Directions from the Director:

Lead from the Front… and from Behind

When we think of leaders, we think of people being out front and championing a cause; and many times this is true. However, leadership can also be from the rear, building trust by putting other people’s needs ahead of your own.

In my research with military leaders I have witnessed the power of this principle first hand. In particular, leaders in this domain are expected to “eat last”… that is when it is time to eat, the highest ranking service member is last in line to make sure his/her squad members get what they need first. This one simple act has tremendous power by showing subordinates the value they bring to the organization; and likewise, can serve to enhance the group cohesion of the entire unit. I encourage you to lead, but remember that the people you lead are more important than yourself!

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

Forward, Together Forward Scholarship
Deadline for Applications and Recommendations
October 31
November 11
Submit your application online at: www.scholarships.niu.edu

Questions?
scholarships@niu.edu
(815)753-4829

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

Pumpkin Painting Contest
Paint/decorate your own pumpkin and bring it in to the Honors Office throughout the month of October. Judging will take place on Halloween and our top three contestants will win a prize and have their pumpkin featured in our Weekly Update. The more CREATIVE the better! GOOD LUCK!

October 1- October 28
CLB 110
Judging: October 31

(815)753-0694
honors@niu.edu

Honors Student Association Meeting
This meeting is an opportunity to develop Honor students' leadership skills while building character. Topics covered in the meetings are service, social, and fundraising-based. Member input is extremely important and an integral part of our group.

Bi-weekly; next meeting date is October 25
7:00 p.m.
Honors Smart Room
Angelica Rosinski
z1667851@students.niu.edu

D.C. Congressional Internship Program
In 2009, Northern Illinois University established an annual summer congressional internship program in Washington, D.C. This highly competitive program provides students with the opportunity to live, learn, and work in the heart of our nation's capital. Four students will intern on the Hill for a member of the Illinois congressional delegation. Each student will receive a $6,000 scholarship to cover the cost of housing and some living expenses. Additionally, students will receive a tuition waiver for six (6) credit hours of political science courses.

When is the application deadline?
October 31
4:30 p.m.

Download the application package and find more information at http://www.polisci.niu.edu/polisci/undergrad/internships/congressinterninfo.shtml or get an application in Zulauf 415.

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

(815)753-0694
Lip Sync Battle
Come battle your fellow Honors students on November 17th in the Honors office! Prepare a 60-90 second song to perform in front of judges and students. Open to singles, duos and trios. Performers are encouraged to dress up in costume, use back up dancers, etc. Sign up in the Honors office or email sgaul1@niu.edu with your name(s) and song choice. Only 25 slots available!

Thursday, November 17
6:00-8:00 p.m.
CLB 110

Need some inspiration?
Here are some performances from Spike TV!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBugDDtdij4
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50wMY-nXlrI
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XrKYYO65c4

Feed My Starving Children
Join NIU Honors in packing meals! The event will take place at The Suter Company (1015 West Bethany Rd Sycamore, Illinois 60178). Transportation will not be provided. For more information about FMSC visit www.fmsc.org. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Olyvia at orand93@gmail.com. There are only 25 spots available, so sign up soon! This event counts as Honors Engaged.

Sunday, November 13
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Suter Company
orand93@gmail.com
HONORS ENGAGED EVENTS

All Students are required to attend two events per semester to stay active in the Honors Program.
The following events are Honors Engaged events

■ Dennis Barsema’s Social Entrepreneurship: Finding Purpose in Life
Join Dennis Barsema, one of NIU’s most influential Alums, at his 3-week interactive workshop where he will be discussing his experiences granting small business loans to entrepreneurs in impoverished countries. Dress code is clean casual attire. 
**Attending all three dates will fulfill both Honors Engaged events for the semester.**
As a reminder for those who have already signed up, the dates for these events are:

October 12, 19, 26
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Barsema Hall Room 210

■ Yoga-Matt Mondays
All levels welcome!
Please dress in exercise appropriate clothing
Bring your own mat. Limited mats and space available.
Instructor Matthew Larson has been studying yoga for 8 years and began teaching 2 years ago. He has studied many styles but typically leads restorative and Vinyasa Flow. He believes that yoga exercises the mind, body, and soul.

Every Monday
8:00- 8:45 a.m.
CLB 100

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**Huskie Link**
[https://niu.collegiatelink.net/organization/honors/calendar/details/1010543](https://niu.collegiatelink.net/organization/honors/calendar/details/1010543)

■ 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. This event counts as Honors Engaged. The next topic will be: “Two Obsessions Meet- and it’s Magic.”

