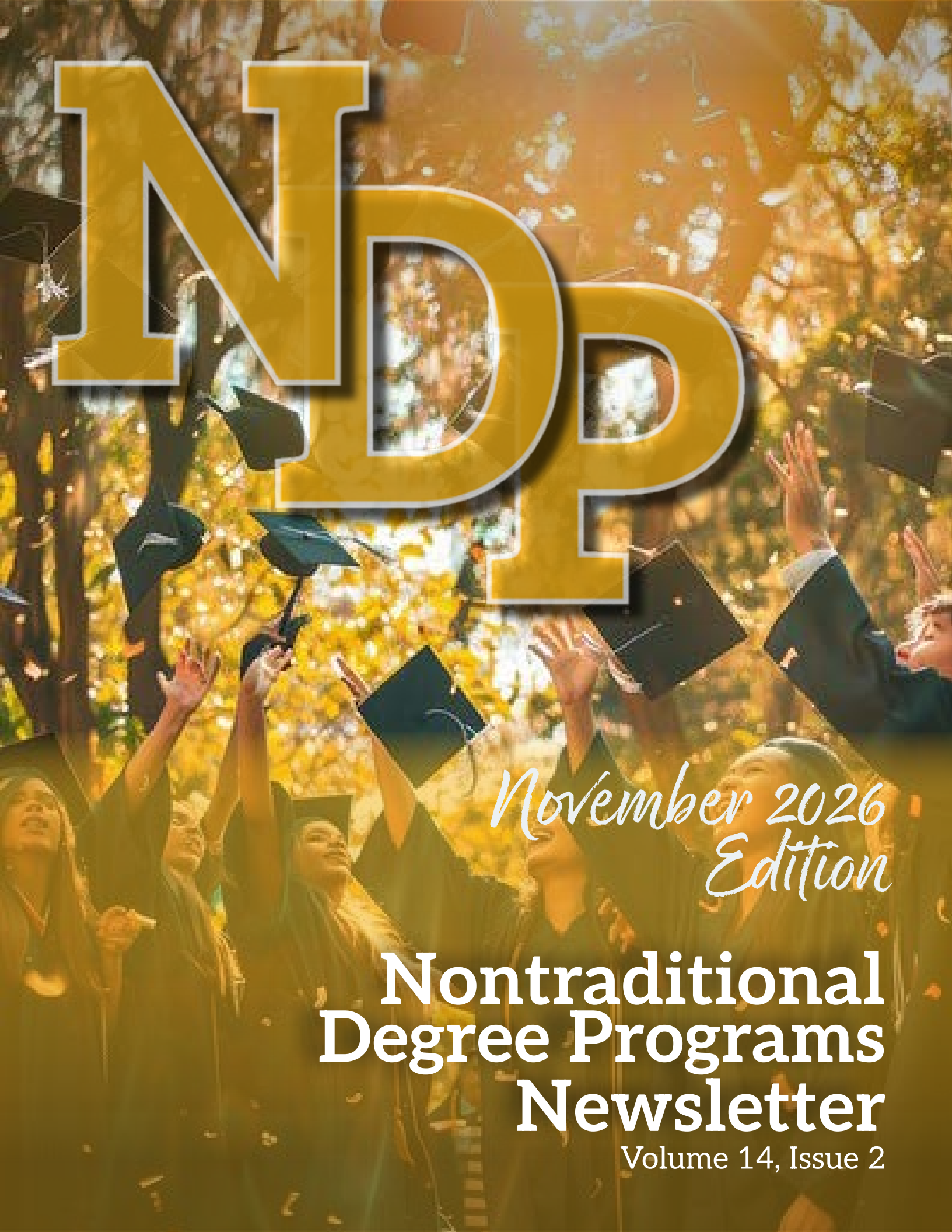




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NDP Partnerships! Career Development!

Tamara Martin,
Assistant Director of Career Development

“The Office of Career Development works with NEIU students and alumni at every stage, including those changing careers, moving up in their field, or coming back to school after years of work. We can help you translate your experience to a new field, refresh your resume, prepare for interviews, and connect with employers through career fairs and workshops. Our Power Closet also offers free professional clothing. Appointments are available in person or virtually through Handshake (log in with your NEIUport credentials). Questions? Call (773) 442-4680 or email ocs@neiu.edu.

Don't miss our upcoming Career and Internship Fair, taking place on Thursday, November 5, from 12 pm to 4 pm in Alumni Hall. To learn more about the employers and to register, visit [Handshake](#).

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NDP Staff Highlights!

NDP Staff Directory

Dr. Kimya Barden
Director

Dr. Zada Johnson
UWW Faculty Advisor

Jennifer Blair
Interdisciplinary Studies
Program Specialist

Jacqueline Butler
Interdisciplinary Studies
Program Specialist

Robert Hall
Office Support Specialist

Héctor Cortés
Office Manager

LaQuis Harkins
NDP Math Tutor

Connor MacMillan
Intern

Connor MacMillan

“ My name is Connor MacMillan, I am in my final semester of the psychology program here at NEIU. As part of my capstone course, I am interning in the NDP office. As a nontraditional student myself, I hope to direct my efforts toward providing a better experience for all current and future NDP students. My future goals are to attain an M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling to provide accessible, quality, individually tailored therapy to all. Fun facts: I am a multi-instrumentalist, have worked a diverse range of jobs, and I am a born & raised Illinoisan.”

