

Hello Everyone. My name is Paola Vargas and with these few lines I want to let you know a little bit about me and my days at Northeastern Illinois University.

I have been around NEIU for quite a while, since my student's years and as a Civil Service. In 1994 I started working for what it was then the Commuter Center as a student aide. Few years later I was given the opportunity of a half time position with University Events Office as Box Office Manager, and finally as Chief Clerk for the same department. Almost three years ago I started working for the College of Education assisting the Dean of the College with admissions and retention. Even though what I do for the college is very different than my previous responsibilities, I love it. Now I feel that I have worked with all the different types of communities that make NEIU from co-workers all the way to students.

I have participated in different committees: from the Inaugural Presidential for Dr. Hahs, Search and Screens committees to the Retention Committee for the new Strategic Plan.

Life to me means friends and family who you can trust and who trust you, well during all these years at NEIU all of you are part of my life. I feel that being in part of the Civil Service Council will give me the opportunity to better serve all of you as you have served me, and be one more voice for all our concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to read my biography.

Looking forward to working with all of you, *Paola*