

The background of the entire page is a purple-tinted photograph of a large, historic stone building, likely a part of Northwestern University's campus. The building features Gothic-style architecture with a prominent tower and arched windows. The image is framed by a thin white border.

Northwestern  
University

# Self-Guided Tour



*Welcome to Northwestern University!*

*Here at Northwestern, we do a “choose your own adventure” style tour. You can choose the route that best suits your interests and answers your questions about Northwestern, its traditions, and its students.*

*Go ‘Cats!*

NORTHWESTERN SITS ON THE  
ORIGINAL HOMELANDS OF THE  
**COUNCIL OF  
THE THREE FIRES**

(OJIBWE • POTAWATOMI • ODAWA)



Native American &  
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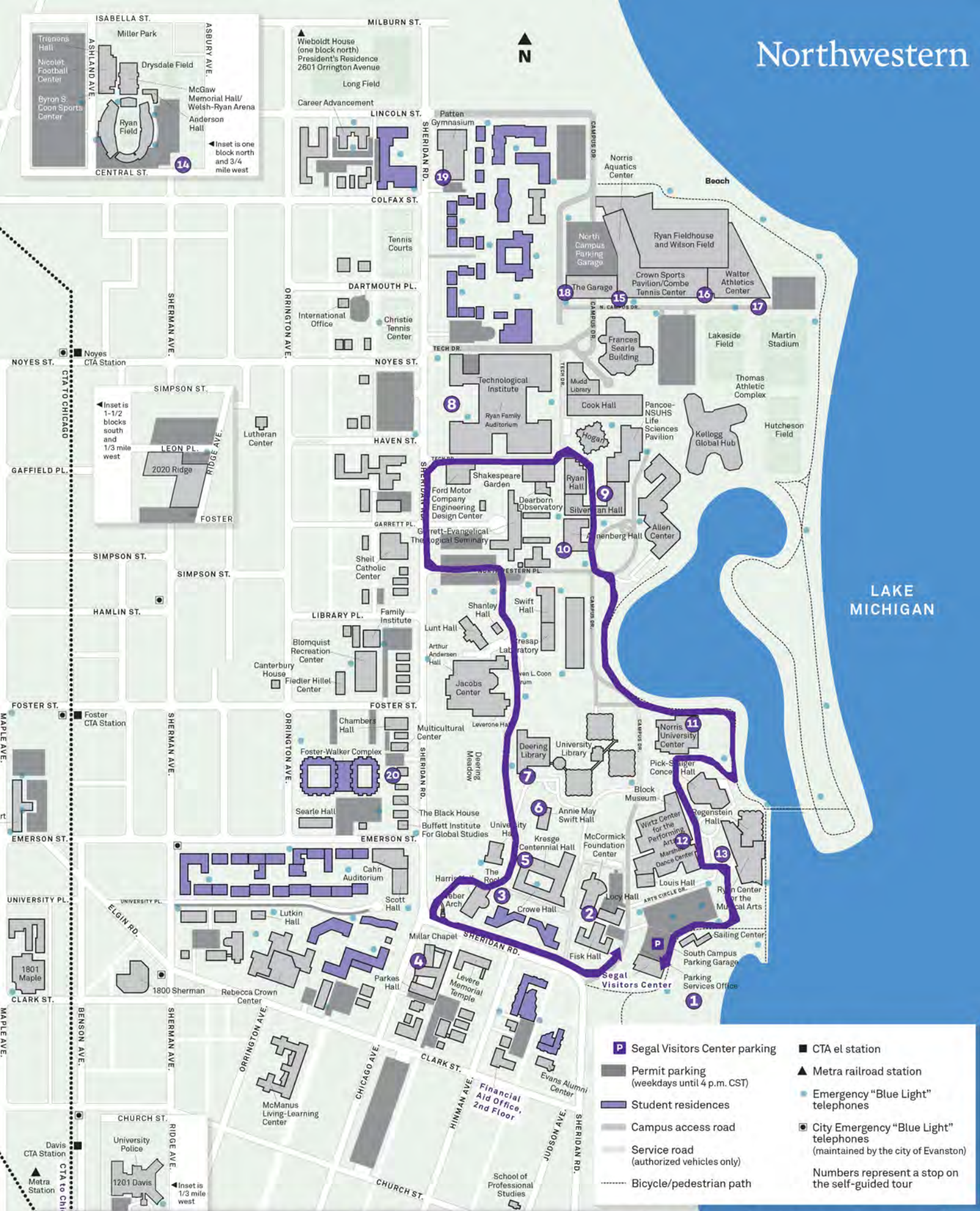
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*Northwestern is a community of learners situated within a network of historical and contemporary relationships with Native American tribes, communities, parents, students, and alumni. It is also in close proximity to an urban Native American community in Chicago and near several tribes in the Midwest. The Northwestern campus sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires, the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa as well as the Menominee, Miami and Ho-Chunk nations. It was also a site of trade, travel, gathering and healing for more than a dozen other Native tribes and is still home to over 100,000 tribal members in the state of Illinois.*

*It is within Northwestern's responsibility as an academic institution to disseminate knowledge about Native peoples and the institution's history with them. Consistent with the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion, Northwestern works towards building relationships with Native American communities through academic pursuits, partnerships, historical recognitions, community service and enrollment efforts.*





Main Tour Route is outlined in **PURPLE**. Please see page 18 for a list of additional points of interest not covered by this self-guided tour.





**(1)** Begin your tour outside of the **Segal Visitors Center**. Admission staff members are available by phone at (847) 491-7271 to answer any questions you may have during or after the tour. Walking west (away from the lake!), safely cross the street at the crosswalk toward Fisk Hall to begin your walking tour.

