Endowment Campaign Reaches 82% of Goal
The campaign to endow the Operating Staff Dependent Scholarship has received $20,500 in gifts as of August 31st, or 82 percent of its goal of $25,000, through the generosity of 72 donors making outright gifts or contributing through payroll deduction where donations can be made for as little as $1 a pay period.

In order to reach the goal within the three-year deadline established by the NIU Foundation (June of 2011) the campaign needs more members of the operating staff to join the effort to endow the scholarship and bring the campaign to a successful finish. It’s easy to join the campaign. The forms and instructions on how to make a donation can be found at the Operating Staff Council’s web site: www.niu.edu/osc/dependentaward/donate.shtml

If you have any questions about the campaign, please contact Clair Williams at 753-8382.

President’s Corner

Summer is over and fall is upon us! The leaves are turning and the temperature is cooling off. Hopefully everyone is in the swing of things as we are well into the fall semester.

Below is an article that appeared in a number of local papers and was featured on the new NIU Today website. I think it is so important that I want to share it with you in case you did not see it. It shows the wonderful generosity shown by you, our Operating Staff, at the StaffFest held on August 5th. There is also another article in this newsletter showing your generosity towards our Staff Dependent Scholarship. You’ll see in the update that we are nearing the end of the campaign and we have almost reached our $25,000.00 goal. Thank you all for seeing these needs and “Giving Back” in these hard economic times.

Every summer, NIU’s Operating Staff Council invites all current operating staff and extra help employees, as well as operating staff retirees, to an appreciation luncheon where they are served by university administrators, coaches and college deans.

The theme of this year’s event, held Aug. 5, was “StaffFest 2010-Giving Back.”

As a show of support for all those who are in need during these difficult economic times, participants were encouraged to bring canned goods or non-perishable food items.

Through the generous donations of the attendees at this year’s StaffFest, 548 pounds of food and $388.47 were collected and donated to the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

The Northern Illinois Food Bank, or NIFB, is a non-profit organization that serves 13 counties in northern Illinois. Food is acquired via donation and financial support from retailers, manufacturers, corporations, and community resources. The food then is distributed to hungry people through a network of 520 food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens and other food assistance sites. NIFB distributed 36.5 million pounds of food in fiscal year 2010.

In an effort to continue the “Giving Back” theme, the Operating Staff Council of NIU encourages further donations to local food pantries as well as volunteering of time to other worthy causes and organizations to show support for those in need.

Jay Monteiro, President
Operating Staff Council 2010–2011
Campus Alerts and Advisories

NIU recognizes the importance of keeping its community members and others well informed about public safety issues. The university provides timely notification to the NIU community of potential and actual emergency situations and criminal activity.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to check NIU’s Emergency Information page frequently for timely warnings and advisories. Additional information on campus safety and security policies can be found on the University Security Policies page.

An emergency alert will be sent via text message to NIU Alert subscribers and posted to the NIU Home Page in the event of an actual imminent threat to the lives and safety of most of the campus community.

Advisories vs. Alerts

Advisories

Advisories are timely notifications of potential emergency (safety, criminal, health, hazardous weather) activity on or near campus where the threat is NOT immediate or life-threatening.

- Advisories are posted to NIU’s Emergency Information page
- An email is sent to NIU Advisory Update Notification subscribers
- Depending on nature of the situation, the university may send a campus advisory email to all faculty, staff and/or students.

Campus Safety Bulletin - Example 1: Report of a burglary on campus
Campus Safety Bulletin - Example 2: Report of small fire in laboratory on campus
Campus Safety Bulletin - Example 3: Flu Outbreak
Community Safety Bulletin - Example 4: Report of a woman being accosted in the city of DeKalb
Weather Advisory - Example 5: A tornado has been spotted in DeKalb County

Alerts

Alerts are used to distribute urgent information regarding emergencies that dictate immediate action because they present an imminent threat to the lives and safety of the general campus population.

