Teaching What They Practice

Living and learning alongside North Park's "practitioner faculty"
I spent time today with Skye Moe. You would love to meet her—she is the daughter every parent is proud of, the student every faculty member is thrilled to teach, the graduating senior every university president admires.

Skye has studied biology at North Park; she’s numbered among the best students in her classes. During her early semesters she was determined to enter medical school to become a physician. She still may choose that path. But last summer an internship with DiaSorin, a clinical diagnostics laboratory in Minnesota, prompted her to consider graduate study for a career as a research scientist.

Now during her senior year Skye has reached toward yet another dream.

During her years at North Park Skye has learned of a world that is much different than she knew in her hometown of Stillwater, Minnesota. And in this new and different world she discovered the myth of equal opportunity. “I’ve learned that inequality exists in Chicago and across America,” Skye says, “and it’s determined more than anything else by where you’re born.”

Skye has been a community volunteer through North Park’s Urban Outreach Programs. Through these activities she has discovered the ugly world of educational inequality. “It starts early,” she told me today, “and if it isn’t corrected by the third grade its nearly irreversible.”

This discovery and insight gave Skye a new dream—to join the Teach for America corps where she could teach in an underserved school during her first two years after college. Skye claims, “It’s a way to give back.” In knowing the world of educational inequality Skye also uncovered the mandate to love our neighbor.

Teach for America, however, only appoints the most talented applicants. Each year nearly 50,000 graduating seniors apply to be part of Teach for America, and fewer than 10% are selected. This didn’t stop Skye, it didn’t even slow her down. She wrote her essay, submitted her application, and waited. Eventually she was placed on the long list of students invited for a phone interview, and then she made it onto the shorter list of those interviewed in a day-long process.

This week Skye was named as one of the 10% of applicants chosen for this year’s class with Teach for America! Last year another North Park graduating senior, Amanda Padgett, was also chosen. Amanda is now teaching secondary English in a high need, low income school near San Francisco. For next year Skye has been assigned to pilot a pre–K program in the Las Vegas Valley, in a classroom populated with high need children. I know Skye will make a difference. As Amanda is transforming the lives of young teens in her classroom in the Bay Area, so Skye will do her best to reverse the trajectory of educational inequality for the children in her classroom who have not yet learn to read.

Two North Park seniors in consecutive years—both dedicated to doing their part to address the challenge of educational inequality in America. Both giving back.

At North Park we call this being “prepared for a life of significance and service.”

DAVID L. PARKYNN
President, North Park University

Corrections:
The photograph of the Golden Circle Class of 1960 was wrongly captioned on page 4 of the Summer 2010 issue. The group pictured is the first four-year college class, not the Junior College as listed. Our apologies go out to this notable group of alumni.

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Faculty Members Receive Promotions, Tenure

North Park University’s fall Academic Convocation recognized faculty members who were recently granted tenure and promotion. These teacher–scholars represent a wide array of disciplines and have demonstrated excellence and promise in their teaching, research, writing, and community service.

Promoted to Full Professor
Liza Ann Acosta, who joined the University in 2000, was promoted to professor of English. Acosta serves on the North Park Dialogue faculty in addition to teaching courses in the English department.

Kathryn Maier–O’Shea came to North Park University in 1999 as reference librarian in the Brandel Library. She was promoted to professor of bibliography.

Jonathan Rienstra–Kiracofe was promoted to professor of chemistry. He has served at North Park since 2007 and has been influential in modernizing the instrumentation in the chemistry labs.

Promoted to Associate Professor
Ilisu Ahn, with North Park University since 2004, was promoted to associate professor of philosophy. During the convocation, Ahn was also installed in the Carl I. Lindberg Endowed Chair in Applied Ethics. He teaches in both philosophy and business ethics.

Michelle Clifton–Soderstrom was promoted to associate professor of theology and ethics at North Park Theological Seminary. She was also honored for the recent publication of her book, Angels, Worms and Bogeys: The Christian Ethic of Pietism. Clifton–Soderstrom has been a member of the Seminary faculty since 1994.

Joel Willitts was promoted to associate professor of Biblical and Theological Studies. In addition to his promotion, he was recognized for his recently published book, Paul and the Gospels: Christologies, Conflicts, and Convergences (edited with Michael Bird). Willitts has been a full-time faculty member of Biblical and Theological Studies since 2006.

Received Tenure
Rachelle M. Ankney is associate professor of mathematics and statistics. Ankney, who has taught at North Park since 2006, previously taught at Roanoke and Dickinson colleges.

Angelyn Balodinas–Bartolomei is associate professor of Education. She has served the University since 2003 and has recently written a book and several articles on Greek–American cultural awareness.

Chad Eric Bergman is professor of communication arts and producer of North Park’s theatre program. He has taught at North Park since 2002 and has been instrumental in linking the University’s theater program with Chicago’s storefront theater traditions.

Gertrude DeWaters, associate professor of nursing, has served at North Park since 2004. DeWaters is an active nursing practitioner and scholar.

Alice Gorguis was promoted to associate professor of mathematics in 2009 and has taught at North Park University since 2004.

Bradley Nassif, professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, came to North Park in 2004. Nassif has recently written on the relationship between the Eastern Orthodox and Protestant churches.
Received Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

Kristy Odelius received tenure and was promoted to associate professor of English. Odelius, a poet, joined the North Park faculty in fall 2003 and last year published a volume of her poems.

Matthew Schau was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of biology. He came to North Park from the University of Illinois at Chicago, joining the faculty in 2004.

Three Faculty Installed in Endowed Chairs

Faculty members Ilsup Ahn, Julia Lynn Davids, and Linda Duncan C’69 were installed in endowed chairs during the fall Academic Convocation. Their accomplishments were recognized and, through the installation litany, they were commended to lead with “wisdom, leadership, devotion, and godliness.”

Carl I. Lindberg Endowed Chair in Applied Ethics

Ilsup Ahn was installed as the Carl I. Lindberg Endowed Chair in Applied Ethics. The chair was given in honor of Rev. Carl I. Lindberg, father of Marge Sveen, by the Don and Marge Sveen family. The Sveens are members of Glen Ellyn Covenant Church, and Don has served on the North Park University Board of Trustees.

Ahn earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and his M.Div. and Th.M. from Emory University. He served as a pastor in the United Methodist Church in Cedarville and Orland Park, Ill., and was Campus Minister at the University of Illinois–Chicago from 1999–2001. He is the author of Position and Responsibility: Jürgen Habermas, Reinhold Niebuhr, and the Co-Reconstruction of the Positional Imperative (Pickwick Publishers, 2009) as well as numerous journal articles in the areas of ethics, human rights, and Asian studies.

Stephen J. Hendrickson Endowed Chair in Music

Julia Lynn Davids was installed in the Stephen J. Hendrickson Endowed Chair in Music. Stephen Hendrickson founded Christian Book Distributors, the world’s largest distributor of Christian products. Founder of Christian Book Distributors, the world’s largest distributor of Christian products, Stephen Hendrickson served as a North Park University trustee from 1992 to 1999 and from 2000 to 2005. He also served as chair of the National Campaign Committee for North Park’s Formation and Transformation campaign.

Davids came to North Park in fall 2010. She has extensive experience in choral conducting, church music, and solo vocal performance. She earned her doctor of music in choral conducting at Northwestern University, and holds master’s degrees in voice performance as well as choral conducting from the University of Michigan.

Gretchen Carlson Memorial Chair in Nursing

Linda R. Duncan was installed in the Gretchen Carlson Memorial Chair in Nursing. Gretchen Carlson attended North Park College for one year, graduating from the Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing in 1955. She died in 1986 after 23 years of profound disability, including blindness. Her three children all attended North Park.

Duncan earned her terminal degree from Rush University, and received her master of science in nursing from Loyola University. She graduated from the North Park College School of Nursing in 1969, and has taught nursing at North Park since 1973. Duncan is the author of many scholarly articles in addition to her vast clinical and teaching experience. She has two children who have graduated from North Park, son Dr. Mark C’2000 and daughter Dr. Darlene (Duncan) Nelson C’2001.
Alumnus Wins Awards for Short Film

A short film written and directed by Chris Hall C’2004 and produced with help from an L.A. Filmworks grant won top honors in two competitions in late April, 2009. It received awards for best short and best supporting actor at the Fourth Annual Buffalo Niagara Film Festival, and was awarded the Shoestring Trophy at the 52nd Annual Rochester International Film Festival. L.A. Filmworks is an enrichment program that aims to create quality cinematic art and entertainment, while providing alumni opportunities to gain professional experience.

A communications major and theatre minor, Hall completed the final semester of his degree at the Los Angeles Film Studies Center (LAFSC), a student program of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).

“The LAFSC program is geared toward creating working professionals who can serve as pillars in the film industry, where decisions are being made,” Hall explains. “Most graduates are not making overtly Christian, evangelical films, but we’re working within the Hollywood framework to promote our values.”

After completing graduate school at the University of Southern California, Hall began his career as a cinematographer and colorist in Los Angeles. In 2007, he submitted his script for “Flint Creek,” a historical piece about the War of 1812, and in 2008, he received a $20,000 grant to produce the 22-minute film. Currently, the film has earned six awards. “This is very exciting,” says Hall, “but the great joy is not in winning awards, but seeing a roomful of people experiencing and enjoying the film.”

