

ALPHA CHI Annual Induction

NDP Director **Dr. Kim Sanborn** and Vice Provost of Academic Affairs **Mark McKernin** presented Lacourdaire Camargo, Karen M. Fraid, and Diana Aline Sanchez with their membership to the Illinois Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi. Each year Alpha Chi inducts more than 13,000 students. NEIU inductees join over 400,000 members since 1922 who have pledged to make Alpha Chi's ideals their own. Students who are inducted are among the top 10% of junior, senior, and graduate students on campuses who are invited for membership.

Because of Alpha Chi's motto "Making Scholarship Effective for Good," chapters plan both academic and service projects.

The ceremony included congratulatory remarks and induction address by **Dr. Erica Meiners** of Educational Inquiry and Curriculum Studies. Dr. Meiners stressed to new Alpha Chi members and the audience the importance of scholarship within our communities and how higher education is needed for the re-entry of incarcerated individuals. Dr. Meiners explained how NEIU's University Without Walls Program in conjunction with P+NAP began offering degree granting opportunities in 2017. She reminded the new members and audience the importance of taking a stand and changing the system to heal our communities.

The celebration culminated with a reception in the Golden Eagle Room of the Student Union.

Ruby and Joel Rodriguez UWW Graduates

Three years ago, Ruby and Joel would never have imagined graduating with their bachelor's degree at this point in their lives. When they were first introduced to the UWW program, they admitted that the prospect of adding more to their plate with a family of 6 and full-time jobs, was overwhelming, and brought some fear and hesitation. Compounding those emotions was the fact that J & R would attempt to complete their UWW degrees at the same time. However, it also brought back all those feelings they once had of reaching for more and the possibility of realizing their dream could come back to life, which compelled them to "go for it."

Since starting the program they have made an intentional shift from the corporate world to an organization that fights to empower and improve the lives of black and brown communities, they intend to use their skills and all they have learned in the UWW program to continue that fight! Ruby and Joel will walk across the stage together on graduation day and show their children, family and yes, their communities that it's never too late to continue your journey and make a difference.



Featuring Instructor Professor Erica Krueger

As an graduate of Interdisciplinary Studies and of the HRD master's program, Erica Krueger is now a full-time instructor with Northeastern Illinois University and NDP. Krueger is a passionate, energetic educator. She has created courses for Nontraditional Degree Programs and for the Human Resource Department. She has also connected NEIU students with a DIVVY membership discount, which is still available on the website by searching for "Divvy" at neiu.edu

Krueger will pursue her Ph.D. in January 2020 with her focus of study in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership. She plans to focus on the Foundations of Online Learning in Higher Education, with a cognate in Adult Learning.

With her dedication to NEIU her vision is to take the NDP program into the online environment as a means of making it accessible to a larger student body. Professor Krueger plans to identify ways to make sure that students feel the online environment offers a fair and equitable learning platform for all.



NDP Tutor

Get Help with Your Classes!

The NDP program has our own in house tutor.

Gloria Ortiz is a graduate of BAIS and a graduate student with the Marriage and Family Counseling Program.

Tutoring is available for all of the courses NDP offers, but you can also see a tutor for assistance with outside courses as well.

Upcoming BAIS UWW Workshops and Prospective Student Meetings

UWW Prospective Student Meetings for Spring 2020 Admittance

Wednesday January 15,
6-7:30 p.m.
Location TBA

BAIS Prospective Student Meetings for Spring 2020 Admittance

Wednesday, July 17, 2019
2-3:30 p.m.
SU 214

Monday, Aug. 15, 2019
2-3:30 p.m.
SU 214

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019

INTRODUCING UWW ADVISOR PROFESSOR LORI CUEVAS

Lori Cuevas, M.A., is a full-time Instructor within the Psychology Department who has now joined the NDP Department as the UWW Faculty Advisor. Lori's teaching and research interests include Human Development, especially as it relates to Adulthood and Cognition. Lori is excited to join the NDP team and is honored to be a part of such a unique and wonderful program like UWW.



NDP Office Staff Spring 2020

No matter if you are new to the NEIU campus, a student looking to transfer, or already a nontraditional student, the NDP Office at B-147 is fully staffed with people who are here to help you every day.

Dr. Kim Sanborn— Director, NDP
Lori Cuevas—Faculty Advisor, UWW
Jennifer Blair— Program Specialist, BAIS
Jacqueline Butler— Program Specialist, BAIS

Jason Gallardo—Office Support, NDP
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Antuanette Mester- Instructor, NDP
Alicia Ozier, Instructor, NDP
Erica Krueger—Instructor, NDP
George Gerdow—Instructor, NDP
Gloria Ortiz—Grad Assistant, NDP
Robin Fisher— Grad Assistant, UWW

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