

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

April 12 - May 1, 2014



**Highlighting the accomplishments and contributions
of NIU students, faculty, staff and alumni to the
university's mission during the academic year**



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About Celebrating Excellence at NIU



From April 12-May 1, 2014, Northern Illinois University will showcase the talent and intellect of faculty, students, alumni and staff during "Celebrating Excellence at NIU."

During that time, awards and recognition ceremonies will honor those who have exhibited excellence in fulfilling the university's mission of teaching and learning, research and scholarship, creativity and artistry and outreach and service during the 2013-14 academic year.

To be included, an event must: reward, honor, recognize or showcase excellence in research, artistry or service on campus; highlight a university-wide award or multi-disciplinary award; and honor contributions to the academic excellence of the institution. During this annual observance, many events will take place including presentation of the university's most prestigious faculty awards, presentations of outstanding research by graduate and undergraduate students, recognition of outstanding alumni and lectures by top faculty.

The event begins with NIU Cares Day, Saturday, April 12, coinciding with a campus visit and speeches by Nancy Lublin, founder of Dress for Success and CEO of DoSomething.org. She will deliver two speeches on the topics of service and social entrepreneurship that day.

The campus community, area residents and media members are invited to participate in these events and join NIU in recognizing the "best of the best" that the university has to offer.

This publication will serve as both a schedule and keepsake program for honorees that serves to inform the campus and local community about these amazing students, faculty, staff and alumni and make them aware of the events in place to recognize them.

The program was produced entirely by students from the Northern Star student newspaper with content provided by students from NIU's Division of Marketing and Communications, contributing to their education by providing real-life experience writing, designing, producing and selling advertising within the publication.

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Recognizing Our Graduating Veterans BBQ
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SAEM Annual Awards and Reception Program

May 2

Celebration of Academic Achievement

May 8

5th Annual Lavender Graduation

For a complete listing, visit www.NIU.edu/excellence



NIU Cares Day

Saturday, April 12

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (kickoff event & thank you lunch for volunteers only)

Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center

NIU Cares Day is a campus-wide day of community service. Volunteers comprised of NIU students, faculty, and staff come together once a year to complete projects that benefit DeKalb County's not-for-profit organizations and community agencies as a way of thanking the community for their support of the institution and its mission. NIU volunteers are transported to locations around the county to spend the day planting, painting, cleaning, sorting, assisting with events, and various other tasks. A special thank you lunch will follow the service activities at 1:30 p.m. and will feature a talk by Nancy Lublin entitled "Do Something to Change the World." Lublin is the CEO of Dosomething.org, one of the largest not-for-profit organizations for young people and social change.



Nancy Lublin: "Finding Your Inner Entrepreneur"

Saturday, April 12

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Carl Sandburg Auditorium, Holmes Student Center

Nancy Lublin took a \$5000 inheritance and founded Dress for Success at the age of 23. Today, Dress for Success helps women reclaim their destinies in more than 25 cities in 15 countries. Using her own experience launching Dress for Success and reinventing DoSomething.org, Lublin explains how to take action, implement an idea, and keep things rolling. This event is free and open to the public.

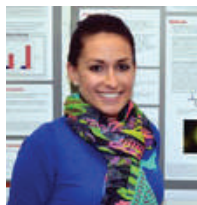


20th Annual Biological Student Research Symposium

Saturday, April 12

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Montgomery Hall



Sponsored by the Phi Sigma Biological Honor Society, the Biological Student Research Symposium features student research presentations, and the department's faculty will serve as judges to name the "Outstanding Undergraduate Research Student" and the "Outstanding Graduate Research Student" based on their presentation and work at this symposium. Last year, 45 undergraduate and graduate students participated in the symposium. Monetary awards are given for the top research done by a graduate student, and the top research done by an undergraduate student. The awards will be presented at the Department of Biological Sciences Awards Convocation on April 17.



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Mortar Board Honor Society Induction

Saturday April 12

5-7 p.m.

Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center



The senior honor society will induct its new members that were initiated on March 1. Mortar Board recognizes seniors for their achievements in scholarship, leadership and service, providing opportunities for continued leadership development, promoting service to colleges and universities and encouraging lifelong contributions to the global community. The 2014-2015 inductees are:

Delaney Anderson

Karen Castillo

Xenia Cerda

Raquel Chavez

Ashley Cronin

Alecia Eschenbrenner

Jacob Ferguson

Angelina Formenti

Vincent Helmus

Amy Henkel

Chris Jackson

Michel Kaczmarek

Krista Krepp

Megan Lepianka

Arie Musil

Sean Phelan

Kristin Schwanz

Jessie Shattuck

Jessica Siewerth

Katelyn Smith

Lauren Tromp

Catherine Tromp

Brittany Ward

Daniel Wulff

Kelsey Zollinger



NIU Steel Band Concert

Sunday, April 13

3 p.m.

Boutell Memorial Concert Hall

The performance will be co-directed by Liam Teague and Cliff Alexis and held in the Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. The NIU Steel Band is a 35-member group mainly comprised of steel pan and percussion majors. The concert, which will also be streamed live, promises a diverse blend of music from across the globe and is free and open to the public.

Phi Kappa Phi Induction Ceremony

Sunday April 13

3:30 p.m.

