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CELEBRATING A PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

KEEPING UP WITH ALUMNI HAPPENINGS



On Friday morning March 11, Joel Pearsall sat with the trustees of Northwest Nazarene University. The Board informed him they had elected him to become NNU's 13th president.

Joel began reflecting on his journey. His years as a student at NNC had significantly shaped his life. His earning a law degree fulfilled a dream as he set out on a lifetime of practicing law. A major life detour happened in his 30's when he felt led of God to leave his practice to serve as a large church administrator. Then an invitation to serve as vice president of financial affairs and legal counsel brought him back to NNU where, for 17 years in various roles, he found great joy serving on our campus.

Then Joel reached back to an old memory. He spoke about an early career goal of retiring from law at age 59 so he could finish his working years giving service to his Lord and his church, wherever the door would open. In his telling, he suddenly stopped. It dawned on him he had reached the time when as a young man he planned to make a major life transition. Now this. An invitation to serve Christ and the church as a university president.

The journey a young Joel had mapped went far differently than he imagined. God had led him, life had prepared him, and now we were asking him to step through the door marked "president." He asked for the weekend before he responded. He and Nikki wanted to slip away to pray. On the following Monday, I had the privilege of announcing at community chapel Joel's acceptance. He became President Pearsall.

Across the months as NNU has journeyed through this time of transition, I've had two prayers. First is, "Lord, may your hand of favor rest upon NNU." It is a prayer God is answering. His helping hand has enabled us to move through challenging times to experience days of healing and hope. From the day Joel agreed to become our interim president until now, my other prayer has been, "Lord, strengthen Joel's hand as he leads NNU." It is another prayer God is answering. With a steady hand, our president is guiding us in collaborative and constructive ways.

Blessings,

Randy Craker
Chair, Board of Trustees

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Founded in 1913, the university now serves over 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, more than 6,000 continuing education students, and 2,300 high school students through concurrent enrollment programs.

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University presidential inaugurations connect us to our legacy and illustrate the value of community.

By Dr. Sharon Bull, NNU Archivist and Dean of Learning Resources

HIGHER education is well-known for traditions involving pomp and circumstance. Every spring, trustees, administrators and faculty don black robes and colorful hoods, then march in procession to mark the beginning of the Commencement exercises. They are followed by black-robed students who will soon march across the platform to receive their diplomas.

Each fall, many institutions begin the academic year with a convocation, when again administrators and faculty don their regalia and march in procession. At this opening event, the president addresses the students and challenges them for the year ahead. These two traditions have a long history at NNU, and University Archives has photos dating back to 1918 of NNC graduates in their robes.

A lesser-known and much less frequently experienced tradition is the inauguration of the university president. As new presidents take office, ceremonies with all the pomp and circumstance of Commencement exercises are held. These occasions provide opportunity to celebrate the institution's history and to look ahead.

On October 6, Joel K. Pearsall was inaugurated as the 13th president of Northwest Nazarene University. This was, however, only the seventh inauguration of an NNU president. Inaugurations, sometimes called Installations or Investitures, have been part of higher education for several hundred years, but no evidence exists in University Archives that inaugural events were held during the first thirty-nine years of NNU's existence. It was not until 1952, when Dr. John E. Riley was elected as the seventh president, that the first inauguration took place. Since then,

marched in procession on October 6 to participate in the tradition of a presidential inauguration. While it had similarities to those of previous presidents, this inauguration was distinct in that this was the only time in our history that a child of an earlier president has been elected to this position. Joel is not only NNU's 13th president, he is also the son of Kenneth H. Pearsall, who was the 8th president of NNU.


Joel's ties go back to 1973, when as a junior high school student, he moved with his family to Nampa from the East

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there has been an inaugural ceremony for each president, and there have been common elements in each of these events. In addition to the processional, music, scripture and prayer, there is a ceremony of installation and an address, almost always by the president.

Northwest Nazarene University administrators and faculty again donned black robes and colorful hoods and

Coast. He is an alumnus of NNU, served on the Board of Trustees, and filled two vice-presidential roles before his appointment as president in 2016. Joel brings a unique perspective as a longtime member of the university community and son of a former president.

He says, "I am a product of NNU and 'bear the fingerprints' of many NNU faculty and staff who shaped me while I was a student and who continue to have significant impact on my life. To now serve as president of the university is both an honor and a humbling experience." 

Timeline of Presidents

Each new president brings a new flavor to the governing and daily life of the institution, but each inauguration of a new leader also reminds the community of our shared commitment to the original mission and values of NNU that surpasses any one administration. The following is a timeline of NNU's leadership since its inception as a college. Visit NNU.EDU/INAUGURATION to find links to read the inauguration addresses listed below.

H. ORTON WILEY, 1916 – 1926

JOSEPH G. MORRISON, 1926 – 1927

RUSSELL V. DELONG, 1927 – 1932

R. EUGENE GILMORE, 1932 – 1935

RUSSELL V. DELONG, 1935 – 1942

LEWIS T. CORLETT, 1942 – 1952

DR. JOHN E. RILEY, 1952 – 1973

Inaugural Address: "The Person and the Issues"

DR. KENNETH H. PEARSALL, 1973 – 1983

Inaugural Address: "The Concept of Northwest Nazarene College"

DR. A. GORDON WETMORE, 1983 – 1992

Inaugural Address: "The Role of Northwest Nazarene College as a Christian Liberal Arts College," delivered by Dr. William Greathouse

DR. LEON D. DOANE, 1992 – 1993

Inaugural Address: "From Here to 2001," delivered by Dr. Eugene Stowe

DR. RICHARD A. HAGOOD, 1993 – 2008

Inaugural Address: "To Care for the Soul of NNC"

DR. DAVID ALEXANDER, 2008 – 2015


Inaugural Address: "Renewing Our Covenant, Seeking His Kingdom"

JOEL K. PEARSALL, J.D., 2015 – PRESENT

Inaugural Address: "The Relevance of NNU in the 21st Century"



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT:
PRESIDENT GORDON WETMORE, PRESIDENT KENNETH PEARSALL,
PRESIDENT LEWIS CORLETT AND PRESIDENT JOHN RILEY.

A photograph of two men in academic regalia. The man on the left, Rev. Randy Craker, has grey hair and glasses, and wears a black gown with a red stole and a gold medal. The man on the right, Rev. Dan Copp, has dark hair and wears a black gown with a blue stole and a gold medal. He has his hands clasped in prayer. A small globe sits on a table in front of them.

