

**President's Report to the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University**  
**November 9, 2007**

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**Amount of Grant:** \$2.8 million for 5 years (\$573,453 Year 1 of 5)  
**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Education (Title V)  
**Term:** 10/01/2007 - 09/30/2012  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Lawrence P. Frank  
Academic Affairs

**Purpose: "Improving Retention through Academic Literacy"**

This project includes four components to improve key academic literacy skills at NEIU: curriculum development, faculty development, student writing services, and student assessment. Activities will include a revised first year writing program with common syllabi, full-time coordination and online course offerings, a Center for Academic Literacy to provide tutoring services and writing support for NEIU students, a faculty development program to incorporate writing-intensive components across disciplines, and student writing evaluation resources to accurately assess student writing performance. Matching funds for the NEIU endowment are also available through this grant.

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**Amount of Grant:** \$596,529 (Year 2 of 3)  
**Grantor:** Illinois Board of Higher Education  
**Term:** 10/02/2007 - 09/30/2008  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Wamucii Njogu  
Academic Affairs

**Purpose: "Minority Student Success in Transfer, Retention and Graduation"**

This program contains three components to assist minority students move successfully toward completing a baccalaureate degree: (1) a junior/senior transfer initiative designed to assist students transferring from a community college to Northeastern Illinois University; (2) First-Year Experience activities that include planning, academic, self-discovery, and transition components; and (3) a community college transfer initiative directed by the City Colleges of Chicago and designed to increase the number of minority students who successfully transfer from a community college to a four-year institution.

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**Amount of Grant:** \$350,000  
**Grantor:** Chicago Community Trust  
**Term:** 10/1/2007 - 09/30/2008  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Janalyn Meehan  
Reading

**Purpose: "Literacy and Leadership Initiative"**

This Advanced Reading Development Demonstration Project supports NEIU's work to facilitate school-wide efforts to improve literacy instruction in the Chicago Public Schools.

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**Amount of Grant:** \$250,000 (Year 4 of 4)  
**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Education  
**Term:** 09/01/2007-08/31/2008  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Shobha Sharma  
Chicago Teachers' Center

**Purpose: "Upward Bound Math and Science"**

This project is designed to increase enrollment of low income and first generation students in math and science college programs. Math and Science courses with fieldwork linked to environmental science, medicine and engineering are offered to Chicago high school students.

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**Amount of Grant:** \$107,041  
**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Education  
**Term:** 10/01/2007-09/30/2008  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Michael Pietrzak  
Clinical Experience Student Teaching

**Purpose: "Star School Leadership Program"** (supplemental funding)

This award is a supplement to a three-year program that is a consortium of three local education authorities and two universities (NEIU and DePaul) designed to expand, strengthen, and institutionalize current efforts to recruit, train and mentor talented individuals to serve as school leaders in high-needs schools.

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**Amount of Grant:** \$348,750 (Year 5 of 5)  
**Grantor:** Illinois State Board of Education  
**Term:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2008  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Anne Stapleton  
Chicago Teachers' Center

**Purpose: "21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center"**

The Chicago Teachers' Center, in partnership with the Chicago Public schools, will work with students at six-low-performing, high priority schools, serving their students and families. Student will be enrolled in a program that combines homework help, arts education, recreation and educational enrichment. Additional support is provided to students learning English.

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**Amount of Grant:** \$81,212 (Year 3 of 4)  
**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Education  
**Term:** 10/01/2007 - 09/30/2008  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Elfriede Weber  
Child Care Center

**Purpose: "Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program"**

This program increases access to quality childcare services for student parents by adding 13 new openings at the center that will be reserved for students. This expansion increases opportunities for low-income parents to pursue postsecondary education by providing childcare subsidies, improves the quality of childcare services by reducing the teacher/child ratio, increases parent involvement through parent workshops and special activities, and increases the community's capacity for childcare services by providing students in the university's Early Childhood Education Program with opportunities for hands-on training and experience.

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**Amount of Grant:** \$220,000 (Year 1 of 4)  
**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Education  
**Term:** 10/01/2007 - 09/30/2011  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Kim Sanborn  
McNair Scholars Program

**Purpose: "McNair Scholars Program"**

The NEIU McNair Scholar's Program supports and encourages first generation low-income and underrepresented students to complete baccalaureate degrees and continue to doctoral and graduate programs. The program focuses on mentoring, research skills, and family involvement to increase the competitiveness of participating students in applying for graduate and doctoral programs in the humanities, sciences and education. This grant renews funding for a new four-year cycle.

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**Amount of Grant:** \$12,000  
**Grantor:** Illinois Arts Council  
**Term:** 09/01/2007 - 08/31/2008  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Christie Miller  
Mostly Music at NEIU

**Purpose: "Mostly Music at NEIU"**

This award provides support for the Mostly Music Program at NEIU.

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**Amount of Grant:** \$20,000  
**Grantor:** Hulda B. and Maurice L. Rothschild Foundation  
**Term:** 09/01/2007 - 06/30/2008  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Christie Miller  
Mostly Music at NEIU

**Purpose: "Mostly Music at NEIU"**

The Rothschild Foundation support for this program provides classical concerts at Chicago area senior homes.

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**Amount of Grant:** \$79,212 (Year 3 of 3)  
**Grantor:** Illinois Board of Higher Education  
**Term:** 11/01/2007 - 10/31/2008  
**Director/Fiscal Agent:** Santos Rivera  
Office of the President

**Purpose: "ENLACE Fellows Higher Education Leadership for a Global Society"**

This program will recruit and enroll two cohorts of 12 Latinos interested in pursuing careers in higher education.