Good Taste
Northwestern alumni create elite treats

Also
A Renovated Ramaker
Stories from the Caf’
Winter Wonderland
Northwestern’s old library is unrecognizable following the transformation of Ramaker into a center for student services.
We’re All About Community

When students and alumni are asked to try to describe Northwestern in one word, they most often come up with “community.” At Fall Convocation this year, I attempted to flesh that out, sharing what I believe are seven signs of an engaged community.

First, an engaged community is united in a clear mission—like ours. Northwestern is a Christian academic community engaging students in courageous and faithful learning and living that empowers them to follow Christ and pursue God’s redeeming work in the world.

This carefully and meaningfully constructed statement reflects the commitment of our faculty and staff.

Second, we strive to be a community that asks generous questions of one another. Rather than seeking someone to blame when things go wrong, the questions we ask and how we ask them should reflect our belief that each of us has an important role to play in furthering God’s kingdom.

Third, we need to value our differences. What we have in common is much stronger than our differences, regardless of how uncomfortable they might make us feel.

Fourth, we need to embrace our equality. No person or group is better than another at Northwestern. Each community member is essential for effectiveness as the body of Christ.

Fifth, we need to recognize our brokenness. The story of Simon Peter’s calling as a disciple in Luke 5 begins with his brokenness. He and his peers have no success fishing all night until they obey Jesus’ command to cast their nets in deeper water. Feeling unworthy, Simon says, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” Jesus reassures, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch people.” It is often in our brokenness that Christ chooses to use us.

An engaged community finds joy in our redemption. We are redeemed people—praise the Lord! Our faculty and staff have been called to work in Christian higher education. Students enjoy the opportunity to study and grow, daily discovering God’s purposes for their lives. Alumni and friends further our mission through gifts of time, resources and prayers. It is a privilege for all of us and possible only because of what Christ has done.

Finally, we desire to be a community filled with grace and truth. Truth without grace feels like getting hit with a club. But grace without truth isn’t grace at all. We must unite the two.

To be a community filled with grace and truth, we must keep Christ at the center of all we do. This is what a Christian academic community is all about—and why I count it a joy to serve the community of Northwestern.

Greg Christy
President

Top-Grade Recognition

Northwestern’s nursing and education departments earned impressive national recognition this summer.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program was reaccredited for another five years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

The evaluation report filed after a site visit praises both the college’s commitment to providing excellent resources for the nursing department and the nursing curriculums fit with the institution’s mission.

Northwestern’s B.S.N. program met all the evaluation requirements in categories of mission, resources, curriculum, teaching, student performance and faculty accomplishments.

“Our reaccreditation affirms that our undergraduates B.S.N. and adult R.N. to B.S.N. degree options are excellent preparation for the nursing department and the nursing curriculum’s fit with the institution’s mission,” says Dr. Ruth Daumen, program director.

“Colleges must have earned national accreditation in teacher education to be eligible to submit particular programs for national recognition,” says Dr. Laurie Dally, chairperson of the education department. “Specific Program Assessment (SPA) reports are submitted to respective professional organizations for review and must meet rigorous requirements for assessment in order to earn national recognition status.”

A site visit by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) accreditation team is planned during the 2015–16 school year. Before that time, the education department must submit nine total SPA reports for certification areas—including secondary endorsements in biology, English, health, history, mathematics, physical education, science and Spanish—in addition to the elementary education report.

Showcased Design

Northwestern’s fitness center renovation has been recognized as an outstanding design in the 2014 American School & University Educational Interiors Showcase. The center was featured in the August issue of American School & University magazine, among only two selected designs in the physical education/recreation centers category.

The $2.2 million renovation, designed by Cannon Moss Brygger Architects of Sioux City, transformed the mini-gym of Northwestern’s Rowenhorst Student Center into a state-of-the-art fitness center featuring Matrix cardio and resistance machines, free weights and fitness gear. The area also includes an expanded game room area and three remodeled racquetball courts.
ANITA CIRULIS is a well-deserved honor.” and everyone he encountered. This positive impact on student-athletes he has had such a tremendously NAIA. “Throughout his career, Carr, president and CEO of the intercollegiate athletics,” says Jim this year as he prepares to retire in June, is serving as associate AD of athletics from 2000 until last 2011 and 2012) and the athletic department’s staffing was strengthened so nearly all of the head coaches are full-time college employees.

Facility upgrades included major improvements to the football field and outdoor track at De Valois Stadium and to the soccer complex. Construction is under way on the latest addition, the Ren and Peg Juffer Fieldhouse.

“Barry has given much time to task forces, committees and other leadership positions in the NAIA, including serving as president of the NAIA Athletics Directors Association, and to be honored in this way is a special capstone to a tremendous career,” says Corey Westra, commissioner of the Great Plains Athletic Conference. “His impact at Northwestern in the GPAC and within the NAIA has been significant.”

Outstanding Administrator

I am so pleased Barry has been selected for this honor,” says Greg Christy, Northwestern president. “He is highly respected not only for his work but most importantly for who he is as a person. He loves the Lord, his family, Northwestern College and our students. Perhaps his greatest legacy is the coaching staff he leaves behind,” asks Christy. “Barry has hired every head coach we have. We are blessed to have an outstanding group of men and women who are excellent coaches but even better teachers and mentors of young people. Northwesterners and Red Raider athletics are special because of people like Barry Brandt.”

During Brandt’s tenure as athletic director, Northwestern teams won seven NAIA national championships (men’s basketball in 2002 and 2003 and women’s basketball in 2003, 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012) and the athletic

Memoir

Religion professor Dr. Jackie Smallbones has woven a collection of personal stories, from infancy to adulthood, into a memoir, *Knit Together: Many Colors, One Life*. The 167-page paperback, available on Lulu.com, draws readers into Smallbones’ journey toward walking in the way of Jesus.

