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## Being Part of the Solution

BY BRIAN MOLOHON, SR. DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



July 22, 2009 was a difficult, yet enlightening, day for me. I was the national director of development for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), a Christian nonprofit organization that sends food to 70+ countries around the world. On that July date I was in Haiti visiting one of FMSC’s mission partners. It was on that day that I met Giliane. At the time she was four years old and only weighed 19.8 pounds. As I held her in my arms I could feel

every rib and vertebrae in her frail little body. I remember thinking to myself—how can something like this happen! I didn’t figure out the whole answer to that question that day; however, since then I have learned a big part of the answer.

While Scripture does clearly call us to serve the poor, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, etc., that is only one part of the solution. Hunger in our world is a complex problem. The lack of food faced by billions each day is caused by weak infrastructure, poor distribution, political strife, greed, etc. These are big problems— waiting to be solved by an army of educated, inspired and Spirit-led men and women to engage in the bigger battle.

Northwestern College is rallying such an army. Imagine every student leaving Northwestern with a deep desire to serve God wholeheartedly in their chosen profession. Imagine all of our alumni understanding intimately the role and responsibility they have to be godly leaders. Imagine an army of people, grounded in Scripture, stepping into the world to be salt and light—that’s the other part of the solution!

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### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Have you considered mentoring a student? Does your company offer internships? Does your company offer matching gifts? Do you have a specialized skill that you can share? Would you commit to praying everyday for a Northwestern student?

There are many ways to partner with Northwestern. I offer you a standing invitation: give me a call, come out to campus, I will buy you a cup of coffee and let’s pray through how the Lord might be calling you to be more connected as we develop leaders for our world.

It is good to be here at Northwestern. I invite you to join me in developing godly leaders to face our complex world.

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you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and  
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we are all the work  
of your hand.”

ISAIAH 64:8 (ESV)

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### Scripture Theme

This year the Annual Giving team will be joining the Class of 2016 as we commit to memorize this Scripture and hide it in our hearts: “But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.” Isaiah 64:8 (ESV)

We encourage you to remember that He is God; He is in control. We are merely the clay, used by Him as He molds a masterpiece in each of our lives. We are His creation, the work of His hand. May we find comfort and peace in this truth.

Join us in praying this Scripture throughout the year and covering our students in this prayer.

If you would like a wallet-sized Scripture prayer card to remind you to pray for our students, please send an e-mail to [advancement@nwc.edu](mailto:advancement@nwc.edu). Include your name and address and we will gladly send you one. Thank you for praying for Northwestern students!



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## Conquering the World One by One

### *A message from the Director of Annual Giving*



It is a hot, humid summer day; the air is stagnant and campus is silent. With students on summer vacation it feels like the heart of this campus is gone. But I smile in their absence, knowing they are out conquering the world one by one.

We have a team that spent three weeks in South Africa ministering to the people and sharing the Gospel. There are students studying in Israel. Students are serving at camps, pouring into the lives of young people and teaching them about the joys of life in Christ. And others are at home with their friends and family, building relationships, resting and relaxing in preparation for the upcoming academic year—and working summer jobs in an effort to help with costs of a college education.

We are so proud of the ways that our students are out in the world, seeking to be the men and women God has called them to be. And we are always excited to welcome them back in the fall. We eagerly wait to see how God will work in the lives of our students and how He will use them to further His kingdom.

Will you partner with us this year in praying for our students? Pray for their safety, pray for their stamina, pray for their hearts, and pray that the Lord would reveal Himself to them in incredible ways so that they might see more of who they are in Him.

We also ask that you prayerfully consider supporting our students this year through the Northwestern Fund. God has used Northwestern to touch your life, and now you can pass along that same blessing to a current student. In the months ahead we will be sharing ways you can come alongside our students and help empower them to do the work of the Lord.

Blessings

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## Intentionality and Unity Mark Orientation Experience

BY DAWNETTE SCOTT  
ASSOCIATE DEAN, ORIENTATION &  
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Each year as orientation approaches, the NWC Student Development team asks: What can bring together a group of 500+ students headed in as many different directions as the students of a higher education institution could go? What can we do to bring forth a sense of unity, a sense of solidarity in a large group with varying goals?

Where better to turn for such a task than Scripture? This year our theme verse comes from Isaiah 64:8 which reads: “But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.” This verse represents an outward expression of unity and students are reminded of this as we include the verse in the Orientation print materials and T-shirts given to all new students.

In addition to our verse, we create natural opportunities for connectedness through smaller groups that include new freshmen or transfer students. These orientation groups, led by pairs of upper class students, help new students feel a sense of belonging at Northwestern. The groups are also formed around other points of connection, such as the dorm or apartment they live in. Commuter students are also included within these groups so that those not living on campus can feel a greater connection to the life and times on campus.

Once classes start, these new student groups meet weekly. They check in on each other, see how the first semester is going, and encourage one another in their walk with Christ.

There is much intentionality in helping our new students make the adjustment into life at Northwestern. It is an Ephesians 4:1–16 approach, helping students grow and mature in Christ, learning to live a life worthy of their calling. And ultimately, it is the work of the Spirit that brings these students together as one, under the banner of Christ.