REV. RANDY CRAKER, NNU BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR (LEFT), AND REV. DAN COPP, EDUCATION COMMISSIONER FOR THE GENERAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE (CENTER RIGHT), LAY HANDS OF BLESSING ON JOEL PEARSALL WHILE REV. CLARENCE KINZLER, PASTOR TO JOEL DURING HIS HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE YEARS (RIGHT), GIVES A PRAYER OF DEDICATION AT THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL CEREMONY ON OCTOBER 6.

TRUSTEES, FACULTY, STAFF, EDUCATIONAL COLLEAGUES, CIVIC AND CHURCH LEADERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS GATHERED FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY TO WITNESS AND CELEBRATE AS JOEL BECAME NNU'S 13TH PRESIDENT.

Read more about the Inauguration of Joel K. Pearsall at NNU.EDU/INAUGURATION.



a community of belonging

NNU seeks intentionally to build authentic community in a digital era.





COMMUNITY for today's youth looks very different than it did when NNU was forming and growing 100 years ago. Then, friends and connections were made face to face with those who happened to live, work, learn and worship nearby. Now, the Internet and social media have dramatically changed how we view community. This is especially true for teens preparing for college who have never known a world that was digitally unconnected. Now, relationships aren't limited to those you live in close proximity with, but connections can be made with anyone around the world.

According to a 2011 article in *Pediatrics*, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, "a large part of this generation's social and emotional development is occurring while on the Internet and on cell phones." The use of social media as a mechanism to form connections is becoming more and more significant at a younger and younger age.


In this environment of immediate access to information and people of shared interest anywhere in the world, what is the role of a Christian university, especially in community building? The University's statement on our value of community helps to answer this question: "We believe education flourishes in community. NNU provides a learning and faith community that teaches, challenges and encourages each other through intellectual and spiritual practices. Within covenantal relationships, we express our love for God and others."

Although this description doesn't exclude digital means for putting the value of community into practice, NNU staff and faculty who invest in the lives of students are faced with a significant challenge in competing with the immediacy and engaging nature of social media.

Fortunately, there is no substitute for the real thing, and NNU is intentional about creating a community of belonging that fosters healthy relationships. That intentionality starts when students first arrive as freshmen. Director of Student Life Grant Miller helps plan Freshman Retreat each year. This event takes the whole freshman class up to Trinity Pines Camp and Conference Center over Labor Day Weekend, typically the first weekend of the fall semester.

He says, "The retreat helps us to offer the freshman class a chance to form a more cohesive sense of class unity. It serves as an intentional time to get away from the busy schedule on campus, and it helps students to meet new friends and form new bonds through group activities, free time, trips into McCall and meals shared all together. It really is an awesome time for our students to help discover what it is at NNU that we value so dearly—our community."

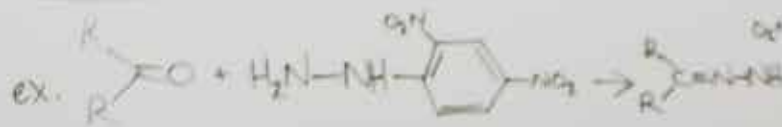
Despite coming from a digitized culture that students 100 years ago wouldn't have even dreamed of, students today continue to cite community as one of the most meaningful parts of their NNU experience just as students have done for generations.

In this issue you'll get a glimpse into the many other ways NNU works to build community for our students—community that continues well after they leave the campus. From the pomp of a presidential inauguration to the spontaneous conversations in the middle of the night in the dorms, university life is in some ways more immersive and engaging than even social media. At NNU, everyone—from the president to the faculty to the staff—sees both the moments that we create and those that occur by chance as opportunities to invest in lives and to continue our legacy. 

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the elements that bond

Dr. Tim Anstine, professor of chemistry, builds in students a passion not only for science but also for the Lord.

By Elisa (Rau) Bullock, Class of 2015

NNU KNOWS that there are many changes and challenges that students face daily. Questions about career paths, how to follow God's call, and what classes will help achieve their goals all add to students' growing pains; however, NNU also knows these growing pains ease when students have a strong community of belonging as a firm foundation.

Community does not happen overnight, and calling a group a community does not make it one. Developing community has to be intentional, and the intentional acts of professors, staff members and students transform the buildings of NNU into a community of belonging.

Leaving a lucrative career in pharmaceuticals to teach at NNU, Dr. Tim Anstine, professor of chemistry, was following a clear call he felt on his life to "feed hungry sheep." He teaches students about organic molecules, but his lessons go much deeper. His calling pushes him to be intentional about relationships with students, impacting students more deeply than just helping them understand textbook material. He is passionate about chemistry, but even more

passionate about Jesus.

"Tim's love for Christ and passion for the Word created a stirring in my life that ultimately led

me to a deeper relationship with Christ," Shawn Haverfield ('07) shared. "I was headed down a path of uncertainty in my faith, and without Tim to help steer me toward a real relationship with Christ, I know I would have been lost. It's people like Dr. Anstine who make NNU a great university and keep it grounded on the unchanging Word of God."

Anstine appreciates the creative and beautiful design of an organic molecule the way others enjoy watching a dramatic sunset. Science and faith are often two subjects that seem to be at odds, but Dr. Anstine teaches students how the truth of Jesus Christ allows science to make sense. He says, "A true university is an attempt to bring unity out of diversity. At NNU we can talk about truth because we can integrate science and faith. It is through Jesus that we can invite students into this unifying reality and become a true university." Colossians 1:17 says "He is

before all things, and in him all things hold together." (NIV) As Dr. Anstine elaborates, "The laws of chemistry only make sense in the light of the person of Jesus. They cannot be separated."

As a professor who not only teaches but also invests in the lives of students, Dr. Anstine has a unique perspective to see the gifts in others and the privilege to speak into their lives. Dorothy Ackerman ('13) intended to major in education when she took a chemistry class from Dr. Anstine as one of her science electives. She excelled. Dr. Anstine reflects, "She saw chemistry in the world in a special and unique way."


The more she learned, the more she wrestled with her educational plans: "I sensed God was trying to redirect me to be all in on this chemistry business, but it honestly scared me to change my life plans. My bargain with God went something like this, 'If you have Dr. Anstine say something to me about switching to chemistry, that will be my sign.'" Sure enough, Dr. Anstine approached Dorothy about her gift for chemistry, and she switched her major that day. Dorothy reflects: "Dr. Anstine

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is sensitive to the Spirit's leading and never presses you to make a decision; instead, he knows how to let you come to the decision

you need to make by showing you and encouraging you how to seek the Lord. He believed in me probably more than I believed in myself. He pushed me to dig deep and learn with passion."

