

# Office of the Dean of Students

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# NEWSLETTER

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



"Welcome Back Students!  
Make It A Great Year"

**D**uring the past semester, the Dean of Students office has increased its staff size and functions. Most of the responsibilities that were a part of the University Events Office are now a part of the Dean of Students Office. The Office of the Dean of Students and University Events Offices will continue to provide the university community with quality events and services.

The following functions are now responsibilities of the Dean of Students office:

December and May commencements, December and May Academic Honors Receptions, April Student Awards Ceremony, Jewel Box Series, Auditorium and Recital Hall events, and University Day.

The responsibility for University Events is as follows: Oversight of major campus-wide events (contact Michael Kelly - ext. 4610), Management of Auditorium and Recital Hall (contact Dean Paul - ext. 4621), Supervision of technical and logistical operations at campus-wide events (contact Dean Paul - ext. 4621), and Rental of Village Square space to off-campus vendors (contact Paola Vargas - ext. 4613). The responsibility for scheduling of University Events has been assigned to the Student Union (contact Chaelecia Cooper - ext. 4631). If you have any questions regarding the restructuring of University Events, please let us know.

#### DEAN'S OFFICE STAFF:

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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.

## KUDOS FOR STUDENTS

During the summer, 465 students participated in one of six full day University Orientation Programs sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students. The University Orientation Program is designed to provide entering freshmen with a structured comprehensive introduction to the range of opportunities at Northeastern Illinois University. Making this year's program a success was the nineteen student orientation peer leaders. They were Rudy Buford, Julie Carrera, Jessie Gonzalez, Maya Hukic, Liliana Inostroza, Ruth Johnson, Sara Johnson, Susan Kelly, Tom Kelly, Irena Kovacevic, Debbie Larys, Dave Lawrence, Michelle Morgan, Kirsten Simpson, Beth Spitelli, Liz Szurta, Steve Trincale, Ivy Vasquez and David Zaboli.

Also this summer, the Office of the Dean of Students sponsored two Saturday morning Family Orientations Programs for family members of all entering freshmen. A portion of the program consisted of an interactive panel discussion. Panel participants were: Julie Carrera, Ruth Johnson, Evelyn Nazario-Rose, Becca Raven-Gilmore, Liz Szuta and Steve Trincale. These students along with Tom Kelly also provided tours for attendees.

The Office of the Dean of Students staff would like to thank all of the above named students for their dedication, hard work, and the excellent job they did in making all of the summer orientation programs successful.

## STRIDES TO EXCELLENCE!



Major: Political Science  
QCA: 3.61  
Classification: Senior  
Hometown: Chicago  
Organizations/Activities: Honors Program Scholar, Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society), and University Ambassador and community service in the 41st Ward. Who's Who Among Students at American Colleges and Universities.

Several things have contributed to my success: For instance, my involvement with student organizations and activities has played a significant role in helping me to achieve outstanding grades. Moreover, these activities have helped me with my personal development. In addition, to my out of class experiences, I have been able to achieve academic success by remaining focused and adhering to my plan that I developed once I was enrolled at Northeastern. The anticipated goal of this plan was to work efficiently towards graduating in four years. In addition, my college experience, inside and outside the classroom, has taught me to recognize my potential in all aspects of my work, and to always apply maximum effort to these areas. My long term goals include devoting a significant amount of time to traveling throughout Eastern Europe and observing the economic and political changes within these countries. My career goals include becoming more knowledgeable in the insurance market, where I will eventually become licensed as a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU).

## ALCOHOL/ SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION

The Alcohol/Substance Abuse Education program at Northeastern Illinois University is an educational tool designed to create collaborative efforts for students, faculty, and administrators to design programs that educate the campus community on alcohol and other drug (AOD) related issues.

The goals of the program are to promote healthy responsible choices concerning the use of alcohol and other drug use, explain the negative consequences associated with drinking and other drug use; and to promote a climate in which abstention from the use of alcohol and other drugs is acceptable.

### DID YOU KNOW...

You are liable for: AOD violations in your home, car, or apartment, with or without your knowledge, AOD use in your presence, whether or not you are participating, and AOD actions of guest you have invited to campus.

### DID YOU KNOW...

90% of all college rapes and sexual assaults involve the use of alcohol by one or both parties involved.

## **STUDENT VOLUNTEER CORPS (SVC)**

Offering service to your community as a volunteer is an important enhancement to your undergraduate experience. The Student Volunteer Corps (SVC) coordinates volunteer service opportunities for NEIU students with a large number of non-profit agencies in the Chicagoland area. The SVC also presents service programs that benefit the campus as well as the entire Albany Park neighborhood. The coordinator of the Student Volunteer Corps is Anthony Jenkins. His office is located in room B-119. Get involved today!

## **THE DEAN IS IN!**

To increase accessibility to students, Michael Kelly, Dean of Students, has reserved a table in Village Square where he will be available to provide students general advice, listen to concerns, and discuss any important issues. The Dean "will be in" Village Square during activity hour (1:40-3pm) on the following dates: Thursday, October 23rd, and Thursday, November 13th. As always, students are encouraged to stop by Dean Kelly's office, B-119, with their questions. He can also be reached at [mtkelly@neiu.edu](mailto:mtkelly@neiu.edu) or by calling extension 4610.



The National Student Exchange offers students the chance to study at other colleges and universities in the U.S. while maintaining enrollment at NEIU. Students can elect to participate in the National Student Exchange for one or two academic terms. This is a very popular program among students. Expand your educational horizons! For details, see Flora Llacuna, Coordinator of Student Enrichment Program, Office of the Dean of Students, room B-119, extension 4616.

## **AMERICA READS / AMERICA COUNTS**

The Dean of Students office is currently searching for Northeastern's future teachers and leaders. We are in need of outstanding students who are serious about playing an important role in educating today's youth. The America Reads/America Counts Program is one way to have such an empowering impact.

According to educational researchers, 40% of America's fourth graders cannot read at the basic level. In addition, researchers have found that if students cannot read well by the third grade, their chances for later success are significantly diminished, including a greater likelihood of dropping out, few job options, and increase delinquent behavior.

### **HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

Visit the Dean of Students' web site at [www.neiu.edu/DeanSt.htm](http://www.neiu.edu/DeanSt.htm). On the web site students can find information about the program, including the application. Or applications can be picked up in the Dean of Students Office, B-119. If you have any questions regarding this program please call Anthony Jenkins at ext. 4610

### **SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS!**

Students are paid \$8 per hour. Students must meet the following requirements:

Federal Work-Study Eligibility, Enrolled Full-Time, NEIU Undergraduate/Graduate Student, Undergraduate students must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 and at least 30 credit/hours completed, Graduate Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.00, and a willingness to work 12-15 hours per week at an off-Campus site.

**QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS?**

Give the office a call  
at ext. 4610, send on an  
e-mail to [mtkelly@neiu.edu](mailto:mtkelly@neiu.edu),  
or stop by B-119.



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## **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; 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.

In an effort to create an environment where the freedom to teach and learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom, and to promote health and safety, NEIU has set forth policies that govern student behavior. 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 (i.e., student v. student complaints)
- 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 and to modify those behaviors deemed unacceptable by the university. 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.

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