Veterans Week Activities

Job Fair
Take advantage of Veterans Week at NIU by attending the Veterans Job Fair hosted by the Military and Post-Traditional Student Services held on November 8. The Veterans Job Fair is part of the Veteran Week Series and is open to all NIU Student Veterans, reservists, national guardsmen, active duty and ROTC. This event is inclusive to the DeKalb/Sycamore Community so if you know anyone who would benefit feel free to invite him or her to attend! Feature employers and networking partners are looking for veterans to fill their work positions. Veterans have skills that are very beneficial to the work force and you should take advantage of this great opportunity to put yourself out there and make great connections. Don’t forget your resume! The MPTSS lounge offers five free pages of printing with your zID so come and visit us!

The event will take place in the Capitol Room of the Holmes Student Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Flag Raising Ceremony
Join us at the Altgeld Hall Flag Pole to raise the flag on November 10 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. The Warrior Brunch will be held after in Altgeld Hall from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

NIU Lead Summit
The Summit will take place Saturday, November 11, 2017 in Barsema Hall. This leadership conference is open to all NIU students; however, conference content is geared toward undergraduate students. Participants have opportunities to attend various workshops related to developing leadership skills, hear from keynote speakers, and network with other student leaders and staff members. Check in for the Summit will begin at 9 a.m. in Barsema Hall and the first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Summit will conclude at 3:45 p.m. Registration is now open is available through niutickets.com. Click the SILD tab to begin your registration. During registration, you must pay a $9.99 refundable fee. This fee will be refunded to you after you check out at the conclusion of the Summit. If you do not stay for the entirety of the Summit, you will not receive a refund.

Class Registration
The NIU Veteran student body can begin registering for the Spring 2018 semester on November 6.
Winter is Coming!

Winter is quickly approaching and our campus and commuter students should start preparing for snow. If you are not familiar with a Midwest winter you are in for a fun cold season. There are plenty of great activities to enjoy in the colder months, however, driving in snow is not one most enjoy!

If you are a commuter student, plan time in advance to check the weather and the roads before you head out to drive to campus. Also know that as the weather drops you have to factor in extra time to shovel and do the dreaded windshield scraping. Those of you lucky enough to quick start your car from your remote have the advantage, just remember to turn your heat on full blast before you leave your car or it won’t automatically warm up inside!

Here are some cold weather car and travel tips to consider as supported by the Red Cross Website:

- Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter with a window scraper, kitty litter or sand in case you get stuck, extra clothes and a Disaster Supplies Kit in your trunk. Pack high-protein snacks, water, first aid kit, flashlight, small battery-operated radio, an emergency contact card with names and phone numbers, extra prescription medications, blankets and important documents or information you may need.
- Fill the vehicle’s gas tank and clean the lights and windows to help you see.
- Before you leave, let someone know where you are going, the route you plan to take, and when you expect to get there. If your car gets stuck, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
- Don’t follow other vehicles too closely. Sudden stops are difficult on snowy roadways.
- Know that ramps, bridges and overpasses will freeze before roadways.

Life Tips:

- Use a hot water bottle to warm your bed before you get in it (and then to keep it warm all night).

Winter Life Hacks

There are also some great winter life hack tips out there to look into that are not safety related. These aren’t necessary, but anything to make life easier and stress-free makes for a more productive and successful winter. There is no surprise that small winter hindrances can cause some serious headache! Check out this great link with Winter hacks to get you thinking!

These are just some of my favorite commuter tips!

- Park facing east, so that the sun will do much of your snow removal work for you.
- Make your own winter windshield washer fluid from two quarts rubbing alcohol, one cup water, and one teaspoon dish detergent.
- Spray your car windows with a 3:1 vinegar/water mixture. This will keep ice from forming on your windows (though you will still have to remove the snow).
- Cover your side mirrors with a freezer-sized ziplock bag, zipped as far as it will go. It will prevent ice from forming and you won’t have to remember to clean your mirrors.
Job Interests

Private Investigator

PhotoFax, Inc is a licensed private detective agency that specializes in video surveillance on insurance fraud cases involving worker’s compensation claims. We have been in business for almost 30 years and are well established in this industry providing the best quality investigations to our clients.

Due to growth, we are seeking only the best candidates for the position of video surveillance specialist. The right candidate will perform investigations on insurance fraud cases using top surveillance equipment as well as a company provided vehicle. Although most of the work will occur in the Chicago and surrounding suburban areas there will be regional travel required. Our ideal candidate is an individual with military experience and/or a solid work history of labor intensive jobs.

Benefits

Full Time Employment
Company Provided Vehicle and Equipment
We Provide All Training and Licensing
Competitive Pay Structure
Performance Based Bonuses and Reviews with Raises
Loyalty Based Bonuses
Paid Vacation
Health Insurance
Matching 401K
Professional Development Opportunities
(Both within our company as well as related to our field)

Requirements

Clean Criminal Record (You Must Qualify To Get Licensed As a Private Investigator in your State)
Willingness to work hard and not on a set schedule
Clean Driving Record
The company will hire the rights candidate regardless of background or education.
Military experience preferred but not required.
Experienced and/or licensed private investigators are also welcome to apply
If interested, please respond to this ad with a copy of your resume.

Location: United States (Nationwide)
Desired Major(s): College of Liberal Arts and Sciences/Sociology (U)(G)

Apply through Huskies get Hired.

Teaching English in China

We are currently seeking English teachers to teach in China. Start an adventure of your lifetime and teach English in China. An experience you will never forget! Newly graduated college students are welcome to apply.

