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We’re All About Community

When students and alumni are asked to try to describe Northwestern in one word, they most often come up with “community.” At Fall Convocation this year, I attempted to flesh that out, sharing what I believe are seven signs of an engaged community.

First, an engaged community is united in a clear mission—like ours: Northwestern is a Christian academic community engaging students in courageous and faithful learning and living that empowers them to follow Christ and pursue God’s redeeming work in the world. This carefully and meaningfully constructed statement reflects the commitment of our faculty and staff.

Second, we strive to be a community that asks generous questions of one another. Rather than seeking someone to blame when things go wrong, the questions we ask and how we ask them should reflect our belief that each of us has an important role to play in furthering God’s kingdom.

Third, we need to value our differences. What we have in common is much stronger than our differences, regardless of how uncomfortable they might make us feel.

Fourth, we need to embrace our equality. No person or group is better than another at Northwestern. Each community member is essential for effectiveness as the body of Christ.

Fifth, we need to recognize our brokenness. The story of Simon Peter’s calling as a disciple in Luke 5 begins with his brokenness. He and his peers have no success fishing all night until they obey Jesus’ command to cast their nets in deeper water. Feeling unworthy, Simon says, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” Jesus reassures, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch people.” It is often in our brokenness that Christ chooses to use us.

Sixth, we need to embrace our equality. The Lord! Our faculty and staff have been called to work in Christian higher education. Students enjoy the opportunity to study and grow, daily discovering God’s purposes for their lives.

Seventh, we serve the community of Northwestern. Each community member is essential for effectiveness as the body of Christ.

Greg Christy
President

Top-Grade Recognition

Northwestern’s nursing and education departments earned impressive national recognition this summer.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program was reaccredited for another five years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

The evaluation report filed after a site visit praises both the college’s commitment to providing excellent resources for the nursing department and the nursing curriculum’s fit with the institution’s mission. Northwestern’s B.S.N. program met all the evaluation requirements in categories of mission, resources, curriculum, teaching, student performance and faculty accomplishments.

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Meanwhile, Northwestern’s elementary education program has earned national recognition from the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI).

“Colleges must have earned national accreditation in teacher education to be eligible to submit particular programs for national recognition,” says Dr. Laurie Dalby, chairperson of the education department. “Specific Program Assessment (SPA) reports are submitted to respective professional organizations for review and must meet rigorous requirements for assessment in order to earn national recognition status.”

A site visit by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) accreditation team is planned during the 2015–16 school year. Before that time, the education department must admit nine total SPA reports for certification areas—including secondary endorsements in biology, English, health, history, mathematics, physical education, science and Spanish—in addition to the elementary education report.

Showcased Design

Northwestern’s fitness center renovation has been recognized as an outstanding design in the 2014 American School & University Educational Interiors Showcase. The center was featured in the August issue of American School & University magazine, among only two selected designs in the physical education/recreation centers category.

The $2.2 million renovation, designed by Cannon Moss Breyer Architects of Sioux City, transformed the mini-gym of Northwestern’s Rowenhorst Student Center into a state-of-the-art fitness center featuring Matrix cardio and resistance machines, free weights and fitness gear. The area also includes an expanded game room area and three remodeled racquetball courts.

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GREG CHRISTY
ANITA CIRULIS and everyone he encountered. This he has had such a tremendously
NAIA. “Throughout his career, Carr, president and CEO of the
intercollegiate athletics,” says Jim
of athletics from 2000 until last
Athletics Director of the Year.
April: He will be recognized at
‘69 will have another reason to
I am so pleased Barry has been
Barry Brandt stands for all
have. We are blessed to have
is the coaching staff he leaves
is the coaching staff he leaves
of people like Barry Brandt.”
Coach athletics are special because
outstanding group of men
women who are excellent
selected for this honor,” says Greg
Northwestern president. He is highly respected not only
for his work but more importantly
for who he is as a person. He loves
the Lord, his family, Northwestern
Committee and our students.
Perhaps his greatest legacy
Director, Northwestern teams won seven NAIA
national championships (men’s basketball
in 2001, 2002 and 2003 and women’s
basketball in 2005, 2008, 2010,
2011 and 2012) and the athletic
department’s staffing was
strengthened so nearly all of the
head coaches are full-time college
employees.
Facility upgrades included major
improvements to the football field
and outdoor track at De Valois
Stadium and to the soccer complex.
Construction is under way on the
latest addition, the Ron and Peg
Juffer Fieldhouse.
Barry has given much time to
task forces, committees and other
leadership positions in the NAIA,
including serving as president of
the NAIA Athletics Directors
Association, and to be honored in
this way is a special capstone to
a tremendous career,” says Cory
Wetcso, commissioner of the Great
Plains Athletic Conference. “His
impact at Northwestern in the
GPAC and within the NAIA has
been significant.”

Outstanding Administrator

Family Talk in Taiwan

Memoir
Religious professor Dr. Jackie Smallbones has woven a
collection of personal stories, from infancy to adulthood, into
a memoir, Knit Together: Many Colors, One Life. The 167-
page paperback, available on Lulu.com, draws readers into
Smallbones’ journey toward walking in the way of Jesus.

“A life is a mosaic of many colors woven together by the Master Weaver,”
says Smallbones. “If we’re fortunate, we’ll see the whole one day. I was fortunate.
The stories, whether humorous or serious, playful or honest, document my journey
toward healing and wholeness.” A native of South Africa, Smallbones
has taught at Northwestern since 1995.

Joining the Faculty
Four new full-time professors have been added to Northwestern’s teaching ranks this fall. They include:

Laura Edwards
Assistant Professor of Education
Ph.D., Michigan State University
Edwards is a specialist in curriculum, instruction and
teacher education, with teaching experience at Michigan State
and research experience in global education. Her work has
been published in the Journal of Progressive Education, and
she’s presented papers on early childhood and comparative
education at conferences. Edwards taught in inner-city Phoenix
before earning a master’s degree in educational leadership
and policy studies from Arizona State University.

