

HOMECOMING

AND FAMILY WEEKEND

October 3-5, 2025



MIDAMERICA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

• • • • • *Homecoming Schedule*

FRIDAY

HOMECOMING VISIT DAY CHECK-IN
• 9:00 AM — College Church

HOMECOMING CHAPEL
• 9:30 AM — College Church

**PASSION TO SERVE
SCULPTURE DEDICATION**
• 9:00 AM — College Church

**MNU ARCHIVES: SELF-GUIDED TOUR
(TILL 5:00 PM)**
• 11:00 AM — Mabee Learning Commons
(Smith Archives)

**CUNNINGHAM CENTER
(AUSTIN ROOM)**
• 11:30 AM — College Church

LUNCH**
• 12:00 PM — Cunningham Center
(Wylie Commons)

**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY**
• 12:30 PM — Bell Center
(Performance Hall)

HYMN SING-ALONG
• 3:00 PM — Bell Center
(McIntire Room)

**MEN'S BASKETBALL
ALUMNI RECEPTION**
• 3:00 PM — Cook Center
(Allega Room)

**COPELAND ATHLETIC
COMPLEX DEDICATION**
• 5:00 PM — Copeland Athletic Complex

BIG TENT BBQ DINNER*
• 6:00 PM — Copeland Athletic Complex

**COLLAGE: PERFORMING
ARTS CONCERT***
• 7:00 PM — Bell Center
(Performance Hall)

FOOTBALL ALUMNI GATHERING
• 7:00 PM — Fieldhouse

TRACK & FIELD/XC ALUMNI GATHERING
• 7:00 PM — Pioneer Track

CLASS OF 1975 RECEPTION
• 7:00 PM — Cunningham Center
(Hight Center)

**FRIENDS OF THE PERFORMING
ARTS RECEPTION (INVITE ONLY)**
• 8:30 PM — Bell Center
(Gilmore Room)

MEN'S SOCCER ALUMNI INDOOR GAME
• 9:00 PM — Toca Fieldhouse
(NW Olathe)

SATURDAY

WOMEN'S SOCCER ALUMNI GAME
• 8:00 AM — Cook Center
(North Gym/Second Floor)

**HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
BREAKFAST***
• 8:30 AM — College Church
(Uphaus Hall)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL VISIT DAY CHECK-IN
• 9:00 AM — Copeland Athletic Complex

**WOMEN'S SOCCER
ALUMNI GATHERING**
• 9:30 AM — Cook Center
(Allega Room/Second Floor)

CLASS REUNIONS*
• 10:00 AM — Metz/Smith

**GOLDEN REUNION:
CLASS OF 1975***
• 10:00 AM — College Church
(Garrett Chapel)

VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI GAME
• 10:00 AM — Cook Center

NURSING ALUMNI BRUNCH
• 10:30 AM — Cunningham Center
(Tollefson Room)

TAILGATE LUNCH**
• 12:00 PM — Copeland Athletic Complex

**WOMEN'S SOCCER GAME
VS CLARKE UNIVERSITY***
• 12:00 PM — Pioneer Field†

**HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME
VS CENTRAL METHODIST***
• 1:00 PM — Copeland Athletic Complex

**MEN'S SOCCER GAME
VS CLARKE UNIVERSITY***
• 2:30 PM — Pioneer Field†

PIONEER FAMILY FEAST*
• 5:00 PM — Cunningham Center
(Wylie Commons)

PIONEER STORE (OPEN TILL 7:00 PM)
• 5:30 PM — Cunningham Center
(The Pioneer Store)

MNU NIGHT OF PRAISE
• 6:00 PM — Campus Mall

MEN'S BASKETBALL ALUMNI REUNION
• 7:00 PM — Cook Center
(Allega Room)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALUMNI GAME
• 7:00 PM — Cook Center

NIGHT OF PRAISE AFTERGLOW
• 7:00 PM — Cunningham Center
(Sun Lounge)

MEN'S BASKETBALL ALUMNI GAME
• 8:30 PM — Cook Center

MNU JAZZ BAND REUNION
• 8:30 PM — Cunningham Center
(Tollefson Room)

SUNDAY

**PRESIDENT'S MEMORIAL
PRAYER BREAKFAST***
• 8:00 AM — Bell Center
(Grand Lobby)

HOMECOMING & FAMILY WORSHIP
• 9:00 AM — College Church

**GOLDEN REUNION
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**
• 10:30 AM — College Church
(Choir Room)

*Event requires registration | **Event is at your own expense | †Time and/or location subject to change

• • • • • *President's Welcome*

DEAR MNU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

Welcome home! It is a true privilege to open our arms to the Pioneer family during this year's Homecoming & Family Weekend—our largest and most meaningful gathering of the year.

