STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Alumni Relations and Services

The Office of Alumni Relations & Services coordinates opportunities for alumni and friends of the University to visit the campus and share in the growth and development of the campus community. The office coordinates annual events such as Homecoming, reunion weekends, and alumni gatherings, and is instrumental in the production of the North Parker, the University's alumni magazine. The North Park University Alumni Board assists in the planning and execution of various alumni events throughout the year.

Athletics

Intercollegiate Athletics

North Park University is a member of Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) and adheres to the philosophy and regulations of those bodies. The CCIW is recognized as the premier private college conference in the NCAA Divsion III with 45 national championships. North Park teams regularly produce All-American and all-conference athletes and compete in post-season play. The University has won five NCAA Division III national championships in men's basketball.

Intercollegiate athletics fulfill several important functions at North Park. It enables individuals to develop a personal self-discipline toward the physical, mental, and emotional aspects of training. It emphasizes the value of teamwork in working toward common goals. In this light, it is becoming more evident that the experiences of team sports are considered an important training area for the teamwork required in the business and professional world.

On the personal level, varsity athletics give individuals the chance to realize their own athletic potential within the framework of a competitive athletics program. On the campus-wide level, intercollegiate athletics have been a major focal point for unifying the campus community.

Men compete in baseball, basketball, cross-country, indoor track and field, football, golf, outdoor track and field, and soccer. Women compete in basketball, rowing, cross-country, indoor track and field, golf, outdoor track and field, soccer, softball, and volleyball.

Club Sports

The men's power volleyball team is a student-coached, student-operated organization open to any male student. Its aim is to teach volleyball skills and to provide opportunities for competitive volleyball. The team, which operates at the club level, belongs to the Chicago Intercollegiate Volleyball Association and is funded by the participants and the Student Association.

Ultimate Frisbee is the most popular club sport at North Park. Men's and women's teams compete on the local, regional and national levels. The 2012 men's team finished third in the national tournament.

Intramural Sports

Competition in intramural sports is open to the entire University community. Competition in basketball, flag football, and indoor soccer is available to both men's and women's teams. The coed volleyball program is one of the most popular activities on campus.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

The Athletics Department, along with University Ministries, formed this group to minister to all the undergraduate athletic programs. FCA strives to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.

Auxiliary Services

Business Office

Located on the third floor of Old Main, the Business Office handles the financial transactions of the institution, including all accounting and the payment of institutional bills. The Business Office can direct students to local banks to set up accounts.

Campus Bookstore

The Campus Bookstore is operated for North Park University by Follett Corporation. The store sells a complete line of textbooks and school supplies, souvenirs, and sportswear. The store also buys used texts at the end of each term. It is located in the lower level of the gymnasium.

Campus Security

The Office of Security at North Park employs off-duty law enforcement personnel from local and state police agencies to promote safety on the North Park campus. North Park security officers patrol the campus 24 hours a day and have the authority to stop, detain, and question anyone who may have committed or is suspected of committing a criminal offense on campus. Because they are law enforcement personnel, our security officers have the power of arrest. Security officers enforce all rules and regulations of the institution.

Due to their law enforcement training and background, North Park security officers have a close working relationship with state and local law enforcement agencies. These agencies are responsive to North Park's security needs and readily provide additional support when requested.

In addition, the North Park Security Office encourages the campus community to report criminal incidents and provides education through crime awareness programs. Campus security also notifies the campus community of any crime patterns that may be occurring, thereby emphasizing prevention.

Human Resources

Human Resources is responsible for recruiting and hiring university staff and for employment policies and regulations. Students may contact this position to learn about on-campus employment opportunities.

Information Technology

Information Technology provides for the IT and Media Services resources on campus. General overview information is available on the office's website, while other specific technology information is available through the resources listed below.

Knowledgebase and Helpdesk: If you need assistance with an IT issue, please begin by searching the online Knowledgebase (under Information Technology on the NPU website) and then opening a Helpdesk ticket if unable to resolve your issue.

