

UWW Graduate Dayani Pieri

Meet Dayani Pieri, a December 2014 graduate with a Depth area of Ecological Research from the University Without Walls Program and a minor in Biology. Dayani was chosen to address her fellow graduates at the commencement ceremony. She currently works as a Montessori Elementary school educator, and has a passion for ecological research. It was this passion that led to a variety of opportunities to conduct research alongside renowned scientists. She has won numerous awards, attended many conferences around the country to present her research and has co-authored papers for the bulletin circulated by the Ecological Society of America.



During her years as a student, Dayani won many awards, including the 2013 Non-Traditional Degree Program Scholarship and 2012 – 2013 Ecological Society of America's SEEDS Fellowship, among others. She has been inducted into the Tri Beta Biological Society, the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, and Who's Who of American Universities and Colleges. She is the past Vice Chair of Green Conservation Group (GCG) and Student Government Association's (SGA's) Student Life Committee. Last year she was awarded the "2014 Senator of the Year" award. She continues to serve as a senator, she also holds the responsibilities of being Green Fee Committee's Secretary and GCG Treasurer and its representative to Illinois Student Environmental Coalition.

In her commencement speech, Dayani spoke about a time when she heard Maya Angelou state "I am here today having achieved much success, because there were RAINBOWS set in my dark clouds." She urged her fellow graduates with this closing statement: "Let's make a commitment, let's begin it now and be someone's RAINBOW in their dark clouds as many have been RAINBOWS for us."

NDP Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the NDP students who have been awarded merit-based NDP tuition scholarships for the Spring 2015 semester:

Terrie Albano	Isyemille Lara
Benjamin Anderson	Connie Mendez
Seth Bacon	Scott Moe
Lynn Barone	Gloria Ortiz
Michael Chase	Jacques Polk
Annetta Chisholm	Trisha Rodgers
Olga Goncharova	Aurora Rodriguez
Ashley Grayson	Maggie Speer
Dora Huizar	Cassius Williams
Emanuel Willis	

SPECIAL NOTE: A Graduate Merit Tuition Scholarship was awarded to NDP Graduate Assistant Erica Krueger

Scholarships for NDP

Each semester, the NDP program offers merit based scholarships to students who demonstrate academic excellence. If you need a scholarship application, please email : NDP@neu.edu

Application deadline for Fall 2015 scholarships is

Get Credit Hours for Tests

One advantage of being an NDP student is the flexibility on obtaining the credit hours needed for satisfactory degree completion. NDP students have the option of testing out of over 40 subjects. These test subjects include CLEP exams as well as baccalaureate and upper level baccalaureate competency exams. Our advisors can help you determine which tests will be right for your educational goals, please make an advising appointment for more information.

If you think this might work for you, please check out the websites:

<http://clep.collegeboard.org/>
<http://getcollegecredit.com/>

NDP Has a New Face

The CAW Has a New Face

The CAW, a tutoring resource for WIP students, recently added a new face to their leadership team. Erin Higgins will be guiding the CAW peer tutors, as they work with other students. Erin earned Bachelor's degrees in English and Spanish from University of WI and went on to complete a Master's Degree in English from DePaul. She has an impressive background which includes teaching developmental reading and study skills classes. While she was completing her degree at DePaul, she held a graduate assistant position in the Writing Center there. In this position, she gained valuable experience working with veterans, special needs students and international students. She also took it upon herself to facilitate book club meetings. Most recently, she worked in the Writing Center at Harper College, tutoring for all courses offered there.

Erin takes pleasure in seeing students coming back and showing that they are improving their writing skills. She is happy that her position allows her to see tangible results by helping others find their writing skills. She finds meaning in sharing with others just how important writing skills are and is excited to guide others through his often difficult process. She hopes that each semester, she will be able to help all peer tutors realize that they can continue to learn more by engaging in the tutoring experience. Erin would like to think that each peer tutor she works with will leave their time at the CAW having more confidence and improved skills when it comes to their own writing.

Welcome to NEIU, Erin!

NDP Alpha Chi Inductees

Another group of NDP students deserving of congratulations is the 2014-2015 NDP students who were inducted into The national College Honor Society, Alpha Chi. These students earned this recognition because their grades place them in the top 10% of their class.

Iveline Allen	Sara Edwards
George Francis Giles	Brandi A. Jacobs
Erica D. Krueger	Michael Lee Mansfield
Maria T. Garcia	Anne K. Potts
Monica Karina Velazquez	Jacqueline L. Young

NDP 1 credit hour courses

Did you know that the NDP program offers two courses that are each worth one credit hour? Students can earn two credit hours at the 300 level, while learning valuable skills. These two classes are: **Library Research** and

Time Management.

These classes are a great way to explore the world of library research and time management in the 21st century. Both of these classes are for one credit hour only, so you will be finished with the class by the time you are halfway through the semester! If you are planning on continuing to a graduate program, both of these classes will greatly contribute to your future success.

Is a Prior Learning Assessment in Your Future?

It is possible to get credit for prior learning experiences which may have presented themselves in the course of your lifetime. Many of these opportunities arise in the workplace, but some may come from the pursuit of personal interests as well. If you are considering creating a prior learning portfolio, please read the statements below and check all that apply to you.

