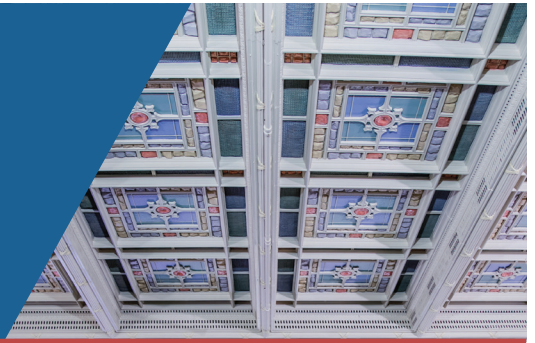




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in the NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022



WELCOME

Dear Friends,

It has been an exciting summer at National Louis University (NLU), which included celebrating the Class of 2022 and planning for our 137th academic year.

Commencement ceremonies in Chicago and Tampa were times of great joy. In Chicago, our new venue, Wintrust Arena, was filled with NLU blue as graduating students celebrated with mascot Louie the Eagle, and each other. The pride on our graduates' faces, as well as those of their family members and friends, reflected a collective sense of accomplishment.

Then, throughout the summer, incoming students and families attended orientation sessions and program kick-off events designed to ensure that they have the skills, resources and connections needed to begin the fall term successfully.



As our graduating students achieve their dreams of higher education, and new students begin their journey, we extend our appreciation again to our supporters for helping NLU develop new programs and prepare our students to earn their degrees and succeed. Our donors join us in believing that an investment in NLU is an investment in our students.

Thank you for your confidence in NLU and for being part of our family.

Warmest regards,

Christopher Chantson
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ACCELERATE U

NLU launched Accelerate U in July 2021 to provide learners with a rapid pathway to full-time, in-demand jobs and careers. Through this innovative "job-first" higher education concept, students can begin their new career in three to six months. We began our first track – Registered Medical Assistant – to respond to employer needs and the high number of job openings in this sector. So far, three cohorts have each completed four months of online training, followed by a one- to two-month field-based externship. Upon completion, Accelerate U graduates have preferential application status with healthcare employer partners to launch their careers, and up to 30 credit hours to apply towards a bachelor's degree.

The Registered Medical Assistant pathway is the first of eight anticipated career tracks that NLU plans to offer. This fall, Accelerate U will launch its second track – Registered Behavior Technician – for those who wish to work with individuals on the autism spectrum or with developmental disabilities. Future tracks in IT and business are under consideration, as well as additional opportunities in healthcare.

Philanthropic support has been vital in developing Accelerate U. Additional funding is needed to launch additional career tracks. An anonymous donor has offered to match donations to Accelerate U up to \$100,000. Please contact Christopher Chantson at cchantson@nl.edu or (312) 261-3871 to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

INNOVATION KITCHEN IN THE WORKS AT KENDALL

Faculty members at Kendall College have been designing a new, advanced environment that replicates the most modern culinary workplaces. Once completed, the Innovation Kitchen will ensure that students learn on state-of-the-art equipment specifically created to improve efficiency and designed for better ergonomics.

The Innovation Kitchen will be equipped with a SkyLine Combi cooking suite including new technologies in blast chilling and pressure braising, all of which has been generously donated by Electrolux Professional, a leading supplier of commercial kitchen appliances. Our partnership with Electrolux Professional will also allow students and faculty to interact with industry leaders during the annual National Restaurant Association convention and other culinary arts events, particularly when the Innovation Kitchen serves as a demonstration site.



Kendall College anticipates opening the Innovation Kitchen this fall. For more information about supporting the construction expenses of the Kitchen, please contact Michael Kenahan at (312) 261-3836 or mkenahan@nl.edu.

ALUMNI

National Louis University's Alumni Association invites all members of the NLU family – including alumni, students, faculty, staff, donors and friends – to engage with our alumni community.

The Class of 2022 recently joined 80,000 NLU alumni worldwide – a vibrant network that is changing the world in extraordinary ways.

From milestone class reunions, volunteer mentoring programs, virtual webinars, alumni recognition celebrations, social media and career networking events, there are many ways for alumni to stay

connected and show their NLU pride. Go to www.nl.edu/alumni/ to learn more.

Scan the QR code at the right to update your contact information and get the latest alumni news and updates from NLU. Go Eagles!

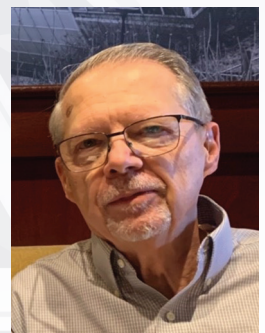


Ayana Dickens, M.A.T. '22 providing the Student Reflection at the Chicago Commencement

Why One Alumnus Gives Monthly

"A recurring gift is a commitment, not just to NLU but to everyone who comes to the University to hone their skills and knowledge so as to be more effective in work and life. Supporting The Graduate School of Business and Leadership with a steady donation stream helps ensure it continues to do so."

– Jack Lane, '93 M.S.



Join Jack in supporting NLU with your monthly or quarterly gift at: nl.edu/donate.

