February 2018

Y2@NIU

Second-Year Newsletter

Welcome Back, Second-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 to 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 was 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 it an achievable goal and staying organized.
Sophomore Days of Service

February 2018

Are you looking to find a sense of purpose in your second year through your coursework, relationships and out-of-class activities? Make a difference on campus and in the DeKalb community through a two to five hour, one-time volunteer experience during the month of February. In the process, you’ll learn more about yourself and the communities around you.

Get to know other students and serve members of the community this February during Sophomore Days of Service!

Sign up today

Barb Food Mart  
Thursday, February 1

Campus Child Care  
Tuesday, February 6

Campus Child Care  
Wednesday, February 7

Communiversity Garden  
Thursday, February 8

TAILS Humane Society  
Saturday, February 10

DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center  
Monday, February 12

Egyptian Theatre  
Friday, February 16

Raven’s Husky Haven and Rescue  
Saturday, February 17

Husky Food Pantry  
Thursday, February 22

Raven’s Husky Haven and Rescue  
Sunday, February 25

Heartland Blood Center Blood Drive  
Tuesday, February 27

Feed My Starving Children  
Friday, February 2

Fun with Snowmen!  
Tuesday, February 6

Barb Food Mart  
Thursday, February 8

West Elementary  
Friday, February 9

Raven’s Husky Haven and Rescue  
Saturday, February 10

DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center  
Thursday, February 15

TAILS Humane Society  
Saturday, February 17

Egyptian Theatre  
Sunday, February 18

Feed My Starving Children  
Saturday, February 24

Raven’s Husky Haven and Rescue  
Monday, February 26
Financial Opportunities

Need help paying for school? Use Academic Works!

- Within AcademicWorks, you can apply for multiple competitive scholarship.
- Visit AcademicWorks before Jan. 31, 2018 to have access to nearly every NIU scholarship, and apply to those for which you meet the criteria.
- While the majority of scholarships can be found on AcademicWorks, don’t forget to check with your academic department to see if they have any other opportunities not available on the system.
- Some scholarships may have later deadlines. However, you are encouraged to complete a general application prior to Jan. 31 to be considered for the majority of NIU scholarships.

Kevin D. Knight Leadership Award Applications Now Available!

Are you an involved student leader? If so, consider applying for a Kevin D. Knight Leadership Award! Student Involvement and Leadership Development, Orientation and Family Connections, Career Services, and the University Women’s Club are offering you the opportunity to be recognized for your leadership and involvement at NIU. Institutional Tuition Waivers and Leadership Awards for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students are just a few of the awards available. All award winners will be formally recognized at the Kevin D. Knight Leadership Awards Ceremony Sunday, April 29, 2018.

Please visit Student Involvement and Leadership Development’s Leadership Awards website to learn more about the application process for each award and to access the link to each award’s online application. You MUST submit your application by Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 at 11:45 p.m.

Kevin D. Knight was a Northern Illinois University alumnus who embodied what it means to be a student leader. He was an exemplary leader, serving NIU as a catalyst for positive change and as a role model for up-and-coming student leaders to follow. Kevin used his time at NIU well, dedicating himself to the betterment of campus life for all students. He worked hard in various leadership positions while receiving numerous awards and recognition for his work. It is in the hearts of the students who knew him that his memory and his efforts carry on. For this purpose, the Kevin D. Knight Leadership Awards honor one of NIU’s great student leaders.

Please contact Alex Pitner, Assistant Director for Leadership in Student Involvement and Leadership Development, at apitner1@niu.edu or 815-753-6505 with any questions.
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.

Career Fair Prep Workshop

**Feb. 13, 5 to 7 p.m., HSC Capitol Room**
Career Services is offering a workshop designed to help students from all majors make the most of the internship/job fair by providing strategies for connecting with employers and making the best possible first impression with employers seeking to hire Huskies. During the workshop, Career Services professionals and outside employers will assist students with putting the final touches on their professional introductions and share strategies on how to find, research, and interview for internship and job opportunities.

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. Students are encouraged to dress professionally, research the employers they are interested in connecting with, practice introducing themselves 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, 9:00 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.
New Year, New Semester: Get involved!

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

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

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.

Thinking about living on campus for the first time? Sign a fall contract soon to secure your placement for selecting a room. Check out the many advantages to living on campus by taking a tour.

Message from Military and Post-Traditional Student Services

MPTSS will host its ninth annual Off-Campus Housing Fair Thursday, March 8, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Capitol Room of the Holmes Student Center. Students will have the opportunity to speak with various off-campus housing properties as they plan ahead regarding where to live in 2018-19.

The Office of Military and Post-Traditional Student Services serves as a central resource center for our unique and diverse population of students at Northern Illinois University.
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.

Students enjoying the fun weather at NIU!