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NWU's new president arrives
with a new student's spirit.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am genuinely, profoundly happy to have joined the Nebraska Wesleyan University community on July 1. I am a happily optimistic person by nature, and each person I have met with ties to Nebraska Wesleyan has confirmed what a special and welcoming place this is. I have felt that welcome myself.

On our campus visits, my wife Diana and I have already met many who love this university—students, alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, members of the Board of Governors and friends of NWU. There is a resounding consistency in what they've shared: pride in the excellence of the institution, a sense of belonging, and, in a word ... happiness.

I am humbled to be entrusted to serve as the 17th president of Nebraska Wesleyan. I promise my commitment to the mission and values at NWU's core. I'm eager to bring my positivity and energy to this community. Diana and I look forward to attending many events on campus and connecting with alumni across the country and around the world. I vow to do all I can to assure that we are a welcoming and inclusive campus. As the demographics of our student body continue to evolve, we must ensure every individual feels welcome and supported.

I want to be a president whose enthusiasm is contagious. And there are many reasons to be enthused: an incredibly successful Bold Designs campaign, outstanding student outcomes, the spectacular Acklie Hall of Science, and remarkable student enrollment and retention results. These are indicators of a healthy university and an institution that is serving its mission of transforming the lives of our students—intentionally and passionately.

Nebraska Wesleyan changes lives. I see this in the profound stories shared in *Archways*. In this issue, you will read stories about coaches shaping champions in every sense, and professors who've given decades in service to students. Our students absorb NWU's culture of service, then turn it loose on the world in exciting ways.

All universities educate, but I believe Nebraska Wesleyan provides something that goes beyond simply learning. Personalized mentoring and interconnected relationships permeate the student experience in the residence halls, dining center, student organizations, rehearsals and practices. Students' relationships with their professors are not confined to discussions on course content, nor are their interactions with our outstanding staff limited to some kind of contractual exchange. We call one another by name, we know each other's hometowns, interests and activities. This is a community that does more than provide a challenging and rich education. It is a nurturing environment that transforms lives. I am beyond happy to be part of it!

I look forward to meeting many of you at the inauguration on October 4 and at other events this year. I hope you will share how Nebraska Wesleyan has helped you find your happiness through a life in service to this world.

Sincerely,

—Darrin Good, president



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Letters

A Faith That's Bone-deep

My friend and colleague, Rev. **Bill Draper Finlaw**, died on February 23, 2019, after a long illness. Bill was Nebraska Wesleyan's minister from 1994 to 2006.

I met Bill in 1998 and was immediately intrigued. With his wardrobe of concert T-shirts, Bill messed with the stuffy-pastor stereotype I didn't even realize I held. He won me over with the depth of his character—his wit, wisdom, humor and heart. I've never met another person so attuned to seeing the good in people, then calling that good out in them.

Bill did much to change Nebraska Wesleyan's culture through the Global Service Learning program, or GSL, that he helped create. Serving internationally with students in the Dominican Republic, Russia, Tanzania, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Vietnam, Bill was instrumental in developing NWU's current ethos of service and global citizenship.



My memories of Bill are wrapped up in his service. I think of him singing in the rain in El Salvador, writing poetry for a student's 21st birthday. I think of him asking tough questions and making space for reflection. I think of his listening. I think of him digging trenches, carrying stones and mixing concrete.

I tell today's GSL members that they stand on his shoulders.

Bill ministered to Nebraska Wesleyan students, faculty and staff by creating an inclusive space for worship—an easygoing, sacred space. Somewhere during the long challenge of his illness, I asked him where he felt God had been in his journey. I asked him about his faith and doubt during hard times.

He responded that his faith is bone deep. Though there may be details to question, his faith remained at the core. Sharing that faith with me was just one more gentle act of service.

Janelle (Schutte) Andreini ('94)

Lincoln

Janelle is NWU's assistant dean for student success and campus community.

Memories Only Go Back So Far

We received the *Archways* a few days ago. I noted on page 45 the correction about **Aubrey Forrest ('56)** and the note that it was his father who was a member of the Board of Trustees. It seemed peculiar to me that the note did not indicate that **A. Leland Forrest** was the 12th president of NWU, known then as the chancellor.

He was very popular with us students, and it was a stunning development when he died suddenly in 1957. I guess memories only go back so far, but for those of us who do remember, he would make a good candidate for an endowed scholarship.

Lynn Anspaugh ('59)

Henderson, Nev.



What it Means to Be a Professor

I have a flood of memories about Professor of Physics **Walt French** ('48), who died February 5, 2019. From my student days, I remember dinners at the French home—Dot's hospitality had no limits. I remember that after I diligently memorized all the equations for a test in his radioisotopes class, he gave us an essay exam. I remember working on my first scientific publication with him one summer, and flying around Lincoln in a small private plane that Walt piloted.

Walt graduated from NWU in 1948, returned as an assistant professor in 1951, and served as chair of the Physics Department for 33 years. His specialties were atomic and nuclear radiation, and his approach was always practical rather than theoretical, solving real problems that anyone could appreciate. Two examples: the x-ray fluorescence apparatus he helped develop that was used to determine mercury poisoning episodes by examining single strands of the victims' hair, and the testing of homes for radioactive radon gas.

His most important influence on me came after I returned to NWU, when "Dr. French" became "Walt." I had had no teaching experience when I returned 11 years after my graduation. He helped me learn what it means to be a professor, not just a lecturer. He taught me, mostly by example, how to interact with both colleagues and students.

I knew him as my teacher, my research colleague, my teaching colleague, my department chair, and then as a member of the department that I chaired. But, most importantly, I knew him as a friend.

Bill Wehrbein ('70)

Lincoln

Bill is a Nebraska Wesleyan University professor emeritus of physics.



Puerto Ricans Are Americans

Among the interesting articles I read in your latest issue, I need to comment on the one on page 11, "Service Learning Group Heads to Puerto Rico." Although I heartily applaud the GSL students who went to Puerto Rico to help with hurricane damage recovery, I must point out that the students did not go on an "international service trip." Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory.

Constance (Bishop) Keith ('94)

Omaha, Neb.

CORRECTIONS

In our last issue, we mistakenly characterized Professor Emeritus of Physics **Norm Griswold** as "the late" Norm Griswold. We are happy to report that Prof. Griswold is both alive and quite punctual. We regret the error.

We listed an incorrect maiden name for **Denise (Wendt) Mainquist** ('03).

In our spring cover story, "Unswayed," we neglected to include a byline for the illustrator. She is **Andrea Cobb**, a professional illustrator in North Carolina. You can see more of her work at andreacobb.com.



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Fred and Rosemary were constant and enthusiastic attendees at countless university and community events over the last dozen years.

Campus Bids Farewell to Fred and Rosemary Ohles

Great Hall was the site of a May 3 reception to honor the 12 years of service of Nebraska Wesleyan's first couple, Fred and Rosemary Ohles. Fred Ohles retired as NWU's 16th president on June 30.

Speakers expressing thanks included Coach Ted Bulling ('80), director of track & field and cross country; Professor of Communication Patty Hawk, president of the faculty; Pat (Hall) Ruth ('68); Kate Richerson ('19), student body president; and Hon. John Gerrard ('76), incoming chair of the Board of Governors.

Gifts to the Ohles touched both funny bones and heartstrings. They received matching pairs of fuzzy Prairie Wolf slippers and a delicate end table handcrafted by Guy Davenport, husband of Professor of History Meghan Winchell, from ash and sycamore trees harvested from campus for the construction of Acklie Hall of Science. True to Fred Ohles' background as a scholar of German history, the table was crafted with German and Austrian design influence.

Bold Designs Campaign Crosses the Finish Line

More than \$62 million raised

In fall 2017, we introduced Nebraska Wesleyan's first comprehensive campaign in a quarter century. Bold Designs sought to raise tens of millions in support of learning spaces, faculty, scholarships and student experiences at Nebraska Wesleyan.

That campaign finished at midnight on May 31. Gifts were still being tallied as this magazine went to print. So detailed campaign results will have to wait for our fall issue. But we can tell you now that,

thanks to an outstanding response from our alumni and friends, we surpassed the university's \$62 million goal.

The bold steps we've taken together in this campaign have put NWU in a stronger position. Now, we continue to harness that strength to become an outstanding national liberal arts university—one where the educational experience transforms each student to lead a life of learning, service, leadership and success in a diverse world.

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With more than \$62 million raised, NWU's students and faculty are better equipped for success.

What's in a Day?

NWU community shines in the Main Event.

"The Main Event," Nebraska Wesleyan University's annual giving day, has quickly become a university tradition. It's when alumni and friends join students, faculty and staff in a one-day effort to rally support for Nebraska Wesleyan's Archway Fund.

On April 11, the emphasis was squarely on participation as faculty and students at booths all over campus stumped hard for gifts of any size. Instead of a dollar goal, the university set a donor goal, hoping to rally 650 people to the call.

By day's end, 689 members of the Nebraska Wesleyan community came forward with gifts in person and online. And an anonymous member of the Board of Governors added some firepower to their generosity—matching each gift of \$5 or more with another \$100. As a result, The Main Event raised \$128,964 for NWU's Archway Fund.

"That's wonderful support from a lot of people in P-Wolf Nation," said President Fred Ohles. "I'm grateful to each of you."

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Thanks to our generous donors, we achieved a lot in a day.

689
donors to NWU



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Photo by Lauren Andres ('21)

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Acklie Hall Is Dedicated

Duane W. Acklie Hall of Science has been open for classes since January. But May 1 brought another opening of sorts as the building opened its doors to many of the philanthropists and friends who made its construction possible.

A happy crowd gathered on a chilly Abel Commons to dedicate the facility as a brass ensemble played from its wide balcony.