As your new president and an MNU alum myself, I'm especially delighted to join you in celebrating our shared history, honoring lives of service, and embracing the vibrant spirit alive on this campus.

Over the next few days, I encourage you to reconnect, enjoy fellowship, admire the talents of students and alumni alike, and reflect on how God has been faithful throughout our journey.

My wife, Faith, and I hope your time here will be rich with nostalgia, renewed friendships, and great expectations for MNU's bright future. Welcome back and blessings to each of you.

Warmly,



Jon D. North
MNU President



Alumni Awards 2025

MNU is thrilled to recognize the following outstanding individuals as recipients of our 2025 Alumni Awards:

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

Audrey (Roth '14) Weaver

Audrey currently serves as the deputy counsel to Governor Kevin Stitt (R-OK). Following her graduation from MNU, she attended law school at the University of Oklahoma and practiced law at a local firm in Oklahoma City. In 2022, she shifted her focus to public service and worked in the Attorney General's Office for the State of Oklahoma. Audrey's mentor recommended her to the Governor, and she joined the general counsel's staff in 2024. Audrey credits MNU for helping develop her faith and giving her a firm foundation to weather the political firestorms that often emerge in public service. She and her husband, Tim, reside in Oklahoma City with their two children.



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Rev. Shawn Evans ('94)

Shawn describes himself as a "stayer." He says he didn't want to be one of those pastors that moved around a lot and never set down any roots in the same community. After graduating from MNU, he returned to his home state of Alabama and served as a youth pastor for two years. He was then invited to join the staff at Valparaiso (IN) Church of the Nazarene, where he has served for the past 30+ years—first as their youth pastor, then as executive pastor and co-pastor, and finally as the lead pastor for the past seven years. He has built an innovative network of compassionate ministry centers that have evolved into a multi-site church that today serves more than 1,300 congregants. Shawn and his wife, Ashley (Woodruff '95) reside where they serve and have two adult children.



YOUNG ALUM OF THE YEAR

Abby (Felter '16) Kovalcik

Abby has built an impressive career at the intersection of law and higher education. After completing an Oxford University program that prepared her for the rigor of law school, she earned her Juris Doctor from George Washington University in 2020. Today, she serves as an associate at Husch Blackwell, a nationally recognized law firm, where she specializes in higher education law and consumer finance regulatory compliance—a niche field in which she is already regarded as a leading voice. She describes her time at MNU as transformative and advocates for Nazarene higher education whenever she gets the chance. She and her husband, Aaron, make their home in Overland Park with their two dogs.

MICHAEL COPELAND CIVIC LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dr. Jeff DeGraffenreid ('96, MED '99)

Jeff has dedicated over three decades to public safety and emergency services. He began his career as a paramedic in Johnson County in 1991, answering calls in moments when people needed hope most. His path soon led him into the fire service, where his leadership and compassion shaped not only the departments he served, but also the communities that depended on them. Under his leadership, Olathe's fire department has become internationally accredited and holds the highest possible ISO rating for fire protection. That's not just an honor—it's a reflection of the kind of excellence, teamwork, and vision Jeff brings to everything he does. Along the way, he's also held leadership roles with Johnson County Med-Act, the Overland Park Fire Department, and even served as Chief Operating Officer for Heart to Heart International, extending his impact far beyond Kansas to communities around the globe. He and his wife, Paula (Lash '96), reside in Olathe and have three adult children.



