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# Mexican journalist speaks at Meet the Media Night

**Luísa Soares**  
Writer

On March 14, Northeastern Illinois University received the guest speaker Mago Torres, who is a Mexican journalist, researcher and scholar that contributed to Panama Papers as a Fellow in JSK 2018.

Organized by The Independent Newspaper, Que Ondee Sola Magazine and the WZRD radio, the talk that started at 5:30 p.m. was part of Meet the Media Night and united the students from Communication, Media and Theatre and Music and Dance departments in the Main Campus.

One of the principal topics was Torres' career, her focus on the right to information and data journalism and her contribution to the leak of 11.5 million documents about irregular activities from offshore companies, also known as the Panama Papers.

As stated by her, being a part of this was possible because she was studying in the John S. Knight Journalism (JSK) program at Stanford University in California, where she spent 10 months with 17 journalists from Brazil, China, Cuba, Norway, Russia, Switzerland and the United States.

"Learning about collaboration in our profession was important during this investigation with the group, once there was a lot coming out in the news", says Torres.

Torres also talked about the differences between the Mexican and American Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

"It's easier to get information in my home country because you don't need to be born there to request public records. You don't need to introduce yourself, giving the government private information such as your home or work address — and that's how it works in the U.S.", explains Torres.

Besides that, the journalist who has been living in the U.S. for four years introduced her latest piece named 2,000 Clandestine graves, which documents hundreds of grave-sites discovered across Mexico and is a part of the project A dónde van los desaparecidos.

Written by Torres, Alejandra Guillén and Marcela Turati, the story took more than one and a half years to be published. They started investigating it in February 2017, before Torres became a member of the fellowship of the JSK program.

The investigation was concluded in November 2018. "It was long because we needed to collect, clean and transcribe the data that we got with the government's public records. We also had to interview the victims and their families."

She said to students that they should follow their gut. "You need to trust in your curiosity. If you are curious about the work that a news organization does, find someone that works there that is on social media or email. Please, reach out to the source", affirms Torres.

Torres also co-founded Periodistas de a Pie (Journalists on Foot), which is an organization that seeks to raise the quality of the professional field in Mexico.

In this group, she was able to investigate projects such as Masde72, a journalistic research site uncovering facts about massacres occurring in Mexico.

Despite that, she coordinated and taught in the journalism program of Universidad Iberoamericana.

She now lives in Chicago. Since February 2015, Torres has been freelancing and trying to help her home country through her stories and investigations.



Photo By: Luisa Soares



Photo By: Amaranta Cuesta

# NEIU's lack of faculty diversity

Nicole F. Anderson & Robert Kukla

NEIU is considered the most diverse public university in the midwest and the website claims the diversity "affects the core of the institution – we learn, teach, and work in an environment that is made richer, more relevant and more rewarding by the deeply diverse group of individuals that makes up our University community."

However, according to the university's instructional faculty by academic rank, out of a total of 597 faculty members, 368 (61.6 percent) are white individuals.

But NEIU isn't the only Chicago university to lack faculty diversity. In 2017, University of Illinois at Chicago reported 43 percent white faculty members.

In the same year, Columbia College Chicago reported 79 percent white full-time instructional staff and 80 percent white part-time

instructional staff, coming in at an average of 79.5 percent white faculty.

Loyola University's most recent faculty demographics report is also from 2017, it states their faculty breakdown was: 82.4 percent white; 0 percent Native American; 6.3 percent Asian; 5.9 percent African American; 4.4 percent Hispanic; 0.2 percent Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; and 0.9 percent two or more races.

DePaul University's most recent faculty demographic analysis is from 2014-15 and alluded to a white faculty percentage of 80.4 percent.

On their website it states: "Among the 919 full-time faculty members for the 2014-2015 academic year, 67 were African-Americans, 50 were Hispanic/Latino, 51 were Asian-Americans, 8 were multiracial and 3 were Native Americans – together representing 19.4 percent."

According to North Carolina University, they used student survey data from six different schools and found "a growing body of evidence demonstrates that students benefit when assigned to a demographically similar teacher, especially racial/ethnic minority students," meaning they learn more efficiently when their educators resemble them.

NPR also reported that the students who were surveyed in the North Carolina University surveys felt "more cared for, more interested in their schoolwork and more confident in their teachers' abilities to communicate with them. These students also reported putting forth more effort in school and having higher college aspirations."

NEIU student Carlos Gutierrez said, "I don't find the lack of diversity in our faculty to be too distracting, it doesn't really take me out of my studies. Most of the professors I have had as of now have made a

positive impact on me, not necessarily because of race but because their teaching style works for my style of learning."

According to an article from The New York Times, diversity amongst faculty has a bigger impact on male students. According to the article, the studies showed that educator diversity can impact a male, particularly black male, student's performance and interest in school more than female students.

The New York Times stated: "When black children had a black teacher between third and fifth grades, boys were significantly less likely to later dropout of high school, and both boys and girls were more likely to attend college. Mr. Gershenson and his colleagues found in a large study last year.

The effect was strongest for children from low-income families. The study included 106,000 students who entered third grade

in North Carolina from 2001 to 2005, and it followed them through high school. There was no effect on white children when they had a black teacher."

Gutierrez said that as a Hispanic male pursuing a career in education, "bringing in diversity does give me more motivation to become a teacher."

What can be done to increase this number? Forbes suggests that asking faculty input on new hires may be a way to increase and foster diversity in the workplace along with keeping an open line of communication between administration and faculty.

Statistics and responses from Roosevelt University, North Park University and Illinois Institute of Technology were not available at time of print.

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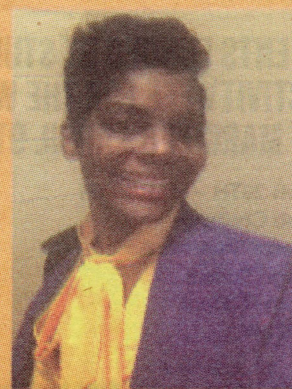
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# LGBTQ discrimination is legal in 22 States, Equality Act could change that

**Nicole F. Anderson**

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There are 29 states in the United States where discriminating against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people is completely legal; however, 89 percent of Americans believe that it's illegal to be fired or discriminated against in the United States for being LGBT, Center for American Progress reports.

However, this week, the Equality Act will be reintroduced in the Congressional chambers.

The Equality Act was introduced by House Representative David Cicilline (D - Rhode Island) and

Senators Jeff Merkley (D - Oregon); Tammy Baldwin (D - Wisconsin); and Cory Booker (D - New Jersey) which would modify existing federal civil rights legislation and include LGBT people as a protected class, banning discrimination against them at a federal level.

"Freedom is the ability to fully participate in American life. Today, the bell of freedom does not ring for LGBTQ Americans, who still face discrimination in 29 states," Senator Merkley said in a press release.

