

The background of the cover is a photograph of two young people, a woman and a man, smiling and looking towards the camera. They are outdoors, with green foliage in the background. The woman has long blonde hair and is wearing a dark green top. The man has short brown hair and is wearing a red t-shirt with a white Nike logo. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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THE PLACES AND SPACES OF COMMUNITY  
CONTINUE THE STORY: NNU CENTURY TWO  
THE 2017 ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS



What do you value most? It's a fairly simple, straightforward question. But the answers to this question give insights that begin to define who we are.

A quick internet search reveals a host of answers: freedom, health (physical, mental, and emotional can all be found), time, peace of mind, my family, contentment, a job that you don't hate on most days (that was really out there—I didn't make that up), care, work, my skills, ... and the list goes on.

Here at NNU, we have identified four Values—Transformation, Truth, Community and Service. For those of us who are NNU alums, these values resonate with us and have shaped us.

In this edition of *The Messenger* we look closely at Community. We really do believe that education flourishes in community, for we believe that our relationships are essential in affecting who we are and who we are becoming. It was on a mission trip many years ago that it finally hit home for me—there's just nothing more valuable than relationships! Here I was, sharing a couple weeks of life with people who didn't speak my language (although their English was much better than my attempts at their language!) and who really possessed very few of the things listed on the internet. But it became crystal clear that these new friends understood the deep value of relationships, and they had invited me into those relationships.

In that moment, many things changed for me as I understood experientially that it's really all about relationships. It all starts with our relationship with Jesus, who didn't ask us to meet a certain standard in order to know Him, but simply invited us into relationship. For those of us who are followers of Christ, that relationship defines us. But beyond that, there is nothing of more significance, or that impacts us more, than our relationships with others. And at NNU, those relationships are not only with peers but also with faculty and staff members.

I received word on Sunday morning, May 28, that Dr. Ed Robinson had passed away suddenly during the night. Ed was an individual who understood the value of relationships and community better than almost anyone I have ever met. With his genuine interest in others, his glimmering eyes and his half smile, Ed had poured himself into others—literally thousands, including me—across the span of his career, and all within the context of relationship. As I have thought about Ed, I have wondered whether it might not have been here at NNU—Ed's alma mater—that he learned the value of relationships as he experienced community in the unique way it exists at NNU.

On the pages that follow, you'll read how NNU's community has impacted various individuals in incredibly positive ways. Interestingly, many of the relationships that alums develop while students at NNU continue to be the most meaningful relationships in their lives, even years later. I hope you enjoy what follows—and, after reading these pages, why don't you call or send an email to someone you are close to and be reminded once again of the significance of community.

Blessings,

Joel K. Pearsall  
President

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# a place *to gather*

**WHILE** the sense of community that makes NNU unique isn't bound to a physical space, we all have dear memories tied to residence halls, cafeteria tables, classrooms and sports fields. Relationships need opportunity to grow and thrive, and the places and spaces on NNU's campus provide that. The Student Center has always been the center of life for our largely residential campus, and the time has come to reconceive how this critical space can continue to meet the needs of students into the university's second century.

The new Student Commons will first and foremost be an intentional space for students to interact, learn and live life together. It will provide an inclusive sense of place where all NNU constituents—resident and commuter students, graduates and undergraduates, faculty, staff, alumni and off-campus guests—can come together to build relationships. The Student Commons will provide campus information, student services, gathering areas and community-building activities.

More than a functional facility, the Student Commons will be a home away

from home for students. As the home's front door, it will welcome guests and community visitors as well as prospective students in the Admissions Welcome Center, in which you will be able to hear the NNU story. It will serve as a new and improved dining room—boasting indoor and outdoor seating and retail food options—where hearts as well as stomachs will be fed. A variety of amenities like a two-story fireplace, indoor and outdoor lounge areas, study and huddle rooms, large gathering spaces for student events and recreational equipment rentals will make it a rec room for students. But





## The new Student Commons will provide a place for student life to happen for generations to come.

most importantly, it will serve as a family room where life takes place from organized campus life activities to casual hang-outs and intimate conversations.

Student service functions will be essential to the Commons, bringing together under one roof student government, student clubs and organizations, the Office of Student Life, Career Center, Student Retention and the Office of University Missions & Ministry. These services are all critical components for developing the whole person.

The Student Center of years past—and the new Student Commons—are

not only beneficial for current students, but are also impactful on alumni for the rest of their lives and on the communities they enter after leaving NNU. Alumni are continually finding

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ways to create authentic community like they experienced and practiced at

NNU wherever they are planted after graduation. This ripple effect is well worth our continued investment.

With over 85 percent of the funding in place, preparations are beginning for the

groundbreaking of this vital facility as soon as funds are committed. Join us in celebrating the fond memories made in the Student Center of years past as we anticipate a place that will foster growth in our student body and transformation in individual students for generations to come. 🏠







# a place at the table

## The campus cafeteria: where stomachs—and spirits—are nourished

By Amanda Marble ('01) and Zach Marble ('04)

**IT IS DIFFICULT** to think of one's college experience and not remember time spent in the campus dining hall, which we fondly referred to as "The Dex" during our college years. Others may remember it as Saga, The Rot, or other such endearing names. But whatever the case, the dining hall has been a central place on campus to gather, fellowship, catch up on current events, discuss the latest class or chapel and, of course, eat.

In the early days of campus dining, meals were often served family style, and women were required to wear a dress or skirt to enter the dining hall. As our parents, Rex ('70) and Carolyn (Pewitt) ('73) Marble, reflected on their Saga days, "options were limited, and one looked forward to 'steak nights' as a special treat. Even drink choices were limited to either whole milk or water." Today, students have over 34 drink choices, including three types of milk, and more entrée and side options than they can count.

While options have expanded and the look and feel have changed over the years, the memories created around the campus dining hall experience

remain with alumni. Who doesn't remember putting a Dex cookie through the toaster? Scanning

in mid-day for an ice cream cone? Remember unlimited dining? Anyone have a sandwich buddy? Or how about the freshman-fifteen? While neither of us can confirm nor deny the above, the Dex holds a number of memories for both of us.

One common theme we heard while talking with fellow alumni is the close connection NNU students have shared with Sodexo staff over the years. For me (Amanda), it was spring semester, and I was nearing the completion of my sophomore year. I was watching "The Price is Right" while I had a late breakfast in the dining hall. It felt like any other day, but then regular programming was interrupted with breaking news ... the shooting at Columbine High School. I will never forget being one of the students quickly surrounded by the Sodexo staff as we watched the events unfold. Without social media and smartphones, the dining hall became the gathering place for the campus community. Shocked and concerned, students were comforted by Sodexo employees along with fellow students, faculty and staff.

There are countless stories of the Sodexo staff going the extra mile to help students feel at home and enjoy their NNU experience. One such occasion was when General Manager Andy Chaplin received a request from then student Candice (Gunstream) Blenker ('04) for granola WITHOUT raisins. Now this may seem like a small request and probably one that could even be given a simple "no" without retort, but Andy chose instead to go the extra mile and provide Candice with a secret stash of wrinkle-free granola. Other legends include Sodexo staff bringing back the hot chocolate machine after students created a Facebook group requesting it and providing special meals to celebrate different cultures and events within the campus community. Alumni also shared stories of Sodexo staff (Andy, Delaine, Cheryle, Alex and Sue to name a few) attending sporting events, concerts and Freshman Retreat and serving as judges for Mr. NNU, all in an effort to support the student experience. Whatever the memory, there has always been a feeling that Sodexo employees were more than just people who scanned

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our cards or put a meal on our plate—they were really a part of the NNU family.

