

Winter 1999

Insights- Winter 1999

University Relations Staff

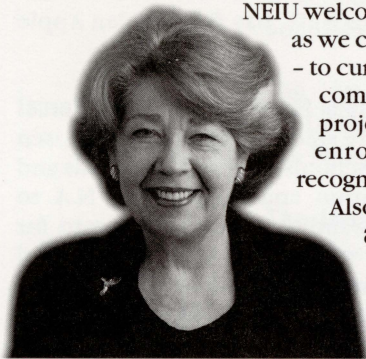
Follow this and additional works at: <https://neiudc.neiu.edu/insights>

Recommended Citation

Staff, University Relations, "Insights- Winter 1999" (1999). *Insights*. 26.
<https://neiudc.neiu.edu/insights/26>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Publications at NEIU Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Insights by an authorized administrator of NEIU Digital Commons. For more information, please contact neiudc@neiu.edu.

Message from the Desk of Salme H. Steinberg



NEIU welcomes the 21st century with much anticipation as we continue to seek improved ways for outreach - to current students, future students, and the larger community in general. Our participation in a project for **financial aid for students** who are enrolled less than half time is important recognition of the needs of non-traditional students.

Also, the signing of another **dual admissions agreement** continues our pledge of providing community college students a seamless transition to finishing their bachelor's degree. And with the recent award of the GEAR UP grant from the U.S. Department of Education, NEIU extends its commitment to excellence, access, and diversity into the classrooms of the Chicago Public Schools. **As the fiscal agent for the largest GEAR UP grant awarded in the nation, NEIU is proud to be a partner in the Chicago Education Alliance**, to whom the grant was awarded. The award will support partnerships that will encourage young people to have high expectations, stay in school, study hard, and to prepare for college.

At the same time, we are reaching out to the community, we are also welcoming many groups to our beautiful campus. Our participation in the **City of Chicago's Project Millennium** brought numerous first-time visitors to the campus as they attended activities in conjunction with the theme "Transitions" and our partnership with the Field

Museum and Columbia College. We also welcomed a delegation of headmasters from Oxford, England for an opportunity to build closer ties and new friendships, and we hosted Dr. Max McGee, Executive Director of the Illinois State Board of Education at that time. Furthermore, NEIU was the site of the annual Chicago Area **Golden Apple Scholars Orientation**. Having over 500 prospective Golden Apple scholars and their parents on site gave us the chance to show off our university to students, their families, and their teachers. And as the site of their regular meeting, we welcomed a record number of attendees to the **Illinois Board of Higher Education** meeting. They shared positive comments with me on many things, including the graciousness of every NEIU employee they encountered. You will read about other special visitors to campus in this issue of *Insights*.

The efforts we have put forth to foster and maintain relationships with various people and organizations undoubtedly will have long-term effects for NEIU. We achieve a commitment to our mission daily while never losing focus on the future - and, all the while, never forgetting our history. From our origins in 1867 as the Cook County Normal School to our present status as a comprehensive university with almost 11,000 enrolled students, I anticipate many more great things for NEIU in the 21st century. Happy holidays to you and those you love.

Rally at NEIU Kicks Off Chicago GEAR UP

"Gear Up!" "Kids at Hope!" echoed throughout the Physical Education Complex and beyond. On November 18, 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**. GEAR UP, or Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, is a partnership of several universities, private foundations, and corporations designed to provide students, parents, and teachers assistance in guiding students successfully through high school and college.

As fiscal agent for the grant, **Northeastern Illinois University** will play a lead role in the five-year, \$31 million partnership grant awarded to the Chicago Education Alliance (CEA), a consortium of Chicago area universities and educational organizations working to improve the Chicago Public School system. **Dr. Teryl ann Rosch** is the executive director of the CEA. The U.S. Department of Education awarded \$120 million for 185 new grants under the GEAR UP project, with the CEA partnership award



Getting into the spirit of the day, President Salme H. Steinberg and Teryl ann Rosch, Executive Director, Chicago Education Alliance (left), join Benny the Bull for the GEAR UP rally.

the largest in the nation. The Partnership Director, **Wendy Stack**, is a program director from the Chicago Teachers' Center, a facility of NEIU's Department of Education.

continued on page 6...

