



Our Turn

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The NNU Presidential Inauguration has just concluded. It was a grand time of renewal and recommitment. We celebrated all that Northwest Nazarene University has stood for throughout her ninety-five years. As you read the contents of this issue of *The Messenger*, you will read of inaugural themes, values and priorities. The inaugural events were the work of scores of people bringing together civic and business leaders, joined by a host of over 1,500 alumni and friends. Each event was teeming with trustees, faculty, students and staff, and was designed to help us remember and reaffirm the heritage and values we share.

In the midst of all the ceremony and rhetoric, I kept thinking of those who have gone before us. Our University's heroes were people of determined faith, sacrificial means and persistent obedience. We must remember that we enjoy this season of inaugural celebration because of their godly vision.

And now, it is our turn. Are we, like them, willing to make the commitments and sacrifices necessary to serve our Lord, our church and our children? It is our turn. The duty and delight of identifying and pursuing the vision for NNU's tomorrow is our task. Are we ready? Are we poised to follow the example of those who have gone before?

I believe that from the inaugural events came the realization that vision will be ours as we seek Him. Blessings will be ours as we seek Him. Possibilities beyond our imagination will emerge as we learn to search for God with all of our being. That is what those who have gone before did. That is what we must do.

The NNU Presidential Inauguration was not about the arrival of a new president; it is about the marking of a new generation of servants and saints—people who, in history's hindsight, will one day be seen as those who sought His righteousness and His Kingdom and, in their obedient seeking, were used of God to establish His Kingdom for this generation at His school, this place we call Northwest Nazarene University.

Seeking Him,

David Alexander NNU President



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Pictured on cover, President and Mrs. Alexander lead the recessional following the Inaugural Ceremony. Photo by Steven Paul Photography and Larson Creatives, Inc.



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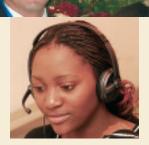
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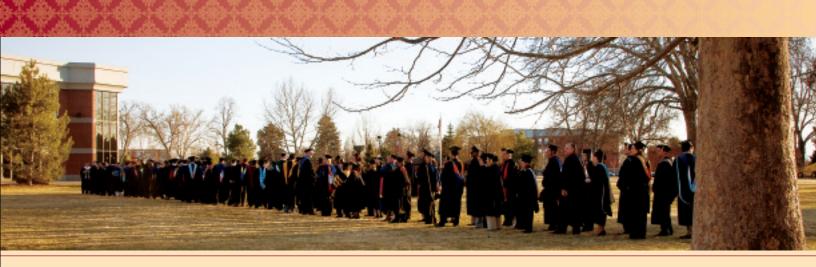
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RENEWING OUN COVENANT SEEKING HIS KINGDOM

Our 12th president tells of pledges past, present and future, and calls for recommitment

By Sandra Forester

Amid pageantry and traditions, Dr. David Alexander, newly inaugurated president of Northwest Nazarene University, evoked the Christ-centered legacy of NNU as he unveiled significant academic and spiritual initiatives and a new covenant for the NNU community.

Alexander's inauguration was a celebration of his covenant with God and the NNU community.

The inaugural events held March 12 and 13, included a luncheon for community leaders, a special chapel, forums for students, faculty and church leaders, and the inauguration ceremony itself.

Alexander used the celebration to explain the special value of an education at NNU.

"We do not intend to make a college education a commodity, the mere acquisition of a degree. Instead, we seek to transform a life," he said to community leaders gathered March 12 at the President's Luncheon in the Brandt Center.

In his inaugural address, Alexander reminded the community that NNU's distinctive value comes from putting Christ in the center of the University's mission. "From its most formative days, the people and mission of NNU have been centered upon belief in, understanding of and relationship with Jesus Christ.

The growth of the denomination and the school can be chronicled side by side, Alexander said.

Alexander invoked Wiley when he argued that college catalogues and other writings confirm that spiritual and intellectual realms were equally vital as the leadership "sought to create



Pictured above: Inauguration Chorus comprised of alumni, Northwesterners and Crusader Choir perform "If You Search With All Your Heart." Seated behind the platform party are the members of the board of trustees and faculty. Pictured on right: President Emeritus Richard Hagood presents the presidential medallion. Board of Trustees Chairman Randy Craker gives presidential charge. Education Commissioner LeBron Fairbanks brings greetings from the International Board of Education and presents a gift.

We, my friends, are a Christo-centric university. We believe that truth has been revealed in Him."

The corporate quest to seek the transformative work of the Holy Spirit and learn to live in the mystery of the Gospel is not an option, Alexander said.

Each generation needs to be reminded of this Christ focus to guard NNU from dilution or drifting into the secular, Alexander said. "I want to make it very clear. The church and NNU, we are two parts of one whole. We are the church at work in college education."

SPIRITUAL AND INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATIONS

In his address, Alexander related the story of the University's sagebrush beginnings in 1913 and its faithful founders.

"We must first remember Eugene Emerson, a layman of sacrificial heart, entrepreneurial spirit and certain means," Alexander said. "Former president John Riley observed of Emerson, 'In the process of his spiritual search, the Lord seemed to lay upon his heart the call to establish a holiness school in the Northwest.' Thus, Emerson invited the Rev. M.E. Ferdinand to Idaho to hold revival meetings in the spring of 1913. In so doing, Nampa First Church of the Nazarene was born."

a learning environment where 'the ultimate end of all knowledge is deeper fellowship with God."

With that culture, the college has attracted scholarly teachers who have also been spiritually grounded.

COMMON THREADS BIND PAST AND FUTURE

For NNU then and now, both spiritual and intellectual domains originate and hold together in the person of Jesus Christ, Alexander said.

"The truth is not something, but someone—not propositional, but personal. In a very real sense, our forebearers believed that the truth is not something we find; rather the truth has found us," he said.

"We enjoy a covenant not of our own making, a covenant initiated by God with us," he said. "All of NNU's institutional heroes of the faith were, in fact, responding in obedient action to the covenantal activity of God."

Though the school has grown from a handful of students in 1913 to 1,900 over undergraduate and graduate students now, the bedrock beliefs and values that shaped the school then guide the school now, Alexander said.

"Yet this fact should never be taken for granted," he said.

"We must continually work to maintain and foster our covenant relationships with God and with each other."

To that end, Alexander invited the students, faculty, staff, alumni, church members, family and friends in Swayne Auditorium to join him in renewing their covenants. He and others led the crowd of more than 1,500 in a responsive reading that ended with the pledge printed at right.

