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Photo by Jacob Brogan ('17)

Dear friends,

Like many of you, I was raised on the Great Plains. I've spent my career in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Nebraska. I'm neither a farmer nor a rancher, but on my better days, I like to think I've absorbed a little of how they look at the world.



I know we reap what we sow. I know the foolishness of expecting a good harvest from

fields or flocks we haven't bothered to tend. And when I look at the big picture, I can see we're temporary stewards of something far bigger than ourselves.

Whether you're visiting a Sandhills ranch or walking on our green campus, I'm happy to report you'll see the same values of caregiving and stewardship. Those values feed an environment of Christian concern here that's remarkably fruitful for our students.

I saw it at commencement last May, when Jenna Schroeder (19) printed these words on the back of her mortarboard:

"People don't grow where they're planted. They grow where they're loved."

Jenna attended Nebraska Wesleyan thanks to a donorsupported Access NWU Scholarship. She told me, "The most important thing I'll take away from my four years at NWU wasn't just how much I learned or the athletic ability I gained playing soccer, but rather how well I was loved."

Here is where love and support combined with teaching and mentorship to help Jenna thrive. She's matching her accounting skills with her passion to serve others through a position with Citylight Lincoln Church. "I feel strongly called to make a difference through serving and loving my community," she said.

Her fellow student, Jacob Barrett (20), put it this way at this year's Black and Gold banquet. "I have learned at NWU that you cannot truly experience a community unless you serve it."

Thanks to students like Jenna and Jacob, I think I've become even more like a Nebraska farmer. Our students' energy and wisdom give me something of a farmer's unflinching optimism for the future. I hope they inspire you, too.

Please accept my gratitude to everyone who steps forward to help tend the special campus where such students grow.

With gratitude, B Anevi John B. Greving

Vice president for advancement

THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE NUMBERS

More than numbers, raising support for Nebraska Wesleyan University is about people—about relationships. Meet the team of professionals out there who raised funds—and friends—on behalf of NWU in 2018-19.

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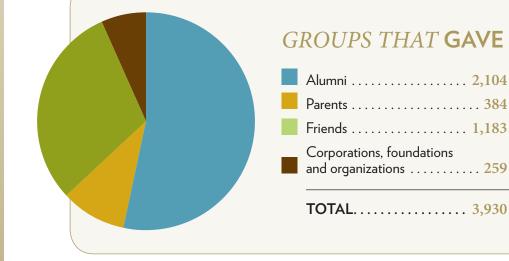
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