Directions from the Director:

Helping Others to Help Yourself

In your life I am quite sure I have not be the first to talk about the importance of helping others, but internalizing this notion is a completely different level of thinking. Some may question this idea, because couldn’t constantly looking around and seeing what good you can do for others impair your ability to be successful?

Quite frankly, this was my default thought process for the first 25 years of my life. I worried about others being more successful than I was. However, one night it clicked… if I make it my goal to help others, when they succeed, I succeed! Using this guiding principle, I can unequivocally state that I am happier and more successful by every metric, than when I put myself first. Thus, building a reputation as the individual that helps others will enhance your own!

Todd Anders Gilson Ph.D.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Place your receipt in the box on the counter and 20% of the proceeds will return to the program! Take a selfie or group picture and post it on Honor’s Facebook page for a chance to win a $5 Starbucks gift card! Tag it using: #EatWithHonors.
Tuesday, January 31
1:30-9:00 p.m.
817 W. Lincol Hwy
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/20f094a-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

Dinner and Conversations at O’Leary’s
The City of DeKalb, Proudly DeKalb, and Northern Illinois University are inviting NIU students interested in helping steer the future of the DeKalb community to a free dinner at O’learys on February 1st. Join City staff, community leaders, and NIU representatives for discussion on student issues, DeKalb revitalization, and other important community topics. Transportation will be provided from the Holmes Student Center with a small downtown bus tour starting at 5:00PM. All students are invited, so bring your friends and classmates! You must bring a valid NIU One Card to attend. The free dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. with transportation leaving the event at 7:30. The event is limited to the first 85 students who RSVP at http://bit.ly/2jwbGvV, so be sure to sign up now! For questions or concerns contact chris.jackson@cityofdekalb.com

February 1
5:00 p.m.
Holmes Student Center with bus ride to O’Leary’s
chris.jackson@cityofdekalb.com
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](http://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

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- **Career Services Practice Interview Week**
  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.

- **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 for questions. To sign up to volunteer, please go to [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49ace22aaf3-huskies](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49ace22aaf3-huskies)

  Every Thursday
  5:30-7:30
  Chick Evans Field House

  lmckee1@niu.edu

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HONORS WORKSHOPS

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 23
9:00 a.m.

January 31
9:30 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 24
9:30 a.m.

February 1
10:00 a.m.

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