

**ORIENTATION TO BECOME MANDATORY  
FOR FRESHMEN IN 2007.**

Orientation for first year students will be mandatory beginning in the summer of 2007. As in past years, orientation will be a one-day program. Seventeen dates will be offered beginning June 12th and extending through mid August. Academic advising and course registration are included in the schedule of activities. Students will also receive an introduction to university life and information on selecting an academic major. Details on how to register for orientation, advisement, and registration date will be relayed to students after their acceptance to the university. For more information, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 773-442-4619.

**JUDICIAL AFFAIRS PHILOSOPHY**

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) is a community of learning where students are held accountable for their actions. As individuals they enjoy basic rights and as members of a community they also accept certain responsibilities. NEIU is a place where the free exchange of ideas is valued and where every person is important.

NEIU has established policies that govern student behavior in an effort to create an environment where the freedom to teach and learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom. These policies set standards which NEIU encourages students to rise above and help create a community atmosphere of shared respect.

**The University's Judicial System was designed to address:**

- Students' behavior.
- Create a welcoming campus environment.
- Enforce university policies and procedures.
- Deal with student related issues.
- Any behavior that is abusive, disruptive, threatening, or discriminating.

**The University Judicial System is an educational tool with two main objectives:**

- To hold students accountable for unacceptable behavior.
- To modify those behaviors.

The system strives to address unacceptable behavior in a manner that informs and guides students towards a greater sense of personal responsibility and towards more mature and ethical standards.

Any student who violates the University's rules, policies, and regulations will be subject to disciplinary proceeding. All students are guaranteed the right of due process (see University Student Conduct Code).

**NEIU *PORT*  
ARRIVES!**



The interactive web-portal NEIUport is now available to all members of the campus community. Contained on the portal's channels is an array of information about the Office of the Dean of Students. For instance, the Chicago Area Information Channel includes an up-to-date list of available off campus apartments, and on the Mind and Body Connection Chan-

nel is substance abuse prevention information. Electronic editions of the Dean of Students Newsletter and details on volunteer opportunities are also available. There is much yet to come on NEIUport. Updates will be made regularly, so make sure you visit the site on a daily basis. Go to <http://neiuport.neiu.edu/cp/home/displaylogin>.

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**VITAL INFORMATION:**

THIS NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED ONCE PER ACADEMIC TERM TO INFORM STUDENTS ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS.

**QUESTION:**

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE EDITIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE DEAN'S OFFICE BY CALLING EXTENSION 4610 OR E-MAILING [MTKELLY@NEIU.EDU](mailto:MTKELLY@NEIU.EDU).



An awards reception was held on February 20, 2007, in Golden Eagles, to honor 21 NEIU students whose biographies will be published in the 2007 edition of Who's Who Among Students at American Universities and Colleges. In addition to having their biographies included in the Who's Who compendium for this year, the honorees received award certificates presented at a formal ceremony during the reception. Nominations for Who's Who were made in the fall term of 2006 by faculty and administrative staff across the campus to recognize upperclassmen and graduate students who have displayed excellence in academics and have provided outstanding service to the university community.

### WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

- Evonni R. Argos Adolphus*
- Alejandra R. Aguilar*
- Gina A. Brizzolara*
- Felicia Buibas*
- Maria Cardona*
- Gerald Chaney*
- Lisette Contreras*
- Dane J. Davlantis*
- Mariana Fried*
- Jacqueline Grimaldo*
- Chrystyn Hart*
- Joseph Kan*
- Aleksandar G. Marinov*
- Jennifer M. Mistretta*
- Claudia L. Ortiz*
- Wilma Otero*
- Theresa M. Silva*
- Marta H. Salgado*
- Leah Schatzabel*
- David M. Schmid*
- Carla Velazquez*



### LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: BECOME A UNIVERSITY AMBASSADOR!

The University Ambassadors' program is designed for students to showcase their leadership and enhance their educational experience at NEIU. Student ambassadors assist in major events, such as: fall and spring commencement, the Academic Honors Reception and cultural events. They are often called upon to provide information about the university and its programs as well as guide and give directional information to our guests on campus. Many of these events are sponsored by the President.

Students need only 30 hours of coursework completed and a GPA of 2.00 to be eligible for the program. Student ambassadors receive priority registration. Ambassadors also have the opportunity to develop leadership skills, expand their social networks, and be recognized as leaders by the university community.

For more information about the program, please contact Eric Justiniano at extension 4618 or e-mail him at [hjustiniano@neiu.edu](mailto:hjustiniano@neiu.edu).

### SUMMER OPPORTUNITY



### Looking for something to do this summer?

How about becoming a Peer Orientation Leader? Each spring, The Office of the Dean of Students selects students to participate in the summer First Year Orientation Program as peer leaders. Students chosen to serve as peers are trained as group facilitators. They also lead and provide information to small groups of freshmen during the Orientation program. Peers are expected to attend all training sessions and participate in a specified number of orientation programs during summer 2007. Students receive compensation for their work. If you think you might be interested or would like more information,

contact Barbra Bales  
at extension 4612  
or e-mail her at  
[B-Bales@neiu.edu](mailto:B-Bales@neiu.edu).

### STRIDES TO EXCELLENCE!!!

#### Gerald Chaney

Major: English/  
Secondary Education  
GPA: 3.28  
Classification: Senior  
Hometown: Evanston



#### Organizations/Activities:

Student Leadership and Service Scholarship Recipient; Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program; Family Matters Tutor; NEIU Ambassador; NEIU Transitions Orientation for Adult Learners Panelist; KIPP Ascend Charter School Drama and Public Speaking Instructor; Ardythe and Gale Sayers Center for African-American Adoption Information Session Speaker; Carolyn Thomas Teen Scholars Image Building Workshop Facilitator; and a National Anthemist for National and Major League Sports Teams.

#### Personal Statement:

When I am involved in an organization or any activity that is dedicated to and promotes quality education and/or ethnic, social and economic justice and diversity, I continuously ask myself the following question, "Am I doing enough to help move this program's objectives and mission statement forward?" This self-questioning can be attributed to the motto of my service fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc; "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity", as well as the four facets of the Northeastern Illinois University mission statement: *Excellence; Access; Diversity and Community*. Since life constantly offers each of us many surprises, ones that test our abilities to endure, prosper, survive and thrive, while simultaneously demonstrating patience, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards each other, I put a premium on being in the company of organizations and educational programs that believe in making their best, better...for our world.