Tatum Geerdes
Instructor in Nursing
M.S.N., Allen College
Geerdes taught at Northwest Iowa Community College
for four years prior to joining Northwestern’s faculty. She is a
registered nurse who has worked in the surgical unit at the
Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and in labor and delivery at the
Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa. She also has
a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Iowa.

Rebecca (Vander Molen ’03) Koerselman
Assistant Professor of History
Ph.D., Michigan State University
Koerselman earned a master’s degree in history and
politicscience from Iowa State University before completing
a doctorate in United States history with an emphasis in
gender and religion. She comes to NWC from Oklahoma
Baptist University, where she was an assistant professor of
history. She also has teaching experience at Freeman Academy
in South Dakota.

Donna (Pennings ’92) Van Peursem
Assistant Professor of Social Work
M.S., University of Nebraska Omaha
Van Peursem is a licensed social worker with extensive
experience in individual, marital, family and group therapy.
Prior to joining NWC’s faculty, she was a mental health
therapist at the Creative Living Center in Rock Valley, Iowa.
She has also worked as a Therapist for Family Services in Omaha.
Campus Life

Fútbol Fandom

Superman. Tigger. A frog in a cape. A cowboy in tights. ‘They’re the Hermesta Hecklers, and their goal is to get into the heads of Raider soccer opponents.

Pre-game heckler prep includes trolling Twitter feeds so Hecklers can broadcast opposing players’ tweets out loud during the game. A senior Heckler paces the sidelines reciting Edgar Allen Poe’s ‘The Raven’ and directing a Heckler chorus of ‘Nevermore.’

Hecklers wave one of their pet props (a distracting rack of antlers) and chant seeming nonsense like “Feed the Cheeto!” They badger players who look their way with “Head in the game!” Opponents regularly holler back, “What are you doing there?” They are not to be confused with those who yell things like “Suck!”

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RULES 4 HECKLING

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1. Freshmen and other rookies may not heckle until they’ve learned the art of clever wordplay to help win games.
2. Hecklers are prohibited from cursing and using the words “suck” and “ugly.” They are not to be confused with those who yell things like “Suck!”
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We love the Hecklers!” says senior midfielder Chris Sweeney. “If they weren’t at games, it would feel like we were missing the best player on our team.”

“Even opposing coaches say their teams love playing at Northwestern,” says Assistant Coach Paul Smith ’88. “The team bus is abuzz with upperclassmen telling freshmen about the Hecklers. It’s a special atmosphere that’s the envy of other schools.”

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The Experts Say…

Northwestern achieved notable national recognition in recent months:

• Great value Colleges.net ranked NWC 13th for best value among Midwest private colleges in its 2014-15 “90 Great Affordable Colleges in the Midwest” list.
• Washington Monthly rated NWC as the nation’s eighth-best baccalaureate college, based on how well students are prepared for lives of achievement, service and research.
• U.S. News & World Report ranked Northwestern sixth among 95 Midwest private colleges.
• Forbes.com listed Northwestern among the top 12 percent of the nation’s colleges.
• Princeton Review.com named Northwestern to its Best in the Midwest list.
• Northwesterners made its fourth appearance on the Best Adoptions-Friendly Workplaces education list by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.
• Northwestern placed fourth—behind Cornell University, New York University and Ohio State University.

Hall of Famer

Theatre professor Dr. Robert Hubbard has a special hometown calling when he returned to his native Minot, N.D., in mid-October. The 1951 graduate of Minot State University (MSU) was inducted into his alma mater’s Academic Hall of Fame, chosen by the MSU faculty senate based on his career achievements.

“A number of excellent professors have influenced me at NUS,” says Hubbard. “I really appreciate how much the faculty positively impacted my development as an artist and scholar, and I feel incredibly humbled by this honor.”

A veteran solo performer, Hubbard has presented his original solo shows at conferences, festivals, high schools, churches and community centers across the country including Baltimore, Kansas City, Minneapolis and New York City. He has directed numerous shows, including an award-winning production of The Comedy of Errors and original stage adaptations of Larry Woiwode’s novels, Beyond the Bearwood Wall and Graham Greene’s The Power and Glory.

Hubbard is also involved with the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival as a workshop leader, producer and coordinator of the Region Five National Critics Institute Committee. He and his wife, April, also a Northwest theatre professor, have served as drama instructors at the International Music Camp every summer since 2007.

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**Breaking Ground**

In what’s being described as a “perfect choice,” Northwestern’s new indoor athletic practice and training facility will be called the Illin and Peg Jaffer Fieldhouse. The name for the new building was announced during a groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 26. “They have a long history of reaching out to students and being such strong supporters of the college,” Jay Whipple ’82, also president for advancement, says of the couple. Illin, who attended Northwestern’s junior college in 1955–56, joined Northwestern’s faculty in 1967. During his 47-year career after serving as a professor in the education department and coach baseball for 17 years and men’s basketball for two, many former students remember taking him on in shoot-outs in the VSC gym — and often getting beat by “tall,” who was known for his uncanny ability to remember students’ names. Peg, a local elementary school librarian, taught education courses at the college on a part-time basis, mentored students, and supervised student teachers. The Jaffers were the featured guests at the groundbreaking, which took place next to the Rozenhorst Student Center on land previously owned by Alceco, an Iowa farmers’ cooperative. A grain elevator and six silos, which had occupied the site for decades, were demolished during August and September by a 150-foot-tall wrecking-ball crane in a process that drew plenty of spectators.

