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Nonprofit Leaders Speak to CLCE 100 Class

DeKalb, IL – During November 2012, three nonprofit leaders visited campus as guest speakers in CLCE 100 Introduction to Public Service, the preparatory course for the Community Leadership and Civic Engagement major.

CLCE 100 instructor, Ben Bingle said, “Bringing in guest speakers is a great way for students to gain a new perspective about some of the concepts we cover in class. The feedback we get from students about these speakers is always very positive.”

Guest speakers in November included Margaret Shannon from the Rock River Blood Center, Derek Gibbs from Feed’Em Soup, and Micki Chulick recently retired executive director of Coordinated Community Child Care.

“This course is the ‘front door’ for the CLCE major. We cover a wide variety of topics such as volunteerism, philanthropy, charitable giving, fundraising, and management. We also look closely at specific nonprofit subsectors and organizations” said Bingle. “Guest speakers share their perspectives, experiences, career tips, and organizational information in a way that is hard to get from a textbook.”

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In addition to the interdisciplinary CLCE undergraduate major, NGOLD offers a certificate program that allows students in other majors to learn about nonprofit leadership. For more information, please visit www.niu.edu/ngold/.

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