As casting director, Katrina Wandel C’2005 sourced Screen Actors Guild talent to donate their time. “She did this on top of her full-time job at a casting agency,” Hall says.

Now and in the near future, he will be working on various music videos, a documentary on women in jazz, and a thriller feature film by Joe Dante, director of “Gremlins.” He credits North Park with providing an excellent foundation for his film career.

“I got a very well-rounded education at North Park, but more importantly, it laid the groundwork of my personal faith. North Park challenges you in the formation of your spiritual identity. It wasn’t the Covenant’s; it wasn’t my parents’; it was my own personal faith that I was able to carry with me. The value of that is almost immeasurable.”

Alumni Open Chicago Theatre Company

Two North Parkers, Ashley-Marie (Hicks) Quijano and Jonathen Wikholm C’2010 have created The Odradek Theatre Company, which produced its first show in September to sold-out crowds.

The book-turned-play, “Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead,” debuted at nearby Gorilla Tango Theatre, where Wickholm had been part of an improv group. Auditions for “Dog Sees God” were city-wide, connecting the duo with colleges and theatre companies in the greater Chicagoland area.
Quijano and Wikholm say they began to dream of creating their own theater company while part of the theater department at North Park.

“We were trained to do everything that Chicago–style theatre encompasses: Build our own sets, direct our own plays, manage our own production, and gather our own people,” says Quijano, who directed “Dog Sees God.” They believe their experiences and education at North Park helped to make their dream a reality.

“We couldn’t have done it without North Park,” says Quijano.

“Tells Wickholm, “Our company is about creating a place that is all about the arts, a place that every artist can build into a community, and everyone can work together under one umbrella idea and flourish.”

Wikholm describes the Chicago theater scene as a place of originality and risk, and believes there is no better time or place for him and his partner to do what they are doing.

“We want our company to be about taking risks, doing shows that challenge our beliefs and challenge our society,” says Quijano.

The company is waiting for approval from the IRS to become a bona fide nonprofit theater company. Six people work together to lead the company: executive producer Wickholm; artistic director Quijano; technical director Kristina Carr C’2009; PR representative Justin Lance C’2013; house manager Joe Fernicola C’2009, and financial manager Michael Dell C’2011. Wikholm adds that there are about 15 to 20 people who help the company run smoothly.

Plans for another show are underway, which will likely debut in March. “We welcome anyone and everyone to audition. We believe that everyone has artistic abilities and we will use anyone who is willing to do something,” says Wikholm.

In February, the company will run a talent show at the Viaduct Theatre to seek out new talent and create a bigger, better community for the theater. For more information, visit their website at http://www.odradektheatre.com.

This story was contributed by Andrea E. Carlson, Campus News Editor for the North Park Press, the University’s independent student newspaper.
Fall Chapel Services Feature Guests Including Shane Claiborne, Jim Wallis

Shane Claiborne, founder of the inner city Philadelphia community “The Simple Way” and leader in the New Monasticism movement, was the featured speaker in North Park University Chapel on September 8, 2010. Claiborne, a popular speaker, activist, author, and self-described “recovering sinner,” has been featured on Fox News, CNN and National Public Radio discussing “peacemaking, social justice, and Jesus.” His ministry experiences range from a year at Willow Creek Community Church to 10 weeks working in Calcutta with Mother Teresa. Claiborne’s books include The Irresistible Revolution, Jesus for President, and Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers. He has given seminars at educational institutions including Duke, Pepperdine, Harvard, Princeton, and Wheaton College, and been the featured speaker at many conferences.

Rev. Jim Wallis, bestselling author, editor-in-chief of Sojourners magazine, and social justice commentator, spoke in North Park’s Chapel on October 20, 2010. Wallis has spent nearly 40 years writing, speaking and calling for evangelical engagement with social and political issues. Wallis’s recent books include Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street — A Moral Compass for the New Economy and The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith & Politics in a Post Religious Right America. Wallis was joined by North Park alumnus Tim King C’2006, who serves as his special assistant. Since graduating from North Park, King has managed campaigns for food access, school funding reform, ex–offender services and youth homelessness.

Other chapel guest speakers this fall have included author and scholar Dr. Carl Ellis Jr., Dean of Intercultural Studies at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Rev. Alexia Salvatierra, Lutheran pastor and executive director of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice—Los Angeles, Dr. Rene Rochester, founder and CEO of Urban S.E.T. Inc., and Charles Mumba, who runs University Ministries’ sister organization, Hope Ministries, in Zambia.

Guest speakers from the Evangelical Covenant Church included Danny Martinez, a Covenant pastor and church planter from Los Angeles on October 13th. Eugene Cho, pastor of Quest Church in Seattle, who founded One Day’s Wages, was joined by the Christian hip hop band Group1Crew November 3rd. Covenant pastor and former East Coast Conference Superintendent Bob Dvorak completed the Fall Chapel Schedule on December 8th.

2010 Fall Sports Roundup

Football

The North Park football team started the 2010 season winning two of its first three games, including a historic 70–7 victory over MacMurray College in Week 3. The Vikings set numerous records in the victory. Their 70 points scored was the most scored since the 1968 season when NP defeated North Central College 104–32. In addition, the win was the second largest margin of victory in school history, only behind the NCC win, and North Park rushed for a school record nine touchdowns. The Vikings accumulated 532 yards of total offense, second only to its 660 yards set in the North Central game, and junior Cicero Porter recorded the second longest interception return for a touchdown, a 97–yard return. In Week 2, the Vikings earned a 31–20 win over Benedictine, its second in the last three years over the Eagles, and senior Nick Pantaleo re–wrote the record books by intercepting a pass at the one–yard line and returning it 99 yards for a score. His interception return broke the 50–year old record of 93 yards set by Gene Boba in the 1960 season.

Women’s Rowing

The North Park women’s rowing team began a new coaching regime in its 2010 non–traditional season with Allison Koubsky C’2007. Koubsky
succeeded founding program coach Tim Grant and brought in the largest recruiting class in program history. A former student–athlete of the program, Koubsky was the most decorated athlete in North Park rowing history with over 22 medals, including three from the Dad Vail National Regatta (2004, 2005, 2006). She was a Dad Vail National Regatta Champion in 2004 and graduated from North Park in the spring of 2007. The Vikings competed in two events, placing in the top three and earning three medals in both. They also introduced Kristin Carlson as their new graduate assistant, who came from the NCAA Division I rowing ranks.

Volleyball

The North Park women’s volleyball team gained some individual accolades in the 2010 season. Senior Mallory Bieritz ended her illustrious four–year career as the only player in North Park volleyball history to amass 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs (1,405). She also finished as the school’s all–time kills leader with 1,356. Senior Amanda Prostko finished her three–year career with 1,730 assists, a mark which ranks fourth all–time in that category. Freshman Danielle Waldvogel had an impressive first year as the Vikings’ libero where she led the team and the CCIW in digs (672) and digs per set (6.0). Freshman Shelby Switzer also finished strong as she earned All–CCIW honorable mention selection by completing her first year second on the team in kills (370) and kills per set average (3.30). The NCAA recognized both Waldvogel and Bieritz for digs and kills average, respectively as they were consistently ranked in the Division III statistical rankings throughout the season.

Men’s Golf

The North Park men’s golf team won the St. Francis Invitational and set a school record in doing so with a total team round score of 292 September 14. Four of its five competitors finished with a round of 75 or better, led by freshman Martin Carlsson’s medal–winning round of 69. The Vikings defeated 23 teams in the invite. Freshmen Kristian Soderstrom and Olle Huggosson each shot a 74, and freshman Andrew VanStratum finished with a 75. Oscar Lidhein rounded out the team with an 81. North Park finished in the top–five team standings in five of six events during the non–traditional season, including a second–place finish at the Carthage Invite Sept. 18, and a third–place finish at the Robert Morris Invite Sept. 11.

Women’s Soccer

The North Park women’s soccer team started the 2010 season winning four of their first five home games, including thrilling victories over St. Norbert’s College 2–1 in overtime and a 1–0 rain–drenched Homecoming victory over Elmhurst College to start the CCIW conference season. Freshman Becka Marquez scored the game–winner, her first collegiate goal, in the 97th minute off a throw–in from junior Sarah Hansen against St. Norbert’s, and freshman Devin Garcia tallied the lone goal against Elmhurst. During North Park’s home hot streak, the Vikings also defeated Lake Forest College, who entered the match with a 5–0 record, 3–2 behind two goals from Hansen Sept. 14. North Park also earned a 2–1 overtime victory over Carthage College on Senior Night Oct. 27 when freshman Kelsey Taylor scored in the 94th minute off an assist from Hansen.

Women’s Golf

The North Park women’s golf team finished the season at the CCIW Conference Tournament held at the Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton, IL. The Vikings were led by senior Colleen Horgan, who shot a three–day score of 288, which included a final round score of 92. Horgan’s 92 marked her career low in CCIW Conference Tournament play. Freshman Kait Scott gained some valuable experience throughout the year and in the tournament, finishing with a three–day score of 327, which included a final round of 102. Senior Ashley Waddell finished her collegiate career by firing a 104 in the first round of play. Due to a wrist injury, Waddell was unable to play the last two rounds of the tournament.
As time wound down in North Park’s second round matchup with UW–Oshkosh in the NCAA Division III Men’s Soccer Tournament Saturday, Nov. 13, head coach John Born was disappointed that his team was about to lose 2–0 to end the 2010 season, but he was also grateful for the ride they had.