Over the next few years, Dorothy was able to continue learning from Dr. Anstine, and, although he filled her mind with elements and bonds, he also filled her heart with a desire for more of the Lord. "He taught me that it is okay to have questions about my faith and that it's important to ask those questions and seek answers." Dorothy is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemistry at Vanderbilt University.

With sincere and caring hearts, professors like Dr. Anstine allow students to wrestle with their dreams and God's call on their life to help them reach their full potential. These professors who invest in the whole person are just one of the elements that bond us together to create a community of belonging at NNU. 

GRANT (SECOND FROM THE RIGHT) AND JEN (FAR RIGHT) CHEER ON STUDENTS IN A GAME AT FRESHMAN RETREAT. THE MILLER FAMILY, WHICH INCLUDES SON WHIT (15 MONTHS), LIVE, WORK, EAT AND PLAY ON CAMPUS, INVESTING WHOLLY IN THE NNU COMMUNITY.

sharing the *value* of community

Jen and Grant Miller work together to create an environment where students can flourish.

By Carly (Rech) Gilmore, Class of 2017

“WE BELIEVE education flourishes in community.” As a part of the value statement, NNU prioritizes creating a community of belonging. But what does it really look like to “[provide] a learning and faith community that teaches, challenges and encourages each other through intellectual and spiritual practices”? What value does community truly hold?

Two people who can attest to the power of community are Grant and Jen (Knight) Miller, Director of Student

Life and Ford Hall Resident Director (RD), respectively.

When asked how NNU’s community has impacted her, Jen (’07) piped, “How has it not! In so many ways, NNU has had a huge impact in such a pivotal time of my life.”

Jen was first introduced to NNU on a college visit as she searched for a Nazarene university to call home. Here she found a completely different experience from other college visits due to one crucial quality—community. “Community is very important to me,” remarked Jen. “I wanted a school with a family feel. I didn’t want to be a number; I wanted to be known and valued.”

Impressed by the people and environment, Jen decided to

come to NNU, where she capitalized on the opportunities presented. Complementing her academics, she immersed herself into many co-curricular activities—social work club, chapel worship team, intramural sports, Witness (a summer travel group) and Brick House resident. Jen explained, “I was so involved at NNU because I felt like I belonged.”

Through the academic, social and spiritual environment, Jen’s life was transformed. “It wasn’t until freshman year that I became a Christian,” Jen said. “That decision was influenced

by the community I found here. Chapel, friends, professors, teammates, classmates and classes all played a part in this life-changing choice.”

Grant (’10 and ’13) also attributes his personal growth and transformation to NNU. “During

my initial visit to NNU, I had a deep sense that this was the place where I could grow into the person I wanted to become,” commented Grant. “If you come with a desire to get involved and grow, the people here recognize it and feed into you at such a formative time; the impact through relationships and community leaves a person enriched.”

During his college career, Grant was very involved in the NNU community. Besides throwing for NNU’s track and field team and pursuing a double major in political

“I AM INTENTIONAL ABOUT BEING INVOLVED IN THEIR LIVES AND HELPING THEM GET INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITY.”



science and public communication, he held positions in student government, served as a peer mentor, sang in spring musicals, led chapel worship, traveled with Covenant (a summer travel group) and served as SGA president.

After earning his first degree, Grant lived in and managed the Brick House while serving as a graduate assistant in NNU's Graduate Theological Online Education program and as an assistant track and field coach. During this time, Grant and Jen—who worked as an NNU admissions counselor—started dating. Two years later, in 2012, Grant and Jen were married and remained in the area.

"We love NNU and the ways it has contributed to our personal transformation," explained Grant. "Every time we looked to go other places, God seemed to keep us here. It just felt right to stay in this community."

Grant held a variety jobs, including working for NNU's Office of Marketing, until becoming director of student life in 2014. "I enjoy working with students every day," Grant remarked, "I get to counsel them, have fun with them and see them grow. Being influential in their lives at such a formative time is a privilege; I hope students will look back on college as a time that shaped them into who they wanted to become."

Jen has recently transitioned into a new position as Ford RD after eight years as an admissions counselor. Excited to enter a different part of the college process, Jen explained, "This


new position is a cool segue. In admissions, I helped students discover that NNU is the right place for them, and now I get to accompany them on their journey of living it out."

As RD of Ford and director of student life, Jen and Grant get to help form the community that was so influential in their own lives. While they both play a key role in creating a transformative environment, their parts are quite different.

"I create community through time spent together—going out to coffee, hosting events, going to their games," explained Jen. "I am intentional about being involved in their lives and helping them get involved."

"Jen is great with the one-on-one aspect of community," Grant reiterated. "She builds relationships with students and helps them find what they are passionate about. On the other hand, I get to foster community. I get to help those who already know what they are passionate about engage those passions and find others who share them."

Talking about what students should glean from their college experience, Grant commented, "I want students to develop a strong sense of who they were made to be, what their passions are, what gives them life and how to engage that knowledge."

With individuals like Grant and Jen investing in students' lives, many leave with much more than a degree. The community found here enhances the academic aspect of students' educations and leaves them empowered. 



Claiming their spot for the year

President Joel Pearsall of Northwest Nazarene University announced fall 2016 enrollment at 2,053 students, just 11 shy of its all-time high in 2011. Overall, 1,329 undergraduate and 724 graduate and doctoral students indicate stable enrollment. The University is also enjoying one of the most diverse incoming classes in school history.

Director of Admissions Shawn Blenker said, “NNU is blessed to welcome a strong incoming class. These students, like so many who have come before them, have sought and found more than a school through which they will earn a degree—they have found a university that values transformation, truth, service and community—a community that extends well beyond the graduation platform. NNU continues to attract high-quality students with a passion for changing their communities and their world.”



Bringing new insights to undergrads

NNU is pleased to welcome 11 new faculty to the university fall semester. The experience these individuals bring makes NNU certain our new professors will be excellent contributors to our liberal arts education.

“Having worked at other universities, I have already found the NNU community to be very unique in how welcoming and supportive everyone is,” explained Aileen Hale, assistant professor of education.

