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STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back, Golden Eagles — Fall 2026

Student Payment Services

ACTION REQUIRED

Accounts Receivable Hold Deadline

September. 4, 2026

SAVE THE DATE

The State of the Goodwin College of Education

A Homecoming Reception
RSVP Thursday, Sept. 17 ·
5:30 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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MESSAGE FROM DEAN PHILION

Welcome to the 2026–2027 Academic Year! Whether this is your first semester with us or you're returning to continue the work you've already begun, I'm glad you're here. This is an exciting time in GCOE's history, and I'm grateful to be part of a community so dedicated to preparing the next generation of educators, counselors, and leaders.

As you settle into the semester, please take a moment to review a few important items in this newsletter: the Accounts Receivable hold deadline of September 4, scholarship deadlines running September 1–7, and updates on financial aid tied to the recent federal court ruling. I also encourage you to save the date for "The State of the GCOE," our Homecoming reception, on Thursday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to connect with faculty, staff, fellow students, and alumni.

Thank you for choosing GCOE and NEIU. I wish you a productive and rewarding semester!

All the best,

Tom Philion, Ph.D.

Dean, Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education

WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT BELL-JORDAN

From the Office of the President · Dr. Katrina E. Bell-Jordan, President · August 24, 2026

Whether you are beginning your journey at Northeastern Illinois University or returning to continue your studies, you are a valued part of the Golden Eagles community. NEIU has served Chicago for more than 150 years, opening doors, creating opportunities, and preparing generations of students to make a difference in their communities, the region, and the world.

This year, the University begins another important chapter. The new 2026–2031 Strategic Plan will guide NEIU from rebuilding and stabilization toward growth, with student success at the center of the work. NEIU will open the new One Stop Center, welcome the first cohort of the Doctorate in Education in Leadership, Equity and Inquiry, and prepare to launch programs in growing fields, including Artificial Intelligence. Students will also notice a new look across campus locations and communications, featuring an evolved logo that emphasizes the name by which the University is best known — NEIU.

Students are encouraged to take full advantage of all that NEIU offers: get to know your professors, use the resources available to support you, and participate in campus life.

Watch the President's welcome message: [Fall 2026 Welcome from Dr. Katrina E. Bell-Jordan](#)

Go Golden Eagles!

WELCOME FROM INTERIM PROVOST COFER

From the Office of the Provost · R. Shayne Cofer, Ph.D., Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear students,

Welcome to the Fall 2026 semester at Northeastern Illinois University! Whether you are a returning or new student, I am glad that you choose to be a part of the NEIU community. I hope that you have a productive first week of classes and a great semester.

As you settle into your courses, I also encourage you to engage in the many activities and initiatives that the University is offering this semester, including:

- **Weeks of Welcome**: A multi-week back-to-school celebration.
- **Jacob H. Carruthers Center's 60th Anniversary**: Events are open to the University community, family and friends.
- **The Academic Support Center**: Previously known as the Learning Success Center and the Center for Academic Writing, the Center helps students reach academic goals and improve their learning.
- **The One Stop Center**: Opening its doors this fall to assist current and new students throughout their time at NEIU.
- **Student Health Services**: Continuing its Student Immunization campaign to ensure that each student is compliant with the Student Immunization and Screening Policy.
- **NEIU's Homecoming**: Events take place September 16–19, 2026.
- **Leadership, Equity and Inquiry, Ed.D.**: NEIU's first doctoral program enrolls its first cohort this Fall 2026.
- **B.S. in Artificial Intelligence**: NEIU is the first public university in Chicago to launch this degree, and enrollment begins this fall.

There are many ways to participate in and around the University. If you are looking to get involved in an extracurricular activity, information can be found on Campus Labs or by connecting with Student Leadership Development. I hope you take the time to connect with peers, faculty and staff at these wonderful events and activities.