NPYou: Personalized information and settings for your North Park account, email, phone, and storage can be accessed through the NPYou portal.

Library Services

Brandel Library supports and extends the academic instruction of the University, helping students develop skills for lifelong learning with a robust collection and its dedicated librarians. With a current ID card, North Park students can access approximately 235,000 books, 500 periodicals, and 2,000 dvds housed in the Brandel Library, as well as several other university and special library collections in the metropolitan area. The library collection is accessible electronically through our catalog, which links our holdings to those of 76 other academic libraries in Illinois. Specialized and general full-text databases enable students to conduct research from home as well as on campus. The library itself includes individualized and group study spaces, a computer lab, curriculum lab, meeting and gallery spaces. The F. M. Johnson Archives and Special Collections contain the records of the Evangelical Covenant Church, the University, and the Swedish American Archives of Greater Chicago. Students of church history, Scandinavian studies, and urban studies can enrich their understanding of local history by exposure to this rich collection.

Magnuson Campus Center

Magnuson Campus Center is one of the hubs of student activities. There are several classrooms, seminar rooms, and the campus dining facility. Resident students eat their meals in this dining facility.

Campus Center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, allowing student access to the on-campus Automatic Teller Machine.

Payroll Office

The Payroll Office is responsible for processing student time cards and generating student paychecks. Students must fill out the required forms and provide proper identification to the Payroll Office to receive student payroll checks.

Physical Plant

The Physical Plant is responsible for the management of property alterations and repairs, cleaning, and maintenance in campus buildings.

Postal Center

All resident and commuter students are assigned mailboxes which are centralized in the Postal Center. All off-campus and inter-campus mail is placed in student boxes. Students should notify their family and friends of their mail box numbers.

Student Administrative Services

This one-stop center assists students with all of their administrative needs. With knowledgeable counselors fielding students' specific concerns, this office includes financial aid, student accounts, and records and registration. Here students can find information regarding registration, grades, course information, changes of program, transfer rules, student identification cards, veteran's counseling, graduation requirements, withdrawals, transcripts, and permanent records.

In addition, all student billing and collection of tuition, fees, and room and board charges takes place here. Financial aid counselors can help students identify financing options available for funding their education including year-long payment plan options, as well as resources such as scholarships, grants, loans, and college work study positions.

Center for Scandinavian Studies

The Center for Scandinavian Studies sponsors cultural events, including public lectures, exhibits, and musical performances; hosts guest professors from Scandinavia; and assists researchers. The center supports the recruitment of students from Scandinavia to pursue degrees at North Park University. The center assists with the administration of student and faculty exchange programs between North Park University and the following schools in Scandinavia: Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola, The University of Jönköping (School of Health Sciences, Jönköping International Business School, and the School of Education and Communication), The University of Tampere (Finland), the University of Bergen (Norway), the University of Iceland (Reykjavik) and Akureyri University (Iceland). The Center for Scandinavian Studies cooperates with Scandinavian-American organizations in Chicago and the United States to bring the resources of contemporary Scandinavia to the campus. In cooperation with the other cultural studies centers and the various departments of the university, the Center for Scandinavian Studies contributes a Scandinavian and Scandinavian-American element to our multicultural learning community.

Musical Groups and Ensembles

Jazz Ensemble (MUS 0700)

A select group of wind, rhythm, and percussion players determined by audition. Repertoire includes music for large jazz groups from the big band era to the present. An on-campus concert is presented each term, with occasional outside performances.

Concert Band (MUS 0725)

Open to all wind and percussion players, performance of wind ensemble music, both original music and transcriptions. Performances include on-campus concerts each term.

University Orchestra (MUS 0750)

Devoted to the study and preparation of orchestral literature from the Baroque era to the present through regular rehearsal and performance. Periodically collaborates with vocalists to present choral and operatic literature and to tour. By audition.