*Welcome to Northwestern University, founded in 1851 here in Evanston, Illinois. Northwestern is located about 12 miles north of the Chicago Loop (the downtown Chicago area) and 2 miles north of the Chicago city line. We feel so lucky to live so close to such an amazing city and throughout this tour will definitely point out the ways in which Northwestern and its students benefit from being in the Chicagoland area. We also love our Evanston campus and hope that you enjoy getting to know this area a little better today. Currently you are about a five minute walk from downtown Evanston, where there are tons of restaurants, coffee shops, and local businesses all accessible to Northwestern students.*

**(2)** On your right you will see **Fisk Hall**, built in 1899 and home to the **Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications**. Medill is one of our six undergraduate schools and offers a Journalism major as well as a certificate in Integrated Marketing Communications. One of the leading journalism schools in the country, Medill boasts unique opportunities like the [Journalism Residency](#) and [Medill on the Hill](#). These programs encourage students to engage with the world around them and help expand their knowledge of journalism and integrated marketing communications.



## Student Stories:

*"My first professor in Medill, Michael Deas, has become not only a mentor but also a friend. He took the time and effort to make our class close and collaborative and I met some of my closest friends on campus there. Outside of the class, he still takes the time to email our entire class to make sure we are all doing ok and to address whatever might be going on in the world at the time. Every time I see him on campus he stops whatever he is doing to catch up with me. He has also been my go-to reference whenever I'm going through a recruiting process for a new job or opportunity." —Ben, Medill '22*

*"I took part in the Medill on the Hill Program, which is a political reporting program in Washington, D.C. I spent half of the week covering news on Capitol Hill and the other half in journalism and political science classes. Everything that we worked on was published to the Medill on the Hill website, but there were many opportunities to have pieces published in partner publications like USA Today and Sojourners Magazine. While I was there, I covered the impeachment trials, the State of the Union address, and countless Senate hearings. While having these once in a lifetime experiences, I was also able to network with several journalists and Medill alumni." —Janea, Medill '22*

*Continue past Fisk Hall, turn left at the alley, and then right onto the sidewalk of Sheridan Road, so that you're continuing to head west. As we mentioned before, we love our Evanston campus and having access to such a great college town. Here at Northwestern, we live on campus for at least two years.\* After the first two years, students can choose whether to live on or off campus. Third- and fourth-years who wish to live on campus have to apply for campus housing, but generally the University doesn't have any issues accommodating the applications.*

*\*For updates on housing during the COVID-19 pandemic, [click here](#).*

**(3)** Coming up on your right you'll see two of our on-campus housing options. If you face the buildings, **East Fairchild**, or the Communications Residential College (CRC), is on the right, and West Fairchild, or the International Studies Residential College (ISRC), is on the left. One of two main housing options, residential colleges are typically smaller and centered around a theme.



Residential colleges are a great option for students looking for housing with peers who have similar interests, as well as connections to faculty, fellows, and organizations that coincide with the given theme.

The other main housing option is a residence hall, which is more of a traditional dormitory-style building without a central theme. Typically residence halls are a little bit larger than residential colleges and only certain halls have Faculty-in-Residence, though all housing options have access to other buildings with Faculty-in-Residence. To learn more about our housing options or to take a virtual tour, you can visit the [Undergraduate Housing page](#).

## Student Stories:

*"I met one of my best friends on the second day of school because we lived in the same residential college. We don't study the same thing or do any of the same extracurriculars, so we probably never would have met if it weren't for the community-building programming that every residential building offers. Getting to know the people you live with is an amazing way to build community, especially before you get a chance to get to know people from your classes or clubs." —Isaiah, School of Communication '21*



*"My first year I lived in Elder Residential Hall and I loved all the built-in programming my faculty-in-residence offered to help folks get to know each other. We'd have Wednesday night fireside chats about everything from the Oscars to conspiracy theories, monthly Pizza 'n' Puppies nights where we catered in pizza \*and\* puppies, and Sunday-night Apple Cider 'n' Donuts to decompress before the upcoming week of classes. I met a ton of my best friends at those events (and just hanging out in my floor's common room), and I'm still super close with those folks three years later!" —Robby, Weinberg '21*

*"I love NU residential life! I lived in Bobb my first year and one of my favorite traditions was the weekly "Snack-chat." Every Wednesday at 9pm, the Bobb lounge was full of snacks—my favorite being the fresh berries and the brie cheese—and students living in the three surrounding buildings. It was also a highly anticipated midweek snack and study break that I looked forward to every Wednesday. In fact, when I moved out of Bobb for my sophomore year, I would often beg my friends living in Goodrich to save me some cheese and berries from snack chat." —Ellie, Weinberg '22*

Continue west down the Sheridan Road sidewalk toward the Weber Arch.

(4) On the south side of Sheridan Road, across from the Weber Arch, you'll see the **Alice Millar Chapel**, one of the many spaces of faith on campus. In addition to this non-denominational chapel, we have a number of religious centers on campus like the Hillel Center and the Sheil Catholic Center. There are also religious student organizations like the Muslim-Cultural Student Association, Athletes in Action, and the Interfaith Initiative.



For a full list of religious and spiritual organizations on campus visit the [Religious and Spiritual Life](#) page. Northwestern is committed to creating spaces on campus where students can gather, practice, and celebrate their individual identities institutionally and on a student level. It's important to us as students that this is important to Northwestern as an institution; to explore Northwestern's diversity and inclusion initiatives and commitments visit the webpage [here](#).