- A text message is sent to NIU Alert subscribers
- The alert is posted on NIU Home Page
- An all-clear text message may be sent to NIU Alert subscribers

Emergency Weather Alert - Example 1: A tornado has been spotted near the NIU campus
Emergency Campus Alert - Example 2: Police Emergency at (location). Remain indoors, seek immediate indoor shelter and deny entry (lockdown) now!

Additional Notification Methods

Broadcast Voice Mail Message

Broadcast voice mail messages can be sent to landline phones on campus. All faculty and staff are automatically subscribed. Students who live in the residence halls who wish to subscribe should call (815) 753-0600.

Novell Broadcast Message & IPTV

When an emergency text alert is triggered by the NIU Police Department, the message is also displayed on IPTV and on campus computer workstations running the Novell client, which include the workstations in campus computer labs.

Local TV & Radio

Local television and radio stations may broadcast information when emergencies occur.

Sirens & Weather Radios

All campus buildings are equipped with weather radios to warn campus officials of dangerous weather, and emergency sirens are located on and around campus. For weather emergencies, call the NIU weather hotline at (815) 752-6736 (815-753-9703 TTY).
**Employment Changes**

**July 2010**

**Welcome New Employees**

Joseph Hoiness, Stationary Fireman Helper—Physical Plant
Laurie Johnson, Cashier III—Campus Parking
Susan Myers, Bookstore Department Supervisor—Holmes Student Center

**Changes**

Valerie Larusso to Program Administrative Assistant—NIU Outreach and Regional Development
Melinda Shelton to Housing Officer—Housing & Dining
Sara Wenberg to Office Support Specialist—Registration and Contract Services
Kathleen Wildenrat to Office Support Specialist—Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming
Ruthann Yeaton to Office Support Specialist—Environmental Studies

**Change in Department**

Patricia Erickson, Administrative Assistant I to University Council
Barbara Kolb, Graphic Designer to Media Services
Elizabeth McNeill, Image Processing Technician II to Information Services
Jessica Schultz, Publications Editor to Vice President University Relations
Jeneen Stanton, Image Processing Technician I to Information Services

**Death**

Donna Martinson, Clerk—Registration and Records

**Name Changes**

Iotha Wilson to Iotha Wilson-Bobbitt, Clerk—Registration and Records

**Retirements**

Ann Marie Clark, Admissions/Records Officer—Registration and Records
Susan Doubler, Purchasing Officer III—Procurement Services
Janice Kuhn, Applications Programmer II—Information Security and Operations
Michael Pottinger, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Dawn Taylor, Building Service Worker—Building Services

**Separations**

Allen Thompson, Stationary Engineer—Physical Plant
Tami Bombich, Office Manager—Center for Governmental Studies
Darin Earl, IT Technical Associate—Information Services
Cranston Evans, Jr., Kitchen Helper—Housing & Dining
Candace Gardner, Office Support Specialist—Marketing

**August 2010**

**Welcome New Employees**

Noreen Hudspeth, Cook—Holmes Student Center
Mary Lata, Office Support Specialist—Marketing
Christina Riebel, IT Support Associate—College of Health and Human Sciences

**Changes**

Fran Bomar to Office Support Specialist—Testing Services
Stefanie Echols to Child Development Supervisor—Campus Child Care
Barbara Hancock to Office Manager—Physics
Timothy James to IT Technical Associate—Information Services
Kendra Nenia to Child Development Supervisor—Campus Child Care
Jamie Peterson to Child Development Supervisor—Campus Child Care
Dawn Reader to Child Development Supervisor—Campus Child Care
Carol Schroeder to Child Development Supervisor—Campus Child Care
Gina Shannon to Office Manager—Teaching and Learning
Bonnie Williams to Cook—Holmes Student Center
Barbara Zeman to Child Development Associate—Campus Child Care