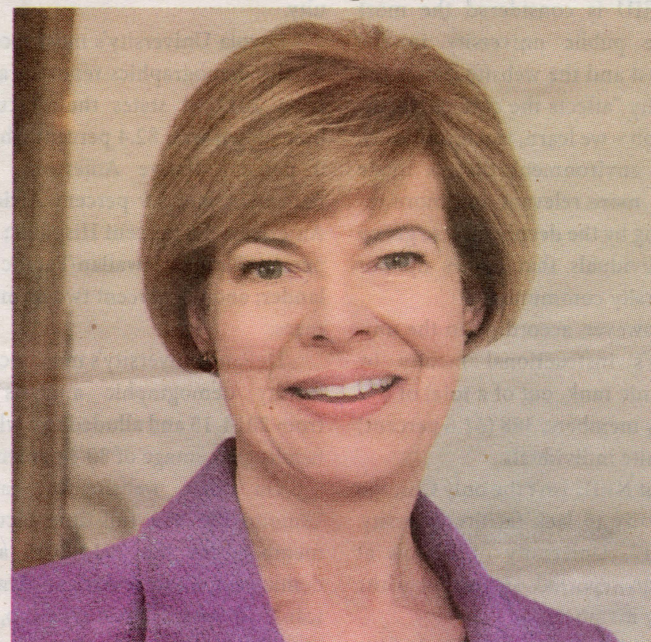
The existing civil rights legislation that the Equality Act would amend would be: the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Fair Housing Act; Jury Selection and Services Act; Equal

Credit Opportunity Act; and other existing federal laws in regard to federal government employment.

Sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination in public spaces, services and other federally programs funded will be strictly prohibited, if the bill passes.

"LGBTQ rights across the country are under attack. Just last night, the Trump administration approved a new cruel, discriminatory and hateful ban on transgender service members, President Trump has rolled back LGBTQ rights in our schools, in the workplace, and in adoption under the guise of 're-

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## STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



### EVENTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING BY COC MARCH 7TH & MARCH 14TH

<b>Accounting Association</b>	<b>Society for Physics</b>
Jumpstart	"First Man"
<b>\$198</b>	<b>\$765</b>
<b>Society for Physics</b>	<b>Delta Zeta</b>
"Future Star"	Annual Movie Symposium
<b>\$499.89</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>Hillel</b>	
Antisemitism in Real Life	
<b>\$2,418</b>	

### EVENTS FUNDED BY STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE FOR THE WEEKS OF MARCH 26 - APRIL 9TH

<b>MAR 26TH - MAR 27TH</b>
Hijab Challenge
Muslim Students Assoc.
Village Square
12pm-4:00pm
<b>\$643.50</b>

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**MONDAY, MAR 25TH**  
Window Painting: These Hands Don't Haze

**TUESDAY, MAR 26TH**  
90's Trivia.  
SU 214  
3pm-4pm

### BLACK CAUCUS

**THURSDAY, MAR 28TH**  
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PE Complex  
6pm-9pm

**WEDNESDAY, MAR 27TH**  
Order of Omega Ceremony  
Pedroso Center  
7pm-9pm

**THURSDAY MAR 28TH**  
Community Service and Greek Picture  
B 158 • 3pm-4pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH**  
Mr & Miss Black NEIU  
Recital Hall  
5pm-8pm

### NORTHEASTERN PROGRAMMING BOARD

**MONDAY, APRIL 8TH**  
NPB Talent Show  
Alumni Hall • 8pm

### SENATE UPDATES

ANNOUNCING SGA ELECTIONS FOR THE 2019 - 2020 YEAR

Interested students must **ATTEND ONE** of the following  
Candidate Training sessions:

**MON, MAR 25TH**  
• 5pm - Pedroso (B159)

**TUE, MAR 26TH**  
• Noon - El Centro  
• 3pm - C Building  
(4th fl conf. room)

**WED, MAR 27TH**  
• Noon - Pedroso (B159)  
• 4:30pm - Pedroso (B159)



**THU, MAR 28TH**  
• Noon - SU 218  
• 4pm - B Building (152)

**FRI, MAR 29TH**  
• 10am - Pedroso (B159)

**\*\*Application due by March 29th 5pm\*\***

Application and other information can be found at

[neiu.edu/university-life/student-leadership-development/elections](http://neiu.edu/university-life/student-leadership-development/elections)  
> Positions Available > Important Dates > Important Documents > Meet the Candidates

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These incidents occurred on NEIU campus properties between March 11 and March 21, 2019, as reported by NEIU campus police department.

#### 3/11/19: Building B

Officers responded to multiple calls of student screaming and being irate and disruptive in counseling office. Student was told to leave campus and finally complied.

#### 3/13/19: Police Department

Officer observed damage to

squad car that appears to be intentional. Offender is unknown.

#### 3/14/19: Granite Gallery

Police assisted city inspectors with access to NEIU owned building. They were being denied access to building for a public health complaint.

#### 3/14/19: The Nest

Officers responded to a suicide attempt call. Victim admitted to being depressed and had not caused any injury to self. Victim transport-

ed to hospital for evaluation.

#### 3/15/19: Library

Building service worker reported finding open interior doors and beer cans in bathroom after hours. Officers searched building. Search yielded negative results.

#### 3/16/19: Lech Walesa Hall

Letters were written on to toilet paper dispenser and letters etched on to mirrors in men and women's bathrooms. Offenders are unknown at this time.

#### 3/21/19: NEIU

Employee reported a suspicious e-mail received asking for personal information. He was advised to not respond nor provide any personal information to sender.

#### 3/21/19: Parking Garage

Worker used an aerosol spray in area, which caused the fire alarm to go off. No smoke or fire was reported. Engineering department reset the alarm.

## Equity Act

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ligious liberty.' This is absolutely unacceptable, and we cannot let up the fight for equality for all," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said.

"Every American deserves the freedom and opportunity to dream the same dreams, chase the same ambitions, and have the same shot

at success," Senator Baldwin said in a press release, "We have an opportunity to pass the Equality Act in the House this year and this will be an historic step forward but we can't mistake progress for victory. That will only come when we bring about the change we need in Washington to get the job done on full equality for every LGBTQ American across our country."

The bill was initially introduced first in 2015 and then again in 2017, however, it never left

committee but this time around, the bill is now expected to have 230 representatives, 46 senators and 161 corporate partners backing it.

The corporation partners represent \$3.7 trillion in U.S. revenue. Some of these partners—Apple, Walmart, JPMorgan and Google—are representatives for a much larger group of businesses that have already implemented protections and policies in their companies that prohibit

discrimination against anyone who is LGBT. Apple and Google were contacted for comment but unavailable at the time of print. Senator Baldwin's staff replied to the Independent's questions with a link to a press statement.

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In the March 12 issue of the Independent our comics were misattributed. Comics were provided by Samuel Heibert and Johanna Valkin. We regret this error.

# Meet the women of NEIU



**Amanda Goldblatt** is a Creative Writing professor at NEIU and is one of the professors who has done tremendous work to get the Creative Writing Minor to where it is currently.

She has been a huge inspiration in my own creative work and I recently had the privilege to talk with her about what inspires her and what her motivations are regarding her work at NEIU.

When it comes to the inspiration surrounding her own writing she says, "I'm most inspired by what's going on in the world around me and I'm interested in finding connections

and associations and resonances between sort of bigger questions I have about what it means to move through the world with other people. Tying that to the actual experience of moving through the world. The sensory experience and finding surprises and uncovering new dimensions."

Amanda is mostly motivated by the students and they inspired her desire to teach Creative Writing at NEIU. She goes on to say, "students have more of an independent individuality, and it means a lot to me to work with people in the classroom."