A COVENANT MADE REAL

Alexander asked the audience to consider how Christians and the University fulfill their pledges to seek Christ and His Kingdom while living in a world with often contrary logic and priorities.

"We are being called to participate in a countercultural world," he said. "We aren't making Him Lord by entering into a covenant; we're entering into the Kingdom where He is Lord. Therefore, we must commit to seek Him and His righteousness with our lives and the life of NNU. Only then will we be used by Him to establish His Kingdom, right here, right now."

As examples of this Kingdom commitment, Alexander announced several programs that have been and will be envisioned:

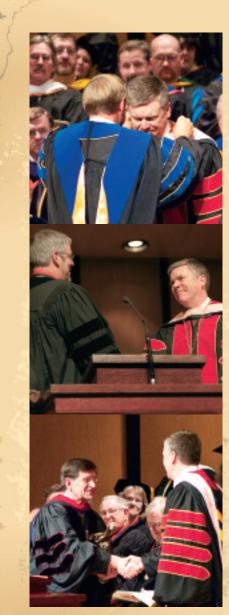
CREATION OF THE WESLEY CENTER FOR SERVANT LEADERSHIP, an interdepartmental entity to foster the quest for Christlikeness across the campus and curriculum, as well as across the Northwest. The Center will encompass the Wesley Center for Applied Theology and reinforce Christ's example of servant leadership in the classroom, campus community, graduate seminars, workshops and internships. It will also house the Office of Spiritual Formation and the dean of the chapel, fostering spiritual formation in small and large groups; the Office of Congregational Development, partnering with and serving churches in the Treasure Valley and the Northwest; and the Office of Kingdom Engagement, establishing Christ's Kingdom through travel, evangelism and compassion.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AND THE FORMATION OF THE NNU SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES, to further strengthen the University's role in caring for the sick and hurting. Expansion of degree offerings will follow, including

the first of several doctoral programs in 2010.

DEVELOPMENT OF A CENTENNIAL MASTER PLAN as Northwest Nazarene University turns 100 in 2013. The plan will outline new programs and buildings, including a new learning commons, a new student commons and other structures.

CREATION OF BRESEE SCHOLARS, a scholarship program for young people of great faith, great promise and great need. This program reinforces the University's commitment to the poor and marginalized by providing educational access to a diverse group who would otherwise not attend NNU.



"We are Northwest Nazarene University, and we are God's covenant people. We believe in You, God, in Your Son and in Your Holy Spirit. You have called us, and we have answered with our lives. We seek You, to love You with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. We seek You, Your Kingdom and your righteousness; in our seeking we find and express love for our neighbor and ourselves. We covenant with You and each other to follow You in boliness of heart and living. We pledge to be and make disciples and to live as one as You are One. We are Northwest Nazarene University, and we are God's covenant people. We make this covenant to love, to learn, to seek and to serve until our lord's return. Amen."



Pictured above: Inauguration Brass comprised of NNU alumni and friends perform in honor of the occasion. Pictured on right: NNU's First Lady, Mrs. Sandy Alexander, and son Matt participate in the responsive reading of the NNU Covenant. Pictured lower right: Music director, Barry Swanson, leads the audience in the new University Hymn.

"Spiritual formation actually

CORNERSTONES TO GUIDE US

Alexander also announced the 23 hallmarks of an NNU education, divided under four cornerstones – core, community, calling and Kingdom – to focus on and guide the institution in achieving its mission of developing "Christian character within the philosophy and framework of genuine scholarship."

The substantive guidelines were shaped after Alexander took the helm of NNU in August, forming a task force on spiritual formation and having covenant conversations with several groups including trustees, alumni, faculty, staff and students. The groups responded with what they expected of the University, and what it should expect of them.

Then Alexander took those comments – passionate, pleasing and critical – and processed them with his extensive knowledge and experience in Christian higher education to form the hallmarks, which Alexander highlighted during the luncheon:

happens as each essential
dimension of the self is
transformed to Christlikeness
under the direction of a
regenerate will interacting
with constant overtures of
grace from God."

-Dallas Willard, contemporary
writer on spiritual formation

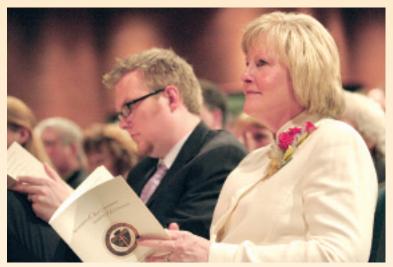
CORE: An NNU education is designed to incorporate and engage both spirit and intellect; therefore, NNU provides experiences in and understanding of created order, human discovery, knowledge and creativity, personal communication, critical thinking and problem solving. All this is done with a commitment to the pursuit of excellence and a life ordered by our faith.

COMMUNITY: The mission of NNU is fulfilled in community. We organize staff and provide a multidimensional community with expertise and care in spiritual, academic and social domains.

CALLING: The mission of NNU is fulfilled by providing each student with assessment, experiences and guidance to identify their

vocational calling and receive instruction for a life of service. Students engage in learning, scholarship, research and hands-on experience until mastery is achieved. KINGDOM: The mission of NNU is lived out as we seek to use the academic disciplines to identify and address real-world needs and opportunities as God's Kingdom agents. The NNU education is an affirmation of a person's ability to engage and change the world in active service and professional vocation.

It is Alexander's hope that the hallmarks provide a template for setting priorities and starting programs now and for the generations that follow.



University Hymn Unveiled

"Be Thou My Vision" is the new NNU University Hymn. President Alexander called the selection "a hymn from the ages, for the ages." The text of the Irish hymn dates from the eighth century and echoes the spirit of the University motto, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God." Alexander stated, "The hymn highlights our institutional and personal commitments to seek to live a righteous, holy life." "Be Thou My Vision" replaces the college hymn, "Hallelujah, Amen."

What students had to say about covenant keeping

What does keeping covenant mean to you?

