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Discover Northeastern: Celebration of the Arts

Celebrated Soprano Sumi Jo Thrills NEIU Audience

Sumi Jo, internationally acclaimed soprano, presented a varied concert of Western and Eastern music in January. Her standing-room only performance was part of the Inaugural Concert Series and broadcast live on 98.7 WFMT-FM. It included music of Vivaldi, Handel, Dung Le Kim, Gounod, Copland and Bernstein. Her encores brought cheers and a standing ovation.

One of today's most sought-after young sopranos, Sumi Jo has performed on the most prestigious stages in the United States and Europe. Born in South Korea, she studied in her native country before enrolling in the Conservatory of the Accademia di Santa Cecilia in Rome where she graduated with high honors. Her recital debut in Seoul was followed by concerts with the Korean Broadcasting Company Orchestra. In Italy, she performed on radio broadcasts and telecasts

on the RAI Italian National Network.

At a sold-out NEIU Foundation benefit reception for the Fine Arts Initiative following her performance, Miss Jo graciously autographed programs, greeted guests, and posed for photographs. Many members of Chicago's Korean community greeted her, including NEIU's Kyu Young Park, Ph.D.; Jong Kyou Byun, the Consul General of Korea and his wife, Yong Hwa Kim; the publisher of *Korea Times*, Kyun Hee Park; the president of the Korean American Association and his wife; and other sponsors of the event. (See the list of NEIU Foundation Fine Arts Initiative donors on page 9.)

The Sumi Jo concert was one of many successful events in NEIU's nine-month *Discover Northeastern-Celebration of the Arts*, 1999-2000. For more highlights, see pages 8-9.



Chicago GEAR UP Alliance Celebrated at NEIU



President Steinberg (right) enjoys the GEAR UP rally with Miss Illinois, Jade Small.

"Gear Up! Kids at Hope!" echoed throughout NEIU's Physical Education Complex and beyond. In November, more than 1,500 fifth and sixth grade Chicago

Public School children filled the gym for a rally and kick-off of the Chicago GEAR UP Alliance. The president welcomed the students, honored guests, teachers, and parents by saying, "Education makes a person good, useful, and powerful, and that's why we are gearing up."

NEIU will play a lead role in the \$31 million partnership grant awarded to the Chicago Education Alliance (CEA) by the U.S. Department of Education. The five-year GEAR UP partnership will support early college preparation and awareness activities in 34 selected Chicago public schools serving approximately 12,000 students. Besides NEIU, the Chicago GEAR UP Alliance consists of DePaul, Loyola, and Roosevelt Universities,

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NEIU Plays Role in Historic Art Exhibition



Dr. Richard J. Powell and President Steinberg at the "To Conserve a Legacy" exhibit.

For more than 100 years, historically black colleges and universities have been important forums and repositories for African American history and culture. Now, for the first time, art treasures from six such institutions will be on view at The Art Institute of Chicago through April 30. *To Conserve a Legacy* is a national touring exhibition of more than 200 important works of art drawn from collections of six historically black colleges and universities.

President Salme H. Steinberg and Dean of Academic Development Murrell J. Duster played prominent roles in the gala benefit which celebrated the opening of the exhibit. Dean Duster chaired the Gala committee. President Steinberg is a member of the Honorary committee and also chaired the VIP subcommittee.

To Conserve a Legacy is a multi-faceted project developed by a consortium of institutions to conserve, document and

exhibit this collection of paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, and sculptures by 96 artists. Most of the works are by prominent African American artists and other American masters and represent a rich resource for study of 19th and 20th century American art, with a special emphasis on African American art. "The collections amassed by these colleges and universities are a national treasure featuring the full scope of 19th and 20th century American art, but one that has been sadly unknown to many people," said Dr. Richard J. Powell, curator of the exhibit and chair of the Department of Art and Art History at Duke University. "*To Conserve a Legacy* showcases six of these magnificent collections, encompassing works by artists from Georgia O'Keefe to Jacob Lawrence, to place African American art within a broader cultural, historical and social context, and allow audiences to build a deep appreciation and understanding of its role in the American art historical canon."

"I am very happy to be involved with this exhibition on behalf of NEIU," President Steinberg commented. "The university is committed to preserving the best of the past for future generations. It is also committed to celebrating the role the arts play in expressing the values and the culture of our society. This exhibition embodies those ideals and I am proud to be involved with it."

To Conserve a Legacy will remain on display at The Art Institute through April 30, 2000.

NEIU Wins Grant for Latino Youth

NEIU won a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant to continue its work to improve access to higher education for Hispanic youth. NEIU is the only university in the Midwest to receive an ENLACE (Engaging Latino Communities for Education) planning grant of \$100,000 in phase one of the foundation's initiative.

"Receiving this grant is truly an honor," NEIU President Salme H. Steinberg said. "The grant award by the Kellogg Foundation represents an endorsement of NEIU's long-standing efforts in the Latino communities. Moreover, it further enhances the university's ability to serve the needs of the diverse Chicago community."

"ENLACE will strengthen the educational pipeline, so that more Hispanic youth will enter and complete college," said Betty Overton-Adkins, the Kellogg Foundation's director of higher education programming, "and, it can improve the performance of students who are already attending Hispanic-serving institutions." The Kellogg Foundation awarded grants to 18 institutions across the United States.

