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John Hall, B.A. '65, founder of
Goose Island Beer Company

The Legend



In 1986, an article in a Delta Sky magazine sparked an idea that would eventually revolutionize the craft beer industry.

"I was sitting in the Dallas/Fort Worth airport and came across an article about start-up breweries," said **John Hall, B.A. '65**. "I thought 'that sounds interesting.' After 20 years, I had the itch to go do something different."

So Hall left his corporate career and in 1988, opened Goose Island Brewpub in the heart of Chicago. Named for an island in the Chicago River, his brewery was one of only three microbreweries in the Chicago area at that time.

He didn't set out to create an empire – he just wanted to be Chicago's beer of choice.

"In Europe, they had all these great-tasting beers that we couldn't get here," said Hall. "In the U.S., any beer that wasn't a light lager was strange."

His son, Greg, was an English major at Iowa at the time. "When I told him my plans, he thought he'd died and gone to heaven!" said Hall.

Greg came on board to work with his dad and became an integral part of Goose Island, learning from their original brewmaster and eventually taking over the position himself.

"Greg is very innovative," said Hall. "He created Bourbon County Stout, which revolutionized the industry by putting beer in wooden bourbon barrels to get more flavor. Everyone said that was crazy!"

While Goose Island Beer Company is now one of the largest craft breweries in the Midwest and boasts an impressive list of alumni brewers, the initial years were tough.

"It was hard to get people to try new beers. While the other two microbreweries went to light beer, we stuck to our mission of educating people on new tastes and developing their palates," said Hall.

Looking back, Hall is proud of his Iowa roots (he grew up in Waterloo) and credits UNI as a large influence in his life. There he was introduced to both his mentor, Professor Leonard Keefe; and his wife, Patricia, whom he met on a blind date.

In 2011, Hall sold Goose Island Beer Company to Anheuser-Busch but retained the Goose Island Brewpubs and his passion for craft beers.

"For me, the craft beer industry is about fun, innovation and passion," said Hall. "It's fun to create a product that people like and it's full of people who are passionate about what they do and their communities. I can only see it growing in the future."

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Welcome to the world of craft beer.

It's a hardworking industry of independent, creative folks who are marrying art and science into one of the hottest trends in the U.S. today. Numbers of craft breweries and microbreweries are on the rise. In fact, with 2,833 breweries active in 2013, the U.S. is experiencing the highest levels of breweries that it has seen since 1876, according to BrewersAssociation.org.

And while many UNI students may have fond memories of enjoying a beer or two during their time on the Hill (after hitting legal age), a select few were inspired to take a road less traveled and venture into the world of craft brewing as a career.

Meet four UNI alumni who live, breathe and – well, drink – craft beer.



The Lady

Kelly Larson, B.A. '95, CFO
of Summit Brewing Company

shareholder relationships, risk management, human resources, budgeting and strategic planning. Her hard work has paid off in more ways than one; in 2014, Larson was recognized as a CFO of the Year by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal.

Summit is the 23rd largest craft brewery in the U.S., according to the Brewer's Association. "We'll have more than 100 employees within the next year and produced 135,000 barrels in 2014," said Larson.

Her favorite part of the job? "Being able to have a beer at any time of the day is a wonderful part of my job," admitted Larson. "However, the part I really enjoy is working very closely with the founder of Summit, Mark Stutrud. He is a true entrepreneur."

While her college days at UNI revolved around preparing for the CPA exam and her future accounting career (even having her own locker at the library since she practically lived there her last semester), she has fond memories of Suds, the Stein and OP pizza. "I truly enjoyed every minute of college," Larson said.

Now in her role with Summit, she's replaced her college beer of choice – Keystone Light in a can – with the dark, roasty Winter Ale from Summit.

"It's amazing how things change!" Larson said. "The knowledge I've gained and respect I have not only for Summit, but all traditional craft breweries, is utmost as I definitely appreciate the science and art that goes into crafting a beer."

She may be the lone female manager in an otherwise male-dominated company, but **Kelly Larson, B.A. '95**, brushes that off.

"I am the only female executive at Summit," she said, "but honestly I never think about it, and I don't feel I'm treated any differently. Knowledge and work effort are the most important things to everyone I know in the craft beer industry."

As CFO of Summit Brewing Company in St. Paul, Minn., Larson oversees all financial reporting, banking and

“You never have a bad conversation about beer.”



The Local

Dave Morgan, B.A. '98, founder of SingleSpeed Brewing Company



It's an insanely helpful industry," said **Dave Morgan, B.A. '98**, founder and brewmaster at SingleSpeed Brewing Co. in downtown Cedar Falls, Iowa. "Everyone wants to talk about it, everyone wants to be a part of it. It's pretty amazing how many people roll through here on a weekly basis, whether home brewers or other local breweries or the big guys like Mark (founder of Summit Brewing) or John (founder of Goose Island).

We get people reaching out to us all the time to collaborate and work on ideas. And we're small!"

Small indeed, even in the craft beer industry, which defines itself using words like small, independent and traditional. SingleSpeed produces six barrels a week, which equals roughly twelve kegs. They brew twice a week, which is all their tanks (and space) allow. They serve a variety of guest brewery beers, both flagship and experimental, in their taproom.

"We try to focus on Midwest breweries, Iowa when possible," said Morgan. "It's not the easiest stuff to get; small breweries don't currently produce much in terms of quantity."

His inspiration for starting a nanobrewery? Discussion with his buddies after weekly bike rides while drinking craft beer, of course.

He took coursework from the Siebel Institute in Chicago (America's oldest brewing school), found his space at the corner of 2nd and Main and opened in the heart of downtown Cedar Falls in 2012. As with many craft breweries around the country, the community enthusiastically embraced the idea, making SingleSpeed a local favorite.

"At our level, we are constantly learning, which is fun for me," he said. "There's a crazy science to it that I don't completely understand yet."

Whether he is concocting new coffee-inspired beers with a local coffee house, brewing batches while his baby girl looks on, or planning for future growth, Morgan is clearly having fun.

"I enjoy the culture and the vibe it kicks off right now. There's nothing but positive energy surrounding the industry," said Morgan. "You never have a bad conversation about beer."

Join us at our Twin Cities Alumni Reception
on April 9 at Excelsior Brewing Co.!

Jonathan Lewin, B.A. '97, founder
and COO of Excelsior Brewing Company,
and wife **Jessica, B.A. '97**

The Lake Guy



The brewery really started on a Little League field,” admitted **Jonathan Lewin, B.A. '97**, founder and COO of Excelsior Brewing Company in historic Excelsior, Minn. “It was a hot summer day in Minnesota so after coaching baseball practice, we took the kids out on the lake, had some beers and got to talking. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to do a brewery based around Lake Minnetonka and just have fun with it?”