Capitol Room, Holmes Student Center



Phi Kappa Phi is one of the oldest honor societies in the nation dedicated solely to academic achievement. Undergraduate students in the Phi Kappa Phi chapter at Northern Illinois University must have completed at least 24 semester hours a 3.8 GPA. At this year's event, the NIU chapter will induct 80 to 100 new members.



PCSW Outstanding Women Awards
Sunday April 13
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Regency Room, Holmes Student Center



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The Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, in cooperation with the Office of the President, annually recognize the achievements of outstanding women on NIU's campus. Affirmative Action and Diversity Resources, the Office of the Provost and the Division of Student Affairs co-sponsor this event.

The awards are intended to encourage the full participation of women students in all facets of the University experience and in their communities; to support their development of corresponding strengths, both cooperative and competitive; and to celebrate their achievements and contributions, including those not usually recognized by other award programs. The commission also strives to recognize those whose leadership is less formal in nature, who entertain non-traditional aspirations, or who have overcome significant obstacles in the pursuit of their education. There are 44 Outstanding Women Student Award recipients this year.

Among the faculty awards to be presented are:

Outstanding Mentor Award

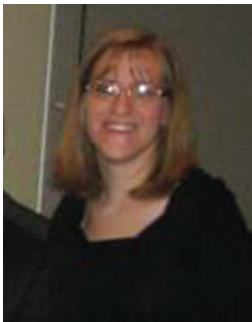
Amy Ozier, Associate Professor of Family, Consumer & Nutrition Sciences



This award is presented each year to one or two NIU civil service, professional staff or faculty employees. The objective of this recognition award program, created in 2007 is to recognize individuals who have shown exceptional commitment to advancing the career and/or educational goals of NIU women students, staff, and/or faculty. Clearly demonstrating her commitment to advancing the educational and career goals of her students, Amy Ozier was nominated for the Outstanding Mentor Award by four of her current graduate students. In their nominating letters, Ozier's students describe her as 'a wonderful role model,' 'true asset to the university' and an 'invaluable resource' both in and outside of the classroom.

Women Who Make a Difference Award

Lisa Roth, Forensics Coaching Specialist, Department of Communication



The Women Who Make a Difference Award honors individuals who have shown exceptional commitment to empowering women at NIU. As a Forensics Coaching Specialist, Roth is "committed to getting more young women involved in this very male dominated activity. Her recruitment efforts have been very successful and the number of female debaters has increased 45 percent in recent years," said Judy Santacaterina, one of her nominators. "Lisa truly embodies the spirit of the award and the remarkable woman for which it is named."



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**John H. Clarke
Honor Society
Induction Ceremony**

Formed in 2000, the John Henrik Clarke Honor Society was created to recognize the academic achievements of African American students. Membership is open to all African American undergraduate students in their sophomore through senior years who have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Career Services Internship/ Co-op Student of the Year Awards

Monday, April 14

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sky Room, Holmes Student Center

The Internship/Co-op Student of the Year Awards banquet recognizes three internship or co-op students for excellence and leadership on the job and in the classroom. These three students will receive scholarship awards provided by internship and co-op employers and will speak about their experiences.

NIU internship/co-op students who excel in career-related work experiences and in their academics are eligible to compete for both Internship/Co-op Student of the Month and Student of the Year scholarship awards. Students are selected based on their communication skills in writing about their internship or co-op experience, letters of recommendation from their employer and NIU faculty, and academic achievement.



President Dawn Dekle, American Univ. Iraq: Inspiring the Next Generation of Leaders

Monday, April 14

4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Altgeld Auditorium

Dr. Dawn Dekle joined the American University of Iraq-Sulaimani in September 2013. She is the first woman to serve as president of a university in Iraq. As the university's first female president, she oversees efforts to earn regional accreditation in the U.S., build academic programs that continue to attract top students from across the country and strengthen resource acquisition, allocation, and management.

Iraq's future hinges on working to resolve sectarian conflicts, establishing rule of law, and attracting foreign direct investment to rebuild the country. In her lecture, she examines the key role education plays and how the American University of Iraq, founded in 2007, is a vital pathway for Iraq's future.



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Student Choice Awards

Monday April 14

7 p.m.

Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center



This annual ceremony hosted by the Student Association acknowledges outstanding students and faculty throughout the campus. This is a formal event and free appetizers will be provided. Several different awards will be distributed among the following categories:

President's Awards

These awards are given to faculty, staff, and students for their outstanding contribution to NIU, serving students and enhancing the quality of life at NIU.

Outstanding Greek Advocate

The recipient of the award represent fraternity and sorority life in a positive, motivational manner and upholds the virtues of a well-rounded Greek member and NIU student. This individual promotes their own Greek Chapter, in addition to Greek Life collectively, to the campus and fellow students.

Outstanding Chapter President

The recipient of this award has proven to be an effective, motivated, and driven leader. The Chapter President honored with this award displays conviction, integrity, and determination within their role. They serve as a role model for chapter members and within the Greek Community.

Outstanding Greek Relations

The recipient of this award embodies the qualities of a great member of the NIU Greek Community. As a Fraternity or Sorority member, it is important to maintain open lines of communication and relationships with those in your organization, as well as all chapters and councils.

Student Advocate Award

This recipient is an activist through their service to the campus and its students. This award will be given to someone who has exemplified the meaning of advocacy. This individual is not afraid to speak up or be a shoulder to lean on for fellow students. Their service for their peers is measured through their accomplishments with organizations or the individual services.