We will end our lookback

with a joke we heard that reminded us of almost every meal in The Dex. It starts off with Jesus walking into a restaurant with his disciples and telling the host, "We need a table for 26." The host does a quick head count and says, "But I only see 13 of you." To which Jesus replies, "Yeah, but we're all going to sit on the same side of the table." Although this imagery wasn't really possible during our time at NNU due to round tables, everyone knows that although a table may be full, there is always room for one, two or even more. We think that really sums up what dining at NNU symbolizes for us. No matter how crowded or how full, you always have a place at the table.

Even now, as we both continue to engage in the NNU community in different ways, we find the same level of hospitality and camaraderie in The Dex as we experienced during our college years. We have no doubt that as the campus continues to expand, The Dex will continue to nourish the whole person and serve as an important role in the NNU experience. 🍷



# a place to lead

## The graduating SGA president sees potential for the new Student Commons

By Grant Miller, Class of 2008

**ROSS MARTINSON** knows a thing or two about student leadership. The Salem, Oregon, native came to NNU knowing there would be several opportunities to get involved, and he made the most of them right out of the gate. “I knew it was a place that I could jump in with both feet and get involved and try anything I wanted to and that people were going to encourage me in this environment.” After his freshman year, Ross was selected to be a resident assistant in Sutherland Hall, the sophomore men’s hall.

After an exciting year working in Sutherland, Ross felt drawn to run for student government. As a sophomore, he ran to serve as student body president for his junior year, and won. After a year serving as president, Ross ran for a rare second term and was re-elected to serve the student body his senior year. Through it all, he’s become intimately familiar with the work of the student government association (SGA) and its many connections with the NNU community. “It’s been incredible to see a bridge between the administration, the student body and the student government, and how we create culture within that [framework]. Then that just bleeds out into the rest of our campus.”

As SGA president, Ross was charged with leading a team that deals with a number of student activities and initiatives, including social events, the yearbook, intramural sports and campus clubs. When reflecting on the kinds of events that first inspired him to get involved, he immediately thinks of Week One—the opening week of fall classes that has a different event every night.

“We set up a couple unique things the minute you come in ... student government throws a big root beer festival, and we have a movie on the lawn. You get to meet anybody and everybody on campus, and it’s very integrated. Whether you live on or off campus, everyone comes and is excited.” With a grin he recalls, “There’s a bonfire at the end of the week that’s huge—it’s the biggest bonfire I’ve ever seen!”

One of Ross’ favorite parts about NNU’s student programming is how it intentionally integrates students into the life of the university. “You meet so many people that way, and you immediately feel like you’re part of a bigger picture and of a culture that has been passed down year after year to the current

student body. Students and staff who have come before us have created that, and now we get to reap the benefits of being here and being in this environment.”


Within this environment, students find a place to belong. “There’s not a sense of freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors,” Ross says. “There’s a sense you are part of NNU, and we can all be friends. We can all see each other grow as we learn from each other.” As Ross looks forward to the future, he is excited about the ways NNU is growing and continuing to invest in the student experience. As a student, he was able to experience the Leah Peterson Learning Commons as soon as it was completed, and he witnessed how the fantastic facility helped foster community and excitement amongst the student body. Now, he looks forward to the potential impact that a new student center will have. “Knowing I’ll be graduating and not able to experience

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the new Student Commons is not something I’m disappointed about—it’s something I’m excited to see. I’m able to go away from here and see NNU continue to grow and thrive and see other

students experience the culture.”

The plans for the new building include a central location for the SGA, meeting spaces for students and dedicated space for clubs to grow. Ross imagines it will be a space “where students are hanging out all the time, and student government offices will be at a more accessible level than they are now.” With an improved dining space and more functional layout, the new building has the potential to serve as a living room for the campus community.

Looking beyond graduation, Ross anticipates making the transition from student leader to committed alumnus, and he knows a big part of that role includes telling the story of his experiences at NNU. “I hear story after story after story of alumni who have gone out and done amazing things yet continue to want to come back to campus or give back to the university because it was such a big part of their lives. Creating this atmosphere and this environment, it’s a legacy we are able to pass down year after year and give to each student.” 









# a place that sends

Three alumni use their careers and passions to enhance their community

By Carly (Rech) Gilmore, Class of 2017

**“I AM GRATEFUL** for my time at NNU and for the people who invested in my life,” explained Jenica (Salisbury) Lawrence ('04). “Because of this, I am equipped to invest in the lives of so many other people in our community.”

When alumni are asked about their college experience, most insist the relationships and community were, and continue to be, the most impactful aspect of NNU. Although the relationships NNU fosters for students while they are on campus are invaluable, these also create a foundation on which students can build long after graduation. Three alumni—Alex Hackett ('08), Jenica Lawrence and Oscar Diaz ('15)—demonstrate how the unique community they found at NNU can be shared through professional, civic and spiritual pursuits beyond the campus and their time as students.

From biking across the U.S. to helping establish a non-profit cafe and guesthouse in Peru, from digitizing and restoring movies for Tunnel Post to working on organic farms in California, Alex Hackett has been intentional about taking opportunities to pursue his passions. One of these passions is people.

“I care about people,” remarked Hackett. “That is first and foremost.” This concern for people is apparent in his roles as coordinator of Safe Routes to School (SR2S) for the cities of Nampa and Caldwell, Idaho, and as organizer of the 15th Avenue Community Garden.

As SR2S coordinator, Hackett educates children about healthy and safe transportation, advocates for pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, and works to establish more safe biking and walking routes in the community. “I am way more connected to the needs here—transportation, food, health, affordable housing,” he commented. “These barriers make me think about what can I do with my own program for this community.”

In addition to work with SR2S, Hackett has helped establish and maintain the 15th Avenue Community Garden, which meets needs for the neighborhood and the Salvation Army Community Family Shelter. Besides providing fresh produce for the local community, the garden provides an area for people to gather to enjoy the outdoors while contributing to the fight against local hunger.

Sharing Hackett's passion for people, Jenica Lawrence has served local needs through her work with Eastern Washington University's Idaho Child Welfare Research and Training Center based in Coeur d'Alene.

After hosting 30 foster children over six years and adopting two, Lawrence accepted the position as a lead PRIDE (Parents' Resource for Information Development Education) trainer. Besides training new foster care parents, she advocates for children waiting for an adoptive family as a Resource Peer Mentor (RPM) for the Idaho Wednesday's Child program.

“I absolutely love that I am still able to be involved in foster care,” Lawrence beamed. “I enjoy the satisfaction of knowing I





am changing the lives of children and families in our community. I love hearing from PRIDE participants that the information we're giving them in class is changing their parenting approaches and healing their families."

Another way Lawrence impacts the lives of children and their families is through a non-profit organization dubbed Boise's Got Faith (BGF). In 2015, Lawrence's daughter, Eloise, was diagnosed with leukemia. During this battle, BGF has supported their family financially and emotionally. Now Lawrence and her husband, Erik ('04), have become a part of the BGF leadership team.

Lawrence commented, "We're so grateful for the love and support we have received from our Boise's Got Faith family and are excited to be able to give back to others in our community when they're facing the life-changing diagnosis of pediatric cancer."

Much like Lawrence, Oscar Diaz serves the people in his community in many ways—one major avenue being his ministry as the creator and coordinator of The Mill.

With the first gathering in September 2016, The Mill is an event with the mission "to see the Church come together as one body across denominations—through worship in song, prayer and fellowship."

A grievous event in Diaz's life became the catalyst for creating


The Mill. He was significantly impacted by having multiple churches from various denominations comfort and mourn with him and his family after his four-year-old nephew died in a car accident in 2014.

"That experience, seeing the true beauty and the full magnitude of the Church, completely set my heart on fire for the Church to mobilize the truth that Jesus is all we have," explained Diaz. "The Church is a family, and The Mill's hope is to remind the local church that their family is much bigger than the local church they

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attend but includes the congregations across the street and across town. How much more could we do if we came together!"

In addition to organizing The Mill, Diaz serves and ministers to the community in his position as associate pastor of Karcher Church of the Nazarene, Nampa.