“It is a mosaic of many colors woven together by the Master Weaver,” says Smallbones. “If we’re fortunate, we’ll see the whole one day. I was fortunate. The stories, whether humorous or serious, playful or honest, document my journey toward healing and wholeness.”

A native of South Africa, Smallbones has taught at Northwestern since 1995. Like in the U.S., the incidence of broken families in Taiwan is increasing, and Brandon Chang ’97 is concerned. As the Taipei-based leader of the Happy Family World Alliance, Chang invited Northwestern staff and students to help lead this summer’s First Taiwanese and American Youth Summits, events aimed at instilling family values in Taiwan’s young people. Held in five locations across Taiwan and involving nearly 200 teenagers, the youth summits were open to top students who wanted to learn about leadership and practice their English-speaking skills.

In addition to helping happy families, Chang also wants Taiwanese teenagers to be exposed both to Christianity and to his alma mater, in hopes they might consider attending Northwestern. He’s planning a second round of summits next summer and has already influenced at least one student to enroll at NWC. His daughter, Kaitlin, is a freshman political science major.

JOINING THE FACULTY

Four new full-time professors have been added to Northwestern’s teaching ranks this fall. They include:

Laura Edwards Assistant Professor of Education Ph.D., Michigan State University

Edwards is a specialist in curriculum, instruction and teacher education, with teaching experience at Michigan State and research experience in global education. Her work has been published in the Journal of Professional Education, and she’s presented papers on early childhood and comparative education at conferences. Edwards taught in inner-city Phoenix before earning a master’s degree in educational leadership and policy studies from Arizona State University.

Tatum Geerdes Instructor in Nursing M.S.N., Algon College

Geerdes taught at Northwest Iowa Community College for four years prior to joining Northwestern’s faculty. She is a registered nurse who has worked in the surgical unit at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and in labor and delivery at the Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa. She also has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Iowa.

Rebecca (Vander Molen’03) Koerseman Assistant Professor of History Ph.D., Michigan State University

Koerseman earned a master’s degree in history and political science from Iowa State University before completing a doctorate in United States history with an emphasis in gender and religion. She comes to NWC from Oklahoma Baptist University, where she was an assistant professor of history. She also has teaching experience at Freeman Academy in South Dakota.

Donna (Pennings’92) Van Peursen Assistant Professor of Social Work M.S.W., University of Nebraska Omaha

Van Peursen is a licensed social worker with extensive experience in individual, marital, family and group therapy. Prior to joining NWC’s faculty, she was a mental health therapist at the Creative Living Center in Rock Valley, Iowa. She has also worked as a therapist for Family Service in Omaha.

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The Envy—and the Aggravation.

It's a special atmosphere that's the envy of other schools. "Even opposing coaches say their teams love playing at Northwestern," says Assistant Coach Paul Smith '98. "The team bus would feel like we were missing the best player on our team.

"There's a real buzz among the players that they're at Northwestern," says Gabriel Goncalves, team captain. "If they weren't at games, it would feel like we were missing the best player on our team." Goncalves and his teammates are exhilarated by the tough, tenacious style of play that they've brought to Raider soccer. "It's a special atmosphere that's the envy of other schools," says Goncalves. "The team bus would feel like we were missing the best player on our team."
Breaking Ground

In what’s being described as a “perfect choice,” Northwestern’s new indoor athletic practice and training facility will be called the Ron and Peg Juffer Fieldhouse. The name for the new building was announced during a groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 26.

“They have a long history of reaching out to students and being such strong supporters of the college,” Jay Melgaard, II, also president for advancement, says of the couple. Ron, who attended Northwestern Junior College in 1955–56, joined Northwestern’s faculty in 1967. During his 47-year career after, he served as a professor in the education department and coached baseball for 17 years and men’s basketball for two. Many former students remember taking him on shoots-outs in the RSC gym—and often getting beat by “Juff,” who was known for his uncanny ability to remember students’ names. Peg, a local elementary school librarian, taught education courses at the college on a part-time basis, mentored students, and supervised student teachers.

The Juffers were the featured guests at the groundbreaking, which took place next to the Rosenblatt Student Center on land previously owned by Knapp, an area farmers’ cooperation. A grain elevator and six silos, which had occupied the site for decades, were demolished during August and September by a 150-foot-tall wrecking ball crane in a process that drew plenty of spectators.

Carlson Internships

A new internship program at Northwestern matches top employers around the country with the college’s brightest students. Carlson Internships are reserved for highly motivated and high-achieving students with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Established through an endowed gift from Northwestern alumni and entrepreneur Todd Carlson ‘89, the program provides full-time summer internships for which students receive both a salary and academic credit.

Dr. Sandra (Kuper) Altena coordinates the program as director of the college’s Franken Leadership Center. Hired last February, she started by placing five students in internships with Exemplar Genetics in Sioux Center, Iowa, L’Arche in Chicago, and St. Louis Lake Capital in Detroit—the latter the company in which Carlson is a partner.

All three organizations have requested Carlson Interns again. “Exemplar has a great creative project in mind for a team of three to four students,” Altena says. “L’Arche offered their Northwestern intern a position after she graduated, and Todd Carlson loved the students his company had and was really enthusiastic when I met with him. He gave me ideas for five other companies we can partner with.”

Such a connection is common for Carlson Internship sites. The CEO may be an alumn or friend of Northwestern. Or an alumn or friend may be the one who recommended the Carlson Internship Program to his or her company.

“I like that because then they understand who we are, what our mission is, and what we value,” Altena says. “And they know what kind of students we’re educating here.”