Nationally, NEIU ranks 16th in the number of undergraduate degrees conferred upon Latino students.

Aided by the planning grant, NEIU will develop three neighborhood-based leadership teams representing schools serving Latino community organizations, businesses, parents, and students.

Also NEIU will conduct a comprehensive assessment of assets and barriers to the success of Latino students.

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NEIU News in Brief

AUGUST 1999

NEIU was selected by the **Illinois Student Assistance Commission** to participate in the Demonstration Project for Aid to Less-Than-Half-Time Students during the 1999-2000 school year. The program is part of a larger effort to develop new ways of increasing college attendance and completion rates among non-traditional student populations.



SEPTEMBER 1999

The Presidential Lecture Series welcomed author **Jamaica Kincaid**. Ms. Kincaid's novels have received critical acclaim, including the 1997 Anisfield Wolf Book Award, which recognizes books that illuminate the rich diversity of human cultures. Ms. Kincaid presented a master class on the creative writing process to a standing-room only crowd of more than 200 people. Pictured above with Ms. Kincaid and President Steinberg are Wilma Sutton (left), Executive Assistant to the President, and Melvin Terrell (right), Vice President for Student Affairs.



Hosted by NEIU and The Rotary Club of Chicago, eight Russian journalists and officials toured the NEIU campus. Their trip was sponsored by the **Library of Congress Russian Leadership Program** which brings public policy decision-makers and leaders from the Russian Federation to the U.S.

Asian Programs Coordinator and Korean Institute Director of NEIU, **Kyu Young Park, Ph.D.** and NEIU Professor of Political Science, **David Leaman, Ph.D.**, brought new insights to the university as a result of their participation in a Fulbright-Hays summer faculty seminar in Vietnam. Dr. Park's experience will augment NEIU's well-established Asian Studies Programs with new sections on Vietnamese culture and history.

Black Issues in Higher Education ranked NEIU among the top universities in the nation for degrees conferred upon minority students. For the third consecutive year, **U.S. News & World Report** named NEIU the most ethnically diverse university in the Midwest. Additionally, the magazine ranked NEIU in the top 50 universities in the nation for degrees conferred upon Asian Americans and Hispanics.

A revised and expanded edition of *Touching Base: Professional Baseball and American Culture in the Progressive Era*, written by NEIU Professor of history, **Steven A. Reiss, Ph.D.**, was released. Dr. Reiss is a noted author on the history of sports in America.

OCTOBER 1999

NEIU held a week-long seminar entitled "**Americans in Spain. The International Brigade-Retelling the Story.**" The seminar featured discussion on the role of the 2,800 American volunteers who, from 1936 to 1939, traveled to Spain to join 40,000 volunteers from 52 countries in the preservation of the democratically-elected government of Spain.

NEIU presented **Equity in Action: Affirmative Action Issues**. This year's theme was "Empowerment through Involvement." The program focused on inquiry and critical thinking on affirmative action issues and facilitated sharing knowledge and attitudes that further learning.

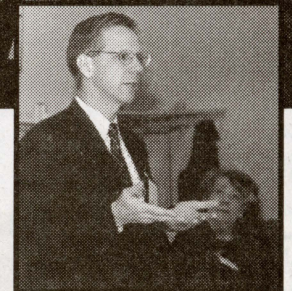
NEIU hosted the regular meeting of the **Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)**. President Steinberg welcomed a record number of IBHE meeting attendees to the campus. For many, it was their first visit.

President Steinberg welcomed 500 prospective **Golden Apple Scholars** and their parents to the annual Chicago Area Scholars Orientation. The 100 students who are chosen will receive yearly scholarships of \$5000 and attend summer institutes designed for future teachers. Currently, NEIU has five Golden Apple Scholars in residence.

NEIU's Department of Accounting, Business Law, and Finance hosted the annual conference of the **Illinois Accounting Teachers**, which focuses on teaching techniques and what students need to learn to be successful accountants.



Vivian Williams, Ph.D. of St. Peter's College, Oxford, (pictured 2nd from left) and fourteen Oxford area headmasters and headmistresses visited NEIU. Professor **John Beckwith** of the Department of Educational Leadership led the planning of this visit to build closer ties with colleagues in England. Chicago area principals (many of whom were NEIU alumni) hosted the Oxford visitors. Pictured with Dr. Williams are **Nan Giblin**, Acting Dean of the College of Education, President Steinberg, and NEIU alumnus **Max McGee, Ph.D.**, Executive Director of the Illinois State Board of Education.



President Steinberg gave a presentation to the **State University Annuity Association** regarding international study opportunities available for NEIU students in South Africa as well as other global options.

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Briefs continued

NEIU hosted the annual **Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education (ICBCHE)** Conference. **Melvin C. Terrell, Ph.D.**, the statewide chair of ICBCHE for four years, concluded his term with the theme "Economic Empowerment: Preparing the African American Mind for the Changing Global Marketplace." The conference attracted African American graduate students and education professionals and featured nationally-prominent speakers, student and professional workshops, and a job fair with representatives from a number of higher education institutions in Illinois.

President Steinberg participated in the International Roundtable of Presidents, given by the **Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities**. The purpose of the roundtable was to engage the presidents in a substantive dialogue for the planning and development of international programs.