Unlike many ‘what if’ conversations, this one had staying power. Lewin and his two partners started their own home brewing experiments, meeting after their kids’ bedtimes.

“We discovered we couldn’t make a great brew, but we knew how to build a business plan,” Lewin said. In 2010, they took their wives on a trip to the Craft Brewers annual conference in San Francisco. “It was our intention to continue building our plan, but we started conversations with equipment providers and got excited. So we took our wives out to Napa Valley, plied them with wine, told them we were ready to get serious about it and they said yes.”

Combining their business strengths with the talents of master brewer Bob DuVernois, the team

opened Excelsior Brewing Company in July 2012 to great success.

Since then, Excelsior has expanded from 3,500 to 8,500 square feet, and produces 1,200 barrels a year, with the capacity for 9,000. They offer seven kegs in their taproom, with four flagship beers and 10-15 different styles on tap, depending on the season and have more than 30 employees. Lewin divides his time between acting as COO of the company, his day job in real estate development and coaching his sons in every sport possible.

He remains amazed about the overall attitude of the craft beer industry. “I call it coopertition. We’re all competitors, but the camaraderie and cooperation is unbelievable, whether you are local or national.”

As for his days as a Panther, the finance major and SAE member recalls many hours spent at Stebs and the OP on the Hill, training his palate for his future brewery career. “But my best memory of UNI is the one I wake up with every day – my wife, **Jessica Fehlman (B.A. '97)**,” shared Lewin. **UNI**



The UNI Regional Business Center (the same organization that houses Advance Iowa) won the Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award from the International Economic Development Council in October for its Business Concierge program.

Watch for more success stories in the future as the Regional Business Center changes its name to the Center for Business Growth and Innovation.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS is nothing new to UNI Business & Community Services. In fact, over the last 20 years, BCS programs have reached out across the state and directly served thousands of small companies. However, a new program was introduced recently to provide in-depth assistance to companies that have already had some success but are looking to grow even further. With help from the Iowa Legislature, and comprised of an expert staff (four of whom are UNI alumni), Advance Iowa was launched in January 2013.

Advance Iowa works directly with local economic developers to identify businesses with 10-100 employees that are primed for growth. They help these businesses grow by listening and assisting them with defining, focusing and executing a plan that aligns with the company's core mission. They provide detailed assistance with market research, financial analysis, online execution and e-commerce strategies by customizing a plan and approach that is appropriate for each unique company they work with.

One such company, Ranco Fertiliservice, Inc., in northwest Iowa is a prime example of how a partnership with Advance Iowa can make a difference. Ranco Fertiliservice, Inc. is a manufacturer of fertilizer blending and handling equipment. They have been in operation since 1961 and have made a name for themselves as a premier leader in their industry. Ranco is one of the largest manufacturing firms in the Sioux Rapids area and has a global reach, with equipment being sold and installed on five continents.

While this may be enough for some, **Nathaniel (Knut) Brown, B.A. '01**, and **Nate Wittmaack, B.A. '06**, weren't satisfied with the success of the company. They took the opportunity to team with their alma

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mater to help them grow even more. The Advance Iowa staff was able to identify high-level experts within the industry for Ranco and introduce sales tools to help them generate qualified contacts and leads.

“The tools they provided us were even better than expected,” said Wittmaack. “We’ve already started implementing their recommendations.”

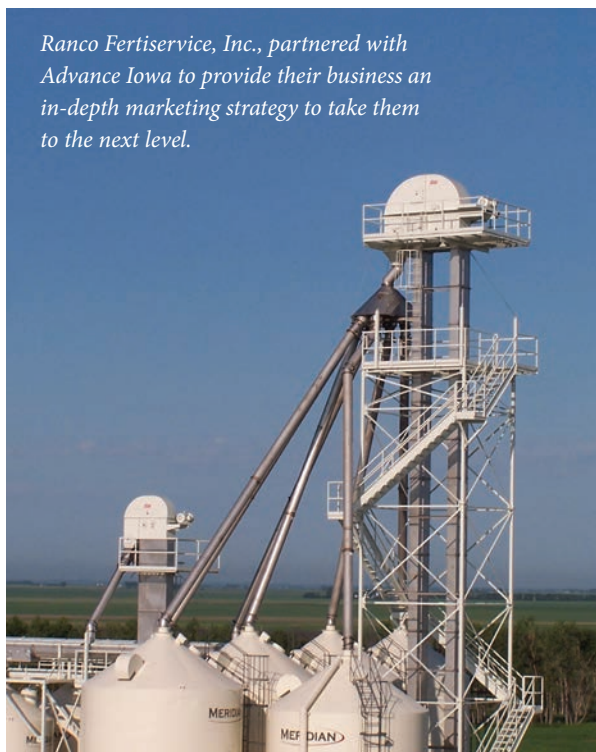
Aside from identifying sales tools, Advance Iowa also analyzed the Ranco website for search engine optimization and helped them develop a comprehensive social media and online marketing strategy. With such a large-scale and customized product line, the process of going from lead to sale for Ranco is time consuming, but with Advance Iowa’s help, they are already starting to see the benefits.

“We are going to be very busy for the next couple of years,” Wittmaack said. **UNI**



"The tools they provided us were even better than expected."

Ranco Fertiliservice, Inc., partnered with Advance Iowa to provide their business an in-depth marketing strategy to take them to the next level.



ALUMNI MERCHANDISE PROGRAM



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The **UNI Alumni Association (UNIAA)** has partnered with University Book and Supply to offer a special alumni collection. A portion of these sales will go to the UNIAA to enhance programs and services for alumni and students. Items will be added periodically, so check back often!

A composite image featuring a woman in a white dress standing on a stage and a man in a patterned vest and brown pants kneeling on a stage. The background is a dark, wooded area with stage lights hanging from above.

All the world's *a stage...*

COMING FROM A FAMILY of 16 children, many of whom either run or own companies, **Brenda DeVita, B.A. '89**, thought she was supposed to obtain a practical degree and get a well-paying, secure job. But a passion for the arts changed her definition of success.

"My dad died when I was 5; my mom said, 'Who's going to date me? I have six kids.' Then she married a guy with nine kids and they had one more. Of my 10 brothers, five are engineers," she said. "Mom was good at organization and collaboration but had no idea I could perform. I sang but everybody sang at our house. I sang a solo when I was in eighth grade. Then I started singing and making money at it. It was clear what I wanted to do."

However, pressure from her family convinced her otherwise. She headed for Iowa State University, thinking she was doing the practical thing. Once there, though, she secretly auditioned for plays, not telling her mom. Upon seeing her perform, the UNI theater directors promptly offered her a scholarship to transfer.

"One of my brothers said, 'What are you thinking?' Life as an artist is seen as very tenuous. You have to be practical and take care of yourself and your family and your bills," she said.

Recruited to UNI by Tom Carlisle and Jay Edelnant, Brenda responded well to the theatre curriculum.

