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NNU'S BEST-OF-ALL-WORLDS LOCATION

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It was August 1973 and a 15-year-old kid was on a plane that was about to land in Boise, Idaho. Earlier that day he had left Boston where he had spent his late-elementary and junior high school years, and he was now bound toward his new home. His parents were already in Idaho having earlier made the cross-country drive to their new home in Nampa, and they were waiting at the Boise Airport as his plane touched down. When he walked off of the airplane and onto Idaho soil for the first time in his life, his parents took him on a tour (of sorts) through Boise, west across the valley and around Nampa. It didn't take this 15-year-old long to be flooded with a host of questions: If this is the state capital, where are all the skyscrapers? And, where are all the people? Since Boise is the largest city in Idaho, why doesn't it have major professional sports teams? Why in the world did his parents bring him here—to the end of the earth?!? These and similar questions flooded through the young fellow's mind.

Well, as some of you have already figured out, that kid was me, and I experienced fairly significant culture shock when I moved from the south shore of Boston to Nampa so that my father could assume his new position at NNU. But it wasn't more than just a few months before something really interesting happened—I fell in love with Idaho and Nampa and this valley and the college that we now call Northwest Nazarene University. This is the same experience that our students have been having for many years, and continue to have, as they journey to the NNU campus to pursue higher education.

Although the founders of NNU did not research the Northwest and then choose the Boise Valley as the location for our campus, I'm not sure that they could have found a better place. For as you will read in this issue of *The Messenger*, the Boise Valley is a place that affords students incredible opportunities as they attend NNU: there is a large enough population to support great cultural activity (like concerts, theater and several fun coffee shops), there are recreational opportunities everywhere, the business community is sophisticated with the tech sector growing rapidly, and the Valley is home to several companies that have grown into international businesses (like Micron Technology, Albertsons and the J.R. Simplot Company). Multiple national organizations continue to rank the Boise Valley as "Top 10" in various categories.

Throughout scripture, particularly in the Old Testament, God established His people in certain places and then blessed them as they followed Him. It seems to me that this is also true in NNU's story, for I believe that this Valley provides the perfect setting for Northwest Nazarene University—a place where students can engage in new activities, a place that helps NNU foster the deep sense of community for which we are so well known, a place where students have significant internship opportunities, a place that provides various service opportunities for students, a place where graduates have a good chance of finding work, a place that embraces and supports NNU as we seek to provide a transformational education for our students.

Blessings,

Joel K. Pearsall, NNU President

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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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best-of- all-worlds *location*

THE NNU campus in Nampa, Idaho, offers students the safety, convenience and community of a small town. But just a 20-minute drive down the highway sits Boise—the state capital and one of America’s fastest growing cities according to Forbes. Here, students take advantage of the varied internship, employment, cultural and recreational opportunities available in one of the country’s most applauded cities.

U.S. News & World Report recently ranked Boise as the #6 Best Place to Live, saying it “sits squarely

on the boundary of urban and rural, civilized and wild, refined and raw. If you value the outdoors and time spent among rivers, mountains, canyons, deserts and lakes—and all the activities encapsulated therein—it’s worth a serious look. Boise functions as a hub for many industries. More recently, a growing technology sector has powered Boise’s economy, led by Micron Technology, Inc.”


“... A PERFECT MIX OF SMALL-TOWN CHARM AND HIP URBAN PLAYGROUND IN DOWNTOWN BOISE.”

The presence of tech firms like Micron means increased opportunities for student internships and funded research. For his senior engineering design project, NNU grad Erik Anderson (’16) worked with a team of students on a Micron-sponsored project to develop an insole that would test foot pressure and stress. Other NNU research teams have worked with local companies like PakSense and American Semiconductor Inc.

Other large area employers include Hewlett-Packard, Clearwater Analytics, two regional hospitals, J.R. Simplot Company, Scentsy, Inc., federal and state government agencies. As Boise attracts new businesses and technology firms, the list of local career options for NNU grads grows. Idaho was ranked #6 of Top

States for Job Growth in 2015 by Forbes and #1 by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. In addition, Boise came in #3 on Business Insider’s list of Best Cities for Jobs in spring 2016.

NNU’s most recent graduating class is already



▶ To learn more about all that's happening in the Boise Valley, visit the Boise Valley Economic Partnership site at **BVEP.ORG**.

The perfect blend of urban and rural, corporate and rugged, keeps the Boise Valley—NNU's backyard—at the top of many “Best of” lists.

taking advantage of these opportunities. Computer science graduate Cierra White ('16) recently began her new position with the Boise office of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, a federal commission under the Department of Interior. As an application development tester, she will be working on a new web application that will help several organizations and agencies track fish from hatcheries in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. She shared, “Had I been at a different university, I probably wouldn't have heard about this job, and I wouldn't have been as prepared as I am for this next chapter in my life.” Other graduates from the class of 2016 will be working for Micron, Cradlepoint Technology, Scentsy, and many others.


For those seeking an entrepreneurial career path after graduation, Tech.co rated Boise one of the Top 5 Places for Millennial Startups. Boise welcomes young business startups and is home to Trailhead, a non-profit organization founded by entrepreneurs to help Boiseans start and scale businesses and high-impact projects.

But Boise isn't all work and no play—Livability

Magazine rated Boise #6 of Top 10 Downtowns in 2016. They said, “Boise's high-tech employers don't have to do much coaxing to attract talented workers. Young professionals and families find a perfect mix of small-town charm and hip urban playground in downtown Boise.”

Whoever you are, you'll find something here that suits your interests and feeds your passions. With hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, whitewater rafting, fly fishing, skiing, spelunking and world-class golf courses all within a 30-minute drive, life in Idaho puts amazing outdoor pursuits within arm's reach.

The Boise Valley has a coffee culture to rival that of our Northwest neighbors and a community dedicated to the arts. Ballet Idaho, Boise Philharmonic, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Boise Art Museum and Opera Idaho are just a few of the varied cultural resources and amenities.

NNU's unique setting in the Boise Valley has much to offer. If it's opportunities you seek, look no further. 



JOURNEYS MEMBERS VENTURE INTO THE SAWTOOTH MOUNTAIN RANGE ON A WEEKEND BACKPACKING TRIP TO IMOGENE LAKE.