Worth Repeating

Another Dual Admission Agreement has been signed, this time with the **City Colleges of Chicago (CCC)**. President Salme H. Steinberg and CCC Chancellor Wayne Watson signed the agreement on November 3 at a regularly scheduled CCC Board of Trustees meeting. It will be effective on January 1, 2000. Dual admission is available to CCC students who plan to complete their baccalaureate degrees at NEIU. Students who wish to participate must meet admissions requirements of both institutions. NEIU now has dual admissions agreements with the College of Lake County, William Rainey Harper College, Oakton Community College, and the City Colleges of Chicago.

NEIU served as host for the annual conference of the **Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education (ICBCHE)** on October 27-29. The conference, targeted to African American graduate students and educational professionals, featured nationally prominent speakers, workshops, and a job fair with representatives from many Illinois higher education institutions. The keynote speaker was **Dr. Julianne Malveaux**, noted economist and syndicated columnist for King Features. **Melvin C. Terrell**, NEIU's Vice President for Student Affairs/Public Affairs, is concluding his four-year term as Chair of the ICBCHE. Since 1982, the ICBCHE has assisted black professionals and students in higher education by offering programs to enhance professional and academic development. President **Salme H. Steinberg** said it was a "privilege" to host the ICBCHE conference and noted that "the ICBCHE has long been in the forefront in addressing issues concerning the status of minorities in Illinois higher education."

Northeastern also played host for some 400 Chicago Public School students, teachers, and parents who came to participate in this year's Science Fair Central in the Science Building, September 18, 25, and October 2. Over the past four years, the science and

mathematics departments have hosted Saturday morning workshops attracting close to 1,000 participants.

Some 500 prospective Golden Apple Scholars and their parents attended the annual Chicago Area Scholars Orientation held at Northeastern. The 100 students who are chosen will receive yearly scholarships of \$5000 and summer institutes designed for future teachers. Tours of the campus provided an opportunity to show off the university to interested students and their parents. Currently, NEIU has five Golden Apple Scholars in residence.

Lula Ford, John Jursa, John Mazurek, and JoAnn Percel – all NEIU alumni – were among a select group chosen by the Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Principals and Administrators Association, and LaSalle Bank N.A. to receive the 1999 Outstanding Leadership Award for their dedication to academic excellence and accomplishments in improving student achievement. Ford, assistant superintendent, Department of Funded Programs, Chicago Public Schools, earned her M.A. in Inner City Studies. Jursa earned his M.S. in Mathematics and is principal of Prosser Career Academy. Mazurek received his M.A. in Elementary School Counseling and is principal at Casals. Percel earned her M.A. in Teaching Children with Learning Disabilities and is assistant principal at Courtenay Language Arts Center, one of only two assistant principals to receive this award.

Two NEIU sophomore students, Jemina 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. After attending a workshop in Washington, D.C., the students will attend either the Democratic or Republican Convention and, then, the Presidential Inaugural Ceremony in January 2001.

New Aid for Less-Than-Half-Time Students

Through a new state program, **Northeastern's Financial Aid** office is now offering financial assistance to students who apply for financial assistance but are enrolled for a less-than-half-time load.

NEIU was one of 83 Illinois schools invited to apply for participation in this program, and also one of the 40 selected by the **Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)** to participate in its first year — the 1999-2000 academic year — as its Demonstration Project for Aid to Less-Than-Half-Time Students.

Changing demographics and economic conditions have altered the make-up of the student body in Illinois institutions of higher learning. An increasing

number of students are enrolling on a less-than-half-time basis and the ISAC Demonstration Project is a first attempt for state aid to address this problem.

Less-than-half-time enrollment is defined as at least three credit hours but less than six credit hours. As part of the state's **Monetary Award Program (MAP)**, aid awarded under the Demonstration Project will be 25 percent of the MAP term amount *but not to exceed tuition and mandatory fees*. For example, a student enrolling at less-than-half-time could apply for Demonstration Project money to cover some or most of tuition and fees and Pell Grant (the only other assistance previously available for less-than-half-time students) money to cover other costs.

