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What I Discovered From the Discover Campaign

In November of 2014, we embarked upon the largest single-building fundraising campaign in Northwestern’s history. The Discover Campaign has a goal of $24.5 million for a new science center. It also seeks another $3.5 million to endow the facility’s operations and provide more scholarships and better research opportunities for students.

On April 7, thanks in part to a successful challenge pledge, we were able to break ground on Northwestern’s newest building. Praise God for the generous financial commitments of so many people! As wonderful as it has been to see people give so sacrificially, what I will remember most about the Discover Campaign are the stories I’ve heard from our alumni.

On almost every trip I have made, at least one alum has asked about longtime biology professor Virgil Mulderink, ’58, ’60, ’62. Many have similar memories to the person who recalled, “He used to host me at his home for homemade pizza and milkshakes!” When I tell them he is still doing that for students, they are amazed! They are also not surprised to hear “Prof,” as he’s still affectionately known, continues to humbly serve the college by caring for our campus grounds.

Early on, an alumna from our junior college days told me about a professor named Ted Van Bruggen. This gentleman said, “I owe him everything.” I was able to get the two of them together when they were both in northwest Iowa, and they had a great reunion. A number of others have asked about former chemistry professor Dr. Pete De Beer. When I tell them he is still doing that for students, they are amazed! They are also not surprised to hear “Prof,” as he’s still affectionately known, continues to humbly serve the college by caring for our campus grounds.

Four employees will be promoted to new roles as academic deans, effective July 1.

Karen Bohm Barker, professor of theatre and speech, will serve as dean of arts and humanities; Dr. Dean Calsbeek ’97, professor of biochemistry, as dean of natural and applied sciences; Dr. Rebecca Hooy, director of graduate school and adult learning, as dean of graduate school and adult learning; and Dr. Jeff VanDerWerff ’83, professor of political science, as dean of social sciences.

According to Dr. Mark Husbands, vice president for academic affairs, the new positions will create an academic administrative team that allows for greater communication, leadership and care for faculty and the academic program. He also anticipates the change will encourage strategic development at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The deans will work to improve instructional quality and outcomes by guiding curricular planning and assessment and by supporting faculty and student scholar research.

“Our new deans will play a significant role in deepening Northwestern’s institutional commitment to academic excellence in teaching, scholarship and the integration of faith and learning,” Husbands says. “Committed Christian scholarship is a necessity if we hope to maintain a truthful and abiding witness.”

The academic deans will help secure resources and space for faculty to pursue teaching, scholarship and artistic production. They will also support department chairs so the chairs can play a more substantial role in mentoring their faculty colleagues. And because Husbands believes in the value of academic administrators who are, at the same time, models of teaching excellence, those deans in charge of Northwestern’s undergraduate programs will continue to teach half time.

Thankful for Diversity Vision

I was so thankful to read of the Vision for Diversity commitment and the steps NWC is taking to meet it! I love that students with intellectual and developmental disabilities are included. Thank you for the articles covering this important work.

Lisa (Steiner ’90) Van Hofwegen
Rollingwood, Wash.

The following is from a reader-posted comment about the Classic at classic.nwciowa.edu:

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

I agree completely with [Ben Brown ’10], in his “Man in the Middle” Classic Thoughts essay on the respect issue. It is something that served me in good stead for my 36 years in law enforcement. Even the least among us wants to feel they have self-worth.

Pete De Beer
Orange City

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Encore of Accolades

Northwestern’s high national rankings continued this winter with rankings by ChristianUniversitiesOnline.org. NWC was ranked 22nd on the website’s list of the 50 Best Value Christian Colleges and Universities and 16th on its list of 50 Most Beautiful Christian Colleges and Universities nationwide list.

The value ranking lists the most affordable Christian colleges based both on net price and return on investment. Northwestern was the only college in Iowa to make the list.

“We are pleased to see another high ranking based on data that shows Northwestern is affordable and offers a strong return on investment,” says Mark Bloemendal ’81, dean of enrollment and marketing. “Students and their families can be confident that Northwestern offers an outstanding college at a reasonable price and that our graduates get great jobs.”

The site’s description of Northwestern’s campus highlights the college’s attractive grounds and vicinity to residential neighborhoods, local parks and eating areas. The website also mentions impressive facilities that surround the campus green, including Zornen Hall.

The selected programs are actuarial science, athletic training, biochemistry, biology, business, chemistry, computer information systems, computer science, ecological science, education, English, exercise science, history, music, music and worship leadership, nursing, philosophy, physics, psychology, public relations, religion, social work, sociology, Spanish and theatre.

Recommended Programs

Twenty-five of Northwestern’s academic programs are listed in the 2017 edition of Augsburg’s Recommendations on the Colleges, a national guidebook that recommends specific college departments to prospective students.

The selected programs are actuarial science, athletic training, biochemistry, biology, business, chemistry, computer information systems, computer science, ecological science, education, English, exercise science, history, music, music and worship leadership, nursing, philosophy, physics, psychology, public relations, religion, social work, sociology, Spanish and theatre.

Calling and Mission

Students, faculty and staff spent a day exploring the calling and mission of the Christian college during Northwestern’s annual Day of Learning in Community on Feb. 15.

Dr. Timothy Larsen, professor of Christian thought at Wheaton College, served as the keynote speaker and participated in a panel discussion on faith and science. Participants also had their choice of sessions covering such topics as young adult faith development, Christians and democracy, global education, intercultural living and learning, preparing for graduate school, and caring for the vulnerable.

“Dr. Larsen reminded us that while there are significant economic benefits to getting a high-quality Christian education, that’s not the primary benefit,” says Dr. Mark Husbands, vice president for academic affairs. “The primary benefit is learning how the particular way God has made you—with your gifts and abilities and passions—fits into God’s work in the world.”

Profs Practice What They Teach

Four Northwestern professors are the recipients of grants or sabbaticals for 2017-18 designed to encourage research and further study in their fields. Dr. Laird Edman, psychology, and Emily Stokes, art, were awarded $5,500 and $10,000 Endowed Research Fellowships; Dr. Diana Gonzalez, Spanish, and Dr. Valerie Edman (Román ’93) Stokes, social work, full-year sabbaticals.