“Unlike some of our past championship seasons, this year was harder to predict. We knew we had talent coming into the year, but with so many new players I was uncertain if we would have enough leadership and team chemistry,” the 12–year coach said. “This year was quite a journey and I was very proud of the way the team came together and grew.”

For the first time in the program’s history, the North Park men’s soccer team won a first round game in the NCAA Tournament, defeating Hope College 1–0. They defeated Wheaton College in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin tournament championship for the third time in four tournament years.

**CCIW Conference Tournament Champion**

**John Born, CCIW Coach of the Year**

(3rd selection)

**Kris Grahn, CCIW Player of the Year**

**Six First Team All–CCIW Selections**

(Most First Team selections ever for the Vikings)

**Fifth–straight NCAA National Ranking**
meetings. But Born couldn’t point to a time in the season when he knew this year’s team would produce results like this.

“In all honesty, I think every season is going to be special. I expect us to win. Why not?” he said. “We have great players, great facilities, a fantastic campus and die-hard fans. We do not know what the future brings. Hopefully, we can not only attain the level of success of the 2010 team, but surpass it next year.”

At one point in the season, North Park lost back-to-back games, falling to Wheaton College at home, and Berry College of Georgia. Some thought that the Vikings had lost their composure, but Born thought differently, and so did his team. They went on to win seven of their last eight games before the final tournament game.

“We knew we had the talent, we just had to get healthy and come together,” Born said.

“Although we were new to each other, we had many gifted players. Good players recognize when something special is about to happen and they fully commit to the season at hand.”

Earning a spot in the CCIW postseason tournament after finishing 3–0–1 in the Final Four conference games gave the Vikings the opportunity to face the Wheaton’s Thunder for the championship. They didn’t back down from the chance.

“All of us were very confident going into that game. We knew Wheaton was a very good team, however when we lost to them earlier in the year, we felt the goals they scored were because of our own mistakes,” Born said. “All of us knew that if we cleaned that up, we would have a great chance of winning.

“For some reason, we have always played them better at their place than at home, so I was pretty confident before and during the entire game...even all the way until the last 45 seconds when they scored the tying goal. At that point we challenged the team to make history. We told them you have the chance to make this victory one of the most dramatic in North Park history. Let’s go out and do it. And they did,” he said.

The win capped off a memorable season for the North Park community, full of twists and turns along the way. The coach underscored the important role each man played in this winning season.

“It takes an entire team to commit to success and fully reach their potential. I am obviously proud of the players on the field who brought us to the second round of the NCAA tournament,” Born said. “However, I am equally proud of the reserve players who came to practice every day with a great focus and intensity. It is because of them that we had success this year.”

Soccer's Spectacular Season

By Kevin Shepke
SET A COURSE FOR ADVENTURE

NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY
HOMECOMING 2010
The Alumni Art Exhibit drew a large crowd.

Alumni greet one another at the Reunion and Awards Breakfast.

The Viking Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2010 was honored with a banquet.

An enthusiastic crowd cheered the men’s soccer team to victory.

The Alumni Art Exhibit drew a large crowd.

Elsa Johnson C’2031 enjoyed Homecoming 2010.

View class photos from Homecoming 2010 at www.northpark.edu/homecoming.

All photos on these two pages are by Eric Staswick C’2009 and Sam Auger C’2012.
When undergraduate nursing student Ashley Waddell C’2010 found out she needed to take a course on health policy and politics, she admits she was anything but enthusiastic about the prospect.

“I told myself I would go into it with an open mind,” concedes Waddell, who has wanted to be a nurse her “whole life,” and even started interning at a local hospital in high school. Nonetheless, she adds sheepishly, “It was a class I had no desire to take.”

For many students like Waddell, the right instructor can make a world of difference—magically transforming the most routine and ordinary of subjects into passions to be pursued. Now, as a recent graduate, Waddell acknowledges her professor, Keith Bakken C’85 G’2006, did just that.

The director of physician services at Holy Family Medical Center in Des Plaines, Ill., Bakken has more than 25 years of experience in nursing—which includes more than a decade in healthcare administration as well several years teaching and practicing medicine as a medical missionary in Africa. He’s held his current position at Holy Family, a hospital in the Resurrection Healthcare System, for five years, and has taught at North Park for more than two.

Bakken is also one of dozens of professional, “practitioner faculty” who work full-time in their respective professions and serve part-time as professors at North Park University. Elsewhere known as adjuncts, these part-time teachers make up about 50 percent of undergraduate faculty nationwide, according to a 2009 survey in The Chronicle of Higher Education. Their task is no less daunting than any other educator’s—to effectively engage students and help instill a vision for life beyond graduation. But they do so by bringing their own real-world industry experiences, in real time, to the classroom, so students can readily see the relevance of what they are learning and how it can be practically applied.

“Many universities look to their adjuncts and lecturers as a source of innovation in classroom teaching,” notes Mitchell Weisberg in a November 2009 issue of The Chronicle, elaborating on the journal’s survey. “Because of their exposure in the world of business, adjunct faculty members are exposed to and comfortable with leading-edge technologies and methodologies long before those tools make their way into academic research.”

Waddell, who is originally from Chicago, transferred to North Park from the University of Iowa in part because of greater opportunities in the city, but also because she valued North Park’s smaller class sizes and strong nursing program. “I appreciated being more than just a number to my professors,” she says.

She found Bakken’s enthusiasm for nursing as it relates to legislation to be contagious, and his stories of serving abroad as a medical missionary, inspiring. “I never thought that by being a nurse I could have such a big impact on politics and medical policy,” she says, describing one assignment where she and her classmates had to write letters to an Illinois state senator about healthcare issues. Bakken later invited the senator to class to discuss the very issues the students addressed.

“Professor Bakken was very knowledgeable about how to use nursing in a political context—from how to go about talking to a congressman to how we, as nurses, could make a difference by promoting an agenda and even helping to pass a bill. His ended up being one of my favorite classes.”

Waddell even signed up for her own three-week medical mission last summer, working at a clinic in Zambia, because of her professor.
Although she wants to stay in Chicago and apply her nursing degree at a homeless shelter, community center, or hospital, she also knows, “I want to go back on another missions trip—soon.”

Bakken couldn’t be more impressed with the commitment of his students, or more surprised about his own influence and the turns his career has taken. “I really like the model of a practitioner/teacher, and the concept of building into your lectures stories from work, but I didn’t know if I was cut out to be an instructor,” he confesses. “It’s something I could have never expected. Back when I was in school, the whole notion of men going into nursing was not an easy one, but I knew that was what I wanted to do. . . Caring for people was in my blood.”

He got his start working at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke’s in Chicago, but his calling to teach evolved a little differently, when his pastor encouraged he and his wife, Laurie (Elowson) Bakken C’84, to consider going to Africa to help run a nursing school in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo). After raising funds and spending a year in Belgium learning French and being trained in tropical medicine, the couple served for two years as nursing instructors with the Evangelical Covenant Church in rural Zaire.

“There was so much intense physical need and deep poverty, illness, and disease . . . it was overwhelming,” Bakken recalls. “It was hard to feel like we were making difference. But God showed me the exponential power of teaching. I taught 30 nurses, and to see them graduate and then go on to help others was so rewarding.”

Catherine Demczuk C’20xx is another of Bakken’s students who was inspired to go on a Global Partnerships trip to Zambia after hearing about his international nursing adventures. “I believe the practitioner faculty, especially within the School of Nursing, really contribute to the student experience profoundly,” she says. “I know that Professor Bakken gave me the extra push toward this experience, which was unforgettable.”

It’s a ripple effect Bakken looks forward to witnessing for years to come, and one of the reasons he has no plans to stop teaching anytime soon.

“It’s not only a supremely fulfilling career, it’s a wonderful way to make a difference,” he says. “My former students are still bringing health and healing to their communities. And I get to see it in Chicago and all around the world.”
Of the 600+ part-time professors surveyed by The Chronicle last year, more than half agree with Bakken—the return on their investment in student lives is immeasurable. In spite of some of the challenges that come with balancing two demanding roles, 51 percent of respondents (spanning some 90 colleges and universities in the Chicago metropolitan area) were “satisfied,” and 17 percent were “very satisfied” with teaching.

For Shannon Stubblefield, director of annual and major gifts at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, SBNM professor, and new mom, the challenge of time management is a real one, but doesn’t compare to the joy of the rich interactions she experiences with her students.

“I can’t imagine teaching any other way,” says the southern California native, who earned her master’s in nonprofit leadership at the University of San Diego and got her start in fundraising at the McCormick Foundation.

“She has a great energy,” says M.N.A. student Frances Caan G’2010, who was already working as a development professional when she took a fundraising class with Stubblefield. “The course was essentially about cultivating relationships with major donors,” says Caan.

The executive director of the Evanston Township High School Educational Foundation, Caan appreciated being able to apply what she was learning in class on a daily basis. “I basically helped start an educational foundation from scratch,” she explains. In her previous position at the C. G. Jung Institute of Chicago, an educational and training facility specializing in Jungian psychology, Caan had an opportunity to “wear many hats” at a small nonprofit early in her career. Still, she admits there was a lot she needed to learn, and Stubblefield has been instrumental in that process.