She also credits Gretta Berghammer with providing a positive female role model.

"It was like a conservatory. It was intense," she shared. "If you could survive this training, you could be a professional. Jay kept me afloat when I wasn't sure if I could do it for a living. I understood I was an artist and it wasn't to be taken for granted. UNI gave me an insane amount of time on the boards—a lot of time as an actor, but also to produce, direct, design; that set me apart."

After graduation, she went to the University of Delaware for graduate school, then studied in Japan with Tadashi Suzuki, a renowned theatre



The American Players Theatre is an outdoor theater featuring classical works such as Romeo and Juliet, left.

Brenda Bedard DeVita, B.A. '89

Family: Husband, Jim; son and daughter

Hometown: Jesup, Iowa

Resides: Spring Green, Wis.

Current Position: Artistic director of American Players Theatre



director who created the Suzuki Method of Actor Training. Following her time with Suzuki, she moved back to the Midwest to do regional theatre in Chicago, where she married a fellow actor. When he was offered "Romeo and Juliet" at the American Players Theatre (APT) in Spring Green, Wis., they headed north.

"We made a pact to go with whoever got the next job. In Spring Green, I learned I was pregnant. Then the theatre lost its company manager," she said. "Coming from a big family, I knew how to work in a crowd and work with nothing. When I saw what was happening, I knew I had a lot of actor friends and was good at recruiting, so I helped with casting. I soon became casting director. I found a place and a purpose. My husband was in a company and it was clear we had found what we were good at."

Over the course of the next 20 years, she also served as APT's company manager, artistic administrator and associate artistic director. In January 2014, she was named artistic director of APT.

"We are so happy we are here. In grad school, I said I wanted to run a theatre company in Iowa. Now 20 years later, here I am. It's not Iowa, but it's close," she said.

In addition to her artistic director duties, she also conducts workshops.

"I tell the students life is short and nothing is fair, so follow your passion. What I see are kids following their passion, but they spend a lot of time spiraling down a path of failure," she said. "The theater is an amazing place to become an incredible person. But some feel they've failed because they're not working on Broadway or L.A. or at the Met. You have to figure out what makes you run on all pistons; that's what you have to fill your life with." **UNI**

American Players Theatre

The American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wis., is located on 110 acres above the Wisconsin River, about 40 minutes northwest of Madison.

Founded in 1979, the APT's mission is to perform the classics, particularly works of Shakespeare, and make them accessible to the widest possible audience. The first production in 1980 was "A Midsummer Night's Dream." In 1985, the theatre was nominated for a Tony Award for outstanding regional theater. Since then, the theatre company has performed works including Shakespeare, Ibsen, Shaw and Sophocles.

Five shows are performed annually in the 1,148-seat outdoor theater. In 2009, the 200-seat indoor Touchstone Theatre was added, with four shows performed annually.

The APT has been called the best classical theater company in America by The Wall Street Journal theater critic Terry Teachout. It draws an annual audience of 110,000.

F.R.E.D.

aims to nudge healthy eating

IOWA, known for bountiful farms and delicious home cooking, is full of food deserts. Thousands of residents in the state do not have regular, dependable access to quality, nutritious food.

"It's really very striking when you look at it," explained Diane Depken, associate professor in the School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services. "Iowa has some of the best soil and the best farmers, but there are people in rural Iowa who are food insecure." Depken and some of her students in the Health Promotion program decided to address the issue. After a couple of unsuccessful attempts, they applied for a grant from the Wellmark Foundation and were awarded \$24,000 to launch F.R.E.D., the Food Resource and Education Demonstration cart. The goal of the program is to encourage healthy eating and good nutrition.

Depken describes F.R.E.D. as a "nudge program." With the help of program director Jacque Bilyeu-Holmes and several undergraduate and graduate students, Depken and F.R.E.D. venture into the community to encourage healthy food choices through fun, interactive events and cooking demonstrations. They don't overtly push people to eat well, but encourage healthy eating by showing it is easy, accessible and delicious. So far, they've worked with area churches, youth organizations, schools, and even joined a Zumba-thon. "We're just getting people excited about trying new foods," Depken explained. F.R.E.D. points people in the right direction while partner-



HPELS Associate Professor Diane Depken, kneeling, guides a group of students and staff from the UNI-CUE Leadership Academy on a tour of Jubilee Orchard in La Porte City.

ing with other organizations that help address the root causes of poor nutrition and obesity.

The goal can be a challenge. Depken and the F.R.E.D. crew work to find ingredients that can be accessed by low-income individuals who may not have easy access to fresh foods. They try to work with foods that are in season, which usually means they are less expensive. They also encourage looking at where the foods come from. "A lot of these are foods people can grow in their backyards," Depken said.

While the funds from Wellmark are being used to address the issues in area food deserts, the project has been able to branch out into other areas to nudge larger audiences toward healthy, delicious food. One of the graduate students, Fatimah Alrubh, conducted a demonstration of food from Saudi Arabia at Mauker Union. The F.R.E.D. cart even made an appearance at the College of Education's first Homecoming Brunch, making apple cheddar paninis with locally-sourced ingredients.

While the F.R.E.D. program is still young, it is growing. They are preparing to introduce audiences to Fred and Friends, several puppets that will be used in children's programs aimed at healthy eating. They are also working with the Recycling and Reuse Technology Transfer Center



Above: Food Corps member Grace Rathert works with a student from George Washington Carver Academy in Waterloo to prepare a potato salad using ingredients harvested from the school's garden.

on campus to develop food sustainability curriculum for F.R.E.D. As they look to the future, Depken is hoping to secure funds from other sources to branch out in other ways and continue to encourage healthy, nutritious eating among all communities. **UNI**

For more information on F.R.E.D., check them out on Facebook at facebook.com/pages/FRED/703415776373284.



Monica Chavez, left, graduate student; Mary Stichter, faculty member in the Department of Teaching; and Jacque Bilyeu-Holmes, F.R.E.D. project director, work at the F.R.E.D. cart during the College of Education Homecoming Brunch.



quinoa and kale salad with vegetables

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups water
- 3/4 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1 cup quinoa, rinsed well
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3+2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 small cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 small yellow bell pepper, diced
- 1/4 medium onion, finely diced
- 2 cups kale, washed & chopped
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mint

DIRECTIONS

1. Bring water and 1/2 tsp salt to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add quinoa and return to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook until the water has been absorbed, 15 to 20 minutes. Spread the quinoa on a baking sheet to cool for 10 minutes.
2. Heat 2 tbsp of olive oil in a large skillet. Add onion and bell pepper, and sauté until slightly soft. Add kale and sauté until slightly wilted (3-5 minutes). Remove from heat and allow to cool.
3. Meanwhile, whisk lemon juice, 3 tbsp olive oil, garlic, the remaining 1/4 tsp salt and pepper in a large bowl. Add the cooled quinoa, kale/onion/pepper mix, tomatoes, cucumber, parsley and mint; toss well to combine.