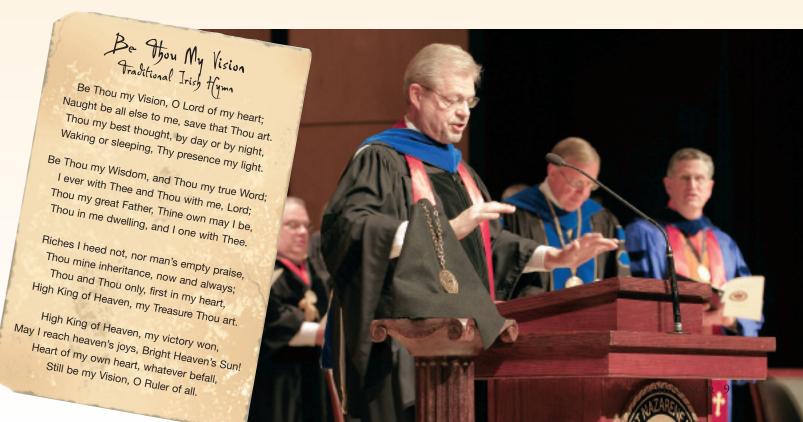
"A marriage is one of the most illustrative examples of covenant keeping. A man and woman agree to honor and cherish each other until "death do us part." There are tough and nasty times in life that threaten to break the covenant, but keeping the covenant requires one to keep focused on the goal."

—Ashley Morman, junior, business major,

Bonners Ferry, Idaho

"Covenant keeping to me seems like an unbreakable fellowship in which there is no out. The way has been laid among the parties of the covenant, and none of these parties will step away from this path that is so laid out. An individual is as much responsible for the whole as the whole is responsible for the individual. This university works together to keep this type of a covenant with each student and faculty member. A key reason for me to come to this University was this type of a covenant that I was going to enter.

-Timothy Streight, freshman, Christian ministries major, Meridian, Idaho





The inauguration concluded Friday with a chapel message and forums discussing what it means to seek the Kingdom of God.

Dr. Scott Daniels, NNU alumnus and senior pastor of First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena, told the chapel crowd that seeking the Kingdom was different from making choices and then inviting God into them.

"To find the Kingdom of God is not to invite God into our story, but to find ourselves in God's story," he said.

The coming of the Kingdom always inspires movement, Daniels said. "We are a people on the move," he said.

Afterward, Daniels participated in the students' forum, where NNU seniors Joel Ryman, Hannah Beers and Josh Myers spoke to their peers regarding how their college experience has shaped their understanding of Christ's call.

"College isn't a parenthetical moment within the rest of life," Beers said. "God is active here and now, and He calls us to be uncomfortable in a world where we are strangers." The student panel agreed that the life of Christ's Kingdom looks different than life without the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In reality,

Christ's Kingdom is both a sacrificial life and an intense adventure, they said.

In illustrating that paradox, Myers said that sacrifice may mean giving up selfish desires and ambitions, but the upside is freedom from constant image management. "If you want to gain life, lose it—lose

your ambitions, lay down your desires," he said.

Ryman echoed these sentiments, saying this kind of surrender leads to an intensity of life and real enjoyment of the "cool adventure" God has prepared for us. He summarized his college experience of seeking Christ's Kingdom by quoting James 4:8-10: "Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet."

For Beers, living the call means "going to your neighbor, your friend, the person down the hall, the classmate, or someone on the other side of the world" and extending the care and compassion of Jesus Christ. In this way, we are ambassadors of Christ's Kingdom, she said.

Written with contributions from Dr. Ben Fischer

THE DAVID ALEXANDER FAMILY

The Alexander family shares a proud tradition in Nazarene higher education and celebrates with the NNU community. Pictured from left to right is Andy and Amy (Alexander) Curry with niece, Elizabeth, Matt and Brenda Alexander along with four-month-old Addison, and David and Sandy Alexander.









GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR OF IDAHO

Please accept my hearty congratulations on your inauguration as the 12th President of Northwest Nazarene University. I know you have the talent and perseverance to help Northwest Nazarene University's students and faculty reach new heights of academic achievement and excellence, all while strengthening their foundation of faith in God. Your leadership will benefit students for years to come, and I admire your courage and commitment in accepting this new professional challenge.

Most importantly, I would like to thank you for your service to Idaho's students and commend you for your devotion to higher education.

-The Honorable C. L. "Butch" Otter, Governor, State of Idaho



GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

On behalf of the Board of General Superintendents, I congratulate you on your inauguration as President of Northwest Nazarene University! We celebrate with you and your family, friends and colleagues on this significant occasion in your life and that of the university.

In His providence He has brought you back to NNU for this new chapter in the life of the university and in your life as well. Over the years NNU has had a tradition of great leaders, and I am confident that you will build on that legacy.

-Dr. J. K. Warrick, General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene



WHAT STUDENTS HAD TO SAY ABOUT SERVANT LEADERSHIP

What does servant leadership mean to you?

"Servant leadership is really a chance to give something of yourself to make someone else's life better. As a student leader at NNU, I've had the incredible opportunity to find venues that utilize the skills and creative potential of my team members. I want to encourage others to be a change for the better, and I've been blessed to watch my peers grow."

-Lisa Bloomquist, senior, business major, Meridian, Idaho



Homecoming & Family Weekend 2008 provided an exciting mix of New People, New Places and Familiar Faces. The weekend had something to offer everyone: sports, music, a run/walk to raise scholarship funds and a lively benefit auction. There were reunions, a fall drama and even a campus parade. Saturday night's Grand Finale featured a bonfire, music and fireworks.

















FAMILY WEEKEND 2008





Homecoming & Family Weekend 2009, Nov. 5-7. Come Celebrate!







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2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games

NNU's Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team lent a hand in February at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise. They partnered with local businesses to create a more environmentally friendly atmosphere. Their "Greening the Games" campaign was part of a massive effort to help reduce the carbon footprint of the World Winter Games. SIFE presented each of the 4,000 athletes, coaches and delegates with an environmentally friendly gift bag filled with information on how to clean up the environment.

Nearly 400 NNU students participated in SIFE's effort, logging over 700 hours to make the Winter Games successful. In addition to the bags, SIFE, with the help of NNU's art and science departments, created a mural in downtown Boise showing how the Winter Games' participants and local fans could help keep the environment clean.

SIFE will present this project at the annual regional competition, where the regional winners will advance to the national competition.

Graduate counseling programs receive rave reviews from accreditors

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) reaffirmed NNU's accreditation of its graduate program in counseling.

As stated in the association's letter praising NNU on this accomplishment, "Programs receiving accreditation for an eight-year period deserve to be commended for the work they completed throughout the accreditation process. This is indeed a worthy achievement."