University Choir (MUS 0800)

A select group of experienced choristers, performing in one of two choirs, determined by audition. Emphasis is placed on performance, with major appearances annually on and off campus, with periodic national and foreign tours. The University Choir performs a varied repertoire of sacred and secular music.

Women's Chorale (MUS 0810)

A select group of femaile singers determined by audition. Emphasis is placed on perfromance, with major appearances annually on and off campus, and with national and foreign tours periodically. The Women's Chorale performas a varied repertoire of sacred and secular music.

Gospel Choir (MUS 0850)

Open to all singers, the Gospel Choir performs contemporary sacred music from the spiritual and gospel genres. This select ensemble of singers is drawn from the choir by audition for special off-campus performances. Performance opportunities include concerts, chapel services, and worship services at local churches.

Brass Ensemble (MUS 3700)

Open to qualified performers, the Brass Ensemble explores original and transcribed music for brass from all periods. Performances include concerts, chapel services, etc.

Jazz Combo (MUS 3710)

A select group of musicians determined by audition. Jazz music of all eras is studied, with an emphasis on individual improvisation.

Woodwind Ensemble (MUS 3725)

The ensemble provides experience in small groups of mixed and/or similar woodwinds, depending on enrollment. Repertoire will be selected according to available instrumentation. Emphasis on developing chamber music skills including intonation, ensemble, style, and interpretation.

Chamber Music/Strings (MUS 3750)

Small performing groups with two or more participants pursue the study and performance of literature for duos, trios, quartets, etc., with weekly faculty coaching. By audition.

Chamber Singers (MUS 3890)

The Chamber Singers are a small, select group of singers, chosen by audition and performing music from many and diverse styles and periods. Winter and spring concerts are presented both on and off-campus. Major tours every second or third year.

Pep Band

A student-operated group that provides music for athletic events and rallies. The pep band is open to all students by permission of the director.

Student Ministry Teams

Teams consisting of students provide leadership for Chapel, College Life, and off-campus University Ministries Coordinator and Forum Team. By audition.

Office of the Provost

Faculty Advising

North Park University places emphasis on the role that faculty advising plays in the educational mission of the institution and in its contribution to the growth and development of each student. Faculty advising at North Park involves much more than course selection. Upon course registration a faculty advisor is assigned and will facilitates communication between the student and the University, serving as a coordinator of the learning experience through course/educational planning and academic progress review, and as a referral agent to other campus support services. We're confident that every North Park student can succeed academically, and the faculty advisor will help:

- develop overall academic strategies
- identify and address academic difficulties
- explore and declare a major field of study

At the end of the first year of study, students are encouraged to declare a major. Once a major is declared, the student is assigned a major faculty advisor, who will provide guidance towards completing the North Park requirements and point the student towards career and graduate-school opportunities in the field. If the student is not ready to choose a major, they will remain with the original faculty advisor.

Student Engagement

The Vice President for Student Engagement oversees those campus departments and functions that are most integrally involved in the servicing and retention of students:Career Development and Internships, Counseling Support and Health Services, International and Multicultural Student Services, Residence Life and Housing, Student Activities, Student Enrichment Services &Support and, Student Government Association, Student Succuess and University Ministires

Career Development and Internships

Career Development: Career planning is a developmental process and an integral component of a student's educational experience. The Career Development & Internships Office staff is committed to helping students research career options and develop a plan that corresponds with their individual skills, values, interests and goals. Services provided promote and support a student's personal and professional development. Services include: career counseling, resume writing, job search strategies, internship opportunities and professional development workshops.

Internship Program

Chicago is an occupational laboratory for North Park undergraduate students. The city's lively business community and great cultural resources offer students regardless of their major, opportunities to work in jobs appropriate to that discipline or other career interests. Internships may also be arranged throughout the United States and overseas. Undergraduate students interested in the program must submit an application to the Career Development and Internship Office at least one semester before their intended internship. Check with the Career Development and Internships Office for more information.

