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HOMECOMING, HALLOWEEN, AND GETTING HIRED

The month of October holds many exciting happenings! Between Homecoming fun, career and internship fairs and Halloween celebrations, there are plenty of activities to keep you busy.

Take time to check out all the events coming up this month!

Tuesday, October 2
11 a.m. -12 p.m., CLB 100

Importance of Internship Panel Discussion
For our third Facts and Snacks Workshop of the semester, MPTSS has gathered faculty and staff to discuss the importance of internships on your careers. Lunch is provided!

Tuesday, October 2
6-7 p.m., CLB 100

Leadership 101 Workshop - During this workshop, participants will be able to better understand their personal leadership style, traits of effective leaders and participate in leadership activities.

Tuesday, October 9
5-7 p.m. HSC, Capitol Room

Career Fair Preparation Workshop - This is an educational event focused on preparing students to attend the career fairs. This workshop is open to all students, and there is no fee to attend.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**YOU MAY GET TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE COVERED BY YOUR BENEFITS!**

With midterms (and soon finals) coming up, you may be realizing you need some extra help with studying. Hiring a tutor may be a good option!

**Tutorial assistance may be paid under Chapters 30, 33, 35 and 1606**

Want to know if you are eligible for this opportunity? All of the following criterion must be met:

- You must be in a post-secondary program half-time or more. For Chapter 33, rate of pursuit must be “at least 50 percent.”
- You must have a deficiency in a course that is part of his or her approved program. A letter from the course instructor should be put in the student's VA file. The letter must state that the student is deficient in the course and that individual tutoring is required to correct the deficiency.
- You must be enrolled in the course during the quarter, semester or term in which the tutoring is received for the course. Tutoring may not occur between quarters or semesters.
- The tutor meets the college's qualifications. A tutor may not be a close relative of the student.
- The charges do not exceed the usual charges for tutoring.

**FEATURED EMPLOYER:**

USAA provides a full range of highly competitive financial products and services to the military community and their families. This includes insurance, banking, investing, real estate and retirement planning.

Why is USAA our featured employer?

USAA is dedicated to serving military members and their families by offering more benefits than any other major financial service provider. USAA strives to give hiring priority to military members and their spouses. They have a variety of assistance programs and military outreach efforts, as well.

Their brand promise is ‘going above those who have gone beyond,’ and they are certainly upholding that image.

USAA offers various career opportunities.
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Adventure trips, gear rental, team building, and more!

The Outdoor Adventure Center is a hidden gem that few students know about. Sign up for one of their trips, or rent gear and plan your own.

For over 35 years, Outdoor Adventures (OA) has been providing outdoor experiences for NIU students, faculty, staff as well as services for the general public. They provide a year-round program of scheduled trips and events, a year-round rental center and custom team building services that are available by request for organized groups. They believe the outdoors has something to offer everyone. Visit their rental center, peruse their resources and get involved.

Fall 2018 Adventure Trip Schedule

Take some time away from texts, emails, and social media

Jumpstart your outdoor adventure trip or excursion! To rent gear visit the Adventure Center located on the west side of the Student Recreation Center. Contact the Outdoor Adventures at 815-753-9423 or outdooradventure@niu.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1
Deadline to apply for ING for this semester

October 9
Career Fair & Internship Prep Workshop
HSC Capitol Room
5-7 p.m.

October 17
Facts and Snacks Workshop
MPTSS is hosting a discussion on coping and burnout. All students welcome! Free food!
CLB 100, 11 a.m.

October 19
Undergraduate deadline for full-semester course withdraw or withdraw from the university

October 24
Cupcakes and Conversation
Engage with hand-selected staff and faculty to help foster growth and development as a student.
Altgeld Hall 100, 5 p.m.

October 31, 2018
Halloween
The NIU All-Majors Internship and Job Fair provides an opportunity for students from all majors to connect with employers for internships and full-time positions. The Internship and Job Fair is an important source for more than 200 employers to find and hire new talent.

The Internship and Job Fair is open to undergraduates, graduating seniors, graduate students, alumni and non-NIU candidates from all majors. The fair is free for candidates to attend. Candidates do not need to pre-register. For helpful tips to prepare to attend the Fair: visit www.gethired.niu.edu; call (815) 753-1641 or email careerservices@niu.edu.

The Office of Military & Post-Traditional Student Services will have a table staffed at the event for your comfort and support!

Registration is not required to attend! Additionally, students can attend free of charge. If you have any questions, please contact NIU Career Services at careerservices@niu.edu or (815) 753-1641.

Go to the All-Majors Internship and Job Fair to find out!
Wednesday, October 17
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Convocation Center
Event Details
Ancient Origins of Halloween

Halloween’s origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other’s fortunes.

When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.