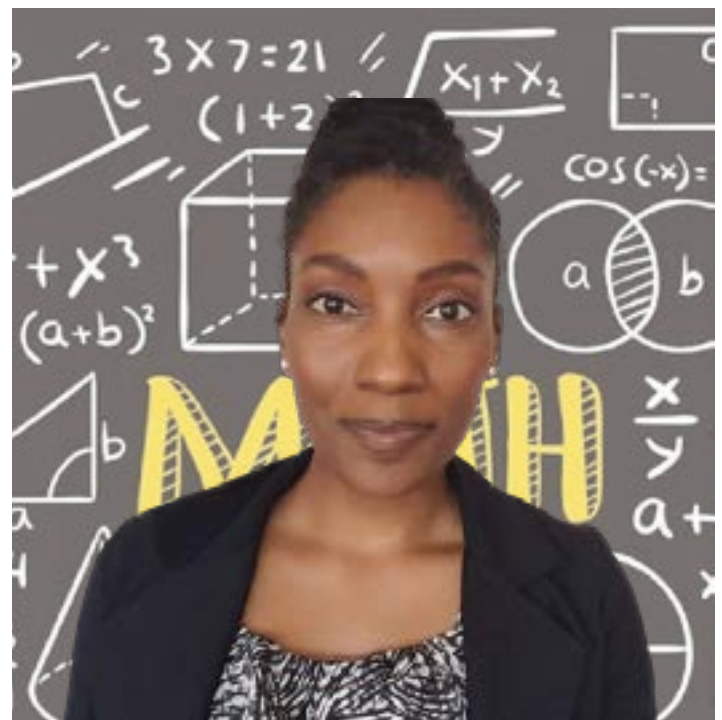


LaQuis Harkins, NDP Math Tutor

“ I am a second year graduate student in the Department of Communication, Media, and Theater. I am also a professional literacy and math tutor.”

Hours:

Tuesdays by Appointment: [LaQuis Harkins](#)
Online: [Contact for an appointment](#)



Nontraditional Student Week 2026

Monday, November 2 @ 12:00pm

Career Development Workshop ([Click here](#) is Google link)

Monday, November 2 @ 6:00pm

Career Development ([Click here](#) for Google link)

Wednesday, November 4 @ 12:00pm

Scholarships Workshop with Dr. Morrow ([Click here](#) for Zoom link)

Thursday, November 5th @ 11:00am

Yoga Workshop (Pedroso Center Building B - Room B-159)

Thursday, November 5th @ 12:00pm

NDP Mixer (NDP Office Building B - Room B-147)

Let's raise awareness, foster community and highlight success stories.

ndp's even more... scholarships

There are more scholarships to apply for.

CouponBirds "Help to Save" Scholarship

- 18+ years old, currently enrolled student (w/ proof), create & submit 2-5 min. YouTube video fitting topic specified on website. (Other rules contained on site).
- Reward: 1st - \$1,500.; 2nd - \$1,000.; 3rd - \$500.
- Deadline/Expected Disbursement: 10/10/2026,
- Disbursement - Spring 2027 (?).
- Link: [CouponBirds "Help to Save" Scholarship](#)



Matter to Matter Scholarship

- You must be either: (1) a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.A. or Canada; or (2) a holder of a valid F1 I-20 or J1 DS 2019 Visa for the U.S.A. or Canada.
- You must write a 300-600 words original essay following the prompt: What's something you taught yourself, and why?
- Reward: One-time Scholarship of \$300
Deadline: By 11:59 pm CST on the 20th of the month.
- Click here: [Matter to Matter Scholarshipfollowing](#)

Energy Rates Canada College Scholarship 2027

- Must be enrolled in American post-secondary institution or planning to
- enroll within following calendar year. Must submit essay in English or French (500 word max).
- Funds must be used for education related expenses such as tuition, books, fees, room and board, etc. Winner must allow essay to be published on EnrgyRate.Ca's scholarship site.
- Deadline: January 31, 2027.
- Reward: \$500.
- Link: EnergyRate.ca



Supporting Prisoners' Families Scholarship

- Must be 18+ yrs old. Currently enrolled or accepted students for Spring 2027 semester (w/ proof).
- Student headshot.
- Consent to publish essay and share name/photo upon winning award.
- Must have a parent or family member who has been incarcerated.
- Must be pursuing undergrad or grad degree.
- Must submit essay of approximately 500 words following prompt.
- Reward: \$1,000
- Deadline: March 8, 2027
- Disbursement - TBA
- Link: [Supporting Prisoners' Families Scholarship](#)



Resources at NEIU

Food Pantry

NEIU's Student Pantry provides support and assistance to current students impacted by food insecurity. It also offers external resources and connects non-students to local food pantries through the Chicago Greater Food Depository. Click here: [Student Food Pantry](#).
Location: Student Union - Rm C 336 (Main Campus)

Pedroso Center

The Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs develops and provides programming and initiatives in a welcoming environment designed to educate, empower, and retain students from socially and culturally diverse backgrounds. Click here: [Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs](#).
Location: Building B-159 (Main Campus)

Student Counseling

Student Counseling Services is open for mental health and wellness services for students, both in-person and remotely. Services include both individual and couples counseling. Click here: [Student Counseling Services](#).
Location: Building B-119 (Main Campus)

Career Development

NEIU's Office of Career Development empowers, prepare and achieve your career goals. Whether you're seeking your first job, or advancing in your professional journey, we provide the tools, resources and support to help you succeed. Click here: [Office of Career Development](#).
Location: Building B-119 (Main Campus)

Library Services

NEIU Libraries are a great place to reserve books, reserve a room, use printers, copiers and receive in-person help. Click here: [Libraries](#).
Location: CCICS (Main Campus), El Centro

Academic Support & Tutoring

Academic Support Center provides free peer-led tutoring for all NDP students. They will work with you on tutoring for Math, WIP, English, etc. Click here: [Academic Support Center](#).
Location: RWL Rm 454 (Main Campus)

We are here to help!