Homecoming Chapel

COLLEGE CHURCH

Friday, October 3 | 9:30 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE

Gabby Siegel
Adjunct Professor

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Symphonic Choir & Orchestra

HOMECOMING WELCOME

Dr. Jon North ('92, MBA '94)
MNU President

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Achaia Day
Student Chaplain

PASSION TO SERVE UPDATE

Dr. Brady Braatz ('01)
University Chaplain

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

“I Know a Name”
Symphonic Choir & Orchestra

ALUMNI AWARD RECOGNITION
& HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE
INTRODUCTIONS

Pete Brumbaugh ('90, MBA '04)
Alumni Director

COPELAND CIVIC LEADERSHIP
AWARD RECOGNITION

Dr. North



PASTORAL PRAYER

Prof. Heather (Mathias '98) Tinker
Theatre Director

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Ron Jackson
Assistant to the President
for Church Relations

HOMECOMING MESSAGE

Rev. Shawn Evans ('94)
Lead Pastor, Valparaiso (IN)

SINGING THE ALMA MATER

Symphonic Choir & Orchestra

COMMUNITY BENEDICTION

Dr. Braatz

Hall of Fame

MNU ATHLETICS is pleased to welcome the 2025 HALL OF FAME class of inductees.

WOMEN'S SOCCER | Savannah (Moxley '21) Bussmann

Savannah was an All-Conference selection all four years of her soccer career at MNU. During her freshman and sophomore seasons, she played midfielder, while her junior and senior years were spent at forward. No matter the season, Savannah had a knack for finding the back of the net. One of the most prolific scorers on her squad, Savannah ranks second in career scoring at MNU with 39 goals. Savannah was also an Academic All-American, majoring in nursing. She is currently an ICU/OR nurse in the Kansas City area and will be starting her CRNA program at KU next summer. She and her husband Jacob ('20) have two young children.



FOOTBALL | Cristian Casillas ('18)

Cristian was a special member of MNU's special teams, playing both kicker and punter. He was an All-Conference selection each of his four years and netted NAIA All-America first-team honors twice. He set the single-season scoring record as a freshman with 100 points and ranks first in career scoring at MNU. He is currently an accountant for the sheriff's department and spends time with his girlfriend, fishing or at car shows.

TRACK & FIELD | Josh Haskin ('20)

Josh is a multi-time conference champion and All-America honoree, specializing as a middle-distance runner and hurdler. He won multiple conference championships as an individual runner and hurdler and as part of the 4x400 relay team. During his junior year, he won the NAIA national championship in the 400m hurdles. During his four years, he was an anchor for the year that contended at the highest levels in conference and nationally. He is currently a guidance counselor for KC-based Youth Guidance and has an infant son.



MEN'S BASKETBALL | Nick Syrie ('16)

Nick was the point guard of Pioneer men's basketball during an impressive era in the program's history, when MNU vied for conference championships and made deep runs in the NAIA national tournament. He was known for his leadership on the court and for setting up his teammates for pivotal moments in big games. He is ranked third all-time in assists at MNU. He has been in the U.S. Navy for the last six years and was stationed in Virginia, where his main job was Launching and Recovering Aircraft. He has a young son.

• • • • • *Sculpture Dedication*

DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE
Passion to Serve Sculpture
Friday, October 3, 2025 | 11:00 AM

WELCOME
Mr. Eric Bryant ('96)
MNU Director of Development

ASG PRESIDENT’S REMARKS
Mr. Colton Buell
President, Associated
Student Government

SCULPTOR’S REMARKS
Mr. Scott Stearman

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS
Dr. Jon D. North
MNU President

WORDS OF GRATITUDE
Mrs. Phyllis Childers
The Childers Family

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Dr. Dean Flemming ('75)
Professor Emeritus

DOXOLOGY
Rev. Ron Bynum ('75)

Copeland Dedication • • • • •

DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE
Copeland Athletic Complex
Friday, October 3, 2025 | 5:00 PM

WELCOME & SPECIAL
INTRODUCTIONS
Ryan K. Thompson
MNU Athletics Director

INVOCATION
Dr. Dan D. Rexroth
Chairman, MNU Board of Trustees

ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT-
ATHLETES REMARKS
Lakin Essex
President, Association of
Student-Athletes

VICE PRESIDENT’S REMARKS
G. Todd Garrett ('94)
MNU VP for University Advancement
& Athletics

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS
Dr. Jon D. North ('92, MBA '94)
MNU President

REMARKS & PRAYER
OF CELEBRATION
Dr. David J. Spittal
MNU President Emeritus

CLOSING REMARKS
G. Todd Garrett ('94)