Student Leader Award

This award is given to someone that is seen as a leader in the organization in which he or she belongs. This person may serve in a formal leadership role or in a supportive capacity within the organization.

Outstanding Organization

This award will be given to an organization that has gone out of their way to partner with different organizations and departments to put on events that are beneficial to our campus, community, and environ-

ment. This successful organization knows how to reach out to the community and make a lasting impact.

Outstanding Resource Center

The Outstanding Resource award will be given to a department that has provided outstanding services to NIU students and planned events that bring NIU students together.

Student Athlete of the Year

The recipient of this award performs well athletically as well as academically at the university. This person demonstrates the ability to meet university standards and go above and beyond to achieve well-rounded success.

Outstanding Cultural Center

This award is given to the Cultural Department that went above and beyond this year to serve its students and the entire NIU community. This award is given to the most influential cultural resource center. This center shows the most impact on their willingness to improve the campus for all.

Most Outstanding Student

This award will be given to a student who not only excels in their academics, but is also heavily involved in serving the NIU and DeKalb community through student involvement. This student has shown—through service, ambition, and great morals—he/she is a true Huskie.

Steven R. Agee II Award

Named after the NIU student who died in 2011 after a fatal shooting incident, recipients for this award will be chosen by Agee's family and the Steven R. Agee II foundation.

Eli Whitney Award of Excellence

In partnership with Off-Campus & Non-Traditional Student Services. This award will be given to a student who identifies as non-traditional in that he or she is one or more of the following: student parent, transfer student, commuter, or adult learner. This student will be chosen based on character, leadership, citizenship, as well as his or her academic successes. The ideal recipient of this award exemplifies character through compassion, honesty, trustworthiness, responsibility, optimism and loyalty in helping to create a positive university environment.



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Management Department Spring Awards Banquet

Monday April 14

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Hopkins Park Terrace Room

The Management Department recognizes excellence during this annual ceremony by presenting the 2014 Management Distinguished Alumnus Award, Student Scholarships, and Excellence in Teaching and Instruction Awards. The 2014 Distinguished Alumni include:



Russ Smyth, Beta Gamma Sigma Business Achievement Award Winner

Smyth is the Chief Executive Officer of The HAVI Group LP, a diversified holding company that owns and manages businesses across the supply chain. Prior to joining HAVI in 2010, Smyth was the President and CEO of H&R Block's tax preparation business, as well as H&R Block Bank and RSM McGladrey, a leading professional services firm providing tax and consulting services. He earned a bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Northern Illinois University. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for Lewis University in Romeoville.



Scott Kluth, Beta Gamma Sigma Medallion for Entrepreneurship Award Winner

Kluth graduated from the Northern Illinois University College of Business in 1999 with a B.S. in Operations Management & Information Systems (OM&IS). Kluth's business, CouponCabin, came in late 2002 as an opportunity to help consumers save money by building a website of coupon codes from a variety of companies. By 2008, his company was ranked 163 of the 5,000 Fastest Growing Private Companies in America and one of MSN.com's Most Useful Sites — a tribute to the incredible impact he brought to American consumers. By 2010, CouponCabin became the 2nd largest coupon site and generated more than \$90 million in savings for its customer base. Today, CouponCabin draws millions of repeat customers each month by providing more than 100,000 current coupons from over 3,000 online stores.

NIU Jazz Lab Band

Monday April 14

8 p.m.

Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, Music Building

Under the direction of Rodrigo Villanueva, the NIU Jazz Lab Band performs advanced and intermediate material covering a wide variety of jazz styles, including new works composed and/or arranged by NIU faculty and students.



The group has performed with several international artists, including Allen Vizzutti, Fareed Haque, Kelly Sill, Stefan Karlsson, Liam Teague, Art Davis, Tom Garling, Gary Smulyan, Mark Colby and Wayne Bergeron.



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Innovation Recognition Ceremony
Tuesday April 15
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Altgeld Hall

The Division of Research and Innovation Partnerships is recognizing innovation in the development of novel ideas, technologies, processes, products and services in their application address societal problems, meet societal needs and expand human opportunities. This brunch event will include a poster presentation from candidates, and NIU Vice President of Research Lesley Rigg will present certificates of recognition to students, staff and faculty who have gone above and beyond in the area of innovation.



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Supportive Professional Staff Awards and Reception
Tuesday April 15
2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center

Each year the SPS council awards a number of Certificates of Recognition to members of the Supportive Professional Staff who have achieved accomplishments above and beyond their regular job duties. Certificates are awarded for such accomplishments as: publication of books or articles, presentations or papers delivered at professional conferences, leadership in professional associations, honors and recognitions received, advanced academic degrees or professional certifications earned and for extraordinary service to the NIU community and its students. Those recognized as being the most outstanding, receive the SPS Presidential Award for Excellence.

SPS Award for Excellence

Steve Estes
 Dana Gautcher
 Kathryn Maley
 Jeanne Meyer



SPS Award for Excellence in Supervision
 Mike Stang

SPS Award for Institutional Advancement
 Dan House

SPS Award for Advocacy
 Greg Brady

SPS Award for Cultural Competency
 Molly Holmes

SPS Award for Partnership & Collaboration
 Toni Tollerud



Top Row, L-R: Steve Estes, Dana Gautcher, Kathryn Maley, Jeanne Meyer, Mike Stang; Bottom Row, L-R: Dan House, Greg Brady, Molly Holmes, Toni Tollerud



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Amicizia Trio Recital

Tuesday, April 15

8 p.m.