Options

- Other greens such as collard or mustard may be substituted for the kale.
- Add 6 oz tofu or diced, cooked, skinless boneless chicken breast to create an entrée.

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IF THESE Photos COULD Talk

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Returning to Cedar Falls in August has been an extremely positive move for my family and me. It is great to be back at my alma mater after graduating with a bachelor's degree in management in 1996.

UNI recently created an associate vice president for enrollment management position, which I was overjoyed to accept. In this role I oversee our admissions, registrar and financial aid teams to help maximize student recruitment and enrollment at this outstanding university. Even though I've been out of state, most recently serving as the director of recruitment and admissions at Idaho State University, I am pleased to see that UNI continues to attract quality students dedicated to academics, on-campus involvement and career preparation.

I am deeply committed to higher education, having earned my M.Ed. in educational leadership, with Distinction, from Northern Arizona University. Throughout my career I've held leadership positions in admissions at Northern Arizona, Morningside College and the University of Iowa. It's great to be back home, bringing my experience and knowledge to UNI.

The next time you're on campus, stop by the admissions office in Gilchrist Hall to learn about all of the wonderful ways we're spreading the news about UNI. And continue to recommend UNI to students looking for their next step after high school. Just as you had a positive experience at UNI, we all know they will too.

Sincerely,

Matthew Kroeger '96

Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management

THANKS TO YOU IT'S WORKING

In fall 2014, the University of Northern Iowa experienced a notable increase in several segments of our student population. The following segments increased at these outstanding rates:

- 4.4% — new students direct from high school
- 20.2% — new undergraduate minority students
- 22.3% — new international students

The 2014 retention rate was the highest it's been in 15 years. Approximately 84.7 percent of our students returned for a second year compared to 82.9 percent in 2013. Compare that to a national average of 71.7 percent for similar institutions.

UNI alumni have played an important part in our enrollment success by being university ambassadors, sometimes without even knowing it. Alumni enthusiastically talk about the university with their sons and daughters, friends and business associates, and neighbors and community members. Those conversations typically include what they learned during their time at UNI, the people they met and how UNI prepared them for life after college. As alumni continue to spread the good news about UNI, an increase in enrollment and retention numbers will remain the norm for years to come.

Recognized as *one of the best Midwest universities* by U.S. News and World Report

84%

of students receive financial aid

93%

find success after graduating

\$20 Million

awarded in scholarships each year

MORE THAN
111,000
LIVING ALUMNI

90+
MAJORS

Ranked in the top **100 Best Values in Public Colleges** by Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine

99%

of classes taught by faculty

23 average class size

16:1 student to faculty ratio

Let's keep it up by referring future Panthers to **uni.edu/admissions/studentreferral**

All in the family

These twins originally had no plans to attend the same college but UNI changed their minds – and they've enjoyed it to the utmost.

Name: Matt Reitz

Senior accounting major

Hometown: Denison, IA

Favorite band: The Cab

Favorite book: "Bleachers" by John Grisham or the Harry Potter series

Active in: Sigma Phi Epsilon, UNI Accounting Club, University Honors Program, Career Services Guide

First impressions:

Complete surprise/confusion. I had the ridiculous idea that UNI was a far-off college that consisted of an indoor football stadium and a tall tower in the middle of campus. However, my first visit really showed off both the internal and external beauty of the campus. What I mean is that UNI is stunning, but the personnel also have a beautiful quality with the way they immediately made UNI feel like home to me.

Favorite thing about UNI:

- Endless involvement opportunities
- All the members of the UNI family who opened doors of opportunities for me in many different areas

Best advice for a college search:

I found the college search process to be very overwhelming. If I had to do it again, this is what I would advise:

1. Identify your "must haves." Ask yourself, "What is something I need to have at a college in order to attend?" Start this process early!
2. Visit the schools! You cannot get a full grasp of what the school is like until you step foot on campus.
3. Finally, don't rush the decision. If you have narrowed down your choice to a few schools, take your time weighing positives and negatives of each to help you make your final decision.



Name: Carl Reitz

Senior biology major

Hometown: Denison, IA

Favorite artist: Ed Sheeran

Favorite book: "The Kite Runner"
or "A Thousand Splendid Suns,"
both by Khaled Hosseini

Active in: Northern Iowa Student
Government, CATS, the Pre-Dental
Club, American Chemical Society,
University Honors Program



First impressions:

As cliché as it sounds, UNI felt big enough for me to fit in somewhere yet small enough for me to stand out. What really impressed me about UNI was the culture of the campus. Faculty, students and staff went out of their way to make UNI feel like home to me and that's what sold me.

Favorite thing about UNI:

It was the people that got me to attend and I think it has been the people that have made me stay at UNI. I've met some truly incredible people here – staff, faculty and students. My professors have provided a challenging yet enjoyable academic environment. The staff I've come to know have been great resources and provided me with a very enjoyable on-campus work environment. Lastly, my fellow students have pushed me and allowed me to develop some great relationships.

Best advice for a college search:

I think college visits are important, but make sure YOU are the person choosing the college or university YOU want to attend. Parents and friends can be influential in the process, but remember your parents won't be attending college with you (I assume). Don't be afraid to grow your network outside of your high school classmates.



Ready to help the next generation of Panthers start their journey?

UNI Up Close days for admitted high school & transfer students
Friday, Feb. 13 • Friday, Feb. 27

Panther Open Houses for all high school and transfer students
Friday, April 3 • Monday, April 6 • Saturday, April 11

Visit uni.edu/admissions for majors, scholarship info and more.



ATHLETICS

Hall of Fame 2014

The University of Northern Iowa Department of Athletics inducted six individuals and the 1974-75 Panther wrestling team into its 2014 Athletics Hall of Fame.

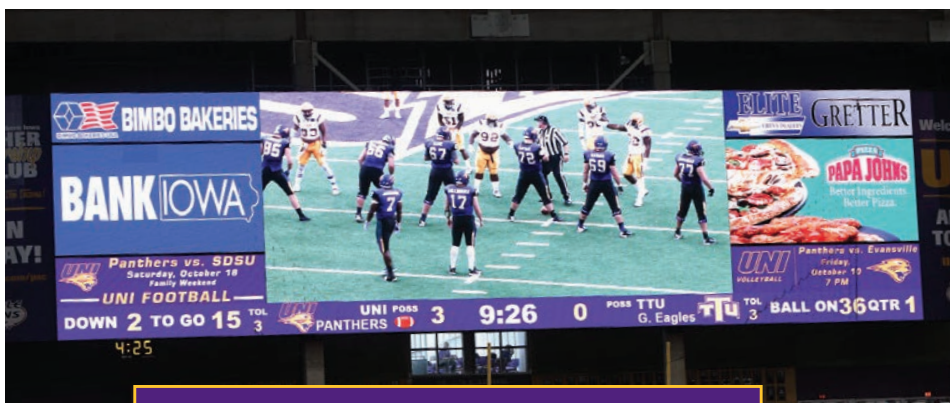
This year's Hall of Fame class includes **Jill Arganbright, B.A. '04**, volleyball; **Tony Davis, B.A. '02**, wrestling; **Rachel Jansen, B.A. '08**, track and field; **Brad Meester, B.A. '99**, football; **Tyler Mulder, B.A. '10**, track and field; the 1974-75 UNI wrestling team and Dr. Constantine William (Deno) Curris with the Dr. Jitu D. Kothari Meritorious Service Award.

