GA SUMMER TRIPS

Chris Robinson:
- Rhinelander, Wis., to stay in a cabin in the woods!
- Father’s Day weekend camping trip on the Mississippi River
- CrossFit games in Madison, Wis.

Laura Vivaldo Cholula:
- Road trip to live in New Orleans for the summer!
- Legal clerkship at the New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice
- Eat a lot of cultural food
- See some nightlife and tour the library!

Angelina Faller:
- Flying up to the top of Wisconsin and across Lake Michigan and down the Michigan coast.
- Camping in Illinois and Wisconsin
- Boating

Taylor Spooner:
- Camping in Wisconsin
- Driving to Georgia to visit family
- Boating in Wisconsin

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Graduating senior Lidia Sonthipanya has invested all she has to be a successful post-traditional student. She is in her third and final year at NIU after taking a five-year gap in between obtaining her associate’s degree from Harold Washington College. This May she will be graduating with her B.S. in Human Development and Family Science with an emphasis on child development and sub-emphasis on leadership from College of Health and Human Sciences.

Lidia balanced many roles while at NIU. She is a wife and mother to two sons (12 and 15 respectively). She has also commuted from Aurora during her NIU career. This past semester, she took on a challenging internship with NIU’s Child Development and Family Center. Her hard work has been recognized by the Kappa Omicron Honors Society for being in the top 20 percent with her GPA at her college. Lidia told me this degree is more than an academic achievement. Her degree shows her children what is possible. Her degree has also helped her move beyond the past and become a better me. For maximizing all that it means to be a post-traditional student, we present Lidia Sonthipanya with the 2019 Eli Whitney Award.
UPCOMING EVENTS

**Graduating Huskies Photoshoot**
(May 10, 3-6 p.m.)
Place: Altgeld Hall

**Huskie Food Pantry**
(May 10, 5:30-7 p.m.)
Place: Chick Evans Field House

**Graduate Commencement**
(May 11, 6:30 p.m.)
Place: Convocation Center

**Undergraduate Commencement**
(May 12, 1:30 p.m.)
Place: Convocation Center
College of Business
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
College of Visual and Performing Arts

**Undergraduate Commencement**
(May 12, 5:30 p.m.)
Place: Convocation Center
College of Education
College of Health and Human Sciences

**Summer School Starts**
(June 17)