Others joining the NNU community are Catherine Becker ('09), assistant professor of academic support; Lynn Bohecker, assistant professor of counseling; Michelle Claverie ('15), assistant professor of innovation in the Doceō Center; Jessica Henderson, assistant professor of counseling; Ayokunle Hodonu, assistant professor of biology; Joshua Jensen, assistant professor of business; Tracy Marshall, assistant professor of education; April Orduno ('16), assistant professor of nursing; Shannon Panfilio-Padden ('12, '15), assistant professor of education; and Maureen Tarrant, instructor of nursing.



Sweeping academic championship

Crusader student-athletes excelled well beyond the playing fields and gym floors during the 2015-16 season. For the second straight year and the sixth time overall, the Crusader student-athletes proved to be the best in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, claiming the GNAC Academic All-Sports Championship.

“We are thrilled to be the GNAC Academic All-Sports Champions once again!” NNU athletic director Kelli Lindley said. “Our coaches, faculty and staff have worked very well together to ensure our student-athletes have the resources they need to succeed academically, while still competing in the very demanding NCAA Division II conference.”

77 CRUSADER STUDENT-ATHLETES WERE NAMED TO THE 2015-16 GNAC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

The award was based on cumulative grade point averages for all student-athletes on team rosters, including redshirts, for the 2015-16 academic year. The Crusader's six Academic All-Sport titles are the most by any school in the GNAC.



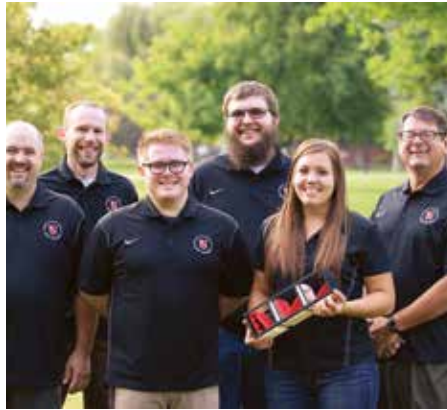
Celebrating our supporters

The annual President's Dinner on September 15 brought together 420 supporters of the University to be recognized for their generosity and to hear stories of our students' success and gratitude.

Each year at the dinner, the University honors an individual or organization who has contributed significantly to fostering a spirit of cooperation between the community and NNU. The 2016 Eugene Emerson Award was presented to radio station 670 KBOI (a Cumulus Media Inc. station).

President Pearsall said, "Several years ago when we reached out, 670 KBOI was willing to form a partnership with us, and that relationship has been pivotal to NNU's strategy for engaging the local community."

The President's Dinner is a "thank you" for donors who give \$500 or more annually. This inspirational evening reminds all involved how their gifts to the University result in the transformed lives of students. 📌



Launching dreams and rockets

For the fifth consecutive year, an NNU engineering team was selected by NASA to launch an experiment into space. The team of students spent the last year designing systems that tested the effectiveness of flexible RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) sensors and ADC's (Analog to Digital Converters) in the harsh space environment. In August, NNU's RockSat-X team traveled to NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia to launch their experimental payload on a sounding rocket.

7 ENGINEERING DESIGN TEAMS ARE EXTERNALLY FUNDED BY ORGANIZATIONS LIKE NASA, ASI, AND MICRON

"This experience has been invaluable," commented sophomore engineering major and RockSat-X team member Tyler Hestand. "It is difficult to simulate a real world environment in the classroom, but with this project I was able to experience a work environment that takes place in an engineering job." 📌



Offering support and generosity

On September 29, NNU held its second Give Day, a chance for the NNU community of alumni, students, parents and friends to support the University.

This year, NNU students also gave back to the community by donating blood, supporting the Idaho Food Bank and giving clothes to Matthew 25 Ministry.

Using social media, an online giving page and live participation tracking, this event provided a way for everyone—no matter where they were—to come together, share their stories, reconnect with old friends, wear NNU gear and support the University and their local communities.

"Give Day is important because it is a chance for people to publicly express their support for NNU and celebrate their commitment to the mission of the University to enable each student to become God's creative and redemptive agent in the world," explained Matt Silva, Give Day coordinator.

Total giving for the day, including gifts to the University Fund, a matching grant from the Brandt Foundation and restricted gifts, totalled \$59,268. 📌



Taking the helm for women's basketball

NNU's athletic program is pleased to introduce Steve Steele as the new head women's basketball coach. Hired in August, Steele spent the last five years as a top assistant in the NCAA Division II West Region. Prior to his experience as a top collegiate assistant, he spent 12 seasons as a top assistant at California powerhouse Brea Olinda High School, where his team won the 2009 National Championship.

NNU HAS 13 NCAA DIVISION II ATHLETIC TEAMS

"We feel incredibly blessed to have someone with Steve's background, experience and character taking over our women's basketball program," NNU Athletic Director Kelli Lindley said when introducing Steele as the Crusader's seventh head women's basketball coach. "Having already coached in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Steve understands what it takes to compete at this level, the challenges and opportunities that exist." 🏀



Creating art from ashes

September 2015, Friesen Galleries hosted an art show entitled "Soul at White Heat" by Art and Design Professor Amy Gilles. A year after a fire destroyed her apartment and all of the art inside of it, Gilles set out to incorporate remnants of fire and smoke-damaged artwork into an entirely new body of work. This show was an exploration of what it looks like to find beauty in literal ashes, how to let go of precious things but also transform them into something new.

Viewing this collection as a representation of honest hope, Gilles said, "This new artwork, created from the pieces I feared were lost, is a reminder that God is always capable of forming and transforming us into something entirely new and for His purposes." 🏹



Announcing Peterson as Dean

This summer, NNU announced Dr. Brent Peterson as Dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministries (STCM).

"[Peterson's] genuine spiritual commitment as a follower of Jesus and his calling as an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene provide a solid foundation for his vision, leadership and teaching," said Dr. Ed Robinson, vice president for academic affairs.

THE STCM FACULTY HAVE WRITTEN OVER 100 PUBLICATIONS

"All of these factors make Dr. Peterson a strong choice as dean. He is ideally matched with the School of Theology and Christian Ministries' purpose to prepare women and men for Christian ministry as well as provide theological and biblical resources for the university and the church at large. I am confident that Dr. Peterson, together with his faculty colleagues, will live into that purpose in the years to come." 🏹



Experiencing true freedom

During summer 2016, a team of five students led by Chaplain Olivia Metcalf traveled to northwest Kenya. Partnering with Africa Nazarene University, the Church of the Nazarene and Servant Forge, the team facilitated the “Freedom Found Project”—a leadership empowerment camp for teenagers. The goal of the camp was to equip young adults with skills and experiences that prepare them to serve better in their homes, schools and communities.