Originally Amanda taught one fiction workshop class and eventual-

ly became what is now the Creative Writing Minor. She was approached by other faculty members who were interested in developing the minor and eventually "formed it into something that I feel it's really a vital living form within the English department."

The creative writing minor is where a lot of students are encouraged to find their own voice in their writing and that is something that Amanda is also largely motivated by.

She says, "so much of teaching is about facilitation in just providing opportunity. And I think that is what I'm most interested in when it comes to education, either just in the class-

room or working with other writers, or on the minor level is that we're facilitating other writers. So getting to do that, getting to help inspire community, I think all of you students have done a really extraordinary job making a community beyond the officers of the department. And that's super cool. And it's one of the best parts of my life."

Amanda's message to NEIU women is to "encourage curiosity, kindness, and interactivity."

Article by Robert Kukla  
Photo by Amanda Goldblatt

**Ashlei N. Ross** is a senior at NEIU and an inner city studies and social work double major with a minor in child advocacy studies. She is also known as the president of the Student Government Association (SGA), president of the Black Student Union, president of the Justice Studies club, vice-president of the United Greek Council, and the basileus (president) of the Sigma Eta chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. A true lynch-pin of the NEIU community, she was also chosen as the 2018 Lincoln Academy Student Laureate. This award goes to one outstanding senior per university that demonstrates leadership and

service contributions on campus and beyond, academic success and extracurricular achievements. Not only is she a dedicated student, but also a mother of six and a Direct Support Professional (DSP).

Traveling on the rocky road of life, Ross stuck to it and created her own path where none existed before. Coming from a family of educators in Bolingbrook, IL, she originally went to Florida Agricultural Mechanical University, transferred to Kansas State University and finally moved back to Illinois to be closer to family. Sleepless nights from going to school and working at the same time were obstacles met with the support of

family. Throughout all the years, one thing never changed, her love for her family.

In her rare free time, she enjoys doing activities with others in the sorority and bonding with her family and boyfriend. She especially enjoys spending time with her family, as they are what has shaped her into the person she is today. Watching her mom go through her own struggles helped teach Ross to be an independent woman and raising kids helped her want to be better for them. "Without them," she said, "I wouldn't be able to do all that I do."

A message that she wants to give NEIU women is "don't ever feel that

you have to shelter your thoughts or not speak up against something. You can speak out, especially in this male dominated world. You do have a place in leadership just like any male does."

When asked about what she would like to be remembered by when she graduates, she said that she wouldn't want to be remembered as "the best person ever," but as a fellow student who served for and with other students because she cares. A humble visionary, she does all this to help others and inspire people to follow in her tracks.

Article by Victoria Hong  
Photo by Ashlei Ross



**Dr. Durene Wheeler** has dedicated her life to educating and fighting injustice. A professor at NEIU since 2006, Wheeler teaches in the College of Education and Arts and Sciences.

Wheeler was born in Ohio and earned her bachelor's at Wooster College then attended Ohio State for her masters and doctorate. As an undergrad, she was a studio art major, with a minor in sociology. Her first masters was in higher education and student affairs with a minor in coun-

seling psychology. Her doctorate is in cultural and social foundations and education, with a minor in Women's and Gender Studies and African American Studies.

She admits that she stumbled upon teaching. "I decided that I wanted to teach because I was working in disability services. I was helping out students and doing workshops for parents to help them transition. Because if you are a student with an information processing disorder in high school, your parents are your

advocate," Wheeler said.

"When you get to higher education, parents have to get out of the way and let the students be their own advocate. And some parents had a lot of trouble with that. So we would do workshops to train them. But we also do workshops to make our faculty a lot more sensitive in dealing with students that had different learning styles and different learning abilities. So that's when I think I got the idea to teach," she continued.

While Wheeler has been impact-

ing many other lives, she credits her mother for having the biggest impact on her own life. "My mother is the most wonderful person in the world. She has always taught us that to be the best, we had to do our best. But more importantly, she has modeled that for us. She had high expectations of us. She knew her daughters and she knew what our strengths were and what our limitations were. I remember in third grade, I found out about the president of the United States and I came home and said, 'Mom, I will

be the first black woman president of the United States.' and she said, 'if anybody can do it, you can.' That was her mentality."

Wheeler's message to the women of NEIU is as follows: "Believe in yourself, don't let anybody tell you what you can or can't do. Stop the negative self talk. You are a star. You are a masterpiece. Like I used to tell my son when he was little, you are massively and wonderfully made."

Article by Alex Marroquin

**Edie Rubinowitz** is working on a podcast with Spanish Public Radio that features NEIU students centered on the controversial Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program called "DACAmentation: Humanizing Our Stories."

"To see my students tackling these issues from a variety of perspectives and build something up that seems to have legs and is getting recognition... the students themselves are going to go on different shows and be able to address mental health issues, LGBTQA, so seeing them be empowered to tell their own stories is really wonderful," said Rubinowitz.

"I always have felt ambivalent about a lot of my beats where immigration, poverty, gentrification and housing and it was usually covering communities of color and I am not a person of color. I am Jewish but that doesn't count, right? There is always a little bit of uneasiness in the fact

that I am telling other people's story. I think journalism has evolved and journalism has diversified that people are able to tell their own stories more as the newsrooms have become more diverse...that's why I like this particular project."

Rubinowitz began her career in journalism as a high school student during the Central American political crisis.

She did her first story on a man who was seeking sanctuary at a church and hearing his story got her hooked. "You can ask all sorts of questions, you can go anywhere you want."

"If you're curious about something, you have the license to go seek it out and the more I learned about it, I thought that was just amazing," she said.

Rubinowitz's education took her to University of Southern California in Berkeley for anthropology, but she

soon found her way back home to Evanston, IL where she enrolled in Northwestern University's journalism program. She also studied at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

She worked with Chicago Public Radio as a producer and occasional host on "Worldview" which led to some of her most memorable journalism experiences such as meeting Nobel Peace Prize winner and Prime Minister Jorge Ramos Horta of East Timor.

Being a woman in journalism was never impossible for Rubinowitz despite the negative attitude from some men in the field.

"The treatment by some men in the business really did make you feel inadequate. I would like to say never let anybody make you feel inadequate, but I think that is just incredibly hard to do because people will do it. And you will feel inadequate. I think the

best thing is to be surrounded by people who make you feel good. And who make you feel valued and make you feel like you can do things. And I think in a lot of cases, it is women."

She currently works at NEIU, juggling a lot of hats including serving as the Acting Chair of the CMT department.

Rubinowitz also journalistically advises the Independent. Aside from working at NEIU and hitting the ground running on "DACAmentation," Rubinowitz enjoys spending time with her nine-year-old son as they watch series of movies, read plenty of books and are both currently really into dinosaurs.

There is pressure in being a working mom, but Rubinowitz says, "You can do it. You can have it all. I would say you probably can't have it all at the same time in the way that you want...I just think it's a real struggle to do everything at once and do it

really well. I think we can just not expect that of ourselves." Her advice is to learn to forgive yourself for not doing everything totally perfect and to "use our women friends as support to get through that because it's tough."



Story by Amaris E. Rodriguez  
Photo by Edie Rubinowitz



Article by Robin Bridges  
Photo provided by NEIU

## Jeanine Ntahirageza

was born in Burundi in Central Africa and fell in love with the English language through music. She was a gifted math student but could not find a math program in English in Burundi so she changed her focus to study literature and linguistics. In college she became a Fulbright scholar and came to study at Southern Illinois University.

