A Message from the Director

Sincerely,

students' achievements and congratulated them for how extraordinary they are. Amazing stories surround us everywhere we turn, stories of students and their drive to achieve. At El Centro a comprehensive support program for first-year students.

FAFSA application. El Centro hosted a FAFSA workshop which assisted 55 students and their families in completing their winning 2nd prize at the Data Analytics Competition.

educational and career opportunities in STEM. It was especially exciting for Northeastern to sponsor ten STEM Chicago Public Schools for AT&T's HACEMOS 20th Annual International High Technology Day, exposing them to

Because of her expertise in advising students and event planning, El Centro's own Financial Aid Coordinator, Karim Escobar-Franklin, in

Since 2013. This trip was also made possible because of a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant and our partnership with students at Northeastern. For ten years, she served as an adviser with students at Northeastern. For ten years, she served as an adviser by her determination, Dr. Maria Luna-Duarte, director of El Centro, offered her a position as a student worker. Diana is very grateful to her parents, who immigrated from Ukraine to Chicago in 2009 in search of a better program was amazing. I loved the workshops. They prepared us for college and provided us with the resources we needed to do well in school.

Diana followed her big brother's advice and, in August 2017, enrolled in El Centro's cohort program. She said that her "experience in the cohort program was amazing. I loved the workshops. They prepared us for college and provided us with the resources we needed to do well in school." When it came time to apply for college, Diana was not sure which college to choose. Diana's brother advised

we needed to do well in school." Diana never dreamed she would be living in Chicago studying accounting at Northeastern. As she so astutely pointed out, "Running a business is very complicated, but I enjoy juggling numbers and balancing accounts." She says that "running a business is very complicated, but I enjoy juggling numbers and balancing accounts." Diana was selected to represent Northeastern, visiting high schools, and community colleges

The Angelina Pedroso Center, in collaboration with El Centro, welcomed new Latinx members to the NEIU familia.

On Thursday, November 1, new Latinx faculty and staff enjoyed a lively reception in El Centro's community room. El Centro's cohort students and staff enjoyed a secret santa gift exchange for our last success workshop of the fall semester on Thursday, December 6.

We work together as a community to support our students."