Having recruited more than a dozen organizations as Carlson Internship sites for the summer of 2015, Altena is in the process of matching applicants with the nearly 30 available positions so students have their Carlson Internships in place by the start of second semester classes.

“The Carlson Internships are increaserngly in demand as more students apply for these positions, but it’s internally competitive, which is a great thing about our program,” she says.

Joan Andres

You have a passion for the Navajo people. Where did that come from?

“I was born and raised on a Navajo reservation in Rehoboth, N.M., which is a mission of the Christian Reformed Church. My father helped establish indigenous leadership in the planted churches. Deep ties were formed, and as a result, I developed a love for the Navajo people and an appreciation for living cross-culturally.”

You also lived in London for a few years. What was that like?

While Mike [Joan’s husband and a member of NWC’s religious faculty] worked on his doctorate, I worked in grassroots organizations that served the mentally ill, homeless and poor, both in the East End of London and the well-resourced community in Surry. Those were years filled with wonder, challenge and meaningful relationships. We were blessed to know and love the English people and culture from the inside.

How important is it for Northwestern to provide counseling services for its students?

Every year the demand for counseling exceeds what can be provided. The college years are a critical stage in a person’s development. Students’ identity is being established and their future is being shaped by the decisions they make regarding relationships, career path, lifestyle and faith. For some people, these decisions have been complicated by economic loss, broken families, unexpected illness, depression, anxiety and addiction. Succeeding academically is hard enough in the best of circumstances, but with the additional pressures, counseling becomes an essential ingredient for retaining students and enabling their success.

What is your favorite part of being a therapist?

I absolutely love working with students because, despite the pressures they face, they are open and willing to change—to see and engage the world differently. That creates a space where hope and shalom can flourish.

Your international travels have included Uganda. What did you do there?

In 2008 I was part of a team that helped establish Bethesda Counseling Service in that country. I helped lead training sessions for lay counselors. It was a privilege to partner with people who were wholeheartedly committed to bringing the hope of the gospel to the broken and hurting, with much sacrifice of their own time and resources. We were humbled and blessed to witness the power of God at work.

There’s a sailboat parked near your garage. Do you sail?

My brother graciously gave me one of his boats. Since then Mike has learned to sail and has taken the kids out occasionally. I can enjoy it when I am in competent company, but I make no claims to be a sailor!” (I actually prefer to bike, walk or hike on solid ground.)
Instituting in the Mission
2013–14 giving tops $6.5 million

Fundraising Report
July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014

$6.56 million Total giving to Northwestern College (giving to the Northwestern Fund was more than $1.16 million)
$1,869,801 Total alumni giving to Northwestern (23% of alumni supported their alma mater)
$728,822 Total giving to scholarships for students (endowed and annual)
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405 Geven Society members (donors who have reached cumulative giving milestones ranging from $25,000 to $5 million; total lifetime giving of Geven Society members is more than $63 million)

Rewards for Fundraising
Impressive improvements in Northwestern College’s advancement efforts have been recognized with a 2014 Educational Fundraising Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Northwestern is one of four private liberal arts colleges with endowments under $100 million recognized.

The award is based on fundraising data provided through the Voluntary Support of Education (VSE) survey. This year, 1,010 higher education institutions participated in the VSE survey, just 47 colleges and universities were recognized for overall improvement.

Jay Wielenga ’82, vice president for advancement, cites as reasons for the recognition improvements in giving to the Northwestern Fund, as well as generous responses to fundraising appeals for both the DeWitt Learning Commons and the indoor athletics practice and training facility, which is currently under construction.

He attributes the advancement office’s success to the efforts of his staff and to excellent students who validate the college’s mission as successful alumni.

“People feel strongly that Northwestern is worthy of their support,” Wielenga says. “People invest in places that are going the right direction.”

Henrietta Van Maanen ’55
Service to Humankind

After graduating from Northwestern Junior College, Henrietta Van Maanen earned a bachelor’s degree in home economics from Iowa State University and a master’s degree in education from the University of Maryland. She spent a distinguished career as a USDA extension home economist in Iowa, Washington and Nevada, often serving low-income families.

Now retired, Van Maanen serves in educational settings as a Volunteer in Mission with the Presbyterian Church. Based in Fort Dodge, Iowa, she travels extensively, often spending months at a time in locales from North Carolina to Alaska. She has also served as an elder, deacon and Sunday school teacher, volunteered with Hospice in Fort Dodge, and worked with Habitat for Humanity in Nicaragua.

Three chosen for annual awards
Northwestern’s Distinguished Alumni Awards for 2014 recognized the Raiders’ team physician, a retiree who travels the country as a volunteer, and a health care CEO. The recipients were honored at a banquet during Raider Days, Northwestern’s homecoming and family weekend, on Oct. 25.

Mark Mullenburg ’84
Service to Northwestern

Dr. Mark Mullenburg is a family practice physician with the Orange City Area Health System who specializes in sports and musculoskeletal medicine. He has cared for Raider athletes as the team physician since 1993—a role that has him on the sidelines for Northwestern home games. He also runs athletes on campus once a week and serves as the medical director for the college’s accredited athletic training major.

Mullenburg majored in biology, minored in health science and graduated from the University of Iowa’s College of Medicine. He holds a Certificate of Added Qualification in sports medicine. He and his wife, Lisa (Waite ’83), are the parents of two Northwestern College graduates.

David Vellinga ’72
Professional Achievement

Dave Vellinga holds multiple executive roles in the health care field. He is president and CEO of Mercy Health Network, which consists of 40 hospitals, 140 clinics and 13,000 employees that handle 27 percent of repeat patient and observation discharges in Iowa. He is also serves as CEO of Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, where he oversees three hospitals campuses, more than 150 clinics and nearly 8,000 employees.

