CONTENTS

COMMENCEMENT 2015
PAGE 4-5

NORTHWESTERN CAREER
ADVANCEMENT
PAGE 11

157TH ANNUAL
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
PAGE 6

OFF-CAMPUS LIFE
PAGE 11

SESP CONVOCATION
PAGE 7

NU HILLEL
PAGE 12

2014 GRADUATES
EMPLOYED
PAGE 8-9

SHEIL CATHOLIC CENTER
PAGE 13

THE PANHELLEC
COMMUNITY
PAGE 9

SUSTAINABILITY
PAGE 14

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
PAGE 10

SUMMER SESSION
PAGE 15

NU ATHLETICS
PAGE 15-17
Dear Northwestern Parents and Family Members,

It has been my privilege to serve as University Chaplain for the past 29 years. Over those decades, we have seen many changes as Northwestern University. One of the constants has been the interest of students in what Sharon Daloz Parks calls “big questions” and “worthy dreams.” Who am I? How do I relate to others? How can I know right from wrong? Why is there so much suffering in the world? What is my religion? Do I even need one? What should I do with my life? These questions of meaning and purpose are perennial spiritual concerns.

In the Office of Religious Life we seek to promote spiritual growth and nurture at Northwestern University. We believe that spiritual maturity entails:

- reflection on the meaning and purpose of human existence
- appreciation for the depth and expanse of life
- articulation of beliefs
- development of spiritual resources to sustain one through good times and bad
- a willingness to rethink values and to apply them to life
- a concern for the welfare of humankind and a capacity to act with confidence upon that concern.

Whether we are devout or skeptical, spiritual maturity is enhanced by critical dialogue and community with others and through encounter with differing traditions.

Northwestern offers many ways for students—whether religiously committed or not—to explore their big questions and dream their worthy dreams. More than 20 diverse religious groups and campus religious centers offer a wide array of opportunities for engagement through fellowship, study, worship, and reflection. There are also many opportunities for interfaith dialogue and engagement, such as the NU Interfaith Initiative, a diverse group that meets weekly for a shared meal and probing conversation. These groups and centers offer a place of belonging where students can grow and flourish.

To get started, students may register their religious affiliation and interest in particular groups online.

The chaplains are available for pastoral counseling and informal conversations. We encourage students to stop by our office to get acquainted and learn more about religious and spiritual life at Northwestern. We always enjoy making new friends.

Parents and family members may also feel free to contact us. We welcome your family to the larger Northwestern community.

With best wishes,

Timothy S. Stevens
University Chaplain
Virginia Rometty, the first woman to head IBM, came home to her alma mater on Friday, June 19, to deliver the main address at Northwestern University’s 157th commencement ceremony, stressing to her new fellow alumni that they were graduating at “a truly unique moment in history” – the dawn of a new era of computing made possible by big data.

With temperatures hovering in the low to mid-60s, on a sunny and unusually cool day for Northwestern’s commencement, approximately 15,000 people attended the 90-minute ceremony honoring approximately 5,900 undergraduate and graduate students. At the peak of Web viewership, about 850 people also watched the webcast of the ceremony.

The graduates’ loved ones were out in full force fueling the commencement cheer, and, in his much-beloved welcoming tradition, Northwestern President Morton Schapiro called on the graduates to stand and applaud those who supported them. He called out first to parents, then grandparents, siblings, spouses, children, aunts and uncles, cousins, other family members and friends – with the president’s enthusiasm and the applause building as each group stood to be recognized.

Representing the Class of 2015, A.J. Roy delivered a message of gratitude to “the people who matter most.”

“I’m a theater major, so a desire to be the center of attention is basically a prerequisite for the industry,” he said. “But today I am deeply humbled to shift the spotlight away from myself and the rest of the Class of 2015 and honor the people who got us here: our families, friends and the entire Northwestern faculty and staff. There wouldn’t be a single person accepting a diploma this weekend if it weren’t for you,” he said.
Northwestern University students from multiple faith traditions gathered together for reflections Thursday, June 18, at the 157th Annual Baccalaureate Service to celebrate the importance of interfaith engagement, inclusion and mutual understanding. A sacred space for students, families, faculty and staff to honor their faiths in all the different ways they worship and observe God, the service helped kick off the University's 157th Annual Commencement Exercises.