Cheers to a fruitful semester! Please remember to be kind to yourself and one another. If you need support, faculty and staff are here to help you succeed. Student Counseling Services are available, as are academic support services, so please reach out to a faculty or staff member who can guide you to the assistance you need.

Sincerely,

R. Shayne Cofer, Ph.D. Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Federal Court Ruling Update — Financial Aid Impact

From the Office of the President · Dr. Katrina E. Bell-Jordan · August 17, 2026

On July 24, 2026, a federal court ruled that several Illinois laws providing benefits to undocumented students may no longer be applied for the 2026–27 academic year. The ruling affects state financial aid, including MAP grants and AIM HIGH funding, as well as in-state tuition eligibility.

- **Who is affected**: Undocumented students receiving in-state tuition or state financial aid through the Alternative Application (RISE).

- **University action:** NEIU is reviewing affected accounts and contacting students directly regarding changes to their aid and the next steps. The University remains committed to identifying alternative support and institutional scholarships for students who are impacted.
- **Support:** Contact the Financial Aid Office at (773) 442-5016 or financial-aid@neiu.edu. In-person assistance is available in Room D-200 on the Main Campus.

NEIU News and Recognition

- **Best Colleges for Women:** NEIU is ranked No. 35 (tied) nationally and 4th in Illinois in Newsweek's "America's Best Colleges for Women 2026."
- **Ed.D. in Leadership, Equity and Inquiry:** NEIU's first doctoral program enrolls its inaugural cohort in Fall 2026.
- **B.S. in Artificial Intelligence:** NEIU is the first public university in Chicago to launch a Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence.
- **The Sasha Gerritson Theatre:** The Main Campus Auditorium is being renovated and renamed the Sasha Gerritson Theatre, following a \$1.5 million commitment for renovations and facility maintenance.
- **The One Stop Center:** The Center will be in full service this fall, providing a centralized hub for enrollment, financial aid, and student account services.

Connect With Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs supports students beyond the classroom through student life and leadership development, residential life, health services, and student advocacy. Students who wish to get involved, need help navigating a challenge, or are looking for a resource are encouraged to begin there.

- **Get connected:** Download NEIU Connects through the CampusGroups app from the Apple App Store or Google Play, search for NEIU, and sign in with your NEIU username and password.
- **Contact:** saffairs@neiu.edu · (773) 442-4600 · Sachs Administration Building, Room C-336 · neiu.edu/about/student-affairs

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

- **Dr. Kiantra D. Loza, Vice President for Enrollment Management** (effective August 3, 2026). Dr. Loza joins NEIU from the College of DuPage, where she served as Executive Director of Admissions, Outreach, and Enrollment Services.
- **Elissa Caropreso, J.D., LL.M., Director of Student Disability Services and Accessibility** (effective July 20, 2026). Ms. Caropreso brings extensive experience in disability rights compliance, student advocacy, and accessibility leadership across higher education, K–12 education, and legal practice.
- **Eric J. Pegués, Ed.D., Executive Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion** (effective July 15, 2026), following a nationwide search.
- **Pamela L. Pirtle, University Ombudsman** (effective September 1, 2026). Ms. Pirtle will serve as a resource for members of the NEIU community who are seeking guidance, assistance in navigating concerns, or help in identifying options for constructive resolution. [Ombuds Office](#)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

Action Required: New Accounts Receivable Hold Policy Effective Fall 2026

Effective Fall 2026 · Key date: Friday, September 4, 2026

The due date for Fall 2026 tuition was August 10, 2026. If you have made your payment arrangements per one or more of the options stated for Fall 2026, please disregard this notification.

An Accounts Receivable (AR) hold that prevents registration will be placed on the account of any student enrolled for Fall 2026 on September 4, 2026, if the balance due exceeds \$2,000 and one or more of the actions below has not been taken.