Hackett, Lawrence and Diaz are just a sample of the outstanding alumni doing transformative work, serving and building their community through their passions. When asked how others can extend the community they experienced at NNU, Hackett urged, "Be involved. And if something sounds cool, google it, and if it's not being done, go do it yourself. Even if it's not what you want it to become at first, it'll slowly get there." 





## Distinguished service

Dr. Michael Pitts, NNU professor and chair of the Graduate Counseling Program, was honored with the Idaho Counseling Association (ICA) Lifetime Achievement Award at the ICA annual conference held in Boise, Idaho, January 27–28, 2017. Recipients of this prestigious award must demonstrate both distinguished service to the counseling profession and consummate care for people as well as consistent and reliable contributions in all the areas of service, scholarship and teaching throughout their career.

President Joel Pearsall expressed his admiration for Pitts, saying, “Dr. Michael Pitts is a wonderful representative of Northwest Nazarene University and what makes NNU special. He is an excellent example of what it means to embody Christ-like character as well as the mission and values of the university.”



PHOTO BY DR. JOHN GODEK

## Success in Seattle

At the 2017 Seattle Pacific University Social Venture Plan Competition, two NNU teams pitched their senior business plan to 79 judges against 23 SPU undergraduate and graduate teams. The NNU group, called Change Incorporated, walked away with Honorable Mention (3rd Place) and a \$2000 cash prize. The team included Cali Carpenter (Nampa, Idaho), Janessa Dyk (Portland, Ore.), Jordan Hepton (Nampa, Idaho), Bouna Ndiaye (Bergen, Hordaland, Norway) and Mike Zucker (East Wenatchee, Wash.)

“Learning how to work in a team dynamic and realizing we can actually create a legitimate business, not just a class project, is incredible,” commented Janessa. “We created a business plan from scratch and successfully developed a viable business model. Not only did we win a cash prize, but we were also approached by two potential investors who are interested in taking our idea even further.” Read more about the group’s idea at [NNU.EDU/CHANGEINC](http://NNU.EDU/CHANGEINC).



## Commencement celebrations

NNU’s 101st Commencement brought family, friends and staff together to celebrate with 575 students receiving associate, bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees. Separate ceremonies were held to honor the 288 graduates of the College of Arts & Sciences and the 287 graduates of the College of Adult & Graduate Studies.

Reflecting on his experience, Kraymer Lorig (Marysville, Wash.), a Christian ministry major with a minor in worship leadership, said, “The professors have been so generous and gracious throughout my experience in the department, and I have learned so much from them. They have invested their time and their lives into me and my fellow classmates, and I have probably learned just as much from them outside of the classroom as I have inside. The friendships that have come out of us all being together over the last four years have really been an incredible blessing.”



## Accreditation renewal

NNU's regional accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) after the university completed its cyclical seven-year process. The NWCCU is an independent, non-profit membership organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the regional authority on educational quality and institutional effectiveness of higher education institutions in the seven-state Northwest Region of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The late NNU Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Ed Robinson said, "We are pleased that the Northwest Commission has reaffirmed our regional accreditation. The intense process of self-study and peer evaluation has helped us affirm our mission, solidify our strengths and identify areas where we can become even better. I'm proud of our university community." 🏳️

## Two new vice presidents

The university recently hired Dr. Bradley Shaw as vice president for academic affairs and Mark Wheeler as vice president for external affairs.

Shaw comes to NNU from Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois, where he was a professor and coordinator of new faculty development. He also served as interim vice president for academic affairs from 2012 to 2014. Shaw holds a BA in English and Religion, an MA in English and a Ph.D. in American Literature.

Wheeler will assume his new role overseeing the University Advancement, Enrollment and Marketing sectors after serving NNU since 2012 as the associate vice president of development and previously as director of major donor relations from 2002 to 2007. He brings an extensive background in fundraising, sales and marketing, and community and international relations. 🏳️

## An NCAA national champion

Junior pole vaulter Payton Lewis soared to new heights in Florida on Thursday, May 25, clearing a new school record of 17 feet, 7 inches to win just the third NCAA Division II National Championship in Crusader Athletics' history.

"It really hasn't sunk in yet," Lewis said a few hours after claiming the championship. "I just give all the glory to God."

A four-time NCAA All-American who twice finished third at nationals previously in the pole vault, Lewis won his first National Championship by clearing the winning height on his first attempt at that height at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships at the IMG Academy.

Lewis is also six-time Great Northwest Athletic Conference Champion in the pole vault—three times indoors and three times outdoors. 🏳️



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EXCITED GRADUATES PREPARE TO WALK IN THE 101ST  
COMMENCEMENT OF NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY  
ON MAY 6, 2017, IN THE JOHNSON SPORTS CENTER.

Visit [NNU.EDU/COMMENCEMENT](http://nnu.edu/commencement)  
to view highlights of the event.



## Undergraduate Areas of Study

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Applied Studies +  
Humanities \*  
Liberal Studies +  
Math & Science\*  
Social Science\*

### ART

Graphic Design +\*  
Photography \*  
Studio Art +\*

### BIOLOGY

Biology +\*  
Ecology/Bio Diversity +  
Pre-Medical +  
Pre-Physical Therapy +

### BUSINESS

Accounting +\*  
Business  
Administration +\*  
Economics +\*  
Global Business +\*  
Management +\*  
Marketing +\*

### CHEMISTRY

Biochemistry +  
Chemistry +\*  
Environmental  
Chemistry +

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Communication +\*  
Communication  
Science +  
Drama \*  
Mass Communications  
(Film Studies) +  
Media Production \*  
Public Relations +

### COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer  
Graphic Design +  
Computer  
Information Systems +  
Computer Science +\*

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Elementary Education +  
Secondary Education +  
American  
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Political Science  
Art  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Communication  
Economics  
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Health  
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Mathematics  
Music  
Social Science  
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Engineering  
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Instrumental +  
Music +\*  
Piano +  
Theory/Composition +  
Voice +  
Worship and  
Music Ministry +\*

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Nursing +

### PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy +\*  
Philosophy  
and Religion +

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Medicine

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Biblical Languages \*  
Biblical Studies +  
Children's Ministries +\*  
Christian Ministry +\*  
Evangelism \*  
Intercultural Ministry  
(Missions) +\*  
Parachurch Ministries \*  
Pastoral Ministries \*  
Philosophy  
and Religion +  
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### SOCIAL WORK

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Social Work +

+ majors \*minors

## Graduate, Adult and Professional Programs

### BACHELOR OF ARTS/ BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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### MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

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Family Ministries

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Missional Leadership  
Spiritual Formation  
Youth, Children &  
Family Ministries

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& Innovation  
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Building Administrator

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Building Administrator  
Educational Leadership:  
Superintendent  
Educational Leadership:  
Director of Special  
Education  
Organizational  
Development

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Educational Leadership  
(Ed.D.)  
Educational Leadership  
(Ph.D.)

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING (MS)

Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling  
Marriage, Couple and  
Family Counseling  
School Counseling

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)

Family Nurse  
Practitioner  
Leadership and  
Education

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

Social Work

## NNU Online

### BUSINESS

Business (AA, BS,  
MBA)

Accounting (AA)

### CORE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### EDUCATION

Elementary Education  
(AA)

Secondary Education  
(AA)

Curriculum, Instruction  
& Innovation (M.Ed.)

Educational Leadership  
(M.Ed., Ed.S., Ed.D.,  
Ph.D.)

### LIBERAL STUDIES

Liberal Studies  
(AA, BA)

### MINISTERIAL COURSE OF STUDY NURSING

Nursing (RN to BSN,  
MSN, MSN FNP)

### THEOLOGY & CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Christian Ministry (BA)  
Pastoral Ministry (MA)  
Missional Leadership  
(MA, M.Div.)


