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# Latino Spring *Recap*

THE COUNCIL OF LATINO ADMISSION VOLUNTEERS FOR EDUCATION (CLAVE) CREATED THIS NEWSLETTER TO GIVE PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS INSIGHT INTO LATINO STUDENT LIFE AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.



## Words from the Wise

*As the Class of 2014 prepares to graduate and move on from Northwestern University, they'd like to share words of wisdom with the incoming class of 2018.*



- Have an open mind to new ideas, thoughts, and opinions for college is truly about personal growth.
- Never forget where you came from and who raised you as they will support your highest of highs and lowest of lows
- Ask questions and reflect deeply upon not only classes but also your new lives at NU.

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- Go to office hours and make relationships with your professors. They'll serve as mentors that you can also count on for future recommendations.
- Do something to de-stress everyday, even if it's as simple as watching a funny YouTube video.

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- It's important to branch out and try new activities, but it is just as important to enjoy whatever you are involved in. Extracurricular activities don't have to only be lines on your resume.

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- Take advantage of everything that Northwestern University has to offer (if you don't know what NU has to offer ask around).
- Meet new people, strive for excellence and leave with no regrets.

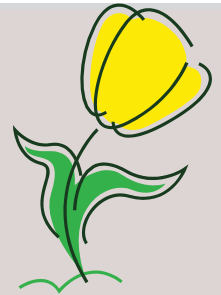
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# Alianza & NU Hillel present Bat-Mitzvañera!



Alianza-Northwestern’s Hispanic/Latino Student Alliance, and Hillel, Northwestern’s Jewish Student Group teamed up to host a coming-of-age celebration combining two traditions: the Quinceañera and the Bat Mitzvah. Complete with kosher Latin food and cake, students had fun dancing the night away at J.J. Java. The quinceañera was serenaded by Mariachi Northwestern before taking part in the traditional father-daughter dance and the Hora, a traditional Jewish dance.

## NU Gives Back

About 400 Northwestern students, faculty, staff and alumni volunteered on the afternoon of Saturday May 10th for the fourth annual NU Gives Back, the largest student-run day of service at NU.

Participants volunteered in different locations throughout Evanston and North Chicago. This year’s sites included Curt’s Cafe, Howard Brown Health Center, Asian Youth Services, and Evanston-Township High School among other locations.

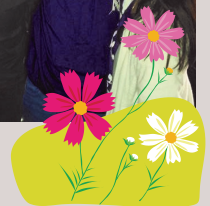
To kick off the morning, volunteers listened to speaker Sara Schastok, the president and CEO of the Evanston Community Foundation. Schastok talked about the importance of the relationship between NU and Evanston and shared some of her experiences to discuss the value of giving back.

NU Gives Back partners with different organizations every year. The NU Gives Back Exec Board said that they evaluate which organizations are providing a valuable experience to participants and that they are always looking for new groups to work with. Wildcats are looking forward to giving back next year as this event continues to grow.



## NU Day @ Wrigley

This year the 14th Annual NU Day at Wrigley took place on Tuesday, April 22nd thanks in part to the Northwestern Student Alumni Association which subsidized the cost of tickets for NU students. The game pitted the Chicago Cubs vs. the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Cubs won the game with the score 9 runs to 2. It was a great time to visit Wrigley Field as this year NU Day at Wrigley took place a day before the 100th anniversary of the first game at Wrigley Field.





# Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

With spring comes a plethora of weekend events to learn more about other campus organizations. Several student organizations including Asian Pacific American Coalition, Taiwanese American Students Club, Chinese Students Association, South Asian Student Alliance, Thai Club, Korean American Students Association, Kaibigan, and Japan Club have hosted speakers, artists, festivals, discussions, shows, and concerts to celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Events included:

Thai Night: An opportunity to learn about Thai movies and entertainment, get free Thai food and enjoy massages, games, Thai dance performances and Muay Thai Kickboxing.

CSA and APAC hosted comedian, rapper, and YouTube sensation Timothy DeLaGhetto as their spring speaker along with artist activists Elephant Rebellion.

SASA held their annual Holi event, a festival representing the coming of spring and celebrated with about 400 pounds of colors for a giant powdered paint party.



*Students celebrate Holi at the lakefill*

## Spring Sounds at NU

At Northwestern, warm weather means more outdoor festivities. Here is a sample of just some of the events that happened:

For Members Only brought Big K.R.I.T, a rapper from Mississippi signed with Def Jam Records, for their NU VIBES event. Syndicate 119, a band based at Northwestern, which blends Hip-Hop, R&B, and Jazz, also performed.

A&O had their annual A&O Ball at the Riviera Theater in Chicago, featuring Chromeo, a Canadian electrofunk duo, and Vic Mensa, a hip hop artist based in Chicago who frequently collaborates with Chance the Rapper.

Northwestern students also enjoyed Caribnation's Carib Fest, a celebration of Caribbean culture which brought reggae and dancehall artist Gyptian to campus.

Dillo Day, Northwestern's annual all-day music festival was enjoyed by all and featured Chicago-based artist Chance the Rapper and headliner 2 Chainz.