**Carlson Internships**

A new internship program at Northwestern matches top employers around the country with the college’s brightest students. Carlson Internships are reserved for highly motivated and high-achieving students with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Established through an endowed gift from Northwestern alumni and entrepreneur Todd Carlson ’89, the program provides full-time summer internships for which students receive both a salary and academic credit. Todd Carlson ’89, the program provides full-time summer internships for Carlson Internships, a partner.

All three organizations have requested Carlson Interns again. Exemplar Genetics in Sioux Center, Iowa, L’Arche in Chicago, and Storm Lake Capital in Detroit—the latter the company in which Carlson is a partner.

“Exemplar has a great creative project in mind for a team of three to four students,” Altena says. “L’Arche offered their Northwestern intern a position after she graduated, and Todd Carlson loved the students his company had and was really enthusiastic when I met with him. He gave me ideas for five other companies we can partner with.”

Such a connection is common for Carlson Internship sites. The CEO may be an alumnus friend of Northwesterns. Or an alumnus or friend may be the one who recommends the Carlson Internship Program to his or her company. “I like that because then they understand who we are, what our mission is, and what we value,” Altena says. “And they know what kind of students we’re educating here.”

Having recruited more than a dozen organizations as Carlson Internship sites for the summer of 2015, Altena is in the process of matching applicants with the nearly 30 available positions so students have their Carlson Internships in place by the start of second semester classes. “The Carlson Internships are increasing in demand as more students apply for these positions, but it’s internally competitive, which is a great thing about our program,” she says.

**Exemplar Genetics**

- Midwest genetics lab
- Providing high-quality data to leading biotech companies
- Clinical exome sequencing
- Complementing research with academic training

**L’Arche**

- Christian community serving individuals with intellectual disabilities
- Located in Chicago
- Emphasizing community, respect, and genuine care

**Storm Lake Capital**

- Private equity firm
- Specializes in growth-oriented companies
- Opportunity to gain hands-on experience

**Study Abroad Director**

Northwestern’s Global Education Center has a new director. Dr. William Hyndman comes to campus after serving as president of Inworld AIDS, a provider of domestic and international internship programs based in Chicago, and as dean of overseas studies at Lehigh International, a study abroad provider based in Cambridge, Mass. He previously directed international study programs at Northwestern University in Boston, where he worked with professors to develop 50 faculty-led study abroad programs and increased study abroad enrollment by 20 percent. His academic experience also includes serving as an English literature and English as a foreign language professor in France. Hyndman earned a doctorate in higher education leadership at Widener University in Pennsylvania and a master’s in English literature at the Université d’Aix en Provence in France. His bachelor’s degree in international politics is from Penn State.

In addition to overseeing Northwestern’s semester programs in Denver, Oman and Romania and advising students who seek to study internationally, Hyndman will also explore sites for the establishment of more study abroad seminars.

**Northwestern Classic**

Joan Andres Counselor on a Mission

You have a passion for the Navajo people. Where did that come from? I was born and raised on a Navajo reservation in Rehoboth, N.M., which is a mission of the Christian Reformed Church. My father helped establish indigenous leadership in the planted churches. Deep ties were formed, and as a result, I developed a love for the Navajo people and an appreciation for living cross-culturally.

You also lived in London for a few years. What was that like? While Mike [Joan’s husband and a member of NWC’s religious faculty] worked on his doctorate, I worked in grassroots organizations that served the mentally ill, homeless and poor, both in the East End of London and the well-resourced community in Surrey. Those were years filled with wonder, challenge and meaningful relationships. We were blessed to know and love the English people and culture from the inside.

How important is it for Northwestern to provide counseling services for its students? Every year the demand for counseling exceeds what can be provided. The college years are a critical stage in a person’s development. Students’ identity is being established and their future is being shaped by the decisions they make regarding relationships, career path, lifestyle and faith. For some people, these decisions have been complicated by economic loss, broken families, unexpected illness, depression, anxiety and addiction. Succeeding academically is hard enough in the best of circumstances, but with the additional pressures, counseling becomes an essential ingredient for retaining students and enabling their success.

What is your favorite part of being a therapist? I absolutely love working with students because, despite the pressures they face, they are open and willing to change—to see and engage the world differently. That creates a space where hope and shalom can flourish.

Your international travels have included Uganda. What did you do there? In 2008 I was part of a team that helped establish Bethesda Counseling Service in that country. I helped lead training sessions for lay counselors. It was a privilege to partner with people who were wholeheartedly committed to bringing the hope of the gospel to the broken and hurting, with much sacrifice of their own time and resources. We were humbled and blessed to witness the power of God at work.

There’s a sailboat parked near your garage. Do you sail? My brother graciously gave us one of his boats. Since then Mike has learned to sail and has taken the kids out occasionally. I can enjoy it when I am in competent company, but I make no claims to be a sailor! (I actually prefer to bike, walk or hike on a solid ground.)
### Investing in the Mission

**2013–14 giving tops $6.5 million**

**Fundraising Report**

**July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014**

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**Rewards for Fundraising**

Impressive improvements in Northwestern College’s advancement efforts have been recognized with a 2014 Educational Fundraising Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Northwestern is one of four private liberal arts colleges with endowments under $100 million recognized.

The award is based on fundraising data provided through the Voluntary Support of Education (VSE) survey. This year, 1,041 higher education institutions participated in the VSE survey, just 47 colleges and universities were recognized for overall improvement.

Jay Walenga ’82, vice president for advancement, cites as reasons for the recognition improvements in giving to the Northwestern Fund, as well as generous responses to fundraising appeals for both the DeWitt Learning Commons and the indoor athletic practice and training facility, which is currently under construction.

He attributes the advancement office’s success to the efforts of his staff and to excellent students who validate the college’s mission as successful alumni.

"People feel strongly that Northwestern is worthy of their support," Walenga says. "People invest in places that are going the right direction."