Spiritual Formation  
(MA, M.Div.)  
Youth, Children &  
Family Ministries  
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# TINY BELLAMY CHEERS ON CRUSADERS WITH A BETTER VIEW

*By Kelli Lindley*

On the morning of April 7, 2017, I received a message that Carl (Tiny) Bellamy passed away during the night. Even though I knew Tiny's health was failing, the reality that I would never again be able to give him a hug or talk hoops or take him a hot dog during a baseball game was crushing. Before that moment, I hadn't realized how much Tiny meant to me as well as to hundreds of student-athletes, coaches and staff throughout the years of NNU Athletics.

As NNU's director of athletics and former women's basketball coach, I have had the privilege of interacting with many amazingly supportive alumni and fans. It's always been a great encouragement to see the way they cheer for the student-athletes, give a donation where needed or prepare a meal for a team when the university cafeteria is closed. But Tiny took loving NNU Athletics to a level that will go down in the record books.

Tiny had an uncanny ability to sense where there was a need with any of the NNU student-athletes. He and his late wife, Mary, endowed athletic scholarships, gave donations when uniforms were falling apart, invited teams over to their home to enjoy barbequed hamburgers from the beef he raised, and I can only imagine the amount of time he spent on his knees praying for the university. Tiny's impact on NNU Athletics was far-reaching, but the part of his legacy I believe will be remembered most was his unwavering commitment to showing up.

As long as I knew Tiny, it was his mission to go to every home contest and offer

advice to coaches if they needed a little! I watched Tiny sit at softball games in the blazing heat, heckle officials during basketball games, laugh with joy when the soccer team scored and yell at the baseball umpires while the rain poured down. You could tell he had a deep love for the stu-

dent-athletes and coaches. Tiny's presence meant so much to so many of us!

A few weeks before Tiny passed, I saw that influence at his 92nd birthday party. NNU Athletics had planned on having a party at one of the baseball games but had to cancel when Tiny was too weak to attend. So, in the same way Tiny showed up for NNU Athletics, his friends, family and coaches went to his home to celebrate his birthday there. Friends took turns sharing stories about him that brought about a lot of laughter and a few tears.

One particularly meaningful story was told by Jeff Kinneeveauk ('97), a former basketball student-athlete who had grown up in Alaska. Between teasing Tiny about his blunt and sometimes opinionated manner, Jeff shared that if it wasn't for Tiny's nudging and encouragement, he never would have come to NNU, met his wife, gone on to be a successful businessman or developed into the man of God that he is today. What is most amazing is that there are so many former student-athletes who could tell similar stories about Tiny's impact on their lives.

On that Friday, when word spread throughout NNU Athletics that Tiny had passed, there were many messages exchanged, fondly reminiscing about him as we prepared to compete in the upcoming track and field, baseball and softball events.

I think one friend put it best when she texted the coaches, "He loved you all so much. I'm sure he will still be watching the NNU events this weekend—just with a better view." 🍷



## CRUSADER SCOREBOARD

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF:

5th place at GNAC championships, Stephanie Miller and Justin Higgins each tied for 8th in the GNAC

**BASEBALL:** 25-29, Runner-up GNAC Champion

**SOFTBALL:** 23-27, Tied single-season school record for wins

**TRACK & FIELD:** 6 NCAA qualifying marks, 11 men's and women's All-GNAC performances at the Outdoor Championships, Ellie Logan finished 15th in the nation in javelin, Payton Lewis claimed a national title in pole vault



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# CALLED TO INVEST

Barb Robertson reflects on NNU's legacy of investing in transformation

**BARB** (Vail) Robertson, class of 1976, has a long history with Northwest Nazarene University. Growing up on and around campus, she built relationships with the people of NNU that kept her connected and gave her a front row seat to the transformative work of the university.

"One of my earliest memories is this community of faculty kids and faculty. We knew all of the faculty—we all lived right around the campus. It was just this huge group of kids that all through the summer and every Sunday night after church would meet and play. It was my family. It was not just a place where my parents worked—it was my life, my network of friends."

Watching her parents, Elmore and Jeanne Vail, invest in the lives of students and dedicate themselves to the university left an indelible impression on Barb, but she discovered later as a student and employee that their story wasn't unique.

"Probably what has stuck with me most about being involved and connected to NNU as a child, as a student, as an employee or just as a supporter, is that whether it's a faculty member in my life or a coach in a student-athlete's life, that it's more than a job for these people—it is a calling, and they pour their hearts and lives into the students of this place," she said.


When considering her employment as the assistant athletic director for NNU—a dream come true for her to follow in her father's footsteps by working in NNU Athletics—

she saw the legacy of transformation first hand. Robertson remembers, "Probably the most rewarding thing about it was seeing how years after my dad was coaching, these young coaches, and some older coaches, still poured their lives into these student-athletes and loved them and helped transform them into better people than they were when they came."

The legacy of family, community and relationships built at NNU has stuck with her, and it is one that she knows will continue into the future. "I think the thing that has stayed the same, and that I don't believe will ever change, is the people of this place—it's more than a job, it's more than a career, it is a

calling. They are here for the students, and they are here to help a student find the Lord if they don't know the Lord, and see that their lives are transformed. My dad, my mom and all the

faculty were doing that 50 years ago, and I know that they're still doing it today—I've seen it time and time again," she said.

"I think the reason I still support NNU is because it's just been my life. It's been part of my life since the time I was a child, to going to school here, to working here to volunteering here after I retired. I have seen the impact the people of this place have made on hundreds and thousands of students, and I want to be a part of that. I want to give and contribute my time and maybe think that something I have done or that I am doing will make a difference in the life of a student who comes to NNU." 

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**JOIN BARB IN CONTINUING THE NNU STORY BY MAKING TRANSFORMATION POSSIBLE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF STUDENTS. VISIT [NNU.EDU/CAMPAIGN](https://nnu.edu/campaign) TO LEARN MORE.**

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# CONTINUE THE STORY

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NNU

**The Century Two Campaign for NNU is a seven-legged, \$83.5M plan to strategically position NNU to welcome more students than ever before and to be growing and vital for another century.**



## LEAH PETERSON LEARNING COMMONS

Completed in fall 2014, the Leah Peterson Learning Commons more than doubled the space of Riley Library. The Learning Commons has become a hub of academic activity, from research to collaborative learning, housing academic support staff and the Doceō Center.



## GROWING PROGRAMS

To accommodate the growth our founders envisioned, NNU must continue to focus on robust academic programs that meet the needs of 21st century students. We must also have the resources to recruit and retain the best and brightest faculty who have deep passion for Christian higher education.



## STUDENT COMMONS

The Student Commons will first and foremost be an intentional space for students to interact, live and learn together. This new and vital building will become the dining and family room of campus.



## CENTER FOR MINISTRY & SERVICE

This expanded space for the School of Theology & Christian Ministries and the Office of Spiritual and Leadership Development will support and resource current students as well as the NNU extended family of pastors and laity in spiritual development and Christian service.



## UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT

Having a healthy endowment is foundational for NNU to retain its integrity as a purposefully Christ-centered, broadly accessible, and academically reputable institution. A strong endowment will fund student scholarships as well as professorships, both of which ensure that all students have the opportunity to attend and be nurtured by excellent scholars.



## UNIVERSITY FUND

The NNU University Fund is vital to sustaining current student scholarships by bridging the gap between the tuition and fees paid by students and the total cost of an NNU education. The goal of this leg of the campaign is to raise funds to ensure NNU is financially stable and accessible to all.



## RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE

NNU is committed to maintaining a world-class residential campus community for students, as has been our tradition for the last century. To continue to provide this unique learning and living experience, we plan to grow our residential hall options and develop them into a thriving residential village.





## Church members receive discount

Continuing our commitment to be an educational resource to the Church of the Nazarene, the School of Theology & Christian Ministries now offers a 25 percent discount on its online graduate theological tracks for all members of the Church of the Nazarene, both clergy and laity.