Edman will use his fellowship to continue his research in the cognitive science of religion, which studies the relationship between belief and mental processes involved in perception, memory, judgment and reasoning. He is writing a book to help ministry leaders benefit from a more accurate understanding of human cognition and psychology.

The other fellowship will support the artistic work of Emily Stokes, who is creating pieces that feature contemporary iconography. She recently created linocut and lithograph prints on wood, popularizing landscapes with animals, objects and people that reflect Christian symbolism and convey deeper meanings.

Gonzalez will spend her sabbatical as part of a research team in her home country of Argentina. She and her colleagues will explore how language choices in Spanish differ depending on the social context, roles and values of the speakers. The project will also study identity building through discourse.

Valerie Stokes will open a private practice as a clinical mental health therapist during her sabbatical. She also wants to develop advocacy activities and outreach opportunities among the local Latino community and spend time working on curricular revisions for the college’s social work program.

Northwestern funding will enable (clockwise from left) Dr. Diana Gonzalez, Dr. Laird Edman, Dr. Valerie Stokes and Emily Stokes to pursue further study in their fields.

Biblical Drama Online

A recording of last fall’s production of Joseph and His Brothers can be viewed at maxwell.edu/joseph-video.

The drama was scripted directly from Scripture by theatre professor Jeff Barker with input from the show’s cast. As with all the Old Testament dramas he’s scripted, Barker hopes the experience of watching the play inspires audience members to re-read the biblical story—this time with a bigger, more vivid imagination.

A view of the Northwestern theatre production of Joseph and His Brothers is online.

AROUND THE GREEN
Campus Life

Whodunit?

There’s an outline of a body on the ground, and passers-by hear nefarious things. “Stabbed or shot?” “Bullets were ricocheting everywhere.” “It was the mafia. His job.” It’s not a crime scene. It’s Dr. Sam Martin’s English seminar on writing crime fiction.

Students gather around a table—underneath which there really is an outline of a body, made with masking tape on the carpeted floor—to discuss crime scenes from literature, movies and TV and try writing their own. They read and their classmates critique their writing, offering suggestions for everything from character names to weapon choices to disposal options for dead bodies.

The half-semester course introduces students to crime-fiction subgenres the whodunit, sometimes called the “village, cozy,” as it’s often set in a small town or enclosed environment like a train; police procedural, a popular format on TV; and noir thrillers, including psychological thrillers like recent book-to-movie sensation Gone Girl.

Martin also teaches fantasy writing and poetry. He’s currently working on his second novel, a noir thriller, and has published short stories, essays and poetry. “I want student writers to be able to try different kinds of genres,” he says, adding that he wants students to think of their characters as more than just plot devices. A key to good crime fiction genres, he says, adding that he wants students to think of their characters as more than just plot devices. A key to good crime fiction genres, he says, adding that he wants students to think of their characters as more than just plot devices. A key to good crime fiction genres, he says, adding that he wants students to think of their characters as more than just plot devices. A key to good crime fiction genres, he says, adding that he wants students to think of their characters as more than just plot devices. A key to good crime fiction genres, he says, adding that he wants students to think of their characters as more than just plot devices. A key to good crime fiction genres, he says, adding that he wants students to think of their characters as more than just plot devices. A key to good crime fiction genres, he says, adding that he wants students to think of their characters as more than just plot devices.

Critical Acclaim

Senior Ali Stoscher received first place in a theatre criticism competition at the Region Five Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Des Moines in January.

During the festival, Stoscher wrote a preview for Amahl and the Night Visitors and a critique of Get Off!

Stoscher and senior Julia VanDyk also received honorable mention for their sound design for the college’s production of Rabbit Hole.

In addition, junior Warren VanDyk was among 66 students who advanced to the semifinal pool of the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship competition.

Gold Rush


Gold awards recognized the 2016 Christmas card, designed by John Vander Stelt ’83, and Northwestern’s college fair brochure. Two publications for the admissions office received awards of merit: the fine arts brochure and an “apply now” postcard.

This is the second consecutive year that four projects coordinated by Northwestern’s PR office have won awards.

Sharing the Word

Students have heard from a number of nationally known speakers during chapel services this semester.

Guests have included sexual abuse survivor Nicole Brummell, international opera star Simon Estes, Chigoe Osimba, award-winning author of The Fishermen, which was a finalist for the Man Booker Prize in 2015; and Sarah Thebarge, author of The Invisible Girls, which tells the story of her relationship with a family of Somali refugees.

Among others sharing their stories and insights were the Rev. Ben Agolera ’12, pastor of community and global engagement at Christ Memorial Church in Holland, Mich.; the Rev. Dr. Jerry Sitten, best-selling author, former Northwestern chaplain and current professor at Whitworth University; and the Rev. Tim Vink ’87, senior church multiplication catalyst for the Reformed Church in America.

The Art of Influence

The influence of generations of art professors, including John Kaericher, professor emeritus of art at Northwestern, was emphasized through exhibits and a lecture at Minot State University (MSU) in March.

Under the coordination of Ryan Stander ’98, a professor at MSU, the university displayed a major artwork donation to its permanent art collection and a lecture at Minot State University (MSU) in March.

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European Classroom

A new professor is teaching a new study abroad course.

Dr. Jason List ’96 joined Northwestern’s religion faculty last August as an expert in Christian education and youth ministry. This summer he will lead students to Italy, where they will participate in a two-week spiritual pilgrimage that follows the journey of St. Francis from Assisi to Rome.

“Students will experience religious beliefs and practices that are an important part of the Italian heritage, and in doing so, they’ll have the opportunity to examine their own faith,” List says. The pilgrimage will take students through the back country of Italy, where they will stay in hostels, homes and monasteries in small towns and villages. Morning and evening worship will be part of each day.

The other summer study abroad trip will take students to Czechia—the country formerly known as the Czech Republic. Led by Kyle Ochoa ’08, Northwestern’s head strength and conditioning coach, participants in that three-week course will compare and contrast Czech sports, fitness and leisure activities with those of the United States.