Calendar Notes

December

Stage Center Theatre presents "Fifth of July" by Lanford Wilson. The play pays compassionate tribute to a group of former student activists who reunite to reminisce. Critic Rex Reed said that it is "one of the most incredibly well written, profound and moving and often hilarious plays" he has seen. Kevin Long directs. Thursday-Saturday, December 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 7:30 p.m., Stage Center Theatre (Building F). General admission \$8, seniors, non-NEIU students \$6.

The "Art Faculty: Past and Present" exhibition opens on December 13 and continues through January 22; the Fine Arts Center Art Gallery.

The Inaugural Concert Series - part of *Discover Northeastern: Celebration of the Arts* - presents a performance of North Indian Classical Music with NEIU faculty member Lyon Leifer, flute; NEIU alumnus Steve Bero, tamboura, and Yatindra Vaid, tabla. Friday, December 17, 8:00 p.m., Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Admission \$20, NEIU students \$10. This event will be broadcast live on 98.7 WFMT-FM.

January

The "Art Faculty: Past and Present" exhibition continues January 1-22 in the Fine Arts Center Art Gallery, with an **exhibition reception** on Wednesday, January 19 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Lecture-Recital by Music Professor Constance Speake, with Phyllis Hurt, soprano, on "The Developing Piano," the first presentation in the Year of the Piano Series, Constance Speake, coordinator. Friday, January 14, 8:00 p.m., the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Admission free.

Stage Center Theatre's Studio Series presents David Mamet's *Mr. Happiness* and Lee Blessing's *Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music* on Tuesday and Thursday, January 18, 20 at 1:40 and 7:30 p.m. in the Stage Center Theatre, as it celebrates the 1980s in its countdown to 2000. General admission \$3.

The Inaugural Concert Series presents Sumi Jo, soprano, in a *Discover Northeastern: Celebration of the Arts* event. One of today's most talented sopranos, Sumi Jo has performed in the most important opera houses throughout the world. Friday, January 21, 8:00 p.m., the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Concert admission \$35, NEIU students \$17.50; concert admission with NEIU Foundation Benefit \$65, NEIU students \$32.50. The concert will be broadcast live on 98.7 WFMT-FM.

The NEIU Classical Guitar Series presents Northeastern Music faculty member Brian Torosian, guitar, in a recital

of Baroque and 19th Century music performed on period instrument replicas; Monday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Admission free.

Guest Artist Mark Valenti, piano, performs in a recital of music by Brahms, Debussy, and Prokofiev; Thursday, January 27, 1:40 p.m., Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Admission free.

"**East Meets West - The Hellenic Connection**"; traditional Greek music and dance and works by Ravel, Fauré, and Szymanowski, co-sponsored by The Hellenic Professional Society. Guest artists Kristina Pappademos, mezzo-soprano; Dmitris Marinos, mandolin; Theodora Satolia, piano; Vincent Skowronski, violin; Saori Chiba, piano, and the Olympian Greek Dance Troupe of Chicago. Friday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Admission \$15.

**Most events are free to
NEIU students, faculty,
and staff with valid ID.**

Employee of the Month

July

Brian Koerner

Telecommunications Services Specialist III
Telecommunications

August

Zivka Milanovic

Sub-Foreman, Building Services
Facilities Management

September

Cathy Duffy

Program Administrative Assistant
Job Placement and Location

October

John Kelly

Plant Operating Engineer
Facilities Management

November

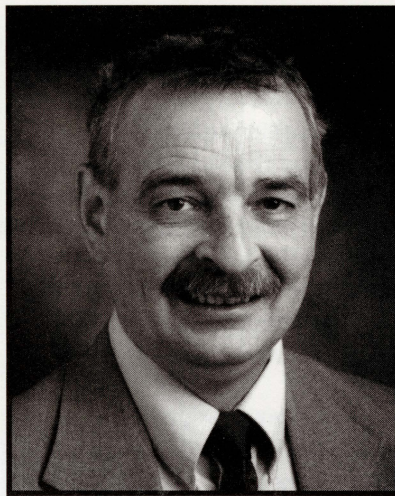
Mary Ellyn O'Donnell

Business Manager I
Office of the Dean of Students

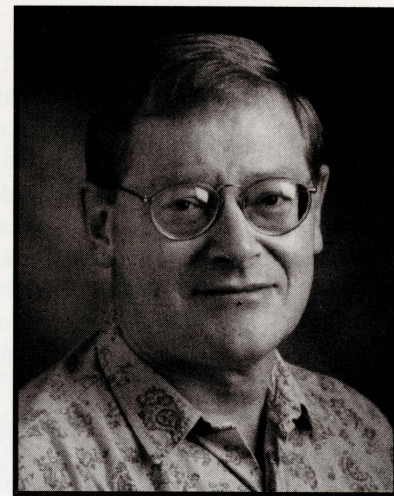
More New Administrative & Professional Appointments