**Change in Department**

Jelmor Atkins, Office Support Specialist to College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
Jacob Waddle, Account Technician II to Intercollegiate Athletics
Penny Winterton, Office Support Specialist to Teaching and Learning

**Death**

James Wisted, Building Service Worker—Building Services

**Retirements**

Colleen Bowers, Office Manager—Physics
Janet Irving, IT Support Associate—Registration and Records
Dale Knudson, Building Service Worker—Building Services

**Service Awards**

**July 2010**

**10 Years**

Judy Andres—Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
M. Cristine Black—Finance and Facilities
Wade Duerkes—Media Services
Jeffrey Farley—Refrigerator and Air Conditioning
Thomas Finn—Building Services
Patricia Gosse—Accounting
David Newman—Building Services
Steven Sarver—Development Operations
Jeffrey Willey—Building Services

**15 Years**

Janice Eisele—Conference Services—Rockford
Dawn Fritsch—Campus Mail
Barbara Meredith—Housing & Dining
Christina Peddle—Executive VP and Provost

**20 Years**

Barbara Alsup—Bursar
Ann Marie Clark—Registration and Records
Cathy Cradduck—Registration and Contract Services
Karen Frazer—Health Services
Dena Olson—Transportation
Lisa Reynolds—Music

**25 Years**

Gayle Meier—Human Resource Services

**30 Years**

Linda Faire—Research Eval. and Policy Studies

**August 2010**

**Welcome New Employees**

Darlene Mason, Admissions/Records Specialist—Vice President Research and Dean of Graduate School
Joseph Masson, IT Support Associate—Information Security and Operations
Tonia Morris, Cook—Housing and Dining

**Separations**

Joy Jeffries, Police Officer—Public Safety
Carol Sacco, Staff Nurse I—Health Services
10 Years
Kellie Fuss—Campus Child Care
Kristina Hayward—Campus Child Care
Doneva Malm—Registration and Contract Services
Diane Mathison—Campus Child Care
Brian McCarthy—Housing & Dining
Harold Thurston—Building Services
Jean Williams—Holmes Center Bookstore
Olivia Wright—Teaching and Learning

15 Years
Nancy Brown—Building Services
Douglas Capaul—Holmes Center Food Service
Mary Criddle—Building Services
Lisa Dienst—Internal Audit
Deborah Evans—University Libraries
Chad Folowell—Building Services
Steven Greer—Heating Plant
Anne Hoag—Building Services
Kathy Hodgkinson—Judicial Affairs
Debbie Malcolm—Housing & Dining
Donna Politsch—Health Services
Colene Pattinger—Building Services
Jane Schell—Health Services
Danielle Schultz—Internal Audit
Melinda Shelton—Housing & Dining
Clifford Turner—Building Services
Christine Wendorf—Industrial and Systems Engineering
Curtis Young—Public Safety

20 Years
Richard Casey—Learning Center
Wallace Grant—University Libraries
April Johnson—Accounting
Jennifer Melton—Access-Ability Resources
William Newell—Building Services
Jill Secor—Contracts, Records and Reports
Betty Shearon—Information Technology Services
Terri Smialek—Controller
Roger Thuestad—Building Services

25 Years
Joan Anderson—Child Welfare and Education
Susan Chaplin—Kinesiology and Physical Education
Doris Grubbs—Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations
Mary Letheby—Computer Science
Richard Lovell—Heating Plant
JoAnn Opstad—Center for Governmental Studies

30 Years
Michael Coulter—Heating Plant
Judy Sharp—School of Business Management-IASBO
Kathleen Sherman—University Libraries

StaffFest 50/50 Winner
The 50/50 winner for Stafffest was Stan Erlien, NIUTEL - Telecomm Services. Pictured here is Jay Monteiro, Operating Staff Council President, presenting the prize. Stan won $330 and our staff Dependent Award Scholarship fund receives $330 too! We believe this is our largest 50/50 ever. Thanks for your support.