



STUDENT NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

Fall 2026 · Issued October 1, 2026

INFORMATION SESSION

Master's Programs in Counseling

Wednesday, Oct. 7 · 4:00 p.m.
Lech Walesa Hall, LWH 1001
[Please RSVP](#)

FEATURED EVENT

Carlson–Ehrlich Memorial Lectureship

Reckoning with Redress
Thursday, Oct. 15 · 5:00 p.m.
[Please RSVP](#)

ACTION REQUIRED

Immunization Compliance

Deadline
Monday, Oct. 19, 2026
Holds affect Spring 2027
registration

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Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education Office of the Dean

Northeastern Illinois University
Onward. Upward. Together.

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MESSAGE FROM DEAN PHILION

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Students,

Welcome to October, one of the busiest and best months on our campus calendar. Without a doubt, the highlight of our upcoming month of activities is the **Jean Burke Carlson and Diane Berger Ehrlich Memorial Lectureship on Thursday, October 15**. This year, our distinguished lecturer is Dr. Michael Jin of the University of Illinois Chicago. Dr. Jin will explore how the Japanese American community won public acknowledgment for the injustices that occurred in World War II, and how teachers can bring this history into their classrooms in ways that matter to today's students. Whether you're preparing to teach in the future or pursuing other interests, this is the kind of conversation that sharpens our awareness of why we do educational work and how to succeed at it in an often inhospitable world. The evening starts with dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Student Union, and the lecture follows at 6:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall. It is free and open to all, and parking in Lot D is free. Please RSVP so we can plan for you, and definitely bring a friend or classmate.

October is full of many other activities, so I hope you'll look through this issue and find something that speaks to you. In particular, please do note that the **immunization compliance deadline is Monday, October 19**, and missing it will block your Spring 2027 registration. Please take care of this requirement now, **or stop by the free walk-in clinic on October 6**.

As always, thank you for the energy and purpose you bring to the Goodwin College of Education. I look forward to seeing many of you on October 15th!

Sincerely,

Tom Philion, Ph.D.
Dean, Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education

FEATURED Goodwin College of Education Event

The Jean Burke Carlson and Diane Berger Ehrlich Memorial Lectureship

Reckoning with Redress *What Teachers Need to Know*

- **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. The goal is to 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. · **Recital Hall**
- **7:00 p.m.** — Question and answer
- **7:15 p.m.** — Reception · Tea, pastries, dessert, and refreshments · **Corridor outside the Recital Hall**
- **7:45 p.m.** — Conclusion
- **Free admission and open to all**
- **Free parking in Lot D**
- **Please RSVP** [**Please RSVP**](#)
- **Questions:** [**GCOE-Outreach@neiu.edu**](mailto:GCOE-Outreach@neiu.edu)

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— THE JEAN BURKE CARLSON AND DIANE BERGER EHRLICH MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP —

Reckoning with Redress

What Teachers Need to Know



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**Associate Professor of History
University of Illinois at Chicago**

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday October 15, 2026	5:00 – 8:00 PM Program begins at 5:00	Northeastern Illinois University 5500 N. St. Louis Ave · Chicago, IL 60625

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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5:00 PM	Meet and Greet Dinner and beverages	Student Union 115 North & South
6:00 PM	Lecture — Reckoning with Redress Michael Jin, Ph.D.	Recital Hall
7:00 PM	Question and Answer	
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7:45 PM	Conclusion	



SCAN TO REGISTER

FREE ADMISSION · OPEN TO ALL

Register at www.neiu.edu/academics/colleges-departments/education/gcoe-events

Questions? Contact GCOE-Outreach@neiu.edu · Free parking in Lot D

To Learn more about [Japanese American Redress](#)

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Scan the QR code on the flyer or [register online](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — OCTOBER 2026 AND BEYOND

