided to always live on or near campus so we could live in community with students, staff, and faculty. Over the past several years, our campus duplex has hosted small groups, science study parties, department celebrations, and a weekly Shabbat meal for students, staff, and faculty. We hope students feel loved and known as they experience what a faith-filled community could and should look like—even after they leave NU and build community somewhere new. It truly is a blessing for us to walk together with this beautiful NU community as we experience glimpses of the Kingdom of God here on earth.



A Yes From Dr. Ness: The Dawning of Northwest University

BY ELI HANEY

Seattle in the 1930s

A university in the heart of the Pacific Northwest with a powerful story—this is Northwest University.

To set the scene, let's go back to Seattle in the early 1930s—a city that was in critical condition due to the economic collapse of 1929. Seattle was still young and without a strong economic backing like the older cities of the East Coast or Midwest, so when the Great Depression swept through the United States, it hit Seattle hard. Its leading economic industries—timber, shipping, fishing, and aviation—were suddenly halted as demands dropped. Mills closed down, ships sat idle in the harbors, workers were laid off in every industry, and parents struggled just to feed their families.

But Seattle was built on resilience and hope. These were communities of men and women from every corner of the globe who had left everything behind in pursuit of a better life. They had already crossed rivers, plains, mountains, and oceans. The economic collapse was just another storm they needed to weather. And it was in that setting, with a young city looking for answers, that Northwest University began.



Hooverville slums in Seattle during the great depression.



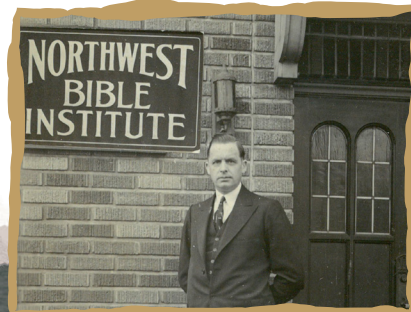
Henry Ness returning to hometown, Oslo, Norway.

Northwest University Begins

Today, Northwest is a robust university that equips students across a spectrum of different fields for their careers in education, healthcare, entertainment, ministry, business, the arts, and many others, but in 1934, it looked a little different. To fully understand the holistic story of Northwest, we need to first take a look at its first president, Dr. Henry H. Ness.

Dr. Ness was born in 1894 in Oslo, Norway. At just age 16, young Henry was among the 720,000 Norwegians that immigrated to the United States in the century between 1820 and 1920. He first settled in Chicago in 1911 where he lived with his uncle and completed his education as a druggist.

During this period of time, Henry had abandoned the strong Christian faith that his parents had raised him with. Instead, he was pursuing the “great American dream” of material wealth and capital gains which had him move to Minneapolis where he made a great success. After three years of owning an accomplished drug store, he sold it and became a salesman for the Standard Oil Company. His charisma and talents had



Henry Ness posing in front of NBI for the first time.

him promoted all the way up to district manager, and during this time he had even found the love of his life and married her.

But something was missing.

One night, his beloved wife came home and proclaimed that she had been saved! This was the final push that Dr. Ness needed to turn his life back toward Jesus. Two weeks later he fell to his knees on the floor of his Minnesotan home and did just that.

He then spent the next eight years pastoring—seven of which were spent in Fargo, North Dakota—before moving out to the Pacific Northwest to pastor the Hollywood Temple church near Green Lake in Seattle. The lies of materialism and the great American dream had hit Seattle especially hard amidst the Great Depression, but Dr. Ness had already confronted that lack and came with an idea of how to fill it there.

One certain weekday in 1934, Dr. Ness stared at the empty Hollywood Temple building. He thought it was shameful that this building, “Holy dedicated to the Lord,” was only full on Sundays. And it was at that moment that he received a vision from God of a Bible school



Ness Buildings on the NU campus named after founding president.



Inside of Hollywood Temple congregation to hear Henry Ness speak.

THE HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE
Corner 69th and 8th Ave. N. E.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON Phone VEmonst 4100

Sunday Services:
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Young People 6:00 p.m.
 Evangelistic 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:
 Prayer Testimonies 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: Bible School 8:00 p.m.