Daily hikes and runs will be part of the schedule, as will the opportunity to interact with Czech college students while staying at two universities. Members of the class will also tour a Czech Olympic training center, visit a famous mineral water spa town, and explore castles and villages.

Science Center to Open in Fall 2018

Members of the Board of Trustees, faculty/staff and students gathered on April 7 for a groundbreaking ceremony for the new health and natural sciences building.

A flurry of recent gifts has brought the total for the Discover and natural sciences building.

for the facility and $5.5 million for its maintenance, student research and scholarships.

Please join in the effort to fully fund the campaign. To learn more and donate, visit nwciowa.edu/discover.

The 61,000-square-foot facility is expected to be completed by the fall of 2018.

Special Education M.Ed.

Northwestern College’s graduate school has added a fourth track to its Master of Education degree program: special education. Courses, offered entirely online, will begin May 15.

The program is designed for teachers who want to educate and inspire children with exceptionalities in a wide range of teaching and administrative roles. Teachers will learn effective strategies for creating meaningful learning experiences for students, as well as the social, legal and ethical issues surrounding special education. The program will provide instruction on the latest breakthroughs in assessment, instructional strategies and evidence-based practices for teaching students with exceptionalities.

“This is in high-demand M.Ed. track for us to offer,” says Dr. Sara Waring-Tedeman, director of Northwestern’s Master of Education program. “As teachers are learning about Northwestern’s great professors and how affordable our M.Ed. programs are, they’re looking for tracks in their areas of specialization. I’m pleased we can now offer a graduate degree for special educators.”

Four instructional strategy endorsements will also be offered. For more information about these or other graduate programs and adult learning opportunities, visit online.nwciowa.edu.

Face Value

How did you become interested in chemistry?

My dad was a physician with a love for science. As far back as I can remember, we were always building kites or collecting butterfly eggs. At one point, my parents bought me a chemistry set, which I used to almost burn down the house. I had great science teachers in middle school, high school and college, and they challenged me and teased me and somehow got me to engage. I found I loved the creativity in chemistry. I later learned I love the math that underlies chemistry.

Did you always want to be a chemist?

I think everyone assumed I would become a doctor like my dad. But I never wanted that. I wanted to be an architect, but I think science got ahead of me pretty early on. Later I thought about applying to be an astronaut, and I’ve even thought about attending seminary.

What do you find fascinating about your field?

I just love light. It’s a little mysterious, very beautiful and really powerful. I’m amazed at the way people use light. Lief says.

What do you do when you’re not teaching?

I’ve always enjoyed athletics, and I’m pretty competitive. I used to be into soccer and running, but now it’s CrossFit, racquetball and golf (both regular and disc). I also love tormenting my kids with dad jokes.

Dave Arnett, a member of the chemistry faculty since 1999, is known for wearing Hawaiian shirts. The Ph.D. graduate from the University of Pennsylvania frequently uses a longboard made by two of his students.

at the time of death, all based on the chemical makeup of the urine and blood. I also add some irony, like Ariel the mermaid suffering from dehydration.

Get any good chemistry jokes?

Why did the chemist oppose carbon dating? Because it leads to carbon marriage. Here’s another: Two atoms are walking down the street. One turns to the other and says, “I think I lost an electron.” The other looks back and says, “Are you sure?” to which the first atom says, “Yes, I’m positive.” A third: A photon checks into a hotel and is asked if he needs any help with his luggage. He says “No, I’m traveling light.”

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The new science building will bring the departments of biology, chemistry and nursing under one roof and create a grand west entrance to the campus on Highway 18.

We do a forensics-themed lab in which students are given urine and blood samples (all fake, of course) from Disney princesses who have recently died. They need to figure out what killed the princesses and if they were pregnant...
A New Chapter

After serving on Northwestern’s faculty for decades, Drs. Eric Elder and Jackie Smallbones are retiring this spring.

Summer Lovin’

Fiji and Greece are among the destinations for Northwestern’s 20 Summer of Service team members, who will each spend six to eight weeks serving with mission agencies around the world. Students also are headed to Bolivia, Ecuador, France, Ghana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Southeast Asia and Spain.

Among the missions they will serve are Robin’s Nest, an orphanage in Jamaica; Camino Global, a ministry that equips Spanish-speaking Christians to serve the church and transform their communities; and the Luke Society, a medical mission organization with clinics and hospitals on five continents.

Northwestern’s Summer of Service program has been supporting and equipping students to serve as short-term missionaries since 1981.

Dual-Degree Engineering Program

Northwestern has reestablished a dual-degree engineering partnership with Washington University in St. Louis that enables students to earn two degrees in five years.

Students in the program spend three years at NW, earning a baccalaureate degree, typically in a field foundational to engineering, such as biology, chemistry, computer science or math. Credits then transfer to Washington University and become the basis for a degree in one or more of WashU’s programs: biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, or systems science and engineering.

Washington University is ranked among U.S. News & World Report’s top 50 engineering schools.

Learn more at nwciowa.edu/engineering.

Counselor on Council

Dr. Sally Edman, Northwestern’s director of counseling services, has been elected to represent the state of Iowa on the Council of Representatives for the American Psychological Association (APA). The council is the APA’s legislative body. Edman’s three-year term began in January. In this role she serves on the Executive Council of the Iowa Psychological Association. She is also a member of the organization’s Ethics Board.

Spend a week exploring God’s plan.

Northwestern College
June 25–30, 2017
The photo shows 34 Northwestern students posed on the steps of the United States Capitol, along with U.S. Rep. Wiley Mayne and theatre professor Dr. Theora England. It was 1973, and the Choral Readers were on a 12-day spring tour to the East Coast. Performances were scheduled in churches and schools in Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, New York and New Jersey, but it was their time in Washington, D.C., and New York City that many alums describe as the highlight of the trip.

“IT was exciting to perform on the Capitol steps,” says Peggy (Heldt ’76) Kenyon, who played guitar for the group. “That was a huge thing. We also performed inside the Washington National Cathedral.”

