



Transforming Lives

The Northern Illinois Rotary/NEIU Social Work Scholarship Challenge



“Be a gift to the world” is this year’s Rotary theme. *Will your gift to the world be a lasting one?* Consider donating to the *Masters of Social Work Northern Illinois Rotary Clubs Endowed Scholarship* at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) that will provide financial assistance to a NEIU student each year in perpetuity. NEIU social work students tackle some of the most difficult social problems we face in our communities, our country, and internationally. This program prepares tomorrow’s clinical social workers, generalist social workers and the social policy-makers. Scholarship selection guidelines will be developed by the funding Rotary Clubs and the Northeastern Illinois University Foundation.

An anonymous Rotarian will match the first \$10,000 donated *dollar for dollar*.

NEIU is currently the only state institution in Northern Illinois offering a B.A. in Social Work (BASW) program accredited for Northern Illinois region and one of only three in the state. All other BASW programs are with private universities and UIC only has Master of Social Work program.

In Fall 2016, NEIU will offer a new Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program with concentrations in 1) Social Work Practice with Vulnerable Populations (at-risk children and families) and 2) Leadership and Change (advocacy and policy).

The program's mission at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is to educate students for culturally relevant and ethically sound social work practice within a changing global context. Sensitivity to the personal, social, economic and political needs of *vulnerable, high-risk populations* is emphasized in a personal and environmental context.

Why a Northern Illinois Rotary Clubs NEIU Social Work Scholarship is a “Best Investment”

- The most ethnically-diverse public university in the Midwest (*U.S. News & World Report*) for the 16th year in a row;
- The first federally designated public four-year Hispanic Serving Institution in the Midwest;
- A top-100 school for graduating students of diverse ethnic backgrounds (*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*);
- A national leader among all universities, having the nation’s lowest percentage of graduates who incurred student loan debt among all regional universities, and the lowest total debt among Midwestern regional universities (*U. S. News & World Report*);
- The Sixth “Best Investment” among universities in the U.S. (*Newsweek*).

Graduates practice in accordance with **social work values and ethics**, in a culturally affirming manner



These senior social work students were placed at Girls in the Game to complete the required 512 hour practicum as part of our accredited BSW program at NEIU. Students are placed in agencies such as Girls in the Game to provide hands on, strength based services. **Girls in the Game provides and promotes sports and fitness opportunities, nutrition and health education, and leadership development to enhance the overall health and well-being of girls.**

that promotes human rights and social and economic justice with diverse populations as expressed through age, class, culture, disability, ethnicity, family structure, gender, relational status, national origin, race, religion, and sexual orientation.

A degree in Social Work is one of the most dynamic degrees a student can earn, preparing them to practice effectively in a wide variety of clinical, community or policy settings.

NEIU transforms our communities through the resources we provide to them. Investing in Northeastern ensures that many more generations of students will leave Northeastern equipped to transform their own lives and the communities in which they live and work.

A snapshot of

COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS AND
MANAGEMENT



Learn in the city. Lead in the world.

TOP 10 MAJORS

PSYCHOLOGY
BIOLOGY
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
ACCOUNTING
JUSTICE STUDIES
COMPUTER SCIENCE
SOCIAL WORK
COMMUNICATION, MEDIA AND THEATRE
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
MANAGEMENT

FOUNDED IN 1867

9,871 STUDENTS

SIXTEEN:ONE

4,245 MALE 5,535 FEMALE

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

6TH BEST COLLEGE INVESTMENT IN THE U.S.
(NEWSWEEK "COLLEGE RANKINGS")

42 UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS
32 GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

FOUR LOCATIONS

MAIN CAMPUS
CARRUTHERS CENTER
FOR INNER CITY STUDIES
EL CENTRO
UNIVERSITY CENTER OF
LAKE COUNTY

MAIN CAMPUS

TWENTY MINUTES FROM
DOWNTOWN

STUDENT HOUSING
COMING FALL 2016

SET ON 67-ACRES

DIVERSITY

39% WHITE

32% HISPANIC

10% AFRICAN AMERICAN

10% UNKNOWN/OTHER

9% ASIAN

RANKED BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT AS
THE MOST ETHNICALLY DIVERSE
UNIVERSITY IN THE MIDWEST

106 COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED IN
OUR STUDENT BODY

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

For the 4th time, NEIU was one of 80 colleges and universities named a lead institution in civic engagement by NASPA — Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

NEIU's TurboVote initiative promoted voter engagement among students.

Our National Days of Service include 9/11, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Cesar Chavez Day.

Alternative spring break programs are annually sponsored by Student Leadership Development.

LOCAL IMPACT

Of our 73,000 alumni,
62,000 live in Illinois and
26,000 live in Chicago.

So of Chicago's 2.7 million total population,

ONE OUT OF EVERY 105
PEOPLE IN LIVING IN CHICAGO
IS AN NEIU ALUM

OPPORTUNITY

Our students graduate with the lowest debt among Midwest regional universities, according to U.S. News & World Report.

120 scholarships worth \$180,000 are available through the NEIU Foundation annually and supported 163 students at Northeastern last year.

The Tuition Guarantee Program keeps tuition level for four consecutive years for newly enrolled students. Tuition rates will not change as long as the student is continuously enrolled.