Gratitude was the prevailing emotion as people thanked the Acklie family and unfolded stories of the building's fundraising and development. Judith (Trimble) Maurer ('69),

former chair of Nebraska Wesleyan's Board of Governors, took the program off script with a surprise message of thanks to **Fred and Rosemary Ohles**. The multistory wood installation inside Acklie Hall, she said, was hereby named after the Ohleses in honor of their leadership in the building's development.

A touched and bemused Fred Ohles responded, "I'm learning to like surprises."

Then the crowd moved indoors to warm up and explore together the building they helped make real.

Clockwise from top: The Acklie, Muhleisen and Dunlap families were instrumental players. Larry Ruth ('67) and friends found much to celebrate. A large crowd was on hand. John Greiving shared words of gratitude with Phyllis Acklie. Judith Maurer dedicated the wood art installation to Fred and Rosemary Ohles. Guests got a firsthand look at the science underway through the Student Research Symposium.

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A leadership gift from the Acklie family combined with hundreds of other donations to raise \$28.6 million for Acklie Hall.



Photo by Ceara Curtis (22)

GSL members gathered supplies for Santee Sioux and Ponca people affected by the floods.

Rising to the Need NWU's Global Service Learning group responds for Nebraska flood victims.

Nebraska Wesleyan University's Global Service Learning (GSL) is accustomed to going long. America's first student-led international service learning group has executed recent service projects at destinations across the U.S., Latin America and Asia.

But the March floods that pounded the Great Plains brought the need for help much closer to home. Lincoln itself was largely spared the damage that spread far and wide in communities along the Platte, Niobrara, Big Blue and Missouri rivers, to name only a few.

GSL members quickly organized a drive to raise funds and collect supplies for affected Nebraskans—particularly members of the Santee Sioux Nation and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. Members collected and delivered loads of needed items, including bottled water, personal hygiene products, diapers, baby food and formula, cleaning supplies and nutrition shakes.

Of course, Nebraska Wesleyan's student body included many people from families directly affected by the floods. "Nebraska Wesleyan has a long history of working with people in need following natural disasters," President **Fred Ohles** wrote in a message to students from affected counties in Nebraska. "It's important to me that you know we're here to support you and respond to your needs."

THE FINAL

GSL's drive was successful, but the needs continue. Want to get involved? Visit gofundme.com and search "Santee Sioux Nation Utilities."

Professor of Physics Fairchild and the Fairchild Professor of Physics

For decades at Nebraska Wesleyan University, if you asked to meet with Professor Fairchild, you'd need to be a little more specific. Are you looking for the brilliant economist or the brilliant physicist?

Professor Emerita of Economics **Loretta (Good) Fairchild** ('66) and her husband, Professor of Physics **Robert Fairchild**, both began teaching at NWU in 1975. You'd find Lori in Smith-Curtis; Bob was next door in Olin Hall.

Things simplified somewhat in 2011 with Lori Fairchild's retirement. But, this year, complexity returned. Today, the Physics Department has another Fairchild of sorts.

If you want Professor of Physics **Robert Fairchild**, you'll find his office in Olin 133. But if you want the **Robert Fairchild Distinguished Professor of Physics**, well, that would be **Nathaniel Cunningham**, Olin 104. The distinguished professorship was formed last winter to support great teaching in the sciences.

Provost **Graciela Caneiro-Livingston** was gratified to see a new professorship carrying the Fairchild name. "The Fairchilds' dedication to NWU is remarkable," she said. "They've dedicated their professional careers to their students and Nebraska Wesleyan. This professorship in the Fairchild name honors that selfless commitment."

Cunningham said he was "moved and surprised" to learn about the new professorship. "And yet, knowing how much Nebraska Wesleyan and NWU Physics mean to Bob and Lori, it is also quite fitting."

Cunningham added, "I am humbled to receive this honor bearing the name of my colleague and mentor."



Photo by Allison Woods (20)

Nathaniel Cunningham isn't Professor Fairchild—but he is the Fairchild Professor of Physics.

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Alumni and friends donated more than \$2 million for faculty support during the Bold Designs campaign.

Staff and Faculty Honor Retiring Teachers



William Wyman



Berniece Jones

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Much has rightly been made about the contributions of NWU's retiring first couple, Fred and Rosemary Ohles. But the retirements of another pair of NWU colleagues deserve ample acknowledgment here as well. Professor Emerita of Health and Human Performance **Berniece Jones** and Professor Emeritus of Music **William Wyman** retired at the end of this academic year. The colleagues were promptly granted emeriti status by the Board of Governors for their decades of outstanding service. Jones has taught at NWU since 1997; Wyman since 1975.

Jones received the Holder Award for Instructional Improvement in 2010 and the 2011 American Heart Association Heart Hero Award. Wyman received the 2014 Roy G. Story Award for advancing the university's national reputation. He was a 2005 inductee to the Nebraska Music Educators Hall of Fame.

THE FINAL: Put Jones' and Wyman's teaching careers end-to-end and they span half of NWU's 132-year history.

Computer Science Gets an Academic Reboot

NWU professors have developed a new major. "We've had a vision of the great things our students could achieve by marrying computer science with the liberal arts," said Associate Professor of Mathematics **Austin Mohr**.

NWU's integrative data science major is the product of that vision. NWU faculty designed it with feedback from alumni and friends at local tech-heavy companies like Spreetail and Sandhills Publishing. The program prepares students to solve complex problems with computers; use data to inform decisions; collaborate with interdisciplinary teams; and communicate in oral, written and visual forms.

"We developed a highly interdisciplinary curriculum that builds upon the excellent instruction taking place in many academic fields, including art, business, computer science and mathematics," Mohr said.

All integrative data science majors will accompany their computer science study with a second major or minor. This supporting area becomes the context in which they apply their computing skills.

"So a student interested in bioinformatics might adopt a supporting program in biology, while a student interested in public policy might pursue a supporting program in political science," said Mohr. The goal is to help NWU students apply their skills in data science to help solve problems in other fields.

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The new integrative data science major is NWU's 47th.

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Prouty Award Goes to Tireless Scholar of Civil Unrest

Kelly Clancy's classrooms vibrate with a different energy. That might be because the assistant professor of political science has a research interest in the energy of the crowd.

She's more than comfortable with contention; she's fascinated by it. What gets people stirred up? What compels them to rally? And what happens when they do?

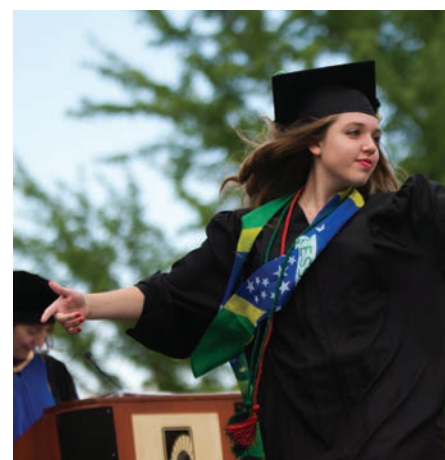
Clancy's research "studies ... progressive political movements after the 2016 U.S. presidential election."

Whether or not they join any protest, Clancy's students want to be world changers. And her examination of civil engagement inspires all kinds of academic engagement.

NWU recognized her work with its highest faculty honor: the Margaret J. Prouty Faculty Teaching Award. One nominator put it simply. "She is as wise as she is kind, and she is what makes Nebraska Wesleyan shine above other colleges."



Photo by Samuel Mfinanga



Commencement 2019

Nebraska Wesleyan University awarded bachelor's and master's degrees to 474 new alumni on May 11, 2019, in its 130th commencement.

Graduating seniors took their traditional "final walk," winding their way through a campus that looks dramatically different this spring than it did their junior year. Their final semester was the first with classes inside the new Acklie Hall of Science, where they watched Abel Commons green and bloom for the first time.

Rev. Larry Moffet traditionally joins the graduates on their final walk toward First United Methodist Church, where he leads baccalaureate services. This year, it was his final walk as well. Moffet retired as First Church's head pastor on June 30.



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NWU Honors Three Leaders

During commencement, Nebraska Wesleyan University gave honorary degrees to three leading Midwestern voices.

Brian Maas ('86) (left) received an Honorary Doctor of Sacred Theology and delivered the 2019 commencement address. The former NWU student body president earned his Master of Divinity from Yale, served as pastor for Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) congregations in Kansas City, Mo., Tekamah, Neb., and Lincoln. He was elected bishop of the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA in 2012 and is now serving in his second six-year term in that position.

Frank LaMere (center) was a decorated civil rights activist and member of the Winnebago Tribe. He received an Honorary Doctor of Laws for his advocacy for Native people. He died of a sudden illness a month later. LaMere was one of the chief architects of the effort to stop the illegal flow of alcohol from Whiteclay, Neb., onto the dry Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. A documentary of that effort, "Sober Indian Dangerous Indian," premiered at NWU in 2014.

LaMere received the War Eagle Human Rights Award from the Sioux City Human Rights Commission in 2011 for his work in Whiteclay and his lobbying for the 2003 Iowa Indian Child Welfare Act. He also received the Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest's Jim Wolf Equal Justice Award in 2015.

And **Sheryl Snyder** (right) received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. She and her husband, **Larry Snyder** ('61), turned a small fiberglass shop near University Place into what Snyder Industries is today: a global leader in the bulk handling of liquid and dry materials. The longstanding supporters of Nebraska Wesleyan University are the namesakes of Snyder Arena, the Snyder Classic men's basketball tournament and the Snyder Innovation Grant. Their contributions have impacted the Archway Fund, Bold Designs, the Great Teaching Program, Duane W. Acklie Hall of Science and a variety of campus renovation projects.

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A bishop, an activist and an entrepreneur receive the highest honor the university can bestow.

The Friends You Keep

NWU is retaining more of its students—and its supporters.

It takes one skillset in life to make new friends. Keeping them can often require something else entirely. There's promise making. And there's promise keeping.

