



NDP

September 2023
**Nontraditional
Degree Programs
Newsletter**



Events Calendar

September

14TH

B-Building Block Party
September 14th from
1-4 p.m. in RM B-152

15TH

Bronzeville Trolley Tour
With Dr. Johnson
September 15th at 5p.m.

17TH

Black Ensemble Theater
September 17th at 3 p.m.

20TH

**NDP Student Club
Virtual Meetings**
September 20th & 21st at
6:30pm

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21ST

**UWW Virtual
Prospective Student
Meeting**
September 21st at 6 p.m.

28TH

**Bridging the Gap w/ Dr.
Scott and Dr. Barden**
September 28th at 4:30 p.m.
in the Pedroso Center

NDP Programming

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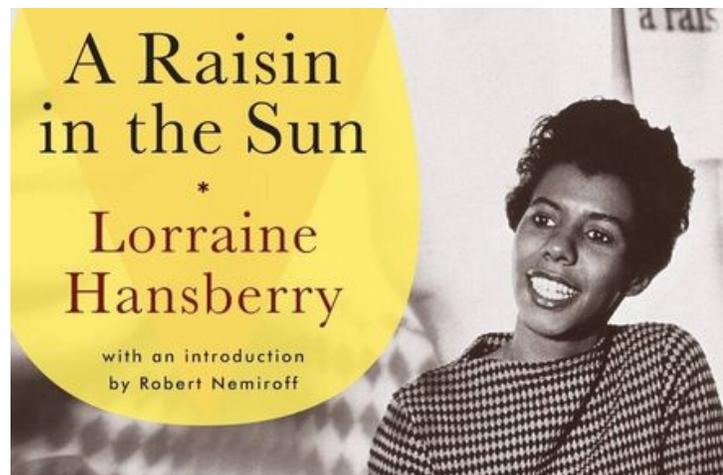
Black Ensemble Theater

The NEIU community invites you to experience “A Taste of Soul”, on September 17th at 3 pm, located the Black Ensemble Theater (4450 N. Clark St.). This event will be an outstanding musical tribute to the genre of soul, featuring songs from soul’s greatest hit makers Al Green, Gladys Knight, Barry White, and more! For more information about how to receive a sponsorship for this event and ticket pricing, please visit [NEIU Weekend 2023](#).

A Raisin In The Sun: Book Discussion

NDP will be hosting a book discussion on *A Raisin In the Sun* during **Nontraditional Student Week** coming up in November. This play tells of a black family's experiences in south Chicago, as they attempt to improve their financial circumstances with an insurance payout following the death of the father and deals with matters of housing discrimination, racism, and assimilation.

Access an online version of this book [here!](#)



Highlight

Rick

Rick Prescott



I am retired from a 40+ year career in sales and marketing in the food industry, culminating as President of a firm with 30+ employees and a senior ownership position. Since then, I have committed myself to finishing my education at NEIU.



Ada



Ada Garcia



My name is Ada Garcia, I am a new student at NEIU part of the UWW program, and studying Urban Planning. I have twenty-plus years in the financial industry and have owned my own business in the neighboring area of Albany Park since 2017. I've lived in Chicago for the majority of my life and enjoy bringing people together both in our school and community.

Laura



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Highlight

Laura Damiani

Hello! My name is Laura Damiani and I am NDP's new office manager. I enjoy carpentry, cooking for my family, and playing with my dog, Pepper. I have been at NEIU for a little over a month now and it has been so lovely to get to connect with many of our amazing NDP scholars already! You all have impressed me with your resilience, perseverance, and inspiring stories. I am here to answer questions and help in any way that I can!



Sadaf



Sadaf Naaz Farooqi

Hi, I'm Sadaf Naaz Farooqi, your math and tech enthusiast. When I'm not diving into the world of numbers and algorithms, you can find me exploring the captivating realms of science fiction movies, especially those that challenge the boundaries of physics. Recently, I've also discovered a newfound passion for painting and art, adding a splash of creativity to my life!



Scholarships & Resources



Scholarships

Trena Waddy-Jones Scholarship

Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies (CCICS)

The deadline to complete this scholarship is **September 15th**. Please click [here](#) for more information regarding eligibility and application details.

Become Your Own Boss

NEIU's College of Business and Technology Business Innovation & Growth (BIG) Center

If being a boss has been a dream of yours and you are ready to start today, complete the BIG Center Business Planning Course Intake Form [here](#).

NDP Math Tutoring Saadaf Naaz Farooqui

Do you need support in preparing for the Math Accuplacer Test? Schedule a tutoring session with NDP's math tutor, Sadaf, Monday through Wednesday from 1-9 p.m. or online Thursday and Friday after 4 p.m.

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