## Student Stories:

*"My first year on campus I felt a little bit lost after fall quarter, but I was really lucky to find a home in United Christian Ministries (UCM) on campus. UCM is a Christian group on campus focused on inclusivity, discussion, and community. Every Sunday the group enjoys a home-cooked meal together in an actual house on campus. This fostered such a sense of warmth and care that I really needed after a few months of adjustment to campus." —Kayla, Weinberg '22*

*"I really can't imagine a better environment for exploring my Jewish identity than Northwestern. Northwestern's Hillel is loaded with opportunities to explore your Judaism in a way that's meaningful to you. So, if you like to sing, you can join ShireiNU a capella; if you like to act, you can join the Jewish Theatre Ensemble; if you like to bake, you can join Challah for Hunger; and if you're interested in business, you can join the TAMID group. I'm really into meditation and Torah study, so clubs like Breathing Torah and the Jewish Learning Fellowship have been some of my favorite experiences at NU. I also love going to Evanston's Chabad house for Shabbat dinners almost every Friday—it's been a great way to meet Northwestern students and other Evanston community members!" —Robby, Weinberg '21*

The Weber Arch was built in 1993, 142 years after Northwestern was founded. It has since become a staple of Northwestern's campus and its traditions. At the beginning of every year during our Wildcat Welcome orientation week, incoming Northwestern students gather together where you're standing now and march through The Arch together as a symbol of the beginning of their Northwestern journey. The marching band plays, the President speaks, and family members inevitably cry. Four years later, seniors gather with their graduating class one more time to march back out of The Arch and into the real world. **March through the Arch** is one of the few times your whole class will be together, and one of our favorite traditions!



## Student Story:

*"I love March Through The Arch! As a Peer Adviser I've done it multiple times now, and there is something so fun about the energy that everyone has (especially all of the student organizations) as they gather around The Arch and cheer for the new students. I think it's a great welcoming tradition and honestly something that I think about all the time as I walk through The Arch (which happens multiple times a day) and is one of those Northwestern memories that I won't ever forget." —Radhika, Weinberg '21*

*Walk through the Arch and continue down the path toward the Rock (you'll know it when you see it!).*

**(5/6)** You are now entering **Rock Plaza**. On your right is **Harris Hall** which houses the History Department. On your left you'll pass **University Hall**, which, in addition to housing the English Department, was also the first building on Northwestern's campus. It is built from the same limestone as the Chicago Water Tower and initially housed much of the University. Just ahead of you behind the rock is **Kresge Centennial Hall**, built for Northwestern's Centennial. All of these buildings house departments in the **Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences**, the largest of our six undergraduate colleges. Weinberg offers roughly 50% of the majors on campus and is most distinguished by its **Distribution Requirement model**.



Distribution Requirements (or “distros,” as we call them on campus) are the hallmark of Northwestern’s liberal arts education. Rather than having specific class requirements or general education courses, Weinberg students take two classes in each of six [Distribution Areas](#). Students are able to choose from any of the classes offered in those areas based on their own interests and strengths, allowing them to explore many different areas of study in addition to their major.

## Student Story:

*“My favorite story to tell from my time in Weinberg revolves around the relationship I’ve built with my initial academic advisor. This professor taught my first-year seminar (a thematic class outside my major focused on teaching a specific subject while also easing into the world of collegiate academic writing). Since my seminar was my smallest class, I was able to ask specific and frequent questions about any of the course material, writing in general, or even just questions I had regarding my adjustment to college. I came from an education system that didn’t enforce the technical MLA writing style conventions that a lot of my peers already knew, but my professor was patient and attentive in helping me catch up on these subjects. In addition to this, she also advised us with course selection. After the class was over, she checked in on the students in our seminar every couple of weeks to see how we were doing. Having someone with her skills and knowledge take an active interest in my well being meant so much to me and my classmates, as navigating academics (and life) independently for the first time can be daunting. Now, almost a year later, I’m actually using the skills I learned in her class to assist her with her research, and conduct some of my own.” —Noah, Weinberg '23*

Finally, in front of you is **The Rock**, which is not, in fact, a rock. As the story goes, many years ago The Rock was actually a large purple quartz fountain. One winter, the fountain froze over and the pipes burst, rendering it totally useless. A few years later, a group of first-years went out in the middle of the night and painted The Rock, writing something along the lines of, “freshmen rule, seniors drool.” The fourth-years were not too happy about this and washed The Rock the next day.



Four years later, when the same first-years became seniors, they once again visited The Rock in the middle of the night and painted something like, “seniors rule, freshmen drool.” From then on, painting The Rock became a tradition. There are only two rules for painting The Rock: you have to paint in the middle of the night like the first students did, and you have to guard The Rock for at least 24 hours beforehand. After that, you can paint it with pretty much anything, as it is a testament to free speech on our campus. There is even a 24/7 “Rock Cam” publicly accessible online, which some students use to paint and broadcast messages to friends and family at home.



## Student Story:

*"One of my favorite campus traditions is painting The Rock. I've guarded and painted The Rock twice and both times have been super fun. It's a really fun way to bond with other people in your organization and seeing the design you painted is really cool too. It's something I recommend that everyone does at least once."* —Janea, Medill '22

*Turn left in front of Kresge and begin walking north on the sidewalk. Stay to the left of the orange building, Annie May Swift Hall (commonly referred to as the Peanut Butter Building for its instantly recognizable color), which is the home of the Radio, Television, and Film Department, and continue until you reach Deering Library on your right.*

**(7)** Built in 1933, **Charles Deering Library** is one of our oldest (and definitely most-Instagrammed) libraries on campus. It holds some special collections as well as the University Archives, which happens to be the home of our first mascot, Willy the [taxidermied] Wildcat. Deering is one of our three main libraries, along with **University** or **Main Library** and **Mudd Library**. Deering is known for its long reading room and the fact that it is 24-hours silent (like, pindrop silent).