The life of a university isn't so different. Schools measure their health by the new students and new donors they attract. They also measure student retention and donor loyalty. Of the people a school welcomes aboard, how many choose to stay on the boat?

By those measures, the news at NWU is good.

NWU drew a record class of 546 new and transfer students in 2018. Conventional wisdom holds that enrollment growth generally comes paired with a drop in retention. Perhaps your growth involved attracting more students who weren't truly prepared. Or the larger class overwhelms your support services, and students start slipping through the cracks.

But Nebraska Wesleyan's first-year fall-to-spring retention rate actually grew this year to 94.8 percent, a 10-year high. Vice President for Student Life **Sarah Kelen** shared the numbers with staff. "It shows us we're recruiting students who are academically ready—students who fit well with what we offer," she said. "And when they arrive, we give them the resources they need to thrive."

The university's fundraisers had an equally impressive trend to share. Vice President for Advancement **John Greving** talked about donor retention—the rate at which people choose to support the university over multiple years.

Nonprofit organizations across the country typically see their donor retention rates hover between 40% and 50%, Greving said. But the donor retention rate for Nebraska Wesleyan's Archway Fund topped 70% this year.

"Our friends see all that's going well here," he said. "They see an opportunity to make a positive impact in students' lives. And they're continuing that support year after year."

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High student retention and donor loyalty are signs of a school that's keeping its promises.



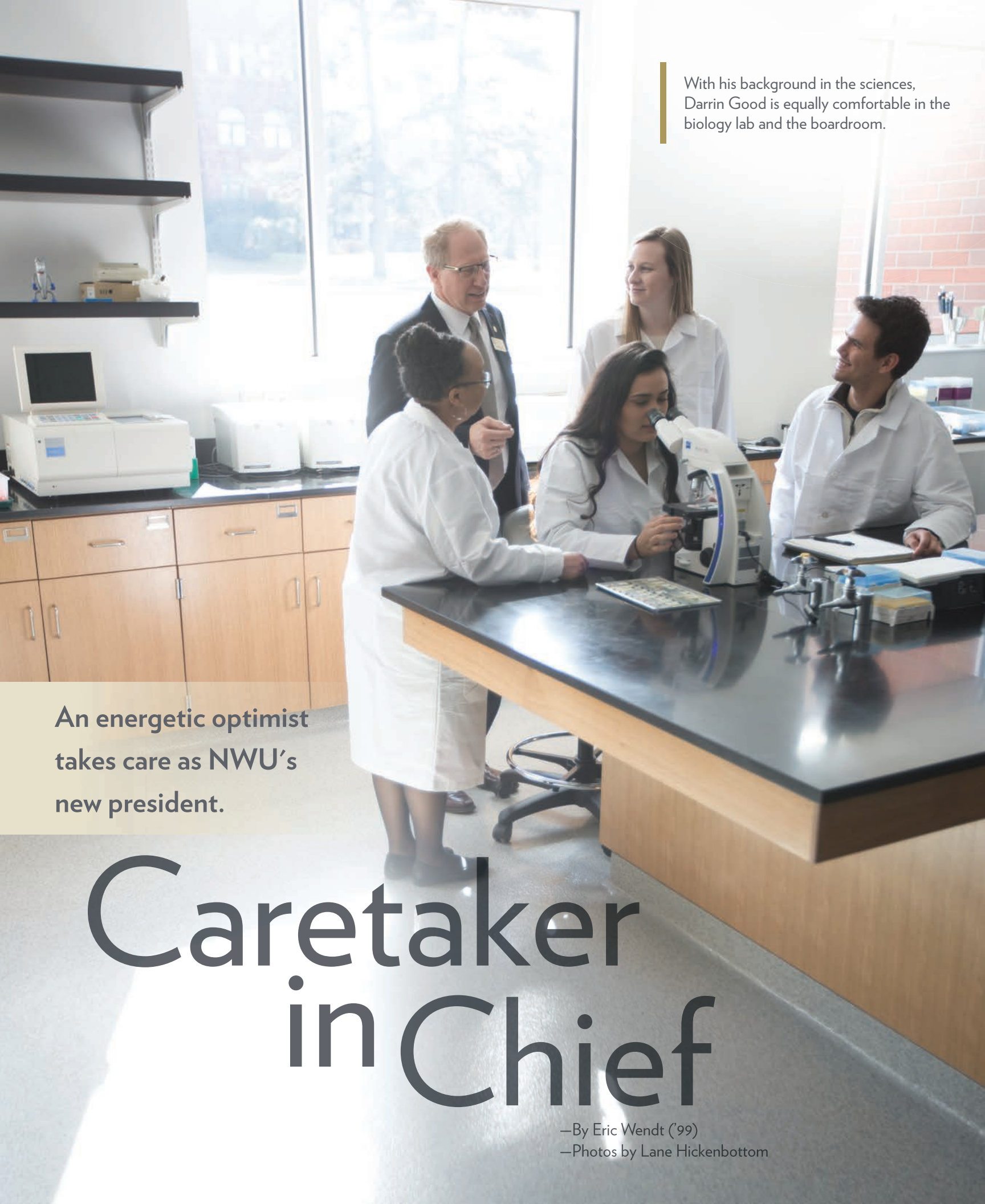
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With his background in the sciences, Darrin Good is equally comfortable in the biology lab and the boardroom.

An energetic optimist takes care as NWU's new president.

Caretaker in Chief

—By Eric Wendt ('99)

—Photos by Lane Hickenbottom

We didn't see **Darrin Good** coming.

If you'd have asked folks on campus to guess where Nebraska Wesleyan University's next president might come from, Los Angeles, Calif., wouldn't have topped many lists.

Nor would we have guessed, when he and his wife, **Diana Good**, landed in Lincoln, that the California couple stepping off that plane would fit so well on Nebraska soil.

"Our time in LA was wonderful," Darrin said. "The weather was like a summer vacation that lasted four years. But that wasn't us. We missed having seasons."

They first visited NWU while campus was in the grip of Lincoln's snowiest winter in decades. "I think we annoyed some people by how much we enjoyed the snow," he said. "You were probably all sick of it by then. But to us, that snow felt like coming home."

The Goods' attitude throughout that snowy campus introduction was far more "first-year student" than it was "first couple."

"Yes! That's exactly right. Our eyes were that wide open—our excitement that high," Diana said. She described a campus reception in Great Hall. "We were just bewildered at the welcome. We got to walk over to the admissions office and ring the same bell they ring for every new student. We felt so much a part of it, I just didn't want that visit to stop."

But the Goods needed to fly back to sunny Los Angeles, where Diana taught Spanish to 185 students at Claremont High School, and Darrin served as vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Whittier College. Whittier is one of the country's most racially diverse independent national liberal arts colleges, founded the same year as NWU: 1887.

Before their time at Whittier, the Goods had crisscrossed the Midwest. Darrin had served as associate provost and dean of science and education at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. Prior to that, he taught biology at his alma mater, Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. That's where, as an undergraduate, he met and married Diana, like him, a "small-town kid from Illinois." And like a lot of Midwestern kids, Darrin said, the two of them were both raised to revere a good education, and "to never forget you represent more than just yourself."

The son of a middle school science teacher, it made sense for Darrin to study biology at Augustana. He began college thinking he was bound for medical school. Then it was physical therapy. Then veterinary science, then dentistry.

"I wanted to prove myself and make money," he said. "I wanted to go back to my hometown and show everybody I'd made it."



Darrin and Diana Good have been in education as long as they've been together.

... the two of them were both raised to revere a good education, and "to never forget you represent more than just yourself."

Darrin's junior year, his father died, and something changed in his outlook. "I looked back on Dad's life and thought a lot about what had made him a success to me. I remembered when he returned to teaching and the happiness that gave him."

By then, Darrin had already been accepted to dental school. "And I slowly realized I was doing it for the wrong reasons." He shifted gears and fell in love with teaching.

Fast forward a few years, and Darrin was no longer anxiously studying biology at Augustana. He was happily teaching it there.

"I'm a big believer in constant vocational reflection," he said. "If you're happy in your work, you serve the world in better ways."

Diana's career as a Spanish teacher echoes that philosophy of service. "I've had the joy of helping young people get excited about learning a new language and

exploring new cultures and new people," she said. As their careers moved from Illinois to Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota and California, Diana has taught at every stop—often going through the extensive work of recertification in a new state.

"It's worth it to be with young people." Not everyone understands the joy to be found surrounded by dozens of 14- and 15-year-olds, she said. "But these people are fountains

of creativity. They give me so much."

Nebraska is likely to be the first place where Diana doesn't teach—a reality that leaves her with complex feelings. "I'm just not sure I could give my commitment to a school district here and serve the right way in this role with Darrin," she said.

"It's important for us to travel for the university, to be at events, to be in service. And I don't think I could do that well and be present in a way that my students would deserve," she said.

"So, you could say I'm about to learn a new language, myself, right?"

She smiled a smile big enough to hold just a little sadness. "When you care about what you do, it's always emotional."

Darrin felt his own mix of emotions as he explored Nebraska Wesleyan for the first time on that snowy February day. Asked for his impressions of campus, the easy talker paused. He said it would be easy to slip into clichés about the warm welcome they received. But a cliché wouldn't do.

Instead, Darrin told a story. He said coming to Nebraska Wesleyan made him think back to his daughter's college search. He remembered asking Samantha how one campus visit had gone. Could she see herself doing well there?

"She told me, 'Dad, no. Not there.'" Surprised at how adamant she was, he asked her why. "They were so pretentious!" She said it was like the whole campus was dressed up fancy just because it was Thursday."

Darrin took his daughter's word for it that the school wasn't the right fit for her.

After another visit at another school, he asked her the same question. Can you see yourself doing well here? "Yes, Dad," Samantha said. "Here."

If you're happy in your work, you serve the world in better ways.