Recital Hall, Music Building

The Amicizia Trio will present "Incarnation," a free concert of new works composed for violin, cello and piano. The program will feature works by Zack Browning, Robert Fleisher, Tim Schirmer, Daniel Temkin and Durwynne Hsieh. The Amicizia Trio is made up of three musicians: Song-A-Cho (violin), Stephanie Lovine (cello) and Johanna Kosak (piano).



NIU ECONference 2014

Wednesday, April 16

12 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

University Suite, Holmes Student Center

Hosted by the Department of Economics, the half-day conference will feature three seminar sessions:

Faculty Research Seminar (12 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.)

-Carl Campbell III, professor of Economics at NIU, will present The Challenge of Deriving Macroeconomics Theory from Microeconomic Principles.

Graduate Research Session (2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.)

- Economics Ph.D. candidate Wei Chen will present Grossman's Human Capital Model with Endogenous Demand for Knowledge.
- Herman Sahni, NIU Economics Ph.D. candidate, will speak on Social Capital and the Gender Wage Gap.
- Mohammad Pakdel, NIU Economics Ph.D. candidate, will present Asset Allocation with Stochastic Volatility Models: A Comparison between Backward-Looking and Forward Looking Approaches.

Undergraduate Research Session (3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

- Economics B.A. candidate Mansi Trivedi will present Labor Force Performance of Irish Immigrant Women in Mid-20th Century.
- Economics B.S. candidate Matthew DeYoung: Testing the 'Protection for Sale' Model Using Disaggregated Agricultural Tariffs.
- Economics B.S. candidate Timothy White: Do Halo Card Change Consumer Behavior Enough to Justify Their Development?

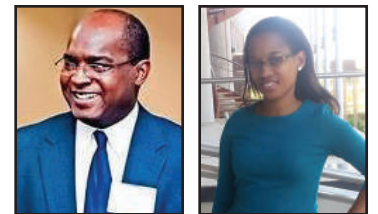
Social Justice and Leadership in Local and Global Perspectives

Wednesday, April 16

6 p.m.

Sky Room, Holmes Student Center

The fourth annual Zeta Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Delta/University Honors Lecture Series event features two speakers: United African Organization Executive Director Alie Kabba and Tshepiso Promise Matlala, Consul Political, South African Consulate.





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Department of Biological Sciences Honors Convocation

Thursday, April 17

3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Montgomery Hall Auditorium

Each year, the Department of Biological Sciences hosts an Honors Convocation to recognize the top students in the department. Approximately 25 awards are given to as many as 45 students, most of them with a monetary award.

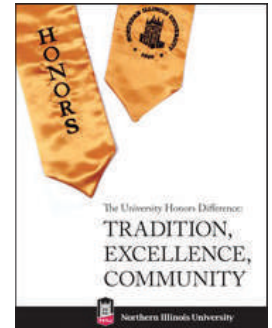
University Honors Research Scholars Reception

Thursday April 17

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Chandelier Room, Adams Hall

The 2014-2015 Honors Scholars will be announced at this reception. In spring 2013, the Honors Committee selected three exceptional students as NIU's second annual University Honors Summer Scholars. Those students--Octavio Escalante, Elliot Ihm and Lauren Nale--will give presentations about their research.



From DeKalb Back to Burma: The Saga of Looted Buddha

Thursday, April 17

5 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

Altgeld Hall Room 315

Catherine Raymond, Associate Professor of Art History, Director of the Center for Burma Studies and curator of the Burma Collection at NIU, will present a lecture on the subject of looted artwork and how that concept hit home right here at Northern Illinois.



Roger Kalisiak Athletic Training and Alumni Lecture Series: Paul Schmidt

Thursday, April 17

7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Yordon Center

Now in his 20th year working in college athletics, NIU alumnus Paul D. Schmidt MS, ATC/L PES, will present *Student Career Success: Stepping out of your Comfort Zone* at the McCaerins Auditorium in the Yordon Center. Schmidt is in his second season as Director of Sports Medicine for Fighting Illini athletics, as well as his second season in charge of athletic training for the Illini men's basketball program.



Foreign Languages and Literatures 5th Awards Ceremony

Saturday, April 19

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Chandelier Room, Adams Hall

This event celebrates students' achievements in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

Foreign language majors and minors were asked to write an original essay on "Getting in and out of trouble with language," which will be judged on the criteria of creativity, relevance to the topic selected and style and grammar. The top three winners will receive awards of \$200, \$100 and \$50, respectively.

The following scholarships will also be awarded at the ceremony in efforts to help students defer the costs of studying overseas:

- Teacher Licensure Candidates*
- Lillian Pauline Cobb Endowment Fund Study Abroad Scholarship*
- Levin, Jachman, Greenberg and Wagman Study Abroad Scholarship*
- Joseph Suhadole Scholarship*
- Interpro Translation Solutions FLRP Study Abroad Fund*

Wind Symphony

Monday, April 21

8 p.m.

Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, Music Building



Director Thomas Bough will lead the NIU Wind Symphony in this free concert. The Wind Symphony is a select concert band designed for in-depth study of major literature for winds and percussion, the Wind Symphony performs literature of the highest quality from the repertoire of both traditional and contemporary compositional styles.

University Band Concert

Tuesday, April 22

8 p.m.

Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, Music Building



Director Kate Swope will lead the university band in this free concert at the Boutell Memorial Concert Hall.



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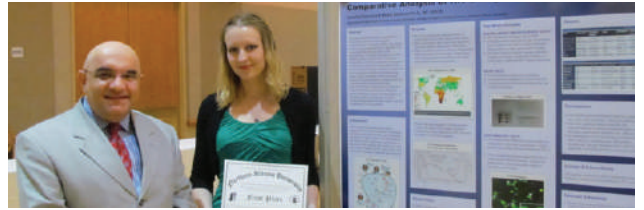
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Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day
Tuesday, April 22
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center



The fifth annual Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day will provide undergraduate students an opportunity to showcase their faculty mentored research projects and artistic undertakings.

URAD gives undergraduate students the chance to develop new skills in professional research and use their creativity to make their projects come to life. This year, 312 students will represent 198 projects. In years past, projects have included everything from research on cancer cures to examples of how to build inexpensive utility vehicles that could transform life in Third World villages.

A panel of judges will select top projects in categories of: math, science, social science, engineering, health, humanities, arts and technology. Judges on the panel will be looking at accuracy as well as quality of the presentation of each project.

Outstanding Graduate Student Recognition Reception
Tuesday, April 22
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Altgeld Hall Auditorium

This event hosted by the Graduate School and recognizes graduate student recipients of the Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Dissertation Completion Fellowship and University Fellowship for 2013-2014, Carter G. Woodson Award, Jeffrey T. Lunsford/Minority Fellowship, and DFI Fellowship.

Forty-five students will receive the Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Additional awards include:

Carter G. Woodson Fellowship 2013-14 (New)
Christine Valdez – Psychology

Jeffrey T. Lunsford Fellowship 2013-14
Ryan Brooks – Philosophy
Nicole Burt - Psychology
Matthew Neil – Biological Sciences
Marie Norris – Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences

Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship 2013-14 (New)
Floyd Knight, Jr. – English
Natalie Young – Leadership, Educational Psych. and Foundations

Outstanding Dissertation Award 2013-14 (2012-13 Dissertation)
Sourabh Dhingra – Biological Sciences

Outstanding Thesis Award 2013-2014 (2012-13 Thesis)
Stephen Strader – Geography

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award 2013-14
Danielle Hill – Kinesiology and Physical Education
Ellen Katoll – Literacy and Elementary Education
Ross Knoll – Psychology

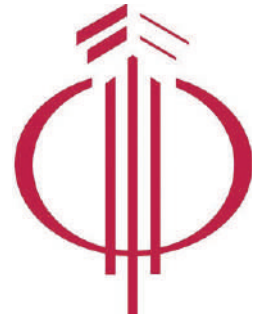
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Venture Grant Pitch Presentations

Wednesday, April 23

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (By Invitation Only)

Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center, DeBiase Family Board Room



Through a partnership with the NIU Technology Transfer Office (TTO), the NIU Foundation is excited to support the pursuit of research development through their Technology Venture Grants Program. This program results in extended collaboration between NIU's students, and faculty, the development of NIU's best "ideas" into viable, market-ready products for technologies, and the advancement of NIU by bringing different minds and skill sets together.

Under the Technology Venture Grants, faculty who have submitted invention disclosures to the TTO for review are selected. Semi-finalists will be selected to advance and meet with students, other faculty members, and members of the local community with expertise in other disciplines to form business teams. These teams will be aligned with mentors and coaches as they train and work on a business plan. Final presentations will be made to the NIU Foundation Grants Committee and two proposals will be selected to receive Venture Grant funding. The 2014 semi-finalist teams are:

Tim Hagen, Michael Clare, James Horn, R. Meganathan, Joel Strafstrom and Zachary Lazowski

Design and Synthesis of novel Inhibitors of Isoprenoid Biosynthesis

This invention is a series of synthetic compounds designed to lead to improved drugs and other treatments for infectious diseases such as malaria and a range of bacterial infections.

Lichuan Liu

Wireless Communication Integrated Active Noise Control Systems for Infant Incubators

This inventor has developed a device that reduces external noise in incubators (caused by life-sustaining equipment) while allowing for two-way communication between infant and parent. When connected to an incubator unit, this technology offers protection for an infant's hearing, soothes the infant via parents voices and maintains audible contact of infants breathing and cries for medical staff all without restricting the newborn's movement or impeding views of the child in the incubator.

Federico Sciammarella, Joseph Santner, Steven Kyselica
Laser Assisted Machining (LAM) System for Ceramics and Hard Materials

This team has developed a computer-controlled laser technology system that improves the machining of ceramic parts used in energy, transportation and metal-forming applications. This technology employs multiple laser beams under computer control. This allows the operator to more effectively control the distribution of the thermal energy and thereby provides additional processing freedom to improve the material removal rates.

Tao Xu

Electrochromic Device Having Three-Dimensional Electrode

This inventor developed a Electrochromic (EC) device that replaces the semi-conductive docking layer- a thick porous layer to which the semiconductor material is adhered- with a conductive layer, dramatically improving the response time and reducing the driving voltage of the EC device.

