Greetings from NIU!

This past June, we proudly welcomed Mayra S. Lagunas, our new assistant vice president of Enrollment Services and director of Undergraduate Admissions, into our Huskie family.

Throughout her career, Lagunas championed programs that remove barriers for students, and her values align perfectly with our commitment to equity and inclusion. Recent steps designed to make our admissions process more equitable — including dropping the application fee and eliminating standardized test scores from admission and scholarships decisions — drew her to NIU.

With strong roots in Illinois and a commitment to access, Lagunas hopes to lead NIU’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions into its next phase by continuing to promote integrity, empathy and inclusion.

Get to Know NIU

We’re thrilled to call Mayra Lagunas a Huskie, and we’re thrilled to partner with you!

Thank you for all the hard work you do for students as you guide them through their college search. We know this requires you to get to know us, and we appreciate you taking the time. Please visit our counselor resource page at go.niu.edu/for-counselors, where you’ll find all the information you need to understand how NIU can serve your students.
Financial Aid and Scholarships

Transfer Merit Award
Transfer students are automatically considered for merit awards when they apply and are admitted to NIU before the transfer priority deadline of March 1. The amount of our transfer merit scholarships depends on the student’s cumulative transfer GPA:
- 3.50-4.00 GPA: $2,000 per year for two years.
- 3.25-3.49 GPA: $1,500 per year for two years.
- 3.00-3.24 GPA: $1,000 per year for two years.

Huskie Legacy Award
When you apply for admission as an incoming transfer student, you’ll automatically be considered for the Huskie Legacy Award in addition to merit scholarships. This award is given to students whose parent or parents graduated from NIU. There is no deadline for this award. Qualifying students receive the $1,000 award in their first year at NIU.

NIU Partnership Awards
NIU Partnership Awards are given as part of NIU’s matching commitment to the state of Illinois’ AIM HIGH program for incoming students. Students who file a FAFSA by February 1, and meet the AIM HIGH criteria and the special population criteria will be considered for an award.

Kishwaukee College Transfer Scholarship ($3,000): A one-time, stackable award for Kishwaukee College transfer students.

City College STAR Transfer Scholarship ($3,000): A renewable, stackable award for City College STAR transfer students.

Transfer Achievement Award ($2,000): A non-renewable stackable award for students who receive a transfer merit scholarship.

State of Illinois’ AIM HIGH Program
AIM HIGH Transfer Achievement Award ($2,000): A stackable award for students who receive a transfer merit scholarship. For students who meet the AIM HIGH criteria, the Transfer Achievement award is renewable until you complete your degree or reach 135 total earned hours.

The renewability of this scholarship is contingent on future state appropriation and funding for the AIM HIGH program.
College and Division Updates

New Majors and Minors

New Degrees
B.A. in Music

New Minors
Financial Counseling
Sport Journalism
Sport Analytics

New Certificates
Finance
Supply Chain Management

New Emphases
Hospitality and Tourism Management (BSBA)
(Must meet Foundations of Business Requirements
go.niu.edu/foundations-business)
Early Childhood Education
Early Childhood with Special Education Approval
Criminology (Sociology, CLAS)
General Sociology (Sociology, CLAS)

New Accelerated Programs
B.S. in Information Management/
M.S. in Management Information Systems
B.S./M.S. in Sport Management
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering/
M.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering/
M.S. Electrical Engineering
B.S. in Mechatronics Engineering/
M.S. in Electrical Engineering
B.A. or B.S. in Economics with Honors/J.D. in Economics and the College of Law

CHANCE Program Updates
Through a holistic review process implemented by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, the McKinley “Deacon” Davis CHANCE program has shifted to fully devote its staff and resources to assisting students during their NIU journey. To learn about the many ways students can participate in CHANCE, please visit go.niu.edu/chance-participation.
Transfer Students

A graduate of a regionally accredited U.S. public community college who has not previously attended NIU will be admitted as long as there is space available.

Students who’ve earned 24 or more semester hours of transferable credit must be in good standing at the last college/university attended and have a GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale from all colleges/universities attended (as computed by NIU standards).

Along with the good standing and GPA requirements above, students who’ve attempted more than 12 semester hours, but have earned fewer than 24 semester hours of transferable credit must also meet current freshman admission requirements.

Learn more about our transfer admission process at go.niu.edu/transfer-apply.
Plan a Visit!

We are excited to announce that we have resumed on-campus visit experiences including presentations and tours.

In addition to in-person visits, we will continue to offer a wide range of virtual opportunities for engagement including individual appointments online, virtual information sessions and more.

For a complete list of offerings, check out go.niu.edu/planvisit.

How We Protect our Pack

NIU is taking a multilayered approach to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 on campus and in our community. These efforts align with state recommendations and policies. They include wearing masks while indoors, vaccination requirements, mandatory surveillance testing and cleaning protocols. View the most recent updates and protocols on Protecting the Pack at go.niu.edu/protect-the-pack.
College Town. Big City Opportunities.

Home to NIU’s 765-acre main campus, DeKalb offers a true college town experience with access to boundless opportunities based on our proximity to the city of Chicago and its flourishing suburbs. With additional campus locations in Rockford and Naperville, we are proud to offer extended access and flexibility for students seeking a world-class education closer to home.
NIU at a Glance*

**16:1**
Student-to-Faculty Ratio

**$57K**
Average Early Career Salary (payscale.com)

**100+**
Areas of Academic Study

**16,234**
NIU Students

**50**
States that Huskies Call Home

**3,000**
Student Employment Jobs

**75**
Countries Where Huskies Study Abroad

**41%**
Transfer Students

**300+**
Student Organizations

**246,000+**
NIU Alumni

**51.7%**
Undergraduate Students of Color

* These numbers are based off 2021-2022 enrollment.

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