Korea Nazarene University students study at NNU

Eleven students from Korea Nazarene University (KNU) arrived on NNU's campus in January as a part of the yearlong NNU and KNU partnership. These students will be part of NNU's student body for 12 weeks, taking classes, living in the dorms and eating in the cafeteria.

Dr. Karen Jones has been the liaison between KNU and NNU. "Having the KNU students on campus provides them an opportunity to learn American culture, as well as make friends with NNU students," Dr. Jones said. "In turn, the NNU students can learn about Korean customs, taste Korean food prepared by the KNU students, and consider a cross-cultural exchange at KNU."

In addition to their studies, which include business communication, principles of management and the NNU introductory course Cornerstone, KNU students have been able to experience American life outside of the classroom. Field trips to businesses throughout the Treasure Valley and trips to favorite vacation spots have been enjoyed by the students. The eleven KNU students return to Korea in early April.

NNU wins 2008 MarCom Award

Northwest Nazarene University received a platinum award for its recruitment packet in the 2008 MarCom international award competition. This award recognizes outstanding creative achievement by marketing and communication professionals. The NNU recruitment packet is a compilation of view books, postcards, applications and various materials sent to prospective students. These materials were designed by DesignPoint Inc., Salem, Ore.

Over 5,000 entries from throughout the United States and several foreign countries were judged, with only 18 percent earning platinum-level recognition. MarCom Awards are administered and judged by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (AMCP), an international organization consisting of several thousand creative-design professionals.

Positive student experience reflected in spring enrollment

The retention rate for fall-to-spring undergraduate students was 95 percent. This is a favorable national benchmark average for peer universities.

Official figures for the spring 2009 semester are 1,273 undergraduates seeking degree credits and 549 graduate students. Continuing education students showed a steady increase as well, with an unduplicated head count of 8,427—over 300 more than last spring—for a total spring semester student enrollment of 10,249.

Alumna receives outstanding educator award



Alumna Glenda Bernhardt is the 2008 recipient of the L. E. Wesche Outstanding Educator Award. Bernhardt graduated from Northwest Nazarene University in 1983 with a degree in applied music and is now the head of the performing arts department at Carmel Middle School (Carmel, Calif.). In 2007 she was named Music Educator of the Year.

Journalism and mass communication students produce children's news on NBC affiliate station

Journalism and mass communication students launched a TV news show, Kids Today, with broadcast partner KTVB. Senior Amber Ford is the news director, and sophomore Troy Watters is the senior producer. Students shoot, write and edit stories for children. The 90-second show airs five times each weekend. "Producing a show for the largest station in Idaho has the same technical and creative demands placed on professionals," said Arnie Ytreeide, assistant professor of mass communication. Ytreeide and Lucas Roebuck, assistant professor of journalism, serve as the show's executive producers.

Integrity in tough times: business ethics panel discussion

The Northwest Nazarene University Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team, Better Business Bureau, Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Department of Finance cosponsored a panel discourse on business ethics. The topic was "Integrity in Tough Times: Doing the Right Thing all the Time." This discussion between Treasure Valley business leaders focused on ethical dilemmas faced by professionals in the workplace.

Women's basketball featured on CBS College Sports Network

The 2008-09 Crusader women's basketball team became the first NNU team to be featured on national television when they played at Seattle Pacific University Feb. 7.

Televised as part of the CBS Sports-NCAA Division II national broadcast package, the game was one of nine games chosen for broadcast this season on the CBS College Sports Network.

While NNU head coach Kelli Lindley would have preferred the game to end in the win column, there was value and experience for everyone. "What a great opportunity," Lindley commented. "The



exposure for the University and our program was priceless. We felt privileged to have been selected."

The veteran CBS broadcast duo of Charlie Neal and Ann Schatz was on hand to call the action as the Falcons defeated the Crusaders 66 to 55 in a game that was not decided until the final minutes.

The CBS College Sports Network is a national cable channel available to approximately 20,000,000 homes and is in its third year of partnering with the NCAA Division II.

Campus celebrates President Riley's 100th birthday

Jan. 23 marked the centennial of the birth of Dr. John E. Riley, the longest-



serving university president (1952 to 1973). Members of the Riley family, faculty, staff, students, alumni, emeriti faculty and friends gathered at Riley Library for an open house and celebration hosted by Sharon Bull, director of Library Services. Highlights of the event included reflections on Dr. Riley's life and work that was prepared by NNU centennial historian and alumnus Dick Etulain and by the Riley daughters, Noel Riley Fitch, Lynn Riley Neil and Gail Riley O'Neill.

Pre-general assembly spiritual formation retreat

NNU and Nazarene Theological Seminary will hold a collaborative spiritual formation retreat that will immediately precede the 2009 Nazarene General Assembly and Convention in Orlando, Fla.

The event begins Tues., June 23, and

concludes Wed. evening at the San Pedro Center prior to the initial worship service that marks the opening of the assembly conventions.

"Receiving, Blessing, Breaking, Sharing"a meditation on the Lord's Supper as a model for Christlike discipleship—is the theme for this 24-hour retreat.

For more information, including online or mail registration, visit the General Assembly Spiritual Formation Retreat website at www.nnu.edu/retreat.

Ashley Puga wins national championship

Northwest Nazarene University's Ashley Puga captured the NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field women's 800-meter national championship, posting a time of 2:07.63, on March 14 at Yeoman Field House on the campus of the University of Houston.

Puga, who was the second-seed entering Friday's prelims, qualified first on Friday and then out-distanced the competition by almost three full seconds, finishing ahead of second-place Anja Puc of Nebraska-Omaha (2:10.05).

Now a five-time All-American, Puga is



the first NCAA Division II national champion for the Crusaders in any sport and the third track & field individual national champion overall.

City, school district and community leader honored

At the annual fall President's Dinner, the University presented the Eugene Emerson Award to Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, Mayor Tom Dale, City of Nampa, and Paula Kellerer for Nampa School District #131. These awards were given for contributions that foster cooperation between NNU and the community.

The Mangum Family RECIEVES FAMILY HERITAGE AWARD



Few families share a more distinguished NNU family tradition than the Mangum family. In the 96 years since NNU's founding, members of the Mangum family have collectively logged more than 190 years of service to the University. NNU's records list 18 alumni with the last name or maiden name of Mangum, but these records don't even count the family members in the third and fourth generations who do not share the Mangum name. The Mangum family legacy at NNU runs deep and wide—virtually every student who has walked the halls of Northwest Nazarene University has felt its impact.

