Educational success can be defined is many different ways and is subjective

to most. Some would say that it is going to school, learning the material, and

eventually getting a job that pays well. However, my understanding of educational

success is far from that. I believe that it carries a strong work ethic, a desire for

knowledge, and a love of learning. Depending not only on good academic grades, but

actually learning and retaining information to others. At NEIU, I feel that I can

achieve this much easier when comparing it to other colleges. There is not an

overwhelming feeling that I am on my own and having to learn about college classes

“the hard way”.

Although someone can get good grades, not all can honestly take away what

they have learned and using it to their advantage. A strong work ethic helps in

maintaining a schedule and improving organizational skills, which are vital to any

student in general. Without one having a desire and a thirst for knowledge, a

student isn’t truly learning in class; they are only just taking notes and studying

them for a test that will only be taken once. The desire to learn and educate one

self motivates the student to truly soak in all of the information being taught while

learning how to apply it the best way possible. The love for learning can apply to

teaching in the sense that one learns better when they teach material. It is because

they are educating others about what they know and are learning by teaching. At

NEIU, because of the smaller class atmosphere, I learn best in that type of

environment and will succeed even more so when comparing it to a larger and more

intimidating type of atmosphere.

Even though my definition of educational learning isn’t conventional, I

believe that this is how I will get the most I can out of school. It requires hard work

and determination but the end result will be extremely beneficial to the never-

ending process of learning. A strong work ethic helps keep one organized and

always prepared for class. The desire for knowledge drives students to be open to

many different types of material and learning how to apply it. The love for learning

is the most beneficial aspect of educational learning because it requires a self-

evaluation of how they have learned something in the past and how to make it

easier for others to learn in the future.