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Across the Nation and Around the World

MINNESOTA “NYCE” FAMILY SHOWS GRATITUDE THROUGH GIVING

Dave and Cathy Nyce believe that the way God brought them together to become a family helped them learn to trust Him in all areas of their lives. “God brought Cathy from Virginia, me from Pennsylvania and Amanda [a Northwestern sophomore] from China and made us a family in Minnesota,” Dave said. “This is a continual reminder to us of God’s hand and His love in our lives as a family.”

Attending Bible courses years ago was Dave’s first exposure to Northwestern. He and Cathy were confident in Northwestern’s “reputation for sound Bible teaching” and were pleased when Amanda chose to attend NWC.

A NATURAL NEXT STEP

For this family, the decision to move from being Northwestern parents to Northwestern donors was another natural step. “In the staff, programs and students at NWC, we sense and have experienced a genuine and effective love for the Lord, concern for our student—and for us as parents,” Dave noted.

After reading an *Advocate* article last spring about an alumni couple’s decision to “pay it forward” in gratitude for their Northwestern education, the Nyses realized they could make a difference by making a gift of their own—even doubling the impact of

their gift through Dave’s employer’s matching gift program.

Amanda is thriving. “The journey that began orientation weekend was a great stepping off point for all of us for this new part of the journey the Lord has given us,” her parents reflected. “We see Amanda steadily growing in the Lord, her desire to serve Him, and in increasingly finding her own identity in Christ as a young adult.”

Your gift to the Northwestern Fund helps students thrive on the path God has prepared for them.

Learn more at nwc.edu/nwfund.

Coming “Home” to Northwestern

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING

I drove onto campus and felt tears begin. They weren't tears of sadness but tears of thanksgiving and contentment. As the new director of annual giving, I was beginning a new job, and I also realized that in many ways I was coming home.

I first stepped on campus in 1985 at the age of one when my dad, Dr. Wade Wahl, began teaching in the psychology department. My earliest memories are of Eagle Football games, attending classes, sneaking over to the island and making up crazy stories about the chapel, and hanging out with students in Moyer. Northwestern pervaded my childhood.

When it came time to pick a college, the choice was easy—Northwestern. It was home. I knew I needed to be here.

WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

While out running in the summer of 2003 my dad experienced a heart attack that took his life. My world was shattered, and life would never be the same. Today, nearly nine years later, I reflect gratefully on the ways that the Body of Christ, particularly at Northwestern, supported my family. As an institution, NWC showed the love of Christ when I came back that fall. They extended grace and love and sympathy, and provided me a place to grieve and to heal.

After graduation I got a law degree from the University of St. Thomas and worked for a member of Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives before receiving the invitation to return to Northwestern.

AN EASY CHOICE

The decision to return to the ministry where my love and loyalty abide was easy. Northwestern College is my history and now it's my future. I have the honor of carrying on the “Wahl” legacy here, and I feel a great burden to do so with grace and integrity.

I feel privileged to work at an institution where the top priority is to bring honor and glory to the Lord—and to grow Kingdom warriors ready to impact the world for Christ. Wow.

I look forward to serving those who love Northwestern as I do. My heart is in this place. And this place has my heart.



Blessings,

Callie M. (Wahl '04) Wayt
Director of Annual Giving

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Questions, comments or story ideas may be directed to advancement@nwc.edu.

Student Stories

PREPAREDNESS MEETS OPPORTUNITY

“I am well prepared! And I didn't even know it!”

This was the “light bulb moment” accounting major Kayla Prihoda '12 had during an interview with a recruiter from Big Four accounting firm KPMG. “They were stunned by my experience,” Prihoda said. “After four years of classes and homework, I didn't realize how well prepared I was until I got out.” Prihoda was hired by KPMG earlier this year—before graduation. She is just one example of how Northwestern College students are accomplishing great things and achieving their goals despite the challenging circumstances facing many graduates across the country.

After switching majors a few times, Prihoda graduated with a major in accounting. NWC's accounting first seating at a higher rate than the national average with at least 240 hours of professional experience.

When she graduates this spring Prihoda looks at her academic and practical preparation with her to find the foundation much needed in today's workplace.



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WHEN HARD WORK MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Marketing major Twist knew it would take to get a job a week in addition to living expenses. As a result of his experience, Twist worked for a marketing company for an additional 40 hours while he was gaining essential

some scholarship assistance Twist was unsure if he would make it through his final semesters.

At the point of discouragement, Twist knew he needed to trust the Lord for his education through the generosity of a donor.

Twist was blessed by a substantial scholarship that allowed him to complete his degree. “The scholarships I received were so helpful and thankful for those who gave!” Twist said of the

Learn more about supporting Northwestern students.



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WORK IS NOT ENOUGH: NWC DONORS MAKE

...or Phil Twist '11 was willing to do whatever
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...ved are truly a blessing, and I am very
...assistance he received while at NWC.

...students like Kayla and Phil at nwc.edu/nwfund.