Date	Event or Deadline
Oct. 1	<i>Sanando en Comunidad: Latinas, Salud y Fuerza</i> · 5:00–7:00 p.m. · El Centro
Oct. 1–3	10th Annual Nuevas Voces Playwriting Contest and Festival · Stage Center Theatre (Building F)
Oct. 5	Piñata Workshop · 1:00–3:00 p.m. · Main Campus, Village Square
Oct. 5	Career Journeys: Latine Alumni Panel · 3:00–5:00 p.m. · Pedroso Center (B 159)
Oct. 5	ILTS Content Area Exam Prep: Workshop 2, Week 3 · 5:00 p.m. · Zoom
Oct. 6	Final Walk-In Immunization Clinic before registration holds · 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. · Student Health Services (Room E-051)
Oct. 7	Information Session: Master’s Programs in Counseling · 4:00–5:00 p.m. · Lech Walesa Hall (LWH 1001) · RSVP
Oct. 7	ILTS Content Area Exam Prep: Workshop 2, Week 3 (alternate session) · 5:00 p.m. · Zoom
Oct. 15	Carlson–Ehrlich Memorial Lectureship: <i>Reckoning with Redress</i> · 5:00–8:00 p.m. · SU 115 North and South · Lecture: Recital Hall · Please RSVP
Oct. 16	Campus Construction: Building D Roof Replacement Concludes
Oct. 19	Mandatory Immunization Compliance Deadline · Holds will prevent Spring 2027 registration
Mid-October	Campus Construction: Parking Lot J Repaving Concludes
Oct. 26–28	ILTS Content Area Exam Prep: Workshop 3, Three-Day Intensive · 5:00 p.m. · Zoom
Nov. 4	Campus Construction: Building PE Roof Replacement Concludes
Nov. 14	ILTS Content Area Exam Prep: Workshop 1, Introduction to the Content Area Exam · 9:00 a.m. · Zoom
Nov. 17	NEIU One Stop Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting
Nov. 30	McNair Scholars Program Application Deadline · 11:59 p.m.
March 1, 2027	34th John Sargon Albazi Student Symposium Abstract Submission Deadline · 11:59 p.m.
April 30, 2027	34th Annual John Sargon Albazi Student Symposium Presentation Day · Main Campus

Date	Event or Deadline
Expected 2027	<u>New Education Building</u> — Anticipated Completion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sanando en Comunidad: Latinas, Salud y Fuerza

- **Date and time:** Thursday, October 1, 2026 · 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Location:** El Centro
- **Details:** Presented in Spanish by ALAS Wings, Student Health Services, and the Pedroso Center, this program focuses on breast cancer awareness, prevention, early detection, and community care.

10th Annual Nuevas Voces Playwriting Contest and Festival

- **Dates and times:**
 - Thursday, Oct. 1 · 7:30 p.m. (*Opening reception at 6:30 p.m.; talkback session follows the performance*)
 - Friday, Oct. 2 · 7:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, Oct. 3 · 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Building F, Stage Center Theatre
- **Details:** Stage Center Theatre opens its 2026–2027 season with the 10th anniversary presentation of *Nuevas Voces*, directed by CMT alumnus Sade Cooley.
- **Featured winning works:**
 - **1st Place (\$250):** “*A Purple Button*” by Dan Wirth, CMT Senior Instructor
 - **2nd Place (\$200):** “*El Concierto*” by a current NEIU student
 - **Honorable Mention:** “*Tripping On Xanax at a Mumford and Sons Concert*” by David Lipshutz
- **Admission:** Free for NEIU students, faculty, and staff with a valid University ID. Tickets can be claimed at the Welcome Desk, the Box Office lobby in Building F, or online at tix.com.
- **Questions:** Sarah Fabian (sj-fabian@neiu.edu) or Adam Goldstein (a-goldstein@neiu.edu).

Piñata Workshop

- **Date and time:** Monday, October 5, 2026 · 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Main Campus, Village Square
- **Details:** Students are invited to participate in a hands-on cultural workshop celebrating creativity, tradition, and community through the art of piñata making.

