



## NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

### WHAT IS YOUR VISION?

North Park University was founded by the Evangelical Covenant Church in 1891 and is located on Chicago’s north side in one of the nation’s most diverse zip codes. We are a university where faith, learning, and service meet. Our mission to prepare students for lives of significance and service is built on our core institutional identity—Christian, city-centered, and intercultural.

North Park enrolls nearly 3,000 students in undergraduate, graduate and Seminary programs, and offers more than 80 undergraduate majors and programs. The student to faculty ratio is 12:1, with an average of 17 students in undergraduate classes.

### WHAT KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS DID YOU ACHIEVE IN THE PAST YEAR?

History was made when Mary Karsten Surridge was inaugurated as the university’s 10th president—she is the first woman to serve in the role. Her investiture in February capped a week of celebratory events and drew to the North Park campus dozens of delegates from leading universities, including Harvard, Yale, Northwestern, Boston University, Boston College, the University of Michigan, and many others.

Now with President Surridge’s leadership, North Park University has opened an exciting new chapter in its distinguished history, emerging as the model for the 21st century Christian university in America—a model built on the university’s core identity as Christian, city-centered, and intercultural.

“We are dynamic in our Christian identity, having anchored our souls and our mission in the Lord since 1891,” Surridge said. “We are centered in this world-class city of Chicago. We are distinguished by the rich tapestry of our intercultural student community. And we are dedicated to preparing our students for lives of significance and lives of service. We have the extraordinary opportunity to introduce students to a life of Christian faith, and to nurture a campus environment designed to encourage their pursuit of academic excellence, their search for meaning and purpose, and the deepening of their faith commitments during their college years. Christian higher education has never been more relevant or more imperative than it is today.”



**NORTH PARK FUND**  
**\$1,327,000**  
 RAISED TO SUPPORT  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
 FOR UNDERGRADUATE  
 STUDENTS AND SEMINARIANS  
 AS OF JUNE 10, 2019



**NORTH PARK’S**  
**10TH**  
**PRESIDENT**  
 INAUGURATED  
 FEBRUARY 15, 2019

**FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT  
 OF NORTH PARK**



**719**  
**NUMBER OF DEGREES CONFERRED**  
 DECEMBER 2018  
 AND MAY 2019



**3.22**  
**AVERAGE GPA**  
 INCOMING CLASS



**4,783**  
**NORTH PARK**  
**BACKPACKS DISTRIBUTED**  
 TO STUDENTS AND  
 LEADERS AT CHIC

Also in the past year, the university:

- Further developed CRUX, our new residential discipleship program for first-year students who desire to grow deeper and wider in their personal relationship with Christ. The multiethnic living-learning discipleship community attends classes, eats, studies, worships, and does service projects together.
- Raised the visibility of our three distinctives—Christian, city-centered, and intercultural—by moving the offices of CRUX, Catalyst 606, and the Office of Diversity together into renovated space in Sohlberg Hall.
- Expanded educational opportunities for students at all levels, with new career-related programs in location intelligence and digital marketing, a Master’s of Arts in Christian Ministry degree, and an online Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.
- Won a \$650,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to expand pathways for more undergraduate students to meet the nation’s need for well-educated scientists, engineers, and technicians.
- Proudly sponsored and participated in CHIC 2018 in Knoxville, Tennessee, joining ECC efforts in inspiring our students on the journey of following Christ.

**WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR?**

A goal for 2019 and beyond is to enroll more young members of the Evangelical Covenant Church at North Park University. We know they will love it here, make lifelong friends, and do well academically and spiritually—and then advance professionally wherever their calling leads them. And we know they will enrich our campus community with their talents entrusted to our care.

To that end, in addition to many other scholarship opportunities, we offer the Covenant Grant, \$3,000 per year, awarded to active participants in the Evangelical Covenant Church. And we offer the additional Credentialed Covenant Minister Dependent Grant of up to \$2,500 per year for dependents of ECC ministers. All North Park students, incoming and current, who work at Covenant camps are eligible for a Camp Grant of an additional \$750 per year.

Emma Lundeen is our Admissions recruiter specifically focused on Covenant-affiliated students and would be happy to discuss the benefit of a North Park education with any prospective student. She can be reached at eblundeen@northpark.edu or 773-244-5536.

We are deeply grateful for the support of the Evangelical Covenant Church and the many other donors who help make it possible for North Park to offer a world-class education to all its students, as it emerges as the model for the 21st century Christian university in America.



**MARY SURRIDGE**

*President of North Park University*

*Mary K. Surridge*