**Outstanding Alumni**

Three chosen for annual awards

Northwestern’s Distinguished Alumni Awards for 2014 recognized the Raiders’ team physician, a retiree who travels the country as a volunteer, and a health care CEO. The recipients were honored at a banquet during Raider Days, Northwestern’s homecoming and family weekend, on Oct. 25.

**Mark Mullenburg ’84**

Service to Northwestern

Dr. Mark Mullenburg is a family practice physician with the Orange City Area Health System who specializes in sports and musculoskeletal medicine. He has cared for Raider athletes as the team physician since 1993—a role that has him on the sidelines for Northwestern home games. He also runs athletics on campus once a week and serves as the medical director for the college’s accredited athletic training program.

Mullenburg majored in biology at NWC and graduated from the University of Iowa’s Carver College of Medicine. He holds a Certificate of Added Qualification in sports medicine. He and his wife, Lisa (Waltz ’83), are the parents of two Northwestern College graduates.

**Henrietta Van Maanen ’55**

Service to Humankind

After graduating from Northwestern Junior College, Henrietta Van Maanen earned a bachelor’s degree in home economics from Iowa State University and a master’s degree in education from the University of Maryland. She spent a distinguished career as a USDA extension home economist in Iowa, Washington and Nevada, often serving low-income families.

Now retired, Van Maanen serves in educational settings as a Volunteer in Mission with the Presbyterian Church. Based in Fort Dodge, Iowa, she travels extensively, often spending months at a time in locales from North Carolina to Alaska. She has also served as an elder, deacon and Sunday school teacher, volunteered with Hospice in Fort Dodge, and worked with Habitat for Humanity in Nicaragua.

**David Vellinga ’72**

Professional Achievement

Dave Vellinga holds multiple executive roles in the health care field. He is president and CEO of Mercy Health Network, which consists of 40 hospitals, 140 clinics and 13,000 employees that handle 27 percent of repeat and observation discharges in Iowa. He is senior vice president for operations for Catholic Health Initiatives. And he serves as CEO of Mercy Health Network, which consists of 40 hospitals, 140 clinics and 13,000 employees that handle 27 percent of repeat and observation discharges in Iowa. He is senior vice president for operations for Catholic Health Initiatives. And he serves as CEO of Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, where he oversees three hospital campuses, more than 50 clinics and nearly 8,000 employees.

Vellinga earned a master’s degree in hospital and health care administration from the University of Iowa. He was recognized as one of 10 Emerging Leaders in Health Care by the Healthcare Forum and received the Sig’s Vellum award from the Iowa Hospital Association.

**Henrietta Van Maanen**

Northwestern’s 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards went to, from left to right, Dave Vellinga, Henrietta Van Maanen and Mark Mullenburg.
Super Blizzard

by Arita Cirillo

A stormy go, it ranks among the top 10 worst blizzards to hit the U.S. Snow began falling in Orange City the morning of Jan. 10, 1975, and by 3 p.m. that Friday, Northwestern employees were being sent home. A record low-pressure system spawned 45 tornadoes in the South before heading into the upper Midwest—where heavy snowfall, bitter cold and high winds killed dozens of people and more than 100,000 livestock.

Forecasters had been predicting the storm, but the ferocity and duration of what a Sioux Falls radio station called an “inland hurricane” caught Northwestern faculty, students and staff by surprise. “It was a whiteout, so even those who were walking had trouble, let alone those who were driving,” recalls Phyllis Vander Beek, whose husband, Lyse, ‘54, taught religion.

Math professor Gordon Bruemel was among those caught in 30- to 50-mile-per-hour winds when he couldn’t get his car out of the parking lot and attempted to walk home. “I thought, ‘You know, I might not make it,’” he says. “I was plowing through snow that was somewhere between my knees and my waist, so I was tired.” Bruemel ended up taking shelter at the home of some friends. Biology professor Glen Higget and his son spent the night at librarian Art Hellkema’s (’53) house. Other faculty slept in their offices for several nights.

The entire town was at a standstill for two days while 12 inches of snow fell, wind gusts peaked at 90 miles per hour, and the wind chill dropped to 50 below. Athleta (Koelle ’78) Beeson remembers the blizzard breaking her dorm room window, resulting in a little snow drift in the morning. “The caf’ ran out of food, but it was just after students had returned from Christmas break so there were lots of sweets around. No one got too hungry.”

When the winds subsided on Sunday, shocked student John 76 and Lyse (Lenderink, 76) Holters broke out of their home by shoveling the door against the snow blocking it and found they could walk up to the roof on a drift. “Everyone was plowing through snow that was somewhere between my knees and my waist, so I was tired.”

Roads were completely impassable, and it took another couple of days to clear them, as drifts were so hard and high that snowplows kept breaking down. Behind Colebrander Hall, people were snowmobiling in the parking lot, riding over cars that were completely buried in snow.

“The guys in Coly were happy to be snowed in, however,” recalls Earl Woudstra ’78. “It was a big football weekend, hence the moniker Super Bowl Blizzard.”

Back in the Playoffs

The Raiders advanced to the NAIA playoffs for the third straight year with a 12-1-1 record ranking. The team finished the season 8-3, 8-1 in the GPAC, and tied for the league title. Justin Wohlert led the NAIA with 10 interceptions and was named national defensive player of the week.

Cross Country

At Nationals

The men’s team finished 21st out of 56 teams at the national meet, their best-ever performance. The women were eighth in the GPAC. Skyler Giddings earned GPAC runner of the week recognition.

Golf

Individual Leader

Justin Koell is the top golfer in the GPAC after two rounds of the conference qualifier. The men are fourth in the league. The women won two meets and are in second place in the GPAC. Emma Wynia earned conference golfer of the week recognition after winning the first qualifier.