It was modeled after the chapel at King's College in Cambridge, which was also the inspiration for the Great Hall in the Harry Potter movies, so we have a very realistic Harry Potter building on campus! University Library, which is attached to Deering, is the largest of the three and holds the majority of our research materials. Mudd Library, which is on the northern side of campus, is our STEM library.

*Fun fact: The meadow behind you is Deering Meadow, our first football field.*

## Student Stories:

*"I love studying in Mudd Library! The mix of loud, collaborative spaces and quiet, individual areas always provides the environment I need for working, and I'm always likely to run into friends throughout the building. The layout of the building feels much less isolating than the beautiful yet eerily silent Deering library."* —Margaret, Medill '23

*"Let's talk about office hours! Regardless of class size, every single professor is required to have office hours for every class they teach, which is essentially a few hours each week where they open their office doors for students to come ask questions about the class, their academic field, or just chat about anything they feel like. Once during my first year, I went with a friend to office hours for her professor—I'd never met this professor before and I wasn't in his class, but 30 minutes later I walked out of his office with a book lent from his personal library and a new addition to my academic support system."* —Natalie, School of Communication '21



*Continue down the same path north. On your left, you will see a large concrete building called the Jacobs Center.*



The Jacobs Center to your left was the main building for the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern's graduate business school, until 2017 when the Kellogg Global Hub opened. The Global Hub is one of many buildings that Northwestern has constructed or remodeled in the last few years, including a new residence hall (560 Lincoln), Mudd Library, and many more. We'd also like to note here that despite having a well-known business school on our campus, Northwestern does not offer an undergraduate business major.

However, there are tons of opportunities available for undergraduates who are interested in business. In addition to business-related student organizations and student startups, there are a lot of academic pathways that focus on business. The most popular major at Northwestern is economics, and Weinberg also offers a [Business Institutions minor](#) that provides a broad introduction to the business world. Lastly, Kellogg itself offers two undergraduate certificate programs: [Financial Economics](#) and [Managerial Analytics](#). These are just a few of the ways Northwestern students can study and engage with business without majoring in it! You can explore all business-related options on Northwestern's [Roads to Business site](#).

*Continue following the same path north. When the path breaks into a sidewalk on the right and asphalt on the left, follow the asphalt path to the left. You should pass Lunt Hall, which holds the Math department, as well as Shanley Hall, one of our blackbox theaters on campus, both on your left. Once you pass Lunt Hall, turn left on the sidewalk to get out onto the sidewalk on Sheridan Road. Turn right, and continue walking north along Sheridan Road until you arrive at the Ford Motor Company Engineering and Design Center on your right. We encourage you to step into the foyer, which overlooks "The Shop" on its right side.*

The Ford Motor Company Engineering and Design Center (Ford) is one of Northwestern's primary hubs for engineering students. It houses the **Segal Design Institute**, an interdisciplinary center providing all students—whether they're studying engineering or something else—with hands-on opportunities to design real products for real people.





The Segal Design Institute's specific programs include the [Segal Design Certificate](#), an undergraduate curriculum in design available to all majors, and the [MMM Program](#), or the Multidisciplinary MBA + MS Design Innovation, for our graduate students. Ford is also home to "The Shop," a 24/7 resource with every tool and piece of machinery an engineering or design student could dream of.

## Student Story:

*"The Segal Prototyping and Fabrication Lab is one of my favorite places on campus and I was lucky enough to spend so much time in this space starting right away in my first quarter at Northwestern. I was never someone who had experience with any type of shop work or machinery, so the idea of having access to all of this equipment was pretty intimidating. Every first year student undergoes a safety orientation to get general access to the shop, and this was such a fun day as a first-year student. We all made tiny houses out of foam, wood, and metal to get acquainted with various machines. From there, any heavier machinery that I wanted to learn about was available with further training if I just asked! It was so nice to have guidance in such a fun and safe way in navigating this shop. The adult and student shop trainers are so equipped to help everyone who is working there!" —Tricia, McCormick '21*

*Exiting Ford, turn right and begin walking north on Sheridan Road. Immediately after passing Ford, turn right into the alleyway and continue walking until you reach a clearing at the end of the alley. At this point, the Technological Institute is to your left, and just in front of you on your right is Ryan Hall.*

(8) The rear entrance to the Technological Institute (or "Tech") on your left is the home of the [McCormick School of Engineering](#). In line with Northwestern's commitment to a liberal arts education, McCormick teaches what we call "[Whole-Brain Engineering](#)."



This means that McCormick is committed to doing more than just educating engineers; instead, McCormick empowers its students to engage both the analytical, logical left-brain and the creative, artistic right-brain in order to become effective leaders and designers. McCormick works very closely with departments and organizations at Northwestern and beyond to supplement engineering curriculum with design, entrepreneurship, leadership and personal development.