The Mangums first came to Northwest Nazarene College from Texas, when President H. Orton Wiley invited Dr. Thomas E.

Mangum Sr. and his wife, Emily, to help begin a medical missionary department, teaching classes in first aid, nursing, hygiene and surgery. Dr. and Mrs. Mangum settled in Nampa with their six children and served the University for 36 years, from 1918 to 1954. Their arrival began a ripple effect of service to NNU by the Mangum family.

Members of the Mangum family have filled many roles at NNU over the past 90 years, including college physician, alumni board president, environmental services staff, student leaders and several faculty positions. Two of this family's greatest and lasting legacies are the Mangum Missionary Lectures (1940s to present) and the two endowed Mangum Scholarships totaling \$48,500.

The Magnum family has spread its influence far beyond the walls of NNU, through their service to the Treasure Valley community as well as through decades in leadership positions in the Church of the Nazarene.

The Mangum family's legacy makes this family the ideal inaugural recipient of the new NNU Family Heritage Award, established by the Alumni Board of Directors to honor alumni families who, throughout generations, have brought honor and distinction to the University and who have advanced the cause of Christ through their lives and service. The Mangum family will receive the Family Heritage Award in a special program at College Church of the Nazarene on Friday, May 8, at 7 p.m. A dessert reception will follow the presentation.

Picture above, top row from left to right: Dr. J. Robert Mangum, Dr. Thomas Mangum Jr., Emily (Mangum) Desper and Joan (Mangum) Chapman. Front row from left to right: Dr. Paul Mangum, Dr. Thomas Mangum Sr., Mrs. Emily (Sellman) Mangum and Ruth (Mangum) Cahill.







DAVID PETERSON

Vice presidents appointed

With the approval of the board of trustees, President Alexander named two vice presidents: Rev. Fred Fullerton as vice president for spiritual and leadership development, to strengthen partnerships with churches in the Treasure Valley and throughout the Northwest; and David Peterson as vice president for financial affairs, to provide leadership and oversight of the financial and operational functions.

Rev. Fred Fullerton brings extensive leadership experience in young adult and pastoral ministries.

President Alexander speaks to this: "Rev. Fullerton's experience, training and heart make him the ideal individual to foster and facilitate formative spiritual mentoring along with servant leadership experiences for students, faculty and staff." Fullerton served as NNU Chaplain from 1988-91.

David Peterson has served as a University trustee for nine years and assumed leadership of financial affairs in November. Peterson brings an extensive professional background in financial management as well as private Christian education. In response to his new position, Peterson said, "I look forward to working with NNU stakeholders because I recognize the importance of continued cost-effective delivery of services that enable students and parents to make life-impacting decisions." Peterson and his wife, Linda, are both NNU alumni, class of 1970.

Alumni Weekend

May 8-10 is commencement weekend at NNU and also a time of celebration for NNU's older alumni. A special chapel will be held Saturday morning following reunion brunches for the decades of the 30s to 40s, the 50s, and the class of 1959. Thirty-four members of the class of 1959 will be honored as Golden Grads and participate in commencement exercises on Sunday, May 10.

Join in the celebration. Schedule and ticket information is available online at nnu.edu/alumni or by phone at 800-654-2411.

UNDAUN

Haline Freitas sees impossibilities a little differently than

By Dax Wandling, senior communications major

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most people.

"When people tell me I can't do something or that something is impossible, I take that as a challenge and, with God's help, prove them wrong because of His strength," Haline Freitas, a senior at NNU, said.

That never-give-up attitude will serve her well in the future. Haline (pronounced ah-LEEN-ee), an international studies major, is planning to work with internally displaced persons in Africa. When she does get the chance to fulfill her dream, her return to Africa will be a bit of a homecoming. Haline, originally from Brazil, was eight years old when she and her family moved to the war-torn nation of Angola.

Angola had already been involved in a civil war for almost 20 years when Haline arrived in the east-African country in 1995. Haline recalls spending time with children who had been forced into the armies of warring factions and seeing the scars, both physical and emotional, that the people bore. It was here that her dream of accomplishing the impossible was first developed.

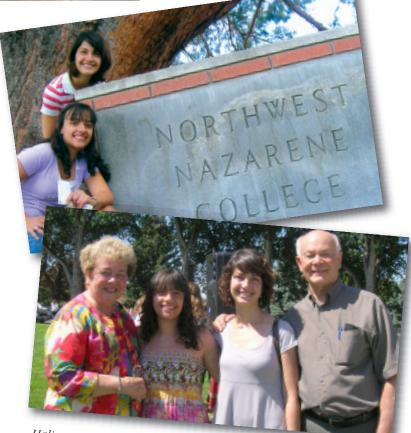
Despite the war raging around her, Haline looks back with fond memories on the seven years she spent in Angola. "I loved my time in Angola," she remembers. "War was just a part of life. We were safe—we simply had to learn to live differently."

In 2001, the Freitas family moved from Angola to South Africa where Haline spent a year and a half learning English. This is also where she met the Kniefels, the family who would eventually help her come to NNU.

Originally from Payette, Idaho, the Kniefels suggested that Haline study at NNU. She would need to overcome the impossible in order to study at an American university, yet Haline had her heart set on coming to Idaho.

Haline began to pray for a way to attend NNU. Due to a very modest income, her parents hadn't saved much money for her education. However, slowly and surely, money began coming in. Between her stellar academic record, intervening prayer, scholarships and support from people she hadn't even met, Haline was able to pay for tuition, but her funds were not adequate to pay for housing.

Dr. Barry Swanson was head of NNU church relations at the



Haline pictured above with adopted grandparents, the Kniefels.

time and heard about Haline's predicament. Her need was announced in the bulletin at College Church of the Nazarene, and by the next week eight families had offered spare bedrooms for Haline.

In August of 2005, Haline made the trip from her home in Mozambique to Nampa, moved in with NNU alumni Steve and Susan Butkus, and enrolled at NNU. "I know God put me here to do good, and I plan to do as much as I can," says Haline, grinning. "When people tell me that something is impossible, I just smile. I serve a God who is bigger than the impossible."



A Rendezvous With Destiny

By Cherissa Roebuck

"You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth," former President Ronald Reagan, October 27, 1964.

A beloved president. Inspiring words. A dream born in the heart of a college freshman 14 years after President Reagan gave this speech.

