

NAMPA  
CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE

125<sup>TH</sup>  
anniversary

Legacy feature

CHAMBER PARTNER  
& PRESENTING SPONSOR



Organized in 1913 by Eugene Emerson, Northwest Nazarene University has grown from a local college to a nationally recognized university that offers more than 60 areas of study, 18 master's degrees in seven different disciplines, and two doctoral degrees. NNU has celebrated a long-standing relationship with the Nampa Chamber of Commerce spanning a century. In 1917, President Wiley announced a campaign to raise \$100,000 and the Nampa Chamber of Commerce agreed to support the program in the amount of \$25,000. This proved to be a significant investment on the part of the Nampa Chamber, for by 1917, 71 families had moved to Nampa to be near the school. Thirty-eight of those families purchased property valued at \$158,000. The Nampa Chamber has had a significant role in building bridges between NNU, the community of Nampa, and beyond. This relationship has benefited both the University and the surrounding community in countless ways. Northwest Nazarene University continues to grow and provides students the tools to thrive in an ever-changing world.



*Turning the first sod for the beginning of N.N.C. on the original 10 acre campus. May, 1915.*



*Circa 1913-14: Idaho Holiness School prior to moving to the current campus location around 1916.*



*Standing L-R: Helen Gustin, Lucile Parsons, Dorothy Harper, Prof. C.V. Marshall, George Coulter; Sitting L-R: Effie Shaver, Oral Mercer, Gladys Roberts (Hampton), Edith Vahl (Aman) One man, two ladies, unidentified Early 1930's.*