To avoid an AR hold being placed on your account, please take one or more of the following actions:

1. Ensure that you have been awarded sufficient financial aid to cover your balance due.
2. Enroll in an NEIU Tuition Payment Plan. A past due amount, up to \$2,000, can be enrolled into the plan along with the Fall 2026 balance. See frequently asked questions and information regarding the NEIU Tuition Payment Plan on the [Student Payment Services webpage](#).
3. Pay your account balance in full.

Please note that failure to make timely payments may result in:

- Registration holds
- Late payment fees
- Inability to register for future semesters
- Additional collection activity

We strongly encourage you to review your student account and make your payment arrangements as soon as possible if you are enrolled for Fall 2026.

For more information regarding payment due dates or account balances, please contact the Student Payment Services Office at (773) 442-5165 or studentpaymentservices@neiu.edu.

Complete Your Financial Aid Processes

- **Prior balance arrangements:** If a prior balance is preventing registration, contact Student Payment Services immediately to request payment arrangements.
- **Financial aid requirements:** Review the “Financial Aid Requirements” channel in NEIUport for any item marked with a gold triangle. Select “Award Year 2026–2027” and submit all requested documents.
- **Federal Direct Loans:** Students who need to borrow to meet costs — tuition, fees, books, or housing at The Nest — should visit the [Financial Aid Office](#) or schedule an appointment with an advisor.
- **Book advances:** If your aid exceeds your charges, you will receive an email from Follett’s online bookstore regarding credit balances for books and technology.

Student Account and Payment Information

- **Fall 2026 Tuition Payment Plan:** Enrollment is open. Make timely payments to avoid late payment fees.
- **Online payment:** NEIUport provides 24-hour access to view and print tuition and fee statements and to pay balances by credit or debit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express). A convenience fee applies to all card payments: 3.00% for domestic transactions and 4.25% for international transactions.
- **Fee-free options:** Personal or cashier's check, money order, ACH (electronic check), or cash (in person only; do not mail cash). Include your NEIU student ID number on any check or money order for prompt posting.
- **Mailing address:** NEIU Student Payment Services Office, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Building D, Room 101, Chicago, IL 60625-4699.
- **Contact:** (773) 442-5165 or studentpaymentservices@neiu.edu

Workday Financials — Updates and Resources

Stay up to date with NEIU's Workday Financials system. Visit the [Student Payment Services page](#) for the latest updates and resources. Questions: studentpaymentservices@neiu.edu

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND REGISTRATION

Meeting with your adviser early remains the most effective way to prevent scheduling difficulties. A brief conversation now can confirm that you are enrolled in the right courses, keep you on track for graduation, and prevent registration or financial obstacles later in the term.

Why Meet With Your Adviser?

- Confirming that you are taking the right courses for your program and remaining on track for graduation
- Learning about new opportunities and program requirements
- Receiving personalized guidance for your teaching pathway
- Discussing clinical experiences and student-teaching placement

Two Steps to Take Now

- **Step One:** Schedule an appointment with your assigned academic adviser. If you do not know your adviser, consult the GCOE advising directory at neiu.edu/education.
- **Step Two:** Review the advance registration schedule, class schedules, and important deadlines on the Registrar Services website at neiu.edu/academics/registrar-services.

STUDENT MEDIA AT NEIU

An interview with [Dennis Sagel, M.A.](#), Associate Director of Student-led Media Programming, Student Leadership Development · Interview Conducted August 12, 2026, NEIU Main Campus, Room E-043

Northeastern Illinois University supports a family of student-run media organizations in which students report, broadcast, publish, design and lead. In August, Cindy L. Jones, Outreach Coordinator, Goodwin College of Education, Office of the Dean, interviewed Dennis Sagel, M.A., about how student media at Northeastern is governed, what the work offers students, and how members of the University community may take part. Several students who currently participate in these organizations joined the conversation and asked not to be identified by name.