She got her doctorate degree in linguistics from the University of Chicago. "I opted for University of Chicago, although, I didn't know what it meant (to attend that school). I just knew I was at SIU and it's in the same state so I didn't have to travel too far and they offered the most money," she joked. While Ntahirageza was there, she realized that due to the changing political climate in her home country, she could not go back to Burundi.

"I've fallen in love with Northeastern," she said. She came to teach with very high expectations of her students as a professor coming from both Burundi and University of Chicago. She was surprised when she received her first assignments

and got to work straight away to better understand how she could best serve her students.

"When you have someone who comes in and is not well prepared, but in the end they do very well. You watch them grow and become teachers themselves or become professionals out there. It's such a joy to watch," Ntahirageza said. "It is so rewarding to work with students who say 'we don't take this for granted'. Most students we serve don't take education for granted. They come and you train them and they appreciate it. That's very fulfilling."

As a member of the administration, her work is divided into teaching, service and research. She finds a lot of crossover in the service and research she does. She focuses on genocide in Africa and in the diaspora. The diaspora refers to African people settled outside of Africa. One of her many passion projects is the Genocide Research Symposium.

"It's personal. My father was killed in genocide. I didn't realize at that time it was my own healing journey. It turned out that way," Ntahirageza said. "When I first started,

I wanted to have a conversation about genocide in Africa and the diaspora. Because when they talk about genocide in the world, it's the holocaust and Rwanda mostly and then others."

Her service work involves refugees and helping them navigate systems such as healthcare, school, job and life skills. She said, "They've never lived in urban centers. They've been in remote refugee camps in remote poor countries. All of a sudden they are in the city of Chicago. And they are suddenly supposed to function. Many are survivors of genocide, so the two projects are linked."

She works with Chicago Cancer Health Equity Collaborative (ChicagoCHEC) to further her work and help refugees be recognized as another minority group. "Generally they are looked at as being just African-Americans, but when you look at these African refugees they have a different kind of life history. They didn't eat the same food African-Americans would eat. They don't speak the language African-Americans speak... They've

lived in camps in isolation for ages. Yes, they are kind of the same in terms of socioeconomic class but in terms of health they are so different," Ntahirageza said.

She goes on to say that, "Even learning that they are black. They don't know they are black. Until they come here. Until someone takes something away from them."

She recalls, "I honestly didn't realize I was black until I was 30 years old. That's when I was trying to buy an answering machine and they wouldn't give it to me. Then I go with my white friend, Johnathan. Then people started saying 'Oh, may I help you? May I help you?' I asked him, 'Johnathan, why didn't they say may I help you earlier?'.he said Jeanine you're black. I said 'oh my, what I've read in books, its real. I am now.. Embrace it.'"

She also works with refugee high school students through a program called Girls Engaged in a Mission to Succeed (GEMS). She assists them in boosting their English language skills, think about

# Jeanine

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reading, STEM through gardening and health. She said, "One of the things I love about NEIU is I can look around and see women succeeding. I can see black people doing well. So it's a joy of joys..I've been able to wear different hats, which is fun. And honestly, at the end of the

day, to be allowed to think. The freedom to think outside the box, that's gold."

In 1972, 200,000 members of the Hutu tribe were killed in three months in Burundi. Mostly educated, professional males with money. Ntahirageza lost her father, cousins and two brothers. "In Burundi when the genocide happened we were taught to not cry. We were taught to

not mourn..We don't say anything, we don't think about it. It just never happened..Olivia Perlow wanted to work with me on a project on the language of violence and we sat down towards the end and I started talking about the language that they called us.. I'm a different human being since then.. That was 2013. The woman in 2012 and the woman in 2013 are two different human be-

ings. The healing is real. I do it also so other people can find space for healing," Ntahirageza said.

She advises women at all levels to seek, "Mentoring, mentoring, mentoring, relationships, networking.. Find the best mentors you can.. You want tough mentors. People who love you to pieces who don't expect anything who rejoice in your growth. Those are the kind of men-

tors you want. Who are passionate about your success. Who, even when you achieve even a little success he or she celebrates with you. Those are the people you want. Make sure you establish relationships. You can't do it alone. Have networks. Belong to groups. Read. It's so important. Reading is crucial."

**Alexis Hamm** is a Biology major working on a microbiology based research project at NEIU. She works with Dr. Emily Rumschlag-Booms exploring alternative mechanisms to overcoming multidrug resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, one of the bacteria responsible for many hospital acquired infections.

"I was interested in her project because I was previously in the peace corps. I did my service in Morocco in the environment sector. One of the projects I did was an essential oil based medicinal plant project with the women in my cooperative," she said.

"Also, my dad had a lot of health issues so I have a more personal ex-

perience in dealing with hospital acquired infections and opportunistic pathogens that have made him ill."

Her experience in the Peace Corps was difficult and sometimes lonely for her. "It's definitely hard to live in community. I think the thing that was most frustrating to me was that you're not able to talk to anybody who understands you," Hamm said.

"That was probably the biggest challenge, overcoming that kind of loneliness that you feel in community. Especially, initially, where there's this huge communication barrier. And, of course, you can say some things, but there's not complete understanding. At the end of the day, it's just you."

Growing up in a multicultural

family in the diverse Rogers Park neighborhood, she spoke about how she was lucky that her parents could afford horseback riding lessons for her from a young age.

As a kid she always loved animals and started riding and competing with horses at five years old. After a long break from riding horses, Hamm jumped back in and adopted her first horse, Sasha. She owns three horses now and has been competing for about three years.

While she competes, she simultaneously works to knock out the prerequisites for her masters degree in nursing.

She got her first undergraduate degree from NEIU in geography and

environmental studies while working in the S&P 500 Index options exchange. After starting her own dog walking and pet sitting business, getting her second bachelor's degree in order to pursue nursing has finally landed Hamm in the sciences that she always wanted to be a part of.

"I feel like our classes are really balanced here in terms of representing women and men. I feel like it's a really good mix," Hamm said.

"I don't feel like women are underrepresented in STEM in this institution because so many of our faculty members are brilliant women. We're super lucky here. We have some incredible faculty."



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**Margaret Johnsson** was hired as an adjunct professor of management and entrepreneurship for the current school year and it was exciting for her to discover that students were eager to learn about innovation and entrepreneurship. Johnsson is a serial entrepreneur looking to make a difference by training faculty and students on how to start their own businesses.

Education was emphasized when she was growing up because it was her path out of poverty.

She earned her Bachelor of Science in accounting from the University of Illinois in Chicago and her MBA in strategy, organizational design and marketing from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

She is now working on her DBA in leadership at Concordia University

and looks forward to walking across the stage on Dec. 15, 2020.

Johnsson is also the director of NEIU's Business Innovation & Growth (BIG) Center. The BIG Center is a business incubator with resources available for all NEIU staff, faculty, students, and the Albany Park community where she grew up.

It reaches beyond the College of Business and Management because she knows that entrepreneurs come from all walks of life and you just need a great idea and the drive to pursue your dreams.

That is why she is passionate about setting people up for success, mentoring aspiring entrepreneurs, and connecting people through the proper networks to help execute their business plans.