NNU offers Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees in the following tracks: Missional Leadership, Pastoral Ministry, Spiritual Formation and Youth, Children & Family Ministry.

For more information on the programs and the discount, please visit our website, [nnu.edu/ministry](http://nnu.edu/ministry), contact admissions counselor Stacey Bullard at [ministryinfo@nnu.edu](mailto:ministryinfo@nnu.edu) or call 208-467-8688. NNU is excited to partner with the church to make the journey more affordable. 📖



## The Alumni Office welcomes Deb Cano

Deb Cano was recently named the associate director of alumni relations, a role vacated by April McNeiece, who retired after 23 years of service. Deb began work at NNU in 2014 as the Career Center assistant.

“Even though I am not an alum,” Deb reflects, “I have so much pride and love for the university. As a mom of an NNU student, I see how much NNU has done and continues to do for my son—it really touches my heart! Working in the alumni office gives me the opportunity to engage with a wide range of NNU community members and enables me to do my part to strengthen the ties people have with the university.”

If her dreams for the Alumni Association are any indication, Deb will be a great asset to alumni wishing to connect with the university, its current students and each other. To get in touch with Deb, email [alumni@nnu.edu](mailto:alumni@nnu.edu). 📖

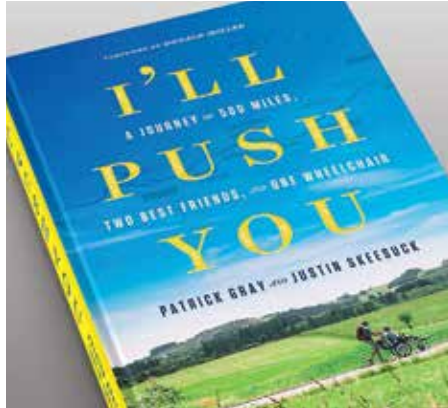


## Golden Grads honored at Commencement

Fifty years ago, the Class of 1967 donned their college caps and gowns for the first time to march in their commencement ceremony. On May 6, 2017, 32 members of the '67 class returned to NNU's campus to walk in another commencement ceremony—this time honored as Golden Graduates of the university. Throughout the weekend, the Golden Grads were able to share memories and stories, break bread together and catch up on the post-college lives of their classmates.


Alumnus Sharon (Clark) Johnson reflected on the weekend saying, “I think my favorite part was talking with people I had not seen since graduation 50 years ago and feeling the time melt away. The friendships were strong and even deeper. Hearing how God had brought people through situations—not somehow but triumphantly—was exciting.”

Classmate Frank Loehner summed up their experience well saying, “I came to NNU an orphan and found a life-long family.” 📖



## Gray and Skeesuck release book and film

Patrick Gray ('97) and Justin Skeesuck have a unique and remarkable friendship that started as children growing up together in Ontario, Oregon. During the summer of 2014, they took their friendship to a whole new level of trust by completing the famous pilgrims' trail, Camino de Santiago, across Northern Spain and the Pyrenees Mountains. Although thousands make the trek each year, Justin is the first to complete the 500-mile trip in a wheelchair, pushed, pulled and carried by Patrick.

The duo share their incredible story of adventure, friendship and faith in a recently completed documentary film and book, both entitled "I'll Push You." The film, which is currently touring film festivals, winning awards and rave reviews, will release this fall. The book, released on June 6, is available now. Learn more at [illpushyou.com](http://illpushyou.com), and read a review at [NNU.EDU/ILLPUSHYOUTHBOOK](http://NNU.EDU/ILLPUSHYOUTHBOOK). 

## The Kissees celebrate 70 years

Come home. That is what Marvin and Mildred Kissees did during this year's graduation weekend events May 4-6. Marvin, a 1947 graduate was here to celebrate his 70th reunion but was the only one to be present out of 62 seniors from the class of '47.

Mildred (Poelke) attended for two years prior to their marriage in 1945. Marvin served in the Navy and was deployed during WWII to Japan in 1943 and then deployed to Korea from 1951 to 1952. Marvin earned a BA in education.

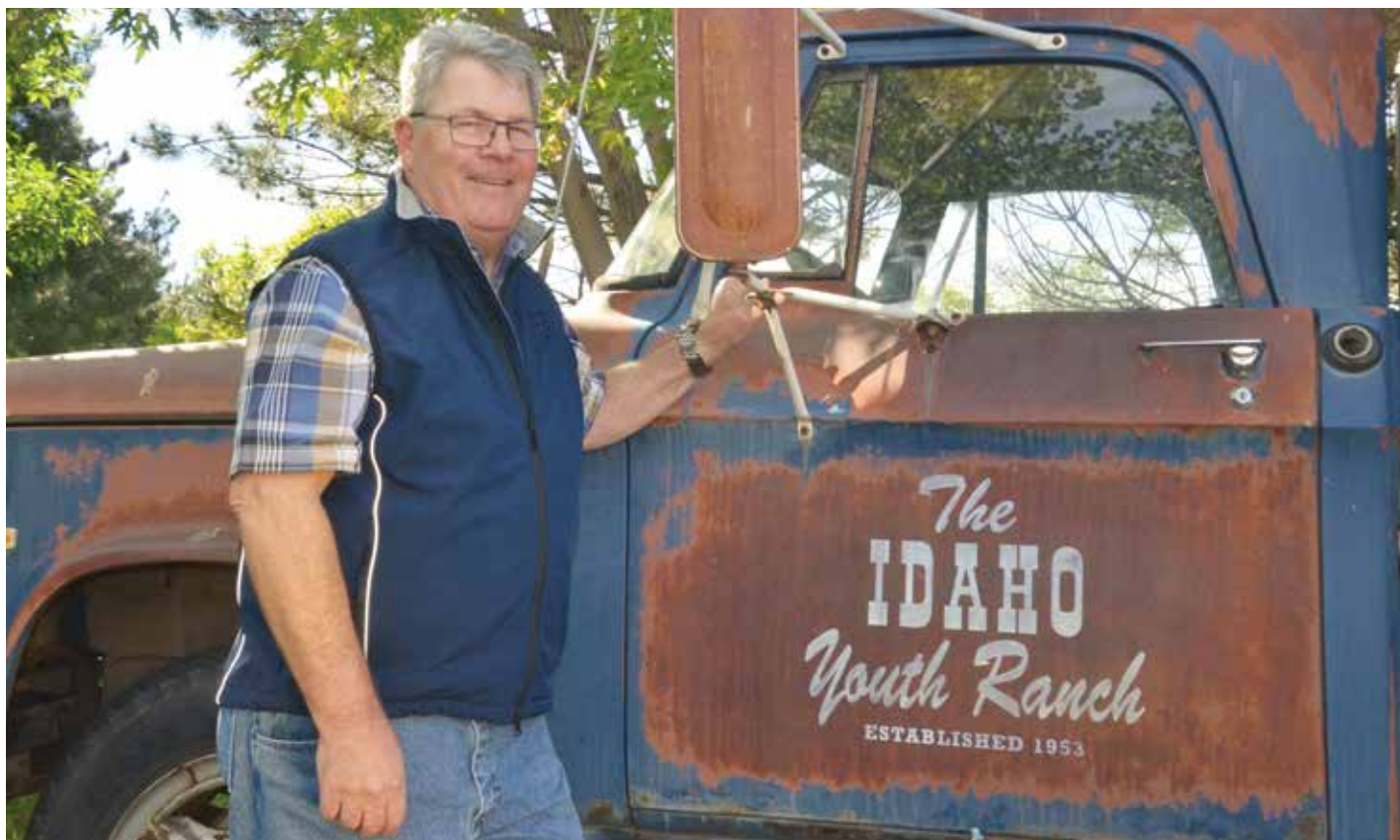
The Kissees enjoyed connecting with old classmates and, of course, reminiscing about life on campus 70 years ago. If you knew Mildred during school, you may have been featured in one of her entertaining stories. 