One of her assignments in Stubblefield’s class was to create a detailed business plan for her organization. “I learned about writing a case for support, prospect research, move management, cultivating major donors and then developing them into planned giving donors . . . all the basic, foundation assignments for fundraising in a small shop,” Caan describes. “It was right up my alley. Every major fundraiser has these steps to follow, and I wouldn’t have known it without her class.”
Most of Caan’s classmates were also serving at small organizations, so to glean Stubblefield’s expertise from working at a large-scale operation like the Greater Chicago Food Depository was helpful. In addition to providing students with pertinent reading material and articles on the latest trends, “Her approach to the class was very pragmatic,” notes Caan. “The case studies, mock interviews, and meetings she had us conduct were very realistic and helpful. I am certain many of us appreciated these ‘practice sessions.’”

As the president of an accredited professional organization called Women in Development, Caan even invited her former professor to present to its members last year. “We have monthly meetings with lunch, some business and a full hour devoted to a speaker on different fundraising topics,” Caan explains. “At my request, our program co-chairs asked Shannon to present to our group. Not only was she very well-received in 2009, but she has also been invited back to speak in 2011.”

Stubblefield welcomes such invitations, and says she feels especially privileged, as a woman in leadership, to help mentor other women, providing advice, encouragement, and even networking opportunities.

“I encourage all of my students to keep in touch, and many do,” Stubblefield says.

When recent graduate Jesse Bolinder G’2010 S’2010 landed his position as director of development at Covenant Heights Camp in Colorado, he was not shy about sending an email to Stubblefield to ask for her input on his fundraising questions.

“I just asked her to get back in touch with me if it wouldn’t be inconvenient and if she had the time,” he says. “She responded with quite a bit of helpful information . . . I even used one of the exercises she taught us in class for a training we did with our board members.”

Although Bolinder admits he was initially ambivalent about Stubblefield’s discussion – and exercise-based teaching style (“sometimes I just wanted some good old-fashioned lecture,” he says) now, working in the fundraising field, he has a different perspective. “I have found that much of what she did and taught is very helpful, and I am grateful to have her as a source of guidance even after the fact.”

“I can’t imagine teaching any other way . . .”
A voice teacher in North Park’s School of Music, Annie Picard doesn’t spend long hours worrying whether or not her students appreciate her teaching methodology. In fact, that’s the type of tough love she’s known and respected for. With a master’s in vocal performance from the New England Conservatory in Boston and a doctor of music arts from the University of Illinois in Champaign, Picard has the academic credentials to back her exceptional musical talent. And she finds satisfaction in being honest, forthright, and genuine in her approach.

“When Annie tells you to do something, you have to do it,” says current student Sean Stanton C’2011. “Why? Cause that’s what she’s doing and it works—just listen to her voice.”

Even though she has taught at North Park for 13 years, Picard never ceases to be amazed by the type of influence she wields over the students she instructs. This year she has 20.

“If I told them, ‘Go get hit by a car and you’ll sing better,’ they would say to me, ‘What type of car?’” she says half jokingly. “I am humbled by that work ethic. But knowing I have that much influence on someone . . . I also take that to heart.”

Between teaching part-time at North Park and at Moraine Valley Community College (where she supervises an additional eight students), Picard admits she doesn’t have as much time as she would like to perform, although she’s working to change that. “I do have an agent,” says Picard. “I most enjoy doing intimate professional engagements, like chamber music and recital work.”

Stanton says he actually switched his major from flute to voice because of Picard, and she has since spent countless hours helping him with his diction, speaking voice, posture, and breathing—things he says were completely foreign to him as a flute player.

“Annie is able to put into words how she sings, and fortunately we experience a lot of the same sensations while singing,” he marvels. “I gave up going to a fancy conservatory because I believed in what she had to teach me. Her mastery of her own voice allows her to speak with such conviction and confidence when it comes to singing.”

Because Picard teaches her students a holistic approach to singing, Stanton says he has made a number of lifestyle changes—in sleep, diet, social life, practice routine and many other areas. “You cannot just come in for your voice lesson with Annie for an hour a week and expect results or for her to be happy,” he explains. Today he eats only natural and organic foods, sleeps at least eight hours each night, and stays in on weekends to rest his voice and complete his homework. And he works on his speaking voice every day, making it forward, resonant, projected, and free.

“Annie is not just a voice teacher,” says Stanton. “Sure that’s what North Park pays her for, but that is not what she does. She takes
every student and makes them work for their voice. She says time
and time again, 'I will work as hard as you do.'"

Picard is quick to point out that singing is much different than
playing an instrument, a reality that makes her individual work
with each of her students that much more demanding. “It’s very
personal because your body is your instrument,” she explains. “I
spend an hour one–on–one with each student once a week, so
I get to know a lot about them—not just their music but their
personality and what is going on with their lives.”

This knowledge is especially important when Picard chooses a
personal repertoire for each of her students’ recitals—a thought-
ful and deliberate task that she does not take lightly. Last fall, in
fact, she was struck with a baffling realization.

“I was watching one of my students preparing for her recital, and
I remember thinking, ‘I created all of this work for her . . . I cre-
ated this obstacle,’” says Picard. “It was an incredible amount of
work: singing, program notes, translation, memorization, inter-
pretation. I remember telling her, ‘I am so bowled over that you
are meeting this challenge.’ It’s very flattering that they respect
me so much and respect themselves.”

A student of Picard’s for three years, Alicia Tilson C’2011 says
she hopes to one day become a teacher as “caring, energetic, and
passionate” as Picard. She aspires to be an elementary choral or
general music teacher somewhere in the United States or overseas.

“The greatest benefit of having a professor as experienced
as Annie is knowing that what she is teaching me she also
learned herself from her voice teachers and other students, and
she wants us to learn it as well,” says Tilson. “During a vocal
literature class two years ago, Annie had us learn how to put
together a recital and see all the work that goes into this process.
From her own experience, she was able to teach us the proper
etiquette.”

Picard herself views all of her own past voice teachers as mentors,
and credits one in particular with helping shape her teaching
style—a New England Conservatory professor, Susan Clickner.

“She was very candid and honest . . . she pushed you a lot and
expected a lot from you,” describes Picard. “She also had this
intense, larger than life personality, but under that was an in-
credibly warm, kind human being.” Picard has even hosted a
special picnic for her undergraduates each spring over the six
years since Clickner’s retirement, in her mentor’s honor.

But Picard also invests in her students for more personal rea-
sons. “I had a very difficult childhood,” she discloses, “and the
only thing that saved me week to week was taking voice and
piano lessons. That’s the primary reason why I am a musician
today. Music was the only thing I could look to for solace and
peace. I immersed myself in it. And the reason I teach is that
I feel the need to give back to something that has given me so
much. . . . Teaching is a way to express my gratitude.”
Walking to the "El"

103 years of connections between North Park University and the neighborhood south of campus
by Kris Carlson Bruckner C'79

One hundred fifty North Park freshmen meet at Hamming Hall and walk south on Kedzie Avenue, past soon-to-be favorite eateries and stores. En masse, they head west on Lawrence, past the Village Discount Thrift Store. They board the Brown Line train to downtown for a day of urban adventure. It is Saturday, August 28, 2010, “Chicago Day” of Threshold Week.

In more daily routines, some make their way to the train in order to commute. North Park Theological Seminary student Tim Bowyer S’2013 says, “When it’s too cold to bike or walk, I use the Brown line to go to work at the YMCA.”

For more than 100 years, North Parkers have walked the three primary routes from the campus to the elevated train station at the corner of Kimball and Lawrence. Before the streets were paved, before the existence of such landmarks as Von Steuben High School and Hibbard Elementary School, they made their way south to the El.

It was 1907 when the tracks, bridges, and stations of the Ravenswood “El”, now known as the Brown Line, were first laid and built. They connected the city center with the rural Northwest Side, where North Park College stood in the midst of open fields, among boardwalks and a few scattered buildings. When the Brown Line was completed, Old Main and its prominent cupola were only 13 years old. The train line provided North Park with an early transportation link to downtown, shaping the future of the multiethnic, densely urban setting that would rapidly grow around it.

Walking Down Spaulding

The central route that led from the North Park campus to the “El” was along Spaulding Avenue. When Wilson Hall was built as a men’s dorm in 1901, students in suits or long dresses navigated a long boardwalk that led to a wooden bridge crossing the North Branch at Spaulding. The flood-prone river was tamed by the
construction of the North Shore Channel in 1910, which allowed the land south of the river to be developed with streets, homes, and a brand new school.

In 1916, William G. Hibbard School, (occupying the block between Spaulding and Sawyer, Argyle and Ainslie) opened as a K–12 public school. Since that time, Hibbard has been the primary fixture on the walk south down Spaulding Avenue. Its proximity to the North Park student residences Burgh Hall, Lund House, Anderson Hall, and Sawyer Court has reinforced its connection to the College, and later the University.

Hibbard School and its blacktop playground was the site of “Play- timers” from 1968–1985. This eight–week summer playground program for 150–200 Hibbard students was run by North Park Covenant Church’s Board of Community Concern and staffed primarily by North Park students and alumni. Flyers for the program were prepared in Spanish, Gujarati, Arabic, Korean and English, and passed out to Hibbard students at the end of the school year. Federico Flores C’77, who is now the principal at Chicago’s Peabody Elementary School, served on the staff and as director of the program from 1974–77. Flores currently serves on the board of directors of Working in the Schools (WITS), a literacy organization that has used many volunteers from NPU staff and faculty to read to Hibbard third graders through its Power Lunch program.