“NNU ON A MISSION” TEAMS TRAVELED TO POLAND, LIBERIA, COLOMBIA, HAITI AND KENYA THIS YEAR

“This trip empowered our students and helped them empower others,” remarked Metcalf. “To experience what it means to partner with others, to use what assets you have been given, to recognize that others have assets and experiences you don’t, and then to put all of that together to share the good news of Jesus made this trip phenomenal.” 📌



Transforming our story

Stories have the ability to move us, captivate us, challenge us, and inspire us—they have power to transform our lives. This year’s chapel theme, “Can I get a witness? Connecting our stories to the story of God,” focuses on this transformative power of stories. By exploring the story of the early church in Acts and hearing multiple speakers share their stories of God’s work in their lives, our community has been inspired by God’s story of redemption and transformation in our world.

“We long to help students know the story of salvation and the new life it brings!” Chaplain Olivia Metcalf commented. “We also want to empower them to tell their stories, to become witnesses of God’s love and transformative work in them.” 📌



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A gift to NNU can be a blessing to both you and the University! In most cases, a qualified charitable contribution from your traditional IRA or Roth IRA will satisfy your annual required minimum distribution and reduce your income tax liability:

- You must be at least 70 ½ years of age.
- Your contribution must be from an IRA account, made directly to NNU.
- You and your spouse can each make multiple charitable contributions up to \$100,000 per year to recognized charities, thereby reducing your taxable estate.
- You can create a scholarship fund or a different field of interest fund, or make a pledge.
- This charitable transfer is not included in your annual taxable income.

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THE STUDENT BODY SITS DOWN FOR A MOVIE ON THE BRANDT CENTER LAWN AT ROOTBEERFEST DURING WEEKONE ACTIVITIES. WEEKONE IS A SERIES OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SPONSORED EVENTS DURING NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION THAT WELCOME THE FRESHMEN INTO THE COMMUNITY.

▶ Watch highlights from Rootbeerfest and other New Student Orientation and WeekOne activities at [NNU.EDU/NSO](https://nnu.edu/NSO).

WHAT WE LOVE



**WE ARE CALLED
FIRST TO LOVE.
WE LEARNED THAT
FROM JESUS.**

*Here are some of the people, places,
things and ideas that we love.*





**WE LOVE
OUR COMMUNITY
OF BELONGING**



**WE LOVE
PURSUING
VICTORY**





CRUSADER WOMEN'S SOCCER BUILDS TEAM AND TRUST

Over the past few years, Northwest Nazarene University Athletics has given its student-athletes once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that go beyond the playing fields and courts. These opportunities allow teams to build unity and trust while sharing unique experiences and serving others.

The Crusader volleyball and women's golf teams traveled to China, members of the cross country team went to Kenya, and, most recently, the NNU women's soccer team spent a week in the island nation of Trinidad off the coast of Venezuela.

The Lady Crusaders traveled more than 4,000 miles together for a week-long competitive tour of the island nation playing three games, experiencing the culture of the Caribbean island and bonding.

"The trip to Trinidad this year was very beneficial," fourth-year NNU head coach Mary Trigg said. "Half of our team is new this year, so the extra time together was helpful to build our culture and get to know each other."

"We love that as a university NNU focuses on the transformation of the whole person, and our trip to Trinidad helped embody that for us as a team," added former NNU player and Crusader Assistant Women's Soccer Coach Jen (Field) O'Neill.

It gave the team some extra, invaluable time on the field in preparation for

the 2016 season as 11 players on NNU's 22-woman roster were new to the Nampa campus this fall. "Those 11 have helped give us the best depth we've ever had," said Trigg.


The trip to Trinidad began with team members returning to campus in late July and spending a week and a half practicing in preparation for games against the Trinity Nationals, Jewels FC and the Trinidad U15 national team.

Leaving August 5, the NNU ladies not only hit the pitch for those three games during their week-long excursion, but also got the chance to experience a little bit of what life is like in the island nation: eating dinner from street food trucks and enjoying the local cuisine, touring a cocoa house and learning about Trinidad history, drinking fresh water from coconuts and getting a lesson on playing the steel drums.

The Crusaders also went on a tour of the Caroni Bird Sanctuary by boat through swamps and marshes, and visited Las Cuevas and Maracas beaches.

When they weren't experiencing the island's unique culture or competing, the Crusaders had the chance to train with kids at the Mascall Football Academy in Moruga (a rural area in the southern part of the island) and pass out soccer gear to the local players.

The trip was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the 22 NNU players and two Crusader coaches who led the trip.

"We had a great experience that our players won't ever forget," O'Neill said. 



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VARSITY SPORTS

BASEBALL	M	
BASKETBALL	M	W
CROSS COUNTRY	M	W
GOLF	M	W
SOCCER	M	W
SOFTBALL		W
TRACK & FIELD	M	W
VOLLEYBALL		W

STUDENTS GATHER ON A WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR TIME OUT, NNU'S STUDENT-LED WORSHIP SERVICE. FEATURING A STUDENT SPEAKER AND STUDENT WORSHIP TEAM, THIS MIDWEEK RESPITE FROM BUSY SCHEDULES BUILDS THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS.





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KHIRSA COOK, ALUMNA OF NNU'S ADULT & PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING AND THE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM, CAME TO NNU JUST TO GET A DEGREE BUT FOUND A COMMUNITY. "I WAS LOOKING FOR A PIECE OF PAPER AND CAME OUT WITH SO MUCH MORE THAN THAT."

THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS SHE GAINED FROM THE EXPERIENCED FACULTY AND COMMUNITY OF CLASSMATES, ALLOWED HER TO CLIMB THE LADDER TO HER POSITION AS COST ACCOUNTANT AT SIMPLOT.

🎧 *Hear more from Khirsa and learn about the MBA program at nnu.edu/mba.*



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Social Science*

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Graphic Design +*
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Ecology/Bio Diversity +
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Pre-Physical Therapy +

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

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Chemistry +*
Environmental
Chemistry +

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Broadcasting *
Communication +*
Communication
Science +
Drama *
Mass Communications
(Film Studies) +
Media Production *
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Graphic Design +
Computer
Information Systems +
Computer Science +*

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Secondary Education +
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Government/
Political Science

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Biology
Chemistry
Communication
Economics
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Social Science
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Mathematics +*

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Music +*
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Voice +
Worship and
Music Ministry +*

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Nursing +

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy +*
Philosophy
and Religion +

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Pre-Chiropractic
Pre-Dental
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Medicine

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Intercultural Ministry
(Missions) +*
Parachurch Ministries *
Pastoral Ministries *
Philosophy
and Religion +
Theology *
Worship Leadership *
Youth Ministry +*

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Social Work +

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Family Ministries

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Missional Leadership
Spiritual Formation
Youth, Children &
Family Ministries

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Business Administration
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Building Administrator
Educational Leadership:
Superintendent
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Education
Organizational
Development

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Educational Leadership
(Ph.D.)