THIS MAP SHOWS YOU THE WAY

THE HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE has been dedicated to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the purpose of preaching the old time full Gospel: "Salvation for the Soul," "Healing for the Body," "The Baptism with the Holy Spirit," "Holiness in Life and Practice," "The Second Coming of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," Etc.

Rev. Henry H. Ness, Pastor

dedicated to training young people for the ministry.

It would not be easy; two Bible schools had already failed in the area, and despite the church and district's support, neither was willing to take on the financial responsibility. But Dr. Ness knew God was in it, so he pressed forward. He pulled together resources for chairs and tables, got access to books and curriculums from some of his old friends at North Central Bible College, and somehow found staff and faculty members, along with himself, willing to work for little to no pay.

On October 1, with the backing of the Northwest District and the church, Dr. Henry H. Ness opened Northwest Bible Institute for the first time.

The felt need of the community and the call from God fueled the founding of this new university—a shining light in a dark city at a desperate time.

ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE Northwest Bible Institute October 1st, 1934



East 69th Street and 8th Avenue N. E.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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DENOMINATION TO OPEN SCHOOL FOR MINISTERS

Training of ministers, missionaries and Sunday school teachers for churches of the Assemblies of God denomination is planned by the Northwest Bible Institute, seminary and religious school, which opens October 1 at Hollywood Temple, Eighth Avenue North-east and East 69th Street. The Rev. C. C. Beatty of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived here this week to begin preparation for the coming term with the Rev. Samuel Swanson, district superintendent of the denomination, and the Rev. Henry H. Ness, pastor of Hollywood Temple. Mr. Beatty will be dean of the school and Mr. Ness principal.



Before coming here Mr. Beatty was for many years dean of the denomination's North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis.

As an accredited school for the ministry, the Northwest Bible Institute will hold eight-month terms each winter. Three years will be required for graduation and ordination into the ministry. The curriculum also includes training for both home and foreign missionary work. Lay workers will be trained for Bible and Sunday school teaching.

Besides Mr. Beatty and Mr. Ness, the faculty will include Mr. Swanson and the Revs. T. A. Sandall, Frank Gray and C. E. Butterfield.

This will be the first school established by the Assemblies of God in the Pacific Northwest, according to Mr. Ness.

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1934

Series of Lectures Will Start Sunday

The Rev. Henry H. Ness, pastor of the Hollywood Temple, E. 69th and 8th N. E., will give a series of lectures on "How to Attain to Complete Health and Happiness?" These lectures will be given Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock. The first lecture begins Sunday, July 29, when the Rev. Ness will speak on the subject "The First Step to Complete Health and Happiness"; August 5, "The Second Step to Complete Health and Happiness"; August 12, "The Third Step to Complete Health and Happiness."

Mr. Ness will give special attention to the individual after each lecture in trying to help solving problems of illness and unhappiness.

THE 2025–2026 SCHOOL YEAR AT A

GLANCE

MOSAIC'S DISABILITY PANEL

01

MOSAIC (Multicultural Organization of Students Active in Christ) collaborated with current students for the annual Disability Panel, which featured the experiences of students and the unique challenges they face daily.



ONE NIGHT WORSHIP WITH NATE DIAZ

02

NU hosted One Night, a powerful evening of praise, prayer, and reflection that gathered 250 NU students and more than 500 attendees, including several local youth groups. Guest worship leader Nate Diaz from Elevation Rhythm led alongside NU Worship, and Pastor Manouchka Charles of Vous Church shared a powerful message calling students to repentance and the freedom found in Christ. The night became a meaningful moment of spiritual renewal and unity across campus.



03

NORTHWEST FEST

Northwest Fest was our final year-end event where students enjoyed delicious food from local food trucks with yummy desserts, live bands, and other fun entertainment.





04

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S INAUGURATION

Northwest celebrated the inauguration of President Johnson on November 19, 2025, marking the beginning of a new season of leadership. The celebration was both memorable and Spirit-filled as we look ahead with confidence and expectation for the future of Northwest under President Johnson's leadership.



08

LIP-SYNC BATTLE

Our community crews debuted their incredible lip-syncing skills at our annual Lip-Sync Battle. This event was paired with NU Backstage, where we welcomed prospective students to campus.



