Finishing the Semester Strong

Congratulations second-years! You are so close to completing your fall semester. Be proud of the hard work and time management you have put into your academics, extracurricular activities, part-time employments, and social life.

Balancing a college career is not easy. Here are some helpful tips to keep you motivated to finish the semester strong:

- **Know where you stand**: find out how your score on a final exam or project will affect your grade, and what you need to earn to achieve the grade you want.
- **Avoid distractions**: manage your time well and recognize when you can spare a few hours and when you cannot.
- **Communicate with your faculty**: be open about where you stand and any difficulties you may be having; it might help in the long run when they’re grading your assignment! You may also find that your faculty can serve as references for scholarships, internships, honor societies, and other opportunities.

HUSKIES GET CONNECTED

Looking for ways to get involved on campus? It’s not too late!

Let us guide you

Meet with a fellow student and find the opportunities that will make your college experience count! They’ll show you everything you’ve been waiting for at NIU

Schedule your Huskies Get Connected appointment online today [here](#) or by e-mail at fsye@niu.edu
**Student Advice**

“Go Greek!

My decision to be involved within the Greek community here at Northern was one of the best decisions of my life. I could understand why people become hesitant over the thought, but I can promise you that you will not regret it. Not only do you make instant close, like-minded friends, but you gain valuable leadership experience and excellent networking opportunities. I took a leadership position my sophomore year and I have already learned so much through the process. I have used the skills I learned and transferred them over to other organizations I am involved with.

If you decide not to go Greek, still get involved! I am also a member of the University Honors Program and Lambda Sigma Sophomore Honor Society. I am very proud of my membership within these two organizations. Our four pillars of Lambda Sigma include: scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. I like to pride myself upon these four values.”

Dominic Scaduto
Sophomore, Finance Major

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**Second-Year Pillars**

**Service**
Volunteer for “Feed My Starving Children”
Friday, November 13, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14, 9:00-1:00 p.m.

**Faculty**
Dinner and network with faculty:
Thursday, November 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Swing Space in New Hall

**Career**
Business Card Development
Wednesday, November 11, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
University Writing Center (Stevenson B)

**Leadership**
Leadership Week 2015 is November 9-14:
Leadership & Diversity Dialogue
Tuesday, November 10, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Gender & Sexuality Resource Center

Thanks to those who attended “Human the Movie!”
Important Events Especially for Second-Year Students

Take advantage of these great opportunities to advance your second year of college!

Business Card Development
- Wednesday, November 11, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- University Writing Center in the lower level of Stevenson B
- Create your own professional business cards and learn helpful tips to build your brand. 10 FREE business cards! FREE treats!

Service Opportunity
- Friday, November 13, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 14, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- Feed My Starving Children in Sycamore, Illinois
- Join other second-year students at a food pack event for impoverished children around the globe.
- [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944afae2aabf49-secondyear1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944afae2aabf49-secondyear1)

Second-Year Student & Faculty Dinner
- Thursday, November 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Swing Space in New Hall (note location change)
- Meet and network with a faculty member over dinner in a small-group setting.
- [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944afae2aabf49-secondyear](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944afae2aabf49-secondyear)
Sophomores Days of Service

NIU’s Sophomore Days of Service (SDoS) give second-year students a chance to make an impact on campus and in the DeKalb community in a brief (two to five-hour), one-time volunteer experience. We know that students often are looking to find a sense of purpose in their second year through their course work, their relationships, and their out-of-class activities. One way in which we discover purpose is by helping others who can benefit from what we can offer. In the process, we learn more about ourselves and the communities around us.

Each SDoS begins with a quick orientation to the agency or group served, and ends with a brief reflection about the experience. Past events have partnered with:

SDoS goes throughout the entire month of February with around 12 events occurring at different times and on different days. There will be plenty of options to choose from.

Stay tuned for more information to come!