Directions from the Director:

**We are Going to Lose 60 Games This Year**

There is a common saying in baseball that goes something like: Every team – from worst to the best – will win 60 games and lose 60 games in a year... it is what they do with the other 42 that matters. This is how I would encourage you to approach the upcoming semester.

This semester you are going to have some great moments; you are going to learn and experience things that challenge (and enhance) the way you think. You are also going to fail in ways in which you cannot predict or prepare. It is what you do with the rest that matters. Being successful in these “middle 42 games” is a product of making smart decisions, perseverance, and perhaps a bit of luck. You have the skills to succeed, but only you can make it happen... close your eyes, breathe, and take that first step forward today.

Todd Anders Gilson Ph.D.
Huskie Link

- We are now active on Huskie Link!
  We will be posting events throughout the semester. Please use Huskie Links to stay current with our events.
  Request membership here: https://niu.collegiatelink.net/organization/honors

Advising

- All Student Advising
  Be sure to schedule your advising appointments at least once per semester! This is a great way to stay on track!

  (815)753-0694

Reminder

- Honors Engaged
  Students need to complete 2 Honors Engaged credits each semester.

  (815)753-0694

Honors Scholarships via Academic Works

- Tentative application dates: early-December through mid-January. Most scholarship applications are due by January 31.

  http://niu.edu/scholarships/about/faq.shtml
  More information coming soon!

NIU Alumni Association Merit Scholarship

- The scholarship offers $2,500 to full-time undergraduates with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from all colleges that they’ve attended. Applicants must be currently enrolled, transferring to NIU or entering as an undergraduate with some college work completed. Visit myniu.com to learn more. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31, 2017.

  The NIU Alumni Association Merit Scholarship is listed at the new AcademicWorks site, which allows students to apply for multiple scholarships. After students complete the general application at AcademicWorks, they will need to click on the NIU Alumni Association Merit Scholarship link to complete our additional requirement, a letter of recommendation.

McKearn Fellows Program Information Sessions

- A McKearn Fellowship is among Northern Illinois University’s most prestigious honors. It provides an unparalleled educational experience, one that is truly world class. It carries the name of two of the University’s most distinguished alumni, John and Cassandra McKearn.

  McKearn Fellows create a coursework and activity plan that feeds their intellectual curiosity, entrepreneurial spirit, and supports their future career plans. Explore research and artistry; leadership; and civic, social, and global engagement in one’s selected field of study.

  Participate in professional and academic enrichment activities; receive funding to present and attend local, regional, national, and even international conferences within your field of study.

  Receive additional stipends for support of research and artistry, study abroad, and other opportunities as determined by the McKearn Fellows Academic Team.

  To learn more, join us at our informational session! Or visit: http://www.niu.edu/mckearn/fellows/apply.shtml

  January 19
  6:00 p.m.
  Altgeld 125

  mckearn@niu.edu

The Huddle Café Fundraiser

- Stop into The Huddle Café for a meal to help benefit the Honors Program.

  Tuesday, January 31
  1:30-9:00 p.m.
Honors Council of Illinois Region Spring Student Symposium (HCIR)
Lewis University is hosting the Honors Council of Illinois Region Spring Student Symposium on February 25, 2017 and is accepting presentation submissions. This is a great way for students to network with other Honors students at various institutions and gain valuable presentation skills. If interested please let Dr. Gilson know – as he will be attending HCIR as well – then visit the following link to submit your presentation:

https://www.lewisu.edu/hcir/index.htm
tgilson@niu.edu

The tentative schedule for the conference is:
8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45-8:55 a.m. Welcome and Updated Conference Instructions
9:00-11:50 a.m. Several Concurrent Sessions/Panels each hour
Discussion/Poster Sessions for Students
12:00-1:00 p.m. Luncheon for Students and Faculty Members
12:00-1:40pm Business Meeting Luncheon for Honors Director/Deans
1:00-2:00 p.m. Several Concurrent Sessions

2017 Kevin D. Knight Leadership Awards
Student Involvement & Leadership Development (SILD) is accepting applications for the 2017 Kevin D. Knight Leadership Awards! These awards allow students to have the opportunity to be recognized for all they do as leaders on our campus. Institutional Tuition Waivers and Leadership Awards for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students are just a few of the awards available. Outstanding student organizations and student organization advisors also have the opportunity to be nominated and recognized.