## ENHANCE BENEFITS WITH A BLENDED GIFT

Did you know that significant charitable donations can be organized with near-term and future benefits to the donor in mind? A blended gift looks at the total desired contribution by combining immediate gifts and estate or long-term gift planning to maximize the benefit to NNU as well as income and estate tax saving for the giver.

Contact the Office of Advancement at **208.467.8423** or **866.467.8987** to learn more about options for blending giving.





# Alumni making us proud

## Honoring outstanding graduates with the 2017 Alumni Awards

### STEVE WOODWORTH, ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

"Steve Woodworth represents the finest achievement of Northwest Nazarene University," stated Dr. Jerry Hull, NNU alumnus ('60) and former professor of social work (1978-2007). "Steve has invested 37 years serving Idaho's needy, vulnerable, and at risk youth. Throughout the years Steve has worked with hundreds of professionals, community leaders, and political and judicial entities to save youth and families, helping young people set a course for responsible citizenship."

Coming to NNU in 1973, Steve Woodworth approached his education with the desire to help persons in need. "Working on behalf of the less fortunate appealed to me," commented Woodworth. "I decided to major in social work because I felt it was more action oriented than sociology or psychology."

Besides studying social work, Woodworth was heavily involved on and off campus. He served as sophomore and junior class president, played on the baseball team, participated in Circle K Club and N Club, took part in many student events and intramural sports, and interned in the community. The relationships and community Woodworth found during his college experience proved to be impactful for his future.

"Over the years, I've come to the realization that NNU provided a safe emotional environment, friendships, education, social experiences and challenges that helped me develop the self-esteem I lacked growing up and

the confidence I needed to become a leader," explained Woodworth. "At that time in my life, I needed to be part of an accepting community—people I could look up to—and the spiritual fellowship that NNU provided for me."

Following graduation in 1978, he began his career in the field of juvenile justice. Over thirteen years, Woodworth worked as a chief juvenile probation officer, state coordinator of Idaho's Youth Rehabilitation System, and chief for Idaho's Juvenile Justice Bureau. During this time, he was appointed by Governors Evans and Andrus as the administrator for Interstate Compact for Juveniles, a member of Idaho Commission for Children and Youth, and a member of Incarceration Work Group. He also earned his Master of Public Administration from Boise State University in 1988.

In 1991, Woodworth left his position at the Juvenile Justice Bureau and accepted his appointment as regional director for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. When this appointment ended in 1994, he transitioned from government to the private sector becoming director of operations for Idaho Youth Ranch (IYR). Woodworth was promoted to executive vice president in 2000 and to CEO in 2007.

"Under Steve's leadership, IYR has effectively transitioned from its traditional role as a contractor for the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, to an independent organization providing a continuum of services to Idaho's


at-risk youth and their families,” stated Rick Alis, president and COO of IYR. “In over 40 years of military service, state government service, and private law practice, I have never seen a more remarkable display of leadership.”

As CEO of IYR, Woodworth has been responsible for the strategic direction and fund development of the organization whose mission is to “provide at-risk and troubled youth a bridge to valued, responsible and productive future.” This organization creates change through therapeutic and educational services of adoption, crisis counseling, family therapy, residential treatment, workforce training and graduate assistance, as well as through social enterprises of e-commerce business, a vehicle dealership and 30 thrift stores.

In June after a 10 year tenure, Woodworth stepped aside as CEO to take on a new role for IYR as corporate

ambassador. He will be raising capital contributions and ensuring a smooth transition for new leadership in this support, mentoring and outreach position. He remains wholeheartedly committed to the vision of IYR.

“I’m passionate about strengthening the safety net for our kids through the creation and execution of a shared vision among nonprofits, donors, volunteers and community leaders,” added Woodworth. “A vision that includes sharing knowledge, expertise and resources; solving problems together; and building on each other’s strengths. A vision where it’s easier for kids and their families to get help earlier and where there’s no longer a stigma to seek help.”

As a result of his distinguished career and honorable work for the youth and community of Idaho, Steve Woodworth is the 2017 Alumnus of the Year. 



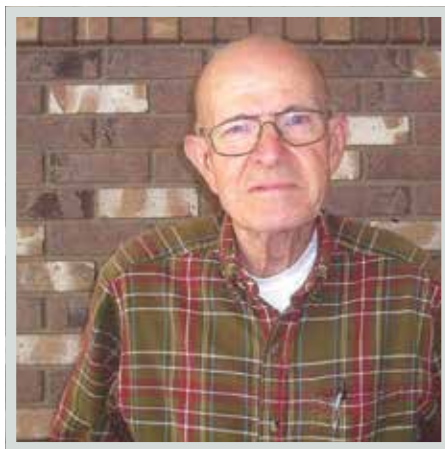
**DR. CAROLYN A. FITCH  
PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD**

Dr. Carolyn Fitch ('88) has an impressive resume: BS in physics (NNU), Ph.D. in biophysics, research scientist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Laboratory for Extraterrestrial Physics, research and teaching experience at Johns Hopkins University and the Naval Academy. And this list just scratches the surface. In 2008, Fitch began her teaching career at Johns Hopkins University in the Department of Biophysics, where she is currently working to develop new teaching models for undergraduates. Dr. Fitch wants to empower students who are interested in biophysics by helping them learn science fundamentals and participate in research-based projects.



**MATTHEW CHITWOOD  
LEON DOANE YOUNG ALUMNUS**

Matthew Chitwood graduated in 2004 with a degree in business administration and an emphasis in global management. While at NNU, he studied abroad with the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCCU) in Central America, where he developed a passion for international studies. Currently, he loves discovering hard-to-access areas of China and making these experiences accessible to others by leading study abroad tours. His work experience spans the business, education and nonprofit sectors, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the U.S. State Department's Critical Language Scholarship Program. Chitwood has also enjoyed teaching university-level courses. Most recently he has received a prestigious fellowship with the Institute of Current World Affairs.



**DR. FRANCIS SHARPTON  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Dr. Francis A. Sharpton has been an active member of the NNU community for over 30 years. During his time on campus, he served as professor and chair of the physics department. He was an active member of the Athletic Council, and he also scheduled and maintained the school's diesel buses from 1987 to 2013. Throughout all of Sharpton's involvements with the university, he says the most rewarding and memorable experiences were those when he coached students in their personal growth and development. Whether in the classroom, on field trips or spiritual retreats, he and his wife were there to mentor students in their walk with Christ. These are the experiences he treasures most.



# HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND 2017

## NOVEMBER 9 - 11



### **CLASS REUNIONS**

Class reunions will be held for alumni graduating in years ending in '2 and '7 beginning with 1972. These gatherings are always a highlight of Homecoming. Don't miss your chance to catch up with college friends.

### **FOOD TRUCK RALLY**

Get ready to cheer on the Crusaders at the Food Truck Rally before the men's basketball game. Don your red and black, grab some grub from your favorite vendor and bring the kids to this event open to everyone.

### **ACADEMIC BREAKFASTS**

We will gather to thank our former professors and reconnect with old—and new—friends from our majors at the Academic Discipline Breakfasts. Attend events for Science Math Associates (SMA), including all science, technology, engineering and math majors; and School of Theology and Christian Ministries (STCM) and Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS).

### **1940s & 1950s BASKETBALL**

Former players are invited back to campus for a reunion in their honor. Former players will be recognized during the men's basketball game.

### **RD/RA REUNION**

From late night snacks and rides to the airport, to life giving conversations and prayers, Resident Directors and Resident Assistants played an important role in building the NNU community. They will be honored at special events during Homecoming.

**FIND DETAILS AND PURCHASE TICKETS AT [NNU.EDU/HOMECOMING](http://NNU.EDU/HOMECOMING)**

# Alumni News

## Catch up on classmate happenings and recent additions

### 1960s

**Weldon Wood -60-** made a recent visit to Nampa to be inducted into the Nampa High School Hall of Fame representing the class of 1956. Woody lettered in football, basketball and track.