When asked what it is like for her to be a woman in academia, Johnsson

recalled, "I have always been in predominantly male fields." Something she has always done was increase the number of women in every field and organization she has been a part of by mentoring and recruiting others.

She feels fortunate to have had several outstanding mentors, especially when she was 29-years-old and started her own finance and accounting firm, consulting to Fortune 100 companies such as Kraft Foods. The consulting business made 10 million dollars in revenue which she sold and reinvested until the 2008 financial crisis when she lost millions after a 300% growth in profits. She returned to education as an instructor and make a living while working on her doctorate as preparation for the next stage in her life. In her spare time, Johnsson enjoys kayaking and hanging out with her daughters.

She hopes that her contract with NEIU will be renewed in May and already has great plans for the fall semester. Some of these plans include helping motivated students in a schoolwide pitch competition through the NEIU chapter of the CEO Club.

She encourages students to develop their proofs-of-concept into winning business plans so that they can compete for funding and build their own startup companies. Johnsson would also like to teach an entrepreneurship course for non-business majors and hopefully as part of a new minor of the same name.

The main message she would like women to know can be found in her only Pinterest post, a quote from leadership author, Robin Sharma: "If other people are not laughing at your dreams, they are not big enough."

# Give back: Women's donation centers of Chicago

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The United States Congress ruled that March was to be National Women's History Month in 1987. Every year, the current president of the United States gives a proclamation, honoring the achievements of American women. The following are some, of many, places to donate time or money to during National Women's History month and beyond.

## Local

**Casa Corazón (La Casa Norte):** Providing services in English and Spanish, Casa Corazón serves and provides stable housing and services to youth and families facing homelessness. Their core values are to "work collaboratively, demonstrate empathy, cultivate mutual respect, provide access to resources and opportunities and create a just experience for all people. The result is that people have the power to create change within themselves, their families and their communities."

**Center on Halsted:** With more than 1,000 community members visiting the Center on Halsted (CoH) per day, it's one of the most comprehensive community centers in the Midwest. The CoH is "dedicated to advancing community and securing the health and well-being of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) people of Chicagoland."

The CoH offers an array of services such as Resident Partners, an incubator for small non-profit LGBTQ organizations; exercise classes; performances; cooking classes; rapid HIV testing; group therapy; and vocational training, amongst others. The services offered are available for children, youth, adults and seniors. Along with offering services for the LGBTQ community, the CoH offers programs for women such as hosting the Women's Action Committee; art programs; gram nights; and others.

**Chicago Women's Health Center:** Focusing on women and transgender folks, the Chicago Women's Health Center (CWHC) provides physical and mental health services and education to empower their clients in an affordable manner. CWHC offers their services on a sliding scale and has approximately 6,000 clients per year. Services they offer include: gynecology; primary care; counseling; trans health services; alternative insemination; acupuncture; reiki; massages and body work; health education; workshops; amongst other things.

Their healthcare approach states: "We treat clients as unique individuals, helping them enhance their knowledge and understanding about their own health care needs. This encourages clients to be self-advocates and active participants in their own health care. Clients consistently express their appreciation for our collaborative approach that respects each individual's needs and allows time for clients to ask questions, describe concerns, and become involved in treatment decisions."

**Gender JUST:** Founded in 2008, Gender Justice United in Society Transformation (JUST) is a newer "multi-racial, multi-generational collective with a diversity of marginalized gender and sexual identities, skills, cultures, abilities, citizenship status, educational backgrounds and income levels" working towards changing their communities. Their mission statement says: "Working from an anti-capitalist and prison abolitionist framework, we are transforming our communities by disrupting race, class, gender, age, religion and ability hierarchies in the service of a multi-dimensional and powerful movement."

We promote innovative, community-based solutions to safety, wellness, and resource disparities that are accountable to those most vulnerable to institutional violence and harm."

**Howard Brown:** With several locations around the city, Howard Brown offers many different services for people of all ages and is LGBTQ+ friendly. Their mission statement says: "Howard Brown Health exists to eliminate the disparities in healthcare experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people through research, education and the provision of services that promote health and wellness."

Some of the services Howard Brown locations offer are: preventative care and routine physicals; gynecological services; infectious disease care (including HIV and Hepatitis); transgender health services; alternative insemination referrals; elder care; and therapy.

## National

**Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America:** By donating your time to a child or young teenager that needs it, you can make a difference in their life. The Big Brothers, Big Sisters (BBBS) organization has been around since 1904 and helping adults and children making "meaningful, monitored matches" across the country. Adult people who invest their time to become "Bigs" and the "Littles" come from an array of diverse backgrounds.

**Girls Not Brides:** Donating money to the Girls Not Brides (GNB) organization is another possibility. GNB is globally-known and has partnered with "more than 1,000 civil society organizations," all of which are dedicated to eradicating child marriage and enabling girls and young women to reach for the future. At this time, individuals cannot become members; however, there are other ways to support GNB such as donating to their partners' endeavors, sharing child bride information via printables or social media, amongst other things available under their "Take Action" page.

**Emily's List:** Get involved with Emily's List, an organization working with and helping women to get

elected into office. Their tagline is: "We ignite change by getting pro-choice Democratic women elected to office." To support Emily's List, you can make financial or time donations by attending one of their events. If you were considering running for office, please visit their website for more information.

**I Support the Girls:** Donate bras and menstrual hygiene products to the organization "I Support the Girls," (ISTG) a group working toward providing menstruation products to homeless women and female youth. While they aim to help women, it's important to note not all women menstruate but some men do. To get involved with ISTG, you can make product or financial donations. The organization also offers

people to help by starting a collection or drive; hosting an event; volunteering or inviting the I Support the Girls staff to an event to speak.

**Planned Parenthood:** You can donate your time and money to Planned Parenthood (PP). Depending on where you live, it's possible to even become a PP escort for people going to and from the facility. PP offers many different health services such as general health care; birth control and emergency contraception; abortion services and referral; HIV services; LGBTQ services; men and women's health services; patient education; STD testing, treatment and vaccines; and pregnancy testing and services.

For more information, please visit [NEIUIndependent.org](http://NEIUIndependent.org).

