FY25 VOLUNTEER IMPACT REPORT

Volunteerism from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

NIU VOLUNTEER

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THANK YOU

To over 1,670 amazing volunteers!

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

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VOLUNTEERISM OVERVIEW

Over **1,670** volunteers made a positive impact in Fiscal Year **2025** and furthered the university's mission. Of these volunteers, over **80%** were alumni who found meaningful ways to give back and showcase the power of our alumni network!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

540+
VOLUNTEERS

Over **540 unique volunteers** supported the career and professional development of more than **2,300** students, faculty and staff.

Includes: *Career Fair Prep Workshop, Mock Interviews, Professional Conversations with Alumni.*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

$52K+
RAISED VIA HUSKIES UNITED

Over **400 unique volunteers** advocated for the Huskie community and created nearly **200** touchpoints with legislators. Volunteers also raised awareness for Huskies United, our annual day of giving, directly raising over **$52,000** for various campus programs.

Includes: *Advocacy Day, Huskies United Ambassadors, Commencement.*

STUDENT SUPPORT

1,900+
STUDENT CONNECTIONS

Over **300 unique volunteers** supported more than **1,900** current and future students through acts of service and care.

Includes: *Huskie Finals Notecard Project, Scholarship Review.*

STUDENT RECRUITMENT

18,000+
FUTURE HUSKIE CONNECTIONS

Almost 100 unique volunteers connected with more than **18,000** future Huskies to support student recruitment.

Includes: *College & Career Fairs, Recruit a Huskie Postcard Campaign, Preview Days.*

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AFFINITY GROUP PROGRAM

Over **75 volunteer leaders** connected through shared identities, regions and interests to support their fellow Huskies through a variety of events and activities that help drive the NIU mission.

18+ Total Events

800+ Event Attendees

$100,000+ Raised in Support of Student Scholarships

VOLUNTEER LEADERS

There are a variety of council and leadership roles across campus that support the university's mission. In FY25, over **320 unique volunteers** helped shape and support both academic, co-curricular and athletic units through their leadership and guidance.

NORTHERN LIGHTS AWARD

This year, a new volunteer award was created in honor of Liz McSpadden, '10, M.B.A. '16, a dedicated volunteer who continued to show up for her alma mater throughout her battle with cancer. The Northern Illinois University Alumni Association announced two extraordinary volunteers to receive the inaugural Northern Lights Award.

(Photo: Jonathan Koepke)

SAMANTHA DeDINA, '12
Ecological Restoration Superintendent

(Photo: John Palmer)

JOHN PALMER, '00, J.D. '03
Public Defender

Samantha "Sam" DeDina and **John Palmer** were chosen for their committed volunteer contributions and for embodying the qualities that made McSpadden a truly impactful volunteer: generosity, initiative, reliability, joyfulness and curiosity. **Read their stories here.**

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