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Family Counseling
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Practitioner
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Education

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(AA)

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(AA)

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& Innovation (M.Ed.)

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Ph.D.)

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BA)

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(MA, M.Div.)

Spiritual Formation
(MA, M.Div.)
Youth, Children &
Family Ministries
(MA, M.Div.)
Christian Studies
(AA, M.Div.)

A man and a woman are smiling and embracing each other outdoors. The man, in the background, has a beard and is wearing a red polo shirt. The woman, in the foreground, has dark curly hair and is wearing a black sleeveless top and a colorful beaded necklace. They are standing in front of green foliage and a white building.

adopted into community

Longtime staff member shares the impact the NNU community has had on his family.

By Rob O'Donahue, Director of Media Relations

MY FIRST recollection of NNU was with our next-door neighbors, Larry and Phyllis McMillin, who at the time were both employed at NNU and are alumni. My wife Gayle, our oldest daughter Leslie (just seven months old), and I had just moved to Nampa. Other than my sister-in-law's family, we really didn't know anyone. The McMillins invited us over one Sunday afternoon for dinner to take part in what happened to be a small-group gathering for incoming NNU freshmen. This event provided our young family with insight into what this university does so well—invite and welcome people into community.

Our friendship with the McMillins grew, with us attending several more of their barbecues for freshmen. The great times we had with them, along with getting to know many other people associated with NNU, began to show us how close-knit the NNU community was and how special it was to be a Crusader.

Skipping several years ahead, after Gayle had worked on campus for a short time, I accepted a job from Larry to join the school's marketing efforts in the adult and graduate programs. Nearly 15 years later, I am still here and happy that I am. Sometimes Gayle and I marvel at God's prompting (and His great sense of humor) because if anyone had told me—an Episcopalian kid who attended a Lutheran college to play football and then went on to work in the health club industry—that my career path would lead to NNU, I wouldn't have believed it.

Yet we are so thankful that what seemed an indirect path at the time led us to a school that I would appreciate working for, and our eldest daughter Leslie would decide was the perfect fit to attend. God arranged a wonderful chain of events—from the McMillins inviting us to that first Rendezvous barbecue to our daughters practically growing up on campus while Gayle and I worked here to Leslie taking concurrent credit courses from NNU. All of these NNU moments made Leslie's decision to attend easy, besides the fact her chosen program,

Graphic Design, is one of the best in the Northwest.

As an employee, I knew NNU was a great place to work. But to experience NNU from a parent's perspective makes me even more dedicated to and appreciative of this university. One particularly proud moment was watching Leslie and her husband, Ben Gangwer, both graduate as part of the 100th commencement ceremony in May 2016.

I attended college in the Midwest where I played football, received a good education, and grew in my faith. I was thankful there were supporters who afforded me a scholarship. It didn't pay all of my college expenses, but it certainly helped. Had there not been those supporters, I wouldn't have been able to attend. In fact, when I heard the news a

few years ago about my alma mater closing after 125 years due to financial shortfalls and a large drop in support, I realized it doesn't take long for a great institution to close if not supported.

When this happened, I started thinking about the importance of donating to those places that have had an impact on one's life. That's when

we really started giving to NNU. Coupling this decision with Leslie and Ben's experiences as students and my continued, positive years as an NNU employee, Gayle and I had the sense this was another time when moments that had seemed random were actually leading us to action. That encouraged us to give more with even more joy because we had directly watched students benefit so much from what NNU offers.

Although we don't have children attending the university now, we have "adopted" several NNU students and are now hosting our own freshman-welcome BBQs. It is a privilege for us to have a front-row seat to see the benefits giving provides, and we can truly say that no matter the amount, all gifts to NNU are appreciated! We did not know what we were missing years ago before NNU, but now we call it home and can't imagine our lives without it. ❏

**JOIN THE O'DONAHUES AND SHARE
THE LEGACY OF NNU WITH THE NEXT
GENERATION OF STUDENTS. VISIT
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Remembering a faithful friend

Dr. Ralph Palmen, alumnus and longtime friend of NNU, passed away May 11, 2016, at the age of 73. Palmen was an active benefactor of NNU who shared his training and business experience and served as a member of the Board of Directors of the NNU Foundation. Because of his service to and support of the University, NNU awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 2007.

Palmen was raised in Washington and married Darlys Kroft in 1967. His successful career in business led him to found Palmen Institute, Inc. and co-found Express Employment Professionals as well as become a professional speaker and author of three books. He is survived by his wife Darlys, son Mark, daughter Cheryl MacDonald and son-in-law Todd MacDonald and two grandchildren. 🏳️



Taking in a game with fellow alums

On August 8, a group of 220 NNU alumni gathered to watch the Seattle Mariners defeat the Detroit Tigers 3-0 at Safeco Field in Seattle. This Alumni Relations sponsored event not only drew Washington locals but also several alumni from around the Northwest. A fun event for alumni and friends of NNU of all ages, families representing three generations of NNU grads were in attendance.

“There is nothing better than seeing all the generations together,” remarked Darl Bruner, director of alumni relations and game attendee. “It was a great family outing and one more way to stay connected in the NNU community.” This was the second year a large group of alumni have gathered for a Mariners game. 🏳️



Using a milestone as an opportunity to give

Celebrating their 50th birthday together last July, seven alumni—Kenny Becker, Scott Bullock, Scott Daniels, Chris McNaught, Brad Swartzentruber, Brent Carpenter and Jon Beals—decided to fundraise for The Shoe That Grows in place of receiving presents.

“We’re all turning 50 this year, and we thought it would be a great way to do something for someone other than ourselves,” explained McNaught, alumnus ('92, '04) and adjunct professor in the graduate counseling program.

Through this birthday party, nearly \$10,000 was raised to provide The Shoe That Grows to people in need of adequate footwear. The Shoe That Grows, which expands five sizes and lasts five years, was invented by Because International, a Nampa-based nonprofit led by Kenton Lee ('07, '12). 🏳️



Gathering for the solar eclipse

On August 20-21, 2017, NNU's Department of Physics and Engineering is hosting "Lights Out in Idaho," a special event to view the first complete solar eclipse of the 21st Century.