*Fun fact: The Technological Institute is the second largest low-rise building in the country, second only to the Pentagon! There are over seven miles of hallways. Because of this, Tech actually has its own maps app called "Tech Room Finder," where you can type in a room number and get directions!*

## Student Story:

*"I took a class called CIV\_ENV 220: Structural Art where we analyzed structures all over the world for their structural successes and failures as well as their symbolic and social successes and failures, ranging from the Eiffel Tower to the Gateway Arch to buildings right here in the Chicago area. Our final project of the quarter involved each of us putting together a presentation on a building in Chicago that we chose, but instead of each taking turns in front of a PowerPoint, we actually went into the city where we did a "hop-on, hop-off" style tour and gave our thoughts and summarized our opinions on the building while we stood right in front of it. Our professor even surprised us with tickets to the top of the Sears Tower at the end of the day which was so incredible. Definitely a great example of McCormick utilizing the city right in its backyard and balancing the theoretical with hands-on." —Tricia, McCormick '21*

*Take a sharp right at Ryan Hall to enter the Research Quad. You should see Ryan Hall on your right and the Hogan Biological Sciences building on your left. Continue south through the Research Quad.*

**(9) Silverman Hall** is the last building in the **Research Quad** and houses the Chemistry of Life Processes Institute. Like Silverman, many of the buildings in the Research Quad house different labs and offices that all have opportunities for undergraduate students to engage in research.



Northwestern allots \$3.5 million to undergraduate research every year, allowing undergraduates to get involved in research to whatever degree they desire! Students can work with professors and graduate students on their research projects or even conduct their own research during their time at Northwestern. Departments like the [Office of Undergraduate Research](#) provide Summer and Academic Year Undergraduate Research Grants from which students can receive up to \$3,500 to fund their research as well as living expenses when applicable.

## Student Stories:

*"I have been involved with my lab for the past three years and have had the best experience. It was super easy to get involved—professors are constantly promoting their research and are always looking for students to join their teams. I reached out to a professor whose work I was interested in and he offered me a research position at the interview. The best thing about research at Northwestern is that it is extremely hands-on—you're not just cleaning fish tanks or getting coffee for the staff. I've had a chance to learn A LOT about my research topic, get extremely involved in it, and even was asked to take over a project. Not only is it a great experience, but it can also help you find something that you're passionate about!" —Chloe, Weinberg '21*



*“Research at Northwestern is not just for STEM fields! As a Theatre major, I had no idea that research would even be an option when I came to NU, but during the summer between my sophomore and junior years, I received a \$4,000 grant from the Office of Undergraduate Research to write a play about Princess Anna Amalia of Prussia, a long-forgotten Baroque composer and music collector. Northwestern funded my trip to Germany and Austria, where I toured castles, music halls, museums, and churches related to the Princess' life. By the end of the summer, I had a full draft of my play, and an excerpt was later performed at the Creative Arts Festival!” —Natalie, School of Communication '21*

*“In the fall of my third year, I studied abroad in Geneva, Switzerland, home of the WHO and international hub of global health. The first six weeks of the program were fully spent in classes, where we learned about global health issues by visiting key organizations (the Red Cross, the UN, the WHO, etc.) and hearing from various important speakers. We then had a one week mid-semester break during which my friends and I traveled to Germany (Munich and Heidelberg), where we were able to tour a whole host of museums and monuments, as well as renting bikes to ride through the countryside. When we returned to Geneva, the remaining eight weeks of the semester were hands-on learning through internships at various global health organizations. I interned with the International AIDS Society, where I analyzed the impacts of treatment initiatives in Zimbabwe, coordinated events for World Aids Day, and even got to attend a meeting at the WHO. It was an incredible experience that allowed me to understand global health challenges from various new perspectives, and well as see the inner workings of the systems and organizations in place to address these challenges.” —Mary, School of Education and Social Policy '21*

*“I spent this summer doing an undergraduate research project on medical misdiagnosis in women's health! Although it is completely unrelated to my two majors, it is a subject I am incredibly passionate about so I decided to spend my summer digging deeper into the social/emotional legacies of this knowledge gap. I loved my research experience so much! First of all, the grant itself is a wonderful way that Northwestern supports its students and makes it feasible to devote 100% of your time to research without having to worry about working one, two, or ten side jobs. Second of all, the experience of doing such deep and detailed research is not something I always have time for during the year. Mostly, the opportunity to really turn myself into a subject matter expert and deeply improve my research skills has been invaluable!” —Karina, School of Communication '22*

**(10)** Just after passing Silverman, you'll find the rear entrance to **Annenberg Hall** on your right. This building is home to the **School of Education and Social Policy (SESP)**. SESP is the smallest of our six undergraduate schools, but it is also the most transferred-into school at Northwestern. In addition to traditional education-focused majors, SESP offers [interdisciplinary concentrations](#) that can serve as great foundations for just about any career path. Similar to Medill, SESP requires its students to complete a quarter-long [Practicum](#) between their sophomore and junior years either in Chicago, San Francisco, or Washington, D.C.



## Student Story:

*"I have so much #SESPlove! My first SESP class was Introduction to Learning and Organizational Change and it made me fall in love with my major. The class was centered around learning the principles of how people in organizations (from small businesses to hospitals) work together toward success. For the final project, we worked in small groups to pick a local Evanston organization and analyze it based on the principles we learned in class. My group chose a coffee shop (check it out, Backlot Coffee!). We presented our findings and recommendations to our class as well as to the owner of Backlot. This was such a cool experience because I still go to Backlot to grab a snack and study with friends, and can see some of the changes we suggested be implemented in the cafe. As a first-year I was able to have a very real impact on the Evanston community. Every SESP class I've taken since has followed suit; we have final projects where we get to actually apply what we've been learning in the classroom to make changes on campus and in our community."* —Mary, School of Education and Social Policy '21

*After passing Annenberg, continue south along the cobblestone path, keeping our beloved "Fake Michigan" pond (not to be confused with the real Lake Michigan) on your left. Continue following the path as it transitions from cobblestone to sidewalk, and when you reach the end of the sidewalk, continue onto the asphalt path. You should see the Norris University Center in front of you as you turn left onto the asphalt path; follow the asphalt path around Norris.*

**(11) Norris University Center** is our student union. It's a central hub for student life on campus, both because of the student organization offices it holds, and especially because of the Starbucks on the first floor (which we lovingly call "Norbucks"). Here at Northwestern, we have over 400 [student organizations](#)! However, if you come here and don't find one for you, it's also super easy to start an organization along with a few friends and a faculty advisor.