Governance

The [Student Media Board](#) governs [WZRD](#) alongside NEIU's [Independent](#) newspaper, within a structure of several student media outlets including [La Mosca](#), [Que Ondee Sola](#), [Fem Design](#) and the [Lyric Lounge](#). [Stateville Speaks](#), a publication published by the [Justice Studies Dept.](#) also works closely with The Student Media Board/WZRD. There are also the Community Relations, the Production team, and Treasury and Management teams, which are all handled by NEIU students.

Culture

The culture of the [Student Media Board](#) is one of inclusion, learning and growth. Students create the ideal setting, mission, and objectives themselves. They advocate for students. Through this work, students practice how to communicate, how to engage with others, and how to make a difference. NEIU has a community of inclusion and engagement, and the Board connects students to other students, to faculty, and to the wider community.

How Students Participate

Students who wish to make media through these organizations have several ways to begin. A student may speak with peers who are already involved, or contact Dennis Sagel directly. The organizations welcome students interested in photography, writing, editing, audio and video production, team leadership, music appreciation, community outreach, website development, graphic design and visual art, including students with no prior experience. What the organizations ask for is dedication, commitment and curiosity.

- **Learn more:** [Student Media Organizations](#)
- **Student Media Board:** studentmediaboard.org
- **Contact:** Dennis Sagel, M.A. · drsagel@neiu.edu, *Associate Director of Student-led Media Programming, Student Leadership Development · NEIU Main Campus, Room E-043*

How Faculty Can Be Involved

Faculty may invite a student-led organization into the classroom to speak, or invite an organization to recruit. The organizations maintain an open process for pitches, stories and platforms, and they value passion over major.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall 2026 Film Series

Tuesday, Aug. 25-Dec. 1, 6:00 p.m.
Main Campus, Fine Arts building, FA 107

The Department of Communication, Media and Theatre and the NEIU Cinema Club invites all students to join us for our fall semester series of film screenings and discussions. All films have been chosen by the students in the NEIU Cinema Club. Join us on Tuesday nights for:

- Aug. 25: “Everything Everywhere All At Once” (Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, 2022)
- Sept. 8: “Assassination Nation” (Sam Levinson, 2018)
- Sept. 22: “Casablanca” (Michael Curtiz, 1942)
- Oct. 6: “The Sixth Sense” (M. Night Shyamalan, 1999)
- Oct. 20: “Get Out” (Jordan Peele, 2017)
- Nov. 10: “Dunkirk” (Christopher Nolan, 2017)
- Nov. 17: “Invasion of the Body Snatchers” (Philip Kaufman, 1978)
- Dec. 1: “In the Heights” (Jon M. Chu, 2021)

Free popcorn, candy and drinks will be provided. Seating is limited to the first 45 students due to the size of the classroom.

This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Communication, Media and Theatre and the NEIU Cinema Club. Please contact Shayne Pepper, Ph.D., at s-pepper@neiu.edu or Nancy McVittie, Ph.D., at n-mcvittie@neiu.edu if you have any questions.

Jacob H. Carruthers Center 60th Anniversary

- **Dates:** Throughout the month of September 2026
- A month-long celebration of cultural preservation and academic excellence, featuring free events that are open to the public at the [Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies \(CCICS\)](#), 700 E. Oakwood Blvd., Chicago.

NEIU Homecoming 2026 — “Get Your GOLD On!”

- **Dates:** September 16–19, 2026
- **Who is invited:** Students, alumni, faculty, staff, community members, and friends of the University
- Northeastern Illinois University and the NEIU Alumni Association invite you to a campus-wide celebration paying tribute to our Graduates of the Last Decade, with tournaments, music, food, and games. Pre-registration is required for individual events.