The Goods' shared life in teaching has involved some sacrifices. "It's worth it to be with young people," Diana said.



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Darrin smiled. “She was just certain. She saw the sincerity, the openness, the energy she was looking for. And she just knew it. That’s what Diana and I felt when we came here.”

They felt like new students. New students in the right place.

“There’s such a depth of community here that we could just immediately feel,” Darrin said. The Goods went to an NWU choir rehearsal and band practice. They cheered alongside **Fred and Rosemary Ohles** at a pair of NWU basketball games. “Everywhere we walked, we saw friendly faces—students with their eyes up.”

The “upness” of those eyes impressed the Goods. Here were students whose attention wasn’t fixed (at least, not solely) on their phones. Nor were they locked on their own feet as they shuffled in isolation between buildings. These students were alive and engaged—with each other and with new ideas. The Goods connected with their energy—and even with their anxieties.

College students are bombarded with the new. And some will be overwhelmed. Darrin expressed concern for the rising rates of American college students experiencing anxiety disorders. Students can fall into patterns, he said, where they lose sleep over how little sleep they get, or feel stressed about their stress.

“Inside that cycle, it becomes harder for some young people to make decisions,” he said, “because they’re scared it might be a mistake. It can reach the point where they won’t give themselves enough room or enough credit to make small choices.”

He applauded the Nebraska Wesleyan students he’s met for their eagerness to try the new—to take bold steps, even when they’re uncertain. “Because that’s what experimentation is, right?” he said. “You gather your courage. You try something new and you watch what happens. You learn from it and you let it inform that next new thing you try.”

In this light, he connected acts of learning and acts of bravery. Both require steps into the unknown. Darrin Good is heartened to see so many new NWU students taking those kinds of steps. And Nebraska Wesleyan’s new president wants to bring that same energy, optimism and courage to his new role.

“Looking ahead to the medium term, we know that we’re going to have to try some new things to diversify Nebraska Wesleyan’s sources of revenue,” he said. “We already know

that schools like us can’t rely on tuition from traditional undergraduate programs alone to sustain ourselves.”

He pointed with approval at the graduate and adult programs NWU operates now. More will come, he said. And not every new thing will succeed. “We have to be OK with some calculated risk,” he said, “because not making a choice—that’s also a choice.”

Willing as Darrin is to make a few “freshman mistakes” in his new role, don’t expect rashness to be among them. “There’s a real danger to somebody coming in guns blazing, acting like they know from the get-go exactly what a school needs.” That approach, he said, can stifle the consensus Darrin is keen to build.

“I’ve seen the foolishness of new administrators coming in and trying to put their stamp of ownership on everything,” he said. The only thing Darrin seems intent on owning in his new role is an attitude of servant leadership.


“This is not my institution,” he said. “I’m its caretaker.”

This work of caring for something precious that you do not own has tapped a sense of wonder and gratitude in both Goods. Diana described that wonder, again, through the lens of a new student.

She arrived at Augustana out of high school, and said the experience was like stumbling hungry into a feast. “I had no idea the buffet of opportunities waiting there for us. And Darrin and I have been fed by that every day of our lives.”

She said, “Since the moment he and I met, we’ve never been unattached to an academic institution. Not one day. And we’ve been constantly culturally enriched and blessed and fed by everything a college campus has to offer.”

Gratitude for those blessings is what drives them both to be the best possible caretakers for Nebraska Wesleyan University—so these life-changing feasts can continue for others. “All of these things you encounter at a school as special as Nebraska Wesleyan—they lay the foundation for this incredibly rich life in service,” she said.

That’s the life Darrin and Diana Good are beginning in the Good Life State—the kind of life where you are, forever, blessedly, a new student. 

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that’s also a choice.*



Darrin Good and Jennifer Ziegler (right), dean of graduate programs, want to stretch people's idea of the "typical" Nebraska Wesleyan student.



President Good Inauguration

All are welcome as Nebraska Wesleyan University inaugurates Darrin Good as its 17th president during homecoming.

Friday, October 4, 2019 / 10:30 a.m.

O'Donnell Auditorium

A community picnic follows on Taylor Commons.



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NWU Rookies

Darrin and Diana Good aren't the only new faces on campus. Meet two more big hitters with new roles to play in the Nebraska Wesleyan community.



John Gerrard ('76, LHD '13)
board chair, chief judge
District of Nebraska

Hon. John Gerrard may be in his "rookie" year as chair of NWU's board, but he's a seasoned all-star in service to his country.

"Do what you love—what really turns your crank," he told NWU grads in his 2013 commencement address. "And do it with excellence."

CAREER STATS

- › private practice
Norfolk, Nebraska
1981–1995
- › justice
Nebraska Supreme Court
1995–2012
- › chief judge
U.S. District Court,
District of Nebraska
2012–present



Kirstie Engel
minister
First United Methodist Church

With future hall of famer Rev. Larry Moffet's 2019 retirement, First Church found itself with big shoes to fill. Stepping up to the plate is Rev. Kirstie Engel. The Louisiana-born, Brooklyn-raised Kansan already has scores of fans in Lincoln.

"I was just blown away when I came here," Kirstie told the Lincoln Journal Star last year. "I would be heartbroken if I ever had to leave Lincoln. There's something special here."

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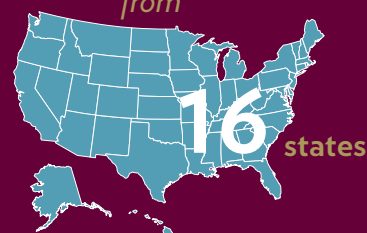
- › associate pastor
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Lincoln
- › lead pastor
First United Methodist Church
Lincoln

Rookies of the YEAR

More people will be new to NWU this year than ever before.



new students
from



new professors

in art, business, health and
human performance, music,
nursing, physics, psychology
and theatre

It adds up to an influx of fresh talent and new perspectives that will make NWU stronger.

The Truth Heals

A US diplomat helps countries rebound from atrocity.

—By Eric Wendt ('99)

David Mandel-Anthony is well traveled. As a senior policy advisor with the U.S. State Department, he's worked in 54 countries. Still, his February 18 visit to Nebraska Wesleyan University was his first time in Nebraska.

NWU welcomed him warmly. But, truth be told, most nations would prefer Mandel-Anthony never have cause to visit. He works for the ambassador at large for war crimes issues in the State Department's Office of Global Criminal Justice. And most places he goes, he's following hell on Earth.

NWU's Political Science Department, International Justice Mission and Pre-law Club sponsored Mandel-Anthony's visit to discuss accountability for mass atrocities.

He described both the "retributive and restorative" qualities of what he called transitional justice—helping a country back onto its feet following an atrocity. Prosecuting war criminals is key for retribution. But it does little to restore victims or repair the social fabric. That necessary healing, he said, requires a different kind of investigation into the truth of brutality.

"Who's the main character in a criminal trial?" Mandel-Anthony asked a full Callen Conference Center audience. "It's the perpetrator, right? Here's what he did. Here's the evidence about how and why he did it."

Victims testify for the prosecution, but their role is to establish the defendant's story.

"A truth commission's aim is different," he said. "The victim is the main character. And survivors have the chance to articulate something to society about the root causes of what happened."

This telling is vital to counteract the whitewashing that allows atrocities to recur. "Facts are disputed," he said, "especially in countries that've experienced mass atrocities."

He talked about a vacation he took to see friends in Croatia. At a café, he mentioned his work in helping prosecute a war criminal there. He didn't realize he was touching off a firestorm in the café.

"This guy was a war criminal. And there were stands outside where you could buy memorabilia—stuff with his name on it, calling him a hero." For safety's sake, Mandel-Anthony quit talking about his role in that case.

"History is an argument," he said. "And truth commissions purify the argument. They narrow the range of permissible lies." 🙏

The Politics of Accountability

After World War II, the Nuremberg trials and the Tokyo war crimes tribunal established a mechanism for enforcing international humanitarian law. The next such tribunal wouldn't come until 1993 with the former Yugoslavia.

Did atrocity take half a century off?

No.

"What you had was Cold War stasis politics," Mandel-Anthony said. "Neither the U.S. nor the Soviet Union wanted a negative spotlight shining on their allies, so everybody got a free pass."



Illustration by Melanie Reimiller

Be there from the start.

NWU fall home openers

Football vs. Westminster College
September 7, 1 p.m.

Women's soccer vs.
Wisconsin-Stevens Point
September 13, 7:30 p.m.

Men's soccer vs. Crown College
September 20, 7 p.m.

Men's and women's cross country
September 21, 10 a.m.
(Mahoney Park)

Volleyball vs. Wisconsin-Platteville
September 27, 5:30 p.m.



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In Defense of Title Defenses

Two NWU head coaches dish on life after NCAA crowns.

—By Eric Wendt ('99)

Winning an NCAA championship is an honor like few others. You wear that title like a badge. But have no illusions. It's also a target.

There's joy in reaching the top. But now some of the best athletes in the country would take equal joy in being the one to pull you down.

An NCAA title is uplifting. And heavy. We spoke to two champion head coaches with dramatically different styles. And we asked how they help their NWU athletes carry the weight of those crowns.

Let's Play for Us.

Men's basketball plays with a two-year chip on its shoulder.

Dale Wellman, the notoriously even-keeled head coach of Nebraska Wesleyan's 2018 NCAA III national champion men's basketball team, didn't feel particularly shaken by the weight of that title. But he knew right away that it turned his team's motivation on its head.

"Last year, we just weren't getting the national attention we felt like we deserved," Wellman said. As the wins racked up, his players watched for each new NCAA III poll. And each week, they never saw their name. It ate at them.

"I don't think people knew what to make of us," he said. "There's such a concentration of Division III schools on the East Coast, and we just weren't quite on their radar."