# FUEGO BONFIRE



Alianza– Northwestern’s Hispanic/Latin@ Student Alliance hosted “Fuego,” a fun evening of s’mores, wieners, de-stressing after midterms, and community bonding at the lakefill. The bonfire kept everyone warm when the sun went down. The event was co-sponsored by several groups on campus including DOJO, a freestyling club, MIXED, the mixed race student coalition, LaFe, a Christian fellowship, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and several Multicultural Greek Council fraternities and sororities. Fuego was an opportunity for students to mingle across different organizations and create new bonds.

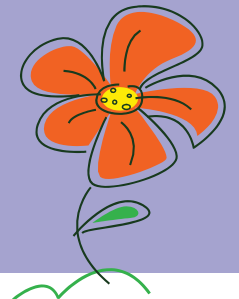
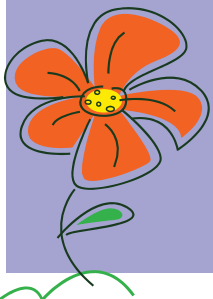


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# Top Things to Know About Freshman Year

At the beginning of year, freshmen learn about student organizations, resources, and about the students they meet in their peer advisor groups. Here are 5 things to keep in mind about freshman year:

## 1. Freshman year grades are key

The great thing about being a freshman is that you start off with a fresh academic record. With such an advantage, you're going to want and do the best you can you first year here. This way, when your classes get more difficult you already have a solid GPA. It also helps to build healthy study habits to prepare you for your Northwestern career.



*Freshmen Activities Board selling snacks*

## 2. Getting involved can help you out in the future

Whether it's through a student activist group, a fan club, or a greek organization, getting involved on campus has its benefits. The connections you make in these groups allow you to grow as a person, learn useful skills, network, and even provide you with career opportunities. There are plenty of groups on campus to get involved in and you can even start your own.



## 3. Meet different people

Step out of your comfort zone meet new people. You will have a diverse network of people to create relationships that may also provide you with opportunities in the future.

## 4. It will be difficult, but you can do it

Northwestern challenges you academically and also socially. Nevertheless, you should have positive mindset. There are professors, advisors, students, and programs at Northwestern to help you.



*Incoming freshmen exploring the Baha'i Temple*

## 5. Have fun

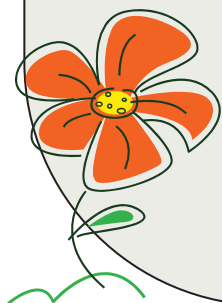
Keep up with your classes but also take time to take care of yourself and have fun. Read a book, watch your favorite shows, spend time with friends, attend events, or explore Chicago. The college experience goes beyond the academics.



*Class of 2017 at a football game*



*Class of 2017 during a summer program*



# Dorm Room Essentials

Packing for an entire school year away from home may seem like a daunting task because frankly, it is. You want your dorm room to not only be practical, but also reflect your personal style and be comfortable. Here are six dorm room essentials that I have found indispensable to my dorm room experience!

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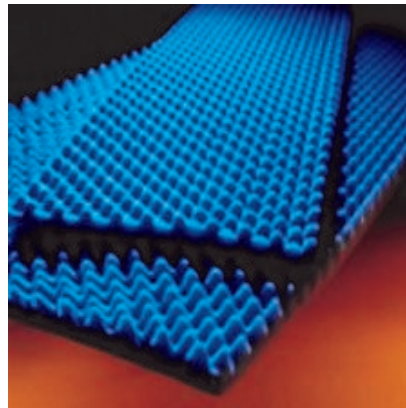
## 1. Mini-fridge

Having a mini-fridge in your dorm room will be a life saver in more ways than one. For those days when you don't have time to make it to the dining hall for breakfast, having a container of milk in your room for a quick bowl of cereal is awesome. Additionally, you can save your leftovers from all of the times you will inevitably order a pizza as a late night snack. Split the cost with your roommate to make it affordable!



## 2. Mattress Pad

Shockingly enough, the standard twin size mattresses that come with a dorm room bed are not exactly the most comfortable objects to sleep on. Buying a foam mattress pad will make a noticeable difference in your sleep experience that you will be thankful for.



## 3. A Fan

Not all of the dorms at Northwestern have the convenience of air conditioning yet, and for those early fall days and spring quarter, a room fan is a must! Not only do they provide cool air, they also provide circulation so that musty smell that dorms are famous for will soon disappear.



## 4. Shoe Storage

You will probably bring more than one pair of shoes with you to college. Depending on your dorm room, you can buy either a hanging vertical shoe storage that can also be used to store other items or an expandable shoe rack.

## 5. Bedside Table/Lamp

Having to get up and walk to your door to turn off the overhead light is a drag! Save yourself the trouble and add a homey touch to your room, a bedside table and lamp. I recommend using stackable storage cubes as your bedside table. Not only are they a space saver but any additional storage is always welcome.



## 6. Power Strip

Between laptops, phones, cameras, and other miscellaneous electronics, outlets are in high demand in a dorm room, especially a shared one.

