

First Year Orientation 2007

During summer of 2007, the First Year Orientation Program, Academic Advising, and Course Registration were combined into a one-day experience that all entering first time freshmen were expected to attend. During the full day program (8:30 am – 5:00 pm) students learned about the university's available services/programs, academic expectations, university policies and procedures, and the tools to assist them make a successful transition to the university. Freshmen met with student peer leaders and had the opportunity to interact with faculty, staff and administrators during topical workshops, lunch, and campus tours. All entering freshmen who participated were advised and register for their classes on the day they attended orientation. Beginning in June, seventeen dates were available with the last date being August 15th. In all, 971 students took part in orientation.

First year students who begin in the spring semester are provided an orientation in December.

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).



Partners for Success: The Minority Student Mentoring Program

Mentoring is a relationship in which a person of greater experience or expertise teaches, helps and guides a person with less experience to grow, develop, and function successfully.

About the Mentors:

Mentors are faculty members and administrators who have volunteered to work toward achieving and understanding the mentees aspirations, dreams or desires for their future.

Student Selection:

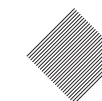
Students should be American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, African American or Hispanic, and be enrolled on a full or part-time basis as entering freshmen in the fall semester.

Program Structure:

Students and their mentors meet informally several times each term to discuss academic concerns, career goals, coping and study skills, and decision-making skills. They will also plan social and career-exploration activities together and participate in Minority Student Mentoring Program workshops and activities throughout the freshman year.

Application Process:

If you would like to apply for the Minority Student Mentoring Program, or if you would like further information, please contact Ms. Flora Llacuna, Program Coordinator, at 773/442-4616.



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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

Where Do You Want to Study Next Year?

The National Student Exchange is looking for a few good students!

What is the National Student Exchange?



The National Student Exchange (NSE) is a program for undergraduate exchange within the United States and Canada. Instead of crossing oceans, NSE students cross state, regional, provincial, and cultural borders. Participating in NSE can be exhilarating, culturally enriching, and one of the most significant experiences of your undergraduate education. The changes seen in attitudes, understanding of other people in other settings, flexibility, maturity, self-confidence, and decision-making are similar to the experiences of students who study internationally.

Like study abroad, volunteerism, internships and research, NSE is an enhancement of your undergraduate program,

demonstrating to graduate schools and future employers that you have gone beyond the expected.

Through the National Student Exchange, you can study for up to one calendar year at another location. With nearly 200 colleges and universities from which to choose, you should be able to find a university with just the right combination of courses, facilities, and environment to meet your academic and personal needs and interests.

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**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. Please contact Eric Justiniano at 773/442-4618 or e-mail him at h-justiniano@neiu.edu for more information about the program.

Our School's Special Song

Did you know Northeastern has a school song? A copy of the Northeastern Alma Mater was recently received from the University Archives. The undated musical manuscript was commissioned by the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia at Northeastern decades ago.

The song's melody is based on the Welsh folk song, "Men of Harlech." The lyrics are quite typical of Alma Maters performed at other institutions of higher education. They are in three verses with a chorus. Here is verse one and the chorus:

Verse 1:

All Hail to thee N. E. I. U. We
sing our praises true!
We'll always hold thine honor
high—
Our faith in thee renew.

Chorus:

Then sing out loud and sing
out clear,
Oh, may we be heard far and
near,
Ring out the song,
Northeastern!!

All hail our Alma Mater!

STRIDES TO EXCELLENCE!!!

Sehrish Qureshi

Major: A&S-Biology

Minor: Chemistry

GPA: 3.53

Classification: Senior

Hometown: Chicago



Organizations/Activities:

Future Health Professional, Tri-Beta, Northeastern Illinois University Ambassador, Muslim Student Association, Pakistani Student Association, Indian Student Association, Red Cross Blood Drive volunteer, and part-time teacher at Muslim Community Center since 2002.

Personal Statement:

Volunteering has been a part of my life since high school. From being a regular member of Key Club to becoming an editor-in-chief of the yearbook, I was involved in everything. That's why becoming a Northeastern Illinois University Ambassador came to me instantaneously. The fun and pleasure I got out of being involved in so many affiliations in high school really helped me become who I am right now. I enjoy meeting new people at the many events held at NEIU. It helps with keeping in touch with the NEIU community, being known by others, gaining time management skills, and realizing that helping others out really makes you a better person. I always try to find ways I can assist others by taking time out of my academic studies, lending a helping hand. Along with being a NEIU Ambassador, I am also a volunteer teacher at MCC Sunday School. I also work for Student Computing Services as a lab assistant and I have helped in many events sponsored by FHP and MSA. My involvement in many associations including being an Ambassador has taught me a lot I can use later in my career as an Optometrist.

