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On a Mission to Work, Learn and Give

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MISSION: An important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, usually involving travel.

A few years ago in preparation for an overseas mission trip I took a spiritual gifts assessment. I learned that one of my spiritual gifts is “giving” and discovered it involves giving of one’s time, talents and resources.

I understood what time and talent were, having volunteered in my church. But my husband and I both work for nonprofit organizations, have a mortgage, other debt and a son in college; we didn’t typically have other “resources”—specifically money—to give away. I didn’t even have a college education!

Having entered the working world right out of high school, I always knew I wanted to go back to school. Working at Northwestern has afforded me that opportunity so in 2011 I finally began the process of earning my associate’s degree.

WIRED TO HELP

Since enrolling in Northwestern’s adult undergraduate program, people have asked me what I am going to school for. Initially, all I knew was that God wired me in such a way to be available; to help with whatever the need was regardless of my resources.

A colleague asked me a different question one day: “What do YOU want to do, Julie?” In my forties, I wasn’t looking to change a career path so I thought long and hard before answering. I realized I had heard my professor give the answer the night before in class, as she described her motivation for teaching: to earn money so that she can go on missions trips. Bam! That was what I was thinking and feeling all along. I want to do something I love to do and earn money to do the things God calls me to do.

Working in the field of fundraising here gives me countless opportunities to get to know people and their needs as I talk to them about Northwestern’s needs and opportunities. My heart is drawn to be available to help all kinds of people, and the opportunity is everywhere—right here in my neighborhood or abroad.

God has wired me to help through my church, my job and in the classroom. What a gift to serve Him!

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“Coffee tastes better in a Northwestern Mug Club mug.”

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A Force of Light

BY BRIAN MOLOHON, SR. DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Light or darkness—which is more powerful? As Christians we know that the light of Jesus is more powerful. However, let me rephrase the question: Light or darkness—which is more prevalent today?

Abortion, domestic violence and suicide are all on the rise. Family and biblical values are under attack like never before. Skyrocketing debt is suffocating our country and millions of families. The war for the very heart and soul of this generation rages on all around us.

We need more godly leaders in this world.

I recently met with some students and one of them stated it so clearly. He said:

Northwestern College is not about academics, though they are top-notch; it is not about a particular major, though there are many to choose from. Northwestern College is about equipping my generation to be engaged in the battle that is raging around us. Whether I am going to be a teacher, nurse, lawyer, business owner or whatever, I came to Northwestern because I wanted to be thoroughly grounded in the Bible; I wanted to be prepared to be a force for light in this world.

I think it is worth remembering that every student at Northwestern is a professing Christian. They chose, in part, to come to NWC so that they would grow more deeply in their faith and their understanding of how to authentically and intentionally live that out in their chosen vocation.

Our students need your support. Your donations provide scholarships to keep students in school and to open the door for others to heed God’s calling on their life. Your gifts directly engage in the values battle that is raging around us.

The bottom line? The world needs more Northwestern grads. Would you consider a gift today? We are half-way through the school year and we still need to raise \$250,000 of our \$1.2 million goal. Please pray about how God might be calling you to help.



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In summer 2012, Christopher Asmus '15 wanted to “delight in the global mission of God” so he headed east to Tanzania! He ended up serving at a YWAM base in Morogoro for two months. He is pictured here with children in Massai territory.

The Students You Bless

*We are pleased to introduce you to the real students of Northwestern, in their own words, through this new Advocate feature. In this issue **Christopher Asmus '15**, a pastoral studies major, tells of his journey to Northwestern.*

RECOGNIZING GRACE AND NEED

My story is one of sovereign, providential, and amazing grace. The day my mother entered yet another alcohol treatment center, grace. The day my father was forced to file bankruptcy, grace. The day my family lost the house, grace again.

From childhood to adulthood, I basked in the presence of sin and self-worship. However, unlike many sinners, I was never able to fool myself into thinking I was satisfied. After high school graduation, I was set to attend college to pursue a career in criminal justice.

Only weeks into my summer, a friend invited me to attend a week-long Young Life camp. Even though he was a “Christian,” he was a cool guy to be around so I went. It proved to be the best week of my life.

SIN TALK, CROSS TALK, CHRISTIAN WALK

After amazing days of wakeboarding and parasailing, a woman would preach. What were at first boring, ridiculous lectures became vehicles of the Holy Spirit. On Thursday night, the preacher gave the “sin talk,” on Friday night, the “Cross talk.” She said that Jesus had provided forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God and eternal life.

On July 7, 2010, I sat down on a grassy hill, reflecting on the wonders of the Cross. I arose minutes later as the King’s adopted child. When I arrived at college, I felt a sweet conviction to serve Christ in becoming a pastor. This would mean a transfer—Northwestern was my first choice.