05

MR. NORTHWEST

Mr. Northwest is NU's entertaining and humorous male pageant where representatives from each community crew compete for the ultimate title of Mr. Northwest. This year's theme was Storybook Heirs Errors.



INTRAMURAL FUTSAL

06

Who doesn't love some indoor soccer? Futsal is a fast-paced 5v5 variation of soccer using a heavier, smaller, low-bounce ball. The Futsal intramurals were among the favorites of our student body.



07

LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST

Late Night Breakfast marked the beginning of finals week. It was a fun year-end event where faculty and staff came to serve the student body.



Our NU Alumni Board



Zain Paloalto presenting the Alumni of the Year award to Jeffery Portmann ('93).

I'm honored to serve as president of the Alumni Board at Northwest University. NU has played a significant role in shaping both my personal life and my leadership journey, and it's a privilege to now give back to a community that has invested so much in me.

I graduated from NU with both my bachelor's and master's degrees, and I am currently enrolled in my doctoral studies. During my time at NU, I not only received an education but also discovered my calling. It was here that my faith was strengthened, lifelong relationships were built, and a foundation for leadership was established. I still remember moments on campus, whether in chapel, classrooms, or conversations with mentors, that helped shape the direction of my life. Those moments

didn't just prepare me for a career; they formed who I am.

Today, I have the privilege of serving as lead pastor of Iglesia Betania, and I can confidently say that many of the principles I live by were formed during my years at Northwest.

What excites me most about this role is the opportunity to help strengthen the connection between alumni and the university.

The Alumni Board exists to serve as a bridge, helping graduates stay engaged, encouraged, and connected to what God is continuing to do through NU.

Whether through events, mentorship, networking, or simply creating meaningful

connections, our goal is to cultivate a community where alumni continue to grow and make an impact.

I believe that what happens at NU doesn't end at graduation; it multiplies. Our alumni are leading churches, building businesses, serving communities, and influencing culture in powerful ways. As a board, we want to celebrate those stories while also creating opportunities for collaboration, support, and continued growth.

I'm excited for what's ahead and grateful to be part of a community committed to raising up leaders who make a difference in every sphere of life.

■ **Zain Paloalto ('10, '13)**
Alumni Board President

NU Alumni Church Highlight

South County Church

Andrew Casper ('00)

Lorton, VA

Northwest gave me the tools I needed to fulfill my calling to full-time ministry. I graduated in 2000 with a degree in Church Ministries with a Youth emphasis. After five years as a youth pastor in the Potomac Ministry Network, God led me and my wife, Cindy, to plant a church in Lorton, Virginia. We started South County Church in 2008 and now have the privilege of renovating the former Lorton prison chapel that used to be part of Washington, D.C.'s prison system. It was built in 1961, but the prison shut down in 2001; the development where the chapel resides is called Liberty. We are so grateful for how God has weaved us into this amazing history and is using us to bring freedom to our community. I am so thankful for all the faculty and administration at Northwest who poured into my life.



**Debra Evans ('76)****Corona, CA | Teacher**

This past year my husband, James, and I celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary. We have three daughters and six grandchildren. Our oldest daughter is an NU grad too—and her first dorm room had been mine. We shared two professors: Bill Randolph and Leroy Johnson. The funny thing is they knew she was my daughter!

Favorite NU Memory: Seeing a high school classmate, who had not been a Christian, stand up in chapel during Spiritual Emphasis Week and give his testimony of his rebirth into Christ. I was a senior that year, and he was a freshman. I still thank the Lord for showing me His transformative power. I got to see him again 46 years later at our 50th high school reunion—and yes, he is still serving the Lord with his whole heart.

Melinda (Allerdings) Langrehr ('96)**Kettle Falls, WA | High School Teacher**

I was one of the first graduates of NU's Secondary Education program. I've been a teacher for 27 years and am in my 23rd year teaching at Kettle Falls High School in Kettle Falls, Washington. Throughout my teaching career, I've coached several years of volleyball and even spent a few years as an athletic director. My husband, Matt, continues to work for Avista Utilities as a senior enterprise asset management planner. Our oldest daughter, Malia, is a senior at NU and will graduate this spring with a degree in Exercise Science, pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Favorite NU Memory: Time spent with friends, the Resident Life staff, and the volleyball team.