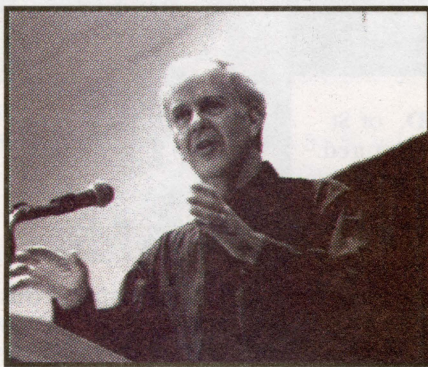
NOVEMBER 1999

NEIU was one of the sites to host programs in conjunction with the **City of Chicago's Project Millennium**. The theme was "Transitions: The Legacy of Linkages Through Culture, Values, Attitudes and Experiences." The highlight of the series of events was the one-woman show, *25 Psychics* by actress **Lauren Tom** of *The Joy Luck Club*. An art exhibit and reception were also held in the Fine Arts Center.

Two undergraduate students, **Jemima Noonoo** and **Scott Plencner** have been selected to represent NEIU in the "Pursuit of the Presidency 2000 Program" sponsored by the **Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars**. The students will attend workshops in Washington, D.C. and the Presidential Inaugural Ceremony in January 2001.

Chancellor Wayne Watson from the City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) and **President Steinberg** signed an agreement that allows for concurrent admissions to both institutions. Dual admission is available to CCC students who plan to complete their baccalaureate degrees at NEIU.

NEIU's **Curriculum Infusion** academic program was selected as one of the best in the nation in *The Templeton Guide: Colleges That Encourage Character Development*, published by the John Templeton Foundation. The program was praised for the way it brings information about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse into the classroom.



Noted educator **Parker J. Palmer, Ph.D.** spoke on his current book, *The Courage to Teach*, an exploration of the inner landscape of a teacher's life. A reception and book signing followed. Dr. Palmer serves as a senior associate of the American Association of

Higher Education and senior advisor to the Fetzer Institute.

DECEMBER 1999

NEIU history professor **Charles M. Barber, Ph.D.** won the 1999 Editor's Award sponsored by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The award is given annually to an article published in *North Dakota History* and exemplifies the highest standards of research, writing and scholarship.

Chapter Events

Polish Heritage Month Celebration

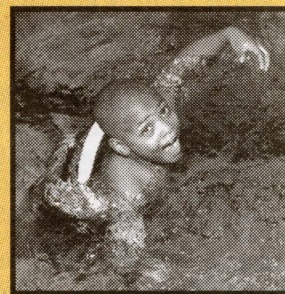


Welcoming over 250 guests to NEIU for the Polish-American Heritage Celebration were (from left) Lidia



Filus, NEIU Professor of Mathematics, Illinois State Representative Jan Schakowski; President Steinberg; Edward G. Dykla, NEIU Trustee and past president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union; and Marlene Gill (B.A. '97) an officer of the Council of Educators in Polonia.

During the reception, members of the Little Polonia of St. Hyacinth Dancers from the Northwest Center for Traditional Dancing of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America performed traditional dances. Another highlight of the evening was a lecture and performance by Polish-American composer and concert pianist Jaroslaw Golembiowski to a full house in Recital Hall.



Black Alumni Chapter Picnic

All enjoyed the Black Alumni Chapter's picnic at NEIU's Physical Education

Complex and surrounding grounds. Nearly 100 alumni and their families



joined in the festivities. Among activities such as basketball and volleyball, swimming seemed to be the favorite of the children.

Alumni Director Lisa Cooper (B.S. '90, M.B.A. '99) introduced Wilma Sutton, Executive Assistant to the President, to alumna and special guest Jerrie Lawhorn (B.A. '83). She is the first blind-deaf African-American in the nation to graduate with a college degree.

Alumni In the Spotlight

Two NEIU alumni were recently appointed by Illinois Governor George H. Ryan to serve on the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University:



Juan M. Mendez (B.A. '72 Political Science) is an attorney and owner of two McDonald's franchises at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. He is also president of the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce and serves as an advisory board member on Latino Affairs for the Cook County State's Attorney.

Lorraine A. Murray (B.A. '78 History, M.A. '82 History) teaches history and political science at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines, IL. She is also the historian for the City of Park Ridge and is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, a national history honor society.

An NEIU alumna runs the State's \$1.6-billion economic development agency:



Pamela McDonough (B.A. '74 French) is the Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs in

Springfield. She was chair of the Illinois Women's Business Ownership Council and deputy director of the Illinois Capital Development Board. Pam obtained her Masters of Public Administration with honors from Sangamon State University.

An NEIU alumnus is the Expedition Leader for Project Antarctica 2000 — a scientific expedition to the South Pole in search of microbiology and meteorites:

Paul P. Sipierya, Ph.D. (B.A. '71 History, M.S. '75 Earth Science) is a Professor of Geology and Astronomy at William Rainey Harper College in Palatine. He is also the President of the Planetary Studies Foundation, Director of the Harrison H. Schmitt Meteorite Research Center in New York, and a Fellow of the Explorer's Club of New York. He earned his doctorate at the University of Otago, New Zealand.