MidAmerica Nazarene University Department of Arts and Humanities Presents:

● ● ● *Performing Arts Collage Concert* ● ● ●

Bell Cultural Events Center — October 3, 2025 — 7:00 PM

MidAmerica Nazarene University Concert Band

Dr. Luke D. Johnson, conductor

MidAmerica Nazarene University Theatre

Heather Tinker, director

MidAmerica Nazarene University Symphonic Choir

Dr. Christopher M. Smith, conductor

MidAmerica Nazarene University Percussion Group

Brandon Graves, director

MidAmerica Nazarene University Chamber Orchestra

Tina Bilberry, conductor

MidAmerica Nazarene University Jazz Ensemble

Doug Talley, conductor

MidAmerica Nazarene University Heritage Choir

Dr. Christopher M. Smith, conductor

MidAmerica Nazarene University Drumline

Brandon Graves, director

Sarah Noé, accompanist — Brandon Baker, emcee

PLAY!

Carl Holmquist (b. 1983)

MNU Concert Band

“The Vagabond” from *Songs of Travel*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Sam Olson, baritone

Scene from from *Much Ado About Nothing*

William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Abigail Hands, RebeccaSue Wiles, Ellie Parks

Violin Partita No. 3 in E Major, BWV 1006

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

VII. Gigue

Emma Erickson, violin

“Five Forever” from *Little Women: The Broadway Musical*

Allan Knee

Mindi Dickstein

Jason Howland (b. 1971)

Julia Condon, Savannah Dove, Kayli Gurley, Bryson Kendall, RebeccaSue Wiles

“All Good Gifts” from *Godspell*

Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)

arr. John Leavitt (b. 1956)

MNU Symphonic Choir

Brennan Frye, soloist

Monologue from *An Ideal Husband*

Oscar Wilde (1854–1900)

Jordan Miller

Flim

Richard David James (b. 1971)

arr. Brandon Graves (b. 1973)

MNU Percussion Group

Symphony No. 9 (New World Symphony)

Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904)

arr. Deborah Baker-Monday

IV. Finale: Allegro con fuoco

MNU Chamber Orchestra

Neerly Improv

Mamacita

Alan Baylock (b. 1967)

MNU Jazz Ensemble

Scattered

Kayla Christine (b. 2003)

Kayla Christine

Five Bagatelles, Op. 23

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

I. Prelude

Peter Vessey, clarinet



• • • • • *Performing Arts Collage Concert*

“Just One Day” from *Freaky Friday: A New Musical* Bridget Carpenter (b. 1975)
Tom Kitt (b. 1974)
Brian Yorkey (b. 1970)

Julia Condon, RebeccaSue Wiles

The Word Was God Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

MNU Heritage Choir

Fantasia on a Chopin Prelude Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)
Al van der Beek
Jon Schmidt (b. 1966)
Steven Sharp Nelson (b. 1977)
arr. Brett Jackson

Brett Jackson, piano

I Know A Name Brandon Lake (b. 1990)
Chris Brown (b. 1981)

Apostellō & MNU Symphonic Choir

O For a Thousand Tongues Charles Wesley Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
arr. Christopher M. Smith

MNU Symphonic Choir

MNU Fight Song Carter

MNU Pep Band & Drumline

MNU Alma Mater Christopher M. Smith
arr. Luke D. Johnson

MNU COLLAGE PERFORMERS

Camden Acheson * ~ - ·
Evelyn Adam * ~ -
Sage Adam * ~ -
Ezekiel Albertson ^
Isabella Almeida ^
Makenna Andrews > -
Chloe Ashley ^ + * - °
Chesney Bailey ^ *- +
Noah Beal #
Ryan Beasley †
Ryan Beasley †
Dominic Beving ^ †
Simon Boles ^ Δ
Caleb Brandt * -
Jayla Brock >
Colton Buell ^ † °
Mary Burr ^ †
Erin Butler * ^ -
Lacey Buxton * ^ † ~ -
Abigail Campbell ^
Donald Chambers ^
Dejah Colding ^
Daniel Coleman Δ ^ †
Michael Coleman ^ ~
Julia Condon +
Andy Cook #
Madisyn Cook >
Brent Crites * ^ † -
Ethan Curtis ^ * -
Faith Demlow ^
Collin Downey * ~ -
Harley Duffield ^
Gracelyn Duncan Δ ^ † - ·
Monet Edwards ^ * -
Nicole Elkins ^
Samantha Elkins ^ †
Anna Emch ^ † -
Emma Erickson > ^ †
Emanuel Escobar Δ ^ † ~ -
Zuleima Escobar ^
Jarethzy Espinal ^ Δ
Amaya Estes ^
Marshall Evans * -
Madeline Ferguson >
Russell Ferguson ^
Brennan Frye † °
Abigail Funk ^ * -
Samuel Funk ^ †
Aaron Gaona *