COMPASS

Centering Our Minds Passionately Around Student Success is an intensive twelve day program that helps first-year students prepare for the academic and social challenges of college and adjust to life on campus.

Academics – The COMPASS program guides you through the life-course selection and degree-planning process and introduces you to the support services available at North Park.

Awareness – COMPASS strengthens cultural awareness on campus, promotes the exchange of ideas and experiences, and encourages students to appreciate the cultural tapestry of our world.

Assessment – COMPASS helps you assess your skills, interests and values.

Counseling Support and Health Services

The Center for Counseling Support and Health Services, located at 3317 West Foster Avenue, provides professional counseling and medical/health services to students who are experiencing a variety of concerns and problems. Counseling services are provided by a professional therapist on a short-term basis for full-time students. Counseling can help students clarify problems, achieve a better understanding of themselves, and provide an opportunity for desired change. Students needing more intensive long-term therapy typically are referred to a professional outside of North Park University.

Acute medical/health services are available for all full-time students. The Center is staffed by a registered nurse (drop-ins are welcome, appointments are recommended). Health Services is partnered with the Family Practice Center at Swedish Covenant Hospital for physician care. Emergency medical services are available at Swedish Covenant Hospital, which is located a half-mile east of campus. Costs incurred through the use of emergency medical services are not covered by the health services department and should be addressed through the student's insurance provider. Students are to check in at Health Services before going to Swedish Covenant Family Practice (SCFP) except in the event of a follow up appointment.

Every student registered for six or more semester hours must complete a medical history form when entering school. Every student is required by state law to turn in an updated record of his/her immunizations (measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, and tetanus) that is certified by a licensed physician or public health official. Exceptions are granted for medical or religious reasons only. The University requires that all full-time students be covered by health and accident insurance. This charge is reflected on the student statement accounts. If proof of other adequate insurance is submitted, students may be excused from taking the health and accident insurance through the University and the charge will be waived. If the student must take the insurance through the University, he or she needs to sign the required documentation in order to be insured.

International Student Services

North Park University enrolls approximately 200 international students from more than 40 countries. Because adapting to and studying in a new academic culture can bring particular challenges, North Park has made a commitment to provide needed services for international students in English as a Second Language, exchange, and degree programs at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

The International Office is located on the first floor of Magnuson Campus Center. Office staff prepare documents for international student visa applications, interface with the U.S. government on all visa-related issues, provide international student orientation at the start of each semester, and maintain non-immigrant student visa records. In addition, the office provides general information and referrals on academic, campus, and cultural resources.

Office of Diversity and Intercultural Programs

The Office of Diversity and Intercultural Programs, located on the first floor of Caroline Hall, seeks to maintain a climate that values diversity through programming, outreach, and support for all members. In an effort to strengthen cultural awareness and diversity, the office supports activities and events on such topics as gender, race, religion, ethnicity, age, and socio-economic status.

The office sponsors numerous events including speakers, workshops and exhibits that address the value of diversity in the context of building community and intercultural competency. In addition, the office is committed to providing quality events to promote diversity beyond food, fashion, and festivals. The office meets this objective by focusing on the critical components of diversity through campus dialogue forums, academic presentations, and diversity-related workshops and seminars. These events are designed to complement and support the academic mission of the University.

The Collaboratory for Urban and Intercultural Learning works with areas of the university to develop curricular and co-curricular opportunities designed to encourage greater integration of students' in-class and out-of-class experience. Our students are immersed into a space rich with expressions of faith, culture, and knowledge. We offer conferences, leadership forums, cultural events and community outreach projects that enhance awareness and knowledge in diversity, culture and communication.