Nearly 500 members of the University community, parents, family members and friends attended the service, a student-designed program giving graduates a chance to give thanks for their time in the Northwestern community and to hear student reflections from their respective faith traditions.
At the Convocation for the School of Education and Social Policy (SESP) on Friday, June 19, undergraduate, master’s and doctoral graduates received diplomas, and awards were presented to faculty and students. This year, 136 undergraduates, 115 master’s students and 10 doctoral students were eligible for diplomas.

Margaret Beale Spencer, a University of Chicago professor who received an honorary Northwestern degree earlier that day, was the featured speaker at SESP Convocation, along with student speakers Isabel Garcia and Avi Small. Convocation co-chair Nicole Reed kicked off the Convocation ceremony.

“SESP is filled with passionate, caring individuals who want to make a difference,” Reed said. Dean Penelope Peterson described ways that SESP has been ahead of its time and assured the audience that innovation continues at SESP.

“We know students will continue the spirit of innovation,” Peterson told the graduates. “You were well prepared to become leaders and innovators.”

The central theme of Beale Spencer’s talk to the graduates was that their SESP education puts them on the road to positive social change. No matter where the graduates focus, their goal, she said, is “to maximize learning and development for all.”

Undergraduate graduates Garcia and Small offered lighthearted remarks praising the spirit of collaboration at SESP, as they experienced working collaboratively in almost every SESP class they took.

“Working together will get you much further than working alone,” Garcia said. Small and Garcia expressed that better solutions and the ability to be a team player could result.

“SESP is a community we’ve been lucky enough to be part of,” Garcia said. “Whatever we’re going to do, we can do it better together.”

“We’re expertly equipped to be stronger partners and better collaborators, and it’s all because of SESP,” Small said.

Convocation co-chair Grace Casimer concluded the ceremony.

“We are grateful for the community we have built here,” she said, adding that SESP is the school for “people who love people” and that no matter what students do, SESP will always provide support.
Adapted from the Northwestern Web site

Current Northwestern students and their family members will be encouraged to learn that, according to a University study, more than 90 percent of Northwestern University’s class of 2014 graduates were engaged in professional pursuits six months after graduation.

Many of the remaining members of the class of 2014 were in graduate school, professional school or participating in some other educational activity, the study found. More than 60 percent of last year's graduates were employed full time with an average starting salary of more than $52,000. Only two percent were actively searching for a job.

The study, “First Destination: Six Months After Graduation,” was conducted by Northwestern Career Advancement (NCA) and Student Affairs Assessment. Data was compiled from a variety of sources to gain information on 80 percent of the undergraduate members of the class of 2014.

“The University plays a critical role in
providing opportunities for students to develop career interests and prepare for life beyond Northwestern,” said NCA Executive Director Mark Presnell. “It begins as early as the first year through a combination of academics, experiential learning, campus involvement and professional opportunities.”

Students seem to be taking advantage of career-related opportunities offered to them as undergraduates. The study indicated almost 90 percent of those surveyed had engaged in an experiential learning opportunity during their undergraduate years.

On-campus involvement was also important to the success of members of the class of 2014. Ninety-one percent who responded reported that they were deeply involved in one or more student organizations during their time at Northwestern.

“As a result of their involvement in student groups, undergraduate students reported having substantial opportunities to develop skills and abilities that include functioning effectively as a member of a team, building confidence and planning and executing complex projects,” Presnell said.

For a complete look at the professional pursuits, locations and average salaries of the undergraduate class of 2014, see the full report here.

The Panhellenic Community had a great end to spring quarter, and we look forward to many great events coming up in the fall. The National Panhellenic Conference chose Northwestern’s Panhellenic Community for a visit in May. Our chapter presidents, council members and community members enjoyed meeting the NPC officers and sharing our community initiatives and progress, including the Diversity and Inclusion Chair position and Women’s Empowerment Week, which we will be scheduling in the fall. We got to hear about what Panhellenic women are working on nationally and were excited to share our campus and city with them.

Our council also produced Greek Week with the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Multicultural Greek Council and the Interfraternity Council. The week had several community-building programs beginning with Maysing, a lip-syncing competition in Pick-Staiger Hall, and concluding with a Greek barbecue and volleyball tournament. Our community members participated in teams of up to five chapters with every council represented on each team.

We wrapped up our year with the Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards. We awarded chapters for excellence in Membership Development, New Member Education, Philanthropy Event Execution, Community Service Efforts, Public Relations, Campus Involvement, Recruitment Initiatives, Chapter Management and Improvement. Each year our chapters develop new practices to improve themselves and the Panhellenic Community at large, and this awards ceremony was a great way to recognize our chapters’ efforts.
The provost and vice president for Student Affairs have appointed two new Faculty Masters for Northwestern’s residential colleges: Quincy Stewart (Sociology) at Slivka Residential College of Science & Engineering and Ben Gorvine (Psychology) at Shepard Residential College. These appointments are the culmination of an extensive process involving committees comprised of student members and affiliated faculty fellows from each residential college.

