WELCOME TO THE NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE FAMILY

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It seems like one moment we’re sending our kids off to kindergarten and the next moment we’re sending them to college.

As you make this important transition in your family, please consider the academic experience at North Central College. Our faculty are recognized academic and industry leaders with a passion for teaching and identifying the potential of students like yours. They will invest in your student as a person, get to know who they are and as important, who they want to become.

At North Central, your student might choose to prepare for a very specific job, but you can be sure they will receive a comprehensive education that will equip them to thrive in any circumstance, on any career path, for the rest of their lives.

We believe that at North Central, your student will exceed their personal best, achieve goals bigger than themselves and become an important member of our Cardinal community. I hope it answers questions you may have as your family makes a final college decision.

I look forward to welcoming your family to campus. If you need additional information, don’t hesitate to contact us at the numbers listed in the Family Resource Guide.

We hope to see you soon!

Dr. Troy D. Hammond
President

The Hammond Children
EXCEED YOUR PERSONAL BEST*

Our goal for your student. In the classroom. In the lab. In their career. IN LIFE.
First things first: location **REALLY** does matter—and North Central’s location is ideal. Campus is located in the heart of a lively town and just a train ride away from one of the greatest cities in the country.

**NAPERVILLE:**
**GET TO KNOW OUR HOMETOWN BY THE NUMBERS.**
- 148k+ residents call this bustling and vibrant city home.
- 150+ trendy restaurants, shops and cafés located just steps from campus.
- #5 on Niche’s “Best Places to Live in Illinois” and named one of the “50 Safest College Towns in America” by SafeWise in 2019.
- 2 miles of brick paths, fountains and study spots along the scenic Naperville Riverwalk.

**CHICAGO:**
**JUST A SHORT WALK TO THE TRAIN STATION AND YOU’LL BE DOWNTOWN IN 30 MINUTES.**
- Third-largest city in the U.S. and one of the most iconic cities in the world.
- Great place to find internships and jobs at leading global companies and boutique firms in every industry imaginable.
- Features world-renowned architecture, museums, music and theatre scenes, as well as great pro sports, nightlife and food from every culture.

“The campus is beautiful! Whenever I walk through, I feel like I’m on the set of ‘It’s a Wonderful Life.’ People are friendly, and I know it’s a great place for my daughter. It can be hard to balance independence and support, but North Central does it perfectly. My advice to other parents: **Your child is in good hands here. Don’t worry; let them go.**”

The Keating Family
John, Cheryl and Miranda, who is majoring in musical theatre and theatre
“Although we’re both alumni, we never pushed the kids to go to North Central. They all made the decision on their own after considering lots of other options. Now all three are very involved in sports and clubs and volunteer work—and we see how those activities are already making a difference in their growth, their maturity and their preparation for life after college. They’re building their résumés with outstanding leadership skills. We couldn’t be more pleased.”

The Chang Family
Richard ’85 and Joanne ’86 Chang with their children Aubrey, Haley and Aiden
We understand that wellness—physical, emotional and mental—is essential to success.

Coaches ask about finals and professors attend athletic events. Academic advisors work with students every day and residence hall advisors are on call 24/7. People care about each other here, and everyone is committed to your student’s success.

Our faculty and staff put their connections with students first. Here are just a few examples of the programs we’ve designed to support your student.

- **Dyson Wellness Center**: Students can make a free appointment to see a physician or counselor. Our friendly, compassionate staff of health care professionals ensures that your student receives high quality medical and counseling care. They’ll also have access to a wealth of resources both onsite and in the community.

- **Recreation & Fitness**: We know your student’s schedule will be packed with classes, a job and social events. However, it’s just as important to exercise. Our intramural sports leagues and group fitness classes make staying active easy and fun!

- **Cardinal First Program**: Our nationally recognized program is designed to build a sense of community and network among our first-generation students, faculty and staff—from day one to graduation. A structured approach helps your student succeed in the classroom, get involved on campus, support their growth as a person and prepare them for a successful future.
COFFEE LAB
We have an entire lab set up for roasting, studying and marketing coffee. There are only two others like it in the country, and ours is the only one where your student can learn how the coffee business really works, regardless of their major.

CENTER FOR SOCIAL IMPACT
Your student won’t need to search for long to find out how to make a difference on campus and in the community—we can show them the starting point. The Center for Social Impact is their home base for exploring, experiencing and influencing the issues and causes they care about most.

HUMAN PERFORMANCE LAB
This place is a future trainer’s dream. With the same equipment used to evaluate pro athletes, your student will discover how to test the human body and learn the best ways to keep it going.

WENTZ CONCERT HALL AND FINE ARTS CENTER
Our campus is home to world-class performance venues, including a beautiful concert hall, black box theater and art gallery. It’s a great place to catch a concert or a show.

MOLEX ADVANCED ELECTRONICS LAB
This lab is the ultimate hands-on playground. Your student will use cutting-edge equipment to study high speed signaling, EMC, power management and controls as well as get their geek fix working on high performance automation systems and robotics.

BLOOMBERG FINANCE LAB
Bloomberg is the benchmark when it comes to tracking news, trends and data in the world of economics. Our finance lab is one of only 10 labs in the country built by Bloomberg with custom terminals to create a trading room environment just like Wall Street.
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“Katie has a wonderful support system at North Central. The Cardinal First program is a big part of that—it pulled her into the community right away and helped her academically. Her track coaches are another important part of her network. **North Central has given her so much more than we expected.**”

The Manna Family
Rob, Kim and Katie, who is majoring in elementary education

“Moe knew he wanted to attend a college with small classes, a strong academic program and opportunities to wrestle. **North Central has been perfect for him. The College fits him to a T.**”

The Mitchell Family
Dwight, Sandy and Moe, who is majoring in business management and entrepreneurship
“Every one of Michael’s professors has challenged and pushed him—and more than that, they’ve inspired him. He’s motivated to do his work... and that’s something every parent dreams of.”

Larry Pollack, Pam King and U.S. Air Force Cadet Michael Pollack, who is majoring in physics

“North Central is giving Ivan everything he needs to succeed after graduation. We couldn’t be happier.”

The Bohorquez Family Sergio, Christina and Ivan, who is majoring in accounting, economics and finance
A question we regularly hear from families is: "Will my student be able to find a job after graduation?"

At North Central, we don’t prepare our students to simply “find a job”—we prepare them to build successful careers.

**JUST ASK THESE CARDINALS!**
(Listed from left to right)

**AMANDA AUGUST**
MUSIC PERFORMANCE
Freelance Composer

**JORGE GUZMAN**
SPORTS MANAGEMENT
Assistant to Dominican Operations, Kansas City Royals

**ALEXIS FRASER**
ART
Freelance Artist, “Lipstick Lex”

**ZACHARY DOUGHERTY**
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Registered Nurse, Edward Hospital

**LIZ HALBMAIER**
MARKETING
E-Commerce Associate Buyer, Ulta Beauty

**GRACE MUGANDA Slater**
BIOCHEMISTRY AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellow, UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh

**KELSEY LAMARTINA**
BIOCHEMISTRY
Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy

**KERBY KNISS**
POLITICAL SCIENCE
Associate Attorney, Holland & Knight Law Firm

**SPENCER LAHAYE**
MARKETING
Assistant Creative Director of Football, University of Washington
At North Central, we are committed to helping your student exceed their personal best.

We know you want the best for your student. So do we. We look forward to supporting and challenging them as they transform their dreams into reality.

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For more information, visit northcentralcollege.edu/cardinal-family.
## Family Resource Guide

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