Vellinga earned a master’s degree in hospital and health care administration from the University of Iowa. He was recognized as one of 10 emerging leaders in health care by the Healthcare Forum and received the Ship’s Wheel award from the Iowa Hospital Association.

INVEST IN STUDENTS

Scholarship Auction Saturday, Feb. 14
9 a.m., RSC GYM
Donate auction items, then bid at the February event.

WINTER 2014-15
Super Blizzard
by Arista Cierule

A storms go, it ranks among the top 10 worst blizzards to hit the U.S. Snow began falling in Orange City the morning of Jan. 10, 1975, and by 3 p.m. that Friday, Northwestern employees were being sent home. A record low-pressure system spawned 45 tornadoes in the South before heading into the upper Midwest—where heavy snowfall, bitter cold and high winds killed dozens of people and more than 100,000 livestock.

Forecasters had been predicting the storm, but the ferocity and duration of what a Sioux Falls radio station called an “inland hurricane” caught Northwestern faculty, students and staff by surprise. “It was a whiteout, so even those who were walking had trouble, let alone those who were driving,” recalls Phyllis Vander Werf, whose husband, Lyle ’54, died in a snow-related accident in 1975. “I was plowing through snow that was somewhere between my knees and my waist, so I was tired.”

Girresa ended up taking shelter at the home of some friends. Biology professor Glen Hegelius and his son spent the night at librarian Art Hielkema’s (’53) house. Other faculty slept in their offices for several nights. The entire town was at a standstill for two days while 12 inches of snow fell, wind gusts peaked at 90 miles per hour, and the wind chill dropped to 50 below.

When the winds subsided on Sunday, married students John ’76 and Lyndie (Lendenfird, ’76) Holters broke out of their home by shoving the door against the snow blocking it and found they could walk up to the roof on a drift. “Even more memorable was the beauty of the scene in front of us,” John says, “as the winds had carved fabulous curved walls everywhere, including inside our garage.” Roads were completely impassable, and it took another couple of days to clear them, as drifts were so high that snowplows kept breaking down. Behind Colemanbrander Hall, people were snowmobiling in the parking lot, riding over cars that were completely buried in snow.

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Winter may be long in Iowa, but it’s also the season of Christmas, warm holiday lights, fun in the snow, and magical mornings when the campus is coated in frost or a thick blanket of white.

Photos by Anita Cirulis, Amanda Kundert and Dan Ross
Northwestern's former library is the new centrally located home for student services following a yearlong $4.3 million project that saw the building gutted and transformed. Offices and departments once located in the Rowenhorst Student Center on the campus' south side and the former Franken Center on its north are now under one roof.

“We believe education happens as much outside of the classroom as it does within,” says Julie (Vermeer ’97) Elliott, dean of student life. “Our new location reflects our central role in educating students.”

Renamed the Ramaker Center, the building provides a bright and contemporary setting for student and residence life, career development, student programs, intercultural/international development, campus ministry, study abroad and the Integrated General Education program, as well as the Franken Leadership Center.

The library’s mezzanine layout was maintained in the remodel, providing views of main floor lounges from the second floor, while its expansive north windows showcase the campus green. Exposed ductwork and concrete pillars give Ramaker a modern, industrial feel that is balanced by warm colors, patterned carpet and textured fabrics used for the furniture. An openness characterizes the building, thanks to glass walls used for offices and conference rooms and a cable rail system on the second floor and on a newly installed north stairwell.

Elliott says both Ramaker’s design and location are impacting students and staff. “The choice to have glass walls has been a really great thing—it’s increased our interaction with one another as a staff and it’s made it much more inviting for students to just drop into our offices and talk because they can see us,” she explains.

Locating student services in one building is more convenient for students and has increased the visibility of programs—particularly those of campus ministry and career development, which formerly were located in the Franken Center.

“It’s provided us with a lot more exposure to students,” agrees Bill Minnick, director of career development. “There are opportunities to have impromptu conversations and for students to stop in as they walk by.”

A new entrance on Ramaker’s north side and a wide central corridor are designed to encourage student traffic through the building. Lining that main hallway are displays showcasing the offices and departments in Ramaker and Northwestern’s mission as a Christian academic community—a visual representation of the important and central role student services play in the life of the college.

See more at nwciowa.edu/ramaker
Ice Cream Sundays
On “Sundae Sundays” we used a tray to make a humongous ice cream treat—enough to feed the whole table!
SARAH (WYNIA ’03) SMITH
Elm Grove, Wis.

A Mashing Success
I worked in the cafeteria in 1977. You’ve not experienced real culinary delight until you’ve made several hundred pounds of mashed potatoes with a giant mixer. I always put in extra milk and butter and was told my mashed potatoes were the best!
JUDY (BEMIS ’77) LOPEZ
Geneva, Ill.

Stress Snacking
I remember the caf’ being open late during finals week. We’d congregate there for a break, a snack and to swap studying stories.
KIM (KILPATRICK ’89) CARRIGAN
Spencer, Iowa

Bucks for Guts
Friends and I once pooled our money to bet a wingmate he couldn’t drink a whole glass of A1 steak sauce. He came away from the experience a little green around the gills but $18 richer.
MATT AUSTIN ’05
Orange City, Iowa

Steaking Out Prime Positions
On steak night we were usually in line by 4:30. It was the only night when most of the students—and even a lot of professors—ate in the caf’.
KAY (HEKTOR ’97) WYNN
Austin, Minn.

