March 21, 2016

To whom it may concern:

I am respectfully requesting your assistance in welcoming a group of students who are taking an upper-level class in Nonprofits and Community Engagement at NIU:

Brooke Buttacavoli
Christian Castillo
Jerrod Hunter
Traci Jennings
Gladys Sanchez
Jawanza Wright

This group of students is working on a study identifying best practices for diversity in the K-12 public education. They have identified your district as a good peer for DeKalb. The class, Nonprofit and Community Engagement, is the second-to-last class in our Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) major, out of the Center for NGO Leadership and Development. The goal of this class and the major is to offer students a practical hands-on learning about NGOs and nonprofits combined with relevant coursework. This class exemplifies this hybrid nature.

CLCE students are committed, serious individuals who wish to make a difference. To be in this class they have to have had research methods and a nonprofit management class. This group is also exceptionally motivated.

I hope you will find some time to assist them in their quest for more information. I know your time is incredibly valuable and you have many pressures competing for it. I hope that you can extend a hand to help.

If you have any questions about the process, the research, or the class, please don’t hesitate to email me: mschuller@niu.edu.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Schuller,
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