On behalf of the Office of Military and Post-Traditional Student Services, I would like to welcome our new and returning students back to school. The 2019-20 academic year looks to be a fruitful one as we have events planned out throughout the academic calendar for you. With that said, there is always room for your input so never hesitate to stop by our offices if you have a suggestion, or to simply meet us and say hello.

As we begin the semester, there are few events we want you to be on the lookout for. Our Facts and Snack series give our students an opportunity to meet our staff and ask questions during the first 11 weeks of the semester. Enjoy the free food and a terrific time to meet new people at these fantastic events. Finally, make sure you get acquainted with our new staff and come back and say hello to our returning staff. We are always available to answer your questions.

One of the things I enjoy about working in Higher Education is seeing students when I walk around campus, so if you see me, stop me, let’s talk!

Huskie Pride,

Eric Armstrong, MBA

Director, Military and Post-Traditional Student Services
DID YOU KNOW?

YOU MAY GET

TUTORIAL

ASSISTANCE

COVERED BY YOUR

BENEFITS!

With a new school year beginning, 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.

STUDENT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The NIU Student Veterans Association welcomes all incoming and returning student veterans to campus. The SVA meets bi-weekly in the Campus Life Building Room 170 at 5 p.m. Meetings typically last 45 minutes. The SVA is planning numerous events for each month and the meetings play a large role in what the organization does during the year. The SVA is a great way to connect with other student veterans and build community here on campus. The next meeting date is schedule for September 18. For more information on the SVA contact Andrew Taylor.

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First Data plays a critical role in supporting economic growth and improving communities across the country. Through a company-wide military engagement strategy called First Data Salutes, they provide the military community with career opportunities, best-in-class education resources, and premier business solutions for veteran-owned businesses. First Data believes that hiring qualified veterans and helping veterans grow their businesses isn’t just the right thing to do — it’s also good business.
From brainstorming to polishing the final draft, they'll help you become a stronger, more confident writer.

At the University Writing Center, they brainstorm with you, encourage you and offer constructive feedback as you perfect your writing project. They provide a safe place for all members of the NIU community to practice writing and writing-related communications without fear of judgment. They'll help you improve your essay, resume or other project, and, more importantly, help you grow into a more skilled writer.

**Common Topics**
- Understanding assignment prompts.
- Brainstorming and research strategies.
- Documentation styles (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.).
- Thesis development and argumentation.
- Organization.

- Grammar and punctuation.
- Quote integration.
- Clarity and coherence.
- Presentations and visual aids.

**Common Projects**
- Academic essays.
- Personal statements, resumes and cover letters.
- ELL practice.
- Test preparation (GRE, GMAT, basic skills, SPEAK/TOEFL, CLEP, comprehensive, etc.).
- Websites and electronic portfolios.
- Personal and creative writing.
- Capstones, dissertations and theses.
- Conference papers.
- Speeches and presentations.

They can help you with a variety of writing-related topics and projects. The most common topics and projects are listed above. If you’d like assistance, please contact them at 815-753-6636 or gjacky@niu.edu. They’re happy to discuss how they can help you, or refer you to another campus resource. Please note this semester that the Center has moved to the Founders Library Room 260.
Job and Internship Opportunities

IT/STEM Fair

Specific to the IT, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math fields, the IT/STEM Fair provides an opportunity for students interested in these career paths to connect with employers from these fields.

Tuesday, September 17, 4-6 p.m.
Holmes Student Center, Ballroom

Majors and Minors Fair

The Majors and Minors Fair can help you if you want to explore majors and minors or are unsure on your major and want to check out other options. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Come speak with representatives from each department.

Wednesday, September 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Holmes Student Center, Duke Ellington Ballroom
600 Lucinda Ave
Outdoor Adventures Events

Free! Weekly Wednesday Crate Climbs

Wednesday, August 28-November 6, 6-7:30 p.m.

Bring your friends, club, or org, and get competitive! Stop by the Rec Center to experience what crate climbing is all about. This challenging activity involves stacking and scaling crates as high as you can—it’s harder than it looks, but you’ll catch on quick!

*Location: Student Recreation Center, Court 4*
325 N Annie Glidden Rd

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Free! Full Moon Night Hike

Friday, September 13, 8-9 p.m.

Guided by the moonlight during the Harvest Moon, explore the nighttime woods and learn about nocturnal critters and enjoy other educational activities during this free event.

Meet at the Pavilion near the pond of the Sycamore Forest Preserve, 955 E State St, Sycamore