“JOURNEYS PROVIDED THE RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND THE TYPES OF TRIPS AND OUTDOOR SPORTS I WAS INVOLVED WITH,” COMMENTED JANSON CARD ('16), PICTURED AT FAR RIGHT. “I WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE THE LASTING MEMORIES I HAVE HAD OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS WITHOUT JOURNEYS LEADING THE WAY.”

Photo by David Waterman, Class of 2016

journeys worth •

pursuing

By Carly Gilmore, Class of 2017

Outdoor adventures enrich students' university experience.

“JOURNEYS is about experience and relationship,” said Mark Baas, Journeys Outfitting Co. advisor and Corlett resident director. “Students come to NNU from different backgrounds—some have never even been camping. This club provides a safe place where students can enjoy the outdoors—a place where relationships can be fostered in shared experience.”

Journeys Outfitting Co. has sought to connect students with the outdoors for over 15 years. Staff and students saw the opportunity to take advantage of NNU’s ideal location for affordable outdoor adventures, and their vision quickly became a reality. Over the past several years, the club has grown into a thriving element of NNU.

“Since Idaho is basically an outdoor version of Disneyland, Journeys provides an integral part of the NNU experience,” commented Baas. With a plethora of outdoor adventures in mind, he continued, “Most students don’t know where to go or what to do when they first arrive. The majority of them don’t realize the paradise that is available to explore.” Journeys unveils this paradise to students.

Regardless of students’ prior experience in outdoor activities, Journeys Outfitting Co. has the means to get them involved. The club leaders are committed to the club’s mission “to plan adventures, from multi-day trips to afternoon excursions, which will

get students outdoors, doing the most exciting things that our state and neighboring states have to offer.” In addition to coordinating and facilitating outdoor recreational trips, Journeys has a growing assortment of rental gear and a bike repair shop. So whether students want to plan their own adventure or have it planned for them, Journeys can help.

“Our goal is for Journeys to spark the interest of students in exploring the world around them,” said current Journeys president, senior Zach McClanahan. “We want students to have experiences they will remember as some of the best times they had in college.”

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Having been heavily involved in this club while a student, David Waterman ('16) concurred, “With Journeys, I have been on the San Diego Surf Trip, spent many evenings skiing and snowboarding on the slopes of Bogus Basin, experienced world-class rock climbing in Moab, and spent many days setting routes at the nearby Black Cliffs. I have enjoyed backpacking and snowmobiling in the Sawtooth Mountain Range, fly fishing in Idaho lakes and streams, rafting and kayaking on the Payette River, paddle-boarding the Boise River, and camping in sub-zero weather at natural Idaho hot springs.

The list of experiences I have been afforded by Journeys goes on and on.”

In addition to facilitating outdoor experiences, Journeys has fostered personal and professional growth in its members. “Journeys has been a big part of my college experience and provided an opportunity to turn ideas into experiences,” continued David. “It provided another way for me to get involved on campus and allowed me to grow personally by leading students on trips and organizing budgets.”

For senior global business major Janessa Dyk, Journeys has played a different role—it revealed lifelong hobbies and

led to relationships with others who share similar passions. “I’ve always loved hiking and being outdoors, but Journeys has challenged me to get out of my comfort zone and try new things, which have become some of my passions now,” Janessa explained. “And in the process, I’ve met some of my closest friends.”

“It would be crazy not to promote the growth of the Outdoors Club at NNU—we have the location, student buy-in, and tons of support,” Baas reiterated. Looking around campus, it is easy to see the value of Journeys Outfitting Co. in students’ lives and in the NNU community. Journeys has encouraged relationships, facilitated personal growth, provided a much-needed respite during the semester, and challenged students to get out of their comfort zones. ■

an Idaho ambassador

Engineering graduate Heather Skovgard represents Idaho, NNU and her faith as Miss Rodeo Idaho.

By Anna (Salisbury) Lee, Class of 2004

“I’M SO FORTUNATE

to get to represent my home state of Idaho. I get to travel so many different places all over the United States talking about Idaho—talking about what I love about our state,” said 2016 graduate Heather Skovgard from Kuna, Idaho.

Heather is in the middle of her reign as Miss Rodeo Idaho 2016, a title she claimed last summer at the centennial celebration of the historic Snake River Stampede rodeo. Winning Miss Rodeo Idaho and earning the chance to compete for Miss Rodeo America at the National Rodeo Finals in December has been a long-time goal of Heather’s, sought over many years of rodeo competition and over 15 queening titles. But promoting Idaho as rodeo royalty has not been Heather’s only investment in the state she loves.

She has spent the last three years serving Idaho in another way: researching the use of UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles or “drones”) for improved crop production for Idaho farmers. The drones are flown over crops and collect data used to determine if the vegetation is receiving proper fluids and nutrients.

When engineering professor and lead researcher Dr. Duke Bulanon discovered Heather’s interest in Idaho agriculture displayed through her involvement and achievement in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H, he invited her to join his

crop monitoring research team when she was only a sophomore.

“This technology that we’ve been developing over the past three years is really going to transform the way we produce crops, the way we manage crops, because it makes it so much more efficient,” Heather explained. “This opportunity would not have been available to me as a sophomore at any other university. It is so unique to NNU.”

The Robotics Vision research team is supported by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium. Through this research and other opportunities offered in the Department of Engineering, Heather has her sights set on putting her engineering major with a mechanical engineering concentration to work for NASA someday in biomedical engineering. Several notable alumni have paved the way working for NASA, including astronaut Rick Hieb (’77) and Mark Kasinger (’84), group lead for the Production, Integration and Control Office in the Mission Operations Directorate. Heather now has the training to achieve her ambition to follow in their footsteps.

She is one of the first women to graduate with an engineering degree since the program officially achieved ABET accreditation last fall, and she considers herself an ambassador for women in STEM fields. “A 2011 study reported that, in STEM, women represent only 29 percent of all of the jobs, and in engineering



▶ Hear more from Heather and see her Miss Rodeo Idaho appearance schedule at NNU.EDU/RODEO.

we represent only 10 percent of the jobs. As a female going into a mechanical engineering job, one day I will have to represent not only myself but my gender as a whole,” says Heather. She is already working on representing women in STEM and encouraging other women to consider STEM fields by partnering with groups like Girl Power to teach girls about opportunities in engineering. She is also a member of the Society of Women Engineers and the Women for NNU society for leadership and philanthropy.