An NEIU alumna was recently featured in *People* magazine for her creativity in teaching and storytelling.



Esmé Raji Codell (BA. '92 El. Ed. - Teacher Ed.) is the author of *Educating Esmé: Diary of a Teacher's First Year*. She has appeared on "CBS This Morning" and CNN and has been in demand for speaking engagements across the country. Currently she runs a popular children's literature web site at www.planetesme.com

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An NEIU alumnus' book was ranked as one of the top ten career books for 1999 to an audience of more than 10 million readers:



David Helfand, Ed.D. (B.A. '72) authored *Career Change: Everything You Need to Know to Meet New Challenges and Take Control of Your Career*, which was reviewed in Joyce Lain Kennedy's "Careers Today" column (Los Angeles Times Syndicate). This year marks David's 25th anniversary as a counselor at NEIU.

Two NEIU alumni were recently named winners of the Golden Apple Foundation Award 2000.

Richard P. Marecek (B.A. '67 History - El. Ed.) is a fourth and fifth grade teacher at Forest Elementary School in Des Plaines.



Sharon J. Frost, Ph.D. (B.A. '63 French - El. Ed., M.A. '90 Reading) teaches language arts, reading, social studies, science, health and art at Norwood Park School in Chicago. She earned her doctorate in education in reading and language at National Louis University in May 1999.

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Truman College, the City Colleges of Chicago, plus a number of corporations and private foundations, such as Working in the Schools and I Have a Dream Foundation.

The CEA's winning proposal notes that student academic improvement needs "improved classroom instruction, after school enrichment and summer enhancement programs, and teacher development services. Besides mentoring, tutoring, and college counseling, the project will offer education enhancement and computer courses for parents, leading to the creation of a project web site. The Chicago Cable Access Network will be tapped into for instruction, teacher development, and student interaction, including bilingual services." Ultimately, the outcome will be increased college entry rates.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded \$120 million for 185 new grants under the GEAR UP project, with the CEA partnership award the largest in the nation. The CEA is a consortium of Chicago area universities and education



Teryl Ann Rosch and President Steinberg celebrate GEAR UP with Benny the Bull.

organizations working to improve the Chicago Public School system. Teryl Ann Rosch, Ph.D., is the executive director of the CEA. The GEAR UP Alliance Director, Wendy Stack, is a program director at the Chicago Teachers' Center, a facility of NEIU's Department of Education.

Speaking on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House Charities, which sponsored the rally, NEIU alumna Virginia Ojeda (B.A. '75 University Without Walls), who owns and operates two

McDonald's restaurants on the northwest side of Chicago, told the students about her own childhood when she "didn't have much" except for the support of her family to succeed. "It's important to find your inner talents and use them to help you succeed." Ojeda drew a cheer when she declared, "I graduated from this university."

Other speakers at the rally included Chicago Police Superintendent Terry Hillard; Miss Illinois, Jade Small; and the founder of Kids at Hope, Rick Miller, who assured the "kids at hope" that they are all capable of success into

college. Radio personality Tim Schommer from B96FM was master of ceremonies and was joined by Benny the Bull, Ronald McDonald, the Happiness Club singers, and magician Tom Boz, who provided inspiration and entertainment.

After the rally, the young students came away with their first of many experiences on a college campus. The Chicago GEAR UP Alliance will provide them with a path to get there, and succeed.

Another Successful International Visit



Front, from left: Amy Del Genio, Mayor Obed T. Mlaba, and Erin Collins; standing, David Stockwell, Thelma Clarage, Jere DeWitt, Jermont Montgomery, and George Coffee.

Last summer, seven students attended the International Winter School at the University of Natal, Durban and Pietmaritzburg, South Africa. During their six-week stay, they studied the history of South Africa, Zulu language and culture, and participated in community service projects. The students were accompanied by Constance Speake, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Music. Since Durban and Chicago have a Sister City relationship, the group presented a letter of introduction from Mayor Richard M. Daley to Mayor Obed T. Mlaba in Durban. Mayor Mlaba gave NEIU students and Dr. Speake a warm welcome.

Chicago and Suburban Teacher Job Fair

May 9
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., NEIU Alumni Hall.

Up to 35 local schools and districts are expected to participate. Free for NEIU students and alumni; \$5.00 for others. Visit the Placement Office web site at www.neiu.edu/CarServ.htm for more details.

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- Enhance the resources of the Ronald Williams Library
- Provide 74 scholarships to students with financial need
- Support student learning in many ways