Peter Degon ('98)**Lacey, WA | Lead Pastor**

Stacy and I look back upon our time at NU with deep appreciation for the training we received and the friendships we made. We love to walk the campus today and remember those incredible days. I am the lead pastor of True Grace Church in Lacey, Washington, and Stacy is the purchaser at a medical supply store. Our son, Luke, graduated from NU in '25 and is the worship director at our church. Our daughter, Kambree, is currently studying business and playing soccer for NU.

Favorite NU Memory: Meeting my wife, Stacy, and discovering the school had a library (she worked there as a student). I also enjoyed the flag football games on the Seahawks field on Saturdays.

Cherree Crumbo ('05)**Anacortes, WA | Teacher and Stay-at-Home Mom**

My husband and I moved to Oklahoma shortly after we got married, and I worked as an elementary teacher for five years in Broken Arrow Public Schools. In 2012 when I started to have children, I was able to stay home with our four kids. We have moved back to Anacortes, Washington, and I am currently substitute teaching at my children's Christian school and run the Parent Teacher Fellowship. Kevin and I will celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary this June, and we serve faithfully at our church, Family Life.

Favorite NU Memory: My favorite memories of NU happened on my floor of Perks 300: staying up late talking, watching "Friends," playing pranks, and building lifelong relationships. I also loved chapel and my education classes. NU was the best place for me!

Hannah Kenyon ('18)**Salem, OR | Preschool Teacher**

I spent the last four years teaching at Xi'an International School in China. I taught the preschool class and had students from South Korea, China, Japan, and America. In June 2025, I moved back to America to be around family for a while. I am currently teaching 2-year-olds at a daycare/preschool in Albany, Oregon, and I hope to return to China in the future.

Favorite NU Memory: My favorite memory at NU was Screaming Eagles Week. I loved getting together as a floor or FOA to compete against the other floors. Pursuit nights were also one of my favorite memories. Getting to start out the week experiencing the presence of God was powerful!

Anna Molinero ('19)**Potsdam, NY | Labor and Delivery Nurse**

I currently work as a labor and delivery RN and teach childbirth classes—living my dream job, truly. I'm raising two little ones with one on the way and am involved in an amazing local church surrounded by good community. So thankful!

Emily Epres ('24)**Buffalo Grove, IL | Worship Director**

After first working a full-time kid's daycare job, I moved from Washington to Illinois with my family, then got engaged and secured a job in my field as the worship

director of Christ Church Vernon Hills.

My fiancé graduated from NU and moved to Illinois, finding a job in his field as a microbiology lab tech. We found a great community and got married. Life is good, and God provides.

Favorite NU Memory: Traveling to Turkey with my College of Ministry group in 2023. The things I learned and the places I saw were unmatched!

Elisabeth Petersen ('24)**Merritt Island, FL | Missionary**

Since graduating, I now work at a missions organization based in Florida with over 500 staff worldwide. I got married, am expecting my first son, and have even had the opportunity to teach at the Bible school here at our headquarters. I cannot speak highly enough of how God used NU to prepare me for this season of my life. I am so thankful for the staff, faculty, and fellow students who helped me grow so much.

Favorite NU Memory: Going on lake jumps after finishing finals. Chatting in the dorms into the late hours of the night. Going to classes and learning so much about God. My faith grew so much, but I also had so much fun. I made lifelong friends!



Visit the Pecota Student Center on campus THIS FALL to shop for NU gear!



BUNTAIN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Janet Dubios (associate professor) was an Excellence in Action Finalist for the 2025 March of Dimes Honors. At the March of Dimes Gala on Friday, November 7, 2025, Janet earned the Distinguished Nurse of the Year award and was honored for her dedication to nursing education, student success, clinical excellence, and leadership.

Cheri Goit (associate professor) was a textbook reviewer for Craven, R.F. & Hirnle, C. J. (2028), “Fundamentals of Nursing: Concepts and Competencies for Practice” (11th ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

Jennifer Graves (adjunct faculty) received the Volunteer of the Year Award at the March of Dimes Gala.