Because of the ease with which students can create these organizations, we have a lot of really niche clubs on campus and there is definitely something for everyone. Norris also houses our on-campus restaurants on the ground floor. When students arrive on campus, they are signed up for the [Open Access meal plan](#). This plan includes unlimited "swipes" at any of our 6 dining halls, which can be found in residence halls across campus, as well as \$125 Dining Dollars per quarter. These Dining Dollars can be used at any of the restaurants in Norris, the Starbucks upstairs, or at C-Stores (convenience stores) across campus.



## Student Stories:

*"I love my student organizations so much. They're where I've met some of my closest friends and have made many of my favorite memories in college. One of my favorites is A&O Productions—we put on concerts, speaker events, and film premieres and it's amazing to be in charge of something that makes people so excited. Since I've been a part of the org we've brought Issa Rae, Pete Davidson, and Jaden Smith as performers. Not only have I helped put on some amazing events, but I've also learned a lot from dealing with talent agents and working with data we've polled from students to pick the best acts possible. It takes months to prepare for a show but seeing it all come together is extremely rewarding."* —**Janea, Medill '22**

*"My first quarter at NU, I participated in Special Olympics and was a weekly volunteer at the Douglas Center, which assists adults living with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities in improving their independent living skills and enrichment of their quality of life. The connections and relationships I made with everyone I met grew stronger each week, and it became what I looked forward to the most. In addition to Special Olympics, this previous year, I volunteered with Seesaw Theatre, a student theatre company on campus that creates sensory productions for children on the autism spectrum. I along with one other student would travel into a Chicago schools and students on the spectrum. We would take out the various sensory materials we brought with us, such as scarfs or water bottles with glitter in them, and would engage students in a short acting skit that someone from the theatre board had created. I am so glad I was able to continue my passion of volunteering with the differing abilities community at Northwestern, and look forward to continuing to do so throughout my upperclassmen years.*

*My first year at NU I was also a member of Student Government (ASG). I ran not knowing what I was really getting myself into, but I had been involved in student government throughout high school and wanted to continue. We met weekly to discuss problems on campus, write legislation, vote, and work on presenting it to the administration. It was so interesting and amazing to see the power students held at NU. I learned how to write the appropriate legislation, gather signatures, and present it to an administrative team. A*

*great example from before my time on campus is that there used to be no WiFi on the Lakefill, so ASG students wrote legislation and were able to get WiFi extended. Something that passed while I was on the council was making Deering Library rainbow during June in honor of Pride Month. Deering is typically lit up with a good NU purple, but come June, the building is now lit up in rainbow colors because of legislation ASG passed, which I think is pretty cool."* —**Sammi, School of Communication '22**

*Continue around Norris. When the asphalt path you're walking on forks, turn right onto the sidewalk and walk directly toward Norris. Follow the path until you reach Norris, and then turn left to walk up the ramp into Arts Circle. At the top of the ramp, you should be standing in between Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on your left and the Block Museum of Art on your right.*

(12) You are now standing in Arts Circle. On your left is Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, which hosts performers and speakers throughout the year, and on your right is the **Block Museum**, our free art museum. The Block Museum is connected to the **Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts** and the Marshall Dance Center. These are some of the main buildings for the [School of Communication](#).



The School of Communication offers majors in Communication Studies and Human Communication Sciences but is also the main academic home for the arts on campus through its Theatre, Dance, Performance Studies, and Radio, Television, & Film (RTVF) departments. Academic pursuits represent one of the ways that students on campus can engage with the arts, but Northwestern also has an extremely active student art scene. There are over 80 student-run productions at Northwestern every year, ranging from theatre productions like *9 to 5* (2020), to a Burlesque show, Improv groups, and much more. Arts at Northwestern include the whole student body and all of our student-run performance organizations are open to all majors.

## Student Stories:

*"The quality of the advisors in the School of Communication cannot be overstated. My advisor, John Haas, has over 200 advisees and he still makes the time to come see all of our shows or events, check up on us individually, and play an active role in our academic success. Whenever I feel anxious about academics or life after college, I make a next-day appointment with him and I leave wondering why I ever worried about anything." —Isaiah, School of Communication '21*

*"I was really into dance and choreography in high school but hadn't found a path to pursue it in my first year at Northwestern. A friend in my a cappella group was music directing a student-run musical her second year here and told me they were in need of someone to choreograph the show, something that I had never done on my own but was really excited about. She put me in contact with the director, who sat down with me to talk about the exact responsibilities and his vision and expectations for the show. By the end of that meeting, everything was set and I was already working on choreographing a number for the dance call. Even though I am an engineer, it was never called into question whether I was qualified. I was simply really excited about the process and had a passion for dance and choreography, which was enough to be given the responsibility. Through that process, I met even more friends in the arts that I now support in more productions, and also know that I can audition and be a part of more shows and it will never be weird that I don't study it!" —Tricia, McCormick '21*



*"I joined a hip hop group, Refresh Dance Crew, my first year on campus, and every quarter since then I've gotten the chance to perform in front of hundreds of students and collaborate with other dance groups at Northwestern. I knew that I loved dance before I came to college, but I've grown so much as a dancer since joining this group and have loved sharing my passion with my team and the larger Northwestern community."* — Jordan, School of Education and Social Policy '21

*Continue south on the sidewalk in Arts Circle. At the end of the sidewalk, you can turn left at the crosswalk, walking directly toward the Ryan Center for the Musical Arts.*

**(13)** Directly in front of you is the **Ryan Center for the Musical Arts**, the home building for the **Bienen School of Music**. This is another one of our newest buildings, completed in 2015, and houses faculty offices, student practice rooms, classrooms, and studios as well as a 400-seat recital hall.