Members of the 1974-75 UNI wrestling team included: **Stanley Allen, Michael Asche, Gary Bentrin, Jeffrey Billerbeck, James Blasingame, Richard Briggs, Russell Clark, Stephen Coon, Thomas Cornally, David Coulter, David Cunningham, Dallas Deike, Joseph Deutsch,**

Randy Dodd, Michael Eremieff, Richard Erickson, Lowell Ewalt, Kevin Finn, Thomas Garcia, Al Garrison, Ron Gomis, Alan Halferty, Paul Herder, Thomas Hinschberger, Cassim Igram, Dan Keller, Dick Kennedy, Kurt Mattison, Bruce McClure, Nolan Meggers, Jeffrey Melvin, Gary Meyers, James Miller, Randall Omvig, Ronald Ott, Chuck Parsons, Stephen Pate, Kenneth Peterson, Lars Sacquitne, Lonny Silber, Michael Skopec, Kenneth Snyder, Lawrence Soderberg, Dana Sutherland, Randall Terpstra, Hal Turner, Russell Vermie, Paul Viktora, Paul Vornbrock, Mark Wakeland, John Wistey, Michael Woodall and heach coach Chuck Patten.

The six individuals were inducted in a ceremony in October. The 1974-75 wrestling team was inducted into the Hall of Fame on Jan. 4, 2015.

Can you see me now?



	UNI-Dome	McLeod Center
Old	21' x 26' 3"	8'8" x 15' 7"
New	26'6" x 100'	13'7" x 31'6"

"THE NEW VIDEO BOARDS in the UNI-Dome and McLeod Center are a significant step forward as we continue to enhance the spectator experience in our venues," UNI Director of Athletics **Troy Dannen, B.A. '89**, said. "The boards will also create opportunities to generate additional revenue as we continue to reduce our reliance on general education funds."

The cost of the project was estimated at \$1.3 million with funding provided by the Black Hawk County Gaming Association, Learfield Sports and UNI Athletics.

New proposed funding model

THE BOARD OF REGENTS, State of Iowa, has proposed major revisions to the funding formula for the state's universities. The proposal would tie state funding to in-state students and to the universities' performance on particular measures. As currently designed, it would also result in a significant net increase in state funding to UNI.

The formula largely follows the recommendations of the Performance Based Revenue Model Task Force, while providing additional weighting for graduate and professional students.

Transition to the new funding model would occur over a period of 3 years with a cap on any

reallocation at 2% of the institution's 2013 general education revenues per year.

- \$47.7M will be reallocated from the University of Iowa over three years
- \$12.9M will be reallocated in fiscal year 2016 (FY16) (split between UNI and ISU)
- \$6.45M of that amount goes to the University of Northern Iowa in FY16

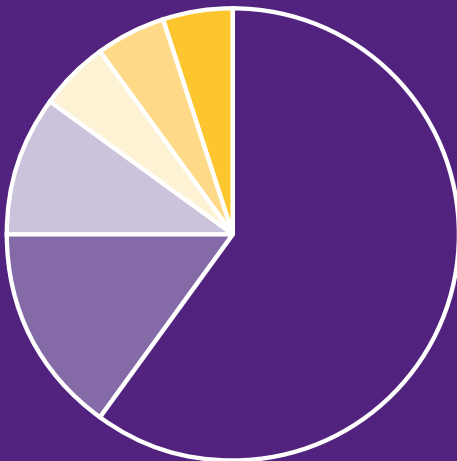
The reallocation will be reflected in the Board's FY16 appropriations request to the Governor and must be approved by the Iowa Legislature. State funding for UNI declined significantly during the recession but has increased in recent years.

Of the three state universities, UNI:

- has the highest percentage of Iowa residents as undergraduate students (89%)
- relies the most on state funding (51% versus 35% at Iowa and ISU)
- currently receives 18% of the general education fund, versus ISU with 36% and Iowa with 46%
- has the greatest percentage of Iowa students who demonstrate financial need, but has fewer resources to devote to financial aid

Should this new performance-based funding model be approved, it will mean Iowa dollars follow Iowa kids. The UNI Office of Governmental Relations encourages all UNI alumni to share their thoughts with their local legislators.

VISIT UNI.EDU/GOVREL FOR MORE DETAILS.



- 60%: Iowa resident enrollment
- 15%: Progress & attainment
- 10%: Access
- 5%: Sponsored research
- 5%: Graduate & professional students
- 5%: Regent-selected metrics

	% of Iowa resident undergraduates receiving financial aid who demonstrate need	Total undergraduate institutional financial aid
2012-2013		
Iowa	47%	\$54,811,305
ISU	66%	\$62,333,953
UNI	92%	\$12,862,953



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA sophomore Jarrod Lister believes he can get through anything. And he's probably right.

At age 16, Jarrod was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, a disease of the colon. The Ankeny, Iowa, native underwent two years of treatment before doctors determined that drugs and medications were ineffective.

To combat the life-threatening complications of the disease, surgery was required. Just months before enrolling at UNI, Jarrod endured a series of three operations that removed his colon and saved his life. This battle strengthened Jarrod's determination to push through the rigors of earning a college degree.

"It's a lot of hard work to continue through something like this," Jarrod said. "I just want to apply myself as much as I can and show that nothing is going to keep me down."

"Faculty has been spectacular during this time," said Jarrod. "All my professors have been nothing but helpful. They are very understanding. They just want to help me in any way they can to continue my education and do as well as I can."

Scholarships also play a major role in Jarrod's education. He received the Alderman Scholarship, which assists needy, worthy and appreciative students within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS).

"Receiving this scholarship has really taken a lot of that worry about money off my shoulders," Jarrod said. "My focus has shifted from how am I going to pay for this into how am I going to make this the best learning experience I can have."

Jarrod, a psychology major, spent his summer as the media director at Riverside Lutheran Bible Campus. Last fall, he served as a teacher's assistant for Professor Rowena Tan in CSBS.

Focus on

Students

Schindler Education Center renovation

Exciting changes are taking place in Schindler Education Center.