Despite current appearances, Heather says she used to be painfully shy. She credits her work with the NNU Forensics Team for transforming her into a confident public speaker and rodeo pageants for giving her experience performing and talking with the public. This is an invaluable skill to add to her already impressive resume and one that has empowered her to embrace her opportunities to represent Idaho, NNU and Christ.

The Christian experience is another reason Heather values her time at NNU and finds this university exceptional. She originally matriculated at California Polytechnic State University because she wanted some distance from home. However, after one semester, she chose to transfer to NNU. At Cal Poly, Heather

found herself not prioritizing her relationship with the Lord. Coming to NNU, she not only found unique opportunities in her major but also discovered a place focused on building her faith. “NNU gave me so much of Christ’s story—how

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much He loves me—and that just flows into everything I do,” she said.

Her faith is one more place where Heather

has a unique platform to be an ambassador. “I hand out my tear sheets to hundreds of thousands of kids, and NNU is on every single one. It shows not only that I go to a Christian university but that I am invested in Christ.”

Even after looking elsewhere, Heather found everything she wanted and needed in a university right in her own backyard. “I know that the maturity I gained at NNU and the transformation of my whole person showed through to the judges,” Heather said of her Miss Rodeo Idaho win. She hopes that growth will also be apparent as she competes for Miss Rodeo America in December. Regardless, Heather will continue to be a credit to her alma mater, her state, and her faith far into the future. ❧



partnering for sweet *Success*

Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory offers students the unique opportunity to earn their own franchise.

By Alex Reich, Class of 2016

IT IS NO SECRET

that Northwest Nazarene University is nestled in a wondrous area. One visit to the Boise Valley is all it takes to become infatuated with Idaho's pristine mountain ranges, vast wildlife and outdoor activities. However, the fine qualities of this location aren't limited to recreation. Students can also take advantage of many academic, internship and career opportunities that are unique to NNU.

Business major Ben Circeo ('15) of Mill Creek, Washington, found one such opportunity in the franchise venture

competition, which tasks students to prepare business plans for a Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory confectionery, or a subsidiary, and selects one student to receive his or her own franchise.

Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory founder and CEO Frank Crail has significant ties to NNU—four of his children graduated from the university, each one having had an excellent experience. Crail selected NNU as one of their choices to produce potential franchisees, and after months of planning, the 2014-15 school year saw the inaugural competition. Students presented their business plans to an eight-judge panel in April 2015, and Ben Circeo was selected the winner.

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Ben originally transferred to NNU in order to join the baseball team, not expecting to find himself presented with the opportunity of a lifetime. After being named the winner of the franchise venture competition and awarded his own Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory shop to own and operate in Petaluma, California, he wasted no time committing himself to this new responsibility. "I got busy right after graduation getting everything set up and moved to Petaluma in June," Ben explained.

Ben opened his shop for business August 1, 2015, and just like that he began managing his own store. Ben grew and learned from experiences that enabled him to achieve success at Rocky Mountain and that will continue to guide him in future endeavors. "What I was given was an opportunity that is second-to-none. It was the chance to jumpstart a career, and that is something I will be forever grateful for," Ben shares.

From the time he began crafting a business plan for the competition over a year ago to his last day at the shop in Petaluma, Ben knew he had one of the best support systems behind him. "Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and NNU have given me the confidence and direction in a career I can project will have long-term success."


In March 2016, Ben strategically hired and trained a manager


ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHOCOLATE FACTORY

to run the store in Petaluma while he sought an opportunity back in his home state of Washington. These are exciting days for Ben as he continues working toward his goals. He credits his time studying at NNU and operating a Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory store as major contributors to the path his career will take. “There is so much I learned over the past year that I wouldn’t have otherwise known. Just going through the process of building a business plan can help anybody understand many aspects of a business, which is invaluable going into any job interview.”

Ben won’t be the only NNU graduate with ownership of a Rocky Mountain franchise. This year, the franchise venture competition returned to NNU to offer another student the chance at jumpstarting a career.

In April 2016, NNU alumnus Casey Crail who is university program manager and field consultant at Rocky Mountain was on campus to announce the business department’s graduating senior Martin Lira of Nampa, Idaho, the winner of the 2015–16 competition. Crail looks forward to seeing another NNU student take the helm of a shop. “It is exciting to see the franchise venture program at NNU continue to grow and receive more interest from students who have a passion to run their own business venture and to learn more about entrepreneurship.”

NNU and Rocky Mountain anticipate continuing to offer the franchise venture competition for years to come. The success of Ben Circeo and the potential of Martin Lira are perfect examples of the unique opportunities NNU offers to its students. 

 Hear more from Ben about his experience in the franchise competition at NNU.EDU/BEN.



Electing Pearsall as president

At the spring 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Chair Randy Craker announced that Joel K. Pearsall, J.D., accepted a four-year appointment as president of NNU. President Pearsall had been serving the university in an interim role since June 2015.

“Joel Pearsall has demonstrated he is well qualified to lead Northwest Nazarene University,” said Craker. “The Board received overwhelming support for his leadership and for his ongoing work. We are confident the university is in good hands going forward.”

The invitation for Pearsall to serve as president followed input from multiple stakeholders both on and off campus, in-depth analysis and prayerful consideration.

“I am humbled by this invitation to serve,” said Pearsall. “It is incredibly rewarding to work in this community with such talented faculty and staff.”



Competing internationally

NNU’s American Marketing Association (AMA) Collegiate Chapter received the exemplary collegiate chapter performance award for outstanding chapter planning at the International AMA Collegiate Conference in New Orleans. This conference is held each year, gathering collegiate chapters from the U.S., Canada and Mexico to receive advice from professionals, develop their careers, engage in competitions and network with fellow marketers.