- **Information:** neiu.edu/homecoming · Office of Alumni Relations · alumni@neiu.edu · (773) 442-4205

The State of the Goodwin College of Education — A Homecoming Reception

FEATURED GCOE EVENT · RSVP REQUIRED

The State of the Goodwin College of Education — A Homecoming Reception

- **Date and time:** Thursday, September 17, 2026 · 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Chez Adele Restaurant, 3311 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60659 · Street parking available
- **Who is invited:** All GCOE students, faculty, staff, administrators, professors emeriti, alumni, and partners
- Hors d'oeuvres and a dinner reception are included, along with a Goodwin College of Education update. [Please RSVP using the event form.](#)

Agenda

- 5:30–5:45 p.m. — Welcome and introductions
- 5:45–6:30 p.m. — Key developments in the GCOE
- 6:30–6:45 p.m. — Question and answer: open floor
- 6:45–7:30 p.m. — Closing reflections and reception

The Jean Burke Carlson and Diane Berger Ehrlich Memorial Lectureship

- **Lecture:** *Reckoning with Redress — What Teachers Need to Know*
- **Distinguished Lecturer:** Michael Jin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, University of Illinois Chicago
- **Date and time:** Thursday, October 15, 2026 · 5:00–8:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, IL 60625
- [Please RSVP](#)

In a distinguished lecture on the Japanese American Redress Movement, Dr. Jin will examine and demonstrate what teachers can do to develop curriculum and instruction on the historical topic that make this significant moment in American history relevant and meaningful for today's students.

Schedule of Events

- 5:00 p.m. — Meet and greet · Dinner and beverages · Student Union 115 North and South
- 6:00 p.m. — Lecture: *Reckoning with Redress* · Michael Jin, Ph.D. · NEIU Auditorium (E-106)
- 7:00 p.m. — Question and answer
- 7:15 p.m. — Reception · Tea, pastries, dessert, and refreshments · Corridor outside the NEIU Auditorium
- 7:45 p.m. — Conclusion

Free admission and open to all. Free parking in Lot D. Register at neiu.edu/academics/colleges-departments/education/gcoe-events. Questions: GCOE-Outreach@neiu.edu

One Stop Center Grand Opening — Nov. 17

Save the date: Tuesday, November 17, 2026

The new One Stop Center will bring enrollment, financial aid, and other student services together in one centralized location where students may ask questions, receive guidance, and connect with essential services.

Phase 1: Construction — first week of September. Construction is expected to conclude during the first week of September, followed by final preparations for the new space.

Phase 2: Department moves — beginning in October. Departments will begin moving into the Center during the first week of October. Financial Aid, General Advising, and Graduate Admissions staff, along with a member of the Registration team, will be available in the new space. Student services will continue throughout the transition.

Phase 3: Grand opening — Tuesday, November 17. The University community is invited to the grand opening and ribbon cutting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — SEPTEMBER 2026 AND BEYOND

Date	Event
Sept. 1	Alumni Relations Scholarships — Application Deadline (Class Gift, Internship, Doris Vrooman Mentoring)
Sept. 4	Accounts Receivable (AR) Hold Placed on Balances Over \$2,000 · Trena Waddy-Jones Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship — Application Deadline
Sept. 7	Daniel L. Goodwin Scholarship Fund — Application Deadline
Sept. 8	Fall 2026 Film Series — Assassination Nation · 6:00 p.m. · FA 107
Sept. 11	Roof Replacement Concludes — Building H
Sept. 14–23	Roof Replacement — Building F
Sept. 15	Vehicle Registration Deadline — Blue Lot Student Parking (NEIU Permit Portal)
Sept. 16–19	NEIU Homecoming 2026 — “Get Your GOLD On!”
Sept. 17	The State of the Goodwin College of Education — A Homecoming Reception · Chez Adele Restaurant · 5:30–7:30 p.m. Please RSVP