Soccer

Middle of the Pack

The men’s and women’s soccer teams finished seventh and sixth in the GPAC, respectively, compiling overall records of 10-8-1 and 7-10-2. Ryan Johnson and Landon Sibley earned conference offensive player of the week honors.

Red Raider Club

Honored Alumni

Sara Pintscheneck ’00 (basketball and softball), Laura Jacobson ’08 (cross country and track) and Curt Schilling ’98 (basketball) were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in October.

Coach of the year honors went to Doug De Zeeuw ’08, cross country coach at MOC-Floyd Valley; Matt Doornenbal ’94, men’s basketball coach at Central College; Aaron Johnson ’00, boys’ basketball coach at West Lyon (Iowa) High School; and Tim Van Regenmorter ’98, football coach at Sioux Center (Iowa) High School. Kara (Christoffer ’01) DeGroot and Lisa (Muilenburg ’97) Vos received the Barnabas Award for being encouragers during their years as Raider athletes.

For more on Raider sports, visit nwcraiders.com
Winter may be long in Iowa, but it’s also the season of Christmas, warm holiday lights, fun in the snow, and magical mornings when the campus is coated in frost or a thick blanket of white.

Photos by Anita Cirulis, Amanda Kundert and Dan Ross
Northwestern's former library is the new centrally located home for student services following a yearlong $4.3 million project that saw the building gutted and transformed. Offices and departments once located in the Rowenhorst Student Center on the campus’ north side and the former Franken Center on its north are now under one roof.

“We believe education happens as much outside of the classroom as it does within,” says Julie (Vermeer ’97) Elliott, dean of student life. “Our new location reflects our central role in educating students.”

Renamed the Ramaker Center, the building provides a bright and contemporary setting for student and residence life, career development, student programs, intercultural/international development, campus ministry, study abroad and the Integrated General Education program, as well as the Franken Leadership Center.

The library’s mezzanine layout was maintained in the remodel, providing views of main floor lounges from the second floor, while its expansive north windows showcase the campus green. Exposed ductwork and concrete pillars give Ramaker a modern, industrial feel that is balanced by warm colors, patterned carpet and textured fabrics used for the furniture. An openness characterizes the building, thanks to glass walls used for offices and conference rooms and a cable rail system on the second floor and on a newly installed north stairwell.

Elliot says both Ramaker’s design and location are impacting students and staff. “The choice to have glass walls has been a really great thing—it’s increased our interaction with one another as a staff and it’s made it much more inviting for students to just drop into our offices and talk because they can see us,” she explains.

Locating student services in one building is more convenient for students and has increased the visibility of programs—particularly those of campus ministry and career development, which formerly were located in the Franken Center.

“It’s provided us with a lot more exposure to students,” agrees Bill Minnick, director of career development. “There are opportunities to have impromptu conversations and for students to stop in as they walk by.”

A new entrance on Ramaker’s north side and a wide central corridor are designed to encourage student traffic through the building. Lining that main hallway are displays showcasing the offices and departments in Ramaker and Northwestern’s mission as a Christian academic community—a visual representation of the important and central role student services play in the life of the college.

Clockwise from top: Ramaker’s Fireside Room; second-floor lounge and student life offices; walkway spanning the central corridor; new stairway located next to the new north entrance.

Photos by Paul Brokering
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Ice Cream Sundays
On “Sundae Sundays” we used a tray to make a humongous ice cream treat—enough to feed the whole table!

A Mashing Success
I worked in the cafeteria in 1977. You’ve not experienced real culinary delight until you’ve made several hundred pounds of mashed potatoes with a giant mixer. I always put in extra milk and butter and was told my mashed potatoes were the best!

Stress Snacking
I remember the caf’ being open late during finals week. We’d congregate there for a break, a snack and to swap studying stories.

Bucks for Guts
Friends and I once pooled our money to bet a wingmate he couldn’t drink a whole glass of A1 steak sauce. He came away from the experience a little green around the gills but $18 richer.

Steaking Out Prime Positions
On steak night we were usually in line by 4:30. It was the only night when most of the students—and even a lot of professors—at the caf’

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Sugar Cereal
A favorite caf’ memory? Lucky Charms—with ice cream instead of milk.

Dealing Between Meals
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Floating Away
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Ripe
When I was a student, the caf’ had two entree options. As you were standing in line, just before you turned the corner from the hallway into the serving area, there was a table with two cellophane-wrapped plates of food to whet our appetites.

One day Darin Wiebe ’88 tucked one under his coat and took it back to Coly, where we hid it in the room of Paul Dougherty ’87, Dave Izenbart ’89 and Perry Krosschell ’87. After a day or two, a faint sour smell was developing—worse than usual for a room with three football players. After a couple more days the guys were changing deodorants and buying air fresheners. Eventually they discovered the plate from the cafeteria—by that time, covered in green fuzz.

Gravy Trained
Becca (Bruns ’09) Ulibarri and I never missed a Monday night in the caf’ because they served our favorite: biscuits and gravy, which we shortened to “B&G.” We even went back once after we graduated and enjoyed another B&G meal.

Mooving Right Along
All four years of college I was afraid to get self-serve ice cream because the guys sitting near the machine would “moo.”

East Coast Eats
I introduced Northwestern to bagels! I had some sent to me from New Jersey and talked the servers into trying them. They were skeptical, but after tasting my bagels, they put in a small order (shipped this time from Omaha) and ran out in one afternoon. It wasn’t long before bagels were a regular item on the menu.