"I was mesmerized by his words," said NNU alumni Bob Sanchez. "He was speaking about a legacy and something bigger than just one person or group of people. Inspired by his speech, I went to talk to the Army ROTC instructor the next day. Looking back, it was one of the best decisions I ever made."

Sanchez's decision to join the ROTC was his first step toward a successful career in the U.S. Army. After earning his undergraduate degree from Boise State University in 1990, Sanchez was commissioned as an officer in the Army. He then went on to earn his master of business administration from NNU in 1999. Now, nearly 10 years later, he is serving his country in an impressive capacity—as a commanding officer.

The U.S. Army recently promoted Sanchez to Battalion Commander of the United States Army Recruiting Battalion Baton Rouge. He is in command of eight U.S. Army recruiting companies and 54 U.S. Army recruiting stations, covering the four states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky. He oversees an annual budget of \$25.8 million.

In the U.S. Army, the selection process for commanding officers is extremely competitive, and only 10 percent of the qualified lieutenant colonels are selected to command. Sanchez said he considers it a tremendous honor and an awesome responsibility to command this battalion.

"Throughout my career, I have tried to teach life rather than tactics, techniques or procedures. I believe that everyone has the potential to be a champion and win every day. No matter the obstacles, what excites me most about this new assignment is building a team that thinks 'WIN,'" Sanchez said.

Sanchez's recent promotion is the culmination of years of dedication and success as he served his country.



Sanchez with his wife of 19 years, Lori (Willis), an NNU alumna, and their two children, Sierra, 12, and Dakota, 10.

He has served all over the world, including participation in a combat parachute assault into northern Iraq, as well as a tour in Afghanistan. He has been honored with more than a dozen military awards, including the Bronze Star Medal.

Sanchez, who was born and raised just a few blocks from NNU, said his education played a vital role in preparing him for his life and his career with the U.S. Army. He said that one of the enduring lessons he learned at NNU was from Dr. Ronald Galloway, dean of the School of Business, who taught him the importance of challenging young people by having high expectations of them and then giving them the opportunity to realize those expectations through constructive, character-building activities.

Sanchez now uses those leadership skills on a daily basis as he commands the hundreds of soldiers in his unit.

"I command a unit with 11 officers and 390 soldiers. When you add their families to that number, it equates to about one thousand people. Every one of these professionals, soldiers and family members sacrifice much in the defense of freedom and deserve only the best," Sanchez said.



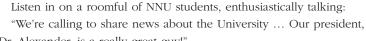
It's an amazing transformation from bricks, mortar and metal framing to textured walls, new carpet and fresh paint! Labs, classrooms and lecture halls are taking shape; miles of wire and cable are ready to make everything work.

As we anticipate the completion of the Thomas Family Health & Science Center in April, students, faculty and staff are excited to move into their new home. For many, this is the realization of a dream—to educate and learn in a state-of-the-art setting. We thank those who have helped this dream become reality at Northwest Nazarene University!

The journey is not over, however; this new space presents the need for improved learning tools and updated science and nursing equipment. It is imperative that we offer our students the technology and equipment to keep pace with the always-evolving and advancing science and healthcare fields. Your assistance is needed to complete the necessary funding for fully equipping this enhanced learning environment.

Will you prayerfully consider support of this worthy effort? You may conveniently give online at www.nnu.edu/development (designate science equipment), or contact Bryon Knight in the University Advancement office at 208-467-8832, 866-467-8987 or bknight@nnu.edu. We look forward to what God has in store.

Remember the Value ...



Dr. Alexander, is a really great guy!"

"Everyone's excited to see inside the new Health & Science Center." I'm the first in my family to attend NNU."

"I couldn't be here without scholarships—I'm so grateful! We hope to raise \$100,000 for University Fund scholarships ... It's a big goal, but with help from all of our alumni and friends, we can accomplish it!"

"Thank you so much; I enjoyed talking with you!"

The NNU phonathon connects current students with past students and faithful friends, while they share experiences from then and now.

Today, as in the past, scholarships are the key to opening the NNU door for most students—95 percent presently receive an average of \$6,000 in institutional scholarships alone. Scholarship funds come from people like you who remember the value of an NNU education and give to pass it on.

All gifts to the University Fund received by June 30, 2009, will support student scholarships. Make your gift today at 866-467-8987, www.nnu.edu/give, or 623 Holly Street, Nampa, ID 83686.



DECADE NEWS

1960s

Leon Powers -64- has a new book, "Dead Owls Flying," that relates the many challenges and outdoor adventures shared by him and two NNU biology students, Mike Munts -88- and Joel Sauder -99. The story encompasses two decades of studying North America's largest and rarest owl, the Great Gray.

Rand Michael -68- and wife, Phyllis, were recipients of the Oregon Counseling Association's Human Rights Award for 2008. The award recognizes individuals from Oregon who have made outstanding contributions to the Association or to the counseling profession at large. Rand is associate professor of marriage and family therapy, and Phyllis is associate professor of human development and family studies at George Fox University. Rand and Phyllis have been providing training, consultation and clinical services internationally since 1987.

1970s

Brad Arnesen -73- has been named School Psychologist of the Year for Washington state. With a total of 31 years working as a school psychologist, Brad served over 20 years as psychologist/counselor at Apple Valley Elementary School in the West Valley School District of Yakima, Wash. Brad served on the NNU board of trustees from 2002 to 2008.

Lt. Col. David Tish -75- has completed 22 years of military service and is currently serving as chaplain in the Idaho Army National Guard with the 116th Cavalry Brigade. David also serves as chaplain for the Boise VA Medical Center.

Grady Zickefoose -77- has served 20 years as chaplain in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He was the first federal chaplain from the Church of the Nazarene.

David Powers -78- has been appointed to the Alaska State Medical Board. David is a board-certified family practitioner on staff at Kanakanak Hospital in Dillingham, Alaska.

1980s

Jennifer (Roemhildt) Tunehag -89- has been asked by Advocates International to serve as an advisor to their Global Task Force on Human Rights and Justice. Working closely with the International Christian Alliance on Prostitution and the World Evangelical Alliance, Jennifer serves in a variety of roles consulting on issues involving prostitution and trafficking around the globe.

David -89- and Rhonda (Gerdes) -89-Ackerman are pastoring the First Church of the Nazarene, Sheridan, Wyo., following nine years of missionary service in Australia and the Philippines, where David served as professor of New Testament at Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary and Rhonda was campus nurse along with a variety of other ministries.

