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Message from the Dean

Dear Jaclyn,

I appreciate the response that I and other administrators are receiving from you, and I ask you to keep it coming. And, I am looking forward to hearing more from you when we gather for the Winter Faculty Meeting early next month (see details below).

I wanted to share my thoughts with you about the composition of the faculty here at the College because it is a topic of discussion, and it goes to the heart of what we do. For my four years here, starting as a faculty member in 2009 and now as dean, we have offered our academic programs with a complement of full-time faculty and part-time faculty, because the professional studies field demands it, and it benefits our students.

We are committed to maintaining the ecosystem of full-time academics and a robust group of faculty members who lead in their professional endeavors by day and then bring their accomplishments and expertise into evening and online courses. Our essence as the College of Professional Studies requires this mix of talents and experiences among our faculty; we are proud of our model, and the faculty who instruct our students every day.

We are also proud of the longevity and commitment of both part-time and full-time faculty at the College. Since I joined the College of Professional Studies I have met and talked with scores of faculty over the years; I know the depth of your commitment and pride.

I believe that the strength and vitality of our College is rooted in our talented and diverse faculty, leading us to compete ever more effectively in a crowded field for the bright and determined students that you know as Northeastern CPS students.

At the university, this same effort to create the right mix of part-time and full-time faculty is underway, with different approaches by each of the colleges and schools as appropriate to the needs of their students. Information has been posted about the [faculty profile](#) university-wide and I hope you will visit the website to see how Northeastern has struck this balance.

I look forward to seeing you or hearing from you soon, and thank you for all that you do for our students.

Sincerely,



John G. LaBrie, EdD
Dean

Winter 2014 Faculty Meeting - Thursday, March 13

Save the date for the upcoming professional development day, "Best Road, Less Travelled," in recognition of the many ways faculty are trail blazers.

Thursday, March 13, 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM
(includes address by John LaBrie, dean of the College, and
interactive break-out sessions)
Northeastern University Curry Student Center Ballroom

Registration opens at 8:00 AM. Coffee and lunch will be served.

You're Invited to Participate in Graduation



500 degrees were conferred at the Fall 2013 Graduation.

College of Professional Studies Doctoral Hooding Ceremony

Thursday, June 5

Ceremony start time: 10:30 AM

Curry Student Center Ballroom

Reception in Curry Student Center Indoor Quad to immediately
follow

College of Professional Studies Graduation Ceremony

Friday, June 6, 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Matthews Arena
238-262 St. Botolph Street
Boston, MA 02115

Stay tuned for more detailed information coming in March.

Strategies for Recruiting Diverse Student Populations: An Interview with John LaBrie

Recently, *The Huffington Post* published an interview with John LaBrie, dean of the College. Following is an excerpt.

What is your advice to institutions looking to sustain their diverse student populations?

"...I would encourage a strategy for engagement, exploration and celebration of those populations rather than a stance that you see in many institutions: a very conservative and apprehensive approach to these student populations.

In the end, these will be our students and we have always done our best work with students when we have celebrated all of their facets, all of their accomplishments, and all of their backgrounds."

[Read the full interview with LaBrie.](#)

Students in 10 Degree Programs will Write Cases for Organizations and Companies in 11 Countries



The 2013 Case Writing Competition helped the winner, Evgeniya Zhdanova, clarify her career goals.

Now that the Northeastern CPS Case Writing Competition is underway, and graduate students have selected local organizations for the case investigation and analysis, the Case Writing Competition committee would like to share information on those participating:

- **43 applicants submitted case proposals**, more than

double the participation last year.

- **Degree programs represented include** master's in: Leadership, Project Management, Nonprofit Management, Regulatory Affairs, Education, Human Services, Organizational and Corporate Communications, Digital Media, Global Studies, Global Leadership.
- **Students will serve as consultants or analysts for organizations from 11 countries:** Colombia, China, India, U.S., Ghana, Qatar, Australia, Egypt, Pakistan, Brazil and Morocco.

The six-week online workshop on case investigation and case writing started on Monday, February 17. Wish all of our students luck in this extra academic effort!

It's not too late to become a mentor/reviewer for students in your area of expertise. Help them by providing feedback on their ideas to solve real-life dilemmas. To get involved, please contact Julia Ivy at j.ivy@neu.edu or 617.435.3183.