Requirements:

A Bachelor’s Degree or above
Must be a native (or near native) English speaker
Teaching experience preferred, but not required
The ability to live abroad for at least one year

Benefits:

Competitive salary
Comprehensive medical insurance
Assistance in housing accommodation
One-way flight ticket to China
Assistance in getting a work visa in China
Free airport pick-up upon arrival

Job Type: Full-time, 35 hours/week Location: Shenyang, China

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Please send your cover letter and resume to: employment@meizhong-qiao.com

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Huskie Military Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Amanda McCarthy

Dr. Amanda McCarthy began her education as a first-generation college student at the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse. When she started her degree she had dreams of becoming a physical therapist with the goal of earning a good income, but after some self-reflection about her strengths decided to pursue vocational therapy and become a rehabilitative counselor. She then continued her education and achieved her masters at University of Wisconsin at Stout, and finally completing her doctorate at NIU.

Through rehabilitation therapy, Dr. McCarthy is able to help people with more than just their careers, she helps people self-reflect and gain confidence and efficacy for their work.

Most people who come to her have acquired disabilities, disabilities individuals are not born with. She has been working at NIU since 2008 first starting as a clinical faculty member and then in 2012 she started to teach counseling classes on campus.

Her advice to students is to talk to your professors. You are paying them for their expertise. It can feel intimidating, but your professors are there to help you. McCarthy states about 75 percent of the time students come to talk to her end up with some kind of benefit such as connections and networking which can benefit you when it comes time for building your resume, internships and job opportunity.

McCarthy’s hobbies include enjoying her seven-month old son, Calvin, and exploring the world. She and her husband have seasonal NIU men’s basketball tickets and enjoy watching games at the Convocation Center.

Her favorite undergraduate memory is finals week. She admits it sounds nerdy, but that once finals are upon you it is time to enjoy all the hard work you have done during the semester. It is your opportunity to be proud of what you have learned. She also enjoyed being able to wear sweats, buy coffee before a final and the flexible schedule finals week allows.

In 10 years if she ran into you in the grocery store she would like for you to remember learning from her class how to be self aware. Reflect on the impart you make on others and what it means when people interact with you and your responses.

Both Dr. McCarthy and her husband were in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. Although they had not met yet, it was through the national guard that they were both able to pay for their undergraduate degrees. Dr. McCarthy earned her tuition through a Graduate Assistantship during graduate school and then with employee benefits for her doctorate degree. Her husband paid his graduate and doctorate degrees in Graduate Assistantship positions. By the time they both had their doctorate they did not have any student debt.

McCarthy was with the WI Army National Guard for eight years and started originally with the 229th Engineering Company in Prairie DuChene. Through that she completed basic training, land navigation and annual training.
Huskie to Huskie Peer Mentorship Program

MPTSS is looking for voluntary mentors for our Peer Mentorship Program. You may have noticed the fliers we have posted next to our computers in the lounge, but if you have not we wanted to get the word out that we are looking for individuals who are commuters, non-traditional, veterans and parents to create a more widespread mentorship opportunity. New students could really benefit from your knowledge and experience. Not to mention there are plenty of benefits you would receive as a MPTSS Peer Mentor such as networking through our office, adding to peer mentorship to your resume, as well as making connections for future job references. These things may not be on your mind now, but very soon you will be entering the workforce with your degree and the peer mentorship can set you apart from others who are competing for similar job opportunities.

Some things we would require would include bi-monthly communication with your mentee, a GPA of 2.7 or higher, professional communication and presentation including appropriate dress during mentoring activities, and appropriate language. As a mentor you should see yourself not as a supervisor of your mentee, but as a friend who is showing how to be professional and display all the qualities that will help create a role model relationship.

Once you have been selected through interview, we will hold a brief training to introduce you to our expectations and your responsibilities. Every month we will send you a newsletter with suggested topics to discuss with your mentee and possible event listings that you can both enjoy.

We will be holding interviews every Monday in November from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at our office next to the MPTSS lounge. Make sure you fill out the application online prior to when you visit the office to interview.
Calendar Events to Check Out

Indoor Rock Climbing at Vertical Endeavors

Saturday, November 18
1-6 p.m.
Glendale Heights, Ill.
Vertical Endeavors facility is one of the largest rock climbing gyms in the United States! Transportation, instruction, climbing equipment (harness and shoes), and gym entry fee is included in the registration fee.

Ticket Fee and registration is due by 11/15
NIU student: $30
Faculty/staff/community: $35

Avalon String Quartet

Tuesday, November 21
8-9 p.m.
Music Building Recital Hall

Brunch Around the World

Thursday, November 2
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Holmes Student Center Ellington’s
Fee:$10

Amy Iler, Ph.D., Chicago Botanic Garden

Thursday, November 2, 2017
3:30-4:30 p.m. (CT)
Montgomery Hall
Climate Induced Shifts in Flowering Phenology: Implications for Population Dynamics and Species Interactions
Food Drive

Support the local student community by donating canned goods to the MPTSS lounge. We will then deliver the food to the Huskies Food Pantry. Thanksgiving is almost here and we should all be thankful for what we have as well as what we can do to benefit others. The gift of food is always appreciated, especially when so many students have children who look forward to having a warm meal at home. Home is where memories are made and you are giving them memories they will have for forever. In order to utilize the pantry, you must be an enrolled NIU student, have a One Card and not be on a meal plan. You can also volunteer at the pantry.

November is a big month for Hunger Initiatives. Every year the week before Thanksgiving (Nov. 12-18 this year), the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness co-sponsor National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week.

Please consider donating to the Huskies Food Pantry via the MPTSS Lounge Nov. 13-18.