Jay Dekker ’74, from Fulda, Minn., remembers the view from the top of the Empire State Building and looking out the windows that form the Statue of Liberty’s crown. “It was a great trip,” he says. “For me—20 years old, from the farm—I’d never seen anything like that.” In D.C., Dekker and his fellow Choral Readers also visited the Lincoln and Washington memorials and toured the White House.

The program that year included psalms; poems by Carl Sandburg, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Thomas Hood; a piece for a verse choir; and songs that included Pass It On, I Wish We’d All Been Ready, Here Comes the Sun and One Tin Soldier.

The combination of dramatic readings, music and Scripture is what drew Muriel (Dykstra ’74) Loveall to the group after her freshman year at NWC. “I had never heard of Choral Readers, but after seeing them, I realized it was a chance to work with other people on something I enjoyed,” she says. While Loveall, who went on to major in speech, appreciated the honor of performing at the Capitol, she enjoyed more the programs the Choral Readers presented in churches, where they had more contact with their audience.

It was Rep. Mayne from Iowa’s 6th District who secured permission for the Choral Readers to perform on the Capitol steps and arranged for a photographer to take the group’s picture—then made sure each student received a copy of the photo. He was also likely the one who delivered to President Richard Nixon the pair of wooden shoes the students brought with them from Iowa.

In a letter of thanks addressed to Nancy (Truitt ’74) Vander Velde, Nixon expressed appreciation for the gift. “You were kind to want me to have the pair of wooden shoes as a remembrance,” the letter reads, “and I was interested to learn that they were handcrafted in Orange City. We Americans are a people with a hearty appreciation of the heritage we have drawn from all nations.”
Fashion Statement

College students are trend-setters, discovering their personal style and displaying it through clothing and accessories. Check out what's popular among Northwestern students.

Student photos by Dong Kuij
SWEET SUPPORT
Once while walking back to my dorm room after a particularly painful physics exam, I happened upon a Reese’s peanut butter cup in the back stairwell of Fern. Because I was feeling a little down in the dumps about the test and the opportunity presented itself, I admit: I may have eaten it. From then on, whenever I had a physics test, or even a P-Chem test, my roommates would leave Reese’s peanut butter cups on my desk so I wouldn’t be tempted to eat anything off the floor.

EMILY NIENHUIS ’16
Pullman, Wash.

COMPUTER OASIS
In the ‘90s, the best place to type papers was the computer in the Ramaker children’s library. The second-floor room was usually empty and contained a lone computer next to a window that overlooked Highway 10 and the entrances to Zwemer and VPH, creating an ideal vantage point for people-watching. When the weather cooperated, I could open the window and enjoy a nice breeze. After dinner, I would grab a couple of cans of Coke, head up there and knock out a draft.

DR. TOM TRUEDDELL ’01
Orange City

CORNER VIEW
I used to study on the top floor (balcony) of Ramaker Library. I would head for the last study carrel on the northwest side. From there I could study without distractions and even take a quick nap: I appreciated the quiet but could also gaze out on the lawn to see any activity I might be missing out on. My first Northwestern boyfriend got me hooked on studying in the library, and it was a habit I continued all four years.

KAREN (SCHERB ’85) BENES
Colorado Springs, Colo.

STAGED FOR STUDY
I love studying in DeWitt Theatre. The lobby and classroom are usually peaceful, with the occasional friends who pass by on their way to rehearsal. As a theatre major, I spend so much time in that building that it feels like home. Venturing to the faculty office suite to say “hi” to the profs and grab a handful of marshmallows makes for the perfect study break.

HANNAH WAMHOFF
Sophomore, Papillion, Neb.

TROUBLE BREWING
During my sophomore year, I was living on the first floor of Colenbrandt Hall. A room at the end of the hall was reserved for serious study, and since only a few of us were serious studies, it was usually free. That’s where I pulled my first all-nighter. The dorm parents furnished a coffee pot that was replenished all night long. And I took advantage of it, drinking nine cups of coffee between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., when I finally laid down for a nap before my exam. I discovered the urban legend about sleeping with your eyes open is actually true, as I could not get my eyes closed even though my body was screaming, “Go to sleep!!” I swear I fell asleep with my eyes open.

DR. JOHN HUBERS ’76
Orange City

College students spend hours reading textbooks, doing research, conducting lab experiments and writing papers. We asked NWC alumni and students to share the best places on campus to concentrate on an assignment—and the best ways to stay motivated. Here are some of their favorite study haunts and habits.

HITTING the BOOKS
edited by Anita Cirulis | illustrations by Dave Malec
SMELL OF SMART

Full semester of my freshman year, I only had one final on the Thursday of finals week. Since I had lots of time to prepare, I tried to find many different places around campus to study so I could stay focused. My favorite was the basement of Ramaker Library. It was incredibly quiet since no one else was down there, and I could find inspiration from the smell of the old books.

SARAH HILKEMANN ’08

Pierce, Neb.

HIDEAWAY

Being a commuter, I would drive to campus Monday through Friday and make the library my home away from home. On long Mondays, which sometimes began with an 8 a.m. class and ended with an evening class, I would slip into the seldom-used second-floor classrooms/meeting rooms in Ramaker Library to study. There were fewer temptations for socializing, and with those comfortable sofas, I could catch a much-needed nap after busy weekends.

REV. ROGER PUNT ’72

Woodbury, Minn.

CANDY COATED

My roommate and I studied for our philosophy class with a two-pound bag of peanut butter M&Ms. We consumed so many that semester that we were able to enter closet door with the bags. I also have fond memories of being a pillow and a coffee pot to the little study rooms in Ramaker back in the day …

DR. ELIZABETH HEGG ’01

Orange City

FULL MOON

My preferred study spot was on the upper level of Ramaker when it was still the library. I recall one final exam week when I happened to look out the window and catch a full view of someone’s rear end. Our Hermita guy was mooning another out on the campus green! (Truck Haven truck stop in Le Mars) for a giant cinnamon roll.

VALERIE (DITTMER ’87) KING

Machesney Park, Ill.