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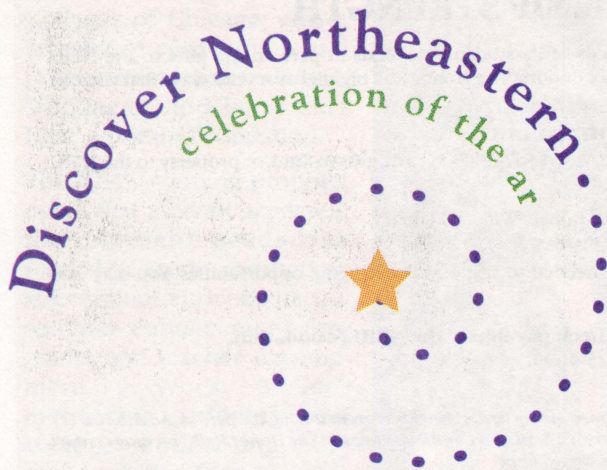
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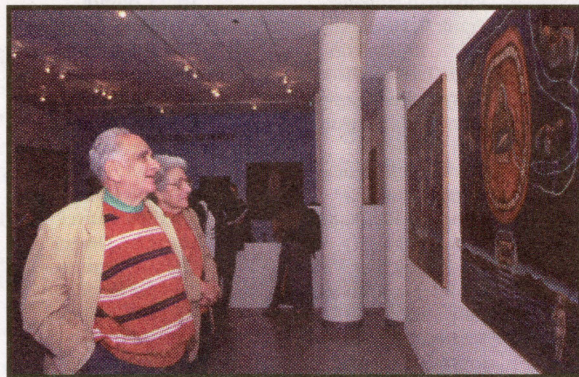
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April

- April 10-30 Juried Metals Competition Exhibition (also May 1-9)
- April 11 Chamber Ensembles
- April 13 Opera Workshop Scene Recital
- April 13-15 Main Stage Theatre "Moon Over Buffalo" (also April 20-22)
- April 14 The Orion Ensemble, Inaugural Concert Series taped broadcast 98.7 WFMT
- April 18 NEIU String Orchestra
- April 19 Senior Recital
- April 20 Vocal Repertoire Seminar Class Recital
- April 25 Studio Series Theatre - New Playwrights Competition (also April 27)
- April 26 Voice Recital
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- April 27 NEIU Guitar Showcase
- April 27 1999 Chopin Piano Competition winner, Year of the Piano Series
- April 28 NEIU Concert Series, co-sponsored by Mostly Music, Inc.

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- May 15-31 Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
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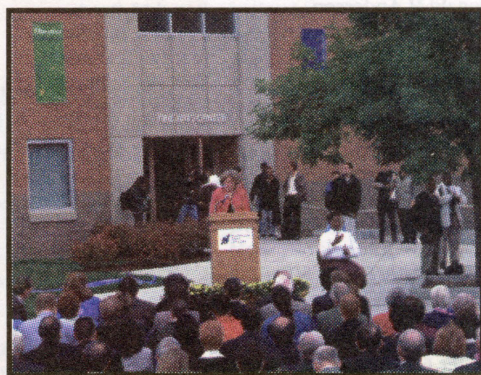
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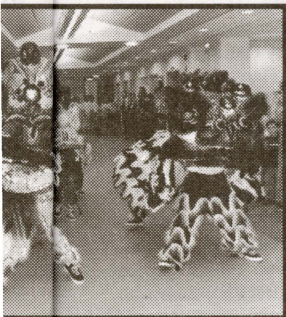


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In 1982, Tom Kooyumjian created the **Mary Louise Kooyumjian Endowment Fund** (in memory of his late wife, a professor of special education at NEIU) to provide assistance for individuals who need to start or continue a college education in order to provide for themselves and their families. Open to any undergraduate 29 years of age or older, this scholarship has helped many older students earn a degree.



The **Dr. Calixto Masó Scholarship** is an endowment for Spanish majors based on academic merit. At the 25th anniversary reception in November, over 50 friends and three generations of family members gathered in memory of the professor emeritus. Two of Dr. Masó's books were presented to (left to right) Associate University Librarian Mary Jane Hilburger, NEIU Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Estela López, and President Salme H. Steinberg. Pictured are also Dr. Masó's great-grandchildren (left to right): Maria, Benjamin, Alex, Danielle, Xristobal, and granddaughter Christina.

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Dr. Violet Malone (B.E.D. General Ed.) is professor and head of adult and higher education at Western Washington University Woodring College of Education in Bellingham, WA. Dr. Malone was inducted recently into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame at a ceremony in San Antonio, TX. She is also a published author and motivational speaker.

1964

Diane Tartol Fauble (B.A. Spec. Ed.) retired after 35 years teaching at Victor Herbert School in Chicago. She was Chicago Teacher's Union delegate and representative for 34 years and served as president of the Beta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Sorority for Women Educators.

1966

Alice Kosnik (B.A. El. Ed. - Spanish) is the Spanish teacher at Northbrook School District #28 in Northbrook and the author of several Spanish books, novels and workbooks for the classroom.

Marsha Nicholas (B.A. Psychology - El. Ed.) is vice president of Patricia Stevens, Inc. in Chicago.

Jerome Yanoff (B.A. Gen. Ed., M.A. '77 Behavior Disorders) is adjunct professor of special education at National Louis University and just published his second book, *The Classroom Teacher's Inclusion Handbook*. Jerome also lectures for the Teachers' Task Force.

1967



Dr. Bonnie Burns (B.A. El. Ed. - Spanish, M.A.E. '76 Reading) is the author of *How to Teach Balanced Reading and Writing* which will be used in the Skylight/St. Xavier Field-Based Masters Program and the New York State Effective Teaching Program.

1968

Iris Schrey (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Spanish, M.A. '73 Guid. and Counseling - Sec. Ed.) is a bilingual Counselor at Jones Academic Magnet High School in Chicago. She was a high school Spanish teacher for 31 years.