Dine and Dally
One year I didn’t have class on Tuesdays or Thursdays so I spent the maximum amount of time in the caf’ during breakfast, lunch and supper, “fellowshipping.”
TYSON GRAHAM ’09
Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Ripe
When I was a student, the caf’ had two entree options. As you were standing in line, just before you turned the corner from the hallway into the serving area, there was a table with two cellophane-wrapped plates of food to whet our appetites.
One day Darin Wiebe ’88 tucked one under his coat and took it back to Coly, where we hid it in the room of Paul Dougherty ’87, Dave Izenbart ’89 and Perry Krosschell ’87. After a day or two, a faint sour smell was developing—worse than usual for a room with three football players. After a couple more days the guys were changing deodorants and buying air fresheners. Eventually they discovered the plate from the cafeteria—by that time, covered in green fuzz.
JON OPGENORTH ’88
Orange City, Iowa

Gravy Trained
Becca (Bruns ’09) Ulibarri and I never missed a Monday night in the caf’ because they served our favorite: biscuits and gravy, which we shortened to “B&G.” We even went back once after we graduated and enjoyed another B&G meal.
JESSICA POMERENKE ’10
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Just Desserts
Julia Redfield ’09, Andrew Klumpp ’10, Jessica Pomerenke ’10, Sarah (Kreger ’09) Walker and I bonded so well on O-Staff [Orientation Staff] and stayed connected by having lunch together every Thursday. Each week one of us took a turn creating a dessert for the table to share.
BRYCE BOOK ’09
Dakota Dunes, S.D.

Sugar Cereal
A favorite caf’ memory? Lucky Charms—with ice cream instead of milk.
JILL BAARKINS ’95
Orange City, Iowa

Mooving Right Along
All four years of college I was afraid to get self-serve ice cream because the guys sitting near the machine would “moo.”
KERRISTON (LANGENBERG ’90) LEWIS
Orange Park, Fla.

East Coast Eats
I introduced Northwestern to bagels! I had some sent to me from New Jersey and talked the servers into trying them. They were skeptical, but after tasting my bagels, they put in a small order (shipped this time from Omaha) and ran out in one afternoon. It wasn’t long before bagels were a regular item on the menu.
MANTRA (PAREL ’94) SPIEGEL
Norwich, N.Y.

Floating Away
I walked out after every meal with a bowl of vanilla soft-serve topped with Sunkist soda. (I returned all the dishes at the end of the semester.)
VAUGHN DUNNABIE ’08
Orange City, Iowa

Dealing Between Meals
Sophomore year on Friday afternoons, one of my friends would stay in the caf’ after lunch until the rest of us got out of our afternoon classes. Then she would let us in the buck door so we could play Nertz for hours. The staff preparing supper didn’t seem to mind and even let us have pop.
SARAH (VAN LEUWEN ’10) WEINS
Sioux City, Iowa

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Alumni savor memories of the caf’, where the only thing more nourishing than the food was the friendships

Eat Hearty

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In Minnesota, Utah and Michigan, three Northwestern alumni are pleasing the palates of their many customers. While at Northwestern and eating their three squares a day in the caf’, they were majoring in art, political science and religion. Since then, their careers have taken many twists and turns, but their passions for crafting delicious chocolate, wine and coffee have won out. Grab your favorite drink and make yourself comfortable as you indulge in their savory stories.
Sweet Sensation

Smooth, creamy goodness starts with a 140-pound sack. Kristin (Spidahl ’09) Mohagen and her husband, Josh, declare a “sorting day” and tear open the bag of cacao beans, separating big from small with a 100-year-old mill.

Next, Kristin roasts the beans—now named “cocoa”—and removes the nibs from their outer shells. Adding a little organic cane sugar, nothing more, she grinds the nibs for three days. Tempering the chocolate will follow; fortunately, a recent equipment purchase has greatly sped up this heating process to achieve the desired texture and color.

Now the chocolate rests in bars, forming an indulgence to meet the most discerning of tastes. Finally, the last step: careful packaging by hand and a label loudly promoting “Terroir Chocolate.” As one of approximately 60 bean-to-bar craft chocolate makers in the United States, the Mohagens are "all in," as they put it, spending long days in a commercial kitchen housed at her parents’ farm in Ferguson Falls, Minn. Where a chocolatier would purchase already tempered chocolate, the chocolate maker starts at the ground level.

"The bean we begin with is everything," says Josh. "Kristin makes sure you can taste the bean the best way it can be presented. It's an art, just like coffee roasting." A honeymoon trip to Napa Valley's vineyards in 2013 hooked the couple on the concept of terroir, a French word they’ve translated into the slogan “taste of place”: a distinctive flavor imparted by a region's characteristics, such as climate and soil conditions. A tour of a chocolate factory confirmed that the term, typically used in reference to wine, could apply easily to chocolate; and Terroir Chocolate was born shortly after the couple returned home.

Their craft is both unique and impractical, jokes Josh, but the result is a single-origin chocolate that preserves the personality of its source. "We get beans from Madagascar, and the chocolate tastes like citrus," says Kristin. "Beans from Peru—bananas and mango. The flavors are completely different, even though it's just cocoa beans with a little sugar."

The Mohagens source their beans directly from farmers, paying above-market prices to encourage industry sustainability and to maintain ethnically sound practices. At a recent conference they attended, a cacao farmer from Nicaragua, whose beans were used in what was voted "best bar," became emotional at the appreciation for his labor and at the farmer from Nicaragua, whose beans were used in what was voted "best bar," became emotional at the appreciation for his labor and at the farmer from Nicaragua, whose beans were used in what was voted "best bar," became emotional at the appreciation for his labor.

Getting beans from faraway places, like Perú and Madagascar, and shipping them through the United States to their customers in Minnesota and California requires a lot of labor and expertise. But the Mohagens feel they have the personnel to make chocolate just as it was made 62 percent Mormon, Doug McCombs '82 is seeing his gamble pay off. Tucked behind a historic bed and breakfast just two blocks from the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespearean Festival, McCombs' IG Winery is winning awards of its own.

