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**NEIU Vice President Melvin C. Terrell Wins 2006 Monarch Award,  
will be honored at the Monarch Awards Gala: “A Tribute to Black Men”**

**CHICAGO** – Dr. Melvin C. Terrell, Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) Vice President for Student Affairs, has won the Monarch Award. This annual award salutes outstanding African American men in the Chicago area whose contributions to their professions and communities have merited recognition. Past honorees include Senator Barack Obama, recording artist Lonnie Rashied “Common” Lynn and local NBC news anchor Warner Saunders.

The Monarch Awards Foundation was established by the Xi Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, an active membership of more than 200 professional women. Through its Monarch Awards Foundation, the chapter sponsors community programs, awards scholarships to deserving high school and college students and makes contributions to charitable organizations.

Terrell, a native Chicagoan, has been Vice President for Student Affairs at NEIU since 1988. He graduated from Chicago State University in 1971, Loyola University in 1974 and Southern Illinois University–Carbondale where he earned his doctorate degree in higher education administration/Black studies in 1978. Terrell has been active in a number of professional organizations and is the current president of the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NASAP).

**Interview opportunities and photos are available upon request.**

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The 24th Annual Monarch Award Gala “A Tribute to Black Men” will take place on Saturday, November 11 from 6 p.m. to Midnight at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Grand Ballroom, 151 East Wacker Drive in Chicago. Tickets are \$100. Black Tie Attire. For tickets or information contact Elaine Nelson, Monarch Awards gala chairman, at (708) 799-0479 or via e-mail at [elaine\\_nelson@sbcglobla.net](mailto:elaine_nelson@sbcglobla.net).

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