Every person instinctively desires to change the world for the better and nowhere is this more apparent than on the campus of North Central College. Our liberal arts education equips every student with the academic background necessary to be an informed and productive citizen capable of affecting change. This environment has inspired students to start numerous campus organizations oriented toward positive social change throughout the years. These organizations now want to demonstrate this education and extend this same opportunity for an education in activism and changemaking to the community at large.

Action Day 2017 will be a day-long conference on the campus of North Central College on Saturday, May 20th, organized by a coalition of student organizations (the Action Coalition), with support from the Leadership, Ethics, and Values program. Action Day will inspire, motivate, and equip students and attendees to be informed and engaged members of their communities.

Beginning at 9:30AM in Wentz Concert Hall, attendees will hear opening remarks from **former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn** and keynote address from **Rick Guzman '99**, co-founder of Emmanuel House. Following will be an exhibitor session of campus and community organizations including **DuPage United, Giving DuPage,** and others. The conference will continue with breakout sessions featuring faculty **Dr. Richard Guzman**, **Dr. Nicole Rivera**, **Dr.Suzanne Chod**, **Tim Banas**, and **Carin Silkaitis**, social entrepreneurs and innovators such as **Pete Leonard** with I Have a Bean Coffee and attorney **Marc Lane**, politicians such as **State Representative Will Guzzardi**, and more. The event will conclude with a 7PM performance from community activist **FM Supreme** in Madden Theatre. You can find the full list of speakers **here.**

Students can pick up their free ticket from the **North Central College Box Office,** or by calling 630-637-SHOW. **Community tickets are available for $10, which includes lunch.** Students may also buy a $5 ticket with lunch included.

For more information, check out https://www.northcentralcollege.edu/action-day-conference-may-20th or contact Whitney Roberts, Assistant Director for Civic Engagement at wmroberts@noctrl.edu or actioncoalition@noctrl.edu.