In each of the 11 residential colleges, the Master works with an Associate Master (another faculty member or senior administrator) and an Assistant Master (typically a doctoral candidate) to advise the student executive board and help set a tone for the community that blends academic, cultural and social programs. Office of Residential Academic Initiatives Associate Director Nancy Anderson manages the searches to ensure that students reflect on the traits and interests that will make for a successful new Master in their respective residential colleges, each of which is unique in its character and traditions.

Home to one-third of undergraduate students living on campus, residential colleges offer students formal and informal opportunities to connect with faculty and staff members outside of the classroom and office hours. Residential college members routinely have meals with affiliated fellows and many elect to take residence-based seminars or conduct research with fellows.
Northwestern Career Advancement (NCA) and the Northwestern Alumni Association (NAA) teamed up for a second year to host 'Cats Connect, a series of student-alumni networking receptions held in select cities across the U.S. throughout the second half of July.

After concluding a successful first year of 'Cats Connect in 2014, NCA and the NAA expanded the program to include three new locations on the West Coast, bringing receptions to six cities for 2015: Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C. Last year’s receptions were held in Chicago, Evanston, New York City and Washington, D.C.

These receptions provide students with opportunities to gain insight from alumni about particular career paths, develop their professional networks, and learn about current and future opportunities at various companies and organizations.

Northwestern’s Off-Campus Life (OCL) office would like to thank Northwestern University students and families for a great year in the off-campus community!

Off-Campus Life serves as the first point of contact for students moving and living off campus. It is our goal to help students address issues and needs related to off-campus living, find apartments or houses off campus and manage their own off-campus affairs using Northwestern, Evanston and Chicago resources.

During the academic year, Off-Campus Life coordinates fun activities to foster community and encourage positive neighbor relations. These events include a hot chocolate and ice cream social, cooking demonstrations, advanced movie premieres, housing fairs and a spring barbecue. For more details about events and involvement opportunities off campus and in the community, please visit Off-Campus Life’s events page.

The office is looking forward to another exciting year of serving off-campus Northwestern students. In the meantime, if you or your student has any questions about moving or living off campus, please contact Off-Campus Life at offcampuslife@northwestern.edu or 847-491-8430.
CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2015!

On Friday, June 19, NU Hillel joined the Northwestern community in celebrating the University’s 157th Annual Commencement. On that Friday, NU Hillel welcomed nearly 200 people – graduating seniors, family members, alumni, staff and board members – to our annual Wine and Cheese Reception for graduates and their families. Click here to see more pictures!

WELCOME CLASS OF 2019 - JOIN US FOR FRESHMAN FEST!

Freshman Fest is an awesome overnight pre-orientation program to help you meet other Jewish first-year students and get ready for an awesome four years at Northwestern!

Freshman Fest will begin on Thursday, September 10, and conclude the following morning before move-in. Activities will include an Evanston scavenger hunt, laser tag, performances by premier Northwestern student groups, an outdoor cookout and more. Rumor has it that President Morty Schapiro will be making an appearance. You can register for Freshman Fest until Wednesday, September 9. Click here for the application!
Happy summer from the staff of the Sheil Catholic Center! We finished the 2014-2015 school year in true Wildcat fashion with senior send-offs from our undergraduates (broomball) and staff (a rousing game of mini-golf), and with our graduation Mass on Thursday, June 18. Students and families filled our chapel and stayed to talk at the reception afterwards. Every year, students tell us about the home they found at Sheil and of the many friends they have made here. This is truly blessed work and it is a joy to minister here.

We are looking forward to the fall when we will welcome the class of 2019 and transfer students to campus. Sheil’s First Night program, on Thursday, September 10, will introduce first-year students to a dozen or more sophomores, juniors and seniors who will answer their questions and invite them to make Sheil their second home. Mass, a barbecue (there is always food here) and a parent reception to make goodbyes a little easier are a few of the activities planned. Students spend the night and are picked up in time for move-in day on Friday, September 11.

Incoming students can sign up directly [here](#) or through our Web site, [sheilcatholiccenter.org](http://sheilcatholiccenter.org).