In 1998, Hibbard’s huge addition, which replaced its cracked blacktop playground, added classrooms, computer and science labs, a library, and a lunchroom. This improvement significantly upgraded the physical appearance of the school and contributed to the ongoing revitalization of the neighborhood. Ten years later, the modern 7–8th grade Albany Park Multicultural Academy (APMA) and Edison Regional Gifted Center was built across from Hibbard
Old Main, c.a. 1895

Old Main with a car, c.a. 1910s
on Sawyer Avenue. In this immediate area there are now 1,190 Hibbard students, 290 APMA students and 280 Edison students.

North Park is involved at Hibbard in many ways. In 2008, violinist and North Park student Deborah Wanderley dos Santos C’2010 helped to found a Hibbard youth orchestra through the People’s Music School in Uptown, Chicago. Today, the orchestra partners with Ravinia and involves 150 Hibbard students.

The North Park University Writing Center sponsors a yearly school supplies drive for Hibbard students and facilitates the Hibbard Elementary Reach Out (HERO) program, started by student Kaitlyn Lehman C’2011. North Park’s School of Education uses Hibbard as a teacher practicum site, recently for students Becky Barbo C’2010 and Rosa Baez C’2010. Education graduate Daniel Kaiser C’2001 served on the Hibbard teaching staff.

Most recently, the North Park School of Nursing has been involved with the development of the new Heartland Health Clinic, housed at Hibbard, which will provide primary care for up to 1,700 students, including those at Edison and APMA (96 percent of whom come from low-income households). According to Linda Duncan, interim dean of the North Park School of Nursing, undergraduate nursing students will use the clinic as one site on their Community Health rotation.

Walking Down Kimball

In 1930, 23 years after the completion of the “El,” Von Steuben High School was built between the bend in the North Branch and Kimball Avenue. When the North Park dorms Sohlberg Hall and Ohlson House were completed, college students frequently walked past Von Steuben, down Kimball, en route to the “El.”

In the 1970s and ’80s, Shan Martin S’80 and a group of North Park College and Seminary students began a Young Life program at Von Steuben. The volunteers initially included NPC basketball star Michael Harper C’80, who later went on to play professionally for the Portland Trailblazers, and Krista Brumberg Stevens C’81, longtime columnist for the Covenant Companion.

In 1982, Von Steuben became an “Options for Knowledge” school, renamed Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center. The school began drawing its students from the 500+ Chicago public elementary schools, making it a microcosm of Chicago's diversity: 31.6 percent Hispanic, 29.9 percent African American, 24.3 percent Caucasian, 14 percent Asian or Pacific Islander, and .2 percent American Indian/Alaska Native. Since 1982, many Von Steuben students have commuted long distances by train and bus. Each weekday morning and afternoon, hundreds of them make their way to and from Lawrence and Kimball, via Kimball.

Over the years, many members of the North Park community have been involved at Von Steuben. Former NPU nursing instructor Becky Knipp, whose husband, Larry, served as professor of biology, was Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) president in the 1990s, when her children Matt and Laura (Knipp) Werling C’99 were students there. After her tenure as PTSA president, she served on the Local School Council alongside Mel Soderstrom C’60, a development officer at North Park.

James Edstrom C’86, son of retired Covenant missionaries Vivian JC’51 and Carl “Cully” Edstrom JC’40, is currently the head of the math department at Von Steuben and has also served as the girls’ soccer coach. Von Steuben serves as a student teaching site for North Park’s School of Education, recently for alumnus Patrick Rholl C’2009. Von Steuben is the alma mater of many generations of North Park students, as well as the children of local faculty, staff, and Seminary students.

Further south on Kimball, the Albany Park Community Center (APCC) serves Albany Park as a nonprofit social service agency. NPU student Clare Yukevich C’2010 leads a Conversation Club with Hispanic immigrants at APCC, a United Way agency whose mission includes adult education, business assistance, children’s programs, employment, ESL, a food pantry, governmental services, housing, mental health services, parenting training, and youth services.

Yukevich says, “We talk about such things as what we eat in our respective home towns, cultural customs, and more. They come from all different countries — Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guatemala, Mexico. We are truly a mix of people in this group, but it’s nice to have so much difference when we only have one common goal — to understand each other better.”
The Conversation Club involves 30 minutes of English conversation and 30 minutes of Spanish conversation, so it also serves as an opportunity for the NPU students to practice their Spanish. Yukevich has gained richly from the experience, “I have learned more than I could have ever imagined from the people I have interacted with in this club. I have been taught about culture and learned how to share my own culture.”

APCC’s executive director and CEO, Harold Rice Jr., serves with North Park officers on the Chicagoland Leadership Council. According to Mr. Rice, North Parkers involved with the APCC include recently retired senior vice president Dan Tepke C’70, who served as a community advisory board member, and Pier Rogers, director of the Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management, who served on its Student Project on Organizational Challenges. Currently, School of Business professor Gianfranco Farruggia serves as a governance board member and strategic planning facilitator for the Community Center.

Across the street from the Brown Line station, at the corner of Kimball and Lawrence, Albank has served as the bank of choice for many North Parkers over the years. Senior Vice President Geoffrey Cooper–Stanton remembers that North Park’s 1980 decision to stay in its urban location was critical to the neighborhood’s improvements in business and economic conditions since that time.

“We’ve supported North Park University, since they have been so supportive of the area,” he says. “We have recently hired students as summer tellers, and we remember Debbie (Johnson) Fogel C’79, who worked here, and became an officer of the bank.”

The improvements Cooper–Stanton mentions paralleled a huge upswing in ridership on the Brown Line. Between 1987 and 1998, ridership increased by 30 percent as a result of a rebound in the population and popularity of neighborhoods along the Brown Line, including Albany Park and North Park.

Walking Down Kedzie

For most of North Park’s history, Kedzie Avenue was not the primary walking route to the Brown Line trod by the entering freshmen, including those in August, 2010. Pedestrian traffic patterns were primarily a few blocks west, because campus housing was closer to Spaulding or Kimball and because Kedzie was primarily
an industrial corridor. The 1990s saw the beginning of major changes, creating a shift toward Kedzie.

Since the early 1990s, the North Park campus widened its orientation to the east, adding a soccer field in River Park and additional campus housing, including many apartments. Helwig Recreation Center now fills most of a Kedzie block from Carmen to Argyle. The students who live in Park North, Sawyer Court, and the Carmen apartments now walk south on Kedzie to the "El" along a revitalized business corridor. When the 150 incoming students walked south on "Chicago Day," they were introduced to the popular Taqueria Los Mogotes De Michoacan, at 4959 N. Kedzie, Dawali Mediterranean Kitchen, at 4911 N. Kedzie, and Andy’s Fruit Ranch, at 4733 N. Kedzie, a quick walk from the North Park apartments.

The stretch of Kedzie between Argyle and Lawrence has many new businesses, but it also has important new social service institutions. The Korean American Senior Center at 5008 N. Kedzie is a community activity center for Korean senior citizens. In 2010, the Erie Family Health Clinic, located just south of Lawrence on Kedzie, was the recipient of North Park’s Alford–Axelson Award, presented by the Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management. The award was given for this organization’s service to 33,000 low-income, underinsured, and uninsured Chicagoans citywide.

For 103 years, generations of North Park students, faculty, and staff have trod the same paths to the train at Kimball and Lawrence. These three routes represent the vast web of connections and relationships over time between an institution and its community, but perhaps more importantly, between the residents and citizens of an urban family.
When I was about seven or eight years old, my rich aunt took me to a huge department store in St. Louis and said to me, “Scot, you can have anything in this store you want.” The magnitude of her magnanimity was lost on this young boy and I asked for a (relatively cheap) baseball glove and felt a little pushy for asking for a second gift, a new baseball.

If you could have anything you wanted, what would you choose? One of Israel’s greatest, Solomon, was asked that question by God and he chose wisdom. Yet, within a decade or two he famously began to mix wisdom with enough foolishness to all but ruin his life.

I wonder if enough of us think about wanting wisdom, about letting our life be shaped by growth in wisdom. Pondering the theme of wisdom has led to libraries of insights and I’d like to highlight a few of my favorites.

It’s easier to want wisdom than to acquire it. To acquire wisdom we not only have to ask for it but we have to act on it. Action is harder than asking. Action requires discernment and discipline while asking merely requires hope. You may want and even pray for a good marriage, but good marriages grow over time and they grow as a result of daily actions.

Those who acquire wisdom find a wise mentor. Mentors are needed in the business world and in the private world, but without mentors acquiring wisdom is doubly difficult. This is why Israel’s wisdom, found in the book of Proverbs, was shaped as a wise (older) mentor passing down instruction to a younger generation. James treats Jesus as his mentor and, if you have time, sit down with the letter of James and observe two things: how often James sounds like Jesus and how rarely (once, maybe twice) James quotes Jesus. Why? Because he had absorbed Jesus’ teaching so much he made it his own. Jesus was his moral mentor. This works two ways so we need to turn it around: some of you could volunteer to be mentors to those around you – at work, in your faith community. Many young adults won’t step forward to ask you to be a mentor, but they’d love for you to strike up a wisdom relationship with them. You don’t need to be preachy or teachy. Your long presence in the life of a younger adult can lead them into wisdom.