Our programs primarily explore the contemporary urban context, with an effort to include questions regarding justice in the multicultural context and a distinct orientation toward the city of Chicago as a local laboratory. We affirm the university's stance that learning does not occur within a campus vacuum. All of Chicago constitutes an exciting and engaging classroom with thousands of teachers and countless learning peers. In this way, we choose to fully own our pursuit of lives that are significant and of service to others, placing it in concert with the world around us. Areas of study include, but are not limited to:

- Asian-American Cultural Studies
- African and African-American Cultural Studies
- Justice Studies
- Latino-American Cultural Studies
- Middle Eastern Cultural Studies
- Diversity and Intercultural Programs

Parent and Family Relations

The mission of the Parent and Family Relations Office is to act as a resource for North Park parents and families. The purpose of the office is to facilitate communication and develop and nurture meaningful, lasting relationships between families and the University. Our office provides helpful information and resources to assist in your role as parent, mentor, and coach for your college-age student. The Parent and Family Relations Office focuses on the complex role of parenting a college-age student, as it may be different from the one you have been practicing. In preparation for the next step in your student's educational path, we acknowledge the challenge of letting go of your student as they take a big leap toward adulthood. We hope to be partners with you as you focus on the important journey ahead.

Residence Life and Housing

North Park maintains residence halls and apartments on the campus that accommodate about 60 percent of the undergraduate student body. All first-year, second-year, and third-year students who are not living with their parents or guardian (within 30 miles of campus) are required to live on the North Park campus. Residents requesting university housing must complete a North Park University housing application and contract. The contract implies that unless the University is advised differently, the student plans to be a resident for his/her first, second, and third academic years until he/she is released from the housing contract based on the Housing Terms and Conditions. Termination of the contract must be in writing prior to the term in question. Please see the room and board refund schedule for adjustments made to housing charges after the semester is under way.

All student housing is under the direction of the director residence life and housing. The size of our on-campus population is ideal for building relationships and receiving personalized attention from an experienced residence life live-in staff. North Park has five full-time resident directors (RD). Each RD resides in the residence hall and is assisted by trained student resident assistants (RA). The goal for Residence Life and Housing is to create an environment that allows for personal growth and an atmosphere that enhances the learning process. The Residence Life and Housing staff utilizes educational and social programs to achieve these goals.

All residence halls provide on-site laundry facilities and security, including 24-hour front desk service. Furnishings in the residence halls include beds, desks, chairs, dressers, and mini blinds. Visitation hours are maintained in each living area. All visitors must sign in and out at the front reception desk of each hall. University apartments do not have a desk staff, but are monitored by security. University apartments are furnished with a beds and kitchen appliances.

North Park offers several residence hall and apartment choices for our students, and three different meal plans. Fourth-year students have the first option for university apartments. The Residence Life and Housing office coordinates all meal plan requests and housing applications and contracts.

Student Government

All students enrolled in the traditional undergraduate program who carry 10 or more semester hours of credit are members of Student Government Assocation (SGA). The duties of SGA are carried out by the executive committee, the senate, campus life associations and the campus activities board.

The Executive Committee

The officers of SGA—president, vice president, secretary, chief justice and treasurer—constitute the membership of the executive committee. It is the responsibility of the executive committee to serve as a liaison between students, administrators, and faculty members. The executive committee acts on the senate's behalf in guiding the operations of the student government.

The Senate

The senate is the representative governing body made up of four members of each class and led by the executive committee. The senate exists to contribute to and improve campus life for undergraduate students.

Campus Life Associations

The CLA is composed of one representative from each active student club. The following is a list of current clubs on campus and is not comprehensive:

African Student Club

American Humanics Association

Athletic Trainers Student Association

Biblical and Theological Studies Organization

Black Student Association

Business Club

Chemistry Club

East Asian Student Association

French and Francophone Cine Club

History Club

Latino American Student Organization

Middle Eastern Student Association

Queers and Allies

Scandinavian Student Association

Student Nurses Association

Operation and Publications

The following are all funded by SGA and managed by hired student staff.