Career Journeys: Latine Alumni Panel

- **Date and time:** Monday, October 5, 2026 · 3:00–5:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Main Campus, Building B, Pedroso Center (Room B 159)

- **Details:** In this panel hosted by the Office of Career Development, Latine alumni from diverse industries share insights on navigating college, building professional networks, overcoming career hurdles, and thriving in the workforce. A networking reception follows.

Information Session: Master's Programs in Counseling

The Department of Counselor Education, Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education, invites prospective students to learn about its CACREP-accredited graduate counseling programs, the application process, and career pathways.

- **Date and time:** Wednesday, October 7, 2026 · 4:00–5:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Lech Walesa Hall (Room LWH 1001), 3601 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60625
- **Programs covered (CACREP-accredited):**
 - Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.A.
 - Couple and Family Counseling, M.A.
 - Rehabilitation Counseling, M.A.
 - School Counseling, M.A.
- **Presenters:** Zachary D. Bloom, Ph.D., LCPC, LMFT, Professor and Department Chair; Kyle P. Goodwin, Ph.D., LCPC, Assistant Professor
- **RSVP:** tinyurl.com/NEIUCounselingFallInfoSession
- **Information:** (773) 442-5550 · neiu.edu/counselor-education

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Department of Counselor Education
INFORMATION SESSION:
MASTER'S PROGRAMS IN COUNSELING

"Preparing counselors for more than 40 years. Our Mission is You."

Date:
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Time:
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location:
Northeastern Illinois University
Lech Walesa Hall (Room LWH 1001)
3601 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625

What to Expect:
Learn about our graduate counseling programs, the application process, career pathways, and the benefits of a CACREP-accredited education. Bring your questions about admissions, academics, and professional opportunities.

Programs Covered:
CACREP-Accredited Graduate Programs
• Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.A.
• Couple and Family Counseling, M.A.
• Rehabilitation Counseling, M.A.
• School Counseling, M.A.

Presented By:
Zachary D. Bloom, Ph.D., LCPC, LMFT
Professor & Department Chair
Kyle P. Goodwin, Ph.D., LCPC
Assistant Professor

Scan to RSVP!
[or visit tinyurl.com/NEIUCounselingFallInfoSession](https://tinyurl.com/NEIUCounselingFallInfoSession)

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Department of Counselor Education
CACREP Accredited 173-140-0001 | neiu.edu/counselor-education

Event flyer

Celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month with NEIU Libraries

- **Dates:** Throughout October 2026
- **Location:** Online virtual display and Ronald Williams Library
- **Details:** Explore LGBTQ+ histories, experiences, and cultural expressions through NEIU Libraries. The featured database, **HeinOnline's LGBTQ+ Rights Collection**, charts the legal, social, and political history of LGBTQ+ rights in the United States. Downloadable eBooks covering activism, identities, community building, media representation, and disability are also highlighted.

Celebrating the Life of Professor Emeritus Kenneth N. Addison, Ph.D.

The University community is invited to commemorate the enduring legacy of Dr. Kenneth N. Addison, who dedicated nearly 30 years of transformative leadership and social justice education to NEIU.

Jacob H. Carruthers Center 60th Anniversary Celebration

Alumni Mixer & Award Ceremony: Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Carruthers Alumni Brunch: Saturday, October 10 from 11:00am – 1:00pm

Commemorating 60 years of cultural preservation, academic rigor, and community leadership at the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies (CCICS), 700 E. Oakwood Blvd., Chicago.

WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fall 2026 ILTS Content Area Exam Prep Workshops

Are you preparing for student teaching or working to pass your ILTS Content Area Exam? The GCOE Content Area Exam Prep Team is here to support you. Experienced exam coaches Professor Bortz and Professor Maglaris lead multiple Fall 2026 workshops. Each session helps candidates understand the exam, build effective study plans, and apply proven test-taking strategies.

