

OPEN MINDS

Northwestern

A photograph of four diverse Northwestern University students standing outdoors. In the background is the ornate, black metal archway of the University of Chicago, with the words "UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO" visible in white lettering. The students are smiling and looking upwards. Three of them are wearing purple t-shirts with "NORTHWESTERN" printed in white. The student in the center is wearing a dark green zip-up jacket over a purple shirt. The background is filled with lush green trees under a clear blue sky.

open **minds**

open **campus**

open **community**

open **city**

open **pathways**

open **access**

Open minds

At Northwestern, we believe that diversity—of background, identity, belief, interest, expertise—is essential to undergraduate learning and to a healthy society. We also believe in convening a community of open-minded individuals who are eager to benefit from and contribute to the world of perspectives represented on campus.

Who's in our Class of 2021?

12% Hispanic or Latino

1% American Indian or Alaska Native

19% Asian

10% Black or African American

48% White

10% International students

19% Pell Grant recipients

10% First-generation college

“ I get to help students realize their potential. It's thrilling to watch as an abstract idea develops into a project.”

Harvey Young, professor of theatre

Journalism and sociology
major \ *North by Northwestern*
opinion editor \ QuestBridge
Scholar \ Maybe minor
in global health studies?
\ Associated Student
Government \ Loves
Evanston’s “insanely
cute” cafés \ Medill
Undergraduate Student
Advisory Council
David Guirgis ’20



“ I was nervous about my ability to find a place within Northwestern. I had always struggled to find my people, even in a small school, and it surprised me just how willing everyone was to accept the loud inner-city kid with a billion crazy ideas and mannerisms.”
David Guirgis ’20

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undergraduate schools across engineering, journalism and media, arts and sciences, communications and performance, education and social policy, and music

200

majors, minors, and certificates

4,600 undergraduate courses to choose from.
More than 77% of courses enroll fewer than 20 students;
less than 2% enroll more than 100 students.

7:1

student-to-faculty
ratio

70%+

of undergraduates combine
two or more areas of study



Open campus

Northwestern's excellence across disciplines and extraordinary breadth of resources draw students and scholars from around the world. To make the most of our multidimensional community, the University strives to cultivate inclusive learning environments, cultural exchange, and opportunities for dialogue through intentional engagement with difference—different individuals, different identities, and different ideas.

This leads to an open, collaborative, and supportive campus where students grow and knowledge thrives.



Many doors will be open to you.

Northwestern students find support and counsel across campus, whether from an academic or peer adviser, a faculty mentor, or a staff member.

Campus Inclusion and Community promotes students' self-awareness, empathy, and leadership skills, with the aim of creating an inclusive community on campus.

northwestern.edu/inclusion

The **Gender and Sexuality Resource Center** is a hub for groups, services, and programs of interest to the LGBTQ and ally communities.

northwestern.edu/norris/services/lgbt

Multicultural Student Affairs, an office open to all students, focuses on student populations that identify as underserved or underrepresented.

northwestern.edu/msa

Northwestern Career Advancement offers career counseling, graduate and professional school advising, employment databases and on-campus recruiting, and workshops.

northwestern.edu/careers



Northwestern's **Religious and Spiritual Life** staff works to build a community of conscience and spiritual awareness.

northwestern.edu/religious-life

Residential Services creates communities of learners, leaders, and responsible citizens by providing students with opportunities for learning in safe, diverse, and respectful living environments.

northwestern.edu/living

AccessibleNU supports a diverse student body by removing barriers to education that students with disabilities often experience.

northwestern.edu/accessiblenu

Student Enrichment Services works with low-income and first-generation students to enhance their academic success and their personal and professional growth.

northwestern.edu/enrichment

The **University Academic Advising Center** supports students interested in careers in medicine and the health professions with advising about coursework, applications, and the experiential components necessary for a competitive application.

northwestern.edu/advising-center

Launched Immigrant Justice Project on campus \ Interned at Google \ Major in American studies and Asian American studies \ Studied in Dominican Republic and Vietnam \ Civic engagement fellow \ Favorite hang in the city: Art Institute of Chicago \ Oral historian
Hayeon Kim '17

“ I regularly meet with my various mentors—faculty, staff, and alumni—on topics ranging from my academic plans, current events, faith, and social justice to just catching up on life. Perhaps this is my favorite part about Northwestern. I am challenged and comforted knowing that there are people rooting for me and supporting me.”

