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Course on Nonprofits Brings Community to the Classroom

DeKalb, IL – Students in CLCE 100: Introduction to Public Service learned lessons firsthand from nonprofit employees this spring. Over the course of the semester, representatives from a multiple organizations visited the class to talk about their experiences working in the nonprofit sector.

The class heard speakers from Children's Community Theater, CASA, Kishwaukee Community College, AmeriCorps, and Feed 'em Soup. The speakers came from a wide range of jobs, which provided perspective for students about the roles and responsibilities of nonprofit jobs at varying levels. The class heard from executive-level employees, organization founders, mid-career employees, and volunteers.

"One of our goals with this class is to help students better understand the day-to-day of nonprofits" said Ben Bingle, CLCE instructor. "I can't think of a better way to convey this than to bring in guest speakers that actually work for nonprofits and have direct experience with the daily operations."

Bingle continued, "No matter what you're majoring in, I think it is valuable to hear from professionals as they talk about their career paths, challenges, and successes. We received a lot of good feedback from students about the guest speakers this semester."

CLCE 100 is the introductory course for the Community Leadership and Civic Engagement major. It will be offered again during the Fall 2012 semester. To learn more, please visit <http://www.niu.edu/ngold/>.

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