The Bienen School of Music is a [conservatory-style school](#) and requires an audition during the application process. Students in Bienen also have the opportunity to complete the [Dual Degree program](#), which is a 5-year program in which students receive two separate Bachelor's Degrees from Bienen and another undergraduate school on campus. The combination of a conservatory curriculum and access to a large research university makes Bienen unique among its music school peers.

## Student Story:

*"For the first two years I was in Bienen, I took most of my classes with the same people and the same professors—it's just the way our class sequences worked. This allowed me to bond not only with my classmates, but also our professors and graduate assistants, who would always hold office hours or schedule extra tutoring with us. My favorite professor and I used to start office hours by talking about music theory, but end by talking about Wicked and other musicals. Because my Northwestern path was always converging the two subjects, he was more than happy to help me apply what I was learning in class to what I was doing extracurricularly."* —Ezri, Bienen/Medill '21

*Continue on the sidewalk path walking past the Ryan Center on your left, and south toward Lake Michigan and Chicago. At the end of the sidewalk path, turn right onto the asphalt path in front of Northwestern's Sailing Center.*

You have arrived at perhaps the best view Northwestern's campus has to offer. Here, looking out over Lake Michigan and at the Chicago skyline (if it's a clear enough day), you can see some of the best parts of Northwestern. NU students really get the best of all worlds—we get to live on a beautiful, lakeside campus (that you just walked around!), we have the beautiful setting of a college town in Evanston, and being so close to a world-class city like Chicago allows Northwestern students to expand and apply their learning with real-life experiences.



## Student Stories:

*"I love exploring Chicago neighborhoods. One of my favorites, Andersonville, has an amazing annual sidewalk sale throughout the whole neighborhood. My favorite bookstore is there, there are countless coffee shops and gift shops, and an amazing brunch restaurant, M Henry. Chicago neighborhoods are just a train ride away, and it's so nice to be able to explore the city!" —Hannah, Weinberg '21*

*"The spring of my first year on campus, I took a history class on the musical "West Side Story." While we analyzed many clips from the movie in class, the best moment from the quarter was traveling into Chicago with my classmates to see the live performance. It was playing at the Lyric Opera of Chicago just in time for us to see in the last few weeks of class. Northwestern covered the price of tickets, and we all ventured down to the city to analyze everything we had just studied in the live production. Having Chicago so close made this class just that much more special. We got to study the production up close and personal, and analyze it from various forms of media. It was the cherry on top to an already fantastic class, and I am so glad that we were able to have the experience." —Sammi, School of Communication '21*

*"The summer after my first year at Northwestern, I was lucky enough to be able to sublet an apartment from my PA. This means I got to spend the whole summer in Illinois exploring Evanston and Chicago! I gave tours throughout the summer and worked in a Northwestern research lab on campus in order to pay for my apartment. The rest of the time I spent finding the best places to eat in Evanston and walking around to see the parts of the city not localized to Northwestern students. Evanston is a very friendly and safe community with lots going on in the summer. Even though we're in the Midwest, it turns into a total beach town in the summer complete with warm sand, swimming in Lake Michigan, and lots of summer fairs and festivals. On the weekends, I would take the train into Chicago and see parts of the city that I didn't always get the chance to during the school year. Chicago seriously has some of the best restaurants in the country. I was able to visit The Taste of Chicago (a must-visit food fair), grab brunch at Ann Sathers (seriously I cannot recommend this place enough), and enjoy some delicious cupcakes from several bakeries in downtown. Before coming to Northwestern, I never had such an opportunity to be able to explore a thriving and exciting city on my own." —Kayla, Weinberg '22*



*"I've volunteered at a preschool on the border of Evanston and Chicago throughout my undergraduate experience. The school is just a 20 minute bus ride from campus, and Northwestern gave me the financial resources and support to have an amazing experience working there. Volunteering here is part of what helped me choose my major in Human Development as well as decide what I wanted to pursue post-grad."* —Jordan, School of Education and Social Policy '21

As Northwestern's motto states, "AND is in our DNA." Northwestern students and faculty are committed to exploring the full spectrum of learning opportunities on campus and beyond. We as Northwestern students are lucky enough to be able to become so passionate about our education here, and learn how we can apply those passions in the world after our time at Northwestern – one of the reasons so many of us chose Northwestern, but also one of the reasons we choose to stay. We hope you enjoyed the walking tour today, and again please feel free to call or visit the website for our [Undergraduate Admissions Office](#) if you have any questions.

*This path leads back to the Segal Visitor Center where we began the tour; follow it around with the Sailing Beach on your left and Visitor Center on your right to return to the parking garage.*

# Student Stories: Why Northwestern?

*"The people! Just about everyone I've spoken to at Northwestern has something that they're so passionate about and these passions are so incredibly varied - it's amazing to see how two people of the same major want to do such completely different things with it. Maybe most importantly, people aren't only passionate for themselves, but also genuinely care about things that you're passionate about! I've had people who I've spoken to in class one fall quarter come to me in the spring or even next fall and ask questions about what I'm doing and remember things that I've told them, which is such a great feeling. People love what they're doing, they love what you're doing, and best of all, they love that they're getting the chance to do it at Northwestern specifically!" —Radhika, Weinberg '21*