Hayeon Kim '17 (right), with Professor Jinah Kim



Open minds, many directions



“In my first year, I was mentored in a peer-to-peer program for first-generation and low-income students. Now I am a mentor in the program, and through my mentees’ narratives I am reconnecting with parts of myself I was discovering last year.”

Martina Piñeiros '19 is majoring in communication studies and Latinx studies. She is active in the Immigrant Justice Project, a Northwestern group that seeks to learn about and advocate for immigrants’ and undocumented students’ rights.



“When I was a new student, I saw myself only as an electrical engineer. Now, three majors later, my connection to engineering has expanded, thanks to the opportunities at Northwestern. Although I’m indecisive about what I want to pursue in the long run, I’m also aware of the endless possibilities for my future.”

John Franklin '18 is majoring in computer science and computer engineering, with a minor in music composition. He has spent the last three summers working at Google.



“My passion for storytelling has inspired the many other interests I have at Northwestern—video journalism, social justice, and artistic hobbies. Northwestern allows room to grow in many areas.”

Zahra Haider '17, a QuestBridge Scholar and broadcast journalism major, was involved in NU Divest, *North by Northwestern*, and *Al Bayan*. She spent her journalism residency at a news outlet in South Africa and has interned at CNN.



“I’m a DJ at WNUR, Northwestern’s independent radio station. Getting involved at WNUR made my transition to college life smoother; I found a group of people with common interests and common aspirations—people I found easy to socialize with and really have bonded with.”

Dimitris Gkoulimaris '20, who grew up in Greece, is pursuing an ad hoc major in music production and composition. He is considering minors in radio/television/film and political science.



“As an intern in the Engage Chicago program, I was able to meet new people I wouldn’t have met otherwise, explore the city I live so close to, and discover the importance of applying classroom learning to our communities.”

Jourdan Dorrell '17 was a Posse Scholar and a participant in the Ron Brown Scholar Program. A sociology major and global health and legal studies minor, she also earned a certificate in civic engagement.



“I’ve already received two Northwestern summer internship grants that allowed me to learn about filmmaking and videography. And this summer the Office of Undergraduate Research is funding my documentary film project, which looks at racial categorization in Malaysia and its effects on people of mixed heritage.”

Dominique Teoh '18, a Davis UWC Scholar from Malaysia, has declared a major in radio/television/film and a minor in political science. He is active in Kaibigan, Northwestern’s Filipino student association.

Open community

Northwestern students are engaged in far more than their studies. Experiences outside the classroom abound, whether you're participating in one of more than 500 student groups, getting involved in the Evanston community, or engaging with the city of Chicago—a metropolis of nearly 3 million that neighbors us to the south along Lake Michigan.



Join in!

Check out the list below to see a sampling of multicultural student organizations you can join on campus. For a complete list of student groups at Northwestern, visit Wildcat Connection at northwestern.collegiatelink.net/organizations.

Academic and preprofessional

Minority Business Association
National Association of Black Journalists
National Association of Hispanic Journalists
National Society of Black Engineers
One Step Before Premedical Society
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

Kaibigan (Filipino)
Korean American Students Association
Multicultural Filmmakers Collective
Polish American Student Alliance
Singapore Society
South Asian Students Alliance
Taiwanese American Students Club
Vietnamese Student Association

Advocacy/sociopolitical

Alianza—Latinx Student Alliance
Asian Pacific American Coalition
Be The Match
Challah for Hunger
China Care
China Foresee
For Members Only
Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlán de Northwestern
Native American and Indigenous Student Alliance
Project ShoutOut
Rainbow Alliance
Students for Justice in Palestine