2014 Mentors and Training Experts

Sherry Pritz, Marketing Coordinator, EIGERlab

Scot Dobbs, Consultant, Owner and Co-Founder at Rockford Linked

Neil Kane, NIU Entrepreneur in Residence

Lynn Neeley, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Management, NIU

Eric Wasowicz, Instructor, Department of Management, NIU



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NIU Philharmonic
Wednesday April 23
8 p.m.
Boutell Memorial Concert Hall

Lucia Matos will direct the Philharmonic Orchestra in this free concert. The NIU Philharmonic has a long, well-earned reputation for excellence and is thriving as an integral part of the NIU School of Music. Faculty members from the School of Music often appear as guest soloists with the Philharmonic in performance, and each season also features a concert of winners from NIU's annual concerto competition. Students in the Philharmonic are exposed to a vast array of repertoire each season, from the great standards of past centuries to the most exciting music of today.

Annual Faculty Awards Ceremony and Reception
Thursday April 24
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Altgeld Hall Auditorium

Board of Trustees Professors

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-David Hedin
-Laura Vazquez

Presidential Research Professors

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-Giovanni Bennardo
-Ana Calvo
-Nancy Wingfield

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-Brianno Coller
-Michael Kolb
-Kristen Myers

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-Jon Miller
-Christine Malecki

Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

The Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and Instruction awards honor excellence undergraduate teaching in the university, encourage improvement of instruction and promote discussion among members of the university community on the subject of teaching.



-Mary Lynn Henningsen
-Geoffrey Pynn
-Toni VanLaarhoven

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-Kimberly Gatz

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Pi Sigma Epsilon Kohl's Fashion Show

Thursday, April 24

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Barsema Hall Auditorium

This fashion show is presented by the Fashion Industry Organization (FIO) and the Pi Sigma Epsilon marketing fraternity. The FIO is designed for any student on campus interested in fashion or in the fashion industry. It is especially helpful for those students in a textiles, apparel or merchandising major or minor.

Pi Sigma Epsilon is the only national, professional business fraternity with an emphasis in marketing, selling and sales management. The purpose of the organization is to provide members with opportunities to gain real experience that is pertinent to success in the business world. In 2012, Kohl's Corporation became a leading sponsor of the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon.

School of Theatre and Dance Main Stage Series: Spring 2014 Dance Concert

April 24-27

7:30 p.m. Weekdays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Huntley Middle School Auditorium, 1515 S. 4th St. DeKalb

NIU Students: \$8 Non-Students: \$16 Seniors: \$13

A celebration of the many facets of dance expression, including modern, ballet, experimental and jazz, featuring current students, faculty and alumni from the nationally recognized dance program's thirty year history at Northern Illinois University in performances that represents full range of dance expression and showcases the training that has placed School of Theatre and Dance students in professional companies throughout the United States since 1979.

Big Bold Event

Thursday, April 24

5p.m. - 7 p.m.

Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center

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All participants of the spring Bold Futures Workshops are invited to attend the Big Bold Event from 5 to 6 p.m. Results of the student experience assignment will be on display and four teams will be invited to produce a "Pecha Kucha"- style presentation. From 6-7 p.m., guests will be able to enjoy the first "Jazz Alley" at the Holmes Student Center.



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All University Jazz Band

Thursday, April 24

8 p.m.

Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, Music Building

The 22-member All University Jazz Band, which includes a vocalist, will perform a variety of jazz styles, concentrating mostly on traditional swing and blues in this free concert.

Allied Health and Communicative Disorder Research Event

Friday April 25

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Wirtz Hall Auditorium

This inaugural Allied Health and Communicative Disorder research event will include presentations from students and faculty who will explain their research over the past year and how it relates to a variety of health problems people endure on a day-to-day basis. AHCD faculty and student researchers work to solve real life health problems. Their projects directly impact the health of people in this region and some even improve the quality of care on the national and international level. This event is free and open to the public and the School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders invites others to come, learn and share.

Journalism Awards Banquet

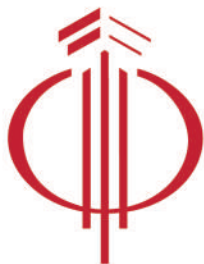
Friday April 25

6:30 p.m.

Holmes Student Center

The Journalism Awards Banquet celebrates 54 years of journalism at NIU by honoring students, alumni and faculty for their work in the print and broadcast journalism fields. The first journalism banquet was held in spring 1960, preceeded by journalism awards presented by the English Department for 13 years.

Journalism awards and scholarships will be given to current students, along with Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and Northern Star faculty awards. Students who rank within the top 10 percent of their class will also be inducted to the Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication. The Illinois Journalist of the Year will be recognized as well as the Kappa Tau Alpha Outstanding junior and senior recognition, presented to the highest ranking junior and senior enrolled in NIU's journalism program.



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Sociology Awards Banquet

Friday April 25

2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Chandelier Room, Adams Hall

This banquet recognizes the top undergraduate and graduate sociology papers, awards and scholarships.

The Waldo W. Burchard Award for Graduate Scholarship

This endowed fund was established by family and friends to honor and to memorialize long-time NIU sociology professor Waldo W. Burchard, who was the first chair when the Department of Sociology and Anthropology was organized in 1961 and served in that capacity until 1968. The award is presented to the graduate student with the highest grade point average and has a GPA of 3.5 (or higher) based on completion of at least 24 hours of credit at the end of the fall semester. The student must also have completed a master's degree in the Department of Sociology in the fall or be expected to receive the degree at the end of the spring or summer semester.