Wellman's players felt the sting of that neglect each unranked week. They eventually called a team meeting. Wellman lowered his voice to convey that most of the talk at that meeting qualified as team-only material. "They just said, 'You know what?

Screw everybody. Let's play for us.'"

NWU entered the national tournament unranked, thanks only to a come-from-behind conference finals win. A D-III afterthought. And the Prairie Wolves left it as national champions.

The banner went up in Snyder Arena, and the environment around NWU basketball changed. A team that had fueled itself by playing in the dark now had to deal with the spotlight.

"It completely flips," Wellman said. "Now everybody's talking about how great we are."

A 143-90 season-opening win over high-flying Grinnell College only increased the hype. It reached the point where something like a six-point road win at Carroll University left fans asking, "What's the matter?"

Wellman shook his head. "We knew going in we'd get everybody's best shot. I just told our guys to embrace this challenge."

He said that while the circumstances had changed, the chips on his players' shoulders could stay right where they were. "They're calling you the best? OK, let's show them our best. Let's be the best we can be for 40 minutes."

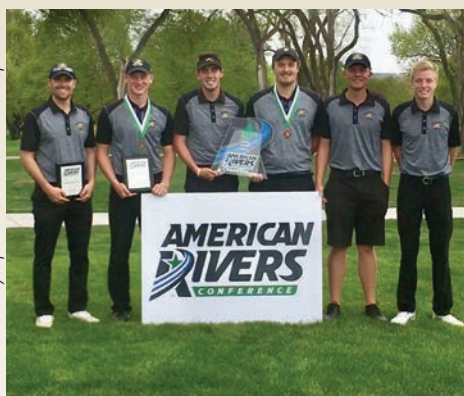
Then he laid out three qualities he said helped his team achieve at a high level.

SPRING SPORT SUMMARY

Baseball

NWU started its season with an eight-game skid, then found its feet with improved defense. An 8-15 conference record is a step in the right direction as the program continues its growth. A school record-setting 30-run explosion on April 20 shows the team's potential.

Photo courtesy of American Rivers Conference



Men's golf

NWU put together a dominant regular season, always finishing third or above. They won the Arizona Christian Invite, the spring conference preview and the A-R-C Championship at Lincoln's Hillcrest Country Club. NWU qualified for nationals in Nicholasville, Ky., for the second consecutive year, finishing 29th out of 42.



1. Keep it weird.

Cookie-cutter basketball won't cut it. "I like being different," Wellman said. For his Prairie Wolves, that's meant an unusual 3-2 zone with rangy wings and peculiar rules. "I never was a zone guy before, but I've fallen in love with it. We make it hard to reverse the ball, and if they're not familiar, it can take some time to figure things out." While opponents do that figuring, NWU is often banking an early lead. "I like playing a 30-minute game with a 15-point cushion."

2. Stay versatile.

Plan A only goes so far. Wellman has a sign pinned up in NWU's locker room that reads: "TWO-TEMPO BASKETBALL". "We want to play fast," Wellman said, "both because it's fun and because we think it's an important way to score." But good

teams can force you to play half-court. He pointed to last year's tournament where NWU slugged out a defensive 79-78 win over Wisconsin-Platteville. "The next night (against No. 1 Whitman College), it was the complete opposite and we scored 130. You have to be ready for either style."

3. Be competitive. And unselfish.

It's rare to find someone both fiercely competitive and rabidly unselfish. But that's the kind of athlete Wellman wants. "Look at Garv," he said, referring to first-team NCAA III All-American Ryan Garver ('19). "He averaged 15.9 points and led the country in assists. He wanted to be our five because our fives get to make so many key passes." Aggressive and unselfish, he didn't care who delivered the punch—so long as it landed.

With an oddball defense, a two-speed offense, unselfish play and a chip on its shoulder, this team battled to defend its 2018 title. They fought in a packed Snyder Arena and made P-Wolf Nation proud.

This team, unranked for the entire 2017-2018 season, spent all but one week of this one as America's top team. They posted the most regular-season wins in school history. They went 364 days and 31 games without losing—the longest streak over that period in all of college basketball. And all five starters won conference, regional or national player awards.

NWU brought the NCAA III tournament to Snyder Arena, dismantled their opening round opponent, then fell to the 2011 and 2016 national champion University of St. Thomas.

NWU's head coach was nothing but proud. "I had so much fun coaching these guys this year, and I told them not to let that loss make them lose the season we had.

"I think it helped us understand how fragile and special a thing that title run really was," Wellman said. "And now that we've tasted that, we want back in there."

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Softball

NWU used solid defense to thrive in nonconference play (15-5). Conference competition proved a tougher nut to crack as Coach Mary Yori's Prairie Wolves finished 7-9 with a 10-5 victory over ranked Luther on senior day.



Photo by Lane Hickenbottom

Tennis

It was a challenging spring for NWU tennis. The men finished 4-13 and the women were 2-16. Han Le ('22) and Spenser Anderson ('22) paced their squads with six dual wins apiece.

Ted Bulling Isn't Playing Your Games.

The secret to defending
six straight NCAA titles:
Never play defense.

The best coaches in any sport are, by definition, outliers. The ways they see and coach the game are well outside the norm.

In 1967, the top men's college basketball programs in the country all drilled their players relentlessly to knock off UCLA. And in Los Angeles, Coach John Wooden began the season by quietly showing his players the proper way to tie their shoes.

In February, Nebraska Wesleyan University's women's 4x400 relay team began training to defend a sixth-straight NCAA III title. And **Ted Bulling** ('80) compelled his foursome to never run in defense of anything at all.

He reminded **Anna Frazier** ('19), **Elizabeth Jones** ('19), **Kaylee Jones** ('19) and **Aspen Rolfes** ('21), "You just can't play defense in track & field."

There's no stopping anyone in this sport. It's not like you get to stand in the sand and



Photo by Chad Greene

push opposing long jumpers away. They get their leap. And you get yours. Sure, your jump is measured against theirs. And the winner gets the points. But if you jump the jump of your life, the tape will tell you. And that jump, Bulling said, has nothing whatsoever to do with anyone else's.

It's yours. Forever. The jump of your life. "I love this sport," Bulling said, "because it's a non-zero-sum game." Track & field is full of competitors, but competitors who measure their success and failure in all sorts of ways.

Think about that. The coach who has tallied an astonishing 71 conference team championships in men's and women's track & field and cross country has done it, largely, by convincing his athletes that winning is often beside the point.

"It's a sport where you don't have to be the best to have a great experience," he said. "I think there's something to that

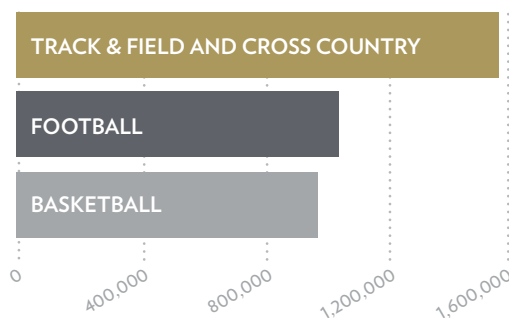
non-zero-sum aspect that makes track & field and cross country the most popular high school sports in America."

Hold the phone. Track is the most popular sport in America? Somebody forgot to tell ESPN.

"Look at participation," Bulling said. "That's where you see it."

Almost half a million more American high school students compete in track & field or cross country than their closest competitor: football.

US Participation in High School Sports



National Federation of State High School Associations, 2018

Track & field

NWU's men and women put up strong outdoor seasons. The men finished third in the conference. The women finished half a point from a conference championship and qualified 10 athletes for nationals where they finished fifth, tying the program's highest final ranking. The women's 4x400 won a seventh NCAA III title and Kaylee Jones took second in the 400.

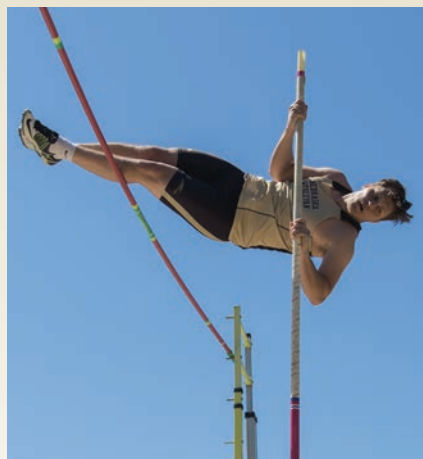


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points from athletes who got eighth instead of ninth or fourth instead of sixth. Those performances are just as crucial to our program's success as the person who got first instead of second."

OK. Agreed. But with this relay team, we're not talking about a string of valiant fourth-place finishes. Coach, we're talking about a team gunning for a seventh-straight NCAA title. We're talking about pressure.

"Yeah," he acknowledged. "Now we've got this streak thing." His voice held "this streak thing" a bit at arm's length. There was no disgust; it wasn't like a dishrag in his hand. Rather, it was something delicate—like an egg—that he refused to overhandle.

"There are really only two kinds of reinforcement. We can motivate ourselves to reach something good," he said, "or avoid something bad. At the start of this season, I just told them to forget about avoiding. I said, 'Let's reach for something we want.'"

How did they respond?

"I just saw smiles," Bulling said. "They told each other, 'Let's make sure we really enjoy this.'"

To Bulling, those smiles reflected a little victory of culture that he's been tending for decades. He tends it because he believes this culture boosts performance in everything his students do. "I ask them, 'How can we use this platform of track & field to become better in every aspect of our lives?'"

It's a healthy question. And Kaylee Jones has thrown all of herself at her answer.

"Being in a consistent healthy mental state is crucial for athletic as well as academic success," she told FanWord.com. "We are always supporting each other and finding ways to challenge each other, which results in incredible leaps forward in our lives."

To Elizabeth Jones, it's a culture that elevates performance by alleviating stress. "When the race is over or the exam is complete," she said, "the love and support will always be there."