Raul Garcia, Assistant Director of Financial Affairs/Bursar, beginning July 1, 1999, was Interim Assistant Director of Financial Affairs/Bursar. Prior to coming to Northeastern in September 1998, he served with Deloitte and Touche as Senior Auditor. Garcia is responsible for overseeing the student accounts receivable and the student loan and cashing departments. A Certified Public Accountant, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from DePaul University in Chicago. His office is located in D-137, ext. 3625; e-mail, r-garcia2@neiu.edu.



James E. Hazeltine was named Acting Associate Dean, College of Business and Management, effective June 1999. He has been Assistant Professor, Department of Management and Marketing, and prior to coming to Northeastern in 1991, was an Assistant Professor in Marketing in the College of Business at Illinois State University. Hazeltine was awarded his D.B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Kentucky with area of concentration in Marketing. He has a B.A. in Psychology from Franklin and Marshall College. His office is located in CLS 0041, ext. 3067; e-mail, j-hazeltine@neiu.edu.



Edmund B. Hunt, a Professor in the Department of Special Education since 1979, has been named Acting Associate Dean, College of Education, as of May 15, 1999. He has been Coordinator of the Master of Arts Program in Gifted Education since 1984. Hunt holds a Ph.D. in Ancient History from Ohio State University, an M.A. in Ancient History from Loyola University, and an M.A. in Gifted Education from Northeastern Illinois University. His office is located in CLS 4039, ext. 2810; e-mail, e-hunt@neiu.edu.

Templeton Guide Names NEIU a National Leader

One of Northeastern's academic programs has recently been selected as one of the best in the nation and is highlighted in *The Templeton Guide: Colleges That Encourage Character Development*, published by the John Templeton Foundation.

The book, designed for students, parents, and educators interested in personal growth at the collegiate level, praises **NEIU's Curriculum Infusion program** for the way it brings information about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse into the classroom. Drug prevention content is made a part of the course work in courses across the curriculum. For example, a business management course may address ways in which alcohol and drug use by employees negatively affects workers and greatly increases

business costs. A sociology course may study the impact of alcohol advertisements that target college students. Or, a chemistry course may include a unit on fetal alcohol syndrome.

This federally-funded project, under the guidance of NEIU Sociology Professor **Ron Glick**, one of the founders of Curriculum Infusion, was piloted at Northeastern and has since been developed nationally with successful programs at such campuses as Colorado State, DePaul, Roosevelt, North Park, and Shenandoah Universities.

The agency that supports the national presence is the **Network for Dissemination of Curriculum Infusion (NDCI)**, based at Northeastern. Key NEIU faculty and staff members, in addition to the director of NDCI,

Ron Glick, include **Bruce Joleaud**, Teacher Education Project Coordinator; **Hamid Akbari**, NDCI Consultant to Faculty and Management Teams; **Mary Ann Schwartz**, NDCI Consultant to Faculty and Management Teams; **James Lockwood**, NDCI Coordinator of Evaluation; **Sharon McNeely**, NEIU Teacher Education Faculty Coordinator, and **Kenneth Addison**, NDCI Consultant on Diversity.

Another, more recent, focus of the program prepares future teachers to **integrate prevention strategy into the middle- and high-school classes they will teach.** "This work," Glick says, "is a natural extension of our work in higher education... to impact a growing problem that interferes with learning in Chicago-area middle and high schools."

Faculty and Staff News

Brad Baker, Library, recently completed a one-year term as president of the OCLC Users Council. In the July-August *OCLC Newsletter*; the May 1999 meeting of the Users Council was summarized in two different articles using portions of text from Baker's address to the group. OCLC is a non-profit library computer service and research organization that maintains a database of library holdings (including ILLINET) throughout the world.