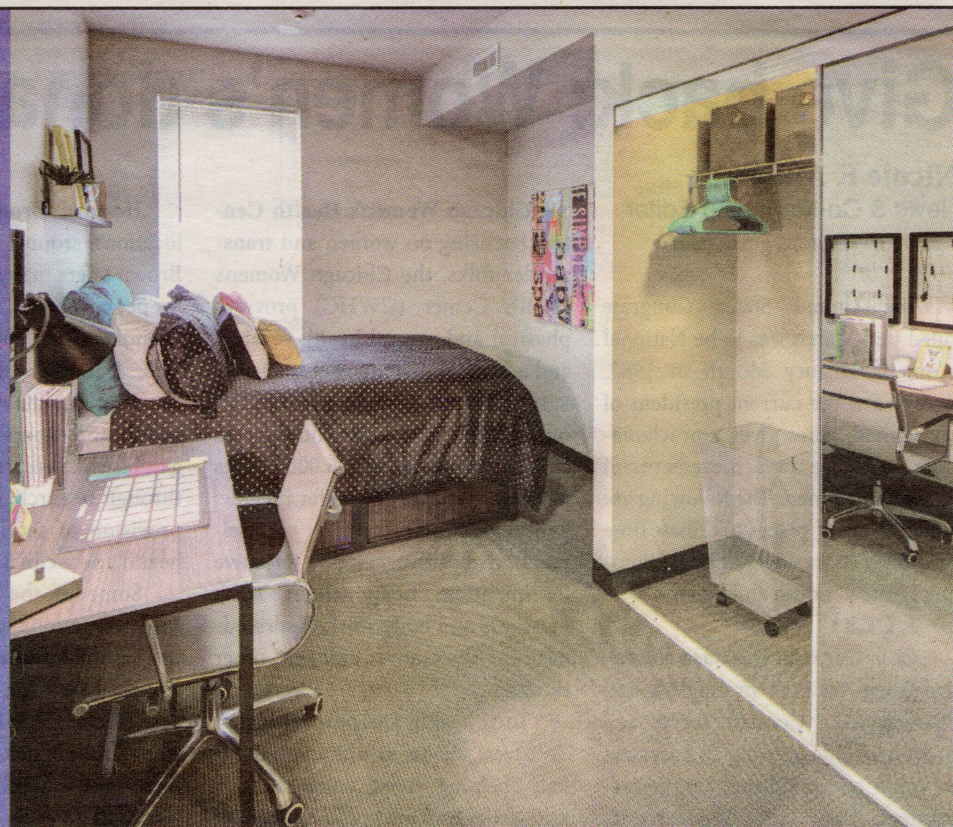


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# So this is how the rich get into college

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There are two absolute truths when it comes to college: it is expensive and it can be competitive. The expensive aspect of it can be really scary. Most students have to save up money, putting off their education, or accept that they will be swamped in student loans when they graduate.

This is what makes the recent college cheating scandal extremely upsetting and disturbing.

This past week celebrities, CEO's, fashion moguls and college coaches have come under fire after investigators unraveled a scheme, code named Operation Varsity Blues, where wealthy parents contributed to the bribing of coaches, ACT and SAT test administrators and others to get their children into high profiled universities such as Yale, Harvard and USC.

One celebrity who has been publicly named is "Full House" alumna known for her role as sweet Aunt Becky, Lori Loughlin.

Loughlin and her husband Mossimo Giannulli, known for his Target fashion line, allegedly paid \$500,000 to raise the chances of their daughters getting into the University of Southern California.

Loughlin's wholesome image has undoubtedly been shattered and rightfully fired from Netflix's "Fuller House" and dropped from the Hallmark Channel. Loughlin's actions merit strong repercussions and I am glad she is receiving them.

Loughlin's daughter, Olivia Jade, who is a YouTube influencer with over 1 million subscribers, is also facing backlash. Her makeup pallet with Sephora has been pulled from the shelves and Tressumme has also dropped her.

It is ridiculous to think that access to quality education is equal for everyone, which is what makes this case infuriating.

Loughlin's \$500,000 bribery money could



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**Northwestern University in Evanston is amongst one of the schools involved in the college cheating scandal.**

have easily paid for her daughters' education, had she been able to get accepted into college on her own merit. Adding to the insult, Jade has said multiple times in her social media posts that attending college was just to please her parents.

NEIU is not a school of wealthy, privileged students. Most students, including myself, are working full time jobs to be able to afford our education.

We are struggling to pay for as much tuition out of pocket as possible to not drown in debt after graduation. We are fighting for scholarships.

This is not an issue that is secluded to NEIU,

as college students across the nation are struggling with these issues.

According to an article by NPR, The Hope Center conducted a study across 66 higher education institutions and found that 36 percent of students say that they experienced housing insecurity and nine percent reported being homeless.

What people don't want to believe is that the rich will always have an advantage and this college scandal proves it. Access to education is not equal.

This struggle starts before college for a lot of

people. In 2011, an Ohio mom was arrested for falsifying her address to get her daughter into a better school district. The district found out and when she refused to pay back the tuition she was sentenced to 10 days in county jail and three years' probation.

Commuting to Chicago to attend NEIU made me realize that the discrepancy in education reaches more people than I thought. I had the opportunity of attending a well-funded northwest suburb high school that offered multiple college level courses, had three gyms and was fully staffed.

At my job, I work with a lot of high school students who attend a Chicago Public School. During conversation, for comparison, I pulled up a picture of my old high school and one employee said "That is not a high school. That is a college campus." His words stuck with me and I realized I had a privilege that many won't get. He marveled at the football fields, tennis courts and gyms saying that he has to come to NEIU to use our field because his high school doesn't have one.

There is no sympathy on my part for Loughlin and others who believed their money was enough to make up for their children's lack of ability to get into their desired college, including Northwestern Illinois University in Chicago.

Expulsion should be the only answer for the students whose parents are involved in the scandal.

I have heard many times in arguments on other social topics, primarily immigration when families face deportation, that a parent's actions have consequences. The same applies to this situation.

The outcome of this case and the punishment applied will determine and say a lot about our society. I am hoping that it says that the rich will finally be held responsible for their actions, just like the poor are.

Do you have an opinion on the national college scandal? Share that and other opinions with us at [neiuopseditor@gmail.com](mailto:neiuopseditor@gmail.com)

# It's a bird! It's a plane! It's...another white hero!

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Writer

You may not have heard, but you were supposed to boycott Marvel's latest film "Captain Marvel," because of its lead actress Brie Larson.

Don't feel too bad if you didn't know. Considering "Captain Marvel" racked in 153 million during its opening weekend, it would seem most of us didn't get the memo.

With the recent string of horrifying revelations about some once beloved artists, it wouldn't be out of the question to ask what Larson did. Well here is the quote that led to the calls to boycott the films.

"About a year ago, I started paying attention to what my press days looked like and the critics reviewing movies, and noticed it appeared to be overwhelmingly white males. So, I spoke to Dr. Stacy Smith at the USC Annenberg Inclusion Initiative, who put together a study to confirm that. Moving forward, I decided to make sure my press days were more inclusive."

Fairly innocuous stuff, but it is sadly becoming more and more frequent, a vocal minority of petulant "fans" have cried foul. Their cries are filled with the narrative that Larson hates all white men, that she is ruining Marvel and costing the company hundreds of millions of dollars.

While I don't recommend it, a quick visit to the old Google machine can show you the hate and vitriol these "fans" spew in the name of "men's rights."

Full disclosure, I am a straight white male. I am a nerd. I love Marvel, Star Wars, video games, comics and all the nerdiest of the nerd stuff. I know more about the political maneuverings of "Game of Thrones" than I do about mathematics. Seriously, math is hard. I want to say to all the angry "fans" out there: "Bros, calm down."

Look, they can dress this up anyway they want. They can say the problem isn't because the film has a female or minority lead, but we all know the truth of it. Whenever inclusion and diversity are brought up, it's taken as a slight to white men. As if the positions or roles belongs to them inherently and the idea that they must share what is rightfully theirs is horrific.

Toxic fandom is the true horror, and it will ultimately lead to the stagnation of the mediums we love so much.

I'm not saying that white men don't have stories worth telling, I'm just saying that there are hundreds of years' worth of stories told for the benefit of straight white men. A more diverse group of storytellers only serves to strengthen our stories.