Dubbed the "Great American Eclipse," it will have a path of totality that travels across Idaho, which is considered one of the best places from which to view the event. NNU has reserved Trinity Pines Camp in Cascade, Idaho, to host a viewing retreat featuring special guest Dr. Jim Zimbelman ('76) of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. Kyle Mayer, 2008 alumnus and electrical characterization engineer at Micron Technology, commented, "This retreat is a chance to come together and experience this event with fellow NNU alumni, friends and family."

For more information visit


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Joining NNU Athletics

NNU Athletic Director Kelli Lindley is happy to announce the return of the Crusader Athletic Association (CAA). Now fans and friends of Crusader athletics can be part of the NNU team by joining the CAA.

The CAA is the official annual fundraising organization dedicated to supporting NNU Athletics. Fees and contributions to the CAA help fund athletic scholarships, capital projects and facility upgrades. The vision is that NNU athletics will continue to develop into a premier NCAA Division II athletic program and fulfill the transformational mission of NNU.

You can support NNU Athletics and become a member of the CAA for as little as \$50. To join the CAA, or to learn more about the CAA, go to NNUSPORTS.COM/CAA or call (208) 467-8505. 

EASE THE WORRY FOR NEXT YEAR'S FRESHMAN CLASS

You remember it like it was yesterday: moving into your dorm, Rootbeerfest, your first college all-nighter, **and worrying about tuition.**

You remember that worry, but donating seems so hard when you're a young adult. Does a small gift really matter?

Consider this:

If every alumnus from the last decade gave just \$5 a month upon graduation, OVER \$1.4 MILLION would be raised for next year's students.

Can't afford \$1.4 million? Start small. Add to your classmates' gifts and help ease the worry for the class of 2021.

Start giving today.

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The making of a team

How NNU baseball—with its unlikely beginning—has grown over the decades into a conference championship team

By Lilburn Wesche, Class of 1951

Baseball at NNU sort of just happened. Apparently, enough guys got together back in 1937 and played College of Idaho. There's no record of the score! The next evidence of a team was in the mid-1940s as GI's returned from the war. There were no uniforms and no eligibility rules. The 1946 team roster was a hybrid of students from the college, Nazarene Academy and even a professor or two. Opponents were town teams, area service teams, local colleges and even high schools. Winning was rare—in fact almost non-existent—which might explain scheduling high school teams.

Even college professors were called upon. Myron Finkbeiner remembers his father, A.J. Finkbeiner, the college art professor, being asked to pitch when Coach Monty Lee ran out of arms.

The 1946 picture of the first formal team included Woody Beukelman, Whitey Johnson, Carl "Tiny" Bellamy, Ron Weatherford and Lilburn Wesche, plus a few high schoolers, including Paul Sutherland—wasn't he a member of the college track team?—and a grammar school student, Myron Finkbeiner. Perhaps he was the bat boy, although he is pictured with a mitt!

There was no budget for uniforms, so the '47 team is pictured in street clothes and various sweat outfits. Somewhere Monty found a bunch of uniforms at a fire sale, and most of the '48 team is in uniform—old fashioned flannels, some with charred spots. Some had numbers, some didn't, some wore duplicate numbers, but they did have matching caps!

At this point in history, NNU's playing field was in the parking area behind Wiley Learning Center. The field was so cramped

that the back stop was on the curb of Amity. The infield was dirt, so after a rain it became a quagmire. The outfield was nothing more than a cow pasture, with clumps of grass or weeds here and there. If a sharply hit ground ball got through the infield, it could skip over a hole in the outfield and end up by Chapman Hall. There was no scoreboard and no fence. About 275 feet down left field the ground sloped sharply; hence, a bad bouncing ground ball could roll 400 feet before it would come to a rest.

Hubert Hendrix, a home run hitter from Twin Falls, still holds the record for home runs in a game by going deep four times. What the record doesn't show is that three of four were ground balls that took bad hops, eventually ending up on Chapman's lawn. Center and right weren't much better. Center field sloped into the dormitory parking lot and right field was bounded by an irrigation ditch.

By 1950, the team had changed its image. They had good pitching led by Carlyle Dean and Tiny Bellamy. Tiny beat College of Idaho twice, a feat that has not been duplicated. Shortstop Millard Reynolds and outfielder Hubert Hendrix, both of whom were offered professional contracts, led the Crusaders to another first—a winning record.

The pioneer players should be congratulated. Their perseverance prepared the way, and over the years the teams improved until today NNU is a conference powerhouse. A giant thanks to Monty. 🏆

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ALUMNI AT HOMECOMING AND
FAMILY WEEKEND! LEARN MORE AT
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Alumni News

Catch up on classmate happenings and recent additions

1950s

Joyce Erickson -56- just retired from substitute teaching at two high schools. She is still very active volunteering in her community church at Great Falls, Montana.

1970s

Brett Eshelman -71- has published a book titled “Talk Story” which will bring laughter and tears and will open up a multicultural teaching experience.

1980s

Randy Newcomb -82- received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from University of Bath in June 2016.

Rhonda (Weber) Stickney -82- is the manager and senior loan officer for the Eugene and Coos Bay, Oregon, offices of Guild Mortgage Company. Her husband, **Scott Stickney -82-**, has authored his first book, “In The Dark: A Memoir of Religious Initiation, Doubt, Rebellion, and Discovery.” His book was named as a top-ten finalist in the 2015 New Look Writing Contest.

Edith Driscoll -87- was elected as auditor-controller-treasurer-tax collector, Santa Cruz County, California. She is the county’s chief fiscal officer and chief investment officer.

1990s

Toby Hazen -97- was accepted into the partnership of the Boise office of Eide Bailly LLP, a regional certified public accounting and business advisory firm. Hazen has expertise in a variety of industries but specializes in manufacturing, dealerships, retail, health care and professional services.

2000s

Danielle (Silvers) Richert -00- is the literacy coach and teacher-librarian at the American International School of Johannesburg-Pretoria, South Africa as of fall 2016.

David McFadyen -04- has been chosen for one of 2016 “Accomplished Under 40” by the Idaho Business Review

Scott Nelson Foster -05- has been granted tenure and appointed to the rank of associate professor of creative arts at Siena College in Loudonville, New York. Professor Foster teaches classes in drawing and painting within an interdisciplinary arts program. He is known for his meditative paintings of the suburban landscape, portraits and liturgical art commissions. Examples of his work are visible on his website, www.scottnelsonfoster.com. Professor Foster is represented by the Carrie Haddad Gallery of Hudson NY, and lives in Albany with his wife Katria.