Photo by Melanie Reimiller

Sisters' Shadow


Elizabeth and Kaylee Jones have been parts of all seven NCAA titles. And the novelty of identical twins on a championship relay team has absorbed a lot of attention.

Just don't miss the other half of this special team.

Aspen Rolfes (right) is a sophomore from Lincoln's Pius X High School. Bulling called her "a victory in recruiting." He said, "We showed her the student-athletes she'd be working with. We could tell her, 'You can win NCAA championships here.'"

Anna Frazier (left) is a senior from Omaha's Millard North. "If Aspen was a victory in recruiting, Anna is a victory in development," Bulling said. "She's someone who has worked incredibly hard to make herself better and better and better each season."

An athlete competing in this environment has nothing to lose. She's free to perform because the stress of the moment simply cannot touch what matters most to her. She's avoiding nothing. And reaching for everything.

It's true that NWU won its seventh-straight crown on May 25 in Geneva, Ohio. It's equally true that they won it much earlier—back in Lincoln, with a quiet pep talk and four wide smiles. 

Come to homecoming to honor these

2019 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME *Inductees*

Tina (Westerhold) Blessen ('00)
volleyball

Tommi (Bolton) Cox ('99)
women's soccer

Steve Harder ('01)
men's track & field

Brian Hauff ('00)
men's track & field

Bob Wellman ('99)
men's golf

Justin Wilkins ('96)
men's basketball

Loy Watley
Spirit of the Plainsman

A Flood of Uneasy Questions

Painter Micheal Two Bulls is comfortable with your discomfort.

—By Eric Wendt ('99)

It isn't quite right to say that Micheal Two Bulls predicted the flood that would devastate the Great Plains in March. But he did pre-paint it.

He came to Lucas Hall on February 1 with paintings of the floodwaters along the Nebraska-South Dakota border at Wounded Knee Creek.

He wasn't there to prophesy natural disaster. But the Lakota man did share a prophet's blunt willingness to leave his audience uneasy. His art was full of uncomfortable juxtapositions—dark subjects painted in hot pink, thorny questions asked in soft voices.

Questions like: "What happens to a white picket fence when you put a historical image of an Indian woman behind it?"

What happens is the symbol of a white, middle-class American dream splinters. And you see in a new way what was uprooted to allow those picket fences to sprout.

"In the 1870s, the Indian Wars were led by Civil War veterans who applied Civil War tactics," Two Bulls said. "You worked to understand what kept your enemy strong. In the Confederacy, that was the railway system. And the generals attacked it. With the Indians, that was the buffalo. And the generals attacked it."

Toward the end of the 1870s, we were killing an estimated 5,000 bison each day with the military goal of starving Native children.

It worked. White picket fences would sprout in Lincoln less than a lifetime later.

While Two Bulls' art is meant to spark uneasiness about these realities, he didn't come to Lucas Hall to make white people feel bad. He came to help NWU art majors and talk shop.

His NWU visit coincided with an opening at the neighboring



Photo courtesy LUX Center for the Arts

It's not unusual for kids like me to go off to art school and come back asking hard questions.

Lux Center for the Arts. The exhibition, "Dementia Americana," included his work as well as pieces by Cannupa Hanksa Luger and Marty Two Bulls, Jr. The show ran through March 31.

"In my hometown, no one's buying paintings," he said. It's not that they don't appreciate art. "They just don't have the money. So you have to expand your reach." He advised Nebraska Wesleyan art majors to be willing to travel, use social media and write grants to support their work. And stay resourceful.

"My family in South Dakota has always been crafty," he said. Crafty in the decorative arts; crafty also in finding clever ways to stay afloat. They've snared their share of Black Hills tourists seeking dream catchers on summer vacations. The young Micheal Two Bulls sharpened his skills in that sink-or-swim environment.

"It's not unusual for kids like me to go off to art school and come back asking hard questions," Two Bulls said.

The questions in his art struck a chord with Kathy Wolfe ('90). "When I was young, my family took vacations in the Black Hills," NWU's dean of undergraduate programs said, "but I learned nothing about the contested history of the area until years later. We just oohed and aahed at Mount Rushmore, bought some Black Hills gold jewelry and came home."

She said Two Bulls' art "made me wince at those memories. Art should do that to us sometimes."

Moved, she bought his piece, "Gold," (opposite, top), at the Lux. Rather than tuck it away at home, like those trinkets her family bought in the 1970s, she did something else. She donated it to Nebraska Wesleyan's permanent collection.

Wolfe did it, she said, "because of our relationship with the Lux; because I think the piece needs to be out where it can prompt

feeling and discussion.”

Plus, she said, “Think what it would mean for me to hoard this particular piece.”

Two Bulls described his intent with this series. “One reason for using the shadow box is to show the audience that the ‘box’ we’re placed in is empty.”

If his shadow boxes are purposefully empty, other Two Bulls paintings are purposefully flooded. Waterlines rise across many portraits, lapping near his subjects’ necks. He’ll overhear conversations at openings. People talk about those flood portraits. “Is he drowned? Or maybe swimming?”

What they’re really asking is: Are these paintings about death? Or life?

The writer and anthropologist David Treuer has his own take. He grew up on the Ojibwe Leech Lake Reservation near Bemidji, Minn. Treuer wrote his 2019 book, *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present*, with “the simple, fierce conviction that our cultures are not dead and our civilizations have not been destroyed.”

Even when its subject is death, Treuer contends that contemporary Native art remains a proof of life—of life that did not end with the massacre at Wounded Knee.

In one painting, Two Bulls rendered the year of that massacre, 1890, in four floating mylar balloons. He took the notion that Lakota life stopped in that frozen creek bed and blew a birthday noisemaker in its face.

“We are not extinct,” Two Bulls said, “nor are we artifacts from the past.”

Treuer said contemporary Native art holds the power to “dismantle the tale of our demise by way of a new story.” In the stories Two Bulls paints, the past and the pop bob next to one another in the flood. Chief Red Cloud and Andy Warhol exchange peculiar nods. Here: an American buffalo. There: a Ford Mustang.

The 2019 flood stirred up similarly odd couples in the crush of muddy ice. Here: a Nebraska farmer who lost hundreds of thousands of dollars measured in dead cattle, fouled feed and a ruined planting season. There: a woman on the Pine Ridge Reservation—one of the poorest places in America—a Lakota mother who measured her losses in centuries and at a depth you might shudder to plumb.

Two Bulls’ advice for the uneasy viewer: Plumb it anyway. 🍷



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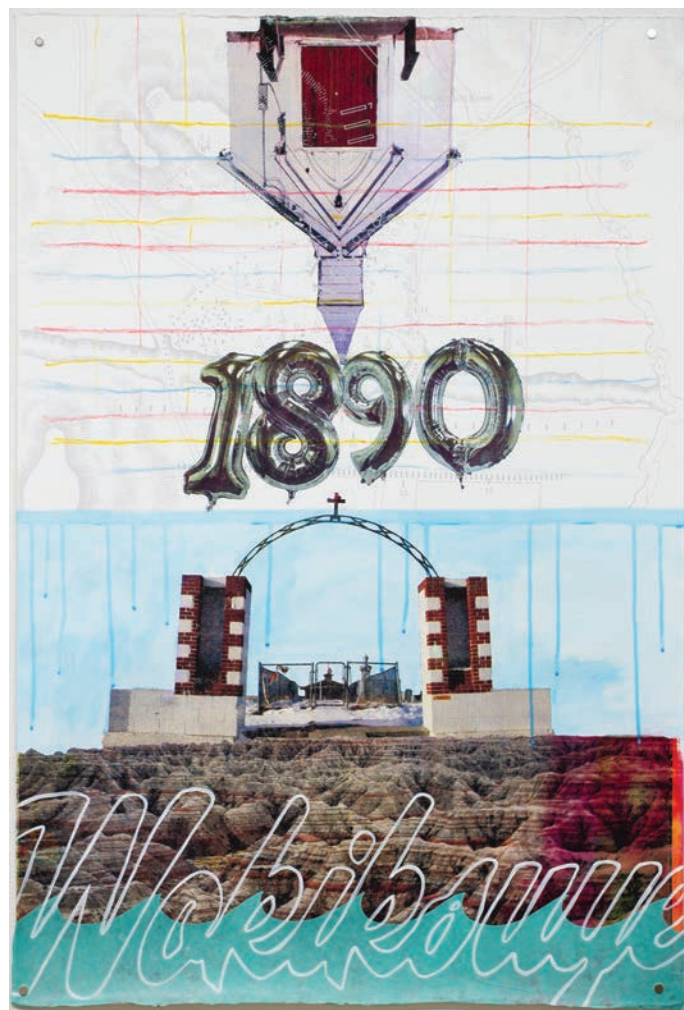


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Bill

by the Numbers



Over his 44 years at Nebraska Wesleyan, Professor Emeritus of Music **William Wyman** orchestrated one of the university's most storied teaching careers.

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Wyman's teaching career spans a third of NWU's 132-year history.

4

Wyman taught under four presidents: Vance Rogers, John White, Jeanie Watson and Fred Ohles.

4

Carnegie Hall performances

>1,000

More than 1,000 students participated in NWU's University Choir under his direction.

10

International choir tours to places like Romania, Germany, Italy, Scotland, Russia, Slovakia, Korea, China, Japan, Brazil, Estonia, Sweden, Ireland and Spain



Photos by Michael Reimiller

Mayor Shines Spotlight on NWU Arts

Mayor Chris Beutler and the Lincoln Arts Council held the 41st annual Mayor's Arts Awards on May 9. Three of the honorees are heavily invested in the arts at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Professor of Theatre **Jack Parkhurst** ('69) (left) won the Gladys Lux Education Award. He describes himself as "just a guy who likes to do theatre." Others call the alumnus and professional director a major force behind NWU Theatre's growth and acceleration as a nationally regarded undergraduate theatre program.