The winery doubled its production this year after opening in 2012, bottling 1,200 cases of wine (8,000 gallons). McCombs, a 30-year human resources professional in the Las Vegas gaming industry who is a vice president at Hard Rock Hotel Casino, makes the 180-mile drive up Interstate 15 to Cedar City, Utah, nearly every weekend to fill bottles with Chardonnay, Riesling and other varietals. With only one full-time employee and four part-timers, McCombs is both IG's big decision maker and its winemaker.

A reluctant participant in a wine-tasting course decades ago, McCombs became intrigued enough to go with some friends on a Napa Valley weekend. "I wanted to take every tour, talk to every winemaker and learn all the secrets they would tell me. I couldn't get enough," he says. He enrolled in more wine classes, earned certifications from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust, planted 100 vines in his backyard, and got his hands dirty crushing, pressing, fermenting, racking and testing wines. By 2006 he knew he wanted to open a winery.

After exploring opportunities in traditional wine country, McCombs decided to begin his business in southern Utah, where five million tourists a year visit nearby sites such as the Bryce Canyon and Cedar Breaks national parks and there is no competition from other wineries. McCombs imports his grapes from well-established vineyards in California, Oregon and Washington and produces four white wines and five reds. Thirty restaurants—from Utah and Vegas to California—carry IG Winery’s products. The winery also has significant sales at its tasting room and at igwinery.com.

"I love dealing with all aspects of winemaking, from finding the grapes and tasting them for sweetness and ripeness to doing everything involved in developing a specific wine," says McCombs. The winemaker likes to joke that his job is all about sipping wine on the veranda with the beautiful people, but in reality McCombs' time
The Winemaker Recommends …

PETITE SIRAH 2009 – NAPA VALLEY, CALIF.

This red wine is a blend from two excellent California vineyards. The majority is from Napa, with a bit from the Sierra Foothills, which adds structure and balance to the wine. This wine pours dark and mysterious and looks beautiful in the glass. The nose teases with notes of black cherry, blackberry and hints of cocoa all layered in just enough vanilla and toasted oak. The palate delivers what the nose promises with bold flavors of cherry, blackberry and hints of cocoa all layered in just enough vanilla and toasted oak. The color is clear and bright with a rich golden hue of light honey. The nose promises soft notes of honey, butterscotch, wine just the right acid. The palate backs all that up, offering white peach, light yet unsweetened honey, and oak with a caramel and a hint of oak, graphite and slate. The palate can change subtly from one day to another, telling a new story in the next cup that holds it.

ROUSSANNE 2012 – SIERRA FOOTHILLS, CALIF.

This is the white wine for red wine lovers because it is elegant in every way. The Gold Medal winning wine is barrel-aged for 24 months in French and American oak, then blended with a little Riesling to give the wine just the right acid. The color is clear and bright with a rich golden hue of light honey. The nose promises soft notes of honey, butterscotch, caramel and a hint of oak, graphite and slate. The palate backs all that up, offering white peach, light yet unsweetened honey, and oak with a slight sweetness on the finish. This pairs well with traditional holiday turkey meals and is also recommended with pork, veal, salmon and dozens of cheeses.

Brewing Community

In the low-lit bottom level of Lantern Coffee Bar & Lounge in Grand Rapids, Mich., dark cherry tables pair with refurbished pews for a cozy, intimate feel. Splashes of color catch the eye: Lanterns, as part of a citywide event, has indulged an artist’s crocheted “yarn bombs,” which hug poles, exposed pipes and even the bicycle parked outside. Other artwork, curated by theme in rotating exhibits, lines the walls.

Upstairs, natural light warms the rooms as Steve Wiltjer ’06 explains how the pour-over method, achieved by allowing a continuous stream of water to move over and through the grounds directly into your cup, highlights the nuanced notes of the coffee bean. The flavor profile will change as the coffee cools, accenting the acidity, he says, but some brews are best at room temperature. As with a fine wine, the roasted coffee bean can change subtly from one day to another, telling a new story in the next cup that holds it.

“Wiltjer opened Lantern in 2013 with fellow alum Kevin Wallace ’11, who is married to Wiltjer’s sister, Lisa ’05. The coffee bar offers locally baked goods, live music and a “waste-free” environment, composting what the owners can and encouraging customers to join the recycling effort.

In order to offer his clientele fresh, seasonal tastes they might not experience otherwise, Wiltjer seeks out guest roasters such as Detroit’s Anthology and even local shops that could be considered competition. Bay City’s Populace Coffee is regularly featured on Lantern’s menu. Ever since the company sent free samples to Wiltjer back when he ran a small coffee bar inside a grocery store, the ethics shown by Populace when sourcing beans and their skills in roasting them have kept Wiltjer dedicated to what he calls a “long-term relationship.”

Tips for a Better Cup of Coffee

1. Use good coffee. Not all coffee is created equal. Buy from a roaster that is sourcing high-quality beans. If the coffee varietal (such as Typica, Bourbon, Peaberry) is listed on the bag, they’re probably paying attention.

2. Don’t over-switch the temperature. The hotter your water, the longer your coffee will be brewing. A temperature between 195 and 205°F yields the best flavor.

3. Grind it fresh. The fresher, the better. Buy seasonal coffee if you can, and use it within two weeks of the roast date.

4. Use good water. No coffee is created equal. Buy from a roaster that is sourcing high-quality beans. If the coffee varietal (such as Typica, Bourbon, Peaberry) is listed on the bag, they’re probably paying attention.

5. Let it cool. Don’t use boiling water—let it cool down a few degrees first. Water that’s too hot can wreck the brew.

6. Weighs. You want to use about 15 grams of water to one gram of coffee. Measuring isn’t as accurate as weighing.

HINTS OF CARAMEL AND LEMON RISE FROM A POPULACE COSTA RICAN BREW RECENTLY ON OFFER, NICELY MATCHING THE WARMTH AND FRIENDLINESS OF THE DECOR. THIS MEETING OF PLACE AND PRODUCT IS WHAT WILTJER DOES BEST.