- **Who should attend:** All GCOE teacher candidates in ECED, ELED, MLED, SCED, SPED, Art, Music, PE, Spanish, and Counselor Education. The workshops are especially recommended for candidates preparing for student teaching.
- **Format:** Candidates may attend more than one workshop. After registering, you will receive a Zoom link by email the day before each session.
- **Additional sessions:** Dr. Karr offers separate prep sessions. Refer to D2L and the [test preparation workshops website](#) for sign-up information.

Workshop	Remaining Dates	Focus
Workshop 1: Introduction to the Content Area Exam	Saturday, November 14 · 9:00 a.m.	Overview of the ILTS exam, expectations, and available resources. Recommended once for new candidates and for those who have not attended a prior prep session.
Workshop 2: How to Prepare for the Content Area Exam (three-week series, about one hour per session)	Week 3: Monday, October 5 or Wednesday, October 7 · 5:00 p.m.	Question-and-answer strategies and practice questions. Weeks 1 and 2 took place in September.
Workshop 3: Three-Day Intensive Content Exam Prep	Monday, October 26 · 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 27 · 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 28 · 5:00 p.m.	Oct. 26: Using AI to support your study plan Oct. 27: Test-taking and comprehension strategies Oct. 28: Test anxiety, study guides, and practice questions <i>For candidates currently student teaching, or student teaching in Spring 2027, who have not yet passed the exam.</i>

- **Individualized support:** Individual coaching sessions are available in October and November based on your personal action plan. Contact a Content Area Exam Coach for more information.
- **Register now:** [Fall 2026 ILTS Content Area Exam Prep Workshop Registration](#)
- **Questions:** Contact the GCOE Content Area Exam Prep Team. [Test preparation resources](#)
- **Professor Maglaris,** a-maglaris@neiu.edu, **Professor Bortz,** m-bortz@neiu.edu

Take advantage of these supports and set yourself up for success on the ILTS Content Area Exam.

Fall 2026 Noncredit Opportunities Through CAPE

The Office of Community, Adult and Professional Education (CAPE) offers noncredit enrichment programs for students, families, and community members:

- **Academic Tutoring:** General academic tutoring is offered on Saturdays, along with PreACT Secure 9 tutoring.
- **Community Dance Program (CDP):** Nine dance classes are available for ages three to adult. Full-time NEIU students receive **50% off** using discount code **Dance50**.
- **Community Music Program (CMP):** Private lessons are offered in voice, flute, saxophone, piano, violin, viola, cello, guitar, and percussion.
- **Contact:** cape@neiu.edu

IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES

Leadership, Equity and Inquiry, Ed.D. — Now Accepting Applications for Cohort 2

The [Leadership, Equity and Inquiry, Ed.D.](#), housed in the Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education, is accepting applications for Cohort 2, which begins in the Fall 2027 semester. The program is NEIU's first doctoral degree; its inaugural cohort enrolled in Fall 2026.

- **Apply:** neiu.edu/admissions
- **Questions:** Graduate Admissions, graduateadmissions@neiu.edu

McNair Scholars Program — Applications Open for Cohort 25

- **Application deadline:** Monday, November 30, 2026 · 11:59 p.m.
- **Eligibility:** Current sophomores, juniors, or seniors planning to attend graduate school.
- **Program benefits:**
 - \$2,800 paid research stipend
 - Personalized academic advising and career roadmapping
 - Faculty mentorship and graduate school application guidance
 - Fully sponsored travel to research conferences and scholarly networks
- **Questions:** mcnairp@neiu.edu

34th Annual John Sargon Albazi Student Symposium

- **Event date:** Friday, April 30, 2027 · Main Campus
- **Abstract submission deadline:** Monday, March 1, 2027 · 11:59 p.m.
- **Presentation formats:**
 - **Poster presentations:** Visual display with an interactive one-hour live question-and-answer session.
 - **Podium presentations:** 15-minute oral presentation followed by a session question-and-answer period.
- **Requirements:** Faculty sponsorship is required. Projects involving human subjects must be reviewed by the NEIU Institutional Review Board (irb@neiu.edu).