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In Minnesota, Utah and Michigan, three Northwestern alumni are pleasing the palates of their many customers. While at Northwestern and eating their three squares a day in the cafés, they were majoring in art, political science and religion. Since then, their careers have taken many twists and turns, but their passions for crafting delicious chocolate, wine and coffee have won out. Grab your favorite drink and make yourself comfortable as you indulge in their savory stories.
**Sweet Sensation**

Smooth, creamy goodness starts with a 140-pound sack. Kristin (Spidahl ’09) Mohagen and her husband, Josh, declare a “sorting day” and tear open the bag of cacao beans, separating big from small with a 100-year-old mill. Next, Kristin roasts the beans—now named “cocoa”—and removes the nibs from their outer shells. Adding a little organic cane sugar, nothing more, she stone-grinds the nibs for three days. Tempering the chocolate will follow; fortunately, a recent equipment purchase has greatly sped up this heating process to achieve the desired texture and color. Now the chocolate rests in bars, forming an indulgence to meet the most discriminating of tastes. Finally, the last step: careful packaging by hand and a label proudly promoting ‘Terroir Chocolate.’

As one of approximately 60 bean-to-bar craft chocolate makers in the United States, the Mohagens are “all in,” as they put it, spending long days in a commercial kitchen housed at her parents’ farm in Fergus Falls, Minn. Where a chocolatier would purchase already tempered chocolate, the chocolate maker starts at the ground level. “The bean we begin with is everything,” says Josh. “Kristin makes sure you can taste the bean the best way it can be presented. It’s an art, just like coffee roasting.”

A honeymoon trip to Napa Valley’s vineyards in 2013 hooked the couple on the concept of terroir, a French word they’ve translated into the design “taste of place.” A distinctive flavor imparted by a region’s characteristics, such as climate and soil conditions. A tour of a chocolate factory confirmed that the term, typically used in reference to wine, could easily apply to chocolate, and Terroir Chocolate was born shortly after the couple returned home.

Their craft is both unique and impractical, jokes Josh, but the result is a single-origin chocolate that preserves the personality of its source. “We get beans from Madagascar, and the chocolate tastes like citrus,” says Kristin. “Beans from Peru—bananas and mango. The flavors are completely different, even though it’s just cocoa beans with a little sugar.”

The Mohagens source their beans directly from farmers, paying above-market prices to encourage industry sustainability and to maintain ethically sound practices. At a recent conference they attended, a cacao farmer from Nicaragua, whose beans were used in what was voted “best bar,” became emotional at the appreciation for his labor and at the realization that this success will finance his children’s education. In a few months, Terroir Chocolate will feature bars made from this winning bean alongside the products already selling fast in their town’s specialty stores and via their website, tasteofplacechocolate.com.

**SALTY NIBBER**

**Ingredients:** organic cocoa nibs, organic cane sugar, ginger

“So much intensity of flavor. A little square is the perfect end to a meal.” – Kristin

**PERU 70%**

**Ingredients:** organic cocoa nibs, organic cane sugar

“I didn’t know that chocolate could have such a fruity flavor!” – a Terroir customer

**Madagascar 70% with Ginger**

**Ingredients:** organic cocoa nibs, organic cane sugar, ginger

“Josh’s favorite. We have to package these bars quickly so he doesn’t eat them all.” – Kristin

Terroir Chocolate’s Top Indulgences

Some day the chocolate makers hope to travel to meet the farmers who partner with them. Kristin wants to shake hands with the people who produce flavors she never thought she’d find back when, as a student at Northwestern, she started a truffle-making business to raise funds for a Spring Service Project.

“Though she brought in more than $800 for her handmade treats, what she spent to meet her high standards nearly broke the budget. ‘I was always disappointed in the quality of chocolate available,’ Kristin remembers. ‘I spent so much money because I was so picky.’

Years later, Kristin is still picky—only now it’s paying off. And Terroir Chocolate suppliers and customers around the world are benefiting from her good taste.

**Fruitful Venture**

In the shadow of the Wasatch Mountains, in a southern Utah county that’s 62 percent Mormon, Doug McCombs ’82 is seeing his gamble pay off. Tucked behind a historic bed and breakfast just two blocks from the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespearean Festival, McCombs’ IG Winery is winning awards of its own.

The winery doubled its production this year after opening in 2012, bottling 1,200 cases of wine (8,000 gallons). McCombs, a 30-year human resources professional in the Las Vegas gaming industry who is a vice president at Hard Rock Hotel Casino, makes the 180-mile drive up Interstate 15 to Cedar City, Utah, nearly every weekend to fill bottles with Chardonnay, Riesling and other varietals. With only one full-time employee and four part-timers, McCombs is both IG’s big decision maker and its winemaker.

A reluctant participant in a wine-tasting course decades ago, McCombs became intrigued enough to go with some friends on a Napa Valley weekend. “I wanted to take every tour, talk to every winemaker and learn all the secrets they would tell me. I couldn’t get enough,” he says. He enrolled in more wine classes, earned certifications from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust, planted 100 vines in his backyard, and got his hands dirty crushing, pressing, fermenting, racking and testing wines. By 2006 he knew he wanted to open a winery.

After exploring opportunities in traditional wine country, McCombs decided to begin his business in southern Utah, where five million tourists a year visit nearby sites such as the Bryce Canyon and Cedar Breaks national parks and there is no competition from other wineries. McCombs imports his grapes from well-established vineyards in California, Oregon and Washington and produces four white wines and five reds. Thirty restaurants—from Utah and Vegas to California—carry IG Winery’s products. The winery also has significant sales at its tasting room and at igwinery.com.

“I love dealing with all aspects of winemaking, from finding the grapes and tasting them for sweetness and ripeness to doing everything involved in developing a specific wine,” says McCombs.

The winemaker likes to joke that his job is all about sipping wine on the veranda with the beautiful people, but in reality McCombs’ time...
The Winemaker Recommends …

PETITE SirAH 2009 – NAPA VALLEY, CALIF.

This red wine is a blend from two excellent California vineyards. The majority is from Ropa, with a bit from the Sierra Foothills, which adds structure and balance to the wine. This wine pours dark and mysterious and looks beautiful in the glass. The nose teases with notes of black cherry, blackberry and hints of cocoa all layered in just enough vanilla and toasted oak. The palate delivers what the nose promises with bold flavors of dark ripe fruits, soft spices, baking cocoa and solid tannins.

