

Northern Illinois University



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President

Chartered in 1895, Northern Illinois University is a comprehensive teaching and research institution located near a vibrant research and development corridor. NIU's main DeKalb campus is 65 miles west of Chicago and 45 miles southeast of Rockford. The university provides more than 60 undergraduate majors and 100 graduate- and doctoral-level programs in seven colleges: Business; Education; Engineering and Engineering Technology; Health and Human Sciences; Law; Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Visual and Performing Arts. The university also operates education centers in Chicago, Hoffman Estates, Naperville, Oregon and Rockford, where working professionals can access NIU programs at convenient times and locations.

From a residential renaissance to technologically advanced learning environments and expanded wellness opportunities, every student is sure to be touched by NIU's ongoing campus transformation. Projects include a new \$80 million residence hall and renovation of 30 percent of on-campus housing units; construction of an outdoor recreation complex; the transformation of Fay-Cooper Cole Hall into a high-tech lecture hall and collaborative classroom; an Anthropology Museum; expansion of Wi-Fi and cloud computing; and the addition of an indoor athletic practice facility.

NIU is committed to making the university a top choice for high-performing students who desire an engaged learning experience. As a priority of its Vision 2020 Initiative, NIU set a goal to double its investment in merit-based scholarships to attract top students from across the state and beyond. NIU merit scholarship awards include University Scholars; Faculty Fund Scholars; Northern Academic Scholarships; Centennial Scholarships; Red & Black Awards; DeKalb County Scholarships; NIU Transfer Scholarships, the 4+3 Pre-Law Scholarship and Huskie Legacy Awards. Out-of-state Huskie Scholarships also are awarded to qualified students who exhibit strong academic performance and potential.

Northern Illinois University has received recognition in a number of publications for the high quality of its programs and has earned top rankings in several categories:

- The College of Education's online graduate program is ranked fourth in the nation out of 208 schools in the 2013 Graduate Education category of *U.S. News & World Report*.
- NIU was named in *U.S. News & World Report* among the Best Colleges 2013 for its undergraduate Business Program. The program has been ranked among the best for nearly two decades.
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranks the university's Master's in Public Administration (MPA) program in the top 10 nationally in the fields of city management and public finance.
- NIU has been ranked in the top 4 percent of all American universities by the Carnegie Foundation, having received the agency's highest possible designation — "Doctoral/Research University Extensive."

- *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* magazine consistently ranks NIU in the top 100 institutions nationwide for graduating minority students, including first in the country for the number of graduate degrees in education awarded to African-Americans.
- NIU's Department of Accountancy has consistently been ranked in the nation's top 10 by the *Public Accounting Report*, while its graduate program has become a fixture in that ranking's top 20.
- NIU was named to the 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. To be admitted to the Honor Roll, a school must demonstrate that its students, faculty and staff are engaged in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

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Northern Illinois University's east lagoon was part of the original 63 acres deeded to the state by Joseph F. Glidden in 1895. Holmes Student Center is visible on the left and Altgeld Hall is in the center.