

Educational Talent Search
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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Harlan Students Explore Higher Education at National Louis University

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Students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades from Harlan Community Academy recently had the opportunity to visit National Louis University through the NEIU Educational Talent Search Program, TRIO. The visit provided students with valuable exposure to college life and the admissions process.

During the trip, students participated in an informative admissions presentation, engaged with a student panel, and toured the campus to experience the university environment firsthand. The visit offered insight into academic programs, career pathways, and what it truly means to pursue higher education.

KyMaria Bell, a 10th grader, shared, “My experience when attending the NLU college tour was intriguing. The college is very different from other colleges that I’ve seen, and I may want to attend.”

Kenaz Shorter, an 11th grader, reflected, “My experience while attending NLU was great. It was a cool experience. I learned a few important things about college and careers that I never knew, and it has me thinking about attending.”

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Northeastern Illinois University Tour and Teambuilding

July 3, 2025

The students received a tour of the dorms and the university. The students participated in various team building activities in connection with the P.E. department.



Freshmen Connection
June 30, 2025



Decision Day
May 5, 2025

NEIU TRIO Talent Search has once again partnered with Harlan High School to celebrate the Class of 2025 and their postsecondary plans/decisions. The graduating seniors' postsecondary decisions were acknowledged and celebrated with a Decision Day event and food provided by TRIO Talent Search.

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