A look at modern cinemas shows little has changed in terms of gender or racial equality. The Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) has racked in 15 billion at the global box office, making it the highest grossing film franchise of all time.

There have been 21 movies released under the MCU banner and of those only two female character have had titular billing, that being the Wasp in "Ant-Man and the Wasp" and "Captain Marvel." Only one has been headlined by a non white superhero, "Black Panther." When the most profitable film franchise of all time utilizes so little diversity, it must be seen as proof that white men have plenty of representation.

This problem isn't unique to Marvel films. A common critique of the new "Star Wars" films is that they no longer feel like the films people grew up with. The reason for this criticism is "Star Wars" is moving away from traditional heroes. In both the original and prequel trilogies all the main heroes were white and most of them were men. For whatever reason, a film series that is supposed to span a galaxy is seemingly only inhabited by white men.

In the Disney Trilogy, the cast is more diverse than it ever has been. The main trio of these films consists of Finn, who is black, Poe, who is portrayed by a Guatemalan actor, and Rey, who is a woman. This represents the start of a fundamental shift in the dynamics of modern storytelling.

Change is usually met with resistance and the changing of the guard is no exception. Change is scary. Sometimes, when people are faced with the unknown, they act in ways they might not have otherwise.

While many "fans" may not think they are



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being racist by accusing Disney of tokenism and bullying Kelly Marie Tran, an Asian actress in "The Last Jedi," off social media, they are. These same 'fans' accuse Rey of being a Mary Sue, a female character that can accomplish more than her age and skill set should allow, despite the fact she has survived on her own in an inhospitable desert planet. They choose to ignore the fact the Luke, a farm boy, can also do the improbable during his own journey.

Honoring a man while demonizing a woman for the same actions is sexist.

Whether they realize it or not, these "fans" are being racist, sexist and are clearly fearful of change. Change can lead to fear, fear to anger, anger to hate and hate into suffering. The way to the Darkside this is.

# Take me out to the ball... wait he's making how much?

**Chuck Sipps**  
Writer

Philadelphia is my home town. It's a place where pizza is cut in triangles, we call subs hoagies, and cheesesteaks are better than any hot-dog or Italian beef. It's also the place where Bryce Harper, a professional baseball player, is getting paid \$330 million dollars over 13 years to hit a ball with a stick.

That is a ridiculously high figure, especially when you consider Philadelphia's ever evolving budget crisis. Harper's contract is the most lucrative in MLB history, at least for the next few days. Mike Trout is rumored to be signing a 12 year 430 million dollar contract to stay with the Los Angeles Angels. If I ever have a son, I want him to at least try baseball.

Citizens Bank Park, the home of the Philadelphia Phillies, cost \$458 million to build. The price tag for two players is more expensive than an entire stadium. In what world does that make sense? Are these two players worth that much?

To be honest, I don't really know. Baseball is a boring sport that involves a lot of math. I am not here for it. It's also full of acronyms. You gotta now what ERA, AB, HBP, SLG, ROE, NWO, and GIPD means to be a fan. Full disclosure, I made one of those up and you probably didn't notice.

What I can say is this, as a Philadelphian, I am expected to be excited by the Harper signing. MLB (another acronym?!) pundits think the deal is a good one for both sides. For what it's worth, Harper has a impressive resume. At 26, he is a baseball prodigy. He was MVP in 2015, has six All-Star appearances in seven seasons and two seasons in which he batted at least .319. I don't understand what the .319 actually means, but I can still appreciate that he really does hit the ball with a stick rather well.

This article isn't meant to be a condemnation of Harper or Trout. Good on them for setting themselves up for life. This is meant as a condemnation of greedy sports team owners.

Remember the budget crisis I mentioned earlier? Well, it's been a concern in Philly for decades. Teachers, cops and other city workers are undertrained, understaffed and inadequately funded. The city was also in a budget crisis back in 2004, when Philadelphians were forced to help fund to build new stadiums for the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies.

Philadelphians were expected to cover the vast majority of the combined \$970 million price tag for the two stadiums. Why are average Americans expected to cover the cost of building sport ball arenas for billionaires? \$970 million wouldn't have fixed all the issues plaguing Philadelphia, but it surely would have helped.

This problem isn't just in Philadelphia either. Franchises have relocated throughout history to find more economically friendly cities to call home. The Rams, Raiders and Chargers have all recently moved, because their demands for increasingly expensive stadiums had not been met.

The sad thing is how often the cities are painted as the villains for driving away the noble sports franchises. Excuse me if I won't shed a tear for greedy billionaires literally taking their balls and going home.

I understand why it's easier to talk sports than the failures of public works. One is only sad for an afternoon, while the other is a much larger problem that can't be solved with a shrewd trade or free agent signing. Despite the vastness of these problems, they still must be solved. To do that, we need to face some hard truths and deal with the issues that plague America.

Philadelphia Mayor, Jim Kenney, is proposing a new \$5 Billion spending plan to improve Philadelphia schools and public safety. You may not have heard about it because it is not a sexy news story.

What is sexy news? Some dude named Bryce is getting paid \$330 to hit a ball with a stick in Philly for a decade. Until we give issues that concern the public good the same level attention that we do to a silly game, then nothing will change. Play Ball.

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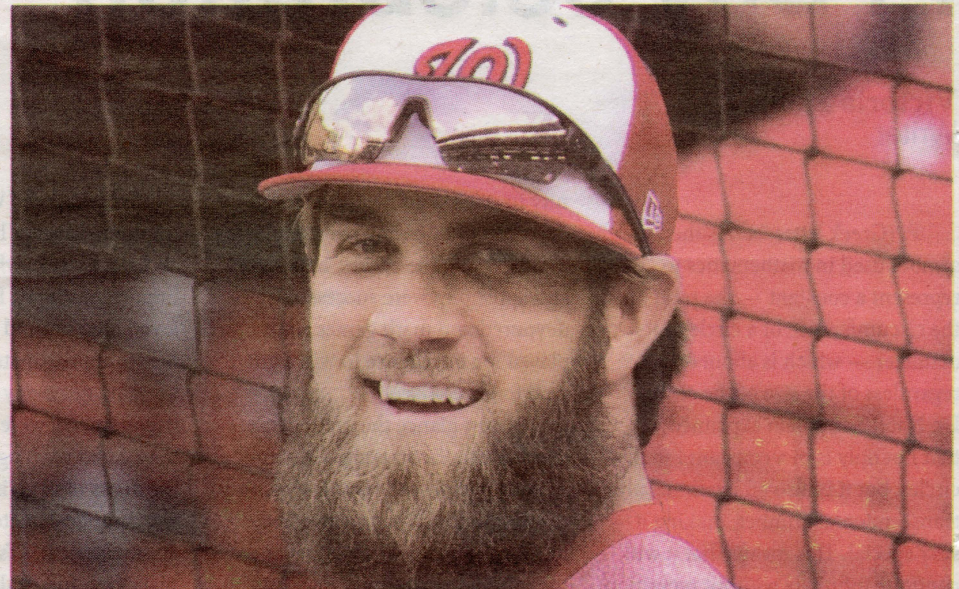


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Bryce Harper at Nationals at Orioles on May 8, 2017.



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Mike Trout, player with the Los Angeles Angels at Orioles September 17, 2012.

