MPTSS Lounge and Support Services Relocates

The Holmes Student Center (HSC) is gearing up for a massive renovation as highlighted in last month’s Paw Prints Newsletter. With the renovation will come a major change for Military and Post-Traditional Student Services.

Starting March 19, the MPTSS’ Lounge and Support Services office will be relocating to the Campus Life Building Room 170. The Lounge will be on the first floor nestled in between the Student Involvement and Leadership Office and the Student Association. CLB will be the home of the Lounge for the duration of the HSC renovation.

With the relocation, our office will still offer the same services students have always enjoyed. We will have a kitchen area complete with refrigerator, toaster oven, microwave and coffee maker. We will be gaining a sink area in the new lounge. The Lounge will continue to officer an area for students watch television and eat.

The Lounge will continue to have space for students to study. The three computers currently in the Lounge will move with us as well as our printer allowing us to continue to offer some free printing.

Students will still have access to the MPTSS staff between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Our graduate assistants and student staff will be the main point of contact in the Lounge. Assistant Direct Jeff Salmon will have his office on the second level in Room 240.

In CLB, student will have access to vending machines. Student can interact with many of our university partners such as Student’s Legal Assistance, SILD, the Honors College, Student Conduct, Counseling & Consultation and Career Services. Career Services’ Resume Center will now be a flight of stairs away.

We hope you will join us in our new home in the Campus Life Building.
2018 OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING FAIR

The office of Military and Post-Traditional Students Services will host its ninth annual Off-Campus Housing Fair on Thursday, March 8, in the Capitol Room of the HSC from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. All current NIU and incoming students are welcome to join us.

The Housing Fair will offer students the opportunity to speak with properties from the DeKalb/Sycamore area and plan ahead for the 2018-19 academic year.

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.

Food will be provided by NIUPads.com. Students will also have the ability to connect with MPTSS staff about roommates or sublease assistance.

NIU SERVICE SCHOLARS

The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning is accepting applications for the 2018-19 NIU Service Leaders program.

NIU Service Leaders is a federal work-study program for eligible sophomores, juniors or seniors. This program engages local high school and middle school students as well as organizations that work predominately with DeKalb County Youth.

The program offers the opportunity to be involved in the community serving as a mentor and/or tutor as well as encouraging civic engagement activities. Students will work in teams.

Applications and a letter of recommendation are due March 18. Service Leaders must be work-study eligible, be in enrolled full-time, maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher, attend mandatory monthly meetings, commit to both fall and spring semesters and be able to work 5-10 hours a week.
MEET HUSKIE STAFF MEMBER: JEANNE MEYER

Jeanne Meyer, the Director of Student Conduct, joined the Navy fresh out of undergrad. She then went on to complete her master’s and obtain a Law Degree here at NIU. Meyer was a NIU police officer for many years, but was excited to become the Director of Student Conduct so she could use her victim advocacy, safety, student advocacy and skills as a lawyer help students in a unique way.

Meyer’s advice to students is to pay attention to both what is going on outside of class as well as inside of class. Get involved in extracurriculars, such as research and artistry. Meyer also believes it is always important to try something new. Get to know your faculty, while they may seem intimidating, they are just people like you. According to Meyer, there is not one NIU experience. Each student is going to have a unique experience, so go out there and make the most out of your time at NIU.

One thing she would like people to know about Student Conduct is that their role is to educate, not to discipline. However, sometimes they do have to discipline individuals when education is not enough. Their goal is to make everyone who walks through their office a successful individual.

Fun Facts:

- Meyer has worked as a prosecutor, public defender and a police officer.
- She enjoys kayaking down the Kishwaukee River.

MEET HUSKIE POST-TRADITIONAL STUDENT: MIKE ORSAY

Mike Orsay is a transfer student from the College of DuPage, a commuter and a student veteran. His major is a B.S. in Computer Science. He always enjoyed computers as a kid. He actually started first programming as a child. He likes NIU because of his classes. As an upperclassman, he is taking the core classes of his major which he enjoys. Another thing he likes about NIU is how great commuters are treated at NIU. The commuter lounge in the Holmes Student Center is the perfect place to hang out in between classes. Mike is looking forward to walking the graduation stage in Spring 2019.

Mike choose NIU because it was close to home. He did not want to make his wife move from the home they have settled down at to a university that was very far away. Additionally, he has friends that have shared their NIU experience which they have enjoyed. Mike has a 45 minute commute to NIU. During his free time, he likes to play video games. His suggestions to new students is to always attend class and do not skip. For student veterans like himself, university requires the application of the discipline learned while serving in the military.

Fun Fact: Mike is able to dislocate his shoulder.
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