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ROUSSANNE 2012 – SIERRA FOOTHILLS, CALIF.

This white wine is from two excellent California vineyards. The majority is from Ropa, with a bit from the Sierra Foothills, which adds structure and balance to the wine. This wine pours dark and mysterious and looks beautiful in the glass. The nose teases with notes of black cherry, blackberry and hints of cocoa all layered in just enough vanilla and toasted oak. The palate delivers what the nose promises with bold flavors of dark ripe fruits, soft spices, baking cocoa and solid tannins.

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Brewing Community

In the low-lit bottom level of Lantern Coffee Bar & Lounge in Grand Rapids, Mich., dark cherry tables pair with refurbished pew chairs. As a citywide event, has indulged an artist’s crocheted “yarn bombs,” which hug poles, exposed pipes and even the bicycle parked outside. Another artwork, curated by theme in rotating exhibits, lines the walls.

Upstairs, natural light warms the room as Steve Wiltjer ‘06 explains how the pour-over method, achieved by allowing a continuous stream of water to move over and through the grounds directly into your cup, highlights the nuanced notes of the coffee bean. The flavor profile will change as the coffee cools, accenting the acidity, he says, but some brews are best at room temperature. As with a fine wine, the roasted coffee bean can change subtly from one day to another, telling a new story in the next cup that holds it.

Wiltjer opened Lantern in 2013 with fellow alum Kevin Wallace ’11, who is married to Wiltjer’s sister, Liza ’10. The coffee bar offers locally baked goods, live music and a “waste-free” environment, composting what the owners can and encouraging customers to join the recycling effort.

In order to offer his clientele fresh, seasonal tastes they might not experience otherwise, Wiltjer invites out guest roasters such as Detroit’s Anthology and even local shops that could be considered competitors. Bay City’s Populace Coffee is regularly featured on Lantern’s menus. Ever since the company sent free samples to Wiltjer back when he ran a small coffee bar inside a grocery store, the ethos shown by Populace when sourcing beans and their skills in roasting them have kept Wiltjer dedicated to what he calls a “long-term relationship.”

Hunts of caramel and lemon rise from a Populace Costa Rican brew recently on offer, nicely matching the warmth and forensis of the decor. This meeting of place and product is what Wiltjer does best.

“What I’d been interested in having a coffee shop since college,” says Wiltjer, who is a certified barista with the Specialty Coffee Association of America. “I fell in love with the type of space it could create. A lot of shops here in town do one thing really well—good coffee or a good place to meet—but I wanted to bring all that together.”

A visitor to Lantern’s Facebook page commented on a time when a homeless man took over a table, apparently without the intention of making a purchase. “They treated him with respect and gave him a coffee instead of kicking him out,” she wrote. “Definitely makes me want to come here more often.”

Wiltjer had considered finishing a seminary degree but has found his calling at Lantern. “Offering this space and participating in the neighborhood as we do is a special, sacred thing,” he says. Operating a business downtown in the vicinity of shelters can be a challenge, he admits, noting the incidents when a fine cup of coffee led to combative behavior rather than kind online comments. But here the nuances of community, brought out by the meeting of regulars and homeless guests in a comfortable, welcoming space, are just as important as the great cup of coffee.

Six Tips for a Better Cup of Coffee

1. **Use good coffee.** Not all coffee is created equal. Buy from a roaster that is sourcing high-quality beans. If the coffee variety (such as Tylos, Bourbon, Pecanwood) is listed on the bag, they’re probably paying a premium.

2. **Don’t reheat**. This finishes, the better. Better seasoned coffee if you can, and use it within two weeks of the roast date.

3. **Grind it right before you brew;** a bad grind is better.

4. **Use good water.** The better the water, the better the coffee. Properly filtered water is best. Water that is too hard can ruin even the best coffee beans.

5. **Let it cool.** Don’t use boiling water—at it cool down a few degrees first. Water that’s too hot can wreck the brew.

6. **Weigh it.** You’ll want to use about 35 grams of water to one gram of coffee. Measuring isn’t an accurate as weighing.

— Steve Wiltjer
Red Ties

Mark Bloemendaal '81
Director of Alumni Relations

At the beginning of each school year, the greatest excitement for me is welcoming new students into the Northwestern family. Perhaps after almost 30 years in the admissions office, it is something that will never leave me. In my current role I’m particularly interested in welcoming what we call “legacy students”: those who have parents, siblings or other relatives with ties to Northwestern.

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Homeland Security

In 2003, Jack Vander Stoep '90 spent seven months in a safe house interrogating Jayman Fairis, a terrorist suspect of cooperating with 9/11 masterminds Osama bin Laden and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. Fairis' cover was driving a truck; Vander Stoep, an FBI special agent, captured him in a Cincinnati hotel.

Faris would become the first successfully prosecuted terrorist in the U.S. after September 11—and the defining case of Vander Stoep's career. The call came days after 9/11 masterminds Osama bin Laden and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's computers had been traced to Minnesota. The FBI knew it was involved in, his face cannot be shown in photos.

There’s no day the same,” says Vander Stoep, whose assignments have taken him to Guantanamo Bay, the Czech Republic and other foreign places he “probably shouldn’t say.” When back at home, he staked out his kids’ lacrosse games and praises his wife’s support for his unconventional career. “I tell my kids, ‘If anyone asks what dad does, say I work in the meat department at Kroger. And they do.’”

— Amy Schnee

Wisconsin, his wife, Sherri (Van Roekel ‘96), was named a Rising Star in Banking in 2012. Damen is a branch manager of First National Bank and Sherri is chief credit officer for Guaranty Bank.