Aidyn Garrison * ^ - ·
Ashton Gleaves ^
Sophia Gliser ^ †
Aaron Griffin +
Kaleigh Guthrie * -
Alyssa Hacker >
Ashlynn Hammel * -
Abi Hands +
Zoe Harding * ~ - +
Joshua Haughey * ~ -
Kendall Hawes †
Akela Hawkins ^
Elissa Hinojos ^
Luke Hooker ^
Danielle Hougland ^
Brooklynne Hunt Δ ^ †
Brett Jackson >
Kristen James >
Kayla Johnson ^
Maxwell Johnson * -
Grant Kennedy ^ †
Jena Kirk * -
Kennedy Krotzinger * -
Naomi Lamer ^ † ~
Asa Light ^ † * ~ -
Aliza Marinelarena ^
Sarah Marvin + °
LeAnne Matthews ^ * -
Ron McClellan #
Maggie McMath * -
Mya Meinke ^ † Δ
Jordan Miller + °
Regan Miller ^
Caden Mitchell ^ †
Carter Mitchell ^
Jack Mitchell >
Kristanna Moore ^
Ashlee Morey ^
Aubree Morgan ^
Noah Murdock ^
Chester Oberg ^
Carlos Olivas * ~ -
Samuel Olson ^ †
Matthew Omundsen ^ †
Ella Owen ^
Kaylee Papon ^ † * -
Ellie Parks + °
Hannah Peck ^
Trenton Peck Δ

Lindsey Peterson ^ † * - ·
Kaitlin Pine ^
Josiah Robinson ^ †
Franely Rodriguez ^
Brianne Roehm ^
Martina Royer ^
Caleb Siders * -
Carlos Sierra-Mejia * -
Amillya Sizemore ^ *
Alexis Skramstad ^
Hudson Slayden ^ * ~ -
Hadley Speicher ^ † +
Grace Stroh ^ * ~ -
Jaidyn Tabony ^
Olivia Thompson ^ †
Jacob Tireman * -
Evan Tschetter ^ +
Kyleigh Tucker >
Gabe Turley * - °
Danielle VanSlyke ^ † >
Carter Veach ^
Peter Vessey * ^ † ~ -
David Waller * -
Malachi Wasson * ~ - ·
Gregory Whetstone ^
Eli Whitacre ^ † Δ
Holly Wieneman #
RebeccaSue Wiles ^ + °
Madison Williams ^
Christopher Winton * ~ -
Julia Wong * -
Alexis Wood * ^ ~ -
Elizabeth Yeley ^ † +
Catherine Yoksh ^ † >

Δ Apostellō
> Chamber Orchestra
* Concert Band
- Drumline/Pep Band
† Heritage Choir Member
~ Jazz Ensemble
· MNU Percussion Group
° Neerly Improv
^ Symphonic Choir
+ Theatre
MNU Faculty/Staff or
Community Member

UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

MNU Theatre:
Live Clue

October 25, 2025 at 3:30pm

MNU Theatre:
Improv Show

October 25, 2025 at 7:30pm

MNU Theatre:
Freaky Friday

November 13-15, 2025 at 7:30pm

MNU Jazz Ensemble:
Java Jazz

November 18-19, 2025 at 7:30pm

MNU Theatre:
Student Directed One Acts
November 21-22, 2025 at 7:30pm

MNU Chamber Orchestra Concert: Pops and Praise
November 23, 2025 at 3:30pm

MNU Theatre:
Improv Show
December 4, 2025 at 7:30pm

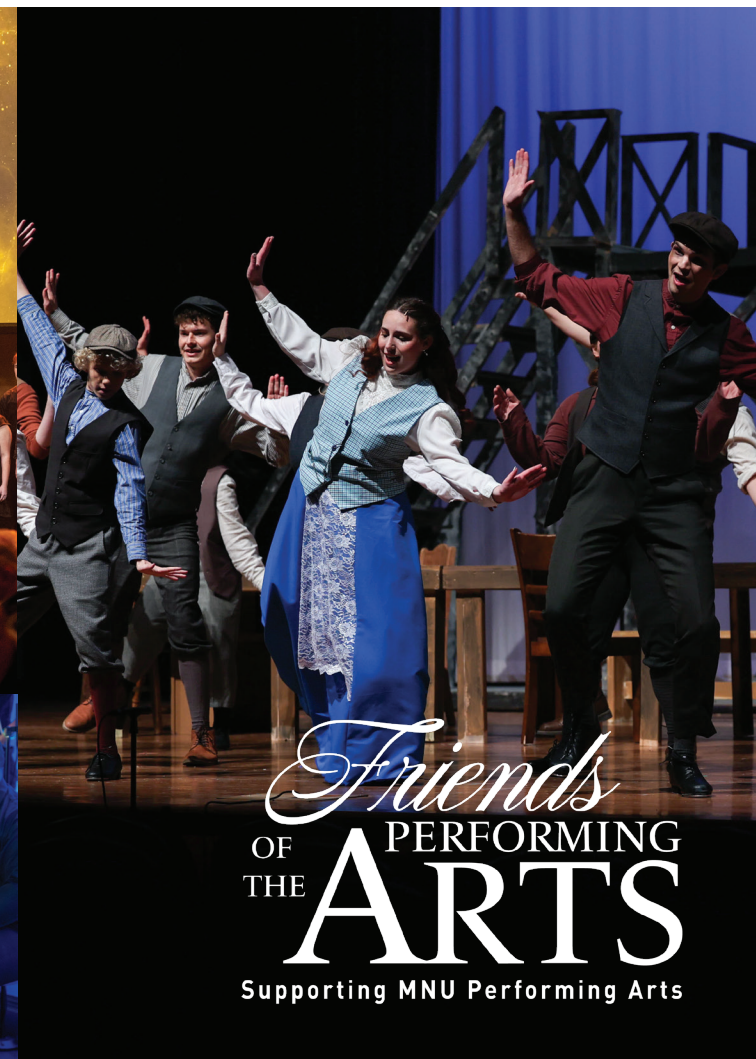
MNU Festival of Christmas
December 6, 2025 at 6:00pm
December 7, 2025 at 3:30pm

To reserve your tickets for the concerts or shows, go to bellcenter.mnu.edu
Or call the box office at (913)971-3636

MidAmerica Nazarene University

Our Mission: A transformative university that nurtures Christlike community, pursues academic excellence, and cultivates a passion to serve.

Our Vision: To impact the world for Jesus Christ through servant leaders recognized for their excellence, integrity, and spiritual vitality.



Friends of the Performing Arts • • • • •

FPA exists to promote, support, and encourage students in MNU performing arts programs – music (instrumental/vocal/worship) and theatre. Consider supporting MNU Performing Arts by joining Friends of the Performing Arts today.

www.mnu.edu/fpa

Celebration Breakfast

UPHAUS HALL

Saturday, October 4 | 8:30 AM

WELCOME

Pete Brumbaugh ('90, MBA '04)
Executive Director

INVOCATION

Jay Ketterling ('80)
Alumni Council President

ALUMNI AWARDS
PRESENTATION

Dr. Sondra (Riley '81) Cave, Presenter
Chair, Homecoming
& Reunions Committee

Alumna of the Year

Audrey (Roth '14) Weaver

Alumnus of the Year

Rev. Shawn Evans ('94)

Young Alum of the Year

Abby (Felter '16) Kovalcik

Copeland Civic Leadership Award

Dr. Jeff DeGraffenreid ('96, MED '99)

PURPOSEFUL LIVES START HERE
(VIDEO)

PRESIDENTIAL INTRODUCTION

Dr. Abby Hodges
Chief Academic Officer
& VP for Academic Affairs

UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Dr. Jon D. North ('92, MBA '94)
MNU President