NNU HAS OVER 30 STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

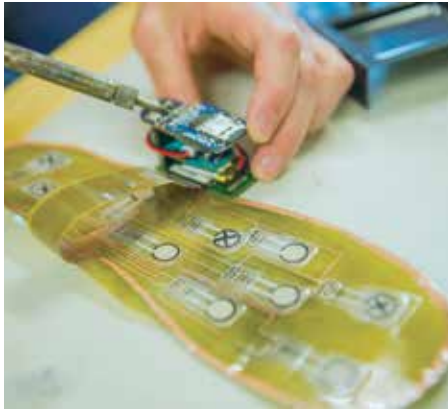
Reflecting on her experience at the conference, NNU AMA president, senior Genesis Amador (pictured left next to Dr. Konya Weber and Carleigh Sturm) commented, “I am so glad I had the opportunity to go to the AMA conference! It gave me many new ideas to improve our AMA chapter, and I hope more students will take advantage of this opportunity to learn about new marketing trends from industry experts.”



Refreshing ministers and families

Renew. Refresh. Refocus. Retool. Reignite. These words served as a theme for PALCON (Pastors and Leaders Conference) 2016, which NNU hosted on June 27-29. Ministers and their families converged on campus for three days of conferences, worship, fellowship and fun.

“Learning, community, worship, renewal—that’s a lot to gain from such a short period of time!” said Cliff Purcell, lead pastor at First Church of the Nazarene located in Lewiston, Idaho. “That’s what PALCON offers, and that’s why I have it written in ink on my calendar each year.” Designed for clergy serving on the front lines of ministry, PALCON is a program that encourages, challenges and equips those who minister and their families. Its vision is to participate in a fresh move of God upon the Church of the Nazarene.



Designing solutions

Seeking to equip students to make a difference in the world, a senior design team project is one component of the graduation requirements for engineering students. These projects are prepared for client organizations or companies, so they give students the opportunity to design solutions to meet real business or humanitarian needs. May 2016's seniors were a part of three unique projects: a wind power generation system, a flexible electronics system, and a foot health biomonitor.

Lexi Fesenbek (Olympia, Wash.) reflected on the experience, saying, "It was an amazing learning experience to go through this whole process from beginning to end and to actually have a prototype at the end of it." Lexi was a part of the Micron-sponsored team that designed a shoe insole biomonitor to measure the pressure of the wearer's foot to create a force map of the foot. 🏆



Receiving major athletic upgrades

Thanks to the generous donations from alumni, athletic facilities have benefited from major upgrades.

The dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony, with an inaugural lap around the newly surfaced Brian and Nichole Bohner Track on May 5, were the perfect conclusions to a year-long project. This project included a resurfacing of the track and a track complex upgrade that includes construction of a new entrance, ticket booth and concession stand leading to the softball, track and soccer fields—a project made possible by Brian and Nichole Bohner (pictured above).

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

Updates were also made inside the Johnson Sports Center in May. Alumni Robb and Lori Warwick graciously provided the funds needed for new bleachers that replaced the old bleachers installed in 1971. NNU is grateful for her generous alumni! 🏆



Celebrating 100th Commencement

NNU's 100th Commencement brought family, friends and staff together to celebrate the milestone event with 579 students receiving associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Separate ceremonies were held to honor the 241 graduates of the College of Arts & Sciences and the 338 graduates of the College of Adult & Graduate Studies. Joining the celebration were 41 Golden Grads from NNU's class of 1966.

Members of the current 2016 class shared a special moment prior to the ceremony by pinning each Golden Grad. Pictured above is Golden Grad and Board of Trustees member Stephen Walden being pinned by his grandson Chase Liljegren.

When reflecting on her experience, another Golden Grad Billie (Salisbury) Gehres said, "The experience was inspiring and fun. It was wonderful to see friends from long ago and hear of their lives of service throughout the last 50 years. Clearly NNU sets its grads on successful paths of loving God and loving others." 🏆



Touring South Korea

“[The choir tour] is always the highlight of the year,” said Dr. Philip Miller. “I love seeing students experience God’s work in a different country and culture. Throughout this experience, the students’ view of God becomes so much bigger, and they develop a heart for the people there.”

The day following NNU’s 100th Commencement, the Crusader Choir & Orchestra left for a two-week tour across South Korea. Led by Dr. Philip Miller, this group of 40 students performed 21 concerts with audiences ranging from 500 to 2,500 people. The performances were held at various universities, schools and churches. In addition to music, this multifaceted trip included mission work and exposure to Korean culture.

Choir member Mikayla Walker (’16) said, “I was so impressed at how open and willing each member of CCO was throughout this trip. Each person was willing to interact, try the food, and put themselves out there, and we were richly rewarded. What we saw of South Korea was beautiful, and I am so thankful to have been able to go on this adventure.”



Generating change

Partnering with Innovative Education Liberia (IEL), six students and five leaders traveled to Sinoe County to minister to the Liberian youth in May 2016. One focus of this ministry included an engineering project to build a generator that charges laptops at schools. Using an initial prototype that team members Heather Skovgard and Danielle Kelly (pictured above) designed for their senior engineering project in the spring, the team refined the design for implementation in Liberia, resulting in a bicycle-powered generator.

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

In addition to constructing a generator, students engaged in the community through a variety of activities including athletics, children’s ministry, computer skills training and health education. 🏆



Remembering Willard Friesen

Dr. Willard Friesen, longtime friend and supporter of NNU, passed away on January 22, 2016, at the age of 98. Friesen was a churchman who served God through the Church of the Nazarene in multiple ways including as a member of the NNU Board of Trustees for many years. The Friesen family’s generosity and philanthropy led to an endowed scholarship fund and the establishment of the Friesen Art Galleries. Because of his service to and support of the church and university, NNU awarded Friesen an honorary doctorate in 1996.

Friesen was raised in Oregon and married Dorothy Couch in 1940. His career primarily focused on the wood products and lumber industry, and for several years he was the owner of Lebanon Lumber Company before selling it to Willamette Industries. Dorothy predeceased Friesen in 2008. He is survived by his three children and their spouses Jon (Elaine) Friesen, Harlan (Gwen) Friesen, and Janis (Mike) Miller; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. 🏆



Serving through art

Inspired by his trip to Haiti with NNU on a Mission in 2015, Ben Atkin decided to use his artistic talent to continue serving Hope Home—an orphanage in Haiti that provides care for severely mentally and physically disabled children. For his senior design show, “Benefit Show for Haiti,” Ben painted portraits of the children at the orphanage and held a silent auction of those paintings with its proceeds donated to fund a sustainable sewage system for Hope Home.

