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## WINTER ENGLISH PROGRAM RETURNS TO

# Northwestern College

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ORANGE CITY — On Sunday, January 15 twelve students from Meijigakuin Higashimurayama High School in Tokyo, Japan, traveled to Orange City to begin a three week stay at Northwestern College for a Winter English Program.

The program, returning for the first time after the last class of 2020, is lead by the new Associate Director of Intercultural Development, Kelsey Joseph. Joseph is a 2014 graduate of Northwestern college and has a degree in Social Work. Kevin McMahan previously held this position, and retired last spring.

The director is responsible for the cultural transitioning and student development needs of Northwestern's international students of color. She works closely with the college's international admissions and financial aid counselor to ensure international students' immigration needs are met. She also leads Northwestern's international programs, manages relationships with partner institutions overseas, coordinates ESL services for students who need them, and serves on the Diversity Resource Committee. Joseph is now working alongside Norimichi Odate, an English teacher and Director of

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## VAN DER WEIDE SHARES EXPERIENCES SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

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MAURICE — Dustin Van Der Weide of Maurice was always interested in enlisting in the Army. In high school, he talked it over with his parents, Jeff and Cindy, who were supportive. They told him it was his decision. So in 2017, he drove to Sioux City and enlisted in the Army, applying for the position of Forward Observer. "Forward Observers are the guys who go out with Infantry or tanks and tell either artillery or mortars where to target," he explained. We use a grid location, either with maps and compass or laser range finders, and we're pretty careful to do it right: we don't want the mortars falling on us!"

On July 3, Van Der Weide shipped out for Basic Training to Fort Benning, Ga., then to Fort Sill, Okla., to train as a Forward Observer. He also trained as a Joint Fires Observer who can call in close air support, like airplanes and helicopters.

Van Der Weide was sent to Fort Riley, Kan., for his duty station, attached to the First Infantry Division. When he arrived, his unit was overseas, so he was deployed to Grafenwoehr, Germany, a few weeks after he came. "Germany was pretty nice," he smiled. We left in early March, which is still cold in Kansas, but the weather was nice in Germany. I didn't get to see much, though, because two days after I got there, we were sent out for a month-long training exercise!"

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The unit was sent to Camp Hohenfels, which is the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) in Europe. JMRC is the only Army Combat Training Center outside the continental U.S., and its goal is to train participants in all warfighting functions. When Van Der Weide was there, he trained with Germans, Ukrainians, and Georgians. "We had a mock battle," he explained. "We do quite a few of these for training. I met my friend Frank Whatley from Colorado over there. A lot of times, we would go out to the Observation Post and stay there for a week or so. We had to call in rounds and observe if they were landing where they were supposed to be. In our downtime, we would pull two Bradley Infantry fighting vehicles next to each other, hang a tent over them, and play Spades in the shade until we were called. One time we had a new Private driving the Personnel Carrier. The Sergeant and I were in the



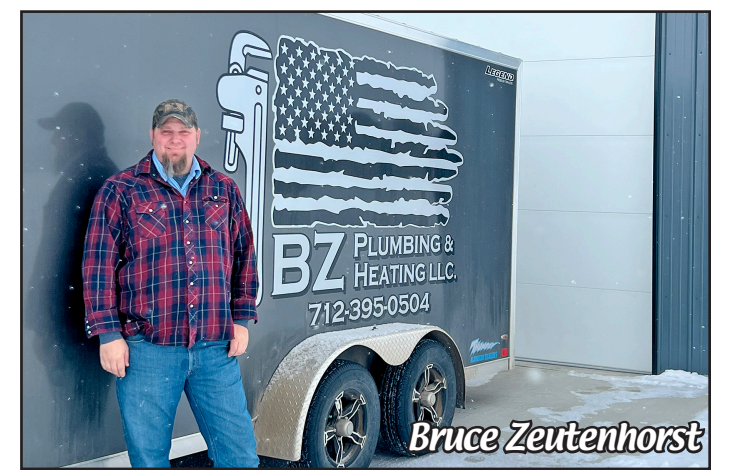
Pictured left to right: SSG Reeves, Lopez, LT Duncan, Dustin VanDer Weide together on California deployment

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## Sports: KNIGHTS WIN IMPORTANT LOOP GAMES

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## New Plumbing business in Orange City

By Sarah Weber  
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ORANGE CITY — In January 2023, Orange City has a new option for plumbing, heating and air conditioning needs. BZ Plumbing, owned by Bruce Zeutenhorst, opened its doors. A certified Amara dealer, Zeutenhorst brings with him 18 years in the industry.

He previously worked for Hubers, D & L, and B & B in Sioux Center before venturing out on his own.

"I noticed that with each of these businesses, they were all men that had sons, and having my own business offers my two sons the opportunity to learn a trade and be part of something," Zeutenhorst said. He adds, "It is one of the main reasons I went out on my own."

Zeutenhorst grew up in Orange City, and worked in the area most of his life. He lives on a farm in Newkirk with his wife and kids.

With his business, he seeks to bring quality craftsmanship to the field. "We are in a time where everyone is quick and fast with everything they do, but in doing that you can lose some of the craftsmanship required by the trade. I really enjoy doing a job right, and doing nice neat quality work for my customers."

Orange City is growing, and new construction is popping up all over town. Zeutenhorst is eager to work on both new construction and remodel projects; he is open to any challenge. "Not everyone likes remodels or fixes, but I enjoy the challenge of figuring out a problem and working through a good solution."

BZ Plumbing shop is located a 616 17th Street Southeast in Orange City. To contact and schedule work, call 712-395-0504.



## Auditor begins work

Joe E. Van Tol of Rock Valley (left) was sworn in as Sioux County Auditor by Sioux County Board of Supervisors Chairperson Jerry Muilenburg at the Tuesday, Jan. 17, meeting. Van Tol was unanimously appointed in December by the supervisors to fill the remainder of previous auditor Ryan Dokter's term. Van Tol began duties on Tuesday and comes to the county position from previous positions in Valley Machining in Rock Valley and Ag Processing in Sheldon. (Photo by Doug Calsbeek)

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