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## **NEWS**

## Dr. Kenneth Chessick Multi-Million Gift to NIU for Athletic Practice Facility Opens This Weekend

Dr. Kenneth Chessick, attorney and alumnus of Northern Illinois University, provided initial funding for the \$9.3 million Kenneth and Ellen Chessick Practice Facility that opens this weekend at his alma mater.

**CHICAGO, IL (October 2013) –** <u>Northern Illinois University</u>'s football team, with a current 70 record and ranked 18th in the nation, the highest ranked college in Illinois, practiced for the first time in preparation for this weekend's game against Eastern Michigan University in this state-of-the-art facility.

Dr. Chessick, principal partner of the <u>Law Office of Kenneth C. Chessick</u>, M.D., will attend a dedication along with NIU President Douglas Baker Saturday. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for the facility at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, 1245 Stadium Dr., DeKalb, IL, on the university campus and an open house for the public to tour the sports training facility is scheduled for noon 2 p.m.

"My wife and I are privileged to be a part of this tremendous occasion and hope to see the years of our hard work help the students at our beloved alma mater, NIU," Dr. Chessick said. "Providing this training facility for our dedicated student athletes to continue our winning tradition at NIU is a privilege for us. NIU athletic prowess is an important element of university life, which unites the entire campus, students, faculty, administration, alums and fans and builds passion, loyalty and engagement. With this gift, we hope to enhance the experience for all NIU students, and especially our dedicated studentathletes."

Dr. Chessick is a 1984 graduate from the NIU College of Law. He received his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1968. He also established the Kenneth C. Chessick Legal Training Skills Center at the NIU College of Law in 2004 and three years later he created a series of annual Kenneth C. Chessick Civil Justice Endowed Scholarships named in honor of his legal clients.

Today, Dr. Chessick will be delivering the figurative "<u>Last Lecture</u>," a speech delivered annually that is sponsored by the NIU chapter of Mortar Board Honorary Society. Dr. Chessick's topic is "How an Ordinary Guy Can Do Extraordinary Things." It will be held free to the public 7p.m. today at the Barsema Hall Auditorium on the NIU campus.

Chessick is also CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of http://www.Restaurant.com.

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