While the department's accomplishments are nice, Parkhurst's focus remains fixed on his current and former students. "I do have many former students out there working, and it's so much fun to see them succeed," he said.

The Pearle Francis Finigan Foundation received the Benefactor of the Arts Award. **Liana Sandin** ('81) (right) serves as the foundation's president. A gift to NWU from the foundation in 2018 supported installation of a new LED lighting system in O'Donnell Auditorium. Sandin, who studied music at NWU, called O'Donnell "a major venue for the entire student body, community groups and performing groups." She said, "It needs to be up to date."

Thanks to a grant from the Pearle Francis Finigan Foundation, the lighting system is more than updated; it's cutting edge.

Jonathan Love, an adjunct instructor of art originally from Norfolk, Neb., won the Kimmel Foundation Award for Visual Art for work exploring "what it feels like to live both on and offline simultaneously."

Parkhurst, Sandin and Love are the latest of several people with NWU connections to be honored at the Mayor's Arts Awards. A partial list of other recent recipients with NWU ties include Associate Professor of Art **David Gracie**; Artist in Residence **Mary Hickman**; **Sarah Berkeley**, a former NWU art professor; and **Twyla Hansen**, a former NWU head groundskeeper and Nebraska state poet.

2019–2020 Season

- > **Footloose / MUSICAL**
August 15–18, 22–25
- > **Gloria**
September 12–15, 19–22
- > **Newsies / MUSICAL**
September 26–29, October 3–6
- > **The Wolves**
October 31–November 3, 7–10
- > **48th Street Fall Cabaret**
November 14–17, 21–24
- > **Now. Here. This. / MUSICAL**
November 21–24
- > **A Christmas Carol**
December 5–8, 12–15
- > **Much Ado about Nothing**
January 23–26, 30–February 2
- > **Glengarry Glen Ross**
February 6–9, 12–16
- > **American Idiot / MUSICAL**
February 20–23, 27–March 1
- > **The Book of Will**
March 26–29, April 2–5
- > **48th Street Spring Cabaret**
April 16–19
- > **Children of Eden / MUSICAL**
April 23–26, 30–May 3



Student Pride

Prestige scholars and awards



Photos by Lauren Andres ('21)

Three Lincolniters JET to Japan

Three graduating NWU seniors have been accepted into the highly selective Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program. JET sends outstanding students to Japan to work as assistant language teachers.

Felicia Phares ('19) (top) is a biochemistry and molecular biology major and German minor from Lincoln. Her interest in Japan dates back to an international pen-pal program in high school. After her year abroad, Phares plans to pursue a PhD in chemistry.

Kate Richerson ('19) (center) is a political science major with a triple-minor in business administration, English and history. She studied at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo as a junior. She plans to pursue a career in law, public policy or international politics.

Grant Jackman ('19) (bottom) is a business administration major with minors in Japanese and religion and philosophy. He, too, has studied in Japan previously. He spent the fall 2016 semester at NWU's sister school, Kwansei Gakuin University, near Osaka. He also visited Japan as part of a course with Assistant Professor of Japanese **Yuko Yamada**.



Translation Experience Translates to Fulbright Scholarship

Toree Hempstead ('19) is headed to Spain thanks to a Fulbright Scholarship. The political science and modern languages graduate will work as an English teaching assistant at a bilingual secondary school. There, she'll assist with the school's Model U.N. program and volunteer in after-school programs and with a child-welfare organization.

Hempstead studied at the Universidad Blas Pascal in Argentina in 2017. She returned to Argentina this spring as part of a translation project with Professor of Spanish **Cathy Nelson**, which was funded in part by NWU's Student Faculty Collaborative Research Grant.

Hempstead is NWU's 57th Fulbright scholar.



Athletic Training Students Are High Performers

Two new Nebraska Wesleyan University graduates have been awarded the National Athletic Training Association Scholarship. **Kelsey Jaeschke** ('19) (right) of Kenesaw and **Jacob LaMarche** ('19) (left) of Omaha were among 58 American undergraduates to receive the honor.

Jaeschke played basketball, served as vice president of the Athletic Training Student Association, and assisted NWU volleyball, football, outdoor track & field, men's basketball and baseball teams. She credited that engagement for her success with the nationally competitive scholarship.

"I think being involved in various activities and clinical experiences really set me apart from many other applicants," Jaeschke said.

LaMarche was equally engaged. He was president of the Athletic Training Student Association and a board member of the Health and Human Performance Club. He worked with NWU football, wrestling, soccer, women's basketball, softball and indoor and outdoor track & field. He also traveled to New Orleans, La., and Quebec City, Canada, to present his research findings on the genetic connective tissue disorders known as Ehlers-Danlose Syndrome.

"This would not be possible without the wonderful teachers and mentors in NWU's Athletic Training Program," LaMarche said. "They are always pushing us to be the best we can."

Jaeschke and LaMarche are both pursuing graduate school in physical therapy.

Football Scholars Put NWU in Select Company

Across the United States, 424 college football programs produced at least one player selected to the National Football Foundation (NFF) Hampshire Honor Society. And only two schools produced more than Nebraska Wesleyan University's 15.

The NFF Hampshire Honor Society is comprised of student-athletes from all divisions who have completed their football eligibility while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better. Saint John's (Minn.) led the way with 20 inductees, followed by Harvard at 16. NWU and Johns Hopkins tied for third with 15.

Here are Nebraska Wesleyan's 2019 honorees:



Grant Bednar ('19)



Caleb Conway ('19)



Zach Ditson ('19)



Adam Granville ('18)



Dylan Hike ('19)



Jackson Hinze ('19)



Jake Kittle ('19)



Dylan MacKichan ('19)



Grant McGill ('19)



Bryan Moore ('18)



Joey Mueller ('19)



Bradley Pelkey ('19)



Cody Robinson ('19)



James Skerjanec ('19)



Ben Smith ('19)

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MYSTERY PHOTO

Faces for Radio

NWU featured a student-run radio station in the 1960s. Can you name the foursome of radio personalities in KPRA's (out of) control room? We're live in four ... three ... two ...

Send your responses to:

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MYSTERY PHOTO REVEALED



Star Check

You lined up the usual suspects to apprehend these characters.

Not sure about “Spock,” but I’m pretty sure the police officer is Dehnia Bullerdiek. I’m pictured playing trumpet right above “Spock,” along with Andrew Riquier in the upper left. We were dressed up as “Fire & Ice.” The trombone players might be Clay Chapman and Cody Hellbusch.

—Kensy Byers ('10)

Alumni News

Photo by Lane Hickenbottom



Mullin Named to Nebraska Business Hall of Fame

Philip Mullin ('65) was a Nebraska Wesleyan student when he started work at Garner Industries as a part-time punch press operator. He returned to Garner a couple years after graduation and helped turn it into a major supplier of machined parts for Midwestern manufacturers.

By 1992, he owned the company. Mullin then guided Garner Industries through a technological evolution as well as a 25-year period of historic growth. Today, Garner Industries has a national reach with manufacturers in the agricultural, plastics and cement markets.

Mullin's success made him the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration's 2001 Entrepreneur of the Year. In 2017, the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry named Garner Industries its Nebraska Manufacturer of the Year. And this year, the same organization named Mullin to the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame.

Not a bad run for a part-time punch press operator.

Mullin has also served on many boards, holding recent leadership positions with the United Way and Food Bank of Lincoln. He and his wife, Linda Robinson Rutz, have five children and 14 grandchildren.

The Thrill of Being There

NWU connections give one student a seat at the table.

—By Amanda Broulik

One Sunday in 1961, *The New York Times* featured a large photo of President John F. Kennedy looking out at the press corps. In the middle of the photo, among the distinguished reporters, sits a 20-year-old college student from Lincoln, Neb.



John Sampson ('63) still has the clipping and remembers the thrill of being there. The Nebraska Wesleyan junior was there thanks to NWU's Washington Semester, the precursor to today's Capitol Hill Internship Program (CHIP).

Each student in the program was asked to write a monthly article for *The Wesleyan*. Sampson wanted to report on a presidential press conference, so he wrote Pierre Salinger, Kennedy's press secretary. He kindly

connected Sampson with a pass.

Kennedy's press conferences were so popular, the White House moved them to the State Department auditorium. Sampson arrived and found his seat. He hadn't sat for long before the president entered and the press corps stood.

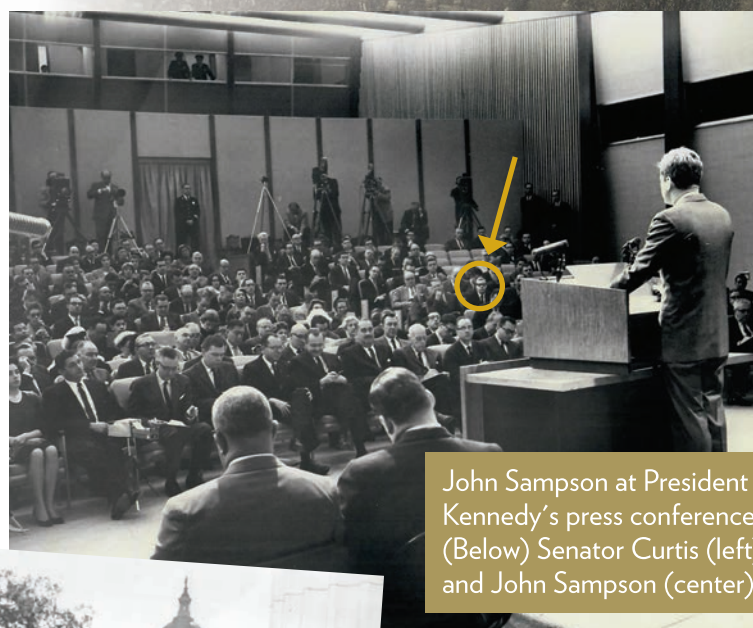
"Kennedy knew how to handle the press very well, with his humor and clever responses," Sampson remembered. After the conference, Sampson waited outside the State Department garage. "Kennedy's car came right past me," Sampson said. "He gave me a warm smile and friendly wave."

