Welcome Back, First-Year Huskies!

We hope that you had a wonderful winter break. Now that you have had some much needed time to de-stress and relax, it’s time to get back in the groove of things and start another great semester at NIU.

As this is a new beginning, try to set new goals and strive for even greater accomplishments than before. Development and achievement is what college is all about, so make sure to check out any of the professional development events being offered this semester.

This newsletter is designed to help you discover the opportunities around you, from building your résumé to finding fun events to attend on campus. Make this semester well worth the money by using the resources you have at hand. Don’t be afraid to commit to a New Year’s resolution or try something new: We are here to help you.

Whatever it is that you want to accomplish this semester, plan for success by making goals and staying organized.
Live On and Live Well This Fall!

Message from Housing and Residential Services

If you’re currently living on campus, room selection for fall 2018 and spring 2019 begins soon! As a returning resident, you have priority over other students in selecting a room (or keeping your current one). No deposit required. Room selection starts in February and continues through the summer.

Living off campus at the moment? There’s lots of benefits to living on: You get an unlimited meal plan, buses stop at each residence hall and utilities are included in your rate. If you haven’t seen what living on campus is like yet, we’d love to show you around with a personalized tour of our halls. You can sign a contract now and select a room starting in March.

Get started with selecting your room.

Do your parents have a bachelor’s degree? If not, you are a first-generation college student. Breaking Barriers is a support group for first-generation college students to receive resources, professional development and connect with other first-generation students.

Join Us!
All meetings are from 4-5 p.m., and held in the Campus Life Building (CLB), Room 100.

Dates for our 2018 meetings are January 24, February 22, March 7, March 22, April 4 and April 18.

For disability-related accommodations, contact the Disability Resource Center at 815-753-1303

About Breaking Barriers
We are sponsored by the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning, Counseling and Consultation Services, and Military and Post-traditional Student Services.

We want you to have a successful college experience and be prepared for life after college.

Take part in a community that will foster growth, friendship and a solid support system among its students!

Questions?
Nelisha Gray, AmeriCorps VISTA, at 815-753-8156 or ngray@niu.edu

Housing and Residential Services is committed to providing a safe, supportive and educationally empowering community where you can learn, grow and be successful within a complex and diverse world. Through our facilities, programs and the collaborative efforts of our staff, student leaders and campus partners, we promote respect, individuality and personal responsibility.

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NIU Career Services offers events for students seeking jobs and other professional development experiences. For information regarding these events, call 815-753-1641 or email careerservices@niu.edu.

**Internship and Job Fair**

**Feb. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., NIU Convocation Center (DeKalb)**
At the Internship and Job Fair, students from all majors are invited to connect with over 200 employers. You're encouraged to dress professionally, research the employers you're interested in connecting with, practice introducing yourself to employers and bring plenty of résumés.

[View Lists of Employers Attending]
[Instructions for Candidates]
Admission and parking are free for the event.

**Engineering Job and Internship Fair**

**Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., HSC Duke Ellington Ballroom**
Hosted by the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology, engineering majors as well as computer science majors are invited to learn more about opportunities for full-time jobs and internships. For more information, contact Jelmir Atkins 815-753-1278 or atkins@niu.edu.

**NIU Education and Health Professions Fair**

**Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to noon, NIU Convocation Center (DeKalb)**
The Education and Health Professions Job Fair is for students seeking positions in education and health and wellness-related positions (part time, internship, and full time). This fair will be open to undergraduates, graduating seniors, graduate students, alumni and non-NIU candidates.

**Academic Advising**

Make an appointment with your advisor to plan classes for next semester. It is crucial for you to visit your advisor before fall registration to ensure that you are on the right track. Make sure you sign up for an appointment as early as possible because spots do fill up fast! If you are unsure on how to make an appointment or do not know who your advisor is, [we can help](mailto:careerservices@niu.edu).
Contact Us

Do you want to learn more about what is going on in our office and around the NIU community? Connect with us!

For office updates, “Takeover Tuesdays,” live event recordings and more: Follow us on Snapchat.

Like and follow us on Facebook.

Photos of Winter scenes at NIU.