Performing arts

Anubhav—Hindi Film Dance Team
Ballet Folklórico Mexicano
Bhangra Dance Team
Brown Sugar (a cappella)
Deeva Dance Troupe
Jewish Theatre Ensemble
Mariachi Northwestern
Northwestern Community Ensemble
Out Da Box (sketch comedy)
ReFresH Dance Crew
ReZenance Music Society
Soul4Real (a cappella)
Treblemakers (a cappella)
Typhoon Dance Troupe

Coalitions and collaborations

MIXED Race Student Coalition
Unity Charity Fashion Show

Cultural

African Students Association
Arab Student Organization
CaribNation
Chinese International Student Association
Chinese Students Association
Hawaii Club
Hong Kong Students Association
Japan Club

Publications

Al Bayan
nuAsian

Religious

Asian American Intersivity
Christian Fellowship
House on the Rock Intersivity
Christian Fellowship
Muslim-cultural Students Association
OM Hindu Cultural Council

How can we make the world better?

If you find yourself asking this question often—and acting on the answers you come up with—you have a lot in common with students at Northwestern. Here are some of the ways our undergraduates pursue community service, social justice, and civic engagement.

Alternative Student Breaks partners with nonprofit organizations to offer service-learning opportunities in which students contribute to and learn from local communities. northwesternasb.com

The **Center for Civic Engagement's** programs include Engage Chicago, a summer field study program; the NU Public Interest Program, a yearlong public service fellowship; NU Votes, a nonpartisan voter registration effort; and Jumpstart, an early-childhood education program. engage.northwestern.edu

Dance Marathon, one of the largest college philanthropic events in the country, features 30 hours of dancing by hundreds of students to raise money for charity—more than \$1 million annually in recent years. nudm.org

Freshman Urban Program participants spend a week in a youth hostel in downtown Chicago and examine the issues that face communities, the organizations that serve them, and the ways students can effect change. northwestern.edu/orientation/incoming-students/pop/about/fup

The **Global Engagement Studies Institute** sends students to such places as Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, and Uganda to work on collaborative community projects. mycge.org

The **Institute for Policy Research** focuses Northwestern scholarship on matters of poverty, race, inequality, social disparities, and health. ipr.northwestern.edu

Spurred by the investigative work of journalism faculty and students, the **Medill Justice Project** aims to improve the criminal justice system. medilljusticeproject.org

“Having political science as my only major has given me opportunities to explore other fields, like philosophy, history, and anthropology. I'm incorporating skills and ways of thinking from these other disciplines into political science.”

Kathleen Nganga '18

Political science major
 \ Ron Brown Scholar Program
 \ Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow
 \ Northwestern University Community for Human Rights
 \ Truman Scholar
 \ Student government
 Accessibility and Inclusion Committee
 Favorite ways to relax: exercise and reading
Kathleen Nganga '18





To our students, Chicago is more than a major US metropolis.

At once a patchwork of vital and culturally distinct neighborhoods, the cradle of modern architecture, a bastion of the blues and improv comedy, a hotbed of history, and so much more, this city ranks among Northwestern's greatest teachers.



Chicago:
our vibrant and
diverse neighbor

2,695,598
People

29%
Hispanic or Latino

5%
Asian

33%
Black or African American

32%
White

1%
Other

From 2010 US Census



“At an on-campus discussion and screening of *Selma*, director Ava DuVernay talked about the challenges of making a major motion picture as an African American filmmaker with a mostly black cast. Hearing about how she persevered and was so successful inspired me to keep pressing to make my aspirations a reality.”