- **Awards:** Presenters are eligible for the *Bernard J. Brommel Awards* and the *NEIU Libraries Awards for Excellence in Research* (top prize: \$1,000).
- **Questions:** rcasymposium@neiu.edu

Commencement Keynote Speaker Nominations

The University Commencement Planning Committee invites students and employees to submit speaker nominations on a rolling basis. Nominees must have distinguished records in art, science, business, technology, or education and align with NEIU's mission.

- **Submission:** Log in via Nmail to complete the online nomination form.
- **Contact:** Andy Dutil, Executive Director of Student Union and Campus Recreation
- (a-dutil@neiu.edu).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CAMPUS UPDATES

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



Alumni, faculty, and staff at The State of the Goodwin College of Education: A Homecoming Reception · Chez Adele Restaurant · September 17, 2026

On Thursday, September 17, 2026, we gathered for **The State of the Goodwin College of Education: A Homecoming Reception**. Alumni, faculty, and staff came together on the beautiful patio at Chez Adele Restaurant ([@chez_adele_1951](https://www.chezadele.com/)) to reconnect, reflect, and look ahead.

Dean Phillion shared the progress of the College and the vision guiding its next chapter. The strength of that vision rests on the people in this photograph. Our alumni teach, lead, counsel, and serve in schools and communities across Chicago and beyond.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Chez Adele Restaurant ([@chez_adele_1951](#)) for hosting us with exceptional food, beverages, and hospitality. Thank you to NEIU Alumni Relations ([@neiualumni](#)) for helping bring our graduates' home. Most of all, thank you to everyone who joined us. Your success is the clearest measure of our mission.

Please tag yourself in the photograph and share your favorite memory from the evening on Instagram. Stay connected with fellow Golden Eagles by following [@neiualumni](#), [@neiu.gcoe](#), and [@neiuilife](#).

NEIU First-Year Retention Reaches Highest Level Since 2020

Northeastern Illinois University's first-year retention rate climbed to **65%** this fall, reflecting a **4.8-percentage-point gain** over the previous year (60.2%). This achievement underscores the resilience of NEIU's student body, in which the average student is 26 years old and balances academics with work and family life, as well as the University's expanding student support network.

NEIU Updates Tuition Structure to a Domestic Rate Effective Fall 2026

Beginning in Fall 2026, NEIU has adopted a unified **domestic tuition rate** that allows out-of-state domestic students to pay the same tuition rate as Illinois residents. Approved by the Board of Trustees on August 28, 2026, this move positions NEIU among seven Illinois public universities expanding higher education access and affordability.

NEIU Introduces Evolved University Logo

On September 1, 2026, NEIU unveiled an evolved visual identity supporting **Strategic Plan Goal 4, Tactic 2** (*Elevating NEIU's Identity as an Urban University with Regional Impact*).

- **Key enhancements:** Centers the recognizable "NEIU" acronym, introduces flexible stacked and horizontal formats for colleges, and modernizes visual appeal across digital and print media.
- **Phase-in strategy:** Existing stationery and supplies should not be discarded; departments will transition to the evolved logo as current inventories deplete over the next 6–12 months.
- **Brand standards:** Access the Brand Book via marketing@neiu.edu.

NEIU Television Advertising Campaign Launches

NEIU's new television advertising campaign is broadcasting during FOX 32 pregame and postgame coverage and key streaming platforms. The campaign emphasizes NEIU's 90+ degree programs, affordability, and flexible pathways for transfer and adult students.