Christine Starzynski (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Spanish) is a Spanish teacher and the chair of the foreign language department at High School District 211 in Hoffman Estates.

1970

Cynthia Dean (B.A. El. Ed. - History) is principal of Village Elementary School in Round Lake.

1971

Linda Coronado (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Spanish) is director of Interpreter Services at Cook County Hospital and an instructor at Richard J. Daley College in Chicago.

Ron Middleton (B.A. El. Ed. - Phys. Ed.) has been working for 29 years teaching physical education in New York. He also coaches varsity softball.

Nancy Ohman (B.A. Early Childhood Ed.) is owner-consultant of Beecher Enterprises in Chicago.

Timothy Short (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Spanish) is a sales executive representing products and services to major national health care corporations for Johnson Wax Professional in Sturtevant, WI.

Sister Mary L. Wetzell (B.A. Early Childhood Ed.) recently celebrated her 25th anniversary in the Sisters of Charity, B.V.M.. She is director of pre-school at Queen of All Saints School in Chicago.

1972



Charles Guengerich (M.A. Chemistry) is interim president of Wilbur Wright College in Chicago.

Donna Horwitz (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Spanish, M.A. '72 Guid. and Counseling) is a bilingual

teacher at School District #21 in Wheeling.

Maria F. Martinez (B.A. Spanish) is vice president and product manager for Citibank Citigroup/e-Citi Electronic Commerce in Chicago.

Monica Pareja (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Spanish) is self-employed as a nutrition business owner and medical office administrator in Olympia Fields.

Don Spencer (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Math) was appointed principal of Highlands Middle School in La Grange Highlands, IL. He had been a math teacher at Yorkville for 27 years before his appointment.

Ronald Van Doren (M.A. Speech, M.E.D. '82 Language Arts) directed a bluegrass gospel musical in spring 1999 and does voiceover work, including Christmas stories, at WMBI-FM Radio in Chicago.

Marianne Zeh (M.A. Spec. Ed.) is founder and director of the Schaumburg Academy of Music in Illinois. She has been teaching music since 1965 and is a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers and many other music organizations.

1973

John A. Arrigo (M.A. Political Science) is a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

Miriam E. Cooper (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Art) is a practicing attorney with Campbell & Cooper in Arlington Heights, IL. Miriam is also serving her third term as a school board member and third time as president of Arlington Heights Township High School District 214.

Jerilyn Miripol (B.A. U.W.W.) is a writing therapist at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL. She is also a poet and lifelong journal writer.

Helen Prester (B.A. French) is an administrative assistant at Excel Container, Inc.

Gloria Franco Rivera (B.A. Spanish) is a school secretary at Lakeview Elementary School in Hoffman Estates.

Paula A. Wolf (B.A. Psychology, M.A. '78 Social Science) is the chief lobbyist with The Covenant with North Carolina's Children in Chapel Hill, NC. She was also named Gun Violence Prevention Citizen of the Year by the North Carolina State Council for Social Legislation in December 1999.

1974



Mary Ivins (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Spanish) is a certified financial planner and recently published a book: *Financial Security for Women* published by Symmetry Publishing Company of Chicago.

Michael Lerich (B.A. Political Science) is a

bandleader of a Chicago-based orchestra which plays more than 700 upscale events each year. He is also the operator of M. Lerich Productions of Chicago.

Pamela Liberman Redfern (B.A. French, Linguistics) is a client support analyst for computer technology at McDonald's Corporation in Oak Brook.

1975

Patricia (Connolly) Crespo (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Spanish) is a Spanish teacher at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago.

Linda Kilroy (B.A. French) is a thesis reviewer at San Diego State University and is a graduate student in the Educational Technology Program at the university.

Miriam Rivera (B.A. Spanish, M.A. '92 Com. College Adm.) was awarded an APEX '99 Award of Excellence in design and layout for the 1998-99 NEIU student viewbook.

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Jesse Soszko (B.A. Sociology, Spanish) owns Addison Manufacturing.

1976

Arthur Heagney (M.A. English) was a finalist statewide for the Illinois Teacher of the Year Award. Art is head of Yorkville High School's English department and teaches mainstream and honors English.

Tim Karczewski (B.A. Art) received an APEX '99 Award of Excellence in design and illustration for the front cover of NEIU's 1998-99 academic catalog.

Barbara Oczkowicz (B.A. El. Ed. - Phys. Ed) was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her participation in the Illinois State Board of Education's "Those Who Excel" program. Barbara is a junior high science teacher at Hadley Junior High School in Glen Ellyn.

Elaine (Westberg) Steele (M.A. Linguistics) is division head of Foreign Language/Social Science elementary ESL and Spanish teacher at Buffalo Grove High School District 214 in Buffalo Grove.

Donald Terras (B.A. Anthropology) is director of the Evanston Lighthouse Park District in Illinois and helped get the lighthouse named a national historic landmark. He is a visiting lecturer at NEIU.

1977

Terry Dahlquist (B.A. Sec. Ed. - English Ed.) is the new principal at Greenbrook Elementary School in Hanover Park.

Gerald Gems (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Phys. Ed.) is professor of health and physical education at North Central College and was named an Illinois Humanities Council Road Scholar for the 1999-2000 academic year. He will serve as a consultant to the Chicago Historical Society for an exhibit on sport in Chicago.