Date	Event
Sept. 22	Fall 2026 Film Series — Casablanca · 6:00 p.m. · FA 107 · Long-Term Substitute Assignment Concludes — Hammond Elementary School
Throughout Sept.	Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies — 60th Anniversary Celebration
Tuesdays through Oct. 6	Walk-In Immunization Clinics · 10 a.m.–2 p.m. · Student Health Services
Oct. 6	Fulbright U.S. Student Program — National Application Deadline (2027–2028 cycle) · Fall 2026 Film Series — The Sixth Sense
Oct. 15	Carlson–Ehrlich Memorial Lectureship: Reckoning with Redress · 5:00–8:00 p.m. · SU 115 North and South · Lecture: NEIU Auditorium (E-106) Please RSVP
Oct. 16	Roof Replacement Concludes — Building D
Mid-October	Parking Lot J Repaving Concludes
Oct. 19	Immunization Compliance Deadline — Holds Will Prevent Registration
Nov. 4	Roof Replacement Concludes — Building PE
Nov. 17	One Stop Center Grand Opening
Dec. 1	Fall 2026 Film Series Concludes
Expected 2027	New Education Building — Anticipated Completion

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CAMPUS UPDATES

Fall Campus Construction Updates

- **Parking Lot J repaving:** Access is restricted from August 25 through mid-October. Please use the Parking Garage or Lot H.
- **Roof replacements (Phase 1):** Work is ongoing for Buildings PE, D, H, and F.
 - Building H: August 24 – September 11
 - Building D: August 24 – October 16
 - Building PE: August 24 – November 4
 - Building F: September 14 – September 23
- **Contact:** Facilities Management, (773) 442-5240 or facility-mgmt@neiu.edu

New Education Building — Looking Ahead to 2027

Construction continues on the new state-of-the-art [Education Building on the Main Campus](#). The facility will feature modern classrooms designed for 21st-century learning, collaborative spaces for teacher candidates, advanced technology integration, dedicated areas for clinical practice and simulation, and community partnership spaces. Completion is expected in 2027, and updates and grand-opening details will follow in future issues.

Changes to Student Parking (Blue Lots)

Effective Fall 2026 · Vehicle registration deadline: Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Enrolled students may now park in campus Blue Lots at no additional cost. Stickers and tags are no longer required; however, every vehicle must be registered through the NEIU Permit Portal.

Important

- Enrolled students must create an account and register their vehicle through the [NEIU Permit Portal](#).
- Vehicles must be registered by September 15, 2026.
- There is no cost to obtain a virtual parking permit.
- Vehicles do not require a sticker.
- Students may park in the lots designated as Blue Lots.
- The virtual permit requirement applies to parking lots at all NEIU locations, including the Main Campus, El Centro, and the Jacob H. Carruthers Center.
- Vehicles must be registered each semester in which a student is enrolled. Students must be enrolled in classes to obtain a virtual parking permit.
- Unregistered vehicles are subject to fines and towing. Parking enforcement is carried out by the NEIU Police Department.

How to Register Your Vehicle

1. Go to the [NEIU Permit Portal](#).
2. Create an account or log in to your existing account.
3. Register your vehicle.
4. Enter your student ID number.
5. Submit your application.
6. Monitor the NEIU Permit Portal for your approval notification.

See the parking flyer for additional information.

Academic Support Center — New Name, Same Services

The Learning Success Center and the Center for Academic Writing are now the [Academic Support Center](#). The services and location remain the same, and tutors are available to help you reach your academic goals.

- **Location:** Ronald Williams Library, 4th Floor
- **Contact:** (773) 442-4568 or asc@neiu.edu

Fall 2026 NEIU Library Hours

Library	Hours
Ronald Williams Library	Monday–Thursday, 8 a.m.–9 p.m. · Friday, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. · Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. · Sunday, 12 p.m.–8 p.m.
CCICS Library	Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. · Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. · Saturday and Sunday, closed
El Centro Library	Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m. · Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. · Saturday and Sunday, closed

Hours are subject to change during holidays and University closures. Current hours: neiu.edu/libraries/library-hours

Immunization Compliance:

Student Immunization Policy - NEIU Immunization Requirements

Deadline: Monday, October 19, 2026

All NEIU students are required to submit immunization records to remain in compliance with the Student Immunization and Screening Policy. The immunization hold currently in place is informational and is visible in NEIUport under the “Student Self Service” tab. Beginning October 19, 2026, an immunization hold will prevent class registration and may affect your ability to make schedule changes, including withdrawing from classes.