Connect with the NEIU Foundation on LinkedIn

Stay informed on philanthropic initiatives, donor impact, and student scholarships by following the official **Northeastern Illinois University Foundation** page on LinkedIn.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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 (ISAC), NEIU students can access comprehensive test preparation for more than 40 graduate admissions, licensure, and credentialing examinations (including the GRE, GMAT, MCAT, and LSAT) at no out-of-pocket cost.

- **Registration:** go.kaplan.com/illinois · **Inquiries:** cape@neiu.edu

Goodwin College of Education Scholarships

The GCOE annually awards more than \$95,000 in tuition assistance. Explore institutional funds and the NEIU For You four-year tuition scholarship on the [GCOE Scholarships webpage](#) or contact gcoe-scholarships@neiu.edu.

ESSENTIAL STUDENT REMINDERS

Action Required: Immunization Compliance Deadline — Oct. 19

All enrolled students must submit compliant vaccine records to Student Health Services.

- **Deadline: Monday, October 19, 2026.** Beginning on this date, informational holds for noncompliant students will become **registration holds** that prevent Spring 2027 course enrollment and schedule changes.
- **Free walk-in clinic:** Tuesday, October 6 · 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. · Student Health Services (Room E-051).
- **Action steps:** Log in to the secure patient health portal using Nmail credentials to submit records, or email student-immunizations@neiu.edu. Full requirements: neiu.edu/student-immunizations

Academic Support Center Power Hours

- **Location:** Ronald Williams Library, 4th Floor
- **Details:** Power Hours offer structured, distraction-free study blocks in which students can organize notes, complete writing assignments, and overcome task paralysis with an ASC tutor present.
- **Appointments and information:** Call (773) 442-4568 or (773) 442-4492, message *Academic Support Center* via Nmail Google Chat, or email asc@neiu.edu.

An Invitation to Invest in Peace — [NEIU Ombuds Office](#)

In observance of the International Day of Peace, University Ombudsman Pamela L. Pirtle invites students to practice five intentional peace-building behaviors:

1. *Pause before responding* to contrasting views.
2. *Lean into curiosity* by asking clarifying questions.
3. *Acknowledge impact* when words land poorly.

4. *Reach out to reconnect* with estranged peers.
 5. *Practice self-compassion* to foster patience toward others.
- **Confidential appointments:** ombuds@neiu.edu · (773) 442-4527

NEIUPI FAST Fund Emergency Grants

Emergency financial assistance is available for students facing unexpected housing, medical, transportation, or educational expenses. These grants do not require repayment. Apply through the NEIUPI portal.

Fall 2026 University Parking Regulations: Blue and Gold Lots

- **Student parking (Blue Lots):** Enrolled students may park in designated campus Blue Lots at no additional charge by registering their license plate in the [NEIU Permit Portal](#) each semester.
- **Faculty and staff parking (Gold Lots):** Gold parking spaces are restricted to permit-holding faculty and staff. NEIU Police are strictly enforcing Gold Lot restrictions; violators will receive citations.

STANDING FEATURES

The following features appear in every issue of the student newsletter and are updated as new information becomes available.

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.

Student Support and Success Resources

NEIU offers a wide range of student support resources.

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

Program	Description
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
Goodwin College of Education Advisors	Goodwin College of Education Advisors
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
Academic Advising Center	Academic advising, course planning, and degree progress support
Student Health Center	Health care services and immunization compliance support for enrolled students
Student Counseling Services	Confidential counseling and mental health support for students
Financial Aid Office	Assistance with financial aid, grants, loans, and scholarships
NEIU Libraries	Research assistance, library collections, and study spaces
Career Development Office	Career exploration, internship, and job search support
Student Disability Services	Academic accommodations and accessibility support
Campus Recreation	Fitness facilities, recreational sports, and wellness programs

Stay Connected — Contact Information

Follow the Goodwin College of Education on social media: [Instagram](#) [Facebook](#)

Tell us which content you value most and which topics you would like to see covered. For questions about events, programs, or collaborations, contact Cindy L. Jones at [GCOE-Outreach@neiu.edu](#).

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