The North Park Press

The North Park Press is the student run newspaper which can be found in both printed form and online.

Java Haus

Java Haus is North Park's student run coffee shop located in the lower level of Burgh Hall. In additional to a place to gather with friends over coffee and snacks Java Haus hosts concerts, open mic nights, and many other events.

Cupola

North Park's yearbook is published annually and distributed during the fall semesters. It is no cost to graduating seniors.

The North Branch

North Park's annual art magazine is published each spring. It is composed of original short stories, essays, poetry, artwork and photography. Any North Park undergraduate student may submit work for publication

Student Success

The Student Success Director will address, monitor, and facilitate undergraduate student persistence and success through data collection, campus retention software, and program administration; and offer guidance and attend to the overall well-being of the North Park undergraduate student body. The coordinator serves as a liaison between the Dean of Students, the offices within Student Engagement , other co-curricular areas, and faculty academic advisors as it pertains to persistence, retention, and student success.

Student Enrichment Services and Support

Office of Student Enrichment Services and Support (OSESS) seeks to enrich the campus community by offering a broad range of programs and initiatives that promote and support student success throughout all aspects of the university experience. Through these programs and services OSESS cultivates life skills and enhances self awareness skills that are critical to graduation, community living and being a lifelong learner. These programs serve to connect students to resources, people, experiences and opportunities to prepare them to lead lives of significance and service.

Disability Resources

North Park University seeks to provide an environment and community where each person may develop academically, socially, and spiritually. North Park University is committed to full inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of university life. As a result, the University is willing to relocate programs, services, and activities to make the event accessible. Please allow at least ten (10) business days for accommodations. Depending on the nature of the program, service, or activity, accommodations may take longer or be able to be coordinated in less time.

If you have questions about accommodations or accessibility to programs, services, or activities offered on campus please contact: Student Support Specialist; Office of Student Enrichment Services and Support; North Park University; 3225 W. Foster Ave.; Box 24; Chicago, IL 60625; (773) 244-8500; studentenrichment@northpark.edu.

Orientation Program

Entering North Park University is a threshold experience. It is a time of transition, growth, and excitement. At North Park we are committed to helping the new student find the way to the other side of the threshold. Thus we have created Threshold a program designed with the new student in mind. Threshold includes summer advising opportunities and five days of orientation activities and events prior to the start of school which will familiarize the student with the campus, faculty and staff, the academic programs, and various services.

Writing and Tutoring Services

The Office of Student Enrichment Services and Support offers Group Tutoring (GT) and Supplemental Instruction (SI). Both are academic-assistance programs that will utilize peer-assisted study sessions. These sessions are regularly scheduled, informal review sessions in which students compare notes, discuss readings, and develop organizational tools. Students will learn how to integrate course content and study skills while working together. The sessions will be facilitated by GT & SI

student leaders who have previously done well in the course and as model students.

The Writing Center, also located on the second floor of the library, operates on the principle that every writer needs at least one good reader. Staffed by trained student Writing Advisors, the Writing Center features a flexible program of writing support serving all undergraduate students. Every student in NPD 1000 and NPD 2000 confers with a Writing Advisor on drafts of formal writing assignments before revising and submitting their papers. This arrangement gives students intense, individualized writing advice and helps to streamline the processes of revision and editing.

Testing

OSESS coordinates and provides information on the Credit-by-Examination, Advanced Placement, and CLEP programs. These programs are discussed in more detail in the Academic Policies for Undergraduates section of the catalog.

University Ministries

As an educational partner in the North Park community, the department exists to help students integrate their faith in God with the way they learn and live. University Ministries intends to help foster relationships and shared experiences to help transform students' lives so they might impact the world for God. The staff of University Ministries works to create environments and experiences that are conducive to this transformation: personal yet shared, relevant while counter-cultural, meaningful but challenging. Through communal worship and urban service opportunities, small groups and social justice initiatives, global partnerships and racial reconciliation, University Ministries seeks to live out the Kingdom mission of Jesus: becoming all we were created to be and making a difference in this world. All students in the North Park community are invited to join the opportunities in University Ministries.