### 1970s

**1 Terry -78-** and **Karen (Pettis) -78-** **Ball, Don -77-** and **Darla (Shaffer) -77-** **Larson, Gary -77-** and **Ronda (Downs) -80-** **Seward,** and **Ron -77-** and **Deanna (Lee) -77-** **Wilde** all celebrated 40 years of marriage over dinner together during graduation weekend 2017. They are four of eight couples that married on Commencement weekend in 1977.

### 1980s

**Eric Forseth -82-** recently published a book entitled "Holding Together: Courage for Life's Pain and Struggle." It is available on Amazon.

**Christie (Goehring) American Horse -83-** is living in Livingston, Montana, with her husband Newton, where she leads worship and Bible study at Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene and is pursuing a graduate degree in Pastoral Ministries. Her painting of a grizzly bear and cub was selected from 65 entries for a public art display decorating a utility box.

**Andrea Hoaglund -85-** just celebrated a 20-year work anniversary with Microsoft in Redmond, Washington.

### 1990s

**Debbie (Hall) Stiles -90-** started a new job as assistant professor of social work and director of field experiences at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana.

**David Bomar -93-** is the new editor for Faithlife magazine.

**Brian Westcott -97-** was recently named Employee of the Month for St. Alphonsus Heart Institute. Brian has worked for St. Al's as a health records abstractor for nearly two years.

**Tami (Tamara McCoy) -99-** and **Ben Moore** (MNU & NTS alumnus) resigned from the Boise State University Crosswalks Campus Ministry and relocated to Ridgefield, Washington in March 2016 to become the lead pastor and family at Pleasant View Church of the Nazarene. Tami opened a new location for More & Moore Communicating, LLC, a speech-language pathology private practice, and is now officially serving pediatric clients in both Idaho and Washington. Ben and Tami have three children, Bretton (10), Teegan (8) and Chelise (3).

**Nathan -99-** and **Beckey (Wornell) -00-** **Mason** have relocated to Papua New Guinea to work at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital. Nathan is working as a family physician in both inpatient and outpatient medicine and is preparing to take over the treatment of children with clubfeet when Dr. Andy Bennett ('78) retires.



Beckey is homeschooling their five children and also assists at the hospital as needed.

### 2000s

**Bob Van Allen -01-** received the 2017 Code of Ethics Leadership Award and is the designated broker at Coldwell Banker Tomlinson Group. Van Allen earned his real estate license in 2003 and is a member of Idaho Realtors Professional Standards Committee.

**Jason Grenn -03-** was recently elected to the Alaska State House of Representatives, representing District 22 in Anchorage, Alaska. Jason ran as an Independent candidate and will serve on the State House Finance Committee. Jason and his family will relocate to Juneau, Alaska for the 90-day legislative session.

**David Stark -07-** recently published a book entitled "The Tour Guide," an autobiographical adventure published by Outskirts Press. It is available on Amazon.

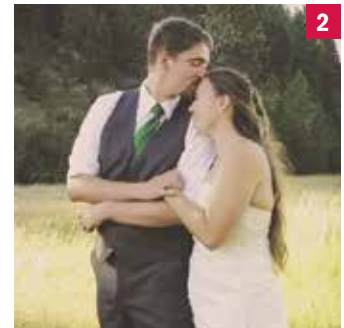
### 2010s

**Craig Drurey -11-** wrote a book entitled "Relational Discipleship: Moving Back Home with God," published by Wipf and Stock, which approaches discipleship from a fresh perspective and intentionally draws on biblical principles and examples of discipleship.

**Andrew Johnson -15-** and his wife, **Leeza (Mastre) -13-** recently moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where Andrew will begin a Ph.D. program in nuclear engineering and Leeza will be working as a nurse.

### Marriages

**2 Alicia Hedrick -13-** and Nick Cordell on June 20, 2015, in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho







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**14** Elizabeth Rose on October 21, 2015, to **Joanna (Vanderpool) -07-** and Jeremy Black

**15** Sadie Grace Marie (6/28/07) and Aubree Hope Cornelia (3/8/09) adopted on April 8, 2016, by **Sarah (Hughes) -02-** and Michael **Botts**, joining Owen and Everett

**3** **Holly Sheffield -14-** and Elijah Stroud on June 24, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

**4** **Leeza Mastre -13-** and **Andrew Johnson -15-** on July 23, 2016, in Tacoma, Wash.

**5** **Jordan Yankovich -07-** and **Aaron Baldassare -05-** on August 12, 2016, in Niksic, Montenegro

**6** **Shanae Galloway -11-** and Christopher Lloyd on August 19, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

**7** Libby Wensel and **Aaron Reimers -07-** on September 3, 2016, in Boise, Idaho

**8** **Tiffani Wood -16-** and Dennis Ciciliano on September 15, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

**9** **Kara Martinez -16-** and **Jake Reppert -15-** on November 5, 2016, in Everett, Wash.

**10** **Stevi Knight -12-** and Michael Nichols on December 30, 2016, in Fort Worth, Texas



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**16** Charlotte Marie on May 13, 2016, to **Amber (Smith) -09-** and Zacharie **Abair**, joining Lillian Myrna and Olivia Grace

**17** Elizabeth Esther on June 20, 2016, to **Melody (Irish) -01-** and Gregg **Schuetze**, joining Shylee

**18** Matthew Lee on September 28, 2016, to **Sarah (Orias) -04-** and **Zach Marble -04-**, joining Alison and Katie

**19** Aurellia Josephine Jean on October 19, 2016, to **Kristina (Scharfenberg) -02-** and George **Samuel**, joining Thaddeus and Gideon

**20** Penelope Anne on November 25, 2016, to Erin (Lee) and **David Routt -16-**

**21** Peter David on December 27, 2016, to **Lynsey (Elmore) -10-** and **Ben Boeckel -07-**

**22** Avery Mae on January 4, 2017, to **Megan (Yergenson) -10-** and **Chris Van Stone -10-**, joining Adalynn

**11** **Chelsea Goelz -13-** and Jordan Everson on December 31, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

## Births and Adoptions

**12** Chelise Ann on October 28, 2013, to **Tami (McCoy) -99-** and Ben **Moore**, joining Bretton and Teegan

**13** Aiden "AJ" Jonathan James (2/8/16) adopted on September 15, 2016, by **Tessa (Phillips) -96-** and Jon **Martinson**, joining Gentry



**23** Colette Noel on January 26, 2017, to **Amber (Roach) -05-** and **Shane Marshall -03-**

**24** Nathanael Brent on February 2, 2017, to Kimberly (Johnson) and **Brent Weese -92-**, joining Joshua, Justin, Kasey, Kathryn, Caleb, Bryson, Landon

**25** Levi Peter on April 7, 2017, to **Megan (Bellamy) -01-** and **Scott Boswell -01-**, joining Tyler and Grant



**Paul Sutherland -52-** on February 27, 2017, in Nampa, Idaho

**Rev. John Wesley Bullock -53-** on September 6, 2016, in Tempe, Ariz.

**Thomas "Tom" Lowry -55-** on October 10, 2016, in Bucyrus, Kan.

**LaJuana Cross -53-** on October 18, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

**S. Fred Rapp -53-** on March 1, 2017, in Elma, Wash.

**Velta Boyd -55-** on March 9, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nev.

## In Memory

**Gladys Mosteller -41-** on October 27, 2016, in Roseburg, Ore.

**Dr. Fred Knight -43-** on June 2, 2017, in Newberg, Ore.

**Rev. Robert "Bob" Hempel -45-** on March 2, 2017, in Meridian, Idaho

**Geraldine (Taylor) Eppes -46-** on October 11, 2016, in Arlington, Wash.

**Professor Ruth Long -46-** on October 31, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

**K. Robert "Bob" Sporleder -47-** on October 10, 2016, in Walla Walla, Wash.

**Phillip Steigleder -49-** on August 23, 2016, in Arcadia, Calif.

**Kenneth J. Potter -49-** on August 31, 2016, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**David Lowell Blum -49-** on September 9, 2016, in Tillamook, Ore.