16 SENIOR DESIGN STUDENTS SHOWCASED THEIR WORK AT THE FRIESEN GALLERY LAST APRIL

“Ultimately, I hope this project will make a difference in the lives of those whom I have painted and instill a spirit of love in those who view it,” said Ben. The silent auction raised \$1,730, and Ben is still selling paintings and prints on his website at benatkinart.com. 🍷



Presenting first Honors College graduate

NNU’s Honors College’s first official graduate is Jessica Guarino of Bella Vista, Arkansas. Jessica completed the four-year program with a year to spare while earning a bachelor’s in political science and a minor in history. She has been accepted to nearly a dozen law schools and plans to attend the University of Arkansas School of Law.

“I cannot overstate how much the Honors College has benefited me,” said Jessica. The program seeks to provide an integrative learning experience for academically accomplished students, and the coursework offers an alternative to some of the general education requirements. Because it gives students access to a unified and flexible approach to knowledge, the Honors College offers significant interdisciplinary learning experiences. 🍷



SHARE A NEST EGG WITH NNU

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:

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*Here are some of the people, places,
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VICTORY**





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It's true: more than 93 percent of full-time NNU students receive some form of financial assistance. In fact, freshmen deemed eligible for financial aid in 2015-16 received an average package of \$16,000. That's the equivalent of a new car or more than 7,000 cups of coffee from The Bean.



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STUDENTS WORK ON THE SET OF “HEADWINDS,” A FIVE-PART WEB SERIES THE NNU FILM SCHOOL HAS BEEN PRODUCING SINCE FALL 2015. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ARNIE YTREEIDE REMARKED, “PROJECTS LIKE THIS ALLOW STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE THE REAL-WORLD STRESS, PRESSURE, PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FACED BY FILMMAKERS AROUND THE WORLD EVERY DAY.”

SHOT AS BOTH A DRAMA (SINGLE CAMERA) AND A SITCOM (MULTICAMERA), “HEADWINDS” GAVE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE IN THE MODES OF PRODUCTION OF BOTH FILM AND TV.


 Learn more about The NNU Film School and watch the school's newly released film, “700 Volts,” at NNU.EDU/FILMSCHOOL.

Photo by Vladimir Imakaev, Class of 2016



WE LOVE OUR IDAHO CAMPUS

We think our best-of-all-worlds location is pretty great, but don't take our word for it. We want you to see for yourself all that NNU has to offer. Get started by taking a virtual campus tour. A video tour guide leads visitors around the campus sharing history and facts about buildings, traditions and campus life.

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September 16, 23, 30	January 13, 27
October 7	March 17
November 4, 18	April 7, 21
December 2	

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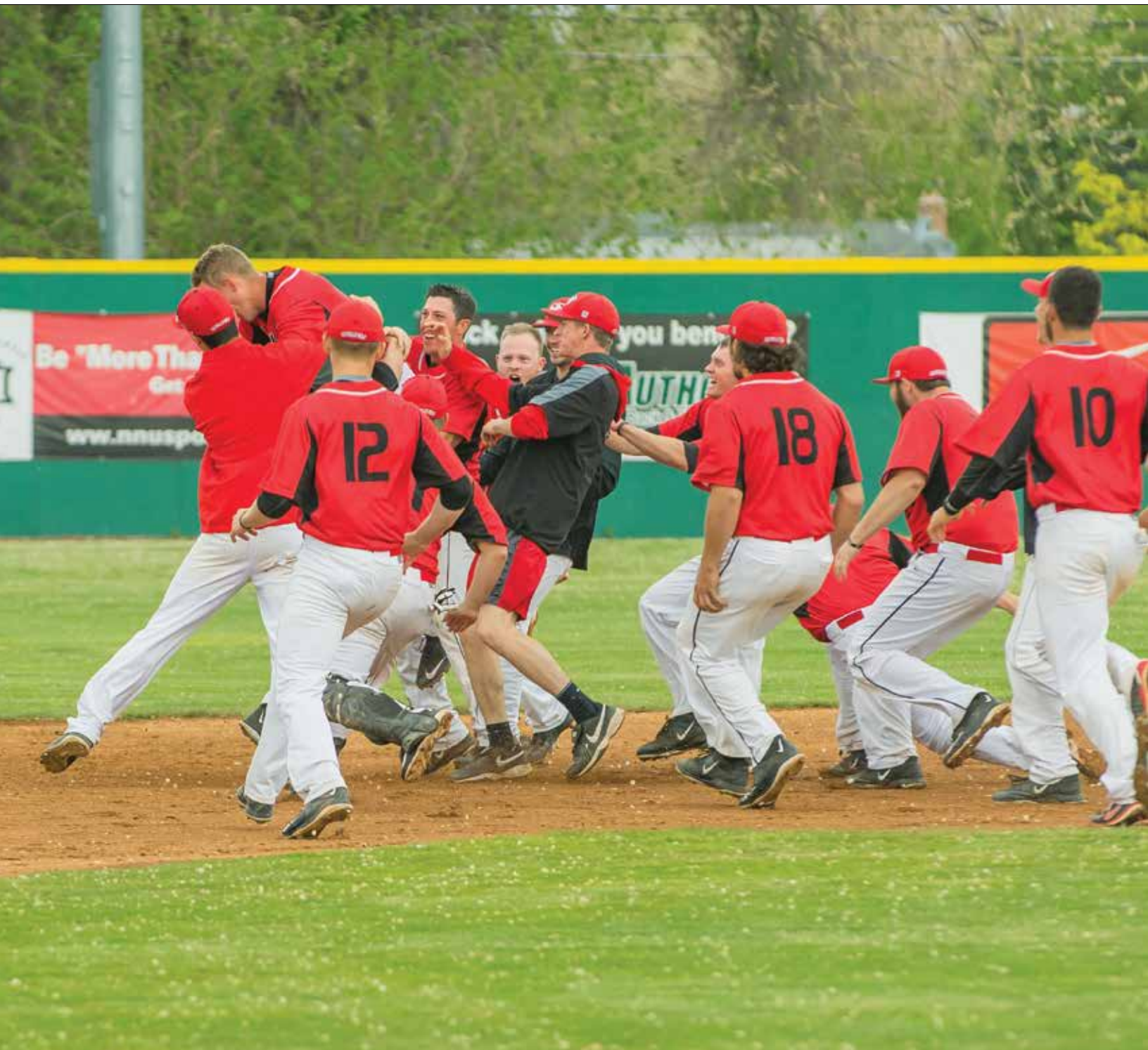
ADMITTED STUDENT DAYS

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CRUSADER BASEBALL CLAIMS FIRST-EVER GNAC CHAMPIONSHIP

They charged out of the dugout and celebrated in a dog-pile on the infield grass at Elmore Vail Field. Head Coach Rocke Musgraves got the winner's ritual Gatorade shower during post-game interviews with the newspaper and local TV.