Students can visit Student Involvement & Leadership Development’s Leadership Awards website at www.leadershipawards.niu.edu to read instructions for each award and to access the link for each online application. All applications must be completed by Monday, February 13, 2017 at 11:45 p.m. All award winners will be formally recognized at the Kevin D. Knight Leadership Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Sophomore Days of Service
Sophomore Days of Service is a month filled with community service opportunities that are designed to engage and connect second-year students within the NIU and DeKalb community. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about our community through participating in various service events and interacting with a number of people. Students can participate in as many events as they would like.

This sign-up link provides a brief description of each event, date and time:
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944a-fae2aabf49-sophomore2

Please note that the Blood Drive event (found in the link) on 2/28 is not honors engaged.

First-and Second-Year Experience
(815) 753-0028
fsye@niu.edu
HONORS ENGAGED EVENTS

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The following events are Honors Engaged events

- **Salvation Army**
  Advanced registration required. Please fill out the online application at: www.salarmydekalb.org
  Various days and times available throughout the semester.
  830 Grove Street, DeKalb, IL 60115

- **The Giving Project**
  Do you want to make gifts for people in need? The Operating Staff Council (OSC) is hosting workshops as a way for NIU Huskies to give to others. Join some Huskies who are excited about creating practical and useful items for those in need while collaborating on ideas for projects. No skill or experience is needed.
  RSVP to Pam Roesner or OSC at osc@niu.edu
  Students must stay for the whole hour to receive Honors Engaged credit.
  January 24
  12:00-1:00 p.m.
  Holmes Student Center, Glidden Room
  Pamela Roesner
  proesner@niu.edu
  (815)753-9202

- **Yoga Matt-Mondays**
  Come relax with a yoga session led by Matthew Larson! All levels are welcome. Please bring your own mat, if available, and dress comfortably.
  Every Monday
  8:00-8:45 a.m.
  CLB 100
  honors@niu.edu
  (815)753-0694

- **Hot Topics**
  MPA, Law School & JD/MPA programs- Come learn about graduate opportunities in Public Administration and Law with Bailey Standish and Denise Burchard.
  Wednesday, January 25
  12:00-12:50 p.m.
  CLB 110
  honors@niu.edu
  (815)753-0694

- **TED Talk Tuesday**
  Join us in the Honors Office every other Tuesday to watch world renowned TED Talks over Pizza with your fellow NIU students.
  Tuesday, January 24
  12:00-1:00 p.m.
  CLB 110
  tedxniu@niu.edu
  (815)753-0694

- **NRHH Annual Leadership Conference: Tune into Leadership**
  This leadership conference, hosted by National Residence Hall Honorary, aims to promote the students on campus within leadership, academic and diversity. Attendees will participate in different program sessions hosted by various student leaders in the residence halls. This conference will bring together not only students on campus but also other students from various institutions in Illinois and the Great Lakes regions including Michigan and Indiana. Students will participate in the service programs and also recognition programs to give back to the NIU community.
  Saturday, January 21
  9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
  Stevenson Residence Hall
  housing@niu.edu
  (815)753-1525
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<td>Career Services will be hosting their Practice Interview Week from January 30 to February 2. During this event, open to all students across all majors, students are given the opportunity to have a 30-minute practice interview session with a professional recruiter. Registration is done via Huskies Get Hired and must be completed by January 25th.</td>
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| **Huskie Student Food Pantry** | We rely on the help of our wonderful volunteers in order to ensure the success of the Huskie Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed to receive, stock and shelf inventory; shop for food; assist clients; organize food drives and much more. More information can be found at [http://www.niu.edu/studentinvolvement/community-service/food-pantry/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/studentinvolvement/community-service/food-pantry/index.shtml) or by contacting Liz McKee.  
Every Thursday  
5:30-7:30  
Chick Evans Field House  
Imckee1@niu.edu |
| **Diversity Dialogues** | Jane Elliott: The Anatomy of Prejudice  
Ms. Jane Elliott, the adaptor of the Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes exercise in teaching about the anatomy of prejudice and the subject of the Peabody Award-winning film, “The Eye of the Storm,” introduces and discusses that film and explores with the audience the problems of racism, sexism, ageism, homophobia, and ethnocentrism and the responsibility shared by all of us for illuminating them in and eliminating them from ourselves and our environment.  
Wednesday, January 18  
6:00 p.m.  
Carl Sandburg Auditorium |

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**Note:**  
Some links may lead to external sites, please ensure to check the links before sharing.
In-Course Contract Meeting Dates

In-Course Contract submissions must be presented to University Honors no later than the second week of the semester in which the contract is being undertaken.

January 18
9:00 a.m.

January 23
9:00 a.m.

Capstone Meeting Dates

Capstone proposals must be submitted to University Honors no later than the second week of the semester in which the project is being undertaken.

January 19
9:30 a.m.

January 24
9:30 a.m.

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