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES, AND TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Clint Bryan (associate professor, dean) published “Presentation of Self in Academic Support Genres: Job Application Statements.” University of Michigan Press, 2025.

Jenni Cyrek (assistant professor) presented “The Miraculous and the Mechanical: Discerning a Prayerful Approach to AI Stewardship from a Pentecostal-Christian Perspective” at the Society for Pentecostal Studies Conference at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, on March 13, 2026. She also chaired the opening session of the Christian Ethics interest group at the Society for Pentecostal Studies Conference at Baylor University on March 12, 2026.

Dr. Charlotte M. Easterling (associate professor) had a Fall 2025 NU graduate present, along with another NU graduate (Fall 2024) as a coauthor (Charly H. Scherbarth and Caroline Sontra) “A Prickly Problem: Studying Locomotion in the Four-Toed Hedgehog.” Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. January 2026. Portland, OR.

Dr. Clarisse van der Feltz (assistant professor), **Alex Johnson** (associate professor), and NU undergraduate students gave poster presentations of their original scientific research at the Murdock Conference. Poster 1: “Mammalian Carnivore Diversity in Pacific Northwest Urban Fragments” by Taylor Rowse, Chloe Van Boekhout, and Alex M. Johnson.

Poster 2: “Characterizing RNA Aptamers that Bind to the Luminescent Probe ATBTA” by David Fulga, Samuel Postma, Dyllynne Howser, Georgina Jimenez, Laura Rice, Clarisse van der Feltz, and Nikki Johnson.

Dr. Joe McQueen (professor, English) presented a paper on Victorian poetry and religion at the Project Poetica Symposium at Southern Methodist University in Texas, and his book, “Liturgy, Ritual, and Secularization in Nineteenth-Century British Literature” (Cambridge UP), received positive reviews in the journals *Literature and Theology* and *Victorian Review*.

Steve Smith (instructor, Creatio) worked on a song chosen by Team USA figure skater Alysa Liu for her performance in the 2026 Winter Olympics. Liu’s gold-medal performance catapulted the Donna Summer’s song “MacArthur Park” to the top of the charts, garnering the #1 spot on Billboard’s Digital Dance Song Sales chart. Steve engineered the song over 40 years ago.

Dr. Richard Snyder (assistant professor, Communications) co-authored an electronic book review with Sarah Whitcomb Laiola titled “The Problem of Instagram: Emerging Genres of Third Gen E-Lit” *Electronic Book Review*, September 28, 2025.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Rowlanda Cawthon (associate professor, dean) co-facilitated a two-day training on Leadership Sustainability at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville, OR, on March 9–10, 2026.

Dr. Angela Craig (assistant professor) authored the chapter “Ubuntu Leadership: Fostering Global Equity, Resilience, and Sustainability” in *Global Leadership for a Sustainable Future: Issues and Solutions in Public and Non-Profit Organizations* edited by L. Guo-Brennan, M. Guajardo, M. Guo-Brennan, K. Arar, and D. M. Rosser-Mim. Emerald Publications.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dr. Rowlanda Cawthon (associate professor, dean) facilitated an interactive workshop titled “Leading with an Equity Focus: Transformational Leadership in Today’s Schools” for the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, February 5, 2026.

Dr. Suzan Kobashigawa (professor) presented on a panel at the International TESOL Conference in Salt Lake City, UT, on Friday, March 27, 2026. Suzan joined four

other international specialists on the development of the national English language curriculum for Panama. “One Year National Curriculum Reform: Coffee, Chaos, and Lessons Learned” is the behind-the-scenes experience supporting the project.

Dr. Heather Lucas (associate professor) published the webinar “Video, Feedback, and Self Efficacy: What the Research Reveals,” hosted by GoReact, June 18, 2025.

She also presented at the National Field Experience Conference at Southern Arkansas University on March 18–20, 2026. “Video Annotation and Reflective Practice: Insights from a Phenomenological Study of Preservice Teachers” examines student reflection and change using a video platform.

Additionally, she developed the Executive Function Toolkit (www.executivefunctiontoolkit.org) a resource designed to help students strengthen key executive function skills. She shared this work with faculty through a Teaching Café presentation on February 5, 2026, and co-led an executive function workshop for students on February 24, 2026.