ALUMNI MUSICAL
PERFORMANCE

Thomas Miller ('21)
Worship Pastor, St. Louis Trinity

HOMECOMING
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pete Brumbaugh

BENEDICTION

Danny Buxie ('07)
Alumni Council President-Elect

FRIDAY

MEN'S BASKETBALL 1960s & 70s
ALUMNI RECEPTION

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(Hight Lounge)

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VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI GAME

• 10:00 AM — Cook Center
(Main Gym)

GOLDEN REUNION
CLASSES OF 1972-75

• 10:00 AM — College Church
(Garrett Chapel)

CLASS OF 1980

• 10:00 AM — Metz 104

CLASS OF 1985

• 10:00 AM — Metz 120

Homecoming Reunions

CLASS OF 1990

• 10:00 AM — Metz 103

CLASS OF 1995

• 10:00 AM — Metz 117

CLASS OF 2000

• 10:00 AM — Smith 203

CLASS OF 2005

• 10:00 AM — Smith 206

CLASS OF 2010

• 10:00 AM — Smith 205

CLASS OF 2015

• 10:00 AM — Smith 209

CLASS OF 2020

• 10:00 AM — Smith 200

PEP BAND

• 1:00 PM — Copeland Complex

MEN'S BASKETBALL
ALUMNI GATHERING

• 7:00 PM — Cook Center
(Allega Room)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
ALUMNI GAME

• 7:00 PM — Cook Center
(Main Gym)

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ALUMNI GAME

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(Main Gym)

JAZZ BAND

• 8:30 PM — Cunningham Center
(Tollefson Room)

Upcoming MNU Events

CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE
October 6-27, 2025



Support MNU's coaches and student athletes as they compete for matching gifts and special prizes during this three-week crowdfunding campaign.

www.mnu.edu/champs

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS
December 6-7, 2025



Experience a holiday tradition as MNU's choirs, band, and orchestra join with community members to present beloved Christmas carols and selections from Handel's Messiah.

www.mnu.edu/festival

PRESIDENT'S HONORS
April 10, 2026



Reserve your seat at MNU's premier event as we celebrate of God's faithfulness, donor recognition, and all that makes MNU's mission worthy of unwavering, sacrificial support.

www.presidentshonors.org

MNU COMMENCEMENT
May 2, 2026



Soak in the pomp and circumstance as our graduates prepare for the next chapter in their lives. Traditional undergraduate ceremony at 10:00 AM; PGS ceremony at 3:00 PM.

www.mnu.edu/commencement

MNU Night of Praise

MNU CAMPUS MALL
Saturday, October 4 | 6:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADER
Thomas Miller ('21), Lead Vocals
Worship Pastor, St. Louis Trinity

OPENING PRAYER
Dr. Jon North ('92, MBA '94)
MNU President

"THE JOY"
The Belonging Co.

"I KNOW A NAME"
Elevation Worship

STUDENT TESTIMONY
Daisy Orozco
Biology/Chemistry Major

"WHO ELSE?"
Gateway Worship

"HOLY FOREVER"
Bethel Music

"HOW GREAT THOU ART"
Boberg/Hine

"TRUST IN GOD"
Elevation Worship

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT
Dr. Ron Jackson
Assistant to the President
for Church Relations