Mylan Henderson '18

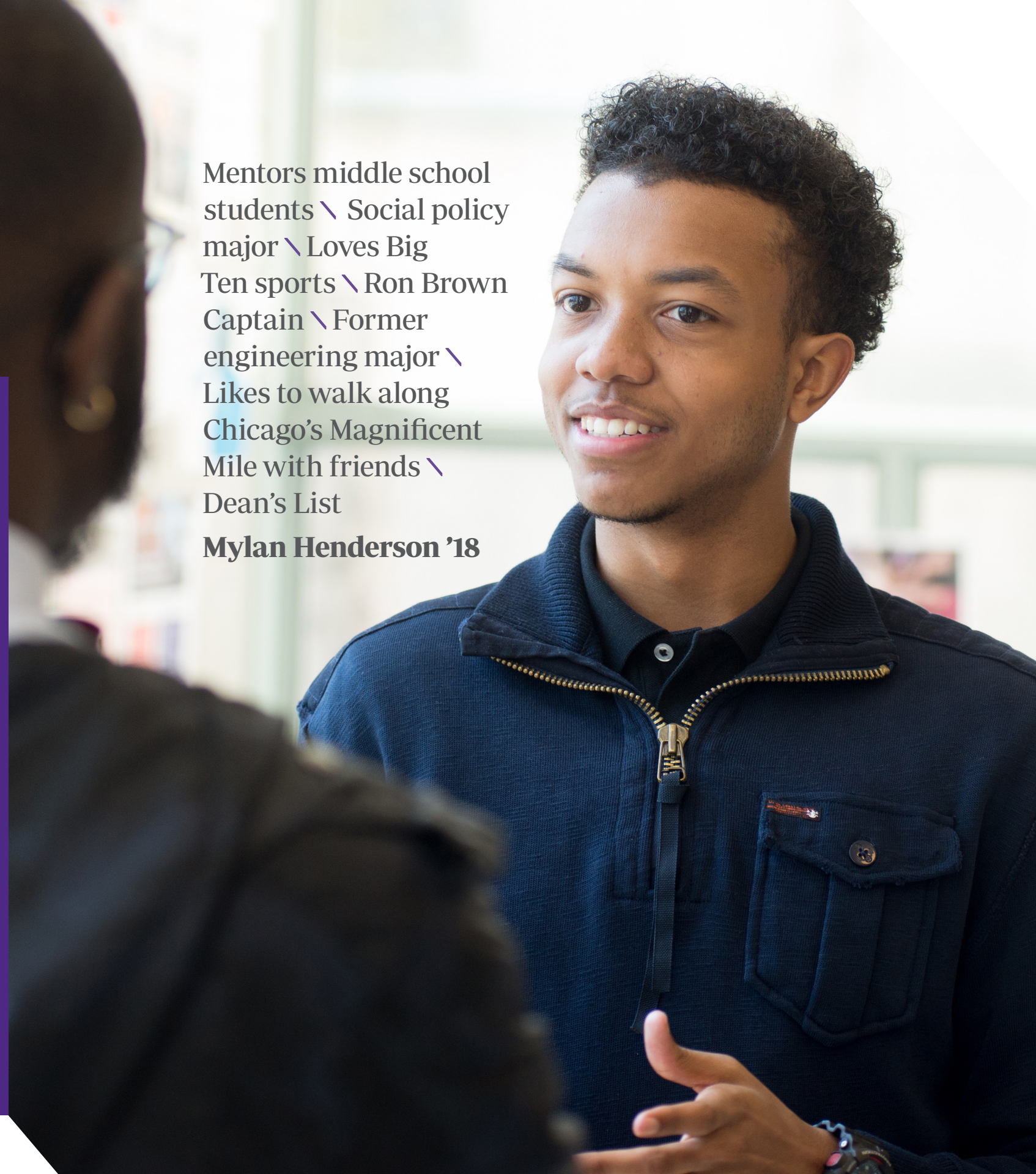
What we love about

Chicago

“Symphony Center, a beautiful space that is home to one of the greatest orchestras on earth.” Gavin Brehm “Café Jumping Bean in Pilsen. They exhibit local artists’ work and sponsor projects for community organizations.” Joanne Huang “The holiday lights all over Water Tower Place and along Michigan Avenue.” Andrew Gordon “Myopic, a used-book store in Wicker Park. It never fails to suck me in for hours.” Allyn Mota Melville “The West Loop. It is such a cool place, like an industrial-turned-hippie area.” Candace Nixon “The Mexican eateries in Rogers Park. Tamales, pan dulce, and paletas are just a (free) bus ride away!” Magdalena Flores “The Art Institute of Chicago. I’ve visited four times and still haven’t seen even a fraction of the art that I want to see.” Shiwei Wang