Wisdom requires a receptive reverence. Finding a mentor is the easy part; the hard part is listening to the mentor and learning to trust the wisdom of the mentor enough to do what the mentor says even when you’d prefer to go your own way. St. Augustine tells me I’ve got a hard heart; my high school basketball coach said I had a hard head. Either way, the problem is that we are too often hard when we need to be receptive. The wise are receptive in an almost reverent way before the mentor.

Ask yourself The Wisdom Question throughout the day. Or call it the W–word. Ask yourself “What is the wise thing for me to do at this point in my life?” Before choosing or changing a career, before choosing a mate, before choosing friends, before drinking, before pressing on the gas pedal, before turning on the Internet, before deciding which restaurant, and before choosing how to spend (or save) your money, ask yourself The Wisdom Question. But this question can’t be asked once. To acquire wisdom we need to ask this question constantly. If you try this for one day, or for one week, you may find yourself surprised how formative it can be.

The daily life will lead to the dream life. One of my students recently told me she had “possibility overload.” She meant she had so many dreams and so many things to chase down in this life she couldn’t take it all in. I get it, and as a college professor I see it in the eyes of students. Young adults are dreamers. Wisdom tells us the way to get to the dream is not by getting lost in a reverie of hopes and yearnings. The way to get to the dream is to do the daily things that lead to that dream. Get a healthy dose of sleep; eat nutritious foods; develop loving and holy habits; live within your limitations; be faithful to the one you love and be loyal to your fellow workers; and do the right thing.

Enemies can be loved easier than conquered. We all have conflicts; sometimes we screw up in those conflicts. But Jesus taught us to make loving God and loving others the paramount commands, and he also told us to love even our enemies. Why? Because conflict spreads when we choose conquering, and our “enemies” can only become our friends when we learn to love them.

If God told you that you could have anything you wanted, I hope you would choose wisdom. It begins today.

This article is based on a new book, One Life: Jesus Calls, We Follow, published in December, 2010.
On July 4, 1977—the anniversary of America’s independence—Soon Wan Hong G’2005 and his wife arrived in the United States from South Korea in pursuit of the American Dream.

With a degree in chemistry from Chung Ang University in Seoul, Hong started his first business on Chicago’s South Side importing men’s clothing from Asia. Noticing the emerging trend for Asian engineering in the U.S. market, he expanded his company to include electronics. In the mid–1980s, he became a naturalized American citizen and by 1992 he had founded the Korean Merchandise Center, marketing Korean products throughout the United States.

The company was doing well—that is, until the market took a turn for the worse. Hong lost everything. “I had to start all over again, and it was a big financial struggle,” he says. “But it was God’s plan for me at that time.”

With a wife and two young daughters to support, he took one more entrepreneurial risk and founded the Asian Merchandise Center in 1998, promoting trade between Asian manufacturers and American vendors. Twelve years later, the wholesale operation is still thriving.

“I’ve always been an entrepreneur,” says Hong, who was 60 years old when he completed his M.B.A. at North Park University. “I’ve had several business ventures, some that went well, and others that did not. The North Park M.B.A. program gave me structure. Through my classes, I learned how to have a business strategy, how to plan for things. It gave me a goal and allowed me to see the big picture. North Park gave me the knowledge I needed to succeed.”

Hong, a former president of the local Korean Trade Association and a member of the Korean–American Chamber of Commerce, knew about North Park because of his involvement in the Korean Community in the surrounding neighborhood. Still, going back to school was difficult for him, having not been a student for many years, and speaking English as his second language.

Hong is no stranger to overcoming obstacles to his educational goals, however. “When I was a college student in South Korea, it was a terrible time for my country. We were in the midst of the Korean War and there was no food,” he recalls. “I worked during the day doing whatever I could—shining shoes or cleaning—just so I could study at night and have a better life. This was an important lesson to me.”

Today, Hong is proud to report that his daughters, both graduates of Georgetown University, are pursuing exciting careers of their own—one as a lawyer and the other as a private equity manager.

He is still in touch with several of his classmates and professors, and recently took a class on social media at North Park for a new company he is starting, selling educational assessment tools. If the business takes off and he is able to franchise it, he would like to consider creating a scholarship fund at North Park. But for now, he says, he will continue to give what he can.

“There is a Korean expression that says, ‘Pain is a blessing,’” Hong explains. “What this means is that adversity makes us try harder and drives us to achieve more.” This is his message to today’s students and young professionals. “Be ambitious. Have big plans. Maybe North Park can change your life, too.”
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1940s


A generous gift from the North Park Academy Class of 1959 supported the installation of a new glass panel displaying the University mission and vision in the lobby of Old Main. Pictured L–R are Ed Fattes A’59 C’64, Charles Olson A’59 C’63, and Janet (Hanson) Sirabian A’59.

1950s

Dr. Ruth (Nelson) Knollmueller C’56, RN, received the Pearl McIver Award for significant contribution to public health nursing. The award was given at the June 2010 biennial convention of the American Nurses Association held in Washington, D.C. Ruth and her husband, Karl, live at Elim Park Place in Cheshire, Conn.


On August 15, 2010, George Esplin C’69 received a master’s of science in sports management from American Public University with a 4.0 GPA and membership in Golden Key International Honour Society.

Nancy (Peterson) Faust C’69 was honored by the Chicago White Sox for 41 years of service as ballpark organist during a celebration dubbed “Faust Fest” on September 18, 2010. Nancy was presented with a plaque and threw the first pitch of the game. A plaque with Faust’s portrait has been hung in the booth where Nancy played, which has been named the Nancy Faust Booth. The first 10,000 ticket holders (including a group of North Parkers) received a Nancy Faust bobblehead. At the end of the season, Nancy retired to her Mundelein, Ill., farm with her husband, Joe Jenkins.

1960s

Tom Northfell C’75 received a master’s degree in ministry from Moody Bible Institute and a master’s degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) from Arkansas Tech University. Retired from the Chicago Police Department in 2001, Tom is currently an elementary school teacher in Rogers, Ark.

John “Skitch” Luzaich C’78 appeared in “Uh Oh, Here Comes Christmas” at the Oster Regent Theatre in Cedar Falls, Iowa, from December 3–12, 2010. “Skitch” directed the original production of Godspell at North Park in 1977. Previously, he managed the Entermedia Theatre in Manhattan, where shows like “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” had their off–Broadway start. He has been the general manager of the Oster Regent Theatre for more than 12 years.
1980s

Jennifer A. (Jorstad) Sullivan C’87 served as part of a core team whose work led to recent Magnet® recognition for Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, Ill.

1990s


Ingrid (Erickson) Reineking C’93 and her husband, Alex, welcomed Lena Grace on November 1, 2008. She joined big brother, Sam. The Reinekings live in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Erik Schmitz C’94 is currently living in Arizona, where he works at Arizona State University as Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Coordinator/Immigration Specialist.

Chris C’94 S’2002 and Rachel (Nelson) Williams C’94 welcomed Zane Christopher to their family on February 25, 2010. He was born February 23, 2010, weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 20.5 inches. He joins big brother, Evan.

A group of Class of 1995 alumnae recently took a bike trip in Lanesboro, Minn. Pictured left to right: Stephanie (Gottschalk) Bergh, Kirsten (Sjoberg) Ryding, Sonja (Lindquist) Kr easean, Stephanie (Eitreim) Bowron, Jenny (Robinett) Hokanson, Angie (Tungseth) Siwek, Amy Eikenbary- Bar ber, and Jill (Ecker) Preugschas.

Mary Frances Kordick C’96 G’97 has secured a position with the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She credits her nursing education at North Park as playing a significant role in preparing her for her career. Kordick resides in Reston, Va.

Michael and Brooke (Mecher) Rummelhoff C’98 welcomed Adeline Grace Hesed on November 2, 2009.

Sara (Olsen) Sekeres C’97 and her husband Dave welcomed Nathan Reed on December 8, 2009. He joins sister Abigail Paige, who was born on July 24, 2007. The family resides in Whitewater, Wis.

Paityn Florance was born to Donald and Candice (Tostado) Florance C’99 on September 30, 2009, weighing 6 lbs., 3 oz. She joins five year–old sister Kylie.

Charles Sikorski C’99 was promoted from lieutenant to lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy on August 1, 2010 in Pensacola, Fl. His new rank was pinned on by his wife, Melissa.

Jeff C’99 and Meredith (Berg) Hancks C’2000 G’2005 had twin boys on January 26, 2010. Anders Kristjan (left) was 7 lbs., 6 oz. and Torben Matthias (right) was 7 lbs., 4 oz.

Ivy Jane Nordlund was born to Nathan C’2001 and Barbara (Samuelson) Nordlund C’2001 on August 10, 2010. She joins big sister Sanne Grace.

Tony and Cyndie (Wastag) Reina C’2001 welcomed Jack Anthony on July 22, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and was 21 inches long. He joins sister Julia, age three.

Elise Claire Sands was born September 3, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and was 19.5 inches long. Proud parents are Luke C’2001 and Kirsten (Anderson) Sands C’2004. The Sands live in Minneapolis, Minn.