"It's great to be champions!" The Northwest Nazarene University baseball team celebrated a sweep of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference titles after a 9-8 victory over Western Oregon on May 13 in the GNAC baseball tournament hosted by NNU. The Crusaders (30-21 overall) earned the right to host by sharing the regular-season GNAC crown with Montana State Billings and winning a tie-breaker.

This was a very sweet victory celebration for NNU, which claimed its first-ever GNAC title with a dramatic win that capped a remarkable season. This was the year that saw the Crusader program win its third most games ever and, obviously, post its best-ever finish in the GNAC.

With the wins came the accolades, too, as head coach Rocke Musgraves was named GNAC Coach of the Year, and senior second baseman Tyler Davis—who who led the GNAC with 15 home runs, including a two-run shot that proved to be the championship game-winner—was named GNAC Player of the Year.


Davis and teammates Ryan Johnson—the GNAC Tournament MVP who went 7-of-14 with a home run and four RBIs in the post-season—and Andrew Helmstadter all were named First Team All-GNAC, while pitcher Colton Loomis and shortstop Tucker Campbell were Second Team All-GNAC, and pitchers Ross Clevenger and Ryan Nyborg were Honorable Mention All-GNAC.

Johnson, who redshirted during the 2015 season after knee surgery, led the GNAC in

stolen bases (20) and Nyborg led the conference in saves (9). This exciting season also included Loomis' once-in-a-lifetime effort on the hill as the senior right-hander threw the fifth no-hitter in Crusader baseball history, a 4-0 victory at Azusa Pacific on Feb. 19.

Another highlight, and possibly the biggest key to the Crusaders title run, was the team's flair for the dramatic comeback. Twice in the final month of the season NNU erased 8-0 deficits to score victories, and two other games in the final month ended with the "Comeback Crusaders" scoring walk-off wins.

It seemed only fitting that in the title


game NNU would erase a 6-2 deficit against the perennial GNAC champion Wolves, who claimed either the regular-season or GNAC Tournament title all 14 years of the league's existence prior to this season—a dramatic finish to what NNU baseball hopes will be the first of many championship seasons to come. 

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WELCOMES NEW HEAD COACH BRIAN HOLSINGER

"Brian Holsinger is a very talented coach and recruiter who has proven he can develop winners on the court," Director of Athletics Kelli Lindley said while introducing Holsinger as the seventh head women's basketball coach at NNU. "I have no doubt he has the work-ethic, character and skills needed to establish a championship caliber NCAA Division II team here."

Holsinger brings 16 years of experience at a variety of coaching levels to the Crusader sideline. Previously, Holsinger was the head women's coach at NAIA Division I Montana Tech for two seasons, and most recently he was the associate head coach at NCAA Division I Washington State after spending seven seasons as a top assistant with the Cougars.

Holsinger, who lives in Meridian with his wife Stacey and three children, played collegiate at Pacific, Oregon, and finished his college career at Western Washington in 1999, earning a bachelor's degree in biology with minors in chemistry and business administration.

"I'm excited to be part of the amazing Christian environment here at NNU," Holsinger shared. 



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Youth, Children & Family
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(AA, M.Div.)

NURSE PRACTITIONER BETHANY MELLO, DNP, NP-C, TREATS PATIENTS OF ALL AGES AS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER. AS DIRECTOR OF THE NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM, SHE IS BRINGING THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES TO NNU NURSING STUDENTS.

DR. MELLO SHARES, "I AM THRILLED TO BE A PART OF THE NEXT CHAPTER IN NNU'S TRADITION OF PROVIDING QUALITY NURSES IN EACH NURSE'S HOME COMMUNITY."

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A portrait of Dr. Raymond Lindley, a middle-aged man with light brown hair and a mustache, wearing a dark blue pinstripe suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is standing outdoors, leaning against a light-colored wall with a textured surface. The background is slightly blurred, showing some architectural elements.

Alumni making us proud

Honoring outstanding graduates with the 2016 Alumni Awards

DR. RAYMOND LINDLEY, ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

“Our job is not finished until we have prepared the next generation.” This anonymous quote has inspired Dr. Ray Lindley, NNU’s Alumnus of the Year Award recipient, and it defines his lifelong dedication to education. This love of education was fostered in Lindley while at NNU and has ultimately led him to his current position as executive director of American International Accreditation Association of Schools and Colleges (AIAASC).

Lindley, a member of the class of 1964, graduated from NNU with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a double minor in education and speech. “During my years at NNU, I had a variety of experiences that I had no idea would be used later in life,” commented Lindley. “The foundations I received—

faith, high expectations and joyful living—served me well.”

After graduation, Lindley immersed himself in education. He earned a Master of Science in Educational Administration with a minor in English at Portland State University in 1968 while beginning his career as a high school speech and journalism teacher. In 1973, Lindley earned a Doctor of Education in Counseling and Guidance with minors in psychology and education while serving as chair of the Counseling and Guidance Department at Reynolds High School (Troutdale, Ore.) and as a specialist in counseling and guidance for the Oregon Department of Education.


Over the next 43 years, Lindley remained dedicated to the advancement of education. He held various positions that include superintendent, interim administrator at the

Oregon Office of Degree Authorization, principal, and director in the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Field Services at the Oregon Department of Education. Lindley served as an administrator at NNU for seven years and as a member of the Board of Trustees for 11 years, and he was the recipient of NNU's L.E. Wesche Outstanding Educator Award in 2003.