It wasn't the first time Sampson had seen JFK in person. Kennedy had visited Nebraska Wesleyan as a candidate, and Sampson asked him to sign his history book. (The *Lincoln Journal Star* featured a photo of Kennedy greeting attendees. Sampson made an appearance in that one, too.)

Back in Washington, Sampson had seized another spot in a historic photo. Zoom in on an image of Kennedy's 1962 State of the Union and you might spot him. He's sitting in the gallery above the Supreme Court justices and cabinet members.

How he got that coveted seat is a story of Nebraska Wesleyan connections. "I told Senator Carl Curtis ('28) that I would really like to attend," Sampson said. "He explained that it was highly unlikely." Senators only got one extra ticket, and Curtis's was bound for his wife.

But the morning of the speech, Sampson took a call from Curtis's secretary. The Nebraska senator and NWU trustee had found an extra ticket. And he'd asked whether his fellow Plainsman still wanted



it. Sampson sure did.

Sampson threw on his suit and dashed to the bus. He picked up his ticket and made it to the House floor, sitting down just in time to hear, "Mr. Speaker, the President of the United States!"

His experiences that semester led to an internship with the secretary of defense and a job with the Committee for Economic

Development. There, he helped advocate for the 25th Amendment on presidential succession and for improvements in federal budget management. The decades that followed included work with three Fortune 500 food companies and a presidency of his own—with Sampson Associates Inc., which helped clients buy and sell businesses.

When he later joined Nebraska Wesleyan's Board of Trustees in 1970, he found himself sitting at the same table of decisionmakers as Sen. Curtis—the man who got him a seat at the State of the Union. And Sampson has sought to give back to Nebraska Wesleyan in the same spirit of kindness and service.

"I was a different person for having attended Nebraska Wesleyan and participated in the Washington Semester," he said. "Giving is just my attempt to repay some of what I gained." 🍷

You can share your own Washington internship memories at nebrwesleyan.edu/DCmemorybook.

NWU to Honor Six Legends

Nebraska Wesleyan University will honor outstanding alumni as part of its Legends & Legacies banquet on October 3 at 6 p.m. at the Country Club of Lincoln during homecoming weekend.

Here are this year's award winners.

—By Amanda Broulik

Bernie Olsen ('75)

ALUMNI MEDAL OF HONOR

"NWU was a place of growth and opportunity for me," Bernie Olsen said. "My professors opened doors for me to explore future directions."

Those openings led Olsen to a PhD in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a career in drug development. He was a senior research fellow at Eli Lilly & Company, and is now a consultant for Olsen Pharmaceutical Consulting, LLC.

Olsen has helped develop more than 25 commercial drugs. He published and lectured internationally, and has chaired a committee for the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention, which creates public standards that help ensure the quality, safety and benefit of medicines and foods.

Olsen served on the NWU Board of Governors and was a founding member of the President's Board of Advisors.

Alynn (High) Sampson ('06)

YOUNG ALUMNI LOYALTY AWARD

As youth and family programs director at the Food Bank of Lincoln, Alynn Sampson develops and runs programs that reach more than 5,000 children and families in 16 counties throughout southeast Nebraska.

Sampson graduated from NWU with a bachelor's degree in social work and received her Master of Social Work from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. "My time at Nebraska Wesleyan prepared

me for real-life experiences as well as the expectations of graduate school," she said. "I will always be grateful for Wesleyan and the opportunities I have to give back."

Sampson is a regular guest speaker at NWU, works with senior social work majors completing their capstone courses, has served on numerous panels and committees, and has helped create a food pantry on the NWU campus.

David Dyke ('63)

ALUMNI LOYALTY AWARD

David Dyke is a member of NWU's Doctors for Science, a group of generous doctors who helped fund Acklie Hall of Science. One of its first members, Dyke was instrumental in rallying support for the project. He also served on the Alumni Executive Council.

After graduating from NWU and UNMC, Dyke completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic and served in the U.S. Air

Force as an internist. He then spent 35 years practicing gastroenterology, served as chief of staff at Bryan Memorial Hospital, and later served on the Bryan System Board.

"I departed NWU with confidence and a focused attitude, essential ingredients for the eventual success achieved," he said. He also departed NWU hand-in-hand with his wife of 55 years, Elaine (Dorr) Dyke ('63).

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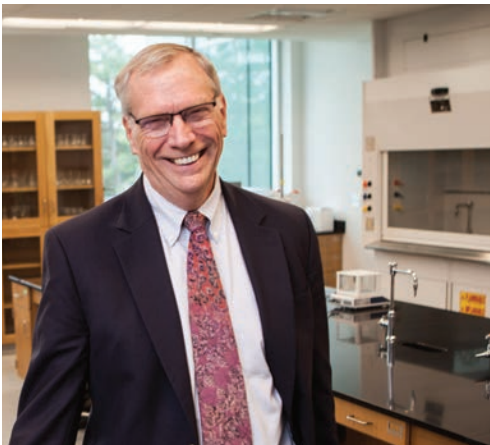


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Deb (Jones) Frison ('77)

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Deb Frison is a veteran educator with 42 years of leadership and administrative experience in addition to teaching music with Omaha Public Schools. She serves as deputy commissioner of school improvement for the Nebraska Department of Education. She is also a first-generation high school graduate.

"My success was cemented because of the high expectations of my NWU

professors," she said. "They never allowed me to doubt I would do anything other than succeed."

Frison served on the NWU Board of Governors and is currently co-chair of the President's Board of Advisors. She received an Honorary Doctorate of Pedagogy from NWU in 2015 and was commencement speaker in 2016.



Mary Beth (Gottula) Byrne ('62)

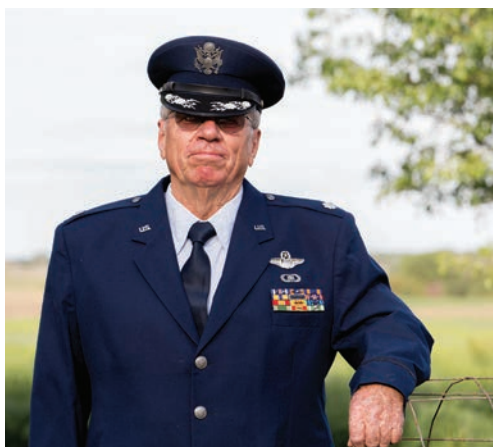
ALUMNI HUMANITARIAN AWARD

"I am so grateful for my experiences at NWU," Mary Beth Byrne said. "It was the foundation of my career and the anchor of my life."

After graduating from NWU with a bachelor's degree in education, Byrne earned a master's degree in counseling. She has served diverse and underserved populations as a teacher, counselor and guidance director, "always aiming to help

others achieve their dreams." She also directed rehabilitation and personnel at Goodwill Industries.

Later, Byrne attended seminary and became an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church. She most recently served as a volunteer counselor at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe, and as the coordinator of caring ministries with First UMC in Whitewater, Wis.



Noel Frisbie ('66)

JOHN ROSENTRATER ACT OF VALOR AWARD

After graduating from NWU, Noel Frisbie taught high school biology for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. He had always been fascinated with airplanes. The fact that Frisbie had never actually been in an airplane didn't stop him.

Only two years later, he was deployed to Vietnam, where he flew 216 combat missions and served as a search and rescue pilot. He

then served 20 years as a flight instructor. He retired from the Air Force as lieutenant colonel and continued to teach around the country—from Alaska to Grand Island, Neb.

"The years spent at NWU were monumental in shaping my life," he said. "I have been teaching others ever since!" But his most monumental NWU memory: meeting his wife, Joyce Furst Frisbie ('67).

A lot's new at your old home...



- > Inauguration of President Darrin Good
- > Tours of the new Duane W. Acklie Hall of Science
- > NWU theatre's first-ever Disney production: "Newsies"
- > Volleyball vs. Central College
- > Football vs. Simpson College

2019 OCTOBER 3-6
Home **COMING**
AND PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Calendar

Mark your calendar for these events. All are welcome.
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October 4

Inauguration of President Darrin Good

The Nebraska Wesleyan community comes together in O'Donnell Auditorium to put its full support behind the university's 17th president. The ceremony is part of homecoming and begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by a community celebration on Taylor Commons.

AUGUST

21

Matriculation convocation

NWU welcomes more than 450 new students into the fold with their "first walk".



15

NWU theatre: Footloose

NWU theatre kicks off its fall season by cutting a rug. This dance-crazy musical explores what happens when being yourself means breaking the rules. Visit theatre.nebrwesleyan.edu for tickets and showtimes.

SEPTEMBER

25

Visions and Ventures Symposium

*"Let's Listen:
Conversations to Bring Us Together"*

How can our differences serve to unite instead of divide us? O'Donnell Auditorium hosts a full day of fascinating lectures. John Hibbing speaks on "the biology of political differences" at 10 a.m. DeRay McKesson joins a moderated discussion on American activism and the Black Lives Matter Movement at 1 p.m. And Irshad Manji concludes at 4 p.m. with a conversation about speaking truth to power.

27-28

NWU volleyball

Snyder Arena hosts the Prairie Wolves Invitational with matches against University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Johnson & Wales University and Brooklyn College.

Check nwusports.com for game times.

OCTOBER



Photo by Dan Luedert

3-6

Homecoming

NWU's homecoming traditions go well beyond food, friends and football. Catch the Disney musical, "Newsies," tailgate on Taylor Commons and reconnect with the campus community all weekend long.

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NWU football

The Prairie Wolves tackle Coe College in conference play at 1 p.m. at Abel Stadium.



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