2000s


Following in the steps of her grandfather, Fred “Bud” M. Johnson A’41, Heather (Johnson) Cange C’2000 recently graduated with her M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Business Executive Education Program at Northwestern University. Since graduating from North Park, Heather has worked for CareerBuilder, LLC in the Internet recruitment industry, currently serving as the director of sales. Heather was married to Jason Cange in 2007. They live in the Sauganash neighborhood of Chicago.


Michael Henderson G’2002 was recently hired as finance director for Henry Booth House, a nonprofit organization that provides oversight for the Federal HeadStart Program in Chicago.
The North Park University Up–and–Coming Alumni Award, established in 2002, is given to a recent graduate of North Park University in honor of early professional achievement and community involvement. This year, the award was presented to Sarah Satterberg, director of administration at Shelter for Life International. The following remarks were made by Sarah upon accepting her award at the Homecoming Reunion and Awards Breakfast on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

I t is with deep gratitude that I accept this award. Several months ago when I received a phone call from President Parkyn’s office, I was at a particularly low point in my career. So low, in fact, that at first I thought the call was a joke from one of my old roommates. That was not the case, and I can’t tell you how encouraging it was to be reminded that the North Park community still believed in me and my potential.

North Park has played a pivotal role in shaping the lives of my family members for the past three generations, though my parents didn’t force me to attend North Park. They gave me another option—the local community college. I’m just kidding, though the truth is that the decision to come to North Park was not a difficult one for me. When I came to campus for a visit, I could see that North Park embraced many of the values that were integral to my family. With faith in God at the foundation, North Park demonstrated commitments to serving others, a global worldview, racial reconciliation, excellence in education, social justice, radical hospitality, and integrity.

While at North Park, one of the most meaningful lessons I learned was the importance of being a part of a community. It goes without saying that without the support of my communities, I would not be here.

My family has been tremendously supportive of me over the years and has done wonders in nurturing me along the way. I also wouldn’t be here today if it wasn’t for the community of friends I made as a student. Nearly all of my college roommates are here today, some traveling from out of state. That alone is a testimony to the kind of communities that are built at North Park.

For the past 10 years, I have worked in the field of international development. My current employer, Shelter for Life International, uses the tag line, “restoring lives and rebuilding communities.” I’ve developed a passion for this line of work. Whether it was in Africa working in communities ravaged by AIDS, or hearing about entire regions of Northern Afghanistan destroyed by the Taliban, I continue to be energized when working to bring hope to communities that have otherwise been living in despair. The work is often more messy and heart breaking than it is rewarding, but it is the work to which I feel called.

The old saying, “It takes a village” couldn’t be truer for me than it is today. I want to thank you, North Park community, for empowering me to do this work and for continuing to encourage me along the way. I am deeply grateful and hope that I can continue to build communities that make you proud.
The Distinguished Academy Alumni Award is a newly established honor that recognizes alumni of North Park Academy, the private high school that existed from 1892–1969. This award is given to an Academy alumnus or alumna who has achieved significant accomplishments professionally and has lived a life that resonates with the core values and mission of North Park University. This year, the award was presented to Judy (Ericson) Anderson A'65 C'69, executive director of HEAL Africa. The following remarks were delivered by Mary K. Surridge, vice president of development and alumni relations, in recognition of Judy at the Homecoming Reunion and Awards Breakfast on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Just over 45 years ago, Judy Anderson had a decision to make. Having grown up the daughter of Covenant missionaries to Congo, Judy found herself back in Chicago during her father’s furlough, living in the North Park neighborhood. She had begun her high school years in Congo, with only three other classmates in her entire school, so attending any high school in Chicago may have posed a bit of a culture shock. The logical choice was North Park Academy. Judy graduated in 1965, then went on to complete her undergraduate degree here and embark on a life and ministry that would take her around the world and into the hearts and lives of people of deep need and profound faith.

Judy met and married her husband, Dick, in 1973 and together they have studied, worked, and lived in North America, Europe, Central Asia, and Africa, serving a variety of peoples and ministries that help to transform communities, through the teaching and training of the local populations. Judy believes that the greatest creativity and resource for change comes from the very individuals that have those needs and will be served by the change.

This belief led Judy and Dick to found HEAL Africa, a program with the goal of improving health care in Congo by training local doctors, health care workers, and activists in the areas of physical, spiritual and community-based healing. Quite notably, HEAL Africa has developed a teaching hospital in Goma, Congo, staffed by more than 80 Congolese doctors, surgeons, nurses, and staff. Hundreds of essential surgeries and services are conducted there every year for the people of Congo by the health professionals of Congo.

Judy says, “I know that the key to change is the people involved. Having worked in Congo before, we both knew that having a well-designed program means nothing if it comes from the outside. We strongly believe that it is important for Congolese to be able to see and work with other Congolese who are professionals, who are doing great work in difficult circumstances.”

When you talk to Judy, she speaks of North Park as a launching ground for sending individuals into the community and across the world to serve and to grow. Her significant life of service is grand example of this truth.

Having witnessed the range of great suffering and pain and great triumph and growth in the African people, Judy has been aware of God’s presence through it all. “Individual stories of faith, heroism and courage continue to inspire us and other workers,” she says. “We see it in so many of the people we work with. We know God is there, and nothing can separate us from His love, leading and guidance . . . and there is nothing God cannot redeem.”

Judy Anderson, for your significant life of mission and service, North Park University is delighted to honor you, and the alumni of the North Park Academy, as 2010 Distinguished Academy Alumna of the Year.
Distinguished University Alumni Award 2010
Robert A'58 JC'60 and Janet (Strom) Thornbloom A'56 C'60
by Melissa Vélez—Luce C'2004

The North Park University Distinguished Alumni Award is given each year in recognition of alumni who have achieved significant accomplishments professionally and who have lived a life that resonant with the core values and mission of North Park University. This year, the award was presented to Robert and Janet Thornbloom, career missionaries to Congo. The Thornblooms were presented with their award at the Homecoming Reunion and Awards Breakfast on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

In the middle of his high school career at North Park Academy, Robert Thornbloom recalls returning to his birthplace of Congo along with his parents, some of the first missionaries based there.

“North Park offered to arrange a syllabus for me to study via correspondence courses,” Bob recalls, “which meant sending courses in for grading via boat mail—a process that could take a minimum of three months before I saw the graded coursework returned to me.”

He made his way back to the United States in order to attend North Park Junior College before returning to Congo in 1963, this time as a mechanical engineer and a newlywed. Bob’s wife, Janet, a member of North Park’s first four-year graduating class, had recently received her education degree, and was new to the land of Congo and the native Nbgaka language.

For the next 44 years, the Thornblooms devoted their time and energy to the people of Congo. Bob focused on technical and rural development, including the design and building of several dams that have benefited agriculture and provided water to the hospital at Karawa. To this day, clean drinking water has been made available to numerous communities because of wells that were dug, and airstrips were built throughout Congo that still help in the transport of medicine and supplies to hospitals.

Janet poured her energy into women’s literacy and rural development. She offered courses on health and taught computer and accounting skills to the nationals working in the development office at Karawa. Her greatest pride and joy, though, was teaching local women to read and write. She recalls, “What I loved most was the look on their faces as these women made the connection that the word on the page was the same word they were speaking. They were reading!”

Keith Bakken C’85 G’2006, who together with wife Laurie (Elowson) Bakken C’84 served as short-term missionaries in Congo, says, “If not for Bob, the hospital in Karawa would not have had electricity. This affected the ability of the hospital to perform surgeries, sterilize instruments, and simply have light in the building. It was Bob’s innovation and ability to create a hydroelectric plant that resulted in the electricity and running water provided in that area.” Janet was a resource for the Bakkens as well; it was she who oversaw the short-term missionaries stationed in Congo at that time, and they recall her leadership with gratitude.

In 1994, Janet and Bob worked together with World Relief International to work with unaccompanied orphans fleeing into Congo during the Rwandan refugee crisis. During this time, they worked to reestablish connections between children who had been separated from their parents during the mass exodus, as well as orphans and lost children.

Despite their travels around the globe, the Thornblooms found a home at North Park. When accepting their award at the Homecoming Reunion and awards breakfast, Janet warmly said to the group, “Whether you are brand-new alumni or fortunate enough to be old alumni of North Park Academy, College, University, or Seminary, you are part of an extended family that cares. I thank those qualified professors who taught patiently through the years because they wanted to form the new generation in the best possible atmosphere and to make their lives ones of significance and service to all they met. North Park is our family—and that makes the Alumni Association our sisters and brothers.”
Dan and Colleen (Kustusch) Sherman C'2002 welcomed Daniel Sean, Jr. on January 19, 2010. He weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz., and was 21.5 inches long. He joins sister Michaela, age three. Dan is a civil engineer and Colleen works part–time as a nurse. The family resides in Joliet, Ill.


Cal Ecker C'2004 is a recording artist in Nashville, Tenn., and on August 17 sang the national anthem before the Minnesota Twins/Chicago White Sox game at Target Field.

Katelyn Johnson C'2004 has been named executive director of the Action Now Institute, a 501(c) 3 organization that helps educate, inspire and empower community residents of Illinois' low– and moderate–income communities to take a public stance on the issues that affect their neighborhood. Johnson also serves as program coordinator for Grow Your Own Teachers (GYO) Illinois, North Lawndale chapter. GYO Illinois is dedicated to the improvement of teaching in public schools in low–income communities throughout Illinois.