Charles M. Barber, History, was selected to receive the State Historical Society of North Dakota's 1999 Editor's Award for his article, "A Diamond in the Rough: William Langer Reexamined," which appeared in the Fall 1998 issue of *North Dakota History*. Barber won praise from the judging panel for his fresh look at legendary North Dakota politician William Langer.

Paul Dolan, Physics, recently won the John Rush Award, a prestigious, innovative teaching award, presented by the Illinois State Physics Project, one of the oldest and best known professional physics teaching alliances in the nation. The award, consisting of a scroll and a trophy, was presented to him on June 8 at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Ana Gil, Educational Leadership, presented the paper, "Reflections from the Heart: Deliberations and Contemplations of Teachers Observing their Peers," at the XV World Association of Case Method Research and Application, July 1999, in Caceres, Spain. In August, she delivered the workshop, "Strategic Teaching and Reading Project," at the IV Congreso de las Americas en Lectoescritura in Lima, Peru. In October, Gil coauthored, with Loyola University Professor Ernestine Riggs, the paper, "Observations + Reflections = Change of My Teaching Practices," which was presented at the 1999 annual meeting of the Midwestern Educational Research Association in Chicago.

Roger Gilman, Philosophy, presented an invited lecture, "The Contribution of Moral Imagination to Conflict Resolution in Divided Societies," at the University of Tel Aviv, Israel, on July 15.

David Helfand, Counseling Office, served as the Career Make-Over Counselor in the lead story of the October 3, 1999, *Los Angeles Sunday Times'* business section (circulation over two million). Helfand advised the reader with regard to a possible career change.

Aaron Horne, Center for Inner City Studies, gave the commencement address, "Stepping into the New Millennium," at the Henry O. Tanner School in Chicago on June 9. Horne was the keynote speaker for the Society for the Advancement of the Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature's Second Annual Black Music Month Breakfast, June 26 in Chicago. Horne is also a new member on the board of directors of the Citizens Information Service of Illinois, and he is the Editorial Advisor for the *International Dictionary of Black Composers* (two volumes) published May 1999 by Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, Chicago.

Tim Karczewski, Photo Design/Graphics, has received an APEX '99 Award of Excellence in the category of Design and Illustration for the front cover of the 1998-99 Academic Catalog. APEX '99 is "The Eleventh Annual Awards for Publication Excellence: A Competition for Communications Professionals."

Joseph P. Kish, Facilities Management, was one of six international members to receive the Pacetter Award at the Educational Conference and Annual Meeting of the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers, June 20-22 in Cincinnati. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the association and the profession. In addition, Kish has begun his two-year term as a member of the association's international board, representing its midwest region.

Elizabeth Landerholm, Early Childhood Education, presented a poster on the topic of Evaluation Strategies for a Family Literacy Program at the 11th European Conference on Reading in the city of Stavanger, Norway, on August 2.

Elizabeth Landerholm and **Selina Mushi**, Early Childhood Education, presented a workshop on the topic of "A Collaborative Approach to Family Literacy Strategies" at the Illinois Family Literacy Conference in Springfield on May 21.

Mostafa M. Maksy, Accounting, participated in the 15th Annual Conference on Accounting Education, August 12-14, in San Diego. Attended by 60 accounting instructors from across the nation, the conference offers professional development for teachers of principles of accounting.

Selina Mushi, Early Childhood Education, presented a paper, "Preparing Tanzania's Young Children for the Economic World: Possibilities for Collaboration with Other Countries" at the Tanzania: Towards the New Millennium Conference at Howard University, August 6.

Edward Odisho, Teacher Education, conducted a presentation - "The Ethnic, Linguistic and Cultural Identity of Modern Assyrians" - at the Second Annual Meeting of the Assyrian and Babylonian Intellectual Heritage Project of the State Archives, University of Helsinki, held in Paris, France, October 7-9. Odisho also chaired the sessions on the last day of the meeting.

Angelina Pedroso, Foreign Languages and Literatures, conducted a workshop on "Assimilation vs. Acculturation: Preserving Our Cultural Identity" at the recent 17th Annual U.S. Hispanic Leadership Conference, attended by over 8,000 present and future Hispanic leaders representing more than 400 cities in over 35 states. The theme of the meeting was "Taking Responsibility: Making Latinos Count As America's New Majority."

