

# Driving Impact Through Engagement

**CONNECTING. COLLABORATING. CREATING SOLUTIONS.**



# Engagement Defined

“Community engagement is the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger community for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.”

— Carnegie Foundation



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Engagement



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University

Teaching and  
Learning

Research  
and Artistry



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# Student Engagement



*Barb City  
STEAM Team  
Participants*

*STEM Fest Volunteers*



*Students Enjoying the  
NIU Esports Arena*



*NIU Engineering Students at RVC*



# Community Engagement



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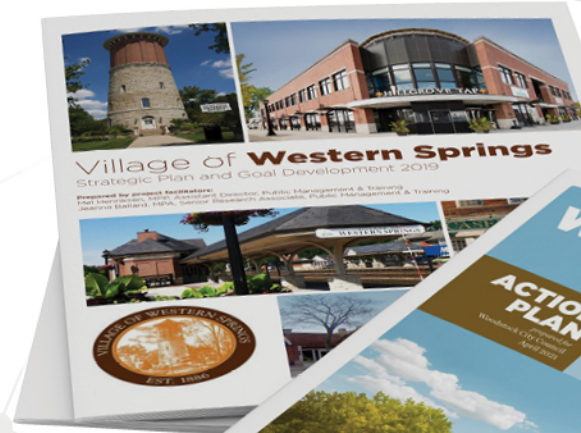
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# Regional Engagement



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# State-level Engagement



ILLINOIS REPORT CARD  
2020-2021

DEKALB HIGH SCHOOL (9 - 12)  
DEKALB CUSD 428

School Snapshot

Academic Progress

School Environment

Students

Accountability

Teachers

Administrators

School Highlights

Related Tests

School Snapshot

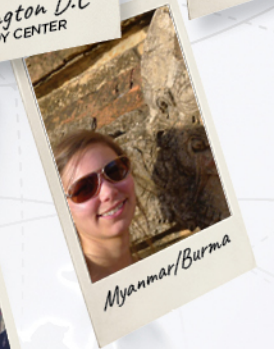
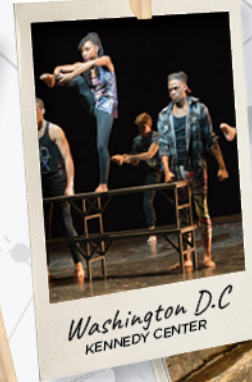
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FY21 School Finances

FY21 Evidence-Based Funding



# Global Impact





# Lifelong Engagement

OERD touches the people of Illinois across the lifespan. From birth through education, career, family and retirement, NIU is engaging the region and the state to create solutions for the next century.

Here are a few examples.



**PRESCHOOL**



**K-12**



**COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE**



**Northern Illinois  
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**CAREER AND  
FAMILY**



**RETIREMENT  
AND AGING**

**STEM Fest**



**Illinois  
Interactive  
Report Cards**



**P-20 Network  
Career Pathways**



**NIU Esports**



**Continuing and  
Professional  
Education**



**Center for  
Governmental  
Studies**



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# NIU Engineering at Rock Valley College

**ENGINEERING OUR FUTURE**



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

**College of Engineering and  
Engineering Technology**

**Rock  
Valley  
College**



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# Esports

- Build community
- Promote healthy gaming practice
- Support new technologies in learning and research



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# Barb City STEAM Team

Free middle school afterschool program  
on the campus of Northern Illinois University.  
Helping students in grades 6-8 imagine  
themselves as college and career bound.



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# Future Directions

## CENTERING ENGAGEMENT, DRIVING IMPACT TASKFORCE

- Engagement infrastructure
- Assessing outcomes of engagement
- Partnership guidance
- Scholarly engagement
- Faculty recognition and rewards
- Engagement and equity



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