The Frances Rowe Katz Award for Social Justice

This endowed fund was established in the name of Frances Rowe Katz and honors Dr. James E. Katz, her son, who received his bachelor's and master's degrees from NIU's Department of Sociology. The award can go to multiple recipients and provides some modest funds to support academic scholarship, research and/or writing of a master's thesis.

James L. Massey Award for Social Justice

This is awarded to a graduate student or undergraduate senior in good standing who has majored or minored Sociology and who is actively involved in social justice and community activism. Eligible students must have actively participated in organizations, institutions or communities in order to enhance the climate of social justice and equality on campus or beyond.

David P. Street Memorial Fund Award

The award provides modest financial assistance towards education expenses of an undergraduate major in sociology who has obtained junior standing with a current GPA of at least 3.0 and completed at least 12 credits in sociology. Depending on funding, this can be awarded to more than one undergraduate student.

Alumni Association Awards

Friday April 25 (By invitation only)

6-9:30 p.m.

Pollock Ballroom, Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center

Every year the Alumni Association recognizes the achievements of outstanding alumni. Recipients are selected based on outstanding professional and personal successes, as well as involvement in civic, cultural, or charitable activities.

Distinguished Alumni Award

David A. Nelson, Chairman, PerspecSys, Inc.

ER. Geigle Service Award

Dr. David K. Graf, Dean Emeritus, NIU College of Business

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

(Undergraduate degree received within the past 10 years)

Brandon D. Armstrong, Sr Online Course Developer, MathWorks

College of Business Outstanding Alumni Award

Michael R. Brown, Director, Financial Compliance and Internal Control, Baxter International, Inc.

College of Education Outstanding Alumni Award

Dr. Ehren R. Jarrett, Superintendent, Rockford Public Schools

College of Engineering and Engineering Technology Outstanding Alumni Award

Brian E. Alvin, Brigadier General, United States Army Reserve

College of Health and Human Sciences

Outstanding Alumni Award

Dr. Laura M. Anderko, Endowed Chair, Educator, Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies

College of Law Outstanding Alumni Award

Melissa M. Olivero, Administrative Law Judge, National Labor Relations Board, Division of Judges

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Outstanding Alumni Award

Jaymie F. Simmon, award-winning novelist, producer, editor, and former co-host of local television program

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Outstanding Alumni Award

Clark A. Chaffee, Eastman Strings Clinician /Guest Conductor



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Laura Anderko: Public Health Issues in a Changing Climate
Friday April 25
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Wirtz Hall Room 103A

NIU alumna Laura Anderko, who was honored by the White House in 2013 as a "Champion of Change," will speak about public health issues related to global climate change.

Nationally known for her environmental work, is a scholar and educator in the fields of epidemiology, public health and environmental health. A Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow, Dr. Anderko previously served on the Environmental Protection Agency's federal advisory committee, the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC) and currently serves on its National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Research Workgroup. Dr. Anderko also serves as a member of the Regional III Health Equity Council for HHS, chairman of the board for the national group, Alliance of Nurses for a Healthy Environment, and as a member of the advisory group for the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health.



20th Annual Pride Awards Dinner

Friday April 25

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

(Reservations required-Contact the LGBT and Women's Resource Center)
Sky Room, Holmes Student Center

The Pride Awards Dinner recognizes students, alumni, faculty and staff who have made outstanding contributions to the LGBTQ community. This event is cosponsored by Prism, LGBT Studies and the Presidential Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (PCSOGI).

Eychaner Award

The Eychaner Award is sponsored by PCSOGI and Gender Identity and Prism, and is presented annually to recognize individuals affiliated with NIU who have made outstanding contributions that enhance the lives of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender (LGBT).

The award is presented in two categories, one recognizing the contributions made by an NIU student and one recognizing the contributions of a faculty or staff member or an NIU alumnus/a.



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TEDx NIU
Saturday, April 26
8 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Cole Hall

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TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share innovative ideas and research. TED was born in 1984 out of Richard Saul Wurman's observation of a powerful convergence among three fields: technology, entertainment and design. TEDx was created in the spirit of TED's mission, "ideas are worth spreading". At a TEDx event, TEDTalks videos and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection.

TEDx Northern Illinois University will be held in Cole Hall and include the following speakers:

David Alan Borne - Carnegie Mellon University (robotics, manufacturing)
William Klein - Northwestern University (neurobiology, Alzheimer's)
Ralph Strozza - NIU alumnus (Interpro Translation Solutions Inc.)
Robert Brathwaite - Northern Illinois University (political science, international relations)
Giuliano Zuccato - Ford Motor Company (Mustang design team, 3D printing)

The Tumbao NIU Latin Dance Group will also perform at this event.