Miriam Rivera, Admissions and Records, has been awarded an APEX '99 Award of Excellence in Design and Layout for the 1998-99 student viewbook. The nationwide APEX awards competition is sponsored by Communication Concepts, Inc. and they evaluated nearly 4,900 entries this year.

Sheila Rotman, Community Affairs and Publications, received an APEX '99 Award of Excellence for the NEIU Web Site. Northeastern was the only institution of higher learning to receive an award in a category that included 355 web sites. Rotman has also received a special commendation from the Publicity Club of Chicago in recognition of her efforts to organize, promote and coordinate the Golden Trumpet Awards.

Rally at NEIU Kicks Off Chicago GEAR UP

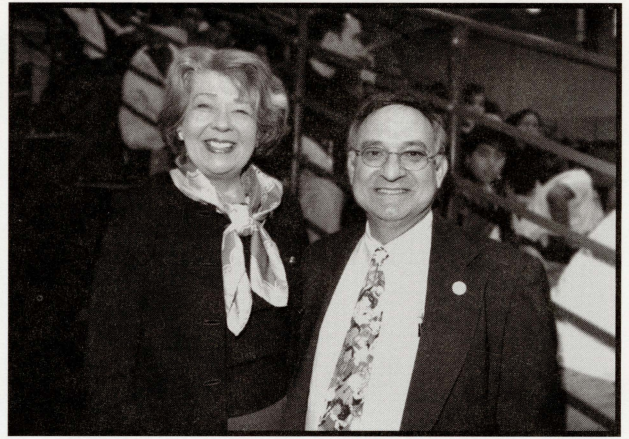
DJ Tim Schommer from radio station B96, serving as master of ceremonies for the rally, introduced NEIU President **Salme H. Steinberg**. The president welcomed the honored guests, students, teachers, and parents to the rally and said, "Education makes a person good, useful, and powerful, and that's why we are gearing up."

The Chicago GEAR UP Alliance consists of **Northeastern Illinois University, DePaul University, Loyola University Chicago, Roosevelt University, Truman College, the City Colleges of Chicago, plus a number of corporations and private foundations**, such as Working in the Schools and the I Have a Dream Foundation. It will serve approximately 12,000 students in 34 selected Chicago public schools.

The purpose of the program is to **support early college preparation and awareness activities at the local and state levels**. GEAR UP awards multi-year grants to locally-designed partnerships among colleges and middle schools, plus at least two other partners - community organizations, businesses, state education agencies, parent groups, or non-profits - to increase college entry rates.

Student academic improvement needs "improved classroom instruction, after school enrichment and summer enhancement programs, and teacher development services," according to the grant. "Besides mentoring, tutoring, and college counseling, the project will offer

President Steinberg and Rick Miller, founder of Kids at Hope.



education enhancement and computer courses for parents, leading to the creation of a project web site and tapping into the Chicago Cable Access Network for instruction, teacher development, and student interaction, including bilingual services."

During the first year of the program, Chicago GEAR UP will work with fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students. Its services will include tutoring, mentoring, and team building. **There will also be partnership programs for parents**, such as information about financial assistance for college; and for teacher and curriculum development. The next year, students in fifth-eighth grades will participate; then fifth through ninth, until the first year's seventh grades graduate from high school.

All of the 'kids at hope' at the rally were assured that they are all capable of success. Speaking on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House Charities, which sponsored the rally, NEIU alumna **Virginia Ojeda** said, "We are very excited to be supporting the Kids at Hope/Gear Up program." Ojeda, 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 said, "I graduated from college, and I graduated from **this** university."

In addition, Chicago Police Superintendent, **Terry Hillard**; Miss Illinois, **Jade Small**; and the founder of Kids at Hope, **Rick Miller**, each addressed the audience with the message of success into college. Joining them were **Benny the Bull, Ronald McDonald, the Happiness Club singers**, and magician **Tom Boz**, who provided inspiration and entertainment.

GEAR UP, based on the experiences of other programs, will provide a key to the future for many young students across the country.

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Chicago Illinois
Permit No. 2929

5500 NORTH ST. LOUIS AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60625-4699