Gone are the days of chalkboards and chalk. Enter the days of Smart Boards and laptops. Today, students require sophisticated technology and an innovative building design to succeed in the classroom and to prepare to teach in Iowa's preK – 12 schools.

The State of Iowa has allocated \$30.9 million for the renovation of Schindler Education Center, built in the '70s. Private support will ensure the

building is equipped with advanced technology and that it includes spaces that reflect the changing trends in teaching and learning.

Nearly every college student carries a cell phone that can access information within seconds. The emphasis today is on knowing where to find information rather than memorizing facts.

"School facilities must move from traditional classrooms where students are information receivers to facilities that encourage active learning. This shift from teacher-centered



UNI Scholarship Initiative: UNI has launched a \$40 million scholarship initiative that runs through 2018. To date, more than \$20 million has been raised. To participate in this initiative and help support students like Jarrod, visit uni-foundation.org.

learning brings about the need for flexible education facilities,” says **Victoria Robinson, Ed.D. ’71**, department head of UNI’s Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education.

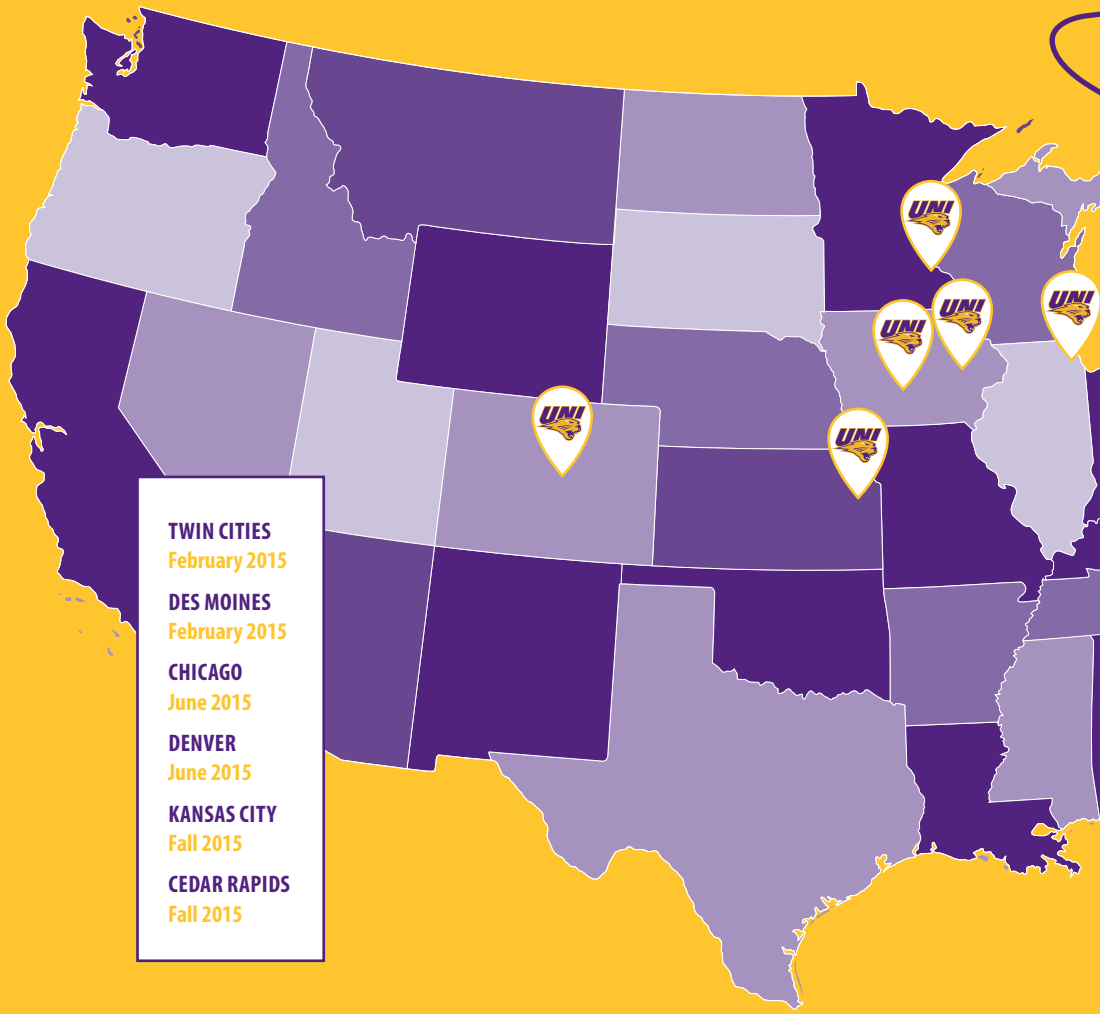
Students live in a fast-paced, technology-driven world. Although it is a challenge to stay current with the rapid changes in technology, it is imperative.

“Technology is a force multiplier in education. It extends the expertise and influence a great teacher has in helping students achieve their dreams,” says **Clayton M. Wilcox, B.A. ’79, M.A. ’91**, superintendent of schools in Washington County,

Maryland; recipient of the 2014 International Society for Technology in Education award and Maryland’s 2014 Outstanding Technology Leader.

The Schindler project, slated for completion in 2017, will also expand opportunities for the larger community to become engaged.

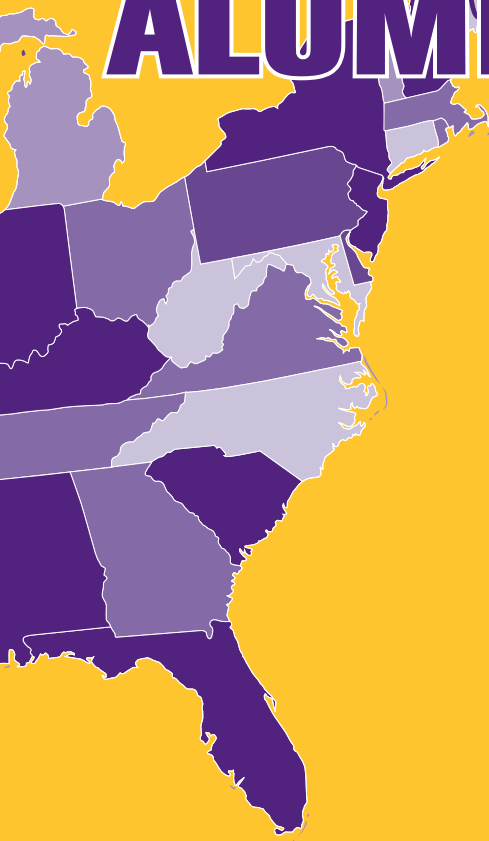
Outstanding services and programs that elevate UNI’s academic excellence are possible only through gifts and endowments from our alumni and friends. To learn how you can invest in education for Iowans, contact Andrea Elliott, College of Education’s development officer, at andrea.elliott@uni.edu.



