Holmes Student Center Renovation

An exciting new look is coming to the heart of NIU’s campus with the plans to renovate the iconic Holmes Student Center (HSC).

The university is expecting to invest approximately $20 million dollars for the renovation which will focus primarily on the ground floor of the HSC.

The following are some of the implementations expected after the renovation:

- A new glass entryway with an exterior tiered plaza opening from the ground floor to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commons.
- Open and inviting lounge space featuring more natural lighting.
- New and exciting dining options.
- A relocated and revitalized bookstore-retail outlet.
- Relocation of NIU’s Campus Activities Board, Student Association and Office of Student Involvement & Leadership Development to the HSC.
- Expanded entertainment and event space connecting the ground floor to the Huskie Den.

The massive overhaul project is expected to begin following finals this semester and to be completed by the fall of 2019. Updates on the renovation can be found at the HSC’s website. Since the HSC is a major gathering place for individuals within the community; the renovation seeks to make this central hub more attractive and intends to enhance their experience throughout their visits. The goal is to make the place a memorable hub for not only the current generations of Huskies but also for the future ones to come.
Forward Together, Forward

February 14, 2018 marks 10 years since the tragic shooting at Cole Hall. Time has passed, but NIU will always remember the students lost. On February 14, 2008, an unspeakable tragedy befell Northern Illinois University. Nineteen students were physically injured and five students perished when a gunman entered Cole Hall and opened fire on innocent students.

The NIU community was forever changed. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters from near and far banded together to move “Forward, Together Forward.”

*The Forward, Together Forward Scholarship* Endowment was created through the generosity of more than 1,770 donors to honor the five Huskies whose lives were lost. To learn more about these amazing individuals, please follow the links below.

Gayle, Catalina, Julianna, Ryanne and Daniel are treasured members of the NIU family. Each was a dynamic, selfless and hard-working individual who added so much to the NIU community simply by being him- or herself.

Their impact and legacy will live on through warm thoughts and memories, as well as through the Northern Illinois University *Forward, Together Forward Scholarship*. This month NIU has planned a series of events to provide opportunities to remember those we lost on February 14, 2008 and to reflect on how we have moved forward since that day.
February is the Month of Love!

Welcome to Valentine’s Day, as if winter gifts weren’t enough! Don’t sweat it, there are plenty of ways that you can make those around you feel appreciated without spending any money. If you struggle to feel like your gifts are enough, check out this great quiz and find out what your love language is, or better yet, make your special someone take it so you know exactly what they are expecting or hoping for.

February is also a great time to focus on what YOU love. The semester is rolling and I am sure you are ready to take a breather from reading endless pages for all your classes. Take a break and reboot, take a nap or read a book unrelated to class. Self care is IMPORTANT!

Here are some excellent ways to celebrate your dog on Valentine’s Day. Our dogs are the perfect Valentine because they love you unconditionally and are willing to be with you and think an extra slice of pizza is the best gift ever! I tend to celebrate my dog by hiking and then buying both of us cheeseburgers. This adds to the bonding experience. It is no surprise that her favorite toys are cheeseburgers.

Below I have hyperlinked the pictures to homemade recipes for dog treats. This could be a fun friend activity too! Bubba Rose has a great organic dog treat cook book!

One important part to remember if you do make treats, is that you should never use regular flour, dogs tend to have allergies and rice, and other flours are a better alternative.

Top 10 Dog Movies

Listed are my top 10 favorite dog movies. Old Yeller and Where the Red Fern Grows are not included for your dog’s viewing sake.