In addition to First Night, Sheil invites students and parents to attend Mass and enjoy a light breakfast at 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 13. By the time classes begin, we will have four Masses each Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Students are welcome at every Mass, along with our permanent community of associates. An ice cream social during Wildcat Welcome (featuring Mary's brownies), our Fall Retreat (October 9 – 11) and small faith groups are just a few of the fall quarter activities we have planned.

Make a point to stop by Sheil when you are on campus. You will find a warm smile from our staff, someone to answer your questions, and a place to rest awhile.
Smart back-to-school shopping helps save money and the environment by reducing the amount of unnecessary items that are not used and are eventually thrown away. During the 2015 campus move-out, the sustainNU Take it or Leave it program collected 10,000 lbs of clothing, household items and food, diverting these items from the landfill and donating them to local charities.

Students also donated mini-fridges, couches, chairs, desks and other household items to Move in Move out (MIMO). MIMO is a student-run initiative in which members pick up items from Northwestern students living off campus and will sell them back to students at the start of the school year. This new project is working to end the cycle of students (and parents) buying new household items every year.

Aside from checking out MIMO, you can also do your part in minimizing Northwestern University’s waste stream by reading through the Office of Sustainability’s helpful Green Shopping List to determine the necessary items that need to fit in your student’s suitcase. Residential Services also offers a comprehensive list of what to bring to campus. Be sure to have your students get in touch with their roommates before they move in to avoid buying duplicate items.

Additionally, the Office of Sustainability has created a Green Living Guide that provides tips and tools for students to save energy and water, as well as reduce waste and carbon emissions. From inspiring classes to healthy local restaurants you must try, the guide has it all! The guide also highlights what Northwestern is doing to become a leader in sustainability.
Many students take advantage of Northwestern’s Summer Session to make progress toward degree completion, fulfill distribution requirements or focus on a particular course by choosing from more than 300 undergraduate courses. Courses are flexibly scheduled, ranging from three to eight weeks and taught during the day, evening and on weekends.

Summer students can earn a year’s worth of language or science credit in just nine weeks by completing three-course sequences in a variety of languages, biological sciences, chemistry or physics.

Many students use the summer to gain new perspectives and expand their worldview in off-campus field studies, internships and study abroad programs.

There’s no shortage of fun things to do on campus in the summer. Students can enjoy the many sports, recreational activities, musical and dramatic performances, lectures and cultural events in both Evanston and Chicago.

For more information, please call the Office of Summer Session and Special Programs 847-491-5612 or visit northwestern.edu/summer.

ATHLETICS

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Academically:

A record 3.30 grade-point average by Northwestern’s nearly 500 student athletes during the spring quarter wrapped up a 2014–2015 academic year, where the Wildcats raised the bar in the classroom once again.

For the entire year, Northwestern’s 19 varsity athletic teams posted an average grade-point average of 3.25, the university’s top mark since 2001. During the spring of 2015, 18 of 19 programs achieved a team GPA of 3.0 or higher, while 12 teams earned at least a 3.30 or better. The final academic quarter of 2014–2015 saw 76.6 percent of all Northwestern student athletes earn at least a 3.0 GPA, while a total of 36 Wildcats posted perfect 4.0 marks during the recently completed session.

For more information, click here.
NU Chocolate Stadiums & Picnic Set

Surprise your favorite Wildcat fan with the perfect gift!
*Perfect for incoming and returning students
*All items are purchased through the website and shipped directly
*A great gift for parents and alumni
*Includes a FREE message card completed at checkout

CHOCOLATE STADIUMS & ARENAS - $34.95

Band

Baseball

Football

Also available in:
Lacrosse, Tennis, Golf and Hockey

Basketball

Soccer

STEEL PICNIC BEVERAGE SET - $44.95

7.5" wide of Premium Milk Chocolate

All stadiums come with a FREE bag of Green & Black's Organic Chocolates!

Order at: www.betterworldbrands.com/NU
info@betterworldbrands.com

A percentage of sales is donated back to the New Student and Family Programs
Athletically:

- Field Hockey: Big Ten Champions
- Women’s Golf: Big Ten Champions
- Women’s Basketball: Made the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1997

COMING SOON:

Run for Walk – Sunday, August 9 at 7:30 a.m.

Over the last three years, the Run for Walk has welcomed more than 3,000 Northwestern fans, supporters and friends of the late Head Coach Randy Walker, to honor our former head football coach and create a staple of the Chicagoland running scene.

Once again this year, the 5K family walk will continue as part of the Run for Walk, a 4.1 mile run through Evanston’s tree-lined streets and on Northwestern’s campus. Register here.