MPTSS Facts and Snacks Workshop Series

Getting Involved on Campus and in the Community

Workshop #6
Tuesday April 4, 2017
Overview

- Why get involved?
- How do I know what to get involved in?
- Tools
  - Student Involvement & Leadership Development
  - Campus Activities Board
  - Huskie Link
- Volunteer Opportunities
  - Tools
Why get involved?

- **Campus**
  - Become more connected to your school
  - Helps build community
  - Discover your passions and strengths
  - Resume builder
  - Sometimes, busier means doing better in all areas

- **Community**
  - Provides physical and mental rewards
  - Saves resources for local improvements
  - Professional experience/networking
  - Encourages civic responsibility
  - Brings people together

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What do I get involved in?

- Something *enjoyable* that matches your *needs*
- Reflection points:
  - Personal goals
  - Professional goals
  - Interests
  - Causes you feel strongly about
  - Skills/abilities you would like to develop
  - Comfortability
  - Time commitment
Tools for Involvement

NIU Student Involvement & Leadership Development (SILD)

• Mission statement
  – “…fosters holistic student development through engagement in extra-curricular opportunities encompassing leadership, community service, fraternity and sorority life and student organization involvement”

• Annual events: Involvement Fair

• Leadership Programs

• Website
Tools for Involvement

NIU Campus Activities Board (CAB)

• Mission statement
  – “…provide the Northern Illinois University community with cultural, social, educational and entertainment programs that are responsive to the diverse needs of the university community.”

• Join a programming or marketing/advertising committee

• Website
Tools for Involvement

Huskie Link

- Student organizations directory
- Use Z-ID to login and access info
- Filter by category
- Easy to join organizations
- Website
Volunteer Opportunities

• “The more we give, the happier we feel.”
  – Happiness
  – Fulfillment
  – Connectedness

• Where to find volunteer opportunities
  – Community theatres, museums, and monuments
  – Libraries or senior centers
  – Service organizations (Lions Clubs, Rotary Clubs)
  – Local animal shelters, rescue organizations, or wildlife centers
  – Historical restorations, national parks, and conservation organizations
  – Places of worship such as churches or synagogues
How can I find volunteer opportunities in my community?

- Check your county’s website
  - Dekalb County
  - Kane County
- NIU SILD Volunteer page
- Local YMCA volunteering
- Looking to go abroad?
  - Volunteer Forever