“T’ll be interested in having a coffee shop since college,” says Wiltjer, who is a certified barista with the Specialty Coffee Association of America. “I fell in love with the type of space it could create. A lot of shops here in town do one thing really well—good coffee or a good place to meet—but I wanted to bring all that together.”

A visitor to Lantern’s Facebook page commented on a time when a homeless man took over a table, apparently without the intention of making a purchase. “They treated him with respect and gave him a coffee instead of kicking him out,” she wrote. “Definitely makes me want to come here more often.”

Wiltjer had considered finishing a seminary degree but has found his calling at Lanterns. “Offering this space and participating in the neighborhood as we do is a special, sacred thing,” he says. Operating a business downtown in the vicinity of shelters can be a struggle, he admits, noting the incidents when a first cup of coffee led to combative behavior rather than kind online comments. But here the nuances of community, brought out by the meeting of regulars and homeless guests in a comfortable, welcoming space, are just as important as the great cup of coffee.

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Red Ties

Mark Bloomer, ’81
Director of Alumni Relations
At the beginning of each school year, the greatest excitement for me is welcoming new students into the Northwestern family. Perhaps after almost 30 years in the admissions office, it is something that will never leave me. In my current role I’m particularly interested in welcoming what we call “legacy students”: those who have parents, siblings or other relatives with ties to Northwestern.

While our work in the advancement office has always paralleled and complemented the work of our admissions colleagues, we’ve made some intentional efforts in the last year to work more closely together. Thanks to a prospective student database—developed by Northwestern’s technology efforts in the last year to work more closely together. Thanks to a prospective student database—developed by Northwestern’s technology colleagues, we’ve made some intentional efforts in the last year to work more closely together. Thanks to a prospective student database—developed by Northwestern’s technology efforts in the last year to work more closely together. Thanks to a prospective student database—developed by Northwestern’s technology efforts in the last year to work more closely together. Thanks to a prospective student database—developed by Northwestern’s technology efforts in the last year to work more closely together. Thanks to a prospective student database—developed by Northwestern’s technology efforts in the last year to work more closely together.
Wisconsin. His wife, Sherri (Van Roekel ’96), was named a Rising Star in Banking in 2012. Damen is a branch manager of First National Bank and Sherri is chief audit officer for碳Bank.

’98 Ryan Standor is an assistant professor of art and the director of Flat Fill Press at MNU (M UNI ) State University.

’00 Colette (Johnson) Mazurk went a play entitled theboulevard Portraits, which was presented as part of Samuel Holm’s 39th annual Off Off Broadway Short Play Festival in August. The play was one of 50 finalists selected from nearly 1,400 submissions.

Drew Nammings, lynden, Wash., owned a master’s degree in curricular and instructional leadership from Western Washington University. He teaches middle school online through Washington Virtual Academy.

’01 Kait (Petersen ’01) Morris, her husband, Mark, and two children have moved to Ireland after living in St. Louis for four years.

Joshua Russell is a wholesale credit manager for John Deere Financial in Des Moines.

James Wolff, urbana, Iowa, is the director of manufacturing at Katoche Inc.

’02 Kevin Lars, along with Nate Summers ’11, recently spent a week in Myanmare (formerly Burma) as part of an initiative with Valley Church of West Des Moines. They assisted local Christians in developing sustainable businesses.

’03 Andrew Delhaj, Arden, N.D., teaches 7-12 information technology for Penview Public Schools. His wife, Lisa (Stubbendorf ’02), is a paraprofessional.

’04 Jacob Johnson is the associate general counsel in the legal department for Wells Fargo Bank in La Mar. He was previously at a law firm in Charlotte, N.C.

’06 Anna Follis is a residential treatment counselor for the Children’s Home Society in Sioux Falls. Megan Loimaytis was promoted to director of corporate development for Timothy Haahs & Associates in Philadelphia.

Dr. Franklin Varney received the Iowa Communication Association’s Outstanding New Teacher Award for 2014. He is an assistant professor of communication at the University of Dubuque.

’07 Aaray (Ecker) Bierly, frisco, Tex., teaches sixth grade English and social studies at Galapago Charter School.

Kristie (Erickson) He, who teaches social science at Lake View High School in Chicago, has earned National Board Certification.

’09 Craig Munks, Sioux Falls, is an accountant for Sanford Health.

Joseph Meier is in his second year as an educational consultant with Northwest Area Education Agency in Sioux Center after teaching fifth and sixth grade science at Sidney Olson. One of his responsibilities has been to take northwestern Iowa teams to the regional and international elementary school science competitions, where he has worked with Jim Christiansen ’75, the vice president of educational programs for Atlantic Educational Services at Florida’s Kennedy Space Center.

Megan (Grinna) San Giacomo graduated with an M.D. degree from the Chicago Medical School and is now studying in North Carolina. She is in a family medicine residency at the Stanford Medical Education Foundation in Sioux City.

Meghan (Grunau) San Giacomo graduated with an M.D. degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School. She is a resident physician in family practice in Dubuque, Iowa. After winters and his wife, Sara (Van Leeuwen ’10), have moved from Mitchell, S.D., to Sioux City. He works for Physical Specialties, handling the physical therapy needs for Tyson in Dubuque City. His wife, Sara is an NICU registered nurse at University of St. Luke’s.

Carissa Fields was promoted ’96, Minneapolis, Minn., and managed a branch’s drive-in speech-language pathology center at the University of Iowa while pursuing a Ph.D. in speech-language pathology at the St. Paul Public Schools.