Crystal Williams C'2004 recently received her M.A. in applied professional studies from DePaul University. She is a nurse at Whitney Young High School and conducts workshops throughout Chicago on parenting skills and health education. Williams also serves as an advocate for the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago (www.epilepsychicago.org).


Bryan and Emily (Nelson) Peterson C’2005 welcomed their son, Joshua Paul, on September 6, 2010. Joshua weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. The Petersons reside in St. Francis, Minn.

Honna Eichler C’2006 graduated with a master of divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary in May 2010. In late 2009, she helped manage the program for the 2009 World Parliament of Religions. In 2010, she served as local Chicago coordinator for
the Global Institute of Theology. Eichler is currently working as the assistant to the executive director of Interfaith Worker Justice. Additionally, she is a member of the Ecumenical and Inter–Religious Work Group of the Chicago Presbytery.


On June 4, 2010, Matthew Moncada C’2006 was engaged to Jilian Mellin of Lake in the Hills, Ill. They will be married in Joliet, Ill., on April 29, 2011.

In October 2009, Wendell Davis C’2007 became the assistant wide receivers coach for the San Francisco 49ers under Head Coach Mike Singletary. A first round selection (28th overall) by the Chicago Bears in the 1988 NFL Draft, he went on to play six seasons for Chicago and one year with the Colts. Wendell and his wife, Tricia, are the parents of Sydney Pierce, Malcolm, and Tori. Wendell completed his degree through North Park’s GOAL program (now the School of Adult Learning).

Eric C’2009 and Bethany (Crino) Staswick C’2009 welcomed daughter Alexandria Elizabeth on May 17, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz., and was 19.5 inches long. The Staswicks live in Chicago.

Rosa Baez C’2010 recently began her career at Hope Institute Learning Academy in Chicago. Rosa serves as an English Language Learner (ELL) teacher.

Obituaries

Donald C. Frisk S’34 died on July 20, 2010. Known as “the theologian of the Covenant,” Frisk served as professor of theology and dean of North Park Theological Seminary. His book Covenant Affirmations, This We Believe (1981) has been a standard text at the seminary. Frisk was born April 14, 1911, in Minneapolis, Minn., where he grew up attending Salem Covenant Church. Covenant Executive Vice President Donn Engebretson A’69 C’73 S’78 noted Frisk’s important role in shaping the Covenant ethos. “[He] gave an enormous gift to the Covenant in crafting a faithful, biblical but generous orthodoxy for the denomination at a time of great controversy over what it meant to be faithful to the Bible… So much of what we are today comes out of the mind, disciplined work and faithful heart of Don Frisk.” A memorial service was held on September 12, 2010, at North Park Covenant Church, with a sermon given by C. John Weborg JC’56 S’61. Frisk is survived by his son Peter A’60 C’64 and daughter-in-law Martha (Johnson) Frisk C’66; and three grandchildren and their spouses, Marc C’93 S’97 and Sarah (Frisk) Eix C’92 S’2001, Brad C’94 and Heidi (Frisk) Hedberg C’95, and David C’2004 G’2010 and Ann-Marie (Olson) Frisk C’96.
Doris (Burgh) Wentworth A’43 JC’45, of Snohomish, Wash., died on August 3, 2010. She was born on October 27, 1926 in Chicago and was the daughter of Fredric Burgh, vice president of North Park College, and Helen Ames Wentworth Burgh, founder of the home economics department at Iowa State College. Wentworth earned her M.S.W. from the University of Minnesota. She worked in the Snohomish School District for 26 years and devoted time to St. John’s Episcopal Church, the Everett Women’s Shelter, Special Olympics, and other charitable organizations.

Ronald “Ron” George Pearson A’50 died on February 25, 2010. Pearson was born on December 22, 1932, in Chicago. An avid lover of sports, he was a starter on the undefeated North Park Academy basketball and football teams, which were inducted to the Viking Hall of Fame in October 2010. Ron served four years in the Navy after college, and later received his M.B.A. from Northwestern University. He married his wife, Laura, in 1960. Ron eventually founded Pearson Management Services, a management consulting firm that helped midwestern companies expand their sales and distribution efforts nationwide.

Dwight “Wig” Person A’51 JC’56 died September 12, 2009. He was born in Chicago on December 26, 1932. While at North Park Academy, he was a guard on the basketball team, which won the Private League City Championship during his senior year. He continued to play basketball during college. Person served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He later served in the Peace Corps with wife Jill, whom he married on June 12, 1954. Together, they served 24 months in Swaziland, Africa. Person wrote a book, Packed and Ready to Go, sharing some of the experiences and adventures they encountered. In October 2010, he was posthumously inducted to the Viking Hall of Fame.

Inez Ann Thrya Olander A’53 died on June 6, 2010 at age 94 in Batavia, Ill., where she lived for 22 years at The Holmstad retirement community. After teaching for a year in California, Inez returned to Chicago to instruct in physical education for 42 years at North Park, where she choreographed and produced synchronized swimming programs and was instrumental in promoting competitive tournaments between colleges in women’s sports. A memorial service was held on June 19, 2010.

Richard H. Bengtsen A’54 of Bedford, Mass., died on July 19, 2010. He was an active member of Trinity Covenant Church in Lexington, Mass. Survivors include daughter Deborah (Mitch C’84) Gustafson C’79.

Robert Thornbloom A’58 JC’60. She was born in Evanston, Ill., on August 15, 1943, lived her entire life on the north side of Chicago, and raised her family in the North Park community. She was also baptized, confirmed, and married at North Park Covenant Church. Schiller worked for many years as an elementary school teacher in Evanston, and her concern for quality education led her, along with her husband and several others, to found North Park Elementary School, where she served as principal.

Ken Olson died on August 15, 2010. He was born on May 17, 1959, in Chicago. After working for the Ragnar Benson Construction Company for several years, he graduated from the Chicago Fire Academy and joined the Chicago Fire Department, and was for many years stationed at O’Hare Airport. After 22 years of faithful service in a career he thoroughly enjoyed, he retired in May 2010. Ken had many friends from all over the world, with special ties to Sweden and Norway. He was a gracious and generous host at his home on Moody Avenue, hosting many dinner parties, backyard barbecues, and croquet games. After college, he attended North Park Covenant Church and for the past eight years he served at the weekly meals for the homeless at Fourth Presbyterian Church in downtown Chicago. He is survived by his mother, Gunborg, of Seminole, Florida, and relatives in Sweden, Norway, and Illinois.

Leslee Ann (Strom) Schiller A’61 C’65 died on February 13, 2010, of complications from pancreatic cancer. Survivors include her husband of 44 years Walter C’64; son Douglas C’94 and daughter-in-law Kimberly (Edstrom) Schiller C’92; daughter Alison C’97 and son-in-law Kevin McKerman C’98; brother Craig Strom A’55; sister Janet A’56 C’60 and brother-in-law Raymond Vieth, Jr. died on September 20, 2010 at the age of 58. Ray served as an adjunct professor in North Park University’s School of Business and Nonprofit Management from 2004 through spring 2010. He was also vice president of finance at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago.

Friends of North Park
January

Martin Luther King Commemorative Event . . . January 17
Spring Semester Begins . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . January 18
Men’s Basketball vs. Illinois . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . January 22
Wesleyan University
7:30 p.m.
Midwinter Conference . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . January 31 – February 4

February

Women’s Basketball vs. Wheaton . . . February 5
5 p.m.
Lives of Significance: A Celebration . . February 8
of Blackness 2010
7 p.m., Collaboratory, 1st Floor – Caroline Hall
Chapel: Rev. Alise Barrymore . . . . . February 9
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Anderson Chapel
Hymn Festival . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . February 11
7:30 p.m., Anderson Chapel
Zarley Lecture: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . February 22
Metropolitan Kallistos of Ware, Bishop of
Diokleia and Professor Emeritus in Eastern
Orthodox Studies, Oxford University
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Anderson Chapel
Young Professionals Development . . . February 24
and Networking Event
6 p.m., Hamming Hall

March

Chapel: Ray Johnston . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . March 2
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Anderson Chapel

Chamber Orchestra Concert . . . . . . . . . . . . . . March 9
7:30 p.m., Anderson Chapel
Women’s Rowing . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . March 12
Buel Race with Marietta College
Alumni Association Night at the Opera . . . March 18
“Carmen”
7:30 p.m., Lyric Opera
North Park Small College . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . March 26
Relays, Track & Field
Student Chamber Ensembles . . . . . . . . . . . . . . March 27
2:30 p.m., Anderson Chapel

April

Gospel Choir Concert . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . April 9
7:30 p.m., Anderson Chapel
Concert Band Concert . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . April 10
2:30 p.m., Anderson Chapel
Community Service Day . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . April 16
Softball vs. Illinois Wesleyan . . . . . . . . . . . . . April 17
4:30 p.m.
Baseball vs. Wheaton . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . April 29, 30
April 29 at 3 p.m. and April 30 at 1 p.m.

May

Jazz Ensemble Concert . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . May 8
3 p.m., Lecture Hall Auditorium
Spring Commencement and . . . . . . . . . . . . . . May 14
Golden Circle 50th Reunion

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