# Aligning Our Hearts and Treasures

## Thoughts on life and stewardship

BY KATE FRERICH, MANAGER OF GRANTS

Are you passionate about poverty and hunger around the world? If so, do you give to amazing organizations that seek to do God's work in that area, like Feed My Starving Children or the Marie Sandvik Center, where NWC students serve throughout the year?

This year's new students will begin their college careers with a theme based on Isaiah 64:8. As they consider the transformative years they are beginning as college students, we can consider how God has transformed our hearts since becoming believers.

How has our spending and giving changed since God

transformed our lives? Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). We can examine how God has transformed our passions by taking a peek at how we spend and give money. If we are passionate about arts, hunger, the environment, evangelism, youth ministry, Christian higher education or another important cause, we can use what God has provided, through the funds he has given us, to connect with our passions and make a difference. God's transformation of our hearts will yield a transformation in the causes we are passionate about if we put our treasure where our heart resides.



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Northwestern students eagerly serve where their passions lie throughout their time as students.



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## We Can't Do It Without You!

For 2012–13 the Northwestern Fund has a goal of \$1,175,000 and the only way that we can reach that goal is with your partnership! Whether you are an alum, parent, current student, or friend of the college, we encourage you to think about the ways you can support Northwestern throughout this year. One of the most tangible ways to directly impact the life of a student is through the Northwestern Fund.

The Northwestern Fund helps bridge the gap between what students pay and the actual cost of their education—so **your gift reaches every student** by providing essential funds needed each year for financial aid, technology, resources, operating expenses and more. Every single gift makes a difference and will help us continue Northwestern's commitment to high quality, academically challenging higher education, grounded in biblical truth and centered on Jesus Christ. So pray about committing to giving to the Northwestern Fund and helping students receive a Christ-focused education that will prepare them to influence the world for the Kingdom of God.

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## Prepared for My Future

BY ANDREW LEHNER '03

This year marks the tenth year since my graduation from Northwestern. In that time I've married my college cross country teammate and best friend Kristel (Baumann '04), completed law school, and been blessed with two children. I operate my own estate planning and probate law practice, advise law students and graduates at William Mitchell College of Law as they seek to advance their careers, and am even teaching a law school class there.

As I considered my college options in high school, my search boiled down to a choice between a large, well-known university or Northwestern College. With little hesitation, I chose Northwestern and can look back with no regrets. My coursework was challenging and prepared me for law school and my future. Beyond the academic rigors, the community and relationships I experienced at NWC stand out as critically important to me.

Today, my closest friends are those who I met at Northwestern. It is this

community and these relationships that are behind what I do, who I am, and how I operate.

I am not driven to grow the next national force of a law firm, but I do make my best effort each day to serve my clients with service and efficiency, regardless of whether I'm drafting a simple Will or helping to administer the most complex of estates.

Betty came to me for help when her beloved sister passed away unexpectedly. She shared a duplex with this sister. My legal assistance to Betty as she administered her sister's estate set no new legal precedent, but I was honored to be asked to serve—indeed to minister—to this elderly woman in a very difficult time. We developed a real, meaningful relationship.

My profession puts me in the lives of others. Clients are my source of livelihood, yes. But each one is a soul with a story that I am invited into for a brief time. My profession is my ministry.

*Like Andrew, all Northwestern alumni have a story to tell and we would love to hear yours! If you attended Northwestern, or perhaps if you have just had Northwestern as part of your life through another avenue, you can share your story of how your life is different because of NWC by sending an e-mail to [advancement@nwc.edu](mailto:advancement@nwc.edu). We will rejoice with you and pray for you, and we may use your story for this or other publications.*



## Welcome Home! Join Us for Homecoming 2012

Join us September 28–29 for Homecoming activities for all ages. Take in some Eagles football, family activities, decade reunions, Showcase!, a fabulous Fusion concert and an extra-special time of recognizing and honoring veteran and active duty military Eagles.

See the complete Homecoming lineup and register at [nwc.edu/homecoming](http://nwc.edu/homecoming). We can't wait to see you there!

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 22 Football Frenzy!  
*Campus visit event*
- 28 Showcase!  
*Maranatha Hall*
- 28–29 Homecoming  
*Visit [nwc.edu/homecoming](http://nwc.edu/homecoming)*

**OCTOBER**

- 4 Guest Recital:  
Nariaki Sugiura, piano  
*Nazareth Chapel*
- 18, 19 Fall Preview Days  
*Campus visit events*
- 27 Information Night  
*Graduate & Continuing  
Education visit event  
Blue Room, Nazareth Hall*

**NOVEMBER**

- 1, 2, 3 Fall Theatre Production
- 2, 9, 16 Fall Preview Days  
*Campus visit events*
- 5–9 Faith & Thought Week  
*Lectures and special events*
- 13 Women’s Chorale,  
Men’s Varsity Chorus,  
Jazz Ensemble  
*Maranatha Hall*
- 16 Symphonic Band  
*Maranatha Hall*
- 29 Orchestra Children’s  
Concert  
*Maranatha Hall*

**DECEMBER**

- 7, 8, 9 Christmas at  
Northwestern  
*Maranatha Hall—tickets on  
sale in early October*
- 21 Fall Commencement  
*Maranatha Hall*

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