Now God is using classes at Northwestern to ignite the passionate worship of Christ in my heart. After every class period, I have yet another reason to hit my knees and praise my Savior. Lord willing, God will build His church, using me as a pastoral instrument to edify the saints. My future will look like every Gospel-proclaiming future: He must increase, but I must decrease.

Invest in students like Christopher—the leaders of tomorrow. nwc.edu/nwfund



38th Annual Golf Classic Moves to TPC Twin Cities

Northwestern's 38th Annual Invitational Golf Classic on May 20 will give golfers of all abilities the opportunity to play on TPC Twin Cities Golf Course in Blaine, Minn.

Designed by Arnold Palmer and hailed as one of Minnesota's finest courses, TPC offers a perfect place for Northwestern supporters to come

for an afternoon and evening of golf, fellowship and food while supporting Northwestern students.

"We are thrilled to give our golfers the opportunity to play at TPC," said Annual Fund Director Callie Wayt. "It's a beautiful course and the staff is eager to get to know the wonderful people who come out for this event."

Registration materials will be mailed in early March. Send an e-mail to golfclassic@nwc.edu to request a brochure and registration form or visit nwc.edu/golfclassic for more information.

We hope you can join us at TPC Twin Cities!



Phonathon Update

Our Student Phonathon is in full swing! We have a wonderful group of students who have been calling throughout the year, connecting with our alumni and parents, updating our database, raising money for student scholarships and praying for our friends.

During the months of January and February students reached out to generous donors from this past year and thanked them for their contributions. So if you see Northwestern on your caller ID, pick up the phone and chat with a student!

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 through the phonathon by the end of April. All gifts raised through this effort go directly to help reduce the cost of student tuition.

Please pray about your involvement in this year's Student Phonathon and pray for our students. They need you!



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Overcoming Life's Hurdles

BY TREVOR RASMUSSEN '00

A lot happened during the course of high school that led me to Northwestern College. Looking back now, I can see that it was clearly God's will for my life, but it didn't always feel that way. God was working in me and He needed me at Northwestern to help to finish the work that was underway in my life.

As a newer Christian, being a student at Northwestern meant being immersed in the Bible, Christian life, and my Savior Jesus. I needed to learn what it looked like to be a Christian, and I got to witness it every day from the other students, staff, and especially my professors.

Fast forward 13 years: my marketing degree equipped me perfectly for my career. I felt completely prepared for the business world. This was a combination of being led and mentored by great professors with real-world experience and my own strong work ethic, which led me to two very unique internships. Those internships set me apart from my competition and helped me land a job quickly after graduation.

My faith in God has been the bedrock to get me through all the ups and downs in life. In 2012, I was laid off for the first time in my career. It was a pride-squashing, emotionally draining moment in my life. If I didn't have my faith along with the support of my amazing wife, Meghan, my children, and my friends, it might have destroyed me.

I was confident that God had something in store for me, though. Months later, I was offered an even better position with Deluxe Corp. and I couldn't be happier about the direction of my career and my life. Northwestern was vital to me meeting my closest friends, getting to know God in a deeper way, and having a great career in marketing.

Like Trevor, all Northwestern alumni have a story to tell and we would love to hear yours! If you attended Northwestern, or perhaps if you have 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. We will rejoice with you and pray for you, and we may use your story for this or other publications.



*Mark your calendars for
Homecoming:
Sept. 27 & 28, 2013*

The Alumni & Parent Relations office is busy planning exciting things for a weekend you won't want to miss. If you'd like to receive the official invitation and Homecoming flyer later this summer, send an e-mail to alumni@nwc.edu with your name and address.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 7–11 College Choir and Orchestra Tour
Alexandria, MN; Fargo, ND
- 8–9 *Set Apart: A Faith-filled Conference for Women**
Maranatha Hall
- 12 Graduate & Continuing Education Information Night
Blue Room
- 21 Major Discovery
Campus Visit Event
- 22 College Choir & Orchestra Homecoming Concert
Maranatha Hall

APRIL

- 5 Opera Workshop
Maranatha Hall
- 6 Multicultural Festival
Robertson Student Center
- 10–13
- 16–20 *Pride and Prejudice**
Patsy Miller Studio Theatre
- 19 Jazz Ensemble Concert
Maranatha Hall

MAY

- 7 Orchestra Concert
Maranatha Hall
- 10 Symphonic Band Bon Voyage Concert
Maranatha Hall
- 18 Commencement*
Maranatha Hall
- 20 38th Annual Invitational Golf Classic
TPC Twin Cities, Blaine, Minn.

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