2014-15 UNI ALUMNI ASSOCI



The return of ALUMNI CLUBS



The University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association is proud to announce the re-introduction of Alumni Clubs in select cities throughout 2015.

The purpose of these clubs is to build Panther pride in select cities with a high number of UNI alumni. Events will be centered around:

- Athletics (game watches)
- Philanthropy
- Arts/Theatre
- Young professionals

The executive board for the specific clubs will also be centered around the above areas. If you have an interest area or want to be involved in a leadership capacity, please contact Heidi Riese at heidi.riese@uni.edu. Watch your email for more information.

UPDATE YOUR INFO AT UNIALUM.ORG!

ATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front Row, l to r: Heidi Riese and Megan Stull, M.A. '08 and Miriam Brown Tyson, M.P.P. '03.

Second Row: Bonnie Oneill Malone, B.A. '53; Teresa Matson, B.A. '76; Sue Baker, B.A. '83, M.A. '01; Michelle Greene Koller, B.A. '98; Christine Robovsky, B.A. '98; Connie Cunningham Hansen, B.A. '89; Allison Cink Rickels, B.A. '01 and Lindsay Varcoe Wagoner, B.A. '04.

Third Row: Ron Rubek, B.A. '62; Lisa Armstrong O'Neill, B.A. '85; Scott Klinefelter, B.A. '76; Roberta Zehr Yoder, B.A. '71, M.A. '13; Sarah Crim, B.A. '14-Graduate Assistant; Leslie Prideaux; Christy Danielsen, B.A. '99; Shirley Post Pantini, B.A. '58

Back Row: Dan Fick, B.A. '85; David Boyer, B.A. '90; Ross Reed, B.A. '06; Jake Rudy, B.A. '11; Drew Conrad, M.P.P. '93; Jordan Bancroft-Smithe, B.A. '13; Ryan England, B.A. '99; Kevin Mote, B.A. '87; Alicia Amling, B.A. '03 and Kelly Neiber, B.A. '85.

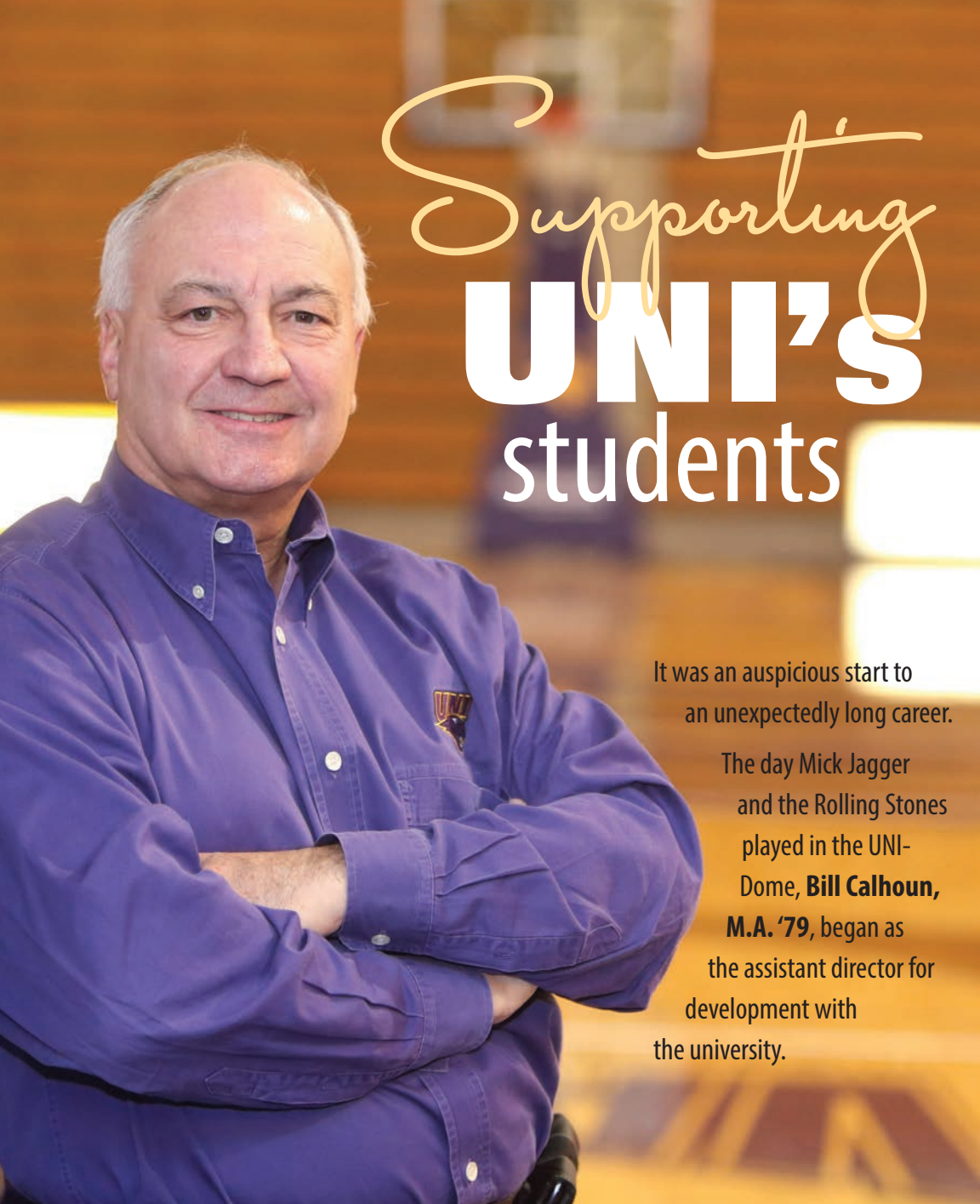
Not pictured: Willie Barney, B.A. '96, M.A. '01, Ed.D. '07; Tony Bibbs, B.S. '97; Grant Erwin, B.A. '07; Dustin Toale- Student Representative (CATS); Kevin Gartman- Student Representative (NISG); Cassandra Hart, B.A. '00, M.A. '06; Jerry Jauron, B.A. '90 and Amy Mohr, B.A. '99.

Honor Your Collegiate Experience with UNI's Class Ring



Your journey is filled with great UNI memories; they are cause for celebration and remembrance. You are invited to become part of a proud UNI tradition by wearing the Official Class Ring of the University of Northern Iowa. Available exclusively to students and alumni, the ring is a privilege you have earned.

Please visit www.balfour.com and select University of Northern Iowa.



Supporting UNI's students

It was an auspicious start to an unexpectedly long career.

The day Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones played in the UNI-Dome, **Bill Calhoun, M.A. '79**, began as the assistant director for development with the university.