Tuesday, November 1
12:00- 1:00 p.m.
CLB 110

(815)753-0694
tedxniu@niu.edu

**Huskie Link**
[https://niu.collegiatelink.net/organization/honors/calendar/details/1011093](https://niu.collegiatelink.net/organization/honors/calendar/details/1011093)

■ The American Presidential Election with Professor Art Ward
Clinton vs. Trump

Wednesday, November 2
1:00-1:50 p.m.
CLB 110

(815)753-0694
honors@niu.edu

■ Panera Bread Fundraiser
Stop into Panera Bread in DeKalb on November 29 and as a result of your participation 15-20% of qualifying sales will be donated to NIU Honors Program. See flyer for more details and present it when you come in!

Tuesday, November 29
Open to Close
Panera Bread, DeKalb
2476 Sycamore Rd.
HONORS ENGAGED EVENTS, cont.

All Students are required to attend two events per semester to stay active in the Honors Program.

The following events are Honors Engaged events

- **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 or by contacting Liz McKee.

  Every Thursday
  5:30-7:30 p.m.
  Chick Evans Field House
  LMcKee1@niu.edu

- **Salvation Army**
  Advanced registration required. Please contact Rhonda Brown for more information

  Every Thursday
  9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
  or 5:00-6:45 p.m.
  830 Grove Street, DeKalb, IL 60115
  rhonda_brown@salvationarmy.org

- **Jobs PLUS Event: Creating Trusting and Positive Working Relationships**
  Details: Creating trusting and positive relationships in the workplace is a key ingredient to career success, but individuals often struggle with the question “Where do I start and how do I know how other people react to my style?”

  This interactive session starts with a focus on you. We will begin by helping you surface and define the behaviors that you commonly exhibit at work and in different work situations/environments. We will then discuss the following topics:
  - Emotional intelligence and its role in creating positive relationships
  - How to show up in a more positive light despite difficult workplace cultures/environments
  - The 3 C’s - Three leadership behaviors that help build trust
  - Using effective dialogue to strengthen workplace relationships

  Tuesday, October 25
  5:00-7:00 p.m.
  Founders Memorial Library 71 North
  Chad Glover
  (815)753-2056
cglover@niu.edu

- **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, just a desire to give back to our community. Faculty, staff and students are welcome! RSVP to Pam Roesner or OSC at osc@niu.edu

  Students will need to stay for the whole hour to get Honors Engaged credit.

  October 27, November 10,
  December 1, and December 15
  12:00-1:00 p.m.
  Holmes Student Center, Glidden Room
  Pamela Roesner
  proesner@niu.edu
  (815)753-9202

- **Diversity Dialogues: Common Reading Experience presents Bryan Stevenson**
  Just Mercy author Bryan Stevenson will visit NIU for a public presentation. After meeting with death row inmates and children with life sentences, Stevenson founded and became executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, an organization dedicated to defending persons who have been wrongly convicted based on low socioeconomic status and/or racial discrimination.

  Monday, October 24
  6:30 p.m.
  Holmes Student Center, Carl Sandburg Auditorium

  Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  (815)753-8387
  equity@niu.edu
All Students are required to attend two events per semester to stay active in the Honors Program.

The following events are Honors Engaged events:

**Jobs PLUS Event: Crossing the Bridge from Doing to Leading**
Most leaders are not born. They learn on the job how to lead. Invariably, the professional skills that get you your first job and even your first several promotions don’t necessarily translate into the skills it takes to be a true leader of an organization. In fact, many of these skills - active listening, interpersonal communications, critical thinking, behavior modeling - are skills that can be gained from a liberal arts education, and in applying them to any job you may have. In this talk and question and answer session, Harlan Teller, who has led large work teams and practices for three global public relations firms and is currently the leader of NIU’s Marketing and Communications division, will define the skills you need to cross the bridge from being a great professional to a great leader. While he will use examples from his own career in corporate communications and public relations, the skills in these disciplines are translatable to other industries and professional services.

**Wednesday, November 2**
11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Founders Memorial Library 71 North

Chad Glover
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cglover@niu.edu

**Diversity Dialogues:**
**Grassroots Leadership: Promoting Change in the Social Media Age**
Payton Head is a recent graduate of the University of Missouri where he studied Political Science and Black Studies. Payton served as President of the Missouri Students Association, the undergraduate student government at Mizzou, representing nearly 28,000 students from around the state, nation and over 120 different countries globally. In the aftermath of the Ferguson protests, he has been at the forefront of conversations about improving race relations on campuses, working to create institutional change.

**Thursday, November 10**
6:00 p.m.
Holmes Student Center, Carl Sandburg Auditorium

Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
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equity@niu.edu
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.

October 26
10:00 a.m.

November 3
11:00 a.m.

Capstone Meeting Dates
Permission for all Capstones must be obtained and submitted in the semester prior to the actual enrollment in and undertaking of the Capstone.

October 26
3:00 p.m.

November 1
11:00 a.m.

phone (815)753-0694
honors@niu.edu