*"It's all about the combinations! Big city and college town, Big Ten sports and incredible education, world class research and world class arts. The same applies to the people! Everyone works together to produce the most wonderful combinations of passions and projects. I came for all of the stuff you can see (the campus, the academics, etc.). I'll stay, and always bleed purple, because of the people I've met here." —John, McCormick '21*

*"When I was looking at schools, I had a huge list of requirements — everything from location, to academics, to student life, to size — you name it, it was probably on my list. Northwestern was the only school that checked every single box; it really is the perfect Goldilocks school. It's the perfect location, with access to an incredible college town as well as a major global city. It's the perfect size, allowing me to always meet new people while also recognizing so many faces while walking down Sheridan Road. And it's the perfect balance between academics, and athletics, and student life — I never feel like I'm doing any one thing too much and I'm always interested in what I'm doing. While all of the items on my list have held true, the reason I love Northwestern and the reason I keep choosing Northwestern is because of the people. Not only is everyone so passionate here, pushing me to constantly learn new things, but everyone is also so supportive. Whether it be my peers, faculty, professors, advisors, or friends, everyone is rooting for your success. To be able to learn in such an inclusive, supportive environment has been the highlight of my Northwestern experience." —Chloe, Weinberg '21*

*"Our motto is "AND is in our DNA", but it's true. A double major in engineering and theatre with a minor in French and a member of the cooking club is a dime a dozen. However, not only does everyone do everything, everyone does it with a passion, work ethic, and level of professionalism that is unparalleled. NU students don't just do everything for the fun of it —they do it because they truly care about what they are spending their time on. And when you care about something, the end product is going to be just that much better. The communities and teams I find myself working with are so welcoming, passionate and dedicated to whatever the given task. The people I have met here, from that classmate I asked for help once to my best friend, have made me a better student, friend, and human. You will find truly everything you want here, from a Big10 sports scene to a small class discussion and to a cozy college town to one of the biggest cities in the nation. I truly can say that Northwestern is not only everything and more, but it will make you everything AND more that you ever wanted to be." —Sammi, School of Communication '22*



## **BUILDINGS NOT COVERED**

### **14. Varsity athletic venues**

*Many of our Big Ten varsity teams practice and compete 3/4 of a mile west of campus. Our Lakeside Fields for soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey are located at the north end of the lakefront.*

### **15/16/17. Henry Crown Sports Pavilion, Norris Aquatics Center, Ryan Fieldhouse and Wilson Field, and Walter Athletics Center**

*These sports facilities feature an Olympic-size swimming pool, a diving pool, a running track, exercise equipment, and courts for tennis, racquetball, basketball, and squash. The new 96,000+ square-foot Ryan Fieldhouse and Walter Athletic Center encompass a full-sized indoor athletic field with incredible lake views.*

### **18. The Garage**

*Located in the North Parking Garage and aptly named “The Garage,” this innovation hub is where entrepreneurship and collaboration thrive. The Garage brings together a cross-disciplinary community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni to pursue new ideas in the classroom and beyond.*

### **19. Patten Gymnasium**

*In addition to three hardwood multipurpose courts for basketball and volleyball, an Olympic free weight room, and a leg weight room, Patten Gymnasium houses the Gleacher Golf Center, widely regarded as the finest indoor learning center in the collegiate golf world.*

### **20. Student support and advising**

*Countless resources are available to help Northwestern undergraduates succeed in their studies and with future plans. Student Affairs oversees student life, multicultural resources, and health services (visit Sheridan Rd. for a few student support offices). Health Professions Advising (1940 Sheridan Rd.) assists students who are navigating the pre-health track. Northwestern Career Advancement (620 Lincoln St.) focuses on post-graduate life via advising and on-campus recruiting.*

### Featured Students:

Ben '22	Eden Prairie, MN	Medill: Journalism and Political Science; Integrated Marketing Communications Certificate
Chloe '21	Westchester, NY	Weinberg: Neuroscience; Minor in Psychology; Pre-Med
Ellie '22	Oakland, CA	Weinberg: Biology; Minor in History; Pre-Med
Ezri '21	Lenexa, KS	Bienen/Medill: Voice & Opera and Journalism; Music Theatre Certificate
Hannah '21	Oak Park, IL	Weinberg: Sociology, Minor in Science in Human Culture
Isaiah '21	Nashville, TN	Communication: Theatre; Modules in Acting for the Screen and Playwriting
Janea '22	Detroit, MI	Medill: Journalism and Anthropology
John '21	Lake Forest, IL	McCormick: Chemical Engineering, Minors in Economics and Computer Science
Jordan '21	New York, NY	School of Education and Social Policy: Human Development in Context, Minors in Psychology and Film Studies
Karina '22	London, United Kingdom	School of Communication: Theatre and History
Kayla '22	Northville, MI	Weinberg: Biology and Psychology, Minor in Business Institutions, Pre-Med Track
Margaret '23	Chicago, IL	Medill: Journalism; Minor in History
Mary '21	Atlanta, GA	School of Education and Social Policy (SESP): Learning and Organizational Change (LOC) and Economics; Minor in Global Health; Pre-Business Track
Natalie '21	Bethesda, MD	Communication: Theatre and Religious Studies; Playwriting Sequence
Noah '23	Weston, FL	Weinberg: Economics and Environmental Policy & Culture
Radhika '21	Naperville, IL	Weinberg: Economics and Psychology; Integrated Marketing Communications certificate
Robby '21	Deerfield, IL	Weinberg: Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences (MMSS), Economics, and Math; Kellogg School of Management Managerial Analytics Certificate
Sammi '22	Villanova, PA	Communication: Communication Studies
Tricia '21	Hinsdale, IL	McCormick: Civil Engineering; Minor in Architectural Engineering