1. Marley and Me
2. 101 Dalmatians
3. Turner & Hooch
4. Lady and the Tramp
5. Homeward Bound
6. Beethoven
7. Cats & Dogs
8. Snow Dogs
9. White Fang
10. Beverly Hills Chihuahua

Of course don’t forget the Westminster Dog Show is coming up! TV viewing will start Sunday Feb 11 and continue on to Feb 12.
**Job Interests**

**Camp and NatureStart Programs Counselor**

**BROOKFIELD ZOO**

Chicago Zoological Society

*Inspiring Conservation Leadership*

Temporary/Seasonal

The Laborer – Seed Nursery position assists in the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the native seed nursery, greenhouse, and seed processing center.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

Assists in greenhouse operations of growing native plant species. Responsibilities include propagation from seed & vegetative reproduction, transplanting seedlings, general plant care comprising fertilizing, watering, pest control, and operating greenhouse climate controls. Maintains the nursery beds through planting, weeding, and watering. May work with volunteers, YCC Crew Members or contractors.

**Earth Adventures Camp Canoeing**

**Leader**

Part Time, Temporary/Seasonal

First Year, Sophomore, Junior, Senior

Responsibilities include:
- Supervising and ensuring the safety of elementary school-aged children, while leading canoeing instruction at Emily Oaks and on trips.
- Coordinating and supervising daily bussing of Earth Adventures campers.
- Assisting with additional walking field trips and weekly cookouts.

Dates of employment: Training June 4-10 (specific dates and times TBA) / Camp June 11-August 4

Hours of work: 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., Monday - Friday (plus training, Family Nights, and camp wrap-up as scheduled)

Wages: $10 / hour and up

**Now Hiring!**

Apply Today! Starting pay $15.25 per hour. High School diploma or (GED) equivalent required. Must be at least 18 years of age as required by the American Camp Association Guidelines. Camp programs are for children ages 4 to 14. The Chicago Zoological Society strives to provide the most inclusive guest experience possible by providing an environment that fosters respect for all individuals and celebrates differences. Experience working in inclusive informal, educational, or recreational programs a plus. This position contributes to the success of the Chicago Zoological Society by providing the highest level of quality customer service and extraordinary guest experiences with top-quality programming to participants to further the Society’s mission of inspiring conservation leadership.

For more information click the [link](#)!
EVENTS

Forward, Together: Remembering

This exhibit, a tribute to the resilience of the NIU campus community, includes archival materials as well as items sent and donated to NIU from around the world in the days following February 14, 2008.

Monday, February 5 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
More dates through February 14, 2018

Tuesday, February 6 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 
Wednesday, February 7 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 
Thursday, February 8 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 
Friday, February 9 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 
Saturday, February 10 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 
Sunday, February 11 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 
Monday, February 12 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 
Tuesday, February 13 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 
Wednesday, February 14 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Holmes Student Center, Gallery Lounge  
600 Lucinda Ave, DeKalb, IL 60115

NIU Student Ceramic Arts Pottery Sale

Tuesday, February 6 at 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
More dates through February 7, 2018

Student and faculty-made ceramics, baked goods and coffee will be for sale.

Free coffee with mug purchase.
Cash, Card and Check accepted.

Jack Arends Hall (Art Building), Second Floor  
330 Gilbert Dr, DeKalb, IL 60115

Valentine Special

Chandelier Catering Class  
HOSP 427 will be making, Hand-dipped chocolate-covered strawberries for sale.  
Only $12 a dozen!  
Pick-up: Adams Hall Chandelier Room

Feb. 13 1 - 4 p.m.  
Feb. 14 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
To place an order

The strawberries will be made by Chandelier Catering Class  
HOSP 427, a student-run catering service

Spring Internship and Job Fair

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The Internship and Job Fair will be open to undergraduates, graduating seniors, graduate students, alumni, and non-NIU candidates from all majors. For helpful tips and information, visit www.gethired.niu.edu, call (815) 753-1641 or email careerservices@niu.edu. NIU employer partners may log in to Huskies Get Hired! for expedited registration. New employers to NIU, log in to sign up and register.

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Convocation Center  
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Joke of the Month

You May Be a Bad Valentine If you...

♦ Forget Valentine’s Day
♦ Go to Walmart the day of and all the heart shaped boxes of chocolates are sold out.
♦ Write the wrong name on their card
♦ Get food poisoning
♦ Order more expensive items then insisting on splitting the bill
♦ Show up late or ditch
♦ Call your mom while on your date and tell her how its going