The office of Military and Post-Traditional Students Services will host its 10th annual Off-Campus Housing Fair in the Capitol Room of the Holmes Student Center on Wednesday, February 27, from 11-2 p.m. All current NIU and incoming students are welcome to join us.

The fair is designed to be a one-stop, on-campus opportunity for you to learn about various properties in the DeKalb/Sycamore area. As you walk through the fair, you can learn about a variety of properties, including leasing, availability, amenities and more.

When looking for an apartment it’s important to make sure you ask a variety of questions. Some factors that can determine if the apartment is right for you are: location, transportation, pet policies, price, what possible utilities might be included and what types of apartments each company has to offer.

It’s also a good idea to visit each apartment you’re interested in. At the Housing Fair, students have the opportunity to ask each leasing company about the process to go and see an apartment unit. Seeing an apartment in-person can give you a great visualization to determine if it’s really the right apartment for you.

In addition, attendees will also have the opportunity to speak with NIU Students’ Legal about leasing agreements and members of NIU Police and Public Safety about any off-campus concerns. NIU Students’ Legal is an office on-campus that will do free lease reviews by appointment. It’s recommended all students get their lease looked at in order to fully understand what their signing and committing to.

Food will be provided at this event. Students will also have the ability to connect with MPTSS staff about assistance finding roommates or questions regarding subleasing an apartment.
2019 ALL-MAJORS INTERNSHIP AND JOB FAIR

This year the NIU Internship and Job Fair will be held on February 19, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. It will be located at the Convocation Center off of Lincoln Highway.

This event is a great opportunity for students from all majors to network with employers that are looking to hire for internships and full-time positions. More than 200 employers will be attending this event.

Undergraduates, graduating seniors, graduate students, alumni and non-NIU candidates are all welcome to attend. The fair is a free event, and does not require anyone to pre-register ahead of time.

All attendees will also have the opportunity to take a free professional photo at the event that could be used for interviews, or a linked-in profile account.

Prior to the event, Career Services will be hosting a Career Fair Preparation Workshop on February 12, from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Regency Room of the Holmes Student Center. This event will go over topics such as: professional appearance, name tags, researching companies, 30-second speech, handshake/eye contact and reading the career fair employer guide.

FEMINISM 101 WORKSHOP

Our third workshop of the semester is called Feminism 101. In collaboration with the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, we will explore what feminism is, what it isn’t and the impacts inside and outside the classroom. This workshop can help all students better their understanding, which will ultimately impact classroom collaborations and post-graduation work success.

This event will be run by our featured staff member of the month Ariel Owens. It will be an open discussion and a great opportunity for students to build connections.

This workshop will be located in the Campus Life Building in Room 100. It will take place on March 5, 2019, from 12-1 p.m. Food will be provided. The workshop is College of Business Passport credit approved.

THE FISH HOOK

Each month Associate Director Jeff Salmon shares insights and thoughts with Post-Trads.

Happy week five! So what’s stood out to everyone during the first four weeks of the semester? For me, it definitely was the polar vortex. First time since I started working at NIU that campus was closed three and half days due to weather. It was so cold my wife was timing me when I took the dogs out so I wouldn’t go beyond three minutes. As an office, we had to cancel multiple events which is always disappointing.

The other highlight during that time was my dogs, Blue and Rey, being named Northern Star Pet of the Week. They made their grandpa who is a NIU alum very proud.

Our events calendar picks back up this week. Both Facts and Snacks and Breaking Barriers returns. We have a LinkedIn Workshop exclusively for those receiving this newsletter on March 27. If you plan on attending just send me an email!
MEET HUSKIE STAFF MEMBER: ARIEL OWENS

Ariel Owens completed her undergraduate degree here at NIU and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies. She then went to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and graduated with a Master of Science in Education: Professional Development with an emphasis in Higher Education Leadership.

Ms. Owens is now the Assistant Director for Women and Gender Programs for NIU. This spring is her second semester working in this position. She expressed that she has always had an interest in women’s studies. When asked what her favorite aspect about NIU was she stated that she loves the opportunity for connections between staff and students. She believes that NIU strives to have a student-first approach, which she enjoys seeing through her work. Her main piece of advice for students is to get involved on campus. As a student herself, she formed her own organization at NIU. She believes that students should take advantage of all the events and engagements on campus.

As for the office Ms. Owens works in, she wants students to know that they have a big space/lounge for any students to come enjoy. The lounge includes a computer lab, microwave, refrigerator, sink, coffee maker, water cooler, plates and eating utensils. It also includes a conference room that students have the availability to reserve for meetings. The lounge is located at the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center on Normal Road.

In her free time, Ariel enjoys spending time watching Netflix and relaxing with her cat. She has two younger sisters, age six and nine, which keep her on the move. During her undergraduate studies, she remembers fondly her experience being involved with the Student Association. This gave her a chance to become involved on campus, and build great connections. She hopes students will strive to become involved in their own way!

MEET HUSKIE POST-TRADITIONAL STUDENT: WILLIAM LIN

William Lin is a senior at NIU with a major in statistics. He enjoys working with probability and stocks. He chose statistics because it was most related to computer science, but emphasized that he chose his major on a whim. William decided last week to go on to apply to NIU for a master’s in marketing. He chose NIU because it was the most convenient and efficient.

NIU is close to home for William, similar to a lot of our lounge users and chose NIU specifically because he was awarded an $8,000 scholarship for good grades and a high GPA. He enjoys the events on campus. Specifically, William enjoyed Promise Scholars and English as a Second Language, although lately the weather has been keeping him from activities. One of the attractions William enjoys is all the job fairs NIU conducts and how helpful people are insuring student success.

Some of Williams hobbies include juggling and cooking. His favorite foods to cook are done in ‘Chinese style” and he likes to portion out ratios and see what kind of meal he can create. His favorite so far is what we have decided to call the Chinese burrito where he creates stir fries with varying ingredients only to wrap it all up in a tortilla shell. Not surprising that he is extremely creative he also likes to add cheese to his stir fry burritos

Eventually when he completes his schooling he would like to go on to have a job with purchasing and inventory, possibly supply chain and analytics with big date.
### Upcoming Events

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