Lambda Sigma Induction Ceremony

Sunday, April 27
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lambda Sigma is a co-ed sophomore honor society made up of approximately 50 individual members from a broad spectrum of majors and backgrounds at Northern Illinois University. Members are chosen from the first-year class of NIU students who have earned a 3.2 grade point average or higher in the fall semester, are involved in the university and the community, and exemplify Lambda Sigma's four pillars of fellowship, scholarship, leadership and service. This year's inductees are:

Alexis Ahlstedt	Eleanor Evins	Emily Knetsch	Amanda Santucci
Jaclyn Allott	Elisa Flores	Karson Kurzeja	Joey Savala
Jessica Bishop	Elsie Garcia	Samantha Larson	Shelby Small
Morgan Bollech	Janeen George	Jesse Laseman	Rachel Smith
Abigail Buescher	Kaitlin Gettinger	Olivia Lloyd	Alexia Torres
Amber Chamberlain	Abigail Gorham	Breanna Lorang	Katy Voight
Nicole Coughlin	Gerardo Guadarrama	Daniel Loya	Afreen Warsi
Alyssa Cunico	Megan Haduch	Matthew McLaughlin	Jessica Wind
Miracle Diala	Lacoda Hanus	Corey Meredith	Matthew Woodall
Nicole Dispensa	Anita Iyer	Morgan Morris	Katarzyna Wozniak
Krystal Do	Maggie Jablonska	Andrea Nale	Amanda Zierden
Kelsey Duquette	Thomas Jareczek	Megan O'Brien	Lauren Zuidema
Keyhana Evans	Keeayla Jones	Richard Santana	

Department of English Awards Ceremony

Sunday April 27
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Chandelier Room, Adams Hall

This ceremony honors the Department of English undergraduate and graduate majors.



Adela de la Torre Honor Society Induction

Sunday, April 27

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Altgeld Hall Auditorium

The Adela de la Torre Honor Society was created at NIU in 2011 to recognize and encourage excellence among Latino students and to promote scholarship, leadership and service. The honor society will induct 25 new members at this event, which is open to friends and families of the inductees.

Kevin D. Knight Leadership Academy Awards

Sunday, April 27

2 p.m.

Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center



The Kevin D. Knight Leadership Awards Ceremony recognizes the leadership contributions of NIU students to the community. The Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management and Student Involvement & Leadership Development identifies students who have been intentional about their leadership development. Awards for outstanding freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students are given. The students who are recognized each year are purposeful about finding opportunities to clarify their values, set an example for others, to envision the future, take risks, foster collaboration and recognize the contributions made by their peers. Institutional tuition waivers and a variety of other leadership awards are offered and presented at this event. Award winners are listed on the following website: www.niu.edu/studentinvolvement/leadership/_docs/KDK_poster.pdf



First Year Composition Awards Ceremony

Sunday April 27

3 p.m.

Chandelier Room, Adams Hall

This ceremony celebrates the achievements of students in the First Year Composition program, as well as graduate student instructors and professors who teach First-Year Composition. Student awards include Y1 Writes, Award for Excellence in First-Year Composition, Maude Uhland Award for Excellence in First-Year Composition, Jan Kiergaard Award for Excellence in First-Year Composition and the Mae Thomas Award for Excellence in First-Year Composition. Teaching awards to be presented include the Queen Victoria Hardison Award for Excellence in Tutoring, Gail White Award for Excellence in Tutoring and the Jenefer Giannasi Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshman Rhetoric and Composition.

Concert Choir & University Chorus Concert

Sunday, April 27

3 p.m.

Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, Music Building



Eric Johnson and Brett Goad will direct this free concert featuring the Northern Illinois University Concert Choir--a 65-voice select mixed choir that performs music from the sixteenth century to the present. This ensemble has consistently been praised for its vibrant musicality and ability to perform in a wide range of musical styles. The NIU University Chorus is an 80-voice choir that performs a wide variety of sacred and secular works. Members from various academic disciplines participate in University Chorus to strengthen and reinforce their choral skills in an exciting and diverse learning environment.

The Victors

Monday April 28

8 p.m.

Egyptian Theatre, 135 N. 2nd St., DeKalb

Tickets: \$20

The Victors is an opportunity for the NIU community to come together and celebrate the athletic, academic and community successes of its more than 400 student-athletes. The Victors is managed and run by the NIU Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).



The ESPN-style program includes presentation of the following awards: Newcomer of the Year (Male/Female), Community Service Award (Male/Female), Academic Team of the Year (Male/Female), Play of the Year, Huskie Heart, Huskie Pride, Team of the Year (Male/Female), Athlete of the Year (Male/Female), Presidential Award for Academic Excellence (Male/Female), Huskie Vision, Staff Excellence, Community Service Team of the Year (Male/Female), Coach of the Year (Male Team/Female Team), Unsung Hero, The Victors Cup (Male Team/Female Team) and Mr. & Ms. Victor E. (Male/Female).

Academic Advisor Appreciation Reception

Tuesday, April 29

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sky Room, Holmes Student Center

This event is intended to recognize the vital work professional and faculty academic advisors do by offering students a personal connection to NIU that is vital to student retention and student success. The academic advising community has asked all students to make a pledge of gratitude and say "thank you" to the Academic Advisors that have been instrumental in the pursuit of their successful career path. The Academic Advising Center is pleased to give the university community an opportunity to recognize and praise the work professional faculty and academic advisors do for our students across disciplines, majors and minors through this event.

Jazz Combo Fest

Wednesday, April 30

6:30 p.m.

Ellington's, Holmes Student Center

This student-directed concert will feature seven combos or groups playing an array of popular jazz music along with some original pieces created by students.



SAEM Annual Awards and Recognition Program

Thursday, May 1

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Altgeld Hall

This awards reception honors outstanding Student Affairs and Enrollment Management staff for their contributions and commitment to excellence. The awards include the Dolby Award, Harry J. Canon Fellowship, Ruth Haddock Award, SAEM Outstanding New Professional Award, SAEM Outstanding Operating Staff Award, SAEM Outstanding Professional Award and Partner of Distinction.



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