Wendy Dyment -85- rejoined Medair of Geneva, Switzerland, directing medical field support.

Pete Boeckel -83- retired from the military as First Sergeant with more than 30 years of service. He's been hired by the Washington State Office of the Attorney General, Financial Services Division, as a senior budget analyst-plans. Pete lives in Lacey, Wash., with his wife, Zorada (Breland) -82. They celebrated their 25th anniversary in March 2009.

Scott Webb -84- is the executive director of the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation that provides resources to fund rewards for information that assists law enforcement in locating missing loved ones and bringing criminals to justice.

Cliff Watt -89- received a doctorate of ministry from George Fox Evangelical Seminary. Cliff serves as lead pastor of Seaside Christian Church in Warrenton, Ore.

2000s

Nathan Bankston -01- was promoted to Staff Sargeant, U.S. Army, and is currently deployed in Iraq. Paul Clark -03- and his wife, Alyssa, are serving in their first pastorate in Connell, Wash., following Paul's graduation from Asbury Theological Seminary.

Enrique Camarillo -MBA 07- has been hired to serve in a new business consultant position focused on supporting and training Hispanic businesses. This position was created as part of a joint venture with the Idaho Small Business Development Center at Boise State University and the Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Jeffrey Horne -08- was installed in December as pastor at Creve Coeur Church of the Nazarene, Illinois. Jeff, his wife, Donna, and their three sons began this assignment after he served two years as family life pastor at Peoria First Church of the Nazarene.

Eric Depew -00- was installed in September as the new pastor at Church of the Nazarene of Riverton, Wyo. Eric, his wife, Nicole, and their three daughters began this new assignment after serving five years at Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Billings, Mont.

Meghan (Miller) Galloway -06- has completed Physician's Assistant School at Loma Linda University. She is working in pediatric neurosurgery at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. Meghan lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Tristan -06-, who is a third-year dental student at University of Southern California, where he is the vice president of the School of Dentistry student body.

Mark Seitz -01- and his wife, Becky, and their three sons moved to Helena, Mont., in September to pastor the Helena Church of the Nazarene.

MILESTONES Births

Noah Thomas on March 3, 2007, to Melanie (Hays) -01- and Matthew Hawkins

Parker James on Jan. 31, 2008, to Lori and Adam Hedman -96-

Katelyn Dawn on Feb. 26, 2008, to Melanie (Nisly) -06- and Tyler Layne -06-

Kian Joshua Jerreck on March 6, 2006, adopted by Erin (Sullivan) -92- and Roger Kadey -92, joining sisters Kylie, Kara and Kelsea

Parker Joel on March 24, 2008, to Tami (Hunter) -96- and Allen Bowlden, joining sister Audrey

Jillian Olivia on March 25, 2008, to Judy (Clark) -99- and Bryan Appleby, joining sister Katelyn

Avery Mitike on April 28, 2008, to Amber (Cashell) -01- and Trevor Gunstream -01, joining sister Ainsley and brother Isaac

Annabelle Faith on May 11, 2008, to Jonna (Pence) -94- and Steve Emerson -92, joining brother Chandler and sisters McKenna and Ellie

Megan on June 9, 2008, to Rebecca and Jason Powell -98, joining brother Justin

Jenna Marie on June 18, 2008, to Emily (Estabrook) -95- and John Carriker

Parker Lee on June 22, 2008, to Katie (Klosterman) -97- and Daron Brown, joining brother Kendall

Zachary Crawford on July 9, 2008, to Stephanie (Ortman) -00- and John Brigowatz, joining brother JJ

Jeremiah Timothy on July 28, 2008, to Danielle and Timothy Whetstone -96, joining sister Natalie

Teegan Ray on July 30, 2008, to Tami (McCoy) -99- and Ben Moore, joining big brother Bretton

Mason KayLynn on Aug. 18, 2008, to Amy (Johnson) -98- and Mark Boothby -98, joining sister Logan

Alexa Catrice on Aug. 22, 2008, to Oni (Baumann) -01- and Daniel Epley -00, joining brother Kenan

Presley Louise on Aug. 25, 2008, to Stacie (Tuckness) -99- and Jeremy Glassco -99, joining big brother Pierce

Cameron Riker on Sept. 2, 2008, to Maureen (Riker) -03- and Brian Seidel -02, joining brothers Colin and Curtis

Lacey Jane on Sept. 13, 2008, to Lindsay and James O'Connell -01, joining big brother Ryan and sister Annie.

Judah Timothy on Sept. 15, 2008, to Suzanne (Clark) -93- and Timothy Anstine, joining brother Jake and sister Jessie

Jesse Jay on Sept. 25, 2008, to Sarah (Arendt) -05- and Jesse Maddux -05Dalton James on Oct. 2, 2008, to Hollie (Larson) -02- and Brian Lindner -01-

Cate Cordelia on Oct. 6, 2008, to Andrea (Young) -01- and Telfer Griffith -01-

Addison Grace on Nov. 12, 2008, to Meredith (Crary) -04- and Jason Johanson

Emma James on Nov. 30, 2008, to Sarah (Maddux) -07- and Jason Fitch -02-

Ethan Ryan on Jan. 29, 2009, to Anna (Salisbury) -04- and Ryan Lee -04-



Parker Hedman



Katelyn Layne



Parker & Audrey Bowlden



Jillian Appleby



Avery Gunstream



Annabelle Emerson



Parker Brown



Zachary & JJ Brigowatz



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Cameron, Colin & Curtis Seidel



Lacey O'Connell



Judah Anstine



Jesse Maddux



Dalton Lindner



Cate Griffith



Addison Johanson



Ethan Lee

Marriages

Dana Luhn -08- and Anthony Haskett -08on May 24, 2008, in Longview, Wash.

Michelle Killebrew -04- and Brock Martin on June 21, 2008.

Laura Bodenstab -08- and Zach Carpenter -08- on June 28, 2008, in Roseburg, Ore. The couple lives in Taipei, Taiwan.

Brenna Blair -08- and Landon Loeber -08on July 5, 2008, in Boise, Idaho. The couple resides in Daejeon, South Korea.

Jennifer Roemhildt -89- and Mats Tunehag on Aug. 8, 2008, in Cordova, Alaska. The couple resides in Stockholm, Sweden.

Tessa Poortinga -08- and Daniel Garzzona on Aug. 9, 2008, in Wenatchee, Wash. The couple resides in Nampa.

Kelly Brooker -01- and Shane Wentz in September 2008, in Spokane, Wash.