Mentors middle school students \ Social policy major \ Loves Big Ten sports \ Ron Brown Captain \ Former engineering major \ Likes to walk along Chicago’s Magnificent Mile with friends \ Dean’s List

Mylan Henderson '18



Open pathways

Where will Northwestern lead you? Look at our students and alumni, and you'll see the answer: in any direction you choose. From study abroad, international research, and internships to careers across the globe, the Northwestern community has a presence all over the world.



\$100 million

gift to Northwestern in 2015 earmarked for global initiatives

50+

global engagement student groups address critical issues

165+

Northwestern-sponsored and affiliated study abroad programs in 55 countries

\$3.5 million

in funding for undergraduate research

A handful of the schools where our recent alumni are pursuing graduate and professional degrees:

Caltech Columbia Duke Harvard
Johns Hopkins MIT Northwestern Stanford
University of California, Berkeley University of Cambridge
University of Oxford Yale

94%

of 2016 grads were employed, studying on a fellowship, or attending graduate or professional school within six months of graduation.

Where will your path lead?

Some of the organizations where our 2016 graduates are working:

Accenture Amazon AmeriCorps Apple Art Institute
of Chicago *The Atlantic* Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Facebook Forbes Media Goldman Sachs Google
Hearst Digital Media IBM Kirkland & Ellis LinkedIn McKinsey
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Microsoft
National Immigrant Justice Center National Institutes
of Health NBC PepsiCo Procter & Gamble SpaceX
Sprout Social Teach for America Tesla 3M US Senate Visa



Roslyn M. Brock
Chairman emeritus, NAACP



Samir Mayekar
Cofounder and CEO, SiNode Systems



Seth Myers
Emmy Award-winning television host



Cristina Henriquez
Author, *The Book of Unknown Americans*



Virginia Rometty
Chairman, president, and CEO, IBM



Ruben Castillo
Chief judge, US District Court,
Northern District of Illinois

You can do anything when
you take a Northwestern Direction.

They did.



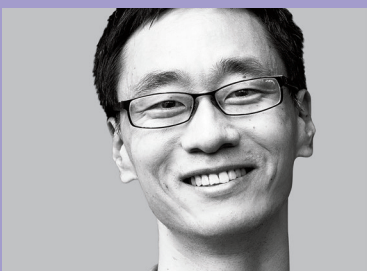
Roxana Saberi
Author, journalist, human rights
advocate



Michael Wilbon
Commentator, ESPN



Gwynne Shotwell
President, SpaceX



Andrew Youn
Cofounder, One Acre Fund



Heather Headley
Tony and Grammy Award-winning
actress and singer



Yuri Malina and Mert Iseri
Cofounders, SwipeSense

Open access

Northwestern may be highly selective, but we make it simple for you to apply and make it possible for students of all backgrounds to afford an education here.

Our admissions process is holistic. Before making an admissions decision, we consider your whole story—not just test scores and grades. We get to know your hometown, high school, and family circumstances, and we look to see that you've made the most of the opportunities available to you.



Financial aid facts

- Northwestern's **need-blind** admissions committee evaluates applications without regard to whether students can afford tuition.
- Northwestern offers **loan-free financial aid packages** so our students graduate with little to no debt.
- Northwestern students who qualify for financial aid their first year will receive **similar aid throughout college**, provided they reapply for aid each year with comparable family circumstances.
- Northwestern offers **fee waivers** to students for whom the application fee poses a hardship.