Lastly, she received the Northwest University Clark Grant to create training modules for mentor teachers working with MIT candidates.

COLLEGE OF MINISTRY

Dr. J.P. O'Connor (associate professor, Ministry) published “Wayne Meek’s Middle Class Christians: The Cost of Neglecting the Lives of Enslaved People in Pauline Congregations.” Program Unit: Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. November 2025. Boston, MA.

SCHOOL OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MEDICINE

Dr. Mary Coday’s (medical director) eye care practice, Overlake EyeCare, received the 2025 Seattle Times People’s Choice award for Silver – Best Eye Doctor/Care.

Dr. Troy Decker (associate professor) completed his Doctorate of Medical Science with an emphasis in Medical Education. October 2025.

Dr. Laura DesEnfants (assistant professor) was elected to the Executive Board of the Washington Academy of PA’s (WAPA) as secretary.

Dr. Charlotte Easterling (assistant professor) co-presented “A Suspected Subscapular Myxoid Tumor Within a Cadaveric Donor: An Anatomical Case Study” with Paul-Neil Czujko, Kyle Crager, Cassandra L. Movinsky, and Marsha Rutland at the American Association for Anatomy. April 2026. Albuquerque, NM.

Dr. Charlotte Easterling (assistant professor) and **Alisha Plummer** (assistant professor) presented “The Power of Partnership: Utilizing Formalin-Embalmed Cadavers Across School of PA Medicine Curriculum” at the American Association for Anatomy conference, Anatomy Connected. April 2026. Albuquerque, NM.

Alisha Plummer (assistant professor) has been accepted into the Samaritan’s Purse international Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART). Alisha may be called to deploy for short-term medical trips as needed, serving with the medical disaster relief arm of their ministry.

Dr. Nicole Reichhart (associate professor) co-presented at the Spring WAPA/OSPA joint conference in a workshop titled “Scan and See: A Hands-On Introduction to Point-of-Care Ultrasound.”

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Dr. Nikki Johnson (associate professor) presented at the Washington State Psychological Association Fall Convention. Her presentation “History Doesn’t Repeat but It Rhymes: Understanding Bias, Group Division, and How To Bridge the Divide” was approved by the American Psychological Association and presented on October 17, 2025.



the PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

Presented by the Northwest University Foundation Board of Trustees



We are pleased to announce that the Northwest University community raised more than **\$1.75 million** for the Opportunity Fund and student scholarships during the President's Banquet.

Thank you to those who gave in order for us to reach this incredible milestone! In a year of transition with our new president, Dr. Jeremy Johnson, we are deeply grateful for your generosity and belief in the mission of Northwest University.

We were honored to have the company of a room filled with NU foundation trustees and their guests, as well as alumni, pastors, and members of the Alumni Board led by its new president, Zain Paloalto.

We featured the Alumni of the Year, Dr. Jeffery Portmann, lead pastor at Gateway Fellowship. Several other alums—Leanne Konzelman, Jeffrey Duchemin, and Hayley McCroskey—spoke as part of a panel on why they remain committed to NU, why they hire NU students professionally, and what NU has meant

to them. Additionally, two current NU students shared personal stories about how they have experienced Jesus on campus (Marlee Armstrong, class of '26, and Miciah Hagen, class of '27).

Overall, it was a powerful evening where God through His faithful people did amazingly more than all we could ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20), and of course, the Northwest Choralons energized and guided us in our worship and praise of Jesus.

While we celebrate what we achieved together, something far more important occurred at President's Banquet 2026: **the building and deepening of the Northwest University community**. This is God's university, with Jesus firmly at the center and the power of the Holy Spirit moving through our students and our campus. Thank you for remaining connected.





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Upcoming Events

Welcome Weekend | August 27–30 NU CAMPUS

Welcome Weekend is a four-day experience designed to help incoming students transition smoothly into life at Northwest. The program introduces students to key faculty and staff, highlights essential campus resources, and builds a sense of belonging, confidence, and community from day one.

Family Weekend | September 25–26 NU CAMPUS

Parents and families: You are invited to experience campus life with your student. Come attend a class with your student; meet current students, faculty, and staff; and participate in special family-friendly activities.

For more information on upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit northwestu.edu/events.