- I am currently enrolled in or planning to enroll in the B.A.I.S. Program
- I have professional background which includes exposure to a variety of learning opportunities and experiences
- I have received formal or informal training which will not qualify for transfer credit
- I have any military training or volunteer work that may be used for prior learning credit
- I hold professional certifications, licenses or awards which highlight my learning experience
- My knowledge and skills in this field are current
- My knowledge and skills can be measured
- My prior learning satisfies the requirements for an identifiable academic discipline
- I would be interested in taking a course on assembling a PLA for college credit

If you checked one or more of these statements, please make an appointment to talk with your advisor about whether or not a prior learning assessment is right for you.

Career Counseling

Is your resume up to date? Are you having problems figuring out how to best add your new education and skills to your resume? Would you like some guidance on creating and building a professional network?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please stop in to career services, located in Room B-119. They provide free resume critiques every Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 PM. If you can't make these times, please call 773.442.4680 and make an appointment to meet with a career counselor.

NDP Office Staff Spring 2015

The NDP Office, B-147 has great people who are here to help you every day. Our staff is made up of people at all levels, from Directors to graduate students. Please stop in and get to know the team.

Dr. Kim Sanborn—Director
 Dr. Shelley Bannister—Faculty Advisor UWW
 Ms. Jennifer Blair—Program Specialist
 Ms. Jacqueline Butler—Program Specialist
 Ms. Erica Krueger—Grad Assistant BAIS Program
 Mr. Hamoon Forouzi—Grad Assistant UWW Program
 Ms. Trease Sockol—Office Support Specialist
 Mr. Gabe Manzo—Clerical Assistant

Angelina Pedroso Center

The Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs honors all differences, fosters leadership, promoting diversity, intersectionality, and social justice in a student-centered environment. Room B-149

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Stage Center Theater

This semester, the Stage Center Theater will be performing *Gregor and the Squonk*, a twisted, modern fairy-tale., by Dan Cafferty and directed by Angie Sweigart-Gallagher. This play highlights how an unfortunate quest for beauty can lead to an unhealthy and dangerous obsession with plastic surgery. *Gregor and the Squonk* examines the lengths people will go in the name of beauty and love. The play will be showing February 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 at 7:30 and February 28 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm.

The second production this semester will be *Endgame*, by Samuel Beckett, directed by Rodney Higginbotham. *Endgame* is a pure and devastating distillation of the human essence in the face of approaching death. *Endgame* is considered by many critics to be Beckett's greatest single work. This production will be playing April 16, 17, 18, 23, and 24 at 7:30 pm and April 25 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

MLRC—what they have to offer

If you have yet to become familiar with the Multi-Media Learning Resource Center (MLRC), this semester might be the right time for you to get to know them. The center can be found on the 3rd floor of the Ronald Williams Library. You will need to show your student ID to get in, but once you do, a whole world of technology will be at your feet. There are computer terminals and printers for student use. In addition to these basic technologies, the lab can also accommodate any need to edit audio/visual creations.

New to the center is audio/visual equipment that can be used by all NEIU students. You will need to show your student ID to check out equipment, rental is free for up to 3 days. The center also boasts a soundproof room which can be used to record audio components for your projects.

Remote Printing Feature

All NEIU students are able to send documents created off sight to any of the copy machines located around campus. Once you send a document to the printing queue, it will be available to print for 24 hours. Here is the link for you to access this service: <https://print.neiu.edu/>

Health and Counseling Services

All students have access to mental health and counseling services. These services are offered at no charge each semester. For details on services available please see their webpage: <http://www.neiu.edu/university-life/student-health-and-counseling-services>

Campus Recreation

If you are a fitness buff and enrolled at NEIU, please take a look at the P.E. Building and all it has to offer. For starters, the complex boasts 5 gymnasium court areas, a climbing wall, an elevated track, racquetball courts, a fitness center and an 8 lane 25ft. Long pool with a diving area. These facilities are available for use anytime the facility is open.

Do your kids want to learn to swim, do you? Each student is allowed to bring two immediate family members into the complex as guests, on Wednesdays from 3-10PM, Fridays from 3-7PM and Saturdays from 9 AM– 3PM. The recreation program offers swimming lessons for all ages from Preschool–Adult. Here is the link to the information about the swimming programs: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/crneiu>

Do you workout with a personal trainer? Campus Recreation offers student packages with discounted rates. Please contact Martha Montes, for more information: m-montes1@neiu.edu.

Are you interested in fitness classes such as Yoga, Zumba, Athletic Training or Body Conditioning? These are among the many structured fitness classes offered through Campus Recreation. Here is where you can find more information: <http://www.neiu.edu/university-life/campus-recreation/fitness>

Tutoring Resources

Have you checked out the library recently? The Ronald Williams Library has many hidden treasures within its walls, and I am not just talking about books! On the 4th floor, you will find the the Learning Support Center, available to fulfill your tutoring needs. For a list off all services available, please visit their site: <http://www.neiu.edu/university-life/learning-support-center>

The Center for Academic Writing is dedicated to providing tutor support for students taking a WIP course. If you are unsure of your writing skills the Center is a great resource available during the semester you are in a WIP class. The Center hires only high performing WIP former students as peer tutors. Here is the link to their web-site: <http://www.neiu.edu/academics/center-academic-writing>