Driving Impact Through Engagement

CONNECTING. COLLABORATING. CREATING SOLUTIONS.
Engagement Defined

“Community engagement is the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger community for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.”

— Carnegie Foundation
Community Engagement
Regional Engagement
State-level Engagement
Global Impact

Chicago, Illinois

Kane County, Illinois

Washington D.C.

Belize

Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico

Bolivia

Muhoroni, Kenya

Tsinjoarivo, Madagascar

Myanmar/Burma
Lifelong Engagement

OERD touches the people of Illinois across the lifespan. From birth through education, career, family and retirement, NIU is engaging the region and the state to create solutions for the next century.

Here are a few examples.

STEM Fest

Preschool

K-12

Community College

Northern Illinois University

Career and Family

Retirement and Aging

STEM Fest

Illinois Interactive Report Cards

P-20 Network Career Pathways

NIU Esports

Continuing and Professional Education

Center for Governmental Studies

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NIU Engineering at Rock Valley College

ENGINEERING OUR FUTURE

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology

Rock Valley College

Northern Illinois University
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Esports

- Build community
- Promote healthy gaming practice
- Support new technologies in learning and research
Barb City STEAM Team

Free middle school afterschool program on the campus of Northern Illinois University. Helping students in grades 6-8 imagine themselves as college and career bound.
Future Directions

CENTERING ENGAGEMENT, DRIVING IMPACT TASKFORCE

- Engagement infrastructure
- Assessing outcomes of engagement
- Partnership guidance

- Scholarly engagement
- Faculty recognition and rewards
- Engagement and equity
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