EXAM EXCUSE

I always studied in the library before tests, but during finals week I lived there. My goal was to spend all my free time in the library until I was done with my last exam. My sophomore year I was in an upstairs cubicle on the Wednesday of finals week. Most of my friends were done studying and had retreated to playing pranks on each other. My roommate came storming into the library, ran up the steps (he knew right where to find me), and informed me he needed my help because our wing-mate had finally closed the line when he put a raw liver in my roommate’s underwear drawer! I was happy right where I was, though, and told him I wouldn’t be getting involved.

DAN SWIER ’06

Orange City

ACADEMIC ALCOVE

Back when Hoopers was a women’s dorm, my favorite study spot was an alcove in the basement that had a few comfy chairs and a couch. During the day, this was a great place to hang out and play games with wing-mates, but after midnight, something special happened, and it was transformed into a place filled with music and that ever-elusive element: motivation. Many a paper and project could only materialize in the early hours of the morning.

DR. EMILY DYKSTRA ’10

Orange City
P oissed abuse now kills nearly as many people in the U.S. as car accidents—33,000 overdose deaths in 2015 compared to nearly 38,000 traffic fatalities, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It’s an epidemic. And it’s an area of concern and research for Dr. Mitch Engle ’00, an anesthesiologist who specializes in pain medicine.

After graduating from Northwestern, Engle earned both an M.D. and a Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. The dual-degree idea was “all Sara,” says Engle, crediting his Northwestern mentor Dr. Sara Sybesma Tolsma ’84 for assuring him he was strong enough in biology and chemistry to excel as both a doctor and a research scientist. “I would have done just medical school if not for her,” Engle says, “and missed out on an area of medicine I really enjoy.”

Engle’s doctoral research in neuropathic pain and his anesthesiology residency—as well as graduate school mentorship by a well-known pain researcher—enabled him to land a fellowship in pain medicine at the world-renowned MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas. He was offered a position when he finished, and he’s been an assistant professor and pain medicine physician at MD Anderson since 2011.

Engle’s patients come from all over the world, often because the cancer treatment they’ve been receiving elsewhere isn’t working. They hope to participate in MD Anderson’s drug trials and other therapies not yet available to the broader population of cancer patients. “Ten to 20 percent of my patients require having a translator in the room,” says Engle, who also provides consultation by video or in person with oncologists and pain physicians at MD Anderson-affiliated hospitals in countries such as Ethiopia, Jordan and South Korea.

Engle fits the stereotype of a multi-tasking, yet focused, physician. In addition to overseeing a handful of studies—including one on responsible opioid prescribing—and treating his own patients (which includes attending to paperwork at night after his daughters are in bed), Engle directs MD Anderson’s elite pain fellowship program, teaching and mentoring select physicians who are training to do what he does: lessen pain for patients living with cancer.

And dying with cancer. Engle says his most gratifying patients to care for are those who are getting close to the end of their journey. “My favorite thing as a physician is when I get to help a patient with a symptom burden—pain, fatigue and nausea are all symptoms of the drugs cancer patients take—as they can enjoy their last days, take care of important things in their life. When I get a letter after a patient has died thanking me because ‘You helped him be able to spend his last two weeks telling his grandkids what he wanted them to remember’—that’s the most rewarding thing to me.”

T reating patients living with chronic disease is familiar territory for Dr. Corey Harthoorn ’93. Now a family medicine physician in Norfolk, Neb., he spent eight years between 2004 and 2013 as a doctor in the African country of Malawi, where 75 percent of his patients had HIV/AIDS.

Harthoorn felt a call to missions and medicine as a senior in high school, a calling that was confirmed during a Summer of Service experience in El Salvador while he was a student at Northwestern. After
medical school at the University of Iowa, he partnered with Serving in Mission (SIM) to practice medicine at a new AIDS clinic in Malawi’s capital, Lilongwe.

The rate of HIV infection in Malawi in 2004 was 14 percent—eighth highest in the world—and the country was home to more than a million AIDS orphans. That’s also the year antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) finally became available in Malawi. Harthoorn describes his years in the African clinic as the most rewarding of his medical career so far.

“People think I must have seen people die a lot,” he says. “Yeah, I did. But once ARVs were available, I also saw a lot of patients live for years after being at death’s door. They gained weight. They could go back to work. They could take care of their families. Not to mention, for those who didn’t yet know the Lord, it gave them more time to hear the gospel. I became an HIV expert, and it was fun to take care of those patients and see them get better.”

Now back in the U.S., Harthoorn still takes care of patients who are underserved with health care as a physician at an FQHC clinic (Federally Qualified Health Center). His patients are not nearly as poor as those he treated in Malawi, but about half do not have health insurance, which requires creative caregiving and prescripting on Harthoorn’s part to enable them to access and afford the specialized care they need. “Being poor in America is different than being poor in Africa,” says Harthoorn. But it’s still devastating when care that would make someone better is beyond the budget.

D r. Karen Roetman ’79 also has experience taking care of patients underserved by adequate health care. After medical school at the University of Iowa, one of her fellowships was in pediatric anesthesia at an inner-city hospital, Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Her patients, all under the age of 15, included drug addicts and dealers, as well as victims of child abuse and gun violence. “These patients—siblings—were severely burned when their uncle’s cocaine lab blew up. “They were with us for a year getting skin grafts, surgery after surgery. They became like family to the hospital staff,” she says.

Now based in Seattle, Roetman is part of an anesthesiology practice knowns for advances in regional anesthesia like nerve blocks that deliver pain relief to just one part of the body. “You go home after shoulder surgery with a catheter in your neck delivering drugs just to the affected area,” she explains, as an example.

While Roetman supports and participates in the pioneering research of her anesthesiology colleagues, she’s mostly focused on her own patients and the Virginia Mason Medical Center and University of Washington anesthesiology residents she supervises, overseeing their skill development and interaction with patients who are often in tense healthcare situations.