David Hall -06- has joined the Meridian Commercial Banking team for Washington Trust Bank as vice president and commercial real estate relationship manager.

Ben Boeckel -07- graduated from Southern Methodist University with a Ph.D. in Old Testament. He and his wife Lynsey will stay in Dallas where he serves as an Associate Pastor for Richardson Church of the Nazarene.

2010s

Joshua Reams -13- has graduated from Willamette University College of Law and is now a Court Certified Law Clerk through GCHLaw, LL.

Antonio Plascencia -14- has joined the firm CSHQA in Boise as an architect-in-training II. He will be involved with various commercial and retail projects for numerous clients including Lithia of Pocatello and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Antonio is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council, Idaho Chapter, and has spent time volunteering with the United Way of Treasure Valley and One Stone (helping to make students better leaders).

Marriages

1 Jessica (Rine) to **Tyler Heath -06-** on April 30, 2016 in Lodi, California

2 **Emily (Doane) -16-** to Jacob **O'Donnell** on June 6, 2016 in Boise, Idaho

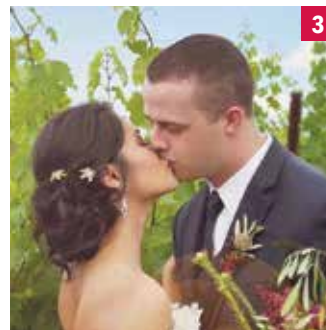
3 **Mathee (Songla) -16-** to Isaac **Carter** on June 16, 2016 in Caldwell, Idaho



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Births and Adoptions

4 Caleb Ryan on March 3, 2015 to **Andrea (Souza) -05-** and Daniel **Hubbard**

5 Elizabeth Rose on February 23, 2016 to **Faith (McCulloch) -13-** and **Bryan Hunt -13-**

6 Maura Julianna Elizabeth on March 30, 2016 to **Katie (Dwello) -07-** and Peter **McCall**, joining siblings Taleena Mackenzie and Killian Creed.

7 Samuel David on May 12, 2016 to **Andrea (Mattei) -04-** and **Seth Cook -06-**, joining siblings Alex, Asher and Sadie

8 Myka Janette on July 23, 2015 and adopted by **Shelley (De Boer) -04-** and **Erik Eilers -04-** on December 30, 2015, joining brother Kaleb.



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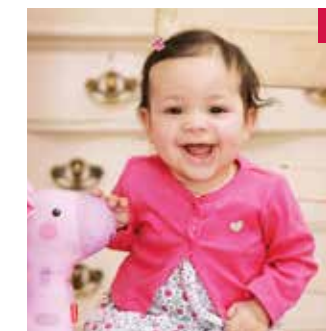


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In Memory

Ruth Williamson -40- on June 27, 2016 in Beaverton, Oregon

Dr. Paul Mangum -42- on August 17, 2016 in Nampa, Idaho

Walter Edgar -48- on August 17, 2016 in Scottsdale, Arizona

Frances Mayhew -48- on June 23, 2016 in Prosser, Washington

Kathryn (Helliwell) Furtwangler -49- on April 2, 2016 in Albany, Oregon

Betty Masters -49- on August 18, 2016 in Carmichael, California

John Dale -53- on September 27, 2016 in Flint, Texas

Leona Massengale -54- on May 19, 2016 in Moses Lake, Washington

Wayne Larson -55- on May 29, 2016 in Nampa, Idaho

Marjorie Carpenter -60- on December 14, 2015 in Pleasant Hill, California

Nancy (Bergstrom) Elder -64- on July 11, 2016 in Nampa, Idaho

Carolyn (Edes) Larson (68) on September 1, 2016 in Grandview, Washington

Neil Read -74- on May 18, 2016 in Pendleton, Oregon

James "Jim" Wilcox -74- on May 25, 2016 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rev. Dave Jacobsen -93- on May 23, 2016 in Parma, Idaho

-year- indicates graduation year

(year) indicates matriculation year



I wonder, “Is everyone looking for a community? A sense of belonging? A place to serve?” Opportunities to belong or serve or join are all around us: all kinds of societies—Classical Guitar, Gilbert & Sullivan, Celtic Societies and Humane; Boys and Girls Clubs; and even the Kilroy Coffee Klatch and the To Die For Chocolate Festival (I’m really sorry I missed this one!). Many religious groups refer to themselves as communities, like the Northumbria Community or Nazarene Community churches, which, by the way, are found from New York

to California and even in Greystones, Ireland. So take note: There is nothing in the name of Northwest Nazarene University that says “community,” but the spirit of this place and the community that exists on campus are exceptional because of their impact on the individuals who choose this community.

Like so many others, I became a member of the NNC community the day I was born—in the Fine Arts building. I remember the sense of community from my childhood—the kind people behind desks or at church or faculty/staff functions; fun and cool young students who made my sister and me feel welcome whenever we saw them, who even let us hang out with them! So when I arrived on campus as a freshman, it was easy to join the community, it was just as I expected it to be. I don’t think I was really aware of how special the spirit was until, during one of his visits, my father remarked that people on this campus are different. He was right.

The community at NNU changes lives, or perhaps opens the door for the Holy Spirit to change us. We learn from dedicated scholars who know our names and are interested in us. We want to belong and to find and fulfill our purpose. We belong because we are accepted. We see examples of service and sacrifice, so we see lives of purpose. We share sayings and jokes—in my era, we shared the “NNC Experience,” and we can quote John 15 because we said it with fall revival speaker Bob Benson every day for a week: “You did not choose me, but I chose you....” Students still attend the Rootbeerfest and formal events, eat at The Bean, share life in dorms and apartments, and seek God together.

When we leave, we take the NNU community with us, and we sense it when we spend time together or share moments on Facebook or come back to campus for Homecoming. And I hope you do come back to campus or enjoy alumni events that the NNU Alumni Office plans for us. Their purpose is to help us continue the NNU community experience!

Let me say one more thing about seeking God together. I’m convinced that members of the NNU community changed my life by allowing Christ to work through them. They challenged and corrected me intellectually and spiritually, and they taught generosity by their example. Through those memories and all that I learned (and continue to learn), it may be that the NNU community is still teaching the most important lesson of all: To love as Jesus loves.

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