In 2008, Lindley expanded his educational career by serving as director of accreditation for international and transregional schools for Northwest Association of Accredited Schools. This organization later merged with AdvancEd in 2011, leading to their partnership with 34,000 schools and school systems across the United States and 70 nations. Realizing international education was his passion, Lindley reiterates, "I love meeting people around the world and seeing the different cultures of each country—I love being an ambassador for Americans. It is gratifying to see how schools in other countries want to improve, and then to be able to facilitate offering tools for them to do that."

This international role expanded even more when Lindley became the executive director at AIAASC in 2012. In this position, he manages the accreditation process for all schools and colleges in the AIAASC program by preparing reports, revising accreditation standards and visiting the schools.

When speaking of AIAASC and his own goal, Lindley explains, "Our association is here to help schools advance—with the goal that student improvement will result in school improvement. School improvement can best happen when the school is dedicated to maximizing the opportunities for all students to grow—to prepare them for the world that lies ahead."

President Joel Pearsall added, "NNU's mission statement reads that our goal is 'to enable each student to become God's creative and redemptive agent in the world.' Ray is a graduate whose life has evidenced his activity as such an agent literally around the globe. Thus, it is fitting that the Alumni Association has named Ray as the 2016 Alumnus of the Year." 



**STEVE
WYBORNEY
PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD**

Steve Wyborney's career in education is impressive. He is an award-winning teacher and instructional coach well known for his

use of instructional technology and his passion for mathematics. Wyborney was named the Nyssa (Oregon) Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year ('98), Oregon Teacher of the Year ('05), and NNU's L.E. Wesche Outstanding Educator ('05). Wyborney has written 13 scholastic math textbooks that include animated lessons, and he is also the author of an inspirational book for teachers entitled "The Writing on the Classroom Wall."

As a result of his contributions to education, NNU has selected Steve Wyborney to receive the 2016 Alumni Professional Achievement Award.



**DANIEL
BENEDICK, M.D.
LEON DOANE
YOUNG ALUMNUS**

As the university's vision statement proclaims, "[NNU] seeks a more excellent way, to be a transformative learning community

expressing the love of Jesus by forming scholars, nurturing disciples, serving the Church, shaping the culture, redeeming the world." Dr. Daniel Benedick ('01) embodies this vision in his on-going work as a family physician at Family Medicine of Southwest Washington and as a clinical instructor for the University of Washington Department of Family Medicine. As a clinical instructor, Benedick has the privilege of supervising and mentoring upcoming physicians. He also regularly serves as a medical missionary in his community and internationally—one mission led to a two-year stay in Ecuador at a rural hospital.

HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND 2016

NOVEMBER 10 - 12



HONORING VETERANS

Homecoming will include events to celebrate and honor veterans for their years of service. Events consist of an alumni veterans' breakfast, a Veteran's Day ceremony, a community open house and a veterans panel.

CLASS REUNIONS

Class reunions will be held for alumni graduating in years ending in '1 and '6 beginning with 1971. These gatherings are always a highlight of Homecoming. Don't miss your chance to catch up with college friends.

BASEBALL REUNION

Former players are invited back to campus for a reunion in their honor. One point of connection will include an alumni baseball game with a barbecue following.

ACADEMIC BRUNCHES

We will gather to thank our former professors and reconnect with old—and new—friends from our majors at the Academic Discipline Brunches. Attend events for Education; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM); Business; and School of Theology and Christian Ministries (STCM) and Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS).

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 for both alumni and current students.

VISIT [NNU.EDU/HOMECOMING](http://nnu.edu/homecoming) FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

1960s

Kathy Beckwith -65- is a mediation trainer from Dayton, Oregon. She is also the author of the picture book "Playing War;" the young-adult novel "Critical Mass," dealing with sexual abuse in the lives of teens; two books related to problem-solving, "If You Choose Not to Hit" and "Don't Shoot! We May Both Be on the Same Side," and the newly-released "A Mighty Case Against War: What America Missed in U.S. History Class and What We (All) Can Do Now." Kathy is a mom and grandma and has been a Peace Corps volunteer and a teacher at an international school in South India.

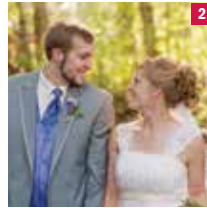
David Slamp -66- and his wife **Kathy (Thomas) -65-** are continuing their five-year commitment as Missions Corps volunteers. They will be training district superintendents, pastors and lay leaders to establish and develop healthy Discipleship Small Groups in the Africa Discipleship Initiative. To date, they have helped train 2,700 nationals in 11 countries and on 32 districts. They would appreciate your prayers for safe travel and that the Holy Spirit will impact the lives of hundreds of church leaders across Africa.

1980s

Dr. Deborah (Lever) Berho -88- has accepted the new position of program director of the Latin American Studies Program (LASP) at the Council of Christian Colleges & Universities. Deborah has been professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies at George Fox University for nearly 20 years, and most recently she served as the chair of the World Languages, Sociology & Cultural Studies Department at George Fox.

1990s

Caroline (Veal) Lacitinola -96- and husband Paul recently fulfilled a dream by launching Vintage Camper Trailers magazine, which now has subscribers in every state and a dozen different countries around the world. The couple's first book, "Vintage Camper Trailers," is set to be released May 2016.



2000s

Eric Depew -00- began serving as the pastor of Othello Church of the Nazarene, Othello, Washington, July 2015.