"HOW MARVELOUS"
Chris Tomlin

"GRATITUDE"
Brandon Lake

SENDING PRAYER
Dr. Brady Braatz ('01)
University Chaplain

LYRICS:
www.mnu.edu/praise



Welcome Home

Campus Map

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ALUMNI LEADERSHIP

JAY KETTERLING ('79)
Alumni Council President

DANNY BUXIE ('07)
Alumni Council President-Elect

SHEILA (VANDERVOORT '80) BIRD
Alumni Council Past-President

ANDREW SPEICHER ('98)
Alumni Representative, Board of Trustees

JILL (WILKINSON '96) SPEICHER
Alumni Representative, MNU Faculty

JUSTEN WACK ('06)
Chair, Alumni Networks Committee

SONDRA (RILEY '81) CAVE
Chair, Homecoming & Reunions Committee

ANDY CORNELIUS ('19)
Chair, Communications Committee

DENISE DANTZLER ('17)
Chair, Giving Opportunities Committee

COUNCIL AT-LARGE

Paulo Barros ('86)
Olathe, KS

Jim Baxter (MHR '13, MBA '16)
Greenwood, MO

Patricia Bilka ('05)
Medford, OR

Brent Blacklock ('99)
Kansas City, MO

Lauren (Page '20) Butler
Wichita, KS

Dr. Ryan Butler ('99)
Overland Park, KS

Michael Green ('96)
Kansas City, MO

Joyce (Mitchell '80) Hobbs
Branson, MO

Tori (Crocker '19) Irvine
Olathe, KS

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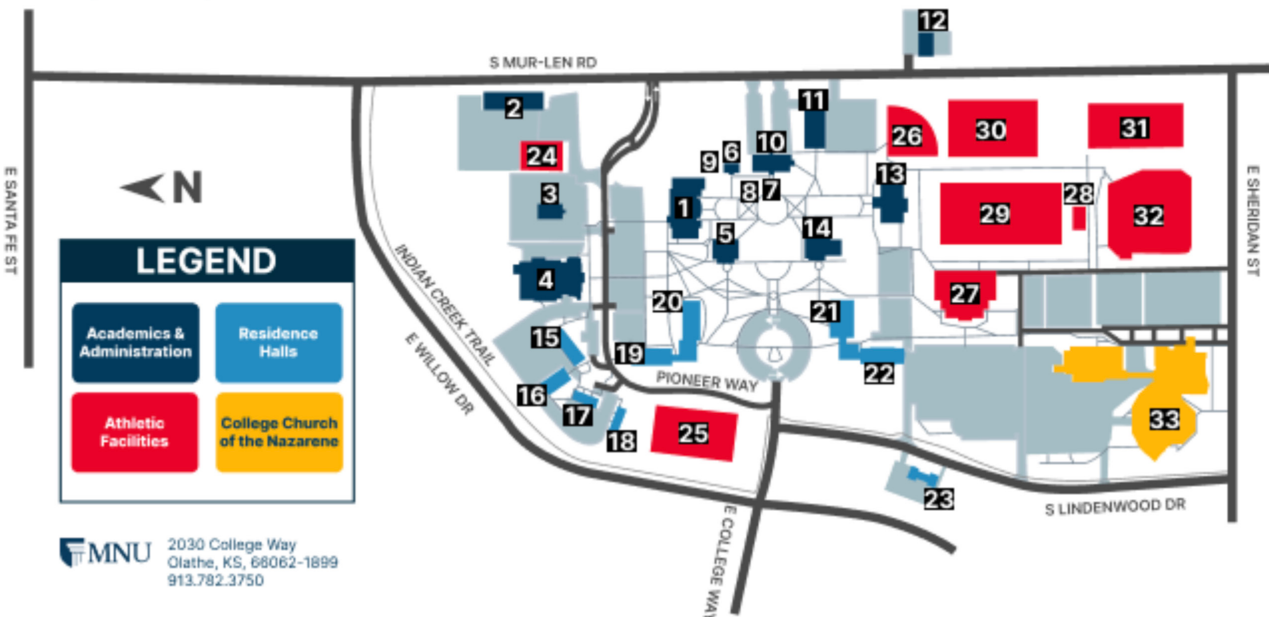
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| 1. Cunningham Center | 10. Smith Hall | 18. Ramsey | 26. Williams Softball Field |
| 2. Gilliland Facility Services | 11. Metz Hall | 19. Rice | 27. Cook Center |
| 3. Dobson Hall | 12. MNU Counseling Department & Counseling Services | 20. Stockton | 28. Field House |
| 4. Bell Cultural Events Center | 13. Mabee Learning Commons | 21. Snowbarger | 29. Football Field |
| 5. Lunn Hall | 14. Osborne Hall | 22. Lanpher | 30. Soccer Game Field |
| 6. Weatherby Chapel | 15. Uphaus | 23. Colony West | 31. Track |
| 7. Harvest Prayer Statue | 16. Spindle | 24. Land Gymnasium | 32. Robbie Jones Baseball Field |
| 8. Purposeful Life Statue | 17. Draper | 25. Soccer Practice Field | 33. College Church Sanctuary |
| 9. Emily Mozier Memorial Prayer Garden | | | |

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