NU Online Update: Blackboard Training

This month will focus on Blackboard: new training sessions to answer questions on Blackboard how-to's and features, and a look at how to administer tests online in Blackboard with the Respondus LockDown Browser.

Drop in for an informal "office hours" training. Blackboard How-to "Office Hours" is a classroom training session with an NU Online instructional designer. Learn how to make the most of using new features, including:

- Video Everywhere
- Inline grading for discussions
- Retention center

Respondus LockDown Browser is a custom browser that allows users to lock down the testing environment within Blackboard. When students take a test using the LockDown Browser, they are prevented from:

- Printing, copying, or accessing other websites or applications
- Closing the test until it is submitted for grading

Learn more about [how to get started with Respondus LockDown Browser](#).

To register for one of our Blackboard How-to Office Hours or Respondus trainings, [visit the NU Online Instructor Resource Center](#).

For Northeastern, It's Easy Being Green



Northeastern ranked #1 Greenest University in America, #3 Worldwide.

Northeastern University's long-standing commitment to sustainability has once again garnered global acclaim: [In rankings released earlier this month](#), Northeastern placed third among 301 schools from 61 countries in the University of Indonesia's fourth annual GreenMetric Ranking of World Universities. Northeastern placed first among all American universities in the rankings.

The international list ranks higher education institutions based on campus sustainability and environmentally friendly university management. The results derive from self-reported data in six weighted categories: energy and climate change; setting and infrastructure; waste management; transportation; education; and water usage.

In 2012, the university recycled more than 300 tons of paper and corrugated cardboard, 260 tons of landscape compost, 100 tons of bottles and cans, 51 tons of computers and electronics, and 12 tons of cooking oil while its "Compost Here" program turned food waste into nearly 600 tons of compost. Over the last year, the university has installed more than 150 filtered water stations in buildings across campus, helping to eliminate waste from hundreds of thousands of disposable plastic bottles.

To learn more, read [Northeastern ranked America's greenest university](#).

President Aoun Gives Input to U.S. Department of Education on College Rating System



President Aoun urges the Department of Education to consider long-term career success in new higher education evaluation system.

As the federal government refines its plans for a new higher education evaluation system, Northeastern President Joseph E. Aoun offered his guidance in a letter to the U.S. Department of Education on how to make the ranking system beneficial for colleges, students, and families.

In the letter, addressed to Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Aoun encouraged the Department of Education to consider the work colleges and universities are doing to prepare students for long-term career success and include in the ranking metrics such as the percentage of alumni employed or enrolled in an advanced degree program six months after graduation.

"Above all," he added, "the Department's ratings should take into consideration the specific mission of the many different types of institutions serving traditional and non-traditional students in order to reflect and make meaningful the broad diversity of the various sectors."

Read the story, [Aoun provides guidance on proposed college rating system](#).

Upcoming Events: 50 Years Forward Series



In marking the half-century milestone for the Civil Rights Act, Northeastern also celebrates the 45th anniversary of the John D. O'Bryant African-American Institute and the 40th anniversary of the Department of African American Studies. To honor these milestones, Student Affairs and the College of Social Sciences and Humanities present the *50 Years Forward* series, a collection of events and activities intended to celebrate and honor those who helped advance the dream of freedom and equality in America. There are several upcoming events taking place:

- [Kappa Alpha Psi "90th Anniversary" Guide Right Program - Featuring - Steve Pemberton](#), Saturday, February 22, 9:00 AM
- [Eyes on the Prize: The Time Has Come](#), Monday, February 24, 11:45 AM
- [Black History Month Celebration](#), Wednesday, February 26, 11:30 AM
- [Eyes on the Prize: Two Societies](#), Monday, March 10, 11:45 AM

Be sure to keep abreast of what's happening via social media and the hashtag #50yrsfwdNU, as well as the ['50 Years Forward' website](#), which encapsulates all related events and information, and will be continually updated as new initiatives are developed.

We Want to Hear from You!

What information would you like to receive in the next issue? We welcome all suggestions, and will do our best to incorporate your ideas into future communications. Thanks in advance for your input and support. To submit a note, send an email to cpsnews@neu.edu.

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