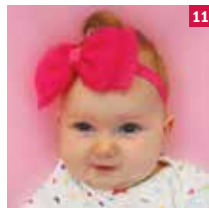
Marriages

1 Sydnee (Oord) -15- to **Logan Freiburghaus -15-** on June 12, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho
2 Carly (Rech) -17- to **Logan Gilmore -15-** on July 2, 2015 in Bozeman, Montana

3 Katie (Bower) -07- to **Aaron Roberts** on June 13, 2015 in Vancouver, Washington
4 Aaron Stuvland -05- to **Kierra (Jackson)** on September 7, 2015 in Washington D.C.
5 Jenna (Cypert) -08- to **Kevin Knutson -07-** on September 12, 2015 in Spokane Valley, Washington
6 Kristin (Refsland) -12- to **Adam Phillips** on October 17, 2015 in Beaverton, Oregon
7 Kendra (Hughes) -10- to **Kyle Miyauchi -10-** on December 28, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho
8 Leslie (O'Donahue) -16- to **Benjamin Gangwer -16-** on March 19, 2016 in Nampa, Idaho

Births and Adoptions

9 Abigail Jean Nan born July 15, 2005 in China and adopted into her forever family on May 4, 2015 by **Marcus -94-** and **Sarah (Ward) LeBaron (01)** joining siblings Levi, Elijah, Jeremiah, Hope and Kaleb.
10 Kendal Bray Laird on March 18, 2014 to **Kaitlin (Mansuetti) -13-** and **Jeff Laird -10-**
11 Erica Paige on October 26, 2015 to **Alysha (Van Hooser) -00-** and **Tim Schlack -96-**, joining sister Abby
12 Jaxon Jeremiah on November 24, 2015 to **Kimberly (Slonaker) -11-** and **Jerry Mangeac -11-**, joining brother Alan
13 Ella Grace on December 21, 2015 to **Sara (Pickens) -05-** and **Timothy (TJ) O'Brien -13-**, joining sister Molly
14 James Edward Allen on January 31, 2016 to **Rachel (Allen) -11-** and **Johnathon Cossel -11-**
15 Emily Alice on March 27, 2016 to **Melissa (Wilde) -03-** and **Brendan Smith -03-** joining brother Colton
16 Audrey Elizabeth on May 5, 2016 to **Anna (Salisbury) -04-** and **Ryan Lee -04-** joining brothers Ethan and Brooks



In Memory

Ruth (Hardin) McConnell -38- on November 10, 2015 in Enumclaw, Washington

Liberty (Griffiths) Ernest -46- on March 30, 2016 in Othello, Washington

Lois (Brown) Lindbloom -48- on March 20, 2016 in Boise, Idaho

Eldon Snyder -48- on March 2, 2016 in Nampa, Idaho

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

Helen (Bridge) Jensen -49- on June 22, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho

John Lenker -50- on February 8, 2016 in Bonanza, Oregon

Gwen (Trevanna) Sells -50- on August 28, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho

Rev. Allan Miller Sr. -51- on January 21, 2016 in Camas, Washington

Paul Anderson -52- on March 26, 2016 in Portland, Oregon

John Flowers -52- on January 22, 2016 in Boring, Oregon

Donna (Maxwell) Hopkins -52- on February 14, 2016 in Wildomar, California

Mary (Mattson) McKenzie -54- on February 6, 2016 in Mount Juliet, Tennessee

Wilma (Wolfe) Pochardt -54- on May 30, 2015 in Lewiston, Idaho

Billie Marie (Tuttle) Cote -55- on March 1, 2016 in Missoula, Montana

John Finkbeiner -58- on February 12, 2016 in Dallas, Oregon

Arvilla Katsel -60- on April 15, 2015 in Walla Walla, Washington

Neale McKenzie -60- on January 22, 2014 in Mount Juliet, Tennessee

Gordon Olsen -61- on April 3, 2016 in Surprise, Arizona

Myrna (Ogden) Anderson -62- on July 17, 2015 in Poulsbo, Washington

Paul Barber Sr. -65- on March 27, 2016 in Post Falls, Idaho

Eloise Ward -65- on January 11, 2016 in Kuna, Idaho

Ralph Palmen -66- on May 11, 2016 in Shoreline, Washington

Alvin Powers -69- on January 17, 2016 in Mountain Home, Idaho

Bruce Boyd -70- on February 16, 2016 in Star, Idaho

Terry Gulley -72- on January 13, 2016 in Caldwell, Idaho

Betty Canary -81- on June 15, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho

Jodine (Keech) Lowell -82- on March 3, 2016 in Twin Falls, Idaho

David Ching -11- on December 23, 2015 in Houston, Mississippi

-year- indicates graduation year

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“I really hope I like this place,” I thought to myself after I verbally committed to play basketball for Northwest Nazarene University. When thinking about college, I envisioned myself at a large university in California, not a small-private-Nazarene school in Nampa, Idaho. Oddly enough, when the offer came, I accepted it without even visiting the campus! Something told me I would be all right there, and it would be a unique experience. My gut feeling was right, and four years later I am a 2016 Northwest Nazarene University graduate.

The transition to Idaho from Modesto, California was much easier than I had expected. The first remarkable things I noticed were the people and the pace of life—the people were very friendly, and life was much slower than what I was used to. As I arrived on the campus, I immediately felt at ease and comfortable, ready to begin the next chapter of my academic and basketball career.

Over my four years, NNU provided endless opportunities for me to grow. One of the most unique and special experiences I had was a mission trip to Nyaravur, Uganda in May 2014 to build a concrete basketball court for the community. The events that took place there did not change me but enhanced me. They made me better, and without NNU that growth might not have happened. Other unique experiences include an internship with the Nampa Police Department, playing basketball in Alaska and Hawaii, visiting the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, and many more. But these are just the extras. NNU gave me a priceless education and lifelong friends in a place that cultivates relationship-building, transformation, truth, community and service.

So, as this chapter ends, the next chapter awaits. I have accepted a position with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission in Boise, Idaho as the applications software specialist-development tester. My decision to stay in the Boise Valley was influenced heavily by the job offer, but I also took into consideration the tech boom that is taking place as well as the amazing quality of living here. Boise has so much to offer, and I am excited to take full advantage of that while contributing to a community that invested so much in me.

One of my favorite quotes is by Albert Einstein: “Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.” NNU embodies this quote perfectly, and while I am not sure what would have happened if I had attended a different school, I can tell you that I love the person I am today because of NNU.

Cierra White
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Modesto, California

 [Hear more about Cierra's NNU experience at NNU.EDU/CIERRA.](https://www.nnu.edu/cierra)





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Location: Nampa, Idaho, a community of nearly 90,000
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Student-faculty ratio: 14:1

Majors: Over 60 areas of study (p. 22)

Student body: 1,322 undergraduates, 726 graduate students

Financial Aid: The average freshman award package in 2015-16 was \$16,000

Athletics: NNU is a member of the NCAA Division II
Great Northwest Athletic Conference (p. 27)

Student organizations: More than 40

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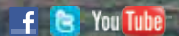


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