Partner programs and scholarships

Northwestern students represent a number of organizations and scholarships that you may recognize from your own community. Here are just a few you'll find on campus:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| A Better Chance Scholars | Point Foundation Scholars |
| Ron Brown Scholar Program | Posse Scholars |
| Chicago Scholars | Prep for Prep Scholars |
| College Horizons | Pullman Scholars |
| Davis UWC Scholars | QuestBridge Scholars |
| Gates Millennium Scholars | Jackie Robinson Foundation |
| Daniel Murphy Scholars | Sutton Trust US Programme |
| National Hispanic Institute | Venture Scholars |



Materials science and engineering major \ QuestBridge Scholar \ Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers \ Research intern \ Studied in Switzerland \ Segal Design Certificate \ Northwestern Ski Team \ Minor in business institutions \ Engineers for a Sustainable World fellowship \ Interned at GE Aviation

Yakira Mirabito '18

“What I like best about my peers is, honestly, their stories. Everyone comes from different backgrounds and cultures, and they each have established talents and high achievements.”

Yakira Mirabito '18

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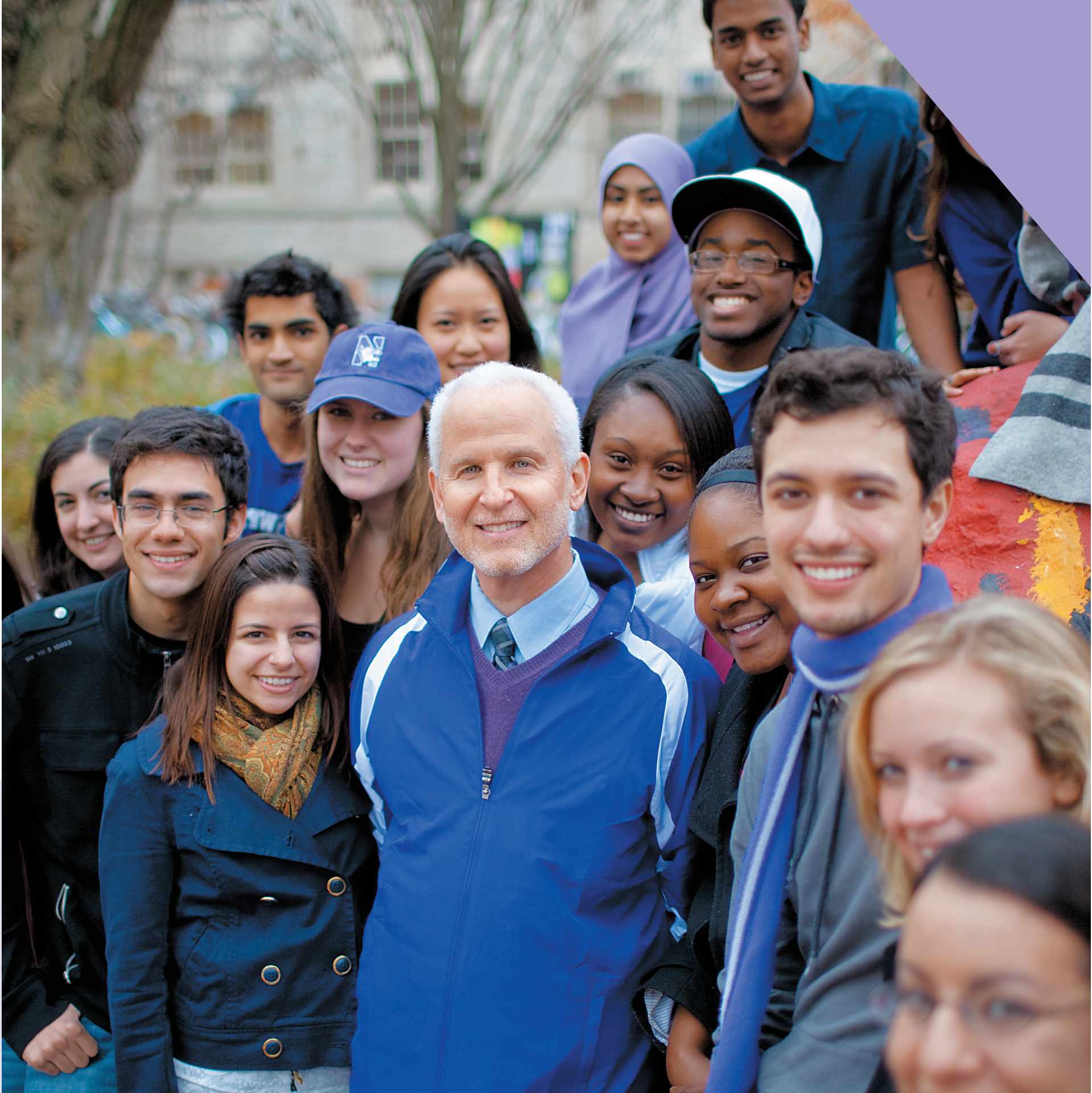
Morton Schapiro
President and Professor