# Math department holds Pi Day celebration

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Pi (Greek letter " $\pi$ ") is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is about 3.14159 regardless of the size of the circle. Dr. Nabil Kahouadji explained that not only is pi a constant for all circles, but it is also an irrational and transcendental number, making it very special. This means that it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern past the traditional 3.14 that we all know and love associating it with Pi Day.

Every March 14, math enthusiasts come together and enjoy pie. At NEIU, Dr. Katherine Bird and Dr. Shan Wang invited the commu-

nity to celebrate Pi with the math department by eating pie and playing math games. The cherry, blueberry and apple pies were successfully devoured and math games were played for the chance to win a gift card to Jewel-Osco.

At first glance the math game seemed simple. Starting with number A, each person will have five seconds to add number B to the previous number. If you were too slow or got the number wrong, you were out, and the last one standing would get the gift card. Under pressure and without a calculator, this got difficult quickly when the numbers got in the hundreds. One round had them start at 78 and add 26 per person. Calculator please!

When asked "Why pi?" Wang responded that pi helps us to learn about the circle, which is a very important shape. Bird said that she loved how, around 250 B.C., Archimedes approximated the number pi by using geometry since algebra and trigonometry were unknown more than 2,000 years ago. Still, even as the digits of pi go into the trillions, we cannot calculate pi exactly, only approximate it. Pi's infinite nature makes it a fun challenge for people to memorize.

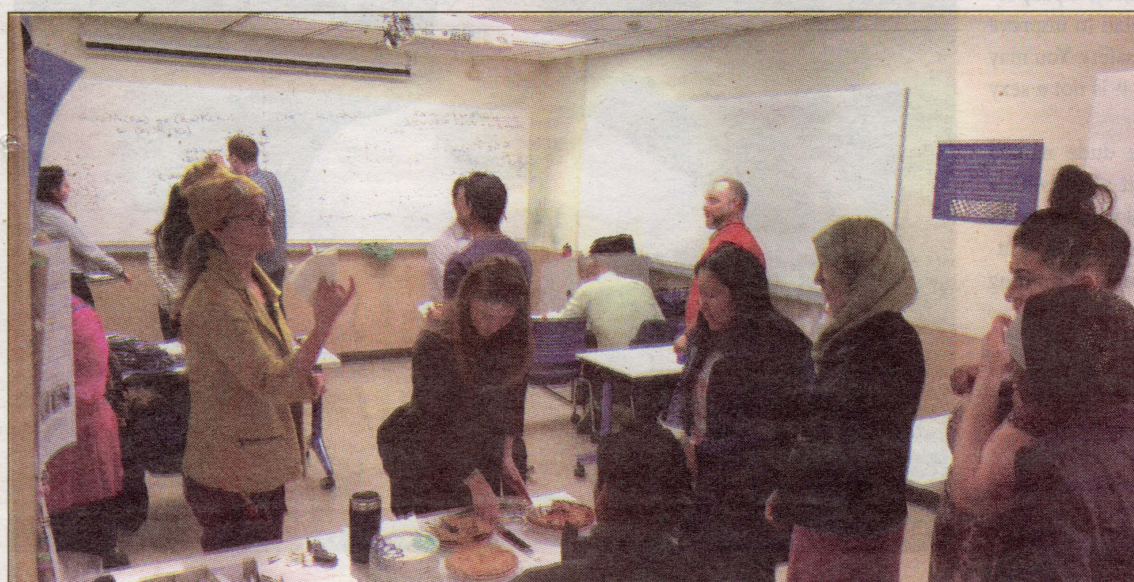


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Students and Faculty wait in line at the Pie Day celebration to get a piece of pie.

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# Google enters the gaming fray with Stadia



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Rumors have circulated for years that Google was planning to join the competitive video game market and after much speculation, they have announced Stadia, coming late 2019.

Stadia is not a piece of hardware, it is a streaming platform meant to connect their audience to games using any device that can run Google Chrome.

With traditional video game consoles, you need to buy the system, controller and then the video games themselves. With Stadia, Google allows users to stream their favorite games on devices they already own.

While this concept sounds exciting, there are some issues to be ironed out. A lot of details about Stadia remain unknown. Google

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**-Chuck Sipps**

didn’t even announce a price for the service, saying more details would arrive in the summer.

There is also the issue of internet connection. America’s internet infrastructure is horrendous and most places lack the speed necessary to stream this kind of high-end service. Google will need to lay out a plan that adequately addresses these issues.

On a more upbeat note, internet will never be worse than it is now. Meaning, internet speeds are only going to improve over time. Plus,

Google is one of the few companies with enough financial clout to push for change that our internet service providers need.

There is a lot of skepticism facing Stadia, but let’s not forget there were times where Netflix, Google, and many other ubiquitous companies were considered long shots.

When Microsoft entered the market in 2001, there was also a lot of skepticism about where they would fit in a market that has traditionally only supported two first-party companies. They proved

to have staying power and many of the innovations they developed have been adapted throughout the industry.

Who can say what effects Stadia will have on the industry?

Stadia represents an exciting change in the games industry, as Google becomes the fourth first-party, joining the ranks of Microsoft, PlayStation and Nintendo. For those not familiar with games lingo, first-party are the console makers and the studios that they have sole ownership of, second-party are

developers with exclusive contracts to make games for first-party and third-party are independent studios that make games for all platforms. With Google entering the first-party scene, they will replace Microsoft as the new kids on the block.

There are still a lot of questions to answer about Stadia, but there is also a lot to be excited about. Stadia has the potential to reach consumers that historically haven’t been interested in gaming. Without selling actual hardware, they can virtually eliminate the barrier to entry.

No longer will consumers need consoles that cost hundreds of dollars. Instead, there is potential to pay for your games à la carte or by joining a Netflix-esque service. Regardless of how Google’s latest venture shakes out, its bound to change the video game industry as we know it.



## Jazz musician's beautiful performance

**Derisha Rouse**  
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Chloe Feoranzo, a popular jazz musician, has returned to grace the NEIU's Jewel Box stage with her beautiful clarinet.

This is her second time performing on campus, but this time she was accompanied by three other musicians, Molly Teeves on vocals and acoustic Guitar, Nahum Zdybel on electric guitar and Ted Long on strong bass.

The four musicians travelled to NEIU from their native New Orleans to perform on March

15. Their showcase, "A passion for New Orleans Traditional Jazz," is one of the five performances in the Jewel Box Series, which opened its 19th season this past September. The series aims to bring talent, both local, national and international, to NEIU to perform in the Steinberg Fine Arts Center. The performance showcased a blend of instruments and vocals which was a joy to listen to.

Feoranzo being the most well known, perhaps, has been performing professionally since the age of 15. She has performed at various California music festivals and complet-

ed a three year tour with the musician Pokey LaFarge. As part of the band, she has performed on different television shows including "The Late Show With David Letterman" and performed in history music venues including The Grand Ole Opry.

During their performance, the band played "Baby I don't cry over you" by Billy Joel as well as some of their originals. The performances had hands clapping and feet tapping with their beautiful sound and was a pleasure to watch as each musician played harmoniously.

Pictured here: Molly Teeves, Nahum Zdy-

bel, Ted Long and Chloe Feoranzo during their performance at NEIU. Photos by: Dreanna Rouse



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