Anesthesiology is “never boring,” she says. “You have to be always thinking and really engaged with the patient”—both before and while they are unconscious. “Surgery patients are stressed, and the anesthesiologist has just a few minutes to quickly develop a relationship and trust,” says Roetman, who typically does about a dozen pre-surgery consultations a day. Then she spends the bulk of her time overseeing residents as they put their knowledge of both human physiology and diagnostic medicine to use keeping surgical patients alive.

Roetman credits the late Dr. Edward Van Eck, who taught microbiology at Northwestern, for encouraging her into the field of medicine. When she started, women were a minority among medical school students and residents. She was one of two females among 28 residents, and she was asked during her first job interview about whether she planned to get pregnant. Now she’s glad to see that one of the ways in which medicine has changed during her three-and-a-half-decade career is that both genders are represented nearly equally in many fields of medical practice.

L ike Roetman, Dr. Darla (Vander Sluis) Olson is happy her physician colleagues are a more equal balance of men and women these days. When she began practicing as an obstetrician/gynecologist in the early 1990s, she was one of only a handful of OB/GYN physicians in the Grand Rapids, Mich., area, and she was initially ineligible for partnership in her male-dominated practice because—as a mother of small children—she wanted to work only three days each week.

By the time she left that practice 19 years later, she was a partner, and half her colleagues were women. And physicians of both genders felt free to adjust their clinic and on-call schedules around their other responsibilities. After several years as supervisor of OB/GYN residents
in one of Michigan's Spectrum Health teaching hospitals, Olson has been back in private practice since 2013, caring for moms and babies in the Zeeland area. She hasn't kept track of the number of newborns she’s delivered over the course of her career but estimates the tally is somewhere between 6,000 and 8,000.

Katarzyna Verhoef, who is in her third year of medical school at the University of Iowa, is a passionate individual who is not intimidated by hard work … I am passionate about women's health, with a particular focus on obstetrics and gynecology. As a Northwestern graduate, she feels well prepared and expects to succeed. If her alumni colleagues' careers are any indication, there's plenty of evidence she will.

As a Northwestern graduate, she feels well prepared and expects to succeed. If her alumni colleagues’ careers are any indication, there’s plenty of evidence she will. Concern for women and infants— as well as the chance to do procedures, surgeries and direct patient care—is what drew Kate Katarzyna Verhoef (Wyant ‘13) to medical school at the University of Iowa. Verhoef’s passion for women’s health grew through short-term mission experiences during college and medical school in Haiti and Niger.

In Niger Verhoef assisted an Iowa doctor doing surgeries to repair obstetric fistulas, a complication of prolonged labor and delivery that can have women inconvenient. Women with the condition in developing countries are often ostracized by their families and communities. “If they had access to routine OB care, they wouldn’t have problems like this,” Verhoef explains. She describes the relatively simple surgical repair as “life-saving for the patients we saw, some of whom were younger than me.”

Back in Iowa City, Verhoef and her husband, Adam ‘12, who is also a third-year medical student, have recently passed their board exams, and both are rotating through advanced clinical electives. Adam is training to be a family medicine physician because “he likes the whole womb-to-tomb spectrum of care and the diversity of patients and cases,” Verhoef says.

The couple spent the spring semester apart as Adam completed family medicine clerkships in Sioux City and Des Moines. Next year he’ll participate in clinical rotations at the Karolinska Institutet in Sweden. Then the Verhoefs hope to find residency appointments together and eventually find a home in a community where Katee will care for obstetrical patients and Adam for everyone from infants to the elderly.

Northwestern senior Laura Hurley will graduate in May with a biology-health professions major and math and Spanish minors. She dreams of providing health care to women and children in a Spanish-speaking country.

Hurley’s undergraduate experience has included mentorship by biology professors Tolomeo and Dr. Elizabeth Herg ‘91, as well as opportunities for healthcare internships in Nicaragua and Ecuador. She also is a research assistant for a Mayo Clinic physician who is conducting international health research.

Hurley wrote in her medical school application: “I believe these hands-on learning experiences form a strong foundation as I finish my undergraduate degree. … [Global health work requires a resilient, passionate individual who is not intimidated by hard work … I am confident I can be part of the challenge and great rewards ahead.]”

Hurley has already been accepted to several medical schools. This fall she’ll enroll at her first choice, Rush University Medical College in Chicago, where she plans to pursue both an M.D. and a master’s in public health.

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Distinguished Docs

When Northwestern College began naming distinguished alumni award winners in 1977, the inaugural honoree was the late Dr. Alfred Pepin ’24, an Idaho radiologist who served as the president of the American Cancer Society in the 1950s and is credited for developing the first educational materials describing proper breast self-examination.

Another cancer specialist, Dr. Kent Van Citters ’44, dean of the University of Washington School of Medicine and cited by the Seattle Times as “one of this country’s most imaginative and productive cardiovascular physiologists”—and Dr. Samuel Noordhoff ’47, a world leader in cleft lip and palate surgery who spent his career in Taiwan and founded the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation to help Asian patients afford reconstructive plastic surgery. Other physicians who’ve been named Northwestern College distinguished alumni are the late Dr. Robert Golinick ’36, the late Dr. Alfred Penning ’42, ’44, the late Dr. Stanley Vander Aarde ’49, ’51; Dr. Leo Landhuis ’54; Dr. Don Van Etten ’54; Dr. Bryan Den Harting ’81; and Dr. Mark Mullenburg ’84.

Northwestern’s Future Physicians Club helps science majors prepare for medical school, and cancer arms clinics. In March a group of students from Northwestern and St. Norbert College toured the northern Wisconsin’spectrum health teaching hospital in Sioux Falls, where they learned about the cancer treatment services and patient care unit.
**Red Ties**

**Corby T. Koehlman ’82**

Every year we find another person wearing a Northwestern College T-shirt. Don’t you get an immediate warm feeling and desire to connect with that person and say, “Hey, I went to Northwestern too.” It takes place on Wednesday nights in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and is a gathering of Raider Nation.

I thought of that bond recently when I heard about something called “Raider Night.” It takes place on Wednesday nights in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and is a gathering of Northwestern alumni who live and work there. It all started in 1999 when the current president of the college, Dr. Kevin €’99, works as the executive director of programs at Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity. They have three sons.