1978



Maritza (Marrero) Carlo (B.A. Sociology) is vice chancellor of human resources and staff development for the City Colleges of Chicago.

Denise (McCalla) Creary (B.A. Spanish, Bus. and Mngt.) is a Navy/Marine Corps branch chief with the U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida.

Janis Silverman (M.A.S. Gifted Ed.) teaches gifted children at Carpenter School in Park Ridge-Niles School District 65 in Illinois. Janis is also a published author of educational books. Her latest work, *More Fairy Tales on Trial*, will be published shortly.

1979

Caryl Jo Dagro (M.A. '79 Reading) is a journalism teacher at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire and a finalist for the Teacher of the Year Award from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Bjorg Luppino (B.A. Sec. Ed - Spanish) is a Spanish teacher at Loyola Academy in Wilmette.

Dr. Ann E. Williamson (M.E.D. Lang. Arts - Elem.) was elected to the board of San Marcos Symphony in Chandler, AZ. Dr. Williamson is owner of Integrity 3000, a personal and professional coaching firm and a member of the Black Board of Directors Project of Phoenix.

1980

Magdalena Garcia (B.A. French) is a copy editor for the *Chicago Tribune's* publication *!Exito*.

Patricia Kowalczyk (B.A. Spanish, French) is an international marketing associate for the Caisse Nationale de Credit Agricole in Chicago.

1981

Helen Stephens (B.A. Math) is the new principal at St. Tarcissus School in Chicago.

1982

Barbara Buell (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Spanish) is director of the Chicago Panel on School Policy and offers guidelines for parents on WYCC, Channel 20's program called "The Parent Connection."

Carrie L. Davis (M.A. Inner City Studies) is CEO of Carrie's Designer Fashions and recently was inducted into the Tougaloo College Hall of Fame in Jackson, MS.

1983

Sharon Thiese (M.A. English) is an English teacher at Geneva High School in Illinois and is currently writing a book for teachers about teaching reading and writing. Sharon was recognized by Skylight Publishing for her insights on instructing students.

1984

Brandon R. Davies (B.A. Bus. and Mngt.) was honored posthumously by the U.S. Customs Service Commissioner in a recent ceremony in Washington, D.C. He was honored for his role in Operation Conduit, utilizing new methodology to focus on heroin interdiction from West Africa.

1985

John Cabot (B.A. Spanish) is a bilingual teacher in the Chicago Public School system.

Lillian DeGand (B.A. El. Ed. - Teacher Ed., Early Childhood Ed.) was in Tokyo recently as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. Lillian is a third grade teacher at Hawthorne Scholastic Academy in Beecher.

1987



Gail Vierneisel (B.A. B.O.G., Criminal Justice) is president of the North Suburban Bar Association for the 1999-2000 term and is in private practice in the area of domestic relations.

1988

Katryn Poland (B.A. El. Ed. - Teacher Ed.) has been teaching second, third and fourth grades at St. John Brebeuf in Chicago for over ten years.

Laura K. Sherman (B.A. Psychology) is on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry at Washington University in St. Louis, serves as the director of Psychiatry/Oncology Consultation Services and is the psychiatrist to the Cancer Center at Washington University/Barnes Jewish Hospital. She also sings and performs in a Frank Zappa cover/concept band called Freudian Slip.

1989

Mark Glochowsky (B.A. Accounting, M.B.A. '96) is an accounting supervisor at Gerber Plumbing Fixtures Corp. in Lincolnwood.

Diane Guedel (B.A. El. Ed. - Teacher Ed.) is a first grade teacher at St. Colette School in Rolling Meadows.

Tessie Haralampopoulos (B.A. Spanish, B.A. '90 French, Sec. Ed. Cert. - French) is an ESL teacher at Sullivan High School in Chicago.

Robyn Michaels (B.A. Anthropology) is general manager of Chicago Resale of the Chicago Industrial League.

1990

Patricia Deckert (M.A. Music) is a voice faculty member of Roosevelt University in Chicago and recently appeared with the Downers Grove Choral Society. Pat has appeared as a soloist throughout the U.S. and has recorded for Columbia Records and Smithsonian Institution Records.

Melbalenia Evans (B.A. B.O.G.) is minister of Evangelism and Membership Growth for the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries in Cleveland, OH.

Thomas Griffin (B.A. French, Sec. Ed. Cert. - French) is the director of the Foreign Language Lab at NEIU and a graduate student in Linguistics.

Diane Guedel (B.A. El. Ed. - Teacher Ed.) is a first grade teacher at St. Colette School in Rolling Meadows. She previously helped establish and expand the Learning Center at St. Bartholomew School in Chicago.

Yesid Hernandez (B.A. B.O.G., Spanish) is a public assistance specialist supervisor for the Florida Department of Children and Families and supervisor of the Medicaid Unit.



Madeline Roman-Vargas (M.A. Guid. and Counseling) is dean of Wilbur Wright College's Hum-boldt Park Vocational Center in Chicago.

William Stone (M.A. Linguistics) is assistant professor of Linguistics at NEIU.

1992

Kate Choldin (M.A. Behavioral Disorders) is a special education teacher at The Off Campus Learning Center for socially, emotionally and behaviorally disordered students. Kate also coaches high school girls basketball at Nilis Township High School and runs triathlons with twin sister Mary.