**Lillian Harris -49-** on September 14, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

**Rev. Eldon Shields -49-** on September 20, 2016, in Boise, Idaho

**Grace (Sunden) Witter -49-** on October 20, 2016, in Spokane, Wash.

**Mary (Sumner) Tracy -49-** on December 8, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

**Edith (Herron) Arnold -50-** on April 5, 2017, in Vancouver, Wash.

**Carl "Tiny" Bellamy -50-** on April 6, 2017, in Nampa, Idaho

**Meryle Burkhart -51-** on April 21, 2017, in Nampa, Idaho

**Juanita Hubbard -51-** on September 27, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

**Hubert Hendrix -52-** on December 4, 2015, in Twin Falls, Idaho

**Lila Fosbenner -52-** on September 2, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

**Faye (Strunk) Iles -52-** on December 8, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho

**Lois A. Rice -52-** on January 18, 2017, in Bethany, Okla.

**Don E. McBride -56-** on March 11, 2017, in Nampa, Idaho

**Donald L. Boyd -57-** on January 31, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Laveta (Cantrell) Younger -59-** on October 14, 2016, in Twin Falls, Idaho

**Pat Lund -59-** on October 22, 2016, in Poulso, Wash.

**Robert "Bob" Marks -60-** on August 8, 2016, in Boise, Idaho

**Sharon (Satrum) Olsen -61-** on April 22, 2017, in Surprise, Ariz.

**Judith Angell -62-** on January 28, 2017, in Nampa, Idaho

**Maytie (Rimbey) Cherry -64-** on November 20, 2016, in Temecula, Calif.

**Velma Van Aelst (64)** on January 10, 2017, in Goldendale, Wash.

**Richard Salisbury -64-** on April 8, 2017, in Moscow, Idaho

**Rick Barton -66-** on March 27, 2017, in Post Falls, Idaho



**Marilyn (Mahler) Sollars -67-** on August 2, 2015, in Caldwell, Idaho

**Professor Dick Van Schyndel -68-** on January 11, 2017, in Nampa, Idaho

**Janice Jahn -73-** on May 4, 2016, in Beaverton, Ore.

**Edwin Robinson -73-** on May 28, 2017, in Nampa, Idaho

**Albert D. Stiefel -78-** on January 28, 2017, in Oregon City, Ore.

**Debbie (Thornton) Curl -81-** on January 31, 2017, in Nampa, Idaho

**Elizabeth Ann Martin -84-** on July 4, 2016, in Portland, Ore.

**Professor Eula Tombaugh (96)** on November 23, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho



## We are better because he was among us

### Ed Robinson, 1951–2017

Dr. Edwin “Ed” Robinson, Northwest Nazarene University alumnus and senior fellow, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 28. In the days since, the NNU community has spent time remembering and reflecting on Ed’s service and ministry to this place and its people.

Ed exemplified servant leadership. For him, the basin and towel in his office weren’t just powerful symbols of Christ’s example to us, but a way of living life. He served others first, grounded in the “kenosis” or “self-emptying” passage found in Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

“Ed was a unique individual who embodied so many winsome qualities,” shares Dr. Randy Craker, Northwest District superintendent and Board of Trustees chair. “He had a hospitable heart that made it easy to call him friend. His keen mind challenged you whether you were sitting in a classroom or drinking coffee at the Flying M. His love for his Lord and his insightful messages from the Word encouraged you on your own walk with Jesus.”

Ed came to NNU in 2011 as the director of the Office of Leadership Studies and Servant Leadership. In 2016, he accepted the position of vice president for academic affairs, a position from which he planned to retire in July 2017. Additionally, he served as a professor of practical theology in the School of Theology & Christian Ministries.

Ed had been engaged in pastoral leadership, theological education and Christian higher education for 44 years. He began his career at

NNU where he received a bachelor’s degree in religious education in 1973. He then went on to earn a master’s degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary and a doctoral degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Before returning to NNU in 2011, Ed served in various roles at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, and as president of MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas.

“His service to the church allowed him to influence thousands of people around the world,” reflects Dr. Craker. “To have known him is to have had your life enriched in meaningful ways.”

Ed’s journey included service to local churches in three states and institutions of higher education in the U.S., Africa, Southern and Eastern Europe, and Central and South America, as well as the Pacific Rim. He participated in district clergy training events, youth camps, youth conferences, university chapels and commencements. He also authored articles and books. Ed’s contributions and service to the campus of NNU were recognized by his colleagues by his election and appointment to senior fellow status earlier this spring.

“Dr. Ed Robinson modeled what servant leadership looks like,” shares NNU President Joel Pearsall, “and as a result he touched thousands of lives. The NNU community was privileged to have Ed as a colleague over the past six years, and we are better because he was among us.”

Ed lived in Nampa with his wife, Nancy. They have two adult daughters, both living in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Ed enjoyed travel, hiking, snow skiing and dabbling in the culinary arts. He had been an avid (and loyal) Kansas City Royals fan since 1974.

Ed will be missed greatly by the NNU community—his colleagues, students and friends.



For as long as I can remember, I have always been family-oriented, so to me, home is where your family is; home is not a physical place or location. Eight years ago, my family and I came to the United States from the Congo in central North Africa in a desperate search for safety. When we first got here, I didn't have any friends or belongings, just my family, but I was home. Despite the language barrier that prevented me from making new friends and communicating with those around me, I was home. Despite the frustration and the feeling

of loneliness always hanging over me because my peers would often refuse to accept or even acknowledge my presence in certain settings because I was different, I was home. Despite regretting moving in the first place, I was home.

Yes, at some point, the Congo had been home. But it wasn't simply because that's where my house was, or because I knew my way across town, or because I could call out all my neighbors by name. It was because it was where my family was. My family, the people who know me better than anyone else. The people who have showered me with unconditional love since day one. That is my home. The people who can look me straight in the eye and tell me my ideas are stupid and give me advice on how to make them better. The people who have always been my biggest fans. The people who have challenged me and encouraged me to chase dreams even I don't believe I'll ever accomplish them. They are my home.

When we first came to the United States, my parents noticed that my academic performance had suffered a great decline. Not because of the language barrier, but because I stopped trying. I hated having to spend my lunch periods with the instructor and having to stay a bit longer after school for one-on-one help on how to do the homework due the next day. I hated having to take E.L.L. (English Language Learning) courses to improve my English while others had the privilege to take fun elective courses like art and music. My family let me know that it was okay to be a bit behind, but not trying wasn't going to help me catch up. Even when they were exhausted from working all day, my parents would sit with my siblings and me after dinner and try to help us with our homework, even when they didn't understand how to do it.

When I received my acceptance letter from Northwest Nazarene University, I sat on my bed with tears running down my face because this was the school I had wanted to attend for four years. This letter also meant that I was not only going to be the very first in my family to go to college but would also have the opportunity to be the very first to graduate as well. My parents couldn't be more proud. This is how I plan on giving back to them: being the first in my family to graduate from a post-secondary school and showing them that every sacrifice they have ever made for me was not a waste.

Throughout my life, I have lived in three different countries, so I would be lying if I told you I could count the number of houses I have lived in on one hand. While for some people, home is where they are welcomed by the smell of their favorite meal when they walk through the door; mine is not. For some people, home is where they can wear whatever they please without judgement; mine is not. For others, home is where they can obnoxiously laugh for hours about their grandfather's ridiculous jokes; mine is not. For me, home is not a location or physical place; home is wherever the people I call my family are.

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*Sophomore social work major, member of the Honors College, Social Work Club, and Track & Field Team*

*Excerpted with permission from her essay that won the top prize of a \$1000 scholarship from the website Student Loan Hero*





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