

DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE

The Division of Student Life at Northeastern Illinois University advances student learning and engagement by providing programs and services that support access, enrollment, retention, and graduation.

The Division of Student Life is comprised of the following academic support and co-curricular programs and services:

Academic Advisement and Testing Center

Accessibility Center

Campus Recreation

Career Services

Counseling Office

Dean of Students

Learning Support Center

Proyecto Pa'lante

Project Success

Student Activities

Student Health Services

Student Union

TRIO Student Support Services

Transformation within the NEIU Division of Student Life:

Strategic Restructuring to Support Student Success

Goals for strategic restructuring:

- Increased effectiveness to support student learning and retention
- Increased efficiency of operations
- Increased ability to support of the University's strategic plan

As a result of the strategic restructuring, the Division will be:

- Better positioned to advance the University's **strategic plan**
- **Outcomes** focused and data-driven
- Focused to support NEIU students' **learning** in the city and **leading** in the world
- Better positioned to support the University's designation as an **Hispanic Serving Institution**
- Recognized as a **national leader** in student success among urban higher education peers

Transformation within the Division of Student Life enhances student success through:

- Greater coordinated support for the transition of new (freshmen and transfer) students
- Engaging students and parents/family members as educational partners
- Stronger focus on student leadership development
- Integrated services to better prepare students for careers
- Greater efforts to enhance students' civic and democratic learning
- Stronger connections with NEIU campuses and academic colleges

Student Life Board Report – November 2011

Partners for Success: Minority Student Mentoring Program – September 20, 2011

The Partners for Success: Minority Student Mentoring Program (MSMP) hosted its Fall 2011 Kick Off reception in the Golden Eagles Room. Faculty, staff, and administrators who serve as mentors came together to meet their assigned mentees. In its twenty-second year, MSMP impacts the lives of its minority student participants, many of whom are the first generation in their family to attend college, by providing a mentor who has an invested interest in the student's prospective career, academic development, and overall success throughout their first year in college. Partners for Success is coordinated by the Dean of Students Office.

Accessibility Center Meet and Greet – September 22, 2011

The Accessibility Center collaborated with a variety of university departments to provide matriculating students with disabilities a Meet and Greet Orientation Program on Thursday, September 22, 2011 in Alumni Hall. The purpose of this event was to afford students with disabilities the opportunity to meet department service providers who will be able to facilitate their academic pursuits. Approximately 25 students attended this year's event. Participating departments included Academic Advisement, Counseling Office, Financial Aid, Health and Wellness, Learning Support Center, Ronald Williams Library, Student Employment, Student Life, Student Computing, Center for Science Engagement, and TRIO Access.

Video Tribute to William "Doc" Speller – September 28, 2011

On Wednesday, September 28, 2011, Jamie Y. Daugherty participated in a special video tribute to William "Doc" Speller, founder and former director of Project Success at Northeastern Illinois University. Both Dr. Daugherty and Mr. Speller were interviewed by Rev. Harold E. Bailey, founder of the Probation Challenge Organization for a 30-minute video on Speller's life and legacy and the current and future direction of Project Success at NEIU. The video was aired on the PCC Internet Broadcast Network at www.ProbationChallenge.Org.

Student Volunteer Fair – September 29, 2011

The Student Volunteer Fair was held in Village Square from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on September 29, 2011. Fifteen agencies participated and reported that they appreciated having the opportunity to sign up over 100 volunteers. The Dean of Students Office coordinated the event and is looking forward to continuing to build NEIU's relationship with these agencies.

Midwest Regional First Year Conference – September 30, 2011

Barbara Sherry (First Year Experience), Audrey Natcone (Justice Studies and Women's Studies), and Kris Pierre (Student Life) presented on *Chicago Rocks and the Pursuit of Happiness: Strengthening the First Year Experience by Strengthening Relationships Between Student Life and Academic Affairs* at the Fourth Annual Midwest Regional First Year Conference in Elgin, Illinois on September 30, 2011.

NEIU Day of Service – October 1, 2011

For the first time, the Leaders Emerging and Developing (LEAD) program, sponsored by Student Activities, hosted an NEIU Day of Service. All students were invited to sign up to complete a four-hour block of service in the surrounding community. Eighteen (18) students participated. Projects included the Latino Health Fair cosponsored with El Centro at the PE Complex, Jensen Park clean up, and creating garden spaces at Clinton Elementary.

National Tutoring Week – October 3-7, 2011

Northeastern Illinois University's Learning Support Center (LSC) celebrated National Tutoring Week during the week of October 3-7, 2011. Refreshments were served in the LSC and students were encouraged to leave notes for a tutor who had assisted them. During the time period from August 29 to October 12, 2011, the Learning Support Center approached 2,000 tutoring sessions, providing academic support for which many students expressed gratitude.

Fall Diversity Community Job Fair – October 4, 2011

The Office of Career Services coordinated the Fall Diversity Community Job Fair on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 in Alumni Hall. It was the second event of this type hosted in conjunction with the following community partners: Albany Park Community Center, The Korean American Chamber of Commerce, The Peterson Pulaski Business Industrial Council and the Pulaski Elston Business Associates, Inc.

Forty (40) employers attended the event from a wide variety of industries including social service agencies, government agencies and for profit businesses. All were looking for a variety of job seekers including full time, part time, seasonal and internships. Over 300 candidates attended the event, the majority of which were Northeastern Illinois University students and alumni.

It's A Major Deal! – October 5-6, 2011

The Academic Advisement and Testing Center, in conjunction with the College of Education, College of Business and Management, College of Arts and Sciences, the Student Center For Science Engagement, and Career Services hosted "It's a Major Deal!" on October 5 and 6, 2011 in Village Square. The purpose of this event was to increase student awareness of the major declaration process, encourage students to plan ahead, and promote more timely degree completion. This event served approximately 35 students.

Field Day, Fire Night Program – October 13-14, 2011

Project Success hosted its first annual Field Day, Fire Night program at the Physical Education Complex at Northeastern Illinois University. Approximate 25 Project Success students participated in the overnight event, which included teambuilding activities coordinated by members of the Campus Recreation staff, reflective journaling and dialogues, and a special drumming exercise facilitated by Dr. Gilo C. Kwesi Logan, his wife, Natascha Logan, and their two sons.

Assessment Presentation by Terrell Strayhorn, Ph.D. – October 21, 2011

Staff from the Division of Student Life participated in "Using Assessment to Inform Practices that Support Student Learning", presented by Terrell Strayhorn, Ph.D. Dr. Strayhorn is Associate Professor of Higher Education at The Ohio State University in the School of Educational Policy and Leadership. Dr. Strayhorn is the principal author of *Frameworks for Assessing Learning and Development Outcomes* (2006). The event was sponsored by Student Life's Professional Development Committee.

White Ribbon Campaign – October 25, 2011

As part of National Domestic Violence Month, on October 25, 2011, the Dean of Students Office hosted the "White Ribbon Campaign" in Village Square from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm. The White Ribbon Campaign is an international movement to challenge men to take a stand against violence toward women and to raise awareness about the issue. An information table was hosted and men were asked to wear a white ribbon to show their support and encouraged to pledge to be non-violent and oppose violence towards women.