Academic Strength Shows in the Numbers

As students pursue their studies in over 55 majors, they continually prove the exceptional scholastic value of a Northwestern education through their academic achievements. Students from 33 states, 19 countries, and 44 denominational backgrounds have excelled, as confirmed by the academic rigor of Northwestern's curriculum and student accomplishments in recent years. We give thanks to God for helping our students succeed as seen "by the numbers":

- 61,000** Hours of internship experience gained by NWC students each year
- 600** Number of hours Early Childhood Education majors gain in classroom experience and observation prior to student teaching
- 96%** Seniors who feel well prepared for first job in their field
- 90%** Average qualitative ranking of interns who exceed on-site supervisor expectations in the following outcomes: Value to the internship organization, Promise of success in profession, Performs assigned tasks responsibly, Ability to learn, Rapport with co-workers, Spirit of cooperation, Respectful of others, and Integrity/Character
- 83%** Art graduates' acceptance rate into one of the top five schools in the nation for their specific craft



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Northwestern Fund—Reaching Every Student

In a difficult economy, students need your help to receive a Christ-centered education. They balance full-time course loads, part-time jobs, internships, ministry activities and more. For many students, financial challenges are a consistent concern.

A student's plea on the college's internal PrayerWorks® site shows how finances weigh some students down:

I'm behind on bills, already have more than I should in student loans and there is no way I can pay for this next semester without taking out more loans. If I'm supposed to be at NWC, I desperately need the money to stay here. I know God is able, but it's so hard to trust when money is so low.

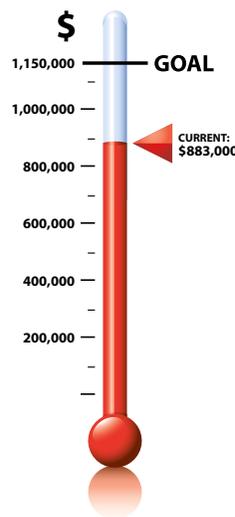
Student's prayer posted on NWC's PrayerWorks.

YOU CAN BE AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Your gifts serve as so much more than money to students—they provide tangible encouragement as students seek to walk on the path God has set before them. When you give, you support students in ways we may never completely know.

Giving to the Northwestern Fund has a direct impact for every student by providing financial assistance for tuition and books.

Will you join us this year in our goal to raise \$1.150 million by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2012? Gifts from faithful friends like you make an essential difference in the lives of Northwestern students.



Coffee Tastes better in a Mug Club Mug

For the price of about two lattes per month for a year you can join Northwestern Mug Club! For your gift of \$120 or more we will send you a collectible mug featuring the new Billy Graham Community Life Commons.

Mug Club members play an important part in the ministry of Northwestern College. Your gifts are an investment in the Kingdom, shaping young men and women to give God-honoring leadership in the home, church, community, and world.



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BY PHONE:
 1-800-692-4020
 to give by credit or debit card



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Opportunity Calling! Student Phonathon Begins Soon

Northwestern students will soon be gathering nightly in a campus conference room to reach out to alumni and supporters of the college for the annual NWC Spring Student Phonathon. This important effort for the Northwestern Fund raises money for tuition assistance and bridges the gap between the tuition charged and the actual cost of education, providing

\$680 tuition assistance for every student!

Our Phonathon workers tell us each year that their favorite part of the job is interacting with the extended NWC family, receiving prayer requests and sharing updates from Northwestern.

Generous supporters of the college have made a special Phonathon

Challenge pledge this year, so **your gift will be doubled** just by giving during this event.

When you receive your “ring” please answer the call and prayerfully consider a gift to help our students reach their goal for this year of \$75,000 and 1,200 prayer requests.



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Attention Golfers: Tee Up For Scholarships!

37TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
 MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012
 MIDLAND HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

The 37th Annual Northwestern College Golf Classic is just around the corner. We’re praying for sunny skies and looking forward to sharing the day with many participants! It will be a great opportunity for committed and casual golfers alike to improve their skills and have a great time.

The event includes lunch, 18 holes of golf and dinner. A portion of the \$250 registration fee supports students through the Northwestern Fund and the Wade Wahl Scholarship fund. Hole sponsorships and corporate sponsorships are also available.

Registration deadline for the Golf Classic is Monday, May 7. For more information and registration, visit nwc.edu/golfclassic, or contact Marleen Smith, 651-631-5695 or mcsmith@nwc.edu.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 27 Faculty Artist Series Recital
Roger Frisch & Friends
Nazareth Chapel

MARCH

- 2–4 Set Apart Women’s
Conference*
Maranatha Hall
- 18 College Choir Concert
*Salem Covenant Church,
New Brighton*
- 22 Faculty Artist Series Recital
Birding – Flights of Song
Nazareth Chapel
- 29 Major Discovery Visit Event
Blue Room

APRIL

- 2 Faith & Thought Lecture
Gerald L. Sittser, Ph.D.
Nazareth Hall chapel
- 11–14 Anatomy of Gray*
Patsy Miller Studio Theatre
- 13, 20, 27 Spring Preview Days
Campus Wide
- 21 Early College Expo Info
Session
Blue Room
- 23 Chamber Ensembles Recital
Nazareth Chapel
- 30 Women’s Chorale / Varsity
Men’s Chorus Concert
Maranatha Hall

MAY

- 1 Orchestra Concert with
Concerto / Aria winners
Maranatha Hall
- 3 Jazz Ensemble Bon Voyage
Concert
Maranatha Hall
- 4 Symphonic Band Bon
Voyage Concert
Maranatha Hall
- 12 Spring Commencement*
Maranatha Hall

*Tickets available from the
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nwc.edu/tickets.

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