The Rev. Lindsey De Krafft is the pastor of Weideberg Reformed Church in Guadalupe Center, N.Y. She also serves as program director for OCStages/Orange City Youth Theatre and performs professionally with Vandal Theatre Lab and Swander Woman Productions. She and her husband, Cody €’08, live in Orange City with their son, William.

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**Red Raider Golf Classic**

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**Soul Music**

Each Saturday, Alone (Bunger €’44) Wiebesiek lets herself into the sanctuary of Bethel Reformed Church and practices the music for Sunday’s service. She can’t see the notes as well as she did 69 years ago when she first began accompanying the congregation, so she chooses old hymns such as “Victory in Jesus and It Is Well With My Soul” for her familiarization with their familiar tunes.

On Sunday, some 20 people from Davis, S.D. (population: 95) will gather in the pews. Wiebesiek remembers Bethel in busier times: Though the small congregation remains tight-knit, many of the remaining families are related to members who founded the church in 1894. Robert Miedema, who provides pulpit supply, says the greeting at the start of the service runs long, and “the longest line is by the organ.”

“Kids all come up to the organ and give me a hug,” Wiebesiek says. “One made me a valentine.” She was a new bride in 1949 when she began playing piano at the church, she switched to the organ a decade later. Wiebesiek finds solace in music and the bass pedal under her feet. Hymns gave her comfort when her husband passed away and after their 53-year-old son died from leukemia.

“The message of the hymns means a lot to me,” she says. “Because it is well with my soul.”

**by Amy Phillips**

**YOU’VE GOT MAIL!**

What filled your campus mailbox? Letters from your love back home? Cookies that arrived in crumbles? The parks you forgot to pack in?

A future Classic will share stories of the mail you got while at Northwestern. Send your mail tale to classic@nwciowa.edu.

**Mark Van Holland, Minn., is senior portfolio manager for the high yield fixed-income sector at Columbia Threadneedle Investments. His group was named the top money manager in its class in the 2016 U.S. Investment Management Awards competition by Institutional Investor.**

**Landsmeer Golf Club, Orange City**

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**Lindsley (Westerkamp) Baur is the new executive director for the Orange City Arts Council.**

**Sam Galloway graduated from the University of Missouri Springs, Colo., has been a senior HR business partner supporting Compassion International’s 28 global offices. She holds Professional in Human Resources and Global Professional in Human Resources certifications.**

**Alone Wiebesiek began playing hymns by ear as a child. When she started accompanying congregational songs at Bethel Reformed Church in Davis, S.D., in 1949, she had only 12 hymnbooks.**
School of Medicine and is in the family medicine residency program at UC San Diego. He and his wife, Kristi (Kavves), have a son, Leif (2). Dr. Josue Niewenhuis will join the Orange City Area Health System’s family medicine group this summer. A graduate of the Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, he’s currently in residency at the Sinai泗al Medical Education Foundation in Sioux City.

‘10 Amanda (Karsen) Vazquez is the new director of the Orange City Public Library where she has worked for six years.

Hannah (Watters) White directs marketing and operations for the Zach Johnson Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to helping children and families in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, lead happy and healthy lives. Her husband, Greg (11), manages the Van Buren Elementary School site for the foundation’s Kids on Courses program.

Renae Wielenga is a staff writer for the Sioux Center News. She recently won first place in the Best News Feature Story category of the Iowa Better Newspaper Contest. Her newspaper’s awards also included recognition for coverage of agriculture and business.

‘11 Clayton Hjelmeland, Harmony, Minn., teaches fifth grade at North Winneshiek Community School. His wife, LeAnn (Johnson) ’10, works from home as a reporter for the Sully Home Town News.

Austin McCombs graduated from the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy and is a police officer in Seder-Wyker, Wash. A ministry graduate from Northwestern, he also conducts the orchestra for music at Lynden High School.

Alyssa McConnel has joined the Downtown Rosburg (Or.) Association as its executive director. She previously worked as the downtown account manager for the city’s newspaper, the News-Times.

Brad Payne is working as an assistant director of programming for the Sioux Empire Baseball Association in Sioux Falls. He previously served as a head instructor for the Las Vegas School of Baseball and an assistant varsity coach for Del Sol High School.

New Arrivals

Amy Mooney-Gools and Daniel Gools ’09, son, Benton Robert (6)
Jersey and Jennifer (Recker ’01) Kudera, son, Julian Trey, joins Jackson HS, junior (11) and junior (11)
Mick and Laura (Fryman ’02) Jackson, son, Tage James, joins Hailey (7) and Lanie (5)
John and Amanda (Magnussen ’02) Sullivan, daughter, Stela Jane, joins Charlotte (2)
Rebecca (Vander Molen ’03) and Beau Koerselman, daughter, Flora, joins Jane (6)
Becky (Fanning ’05) and Vaughn Donahue ’08, daughter, Penny Jane, joins Coda (4)

Adam and Tamara (de Waard ’05) Stevenson, son, Benedict Edward, joins Della (4) and Maxima (2)
Dave and BRi (Ellison ’07) Brehm, son, Alexander James, joins Harrison (3)
Mitchell and Kristen (Moss ’08) Andringa, son, Malachi Edward, Trent and Kimberly (Johnson ’08) Powers, son, Ulaa Thomas, Padric and Megan (De Jongh ’08) Vasilekicde, son, Matthew Paul, joins Theodore (2)
Natalie (Affpold ’09) and Steve Tschopp ’07, daughter, Rylee Eleanora, joins James (2)
Greg and Jaime (Haverty ’09) Weeks, daughter, Madison Lynn
LeAnn (Johnson) ’10 and Clayton Hjelmeland ‘11, son, Nolan James Dardick and Jacob Peterson ’11, daughter, Adalica Hailey Liisa (Thordt ’11) and Josh White ’12, son, Calvin James

Steve and Kelli (Nevez ’12) King, son, Owen Phillip, joins Levi (2)
Karen (Huston ’15) and Levi Ettleman ’16, son, Benjamin James
Valerie (Heaton ’15) and Brandon Lenderink ’12, son, Jayden Kyle Brett and Amber (Atlanta) ’16 Breyer, son, Arik Kevin

Who deserves a shout-out?