Steps to comply:

- Review the “Immunization Compliance” information and FAQ in NEIUport under the “Student” tab.
- Using your Nmail credentials, sign in to Northeastern’s secure patient health portal to check your compliance status and upload current vaccine records.
- If you are missing any vaccinations, visit Student Health Services and get vaccinated.

Free vaccinations are available for currently enrolled students, and Student Health Services accepts most insurance plans. Walk-in immunization clinics are held every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October 6, 2026. Questions or appointments: student-immunizations@neiu.edu · (773) 442-5280 · Room E 051. Full requirements: neiu.edu/student-immunizations

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Alumni Relations Scholarships

- **Application deadline:** Tuesday, September 1, 2026

- Awards include the Class Gift Scholarship, the Internship Scholarship, and the Doris Vrooman Mentoring Scholarship. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@neiu.edu or (773) 442-4205.

Trena Waddy-Jones Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship

- **Application deadline:** Friday, September 4, 2026
- [The Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies](#) offers this scholarship to eligible undergraduate students to help offset tuition costs for the Fall 2026 semester. Students enrolled at CCICS or in an eligible program are encouraged to apply before the deadline.

Daniel L. Goodwin Scholarship Fund

- **Application deadline:** Monday, September 7, 2026
- The fund supports students who are making satisfactory progress toward a teaching degree, who maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and who demonstrate financial need.

Goodwin College of Education Scholarships

The Goodwin College of Education annually distributes more than \$95,000 in scholarships generously provided by alumni and other benefactors. For scholarship information and applications, visit the [GCOE Scholarships webpage](#). Questions: gcoe-scholarships@neiu.edu

NEIU For You Scholarship

NEIU offers a four-year base tuition scholarship that provides significant tuition support throughout your undergraduate education. Visit the [NEIU Financial Aid page](#) for full eligibility details and application information.

Kaplan Test Preparation — Available at No Cost

Through “Prepare for Illinois’ Future Powered by Kaplan’s All Access License,” administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, NEIU students may prepare for more than 40 graduate admissions, licensure, and credentialing examinations at no cost. Sign up at go.kaplan.com/illinois. Questions: cape@neiu.edu

IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

- **Application deadline:** Tuesday, October 6, 2026 (2027–2028 award cycle)
- The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers grants for individually designed study, research, or English Teaching Assistant projects in more than 140 countries. This is a prestigious opportunity for graduating seniors and graduate students to pursue international academic and professional experiences.
- Apply at us.fulbrightonline.org · Support: Dr. Amanda Montes, Fulbright Program Advisor, almontes@neiu.edu

Fantástico Pre-Apprenticeship Program — NEIU and Chicago Public Schools

The Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education, in partnership with Chicago Public Schools, invites students to apply to the Fantástico Pre-Apprenticeship Program, a Registered Apprenticeship pathway to becoming a licensed teacher in Special Education, Bilingual Education, Physical Education, or Early Childhood Education.

Benefits for Participating Students

- Tuition-free summer coursework (6–9 credit hours)
- Up to \$7,965 in tuition and fees covered
- Personalized advising and mentorship
- An Individual Education Plan to guide the pathway to licensure
- Cohort support and professional development

Who Should Apply

- NEIU incoming first-year or second-year students
- Transfer students with fewer than 60 credit hours

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and space is limited. Students who complete Fantástico may transition into the NEIU–CPS Teacher Apprenticeship Program, where they may earn \$20 per hour for classroom field experience, complete 384 hours in CPS classrooms, and receive additional tuition coverage for licensure coursework.

For more information, contact Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship Directors Dr. Wendy Gonzales (wgonzales@neiu.edu) and Ms. Tracy Stillwell (tllynnstillwell@neiu.edu).