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Snapchat

For a guy who loves cameras and photography, Jack Bloemendaal ’60 has a picture-perfect life. He spent 27 years as a mechanical engineer at Eastman Kodak and has had a role in developing the first disposable camera, he’s co-founder and president of the Photographic Historical Society, and he has a private collection of more than 300 cameras.

Bloemendaal started taking photographs in high school and then found an old camera that sparked his interest in history and collecting. Although he has some museum-quality cameras (including two extremely rare Kodak Super Six-20s that came out in 1939 and were the first to have automatic exposure), he doesn’t collect cameras for their monetary value. Instead, “I collect what interests me,” he says. Working for Kodak was a natural fit. Bloemendaal especially enjoyed the free film and developing. “It was a benefit they offered to most employees, but no one else used the amount I did,” he recalls with a laugh.

The Photographic Historical Society that he cofounded in 1966 holds a symposium every third year, with the latest convening last October near his home in Rochester, N.Y. Attendees came from all over the world to learn about photographic history, collecting, technology and more.

Even after 50-plus years as a shutterbug, “I’m continually learning,” Bloemendaal says. Through the symposium, he hopes an interest in the history of photography will keep developing.

by Sherri Baker Wildman ’98

Among Jack Bloemendaal’s 300-camera collection is this Sandrae tropical fish camera from the 1920s.
Singing Soldier

Heck Ackerman '88 was used to rigorous training as a professional musician, but in the summer of 2013 his musical exercises and drills reached a new level. Making the luttewer decision to leave his Arizona junior high music classroom in favor of full-time musical training, Ackerman earned a place in the Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus—but not before enduring 10 weeks of boot camp. She is now an active-duty staff sergeant and one of seven mezzo-sopranos in the 29-member chorus, where she finds that mixing Soldiers’ Chorus—but not before enduring 10 weeks of boot camp.

Where in the world is NWC?

When Lynne (Lenderink ’76) and John Hubers ’77 celebrated their 40th anniversary with a Kenyan safari, John wasn’t afraid to show his Northwestern pride. How far have you gone to promote Northwestern? Send us a photo of you in NWC attire and it might get printed in a future Classic.

Email classic@nwc.edu

by Beth (Nikkei ’02) Gaulke
Fruit of the Vine
by Emily (Mullenburg ’11) Rasmussen

I stared at my computer screen for a minute. The page, haphazardly translated from German into English, described a Schloßböckelheim Feinherb Riesling — Breemsaufline. From the chopped-up text, I could tell it was something about a multigenerational wine-growing family and a famous sweet wine. The bottle that captivated my search stood alongside a dozen others on my desk; my work for the day was to translate these concepts, so foreign to me, intoensible information.

The majority of the labels were French, some were Spanish, and a few English. I toggled the page back to German—somewhere, though I relied on Google Translate all day, it was easier to understand the story if I read in the original languages. I got a major adrenaline rush from dissecting each sentence and looking up so many new words in one day: viticulture, enology, vitis vinifera, appellation —words that are now as familiar to me as verb and noun. I could tell it was something about a multigenerational wine-growing family and a famous sweet wine. The bottle that catalyzed my search stood alongside a dozen others on my desk; my work for the day was to translate these concepts, so foreign to me, into sensible information.

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Although I sometimes romanticize it, my life isn’t all that different from college. I write, I talk too fast, I somehow get paid to be on Facebook, and mostly, I try to advocate my credo that wine is a creation, a craft. It isn’t a thing to be worshipped—but its Creator sure is. I can’t help but get dramatic about it all, especially on the first day of harvest when the whole county smells like freshly picked grapes. The vestigial lineations that cover the countryside oftentimes leave me speechless—and yet let me tell you, that is a major feat.

Punctuating the silence are always the same words, the chorus to our life: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser... As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:1, 4-5, ESV)

Vines require adversity. Without suffering in parched, rocky soils, a vine can bear fruit, but it will taste bland. Yet despite its affinity for overcoming struggle, a branch could never, ever bear fruit apart from the vine.

I had been in charge of my future, I would never have planned it to be like this. At every crack-of-dawn harvest and twilight fraught with thirsting fermentations, I am surrounded by words and vines and branches. The Vine dresser of John 15 knew his plan for me would put to use those three semesters of French, that dabbling in German, “mi conciencia...” and my zeal for words, just as he knew the best way to help this English major know his abiding love: by immersing me daily in a vineyard — languages and a language.

My current job no longer offers the linguistic dexterity of the first, but as the communications manager for Ram’s Gate Winery in Sonoma, my vino vocabulary grows daily with what I’ve now coined non-vinegars. They range from science-y terms like malolactic, botrytis cinerea, and harpagoxylon to words that encompass a wealth of wine flavors: feijoa, capsicum, tamarind, beurre noisette, tamarillo, sauvignon blanc, and garrigue. It is a perfect fit for my skills and talents. Though Dawn has graduated, the Gildersleeves continue to give to the Northwestern Fund to help other students afford NWC.

I began working for a wine sales website, utilizing my undergraduate language studies to interpret wine labels and, later, write sales copy. As I exercised my adjective muscles, Cody quickly landed an assistant manager for Ram’s Gate Winery in Sonoma, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma County, Calif., where he could apply his Williams College political science degree to a winemaker position (I call it “liberal artsing”). Before his new job began in July of 2013, we jaunted south to Sonoma Count...
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It helped fill the stands for Saturday’s 46-17 football win over cross-county rival Dordt College and boosted participation in Morning on the Green and the Red Raider Road Race. Forty alumni returned for a special theatre reunion, and Northwestern student musicians performed for a packed house during their evening concert.

Those who stayed through Sunday night were treated to the music of Christian recording artist Phil Wickham and the band Tenth Avenue North.