Nominate outstanding alumni for the Distinguished Professional Achievement, Distinguished Service to Humanity or Distinguished Service to Northwestern College award. Write to us to have them heard.

Email your nominations to alumni@nwciowa.edu

In Memoriam

Frances (De Vries) ’43 Moss, MS, RN in Des Moines, Iowa, on Feb. 5. She taught for four years before farming with her husband, Ed, west of Sioux Center. In her later years, she moved to Joplin, Mo., and Des Moines to be closer to family. An accomplished self-taught pianist, she was active at Carmel Reformed Church, including serving at the church librarian and a Sunday school teacher. Among her survivors are five children, including Glen ’69.

Henry Hrikker ’45, ’65, Sioux Center, died Feb. 5 at age 96. After graduating from Northwestern Junior College, he served as a teacher and principal at Sheldon Christian School. He later served as a medic in the Navy during World War II. When he returned home, he farmed and then earned a bachelor’s degree at NWMC and a master’s from the University of

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Here’s How to Reform Health Care
by Randy Oostra ’77

Our nation’s health care system is a mess. The industry spends $1 trillion annually and constitutes more than 17 percent of the nation’s GDP. For patients and their families, shouldering the burden of rising health care costs often leads to financial hardship and is the No. 1 cause of personal bankruptcy.

Our system is fragmented, unaffordable and lacks a key element: It fails to address the social determinants of health—the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age.

Research indicates 20 percent of an individual’s health is based on heredity and access to care, while 80 percent is determined by physical environment, health behaviors and socioeconomic factors.

The impact of social determinants on the cost and quality of health care has never been greater. In 2013 alone, Americans spent about $280 billion on care for people suffering from diabetes, heart disease, and back and neck pain—all of which are fueled in large part by social conditions and personal behaviors.

Given this, our nation, communities and health care systems must invest significantly more to address these social determinants of health.

In recent years, a growing number of health systems—including my own, ProMedica—have embraced their role as community anchor institutions by making such investments. Efforts include screening for food insecurity, reducing infant mortality, improving mental health, addressing housing and transportation needs, helping to ensure personal safety, and aiding urban economic development.

ProMedica has learned much on this journey. For instance, the cost of hunger nationally is estimated to be at least $167.5 billion, of which $130 billion is for health care. Food insecurity impacts nearly 13 percent of households, including 19 percent of homes with children, 11 percent of single mothers with children, and seniors at a rate in excess of 30 percent.

We began screening patients for food insecurity, which led to other initiatives, including food pharmacies (whereby providers write prescriptions for food), food reclamation (we’ve served more than 300,000 pounds of food that would have been thrown away!), weekend backpack programs for schoolklds, and building and operating an inner-city grocery store that also offers job training.

As our knowledge grew about the link between hunger and health outcomes, we recognized the need for clinicians to understand more about patients’ circumstances. Do they live in a safe home with working utilities? Can they afford to feed their families without neglecting other bills? Do they have transportation? This year, we’ll expand screenings to include 10 health determinants and ensure patients in need are connected with community resources.

This approach should be replicated nationwide. Too many health professionals use a litany of excuses for avoiding screening for these determinants: It’s not their job, they don’t have the resources, or they won’t be compensated. Still others say they’re concerned that if their patients identify an unmet need, they won’t know how to address it. That’s the point! As an industry, we need to think less about the business side and more about our mission of caring.

So, what do we propose?

1. By 2019, providers should screen each Medicare patient on key social determinants. Benchmark data should be used to inform research and identify key areas in which to offer interventions.

2. By 2021, hospitals should provide all patients a resource guide to help them meet identified needs.

3. Nonprofit hospitals should quantify these services and report them as approved expenses to meet their charitable-contribution requirements.

4. Incentives should be offered to physicians to encourage them to focus on the social determinants of health, starting with mental health and hunger.

5. Federal research should be conducted to track the impact of these measures and how they affect clinical outcomes.

Across our nation, we have dedicated health professionals who rise to the challenges and responsibilities of caring for others in need. But each day as they answer their calling, we refuse to heed the signs of a collapsing system weighed down by a model that was conceived with good intentions but has run its course.

We need a new model.

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Leave a Legacy

When siblings Matt Van Heuvelen ’07 and Melissa Carrington ’09 graduated from Northwestern, their parents wanted to give to the college in a way that would be meaningful to their son and daughter. Matt majored in business and political science and was a member of the men’s soccer team, so Wayne ’74 and Priscilla established a scholarship for a student with those same academic and athletic interests. Melissa served as a choreographer and costumer for RUSH, the annual student-led dance performance. Now, thanks to the Van Heuvelens, there’s a fund to help other RUSH performers pay for their costumes.

“We enjoy seeing the fruits of our labor multiplied here at Northwestern,” says Wayne. “We’re just happy we can give something back to a place that did so much for our children.”

Be intentional.

Wayne ’74 and Priscilla Van Heuvelen want Northwestern’s academic excellence, Christian focus and co-curricular activities to be just as strong when their granddaughter Katie is old enough for college. Follow their lead and honor someone you love by establishing a student scholarship. To learn how, contact Cornie Wassink, director of planned giving, at 712-707-7109 or corniew@nwciowa.edu.

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It means "[B]y his wounds we are healed" in Albanian, and it’s from Isaiah’s prophecy in chapter 53. Northwestern senior Abi Stoscher delivered the line as part of a play about Easter presented during the Drama Ministries Ensemble’s spring break tour in Albania, where her parents are missionaries with Torchbearers, a summer camp and Bible education ministry that grew from outreach to Kosovo refugees in the late 1990s.

While in Europe, the nine-member DME and director Jeff Barker also traveled to Greece, visiting Thessaloniki and Philippi, cities that were home to churches in the early history of Christianity.

Northwestern’s Symphonic Band and A cappella Choir were also on the road this spring—the band to the East Coast and the choir to Minnesota, where one of their performances was for patients at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.