Stephanie Elliott -08- and Stephen Bicker on Oct. 4, 2008, in Lewiston, Idaho.

Sydney Mitchell -07- and Mike Drinkwater on Oct. 18, 2008, in Eugene, Ore. The couple resides in Arequipa, Peru, where

they have accepted a two-year assignment with Extreme Nazarene Ministries.

Christi Ross -02- and Michael Rafer on Sept. 13, 2008, in Bellevue, Wash.

In Memory

Earl Browning -61- on March 19, 2008, Spangle, Wash.

Ralph Hull -50- on April 24, 2008, Palm Springs, Calif.

Henry Savage -64- on Sept. 3, 2008, Puyallup, Wash.

Bruce Webb -Admissions 1968-91- on Sept. 21, 2008, Weiser, Idaho

Duane G. Hammon -62- on Sept. 22, 2008, Newberg, Ore.

Merrit Bloomquist -47- on Oct. 23, 2008, Nampa, Idaho

Hugh Pierce -60- on Oct. 25, 2008, Boise, Idaho

Dr. Floyd Perkins -49- on Nov. 13, 2008, Nampa, Idaho

Bernice (Kalbfleisch) Poe -41- on Nov. 13, 2008, Nampa, Idaho

nt **Michael Cummings -74-** on Nov. 20, 2008, Auburn, Wash.

Lisa (Trombley) Escott -Med 03- on Nov. 22, 2008, Rocklin, Calif.

Lloyd Hubbard -52- on Dec. 1, 2008, Nampa, Idaho

Beulah Bozarth -41- on Dec. 7, 2008, Caldwell, Idaho

Larry Vevig -54- on Dec. 21, 2008, Ocean Shores, Wash.

Cynthia Peterson -77- on Jan. 9, 2009, Bonner Springs, Kan.

Delores Wavra -56- on Jan. 15, 2009, Twin Falls, Idaho

Dr. Ercil Bowman -51- on Feb. 7, 2009, Port Townsend, Wash.



Dana Luhn & Anthony Haskett



Laura Bodenstab & Zach Carpenter



Landon Loeber & Brenna Blair



Mats Tunehag & Jennifer Roemhildt



Sydney Mitchell & Mike Drinkwater



Michael Rafer & Christi Ross

NNU Alumni and Friends to Gather at Nazarene General Assembly

If your summer plans include being in Orlando for the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, please be sure to stop by the NNU kiosk and exhibit booth locations in the conference center exhibit hall. We look forward to visiting with all alumni and friends.

Additionally, please join President and Mrs. Alexander and other campus personnel for lunch and fellowship at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando on Sunday, June 28, at 12:30 p.m., following the morning worship service. Reserve your place for lunch online at

nnu.edu/welcome/general-assembly. Lunch will be served in the Rosen Centre Ballroom at a cost per person of \$20, \$10 for children under 12. For more information on this Alumni & Friends gathering, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-654-2411 or 208-467-8840, or e-mail alumni@nnu.edu.



APRIL

- 1-3 10:20 a.m. Sanner Sermon Series
- 2 5-8 p.m. Nate Blowers Senior Art Show
- Friday Escape (Visit Day)7:30 p.m. Boise Master Chorale8 p.m. Matt Johnson Senior Vocal Recital
- 3-4 Track at All-Idaho Collegiate Cup Boise SB vs. Western Oregon
- 4 8 p.m. Alison Cavanaugh Senior Vocal Recital
- 6 7 p.m. Theology Night
- 5-8 p.m. Mary Spears Senior Art Show8 p.m. Micah Turner Senior Music Recital
- 10 Campus Holiday (Good Friday)
- 10-11 SB at Western Washington
- 11 Track at Eastern Oregon
- 13 Student Holiday (Easter Monday)
- 16 5-8 p.m. Brittan Aebischer Senior Art Show
- 17 8 p.m. Boise Philharmonic
- 17-18 SB at Central Washington
- 18 Track at Central Washington
- 18 2 p.m. Denver Meet & Greet the President (The Summit Conference & Event Center, Aurora, CO)
- 19 3 p.m. Scott King Senior Piano Recital8 p.m. Heather Reeves/Melody Christensen Senior Recital
- 20-21 Track at GNAC Multi-Events (Western Oregon)
- 23 5-8 p.m. Rhonda Chase Senior Art Show
- 24-25 SB vs. MSU-Billings Track NNU Invite
- 24-26 Regional Main Event
- 26 7:30 p.m. Reunion Zero
- 28 8 p.m. Katie Zook Senior Recital
- 29 10:20 a.m. Investiture Chapel

MAY

- 1 Classes End
- 1-2 SB vs. St. Martin's Track GNAC Conference Meet (NNU)
- 2 8 p.m. Jillian Palmquist Senior Recital

- 4-7 Final Exams
- 8 3 p.m. Underclassmen Residence Halls Close
- 8 5:30 p.m. PhiDelta Lambda Dinner & Induction Ceremony
- 8 7 p.m. Family Heritage Award Program: Mangum Family Reception (College Church)
- 8-10 Alumni Golden Grad Weekend
- 9 Track at Ken Foreman Invite (Seattle) 1 p.m. Nursing Pinning Ceremony
 - 7 p.m. President's Reception, for graduates and families
- 10 a.m. Baccalaureate (Idaho Center)
 3 p.m. Commencement (Idaho Center)
 5 p.m. Honorary Degree Recipient & Faculty Emeriti Reception (Hampton Inn & Suites Nampa at The Idaho Center)
- 11 Summer School Session I Begins 3 p.m. Upperclassmen Residence Halls Close
- 13-June 3 Student Medical Mission Trip to Peru Student Mission Trip to Ukraine/Russia
- 15 Admissions Deposit Deadline8 p.m. Boise Philharmonic
- 25 Campus Holiday (Memorial Day)

JUNE

- 5 Summer School Session I Ends
- 8 Summer School Session II Begins
- 13 Nampa Jump-Start
- 18 Spokane/Richland Jump-Start
- 19 Seattle Jump-StartSummer Ministry Group Send-Off Concert
- 20 Portland Jump-Start
- 28 12:30 p.m. Nazarene General Assembly NNU Alumni and Friends Lunch (Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, FL)

JULY

- 2 Summer School Session II Ends
- 3 Campus Holiday (Independence Day)
- 5-25 Student Mission Trip to India
- Nampa Jump-Start



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