‘98 Ryan Stanley is an assistant professor of art and the director of Flat Talk Press at MNSU State University. His was presented as part of Sartell High's 38th annual Off Off Broadway Short Play Festival in August. The play was one of 50 finalists selected from nearly 1,400 submissions.

Drew Nammenga, Lydia, Wash., earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Western Michigan University. He teaches middle school science through Washington Virtual Academy.

‘01 Kait (Peterson ‘01) Morrell, her husband, Mark, and two children have moved to Ireland after living in St. Louis for four years.

Joshua Russell is a wholesale credit manager for John Deere Finance in Des Moines. Jennifer Wolf, Urbana, Iowa, is the director of manufacturing at Katecho Inc.

 lista earns National Board Certification.

For a guy who loves cameras and photography, Jack Bloemendaal '60 has a picture-perfect life: He spent 27 years as a mechanical engineer at Eastman Kodak and had a role in developing the first disposable camera, he's co-founder and president of the Photographic Historical Society, and he has a private collection of more than 300 cameras.

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Angie Sui is pursuing a master’s degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

John Tinka, Montgomery, Illinois, is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Amy (Van Slyke) Vormer received the R.E. Menge Award, which is given to a freshman dental student who shows the qualities of perseverance, hard work and cooperation with others, at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in May. She also received the Dr. Allen and Helen Ito Scholarship for this school year.

Tanya Woodward teaches English at Heritage International School in Kampala, Uganda.

Tara Woodward has joined Northwestem’s advancement staff as a gift officer. The position was previously held as a tax and audit professional for Williams and Company in Chicago, Ill.

Sadie (Monroe) Wright is pursuing a master’s degree in psychology and sociocultural studies from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

*14 Melinda Field is an intensive care unit nurse for Laurel Health in Sioux Falls.

Laura Gliddening is a nationally certified athletic trainer at front Range Orthopedics & Spine in Loveland, Colo.

Josh Hollinger, West Des Moines, is a pricing analyst for Blendtec Inc.

Rebecca (Lokker) Ortner, daughter, Emma Elizabeth, and son, Walker Michael, joins Davis (10),, Blake Wieking, Jason Blaha, Michael Van De Berg '06, (2), and a sister, Lora Jeltema '78.

Where in the world is NWC?

Singing Soldier

Heidi Ackerman ’08 was used to rigorous training as a professional musician, but in the summer of 2013 her musical exercises and drills became a little different. Ackerman, a 2008 graduate of NWC, has returned to the classroom someday, Ackerman plans to become a music teacher.

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In Memoriam

John Henneman ’39, ’41, age 91, died May 14 in Yankton, S.D. After graduating from Northwestern Iowa College, he earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of South Dakota. He completed a master’s degree in biochemistry from USD after serving in the Army. He was the senior bacteriologist at USD.

Jeff Phillips ’10 and Vanessa Wise, Ames, have married.

Kara (Johnson ’08) Fifield, Minneapolis, has joined the University of Iowa in London, as a postdoctoral scholar.

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I started working for a wine sales website, utilizing my undergraduate language studies to interpret wine labels and, later, write sales copy. As I exercised my muscles, Cody quickly landed an assistant manager for Ram’s Gate Winery in Sonoma, my new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to New Zealand for our third harvest. I picked grapes and stirred yeast into wine-filled barrels and was stuckier than I’d ever been in my life—but also enamored by the beauty of a vine and its fruit’s fermentations. It isn’t a thing to be worshipped—but its creator sure is. I can’t help but get dramatic about it all, especially on the first day of harvest when the whole county smells like freshly picked grapes. The vibrant lineations that cover the countryside often leave me speechless—and yet I can say this, that is a major feat. Punctuating the silence are always the same words, the chorus to our life: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. . . . As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:1, 4-5, ESV)

My husband, found his passion for wine in the pizzerias of Rome, so we headed post-nuptials to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a vinedresser position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before he knew the best way to help this English major—by immersing me daily in a language. I got a major adrenaline rush from dissecting each sentence and looking up so many new words in one day: viticulture, enology, varietal, appellation—words that are now as familiar to me as wax, verb and bibliophile.

Although I sometimes romanticize it, my life isn’t all that different from college. I write, I talk too fast, I somehow get paid to be on Facebook, and mostly, I try to advocate my credo that wine is a creation, a craft. It isn’t a thing to be worshipped—but its creator sure is. I can’t help but get dramatic about it all, especially on the first day of harvest when the whole county smells like freshly picked grapes. The vibrant lineations that cover the countryside often leave me speechless—and yet I can say this, that is a major feat. Punctuating the silence are always the same words, the chorus to our life: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. . . . As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:1, 4-5, ESV)

Vines require adversity. Without suffering in parched, rocky soils, a vine can bear fruit, but it will taste bland. Yet despite its affinity for overcoming struggle, a branch could never, ever bear fruit apart from the vine. Had I been in charge of my future, I would never have planned it to be like this. At every crack-of- dawm harvest and twilight fraught with fermentations, I am surrounded by words and vines and branches. The Vinedresser of John 15 knew his plan for me would put to use those three semesters of French, that dabbling in German, “mi concen- traton mensen en español” and my zeal for words, just as he knew the best way to help this English major know his abiding love: by immersing me daily in a language. I got a major adrenaline rush from dissecting each sentence and looking up so many new words in one day: viticulture, enology, varietal, appellation—words that are now as familiar to me as wax, verb and bibliophile.

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It helped fill the stands for Saturday’s 46-17 football win over cross-county rival Dordt College and boosted participation in Morning on the Green and the Red Raider Road Race. Forty alumni returned for a special theatre reunion, and Northwestern student musicians performed for a packed house during their evening concert.

Those who stayed through Sunday night were treated to the music of Christian recording artist Phil Wickham and the band Tenth Avenue North.