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PAUL ROLLET - 3rd year M.Div. Student

A great example of how passion meets purpose, Paul Rollet is serving God's kingdom and reaching the lost in ways that only he could. Paul's passion for running is only surpassed by his passion for serving those in the inner-city. Paul keeps busy by serving at homeless shelters, coaching cross-country for inner-city kids, and assisting in ministry at a church in downtown Chicago.

When Paul came to Northern, he decided to live on campus for the first year. Then, he moved to downtown Chicago so he could have immediate access to the ministries to which he felt called. Paul eventually decided to spend a number of nights in the shelter so he could develop better relationships with those he encountered. Paul is a missionary to the broken and lost who are walking the streets of Chicago and searching for hope. His compassion and heart for those he meets provides a wonderful way for God's hope and peace to shine in dark places.



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PETER SHAW - M.Div. Alumnus, 1995

Dr. Peter Shaw is transforming people and churches by leading well, empowering others, and reaching out. He understands what makes some churches ineffective and others "relevant," impacting their communities and the world. Speaking of church turnaround, Pete says, "Some are quick; others take longer. It's about managing through cultural shock and shift, moving from complacency to reaching people—and there's no easy way to do that."

Pete currently pastors Crosswalk Community Church, Napa, CA, which went from being open two hours per week to hosting twenty different support groups. Pete added, "Northern was a big part of teaching me how to reach out to the oppressed. Our church is partnered with a ministry to help orphans in Kenya, and we supply micro loans to entrepreneurs there. We're helping abused women in Tijuana; we have a ministry that stocks furniture and goods to help people 're-launch.' I'm also available to county and local organizations as a resource for gang and violence suppression in the valley." Their newest idea, a hope chest filled with basic home necessities like kitchen starter kits, will help women coming out of abuse.

Pete is reaching the lost, serving his community and guiding his congregation as they are "being the church" in a broken world.