Master of Arts in School Leadership — Lake County/NEIU Cohort

Northeastern Illinois University offers a Master of Arts degree in School Leadership with the Illinois Principal Endorsement. Graduates are prepared for leadership positions in Pre-K through age 22 schools, including principal, assistant principal, dean, department chair, and curriculum director.

- **Eligibility:** Open to Lake County educators and school support personnel (former Type 73) with at least two years of teaching or school support experience.
- **Course modality:** Classes are held online in synchronous format via Zoom.
- **Program sequence:** Year 1 — two classes per semester, one night per week (back-to-back), with summer classes held two nights each week. Year 2 — one class per semester in addition to a year-long internship, which students complete while maintaining full-time employment.
- **Degree requirements:** Twelve courses, comprehensive examination, PERA training, and the ILTS 195 and 196 Principal as Instructional Leader examinations.
- **Cohort timeline:** The Fall 2026 cohort began classes on August 24, 2026, with graduation anticipated in Summer 2028. Prospective students interested in a future cohort are encouraged to inquire now.
- **Contact:** Noreen Powers, Ph.D., Associate Professor and School Leadership Program Coordinator, Literacy, Leadership, Development and Special Education Department · N-Powers@neiu.edu · (312) 339-2739

Academic Support Center Student Employment

The Academic Support Center (formerly the Learning Success Center and Center for Academic Writing) is hiring NEIU students for Fall 2026 as tutors, student aides, work-study employees, and graduate assistants. Remaining positions include Content and Writing Intensive Program (WIP) Tutors, Math Tutors, Writing Tutors, and Front Desk Aides. Questions and applications: Executive Director of Academic Support Services Kate Hahn, Ph.D., mk-hahn@neiu.edu

Long-Term Substitute Pre-Kindergarten Teacher — Hammond Elementary School

Hammond Elementary School is seeking a qualified substitute Pre-Kindergarten teacher to provide instructional coverage during a maternity leave through September 22, 2026. This is an excellent opportunity for candidates who wish to gain classroom experience while supporting young learners in a Pre-Kindergarten setting. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and current résumé to Assistant Principal Jason Siegellak at jesiegellak@cps.edu.

STUDENT RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

NEIU offers a wide range of student support programs. All students are encouraged to explore the resources available to them.

Program	Description
Future Teachers Living Learning Community	A residential community for students pursuing careers in education · Program details
College of Arts and Sciences Education Program (CASEP)	Support for education students in the College of Arts and Sciences · Program details
Grow Your Own Teachers (GYO-IL)	Pathway program supporting community members who are becoming teachers · GCOE-Outreach@neiu.edu Luis Meza, GYO Candidate Coordinator, lmeza@gyo-il.org
TRIO — Student Support Services Teacher Preparation Program	Federal TRIO program supporting first-generation and low-income students · Program details
Teach Chicago Tomorrow Program	Preparing the next generation of Chicago educators · Program details
Fantástico Pre-Apprenticeship Program	NEIU–CPS Registered Apprenticeship pathway to teacher licensure · wgonzales@neiu.edu · tlynnstillwell@neiu.edu
Master of Arts in School Leadership with the Illinois Principal Endorsement	Noreen Powers, Ph.D. · N-Powers@neiu.edu

Program	Description
GCOE Endorsements and Licensure	Guidance on educator endorsements and licensure · GCOE-Endorsements@neiu.edu
Academic Support Center	Tutoring and writing support · Ronald Williams Library, 4th Floor · (773) 442-4568 · asc@neiu.edu

Explore all student supports: neiu.edu/academics/colleges-departments/education/student-supports and [Goodwin College of Education Advisors](#)

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Submissions are welcome from students, faculty, staff, and partners. Please share, what content is most valuable to you and what topics you would like to see covered. For questions about events, programs featured in this newsletter, and collaborations, contact GCOE-Outreach@neiu.edu.

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