Congratulations on your academic achievements, and thank you for your interest in Northwestern. As you think about your next stage in life, I urge you to consider what sort of world you hope to live in and, more immediately, what sort of university community you would like to join.

Those two questions are deeply intertwined. The world you create in college often shapes your larger world after graduation. Northwestern is a place of great beginnings, regardless of your chosen field. The spirit of inclusion and the celebration of diversity I see and encourage on our campus are truly hopeful signs.

I am confident that we—Northwestern and society at large—are in the process of making history. We have a ways to go before all our institutions can be considered truly inclusive, but the students I meet here care more about inclusion, sustainability, and social justice than did my own or other generations. I can’t wait to see what all of you will do with your lives and how you will change the world.

I hope you will consider joining us at Northwestern.



UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg
College of Arts and Sciences

African American Studies
African Studies
American Studies
Anthropology
Art History
Art Theory and Practice
Asian American Studies
Asian Languages and Cultures
Asian Studies
Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Classics
Cognitive Science
Comparative Literary Studies
Computer Science
Earth and Planetary Sciences
Economics
English (English and American Literature; Creative Writing)
Environmental Sciences
French
Gender and Sexuality Studies
Geography
German
Global Health Studies
History
Integrated Science
International Studies
Italian
Jewish Studies
Latina and Latino Studies
Legal Studies
Linguistics
Materials Science
Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences
Mathematics
Middle East and North African Studies
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Science in Human Culture
Slavic Languages and Literatures
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics

School of Communication

Communication Studies
Dance
Human Communication Sciences
Performance Studies
Radio/Television/Film Theatre

School of Education and Social Policy

Human Development and Psychological Services
Learning and Organizational Change
Learning Sciences
Secondary Teaching
Social Policy

Robert R. McCormick
School of Engineering and Applied Science

Applied Mathematics
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Integrated Engineering Studies
Manufacturing and Design Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

Journalism (courses in digital, global, investigative, magazine, and video/broadcast journalism; media innovation; and marketing communications)

Henry and Leigh Bienen
School of Music

Music Performance

Brass
Jazz Studies
Percussion
Piano
Strings
Voice and Opera
Woodwinds

Music Studies

Music Cognition
Music Composition
Music Education
Musicology
Music Theory

Visit admissions.northwestern.edu/academics/majors-minors to explore over 85 minors and certificate programs.

Application and financial aid requirements and deadlines

MATERIALS DUE	EARLY DECISION	REGULAR DECISION
Common Application or Coalition Application	November 1	January 1
SAT or ACT	<i>Latest test date:</i> October	<i>Latest test date:</i> December
FAFSA*	December 1	February 15
CSS/PROFILE	December 1	February 15
Tax forms (to the College Board)	December 5	March 1

*Illinois residents should file the FAFSA by October 15 to be considered for eligibility for an Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant.

Learn more

The best way to learn more about Northwestern is to visit campus. See admissions.northwestern.edu for details about on-campus programming.

In the meantime, take a virtual tour and explore Northwestern's vibrant campus community online.

Virtual tour: admissions.northwestern.edu/visit/experience/virtual-tour.html

Social media: admissions.northwestern.edu/social.html

If you have questions about financial aid, find answers at undergradaid.northwestern.edu.

If you have any questions about Northwestern, our programs, or the application process, don't hesitate to visit our website or contact us.

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