Chapel

Students, faculty and staff are invited once a week to attend these campus worship services that include music, prayer and teaching. The campus pastor, members of the community and speakers from across the country engage our hearts and minds with the truth of Scripture and challenge us to live it out in practical ways. A variety of worship styles, which draw from various traditions, from contemporary to classical, African American to Hispanic, liturgical to free make each service something unique. Chapel takes place every Wednesday morning at 10:30 in Anderson Chapel.

collegelife

Not just another service, collegelife is a communal worship experience designed to help all of us learn and live out what it means to follow Jesus. Through the arts, practical teachings, and the opportunity to respond, our desire is to bring a Christian perspective to the real life issues students face today.

Global Partnerships

Global Partnerships provides students with opportunities for cross-cultural experiences that expand their faith, their views of the world and their commitment to a lifestyle of justice. Through partnership trips that go out over winter, spring and summer breaks, students travel all over the world learning, building relationships and serving. These trips are open to students from all backgrounds, religious traditions and levels of experience.

University Ministries currently has 7 partner organizations around the globe, in Appalachia, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico, Thailand, Zambia and the Gulf Coast (hurricane relief). By focusing on our three values of education, relationships and collaboration we seek to encourage global citizenship in our students. In addition to specific partnership opportunities, this program also sponsors various campus initiatives around global social justice. By raising awareness, encouraging advocacy and hosting events around such issues as AIDS and the environment, this program helps students to learn to pursue a lifestyle of justice.

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team consists of a group of students dedicated to weekly prayer for this campus. The team sponsors many opportunities during the year for students on campus to pray. As well, students can be prayed for in person by a member of the prayer team after collegelife. Prayer requests can be submitted to prayerrequest@northpark.edu.

Sankofa

Sankofa brings together readings, films, class lectures, and conversations with a pilgrimage to major civil rights sites in the southern part of the U.S. focusing on black/white relations. We explore the biblical theological, sociological, political, cultural, and psychological dimensions of the struggle for racial justice during the Civil Rights era and its contemporary implications. We also seek to provide experiences that lead to personal transformation on the difficult questions of race and justice. Sankofa can also be taken as a 2 credit class (AS-2540) during the Spring semester pending successful completion of an application and interview process.

Small Groups

We all need places where we can be ourselves, study God's word, serve others, and see where God is at work... one of those places is in a small group. You can join a group based on your interests and on what you would like to study. Our goal for these groups are that they become places where students will grow spiritually and be loved just as they are.

Urban Outreach

North Park's long standing student led service program is comprised of seven different issue-focused teams dedicated to providing meaningful service and volunteer opportunities for the University Community. Our Disability & Elderly, Homelessness & Hunger, Independent, International, and Youth & Child Teams partner with over 20 different social service agencies, schools, and churches to address community needs. Through Urban Outreach, students have an impact on our local community by tutoring at-risk youth, and providing assistance to the elderly, feeding the hungry and homeless, working with refugees, and much more.

In addition to on-going volunteer opportunities at Urban Outreach sites, we work with faculty on service learning initiatives, host a summer youth day camp, and sponsor various campus-wide projects including the Great Gift Giveaway, neighborhood clean-ups and other activities that engage the campus in serving our city.

The Wellness Board of North Park University is comprised of representatives of the Division of Student Engagement and other departments on campus. The Wellness Board is committed to the care of all students. Its mission is to enhance the educational and personal development of all students by providing a supportive environment when physical, mental, or emotional health issues that impact a student's ability to succeed arise. The Wellness Board makes recommendations after a careful assessment of the affected student's needs, family circumstances, and doctor or therapist recommendations. In limited situations, the Wellness Board may also require a course of action as a condition of continuing enrollment based on campus health and safety concerns.