



The Inauguration of
Katrina E. Bell-Jordan, Ph.D.

*The Eighth President
of Northeastern Illinois University*

Education, Excellence and
Empowerment

Northeastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees and the University community are hosting numerous welcome events and activities to celebrate the inauguration of Northeastern Illinois University's eighth President Katrina E. Bell-Jordan, Ph.D.

CMT Expo: Empowerment through Communication, Media and Theatre

Thursday, October 3 • 12:15-4:15 p.m. • NEIU Alumni Hall

Session 1:

CMT Empowers: "Bridging Divides Through Storytelling and Collaboration"

Alumni Hall South - 12:15-1:30 p.m.

This session highlights the transformative power of communication, media and theatre, from personal experience to leadership of broader societal change.

- **President Bell-Jordan, Introductory Remarks**
- **Dr. Jackie Taylor, Founder and CEO of Black Ensemble Theate, Keynote Address**

Session 2:

CMT Speaks: "Three Stories of Community Impact"

Alumni Hall South - 1:40-2:55 p.m.

This session underscores the power of narratives in different fields, and how they help create active, impactful work across academia, journalism, and art.

- **Dr. Tony Adams, chair, Bradley University Department of Communication**
"Missing Each Other: Queer Loves, Lapses, and Longings (A Love Letter to Communication)"
- **Jorge DeSantiago, Telemundo Chicago journalist and anchor**
"From Classroom to Newsroom: A Latino's Perspective on Bridging Divides in Today's Media Landscape"
- **Wendy Mateo, Producing Artistic Director of Teatro Vista**
"Teatro Vista: Building Creative Partnerships in Collective Learning"

Session 3:

CMT Connects: "Faculty and Student Stories and Research"

Alumni Hall South and Alumni Hall North - 3:00-4:15 p.m.

This session captures the interdisciplinary nature of communication, media and theatre. In Alumni Hall South, 12 faculty and student speakers from across NEIU will give three-minute talks that connect the power of storytelling, their respective academic fields (e.g., finance, law, sociology, science) and their impact on social change.

In Alumni Hall North, guests can visit interactive stations staffed by NEIU partners from Telemundo, WBEZ, Chicago Dramatists, Heartland Alliance, Borderless Magazine, The Black Ensemble Theater, as well as NEIU's own Student Media Board, Career Development Office, and many other department and programs. Take tours of the Stage Center Theatre!