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Northwest Missouri State University

A legacy of innovation, attracting an extraordinary group of people, to confront the real-world challenges of our day ...

From its founding in 1905, Northwest has demonstrated a unique brand of leadership in higher education from its humble home in Maryville, Missouri.

Consider these forward-thinking ideas that have set Northwest apart from its peers:

- Expanded its role from a teachers college to a full participant in higher education as a university offering 140 majors retaining leadership offerings in education, business, science, computer science, and pre-professional undergraduate degrees for entry into medical sciences, engineering and law.
- Advancing the career path needs of full-time northwest Missourians through master's level degrees delivered through outreach centers in Kansas City and St. Joseph and cutting edge distance learning.
- First to introduce free textbooks more than 40 years ago, and continuing to include core texts in tuition and fees thereby keeping creeping text costs in check.
- First to introduce the Electronic Campus in 1987, and now providing free notebook computers to all full-time students while adopting digital and social media in all aspects of learning.