RECENT EVENTS

May 28, 2022

Chicago Veterans Ruck March 2022

Members of the NLU Student Veteran's Association (SVA) joined dozens of other veterans' organizations for the Chicago Veterans Ruck March. The 17-mile march raised awareness of suicide prevention and fought against the stigma of mental health in the military. NLU SVA member Jairo Andrade stated that the event was important because, "It is a remembrance that we do not have to struggle through life alone and that there are always others out there to 'Ruck' with you."

July 22 & August 5, 2022

NLU F1RST Steps

First-generation college students participated in day-long NLU F1RST Steps pre-orientation programs designed to help them build connections with other students before coming to campus in the fall. The initiative was designed to test the hypothesis that students creating deeper connections with others will improve graduation rates. Activities focused on individual reflection, goal setting and the development of interpersonal relationships with other incoming students. Additional components of the NLU F1RST Initiative include mentoring by first-generation NLU faculty and staff, as well as gatherings throughout the students' college experience.

August 17, 2022

Undergraduate Honors Program Kick-Off

The Undergraduate Honors Program (UHP) officially launched when the initial class, and their family members, held its kick-off event on the Wheeling campus. The UHP aims to further empower students to achieve by building an honors academic model on top of the Undergraduate College's foundations of affordability, convenient and predictable course schedules, and a personalized and professionally-focused experience. During the event, Natalie C. Johnson, Ph.D., founding director of the UHP and assistant professor of mathematics, helped participants understand how program components will encourage academic challenge, the spirit of inquiry, personal development, and lifelong success.

Commencement 2022



Nivine Megahed, Ph.D. providing the President's Charge at the Chicago Commencement.



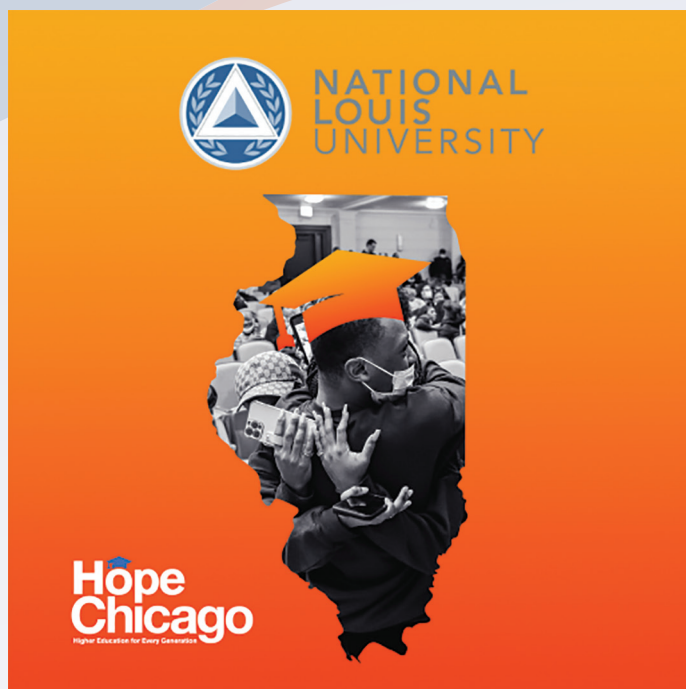
Provost Eddie Phillips, Ed.D. addressing the Florida Commencement.

HOPE CHICAGO SCHOLARSHIPS

NLU is partnering with Hope Chicago, an innovative two-generation college scholarship program committed to investing \$1 billion in postsecondary scholarships to Chicago Public Schools (CPS) students and their parents over the next decade. NLU and Hope Chicago have announced a formal partnership to support this year's incoming Fall 2022 inaugural Hope Scholar cohort.

to dedicated support staff on campus. NLU Trustee Peter Kadens is Founder and Co-Chairman of Hope Chicago.

With future cohorts in the works, the partnership with Hope Chicago opens the door for more CPS graduates and their families to experience the world-class education that NLU has to offer.



"A college education remains the most powerful way for individuals to positively impact themselves, their families, and communities," said Aarti Dhupelia, Dean of the Undergraduate College and Vice President for Undergraduate Education at NLU. "Through this partnership with Hope Chicago, we will accelerate our mission to drive access and equity in higher education, capitalizing on an already strong connection with Chicago Public Schools to empower our local students and communities."

Incoming Hope Scholars to NLU will be eligible for the full suite of comprehensive supports that Hope Chicago offers, including scholarships paying for all college expenses—not just tuition and traditional dormitory life, but also transition support, academic and social-emotional supports, and exclusive access

HELP NLU STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS

National Louis University relies on the generosity of our donors, alumni and volunteers to support financial scholarships for deserving students, the Food Pantry, wrap-around support services for veteran and military-connected students, program innovations to help meet students where they are, and much more.

An investment in NLU is an investment in our students who are changing their communities – and the world – every day.

Gifts can be made in several ways:

- By **check** mailed to:
Institutional Advancement
National Louis University
122 S Michigan Ave Ste 600
Chicago, IL 60603-9754
- Online at nl.edu/donate.
- To make a **gift of securities**, or to let us know if you have included NLU in your **estate plans**, please contact Christopher Chantson at **(312) 261-3871** or cchantson@nl.edu.
- Designate NLU as the charity to receive 0.5% of your **Amazon** purchases by registering at smile.amazon.com.

Regardless of how you support NLU, every gift helps students accomplish their goals and achieve their dreams.