Mary Tax Choldin (M.A. Behavioral Disorders) is a special education teacher for behaviorally disordered students and special education consultant for mainstream history and English TEAM program. Mary also coaches high school girls softball at Glenbrook South High School and runs triathlons with twin sister Kate.

Della Deme (B.A. Spanish, Sec. Ed. Cert. - Spanish) is a Spanish teacher at Mather High School in Chicago.

Russell L. Young (B.A. Spanish) is a merchandising manager at Riverside Distributors in Iowa Falls, IA.

1993

Walter Dudycz (B.A. U.W.W.), Senator from the 7th Legislative District in the Illinois General Assembly, was recently honored as Man of the Year by the Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

David A. Murray (B.S. Marketing) is the First Ward Alderman in Northlake.

Emma Ortiz (B.S. Finance) is vice president and regional manager of Banco Popular, North America in Melrose Park.

Cassandra Riemer (M.A. Guid. and Counseling) is acting assistant dean of students at NEIU.

1994

Joseph Peila (M.A. Admin. and Supervision - Gen. Admin. Cert.) is principal of Westdale School in Franklin Park.

Tanya Garrett-Prawicz (B.A. Spec. Ed. - Learning Disabilities) is integration coordinator at the West Suburban Special Recreation Association in Illinois.

Pedro Rodriguez (B.A. Spanish) is a bilingual Spanish teacher at the Batemon School in Chicago.

1995

Alex Barbour (M.A. Admin. and Supervision - Gen. Admin. Cert.) is principal of the new Thompson School in Lake Villa School District #41.

1996

Lynette Gonzalez (B.A. Spanish, Sec. Ed. Cert. - Spanish) is a high school Spanish teacher in the Chicago Public School system.

Cesar Ramirez (B.A. Spanish) is quality control supervisor at Crown Distributors in Schaumburg.

Tracy M. Ridge (B.A. B.O.G.) is associate director of Recreation for Fitness and Wellness at NEIU.

Sandy Sweilem (B.A. Political Science) is dean of students at Regina Dominican High School in Wilmette.

Sharon L. Warner (B.A. Social Work) was appointed principal at Betsy Ross School in Prospect Heights. She has been an educator for 20 years.

1997

Ann Daugherty-Caffero (B.S. Earth Science) is assistant microscopist at Construction Technologies Laboratories, Inc. in Skokie.

James Alberto Lalinde Torres (B.A. Spanish, B.O.G.) is a realtor with Century 21 Salamanca in Chicago, a teacher at Harper Elementary School and a poet.

Christopher Wilkerson (B.A. B.O.G.) is director of Economic Development, Business and Industries Services at Wright College in Chicago.

1998

Nina Brancato (B.A. French) is a self-employed registered nurse and owner of Chicago Medi-Bill, Ltd.

Tam Nguyen (B.S. Computer Science) works for AT&T CERFnet Inc. in San Diego, CA.

1999

Kent Frankfother (M.A. Teaching Sec. Ed., Language Arts - English) is an English teacher at Morton East High School in Cicero.

Beth Jackowski (B.A. Sec. Ed. - Phys. Ed.) is a physical education and economics teacher in the Chicago Public School System.

John A. Ruckauf (B.A. Speech) is an Army 2nd lieutenant and crewman with the 63rd Armor Battalion stationed in Germany.

In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families, classmates and friends of the following members of the NEIU community. Deaths are published as soon as possible after the Alumni Office is notified.

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1994

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(B.A. '75 Sec. Ed. - Speech)

Andrea Israel
(B.A. '70 Spanish-El. Ed.)

1995

Bonnie Byrn
(B.A. '77 B.O.G., M.A. '83 Soc. Sci.)

1996

Lynda A. Duke
(B.A. '71 Linguistics, M.A. '77 Mental Handicaps)

Elaine F. Jacobs
(B.A. '75 Music)

1997

Edel M. Kreutzer
(B.E.D. '64, M.A.S. '70)

1998

Doreen Duffy
(B.A. '67 General Ed.)

1999

Branden Davies
(B.A. '84 Bus. and Mngt.)

Irving Gabler
(B.A. '77 B.O.G.)

Evelyn Greenberg
(B.A. '69 Social Science-El. Ed.)

Florence P. Jackson
(B.A. '69 Psychology-El. Ed.)

Lois Khan
(M.A.S. '70 Spec. Ed.)

Susan Klein Milek
(B.A. '74 Sec. Ed. - Speech, M.A. '80 English)

June M. (Ballenger) Milota
(M.A. '84 Reading)

Lillian Monkus
(B.A. '68 Sec. Ed. - Speech)

Alvin Mormolstein
(B.A. '73 El. Ed. - Phys. Ed.)

Teresa Rose Perlongo
(M.A. '87 Spec. Ed. - Learning Disabilities)

Karen B. Platt
(B.A. '84 NDP Kaskaskia)

Diane T. Rose
(M.A. '70 Guid. and Counseling - Sec. Ed.)

Albert W. Forslev, professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Earth Science, died on August 15, 1999. Dr. Forslev, who retired in 1996, is credited with founding the department thirty years ago.

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