



**Northern Illinois  
University**

**New Engagement Opportunities  
for 2020**

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# NIU: An Engaged Institution



- NIU designated a Carnegie Foundation **Engaged Institution** in 2010

## Elements of an Engaged Institution

- Active involvement of students, faculty, staff, community stakeholders
- Mutually beneficial, reciprocal partnerships
- Institutional commitment and coordination
- Evaluation and communication of impact



# Purpose of Community Engagement

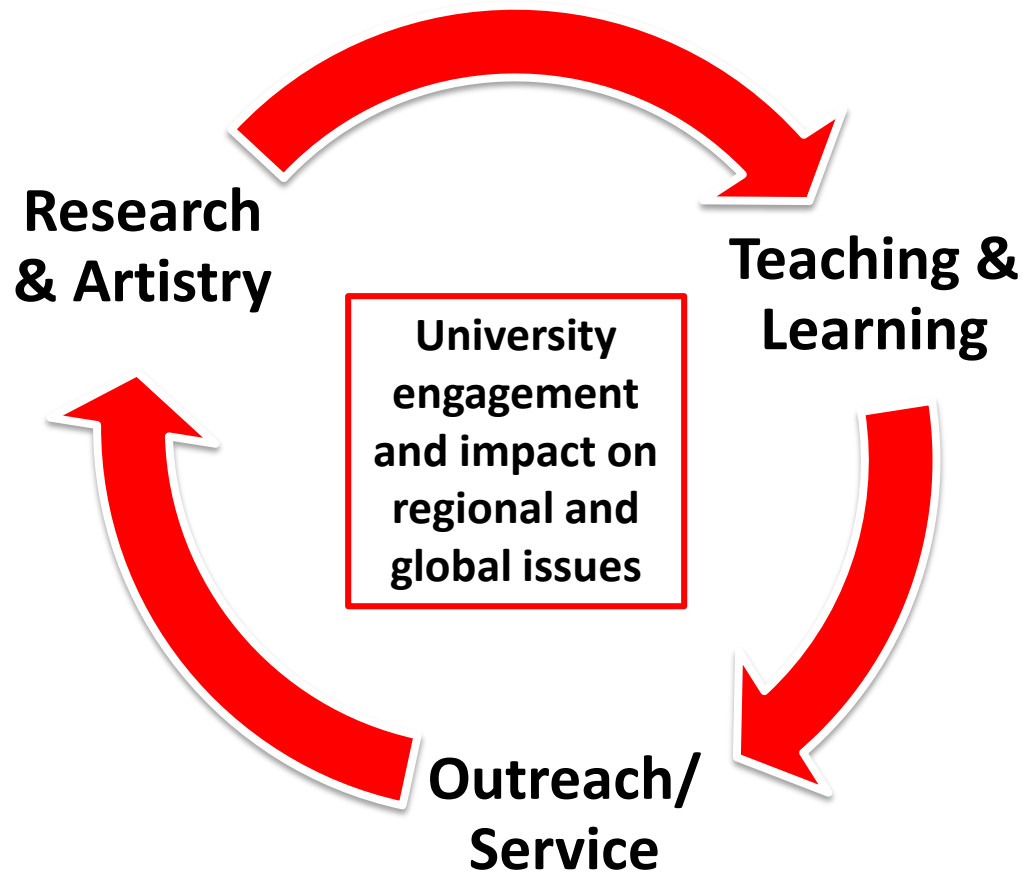


Partnership of knowledge and resources between universities and the public and private sectors to

- Enrich scholarship, research and creative activity
- Enhance curriculum, teaching and learning
- Prepare educated, engaged citizens
- Strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility
- Address critical societal issues
- Contribute to the public good

*Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching*

# Engagement is Everywhere



# Public Engagement Networks



## A Framework for Collaboration

- Voluntary convening of faculty, staff, students, community members around topics of mutual interest
- Linking and leveraging expertise, resources, and relationships for mutual benefit



# Public Engagement Network Goals



1. Increase awareness and effectiveness of existing engaged teaching, learning and scholarship initiatives
2. Facilitate networking and collaboration
3. Identify new collaborative projects
4. Develop metrics and mechanisms to understand and evaluate quality and impact
5. Make recommendations for infrastructure to facilitate increased engagement and collaboration

# Public Engagement Networks



- **P-20 Education**
- **Arts & Culture**
- **Nonprofits/NGOs**
- **Esports**
- **Workforce Development**



# Public Engagement Networks



Each engagement network will

- Create shared goals
- Develop a process for sharing ideas and opportunities for collaboration
- Identify metrics and reporting mechanisms
- Share stories that inform the NIU engagement narratives



# Network Leadership



## **Coordinating Council**

- Rena Cotsones and Fred Barnhart

## **P-20 Education**

- Jason Klein and Laurie Elish-Piper

## **Arts & Culture**

- Staci Hoste and Paul Kassel

## **Nonprofits/NGOs**

- Pam Clark Reidenbach and Alicia Schatteman

## **Esports**

- Jeannine East and Steve Howell

# Engaged Learning, Teaching and Scholarship Conference



- Began in 2018
  - Focus on Celebrating Excellence
- ELTS 2020
  - Focus on providing strategies, support and best practices that will help facilitate mutually beneficial partnerships
  - Impact on University, Region/Nation, Students

# Join your colleagues!



## Engaged Learning, Teaching and Scholarship Conference

March 17, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Holmes Student Center  
Duke Ellington Ballroom –  
Capital Room

# “I’m Proud of...”/“I Wish...”



At your table:

1. Share an engagement activity of which you are proud
2. Share an engagement activity you wish you could do – what would it take?

# What's Next?



- Get involved
- Get a student, partner, colleague involved
- Send us your ideas
- Help spread the word



# When and Where?



## Network Meetings

- **Esports:** February 18, 10:30 a.m., Neptune North Esports Lounge
- **Nonprofits/NGOs:** March 4, 8:30 a.m., Founders Memorial Library Lounge
- **P-20 Network,** April 23, 9 a.m., NIU-Naperville

## ELTS Conference

- March 17, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Holmes Student Center