UNI Foundation Milestones

1990	1995	2000	20
1990-1995		1997-2005	
Leading, Building, Sharing Campaign Goal: \$25 million Raised: \$33.3 million Highlight: Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center		Students First Campaign Goal: \$75 million initial; \$100 million revised Raised: \$112 million Highlight: McLeod Center Human Performance Center phase 1 Renovated and expanded Russell Hall	

"In 1981, we had a professional staff of three people," Calhoun recalled. "We kept our assets in a lockbox under the desk," he joked.

Almost 33 years later, as Calhoun prepares to retire, things look a little different around the office. The Advancement division now has 40 employees; the UNI Foundation's endowment is \$100+ million with total assets around \$135 million – with no lockboxes in sight.

Calhoun has been a part of four major campaigns, worked for five UNI presidents and is proud to have played a small part in changing the face of the university. Over the course of his career, the UNI Foundation has helped bring the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, the McLeod Center and the Human Performance Center to campus, among others.

"The impact that we've had – the work of university staff and alumni – on our students is definitely a highlight for me. Whether it is making a UNI education possible or reducing their debt through scholarships, providing them opportunities outside the classroom, whatever it might be, it is all about supporting the students and making sure they have the best experience possible," he said.

One of his most amazing career moments revolves around the McLeod Center. "We had our Foundation board on campus the same day that we opened the construction bids," Calhoun said. "This was during a time when the price of steel was going crazy - and not in a good way. In 45 minutes, the project went from \$19 million to \$24 million. Within a period of three hours, our board renewed their commitment; said 'okay, we're in;' and committed themselves to raising the additional amount needed. And then almost every single one of those trustees stepped up and made an additional gift to that project as a result. Talk about people who care and really want to make sure they have an impact on this university."

"UNI kids are Iowa's best kids."

Over the years, Calhoun has enjoyed witnessing some of UNI's exciting moments first-hand. In New York City, he attended the Broadway premiere of "The Bridges of Madison County" with alumnus **Robert Waller, B.A. '62**; he traveled to the national championship game with the UNI Football team

and cheered on the UNI Basketball's Sweet 16 appearance.

"UNI kids are Iowa's best kids," he said. "Wherever we go, I'm always impressed with our students. They do such a good job of wearing the UNI brand and being ambassadors for our university."

Reflecting on his time at UNI, Calhoun said, "It's all about the people. The people you work with every day, staff and colleagues, but also our alumni and friends. I've had the wonderful opportunity to meet some really interesting people who wanted to make a difference at UNI. I came here with the thought of staying four years and then looking at other opportunities, but I've been blessed by the wonderful opportunities right here. You always plan to go on to bigger and better. I could have gone to bigger; but in my opinion they were never better. It's just a great place." **UNI**

05	2010	2015	2020
Imagine the Impact Campaign Goal: \$150 million Raised: \$157 million Highlight: Richard O. Jacobson Human Performance Center phase 2		Focus on Students Scholarship Initiative Goal: \$40 million goal Raised so far: \$20 million Highlight: UNI Endowment reaches \$100 million	



In the midst of the blowing, biting snow, January holds a precious gift for us all—a new year. Resolutions, goals and planning for the next 365 days hold so much hope! It takes a lot of work to keep resolutions. Here are some ways the UNI Alumni Association can help you keep yours.

Travel more

We launched our comprehensive travel program, Panther Tours, this past fall. Our first trip to Oahu had more than 275 travelers! We have a fantastic line-up of trips for any interest. Check out these unique opportunities at www.unialum.org/alumni-travel.

Learn a new skill

The Alumni Association has new career information and webinars on our website. Take advantage of these free opportunities by visiting www.unialum.org/career.

Give back

We have several ways for you to give back to UNI. Let us know if you are interested in mentoring a current student, hosting an alumni event, helping develop one of our new Alumni Clubs or supporting the university monetarily. Check out the Advancement division's new student organization fundraising site—uni-foundation.org/pawprint and support one of our many programs!

We hope your year is off to a great start. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Leslie Prideaux

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Director of Alumni Relations
President, University of Northern Iowa
Alumni Association

Class Notes are compiled from information sent in personally by alumni or submitted via news release to the Alumni Association office. If you would like to share your news, go to www.unialum.org/submit-class-notes.

Names listed in **purple** are Alumni Association members. Names that begin with a 🐾 are Lifetime Alumni Association members.

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CLASS Notes

1940s

'42 Kae (Luwe) Colville, 2-yr Cert., Mason City, at age 91 she remains an avid UNI sports fan! Kae served on the Alumni Association board from 1989-1992 and still resides in the home built by her husband, **Willis Colville, BA '46**, who died in 2000.

'49 Clarence Lippert, BA, Des Moines, received France's highest decoration, the French Legion d'Honneur Medal, on 1/18/2014 in recognition of his actions since he joined the U.S. military more than 70 years ago.

'57 Jerry Thorsen, BA, Waterloo, is retired clergy but still provides pulpits for vacationing pastors, volunteers in a Waterloo elementary school and does some writing.

'59 Chuck Mandernach, BA, Dallas, TX, recently attended a reunion of ISTC music graduates from the 1950s and 1960s in Boone.

1960s

'63 Bill Jacobson, BA, Cedar Rapids, enjoys retirement, has four grandsons and remains active in Scottish Rite, Masons and Rotary.

'63 Gary Miller, BA, Fond Du Lac, WI, is currently in his third term on the Fond du Lac City Council. He was also recently awarded the Kiwanis International Hixson Award after 37 years of service.

'68 Larry Minard, MA, Davenport, is the chairman of the Scott County Board of Supervisors.

'69 Alfred Papesh, BA, Tipton, retired as CFO from ESCP Corporation in Davenport.

1950s

'56 Jerald Graetz, BA, MA '68, Burnsville, MN, retired in 1996 after teaching music for 40 years and now works summers at Crystal Lake Golf Course. He is a member of the Minnesota Valley Men's Chorale and vocal and hand bell choirs at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

'56 David Madden, Black Mountain, NC, published his 14th book of fiction titled "The Last Bizarre Tale." Overall, he has published 57 books since 1961.

'56 Phyllis (Chantland) Skinner, BA, Goldfield, turned 80 in Feb. 2014. She is doing well and going for 100!

1970s

🐾 **'71 Roberta (Zehr) Yoder, BA, MA '13**, Urbandale, received the 2014 Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award on 6/18/2014.

'72 Rita (Jordan) Apel, BA, Nevada, retired in June 2014 after teaching 25 years at Nevada Middle School.

🌸 **'72 Carol (Denter) Bodensteiner, BA**, Pleasant Hill, published her first novel titled "Go Away Home" in July 2014. It is a historical fiction set in Iowa during WWI.

'73 Gerry Kraus, BA, Ankeny, was appointed to an unprecedented fifth term on the Board of Directors of the National Alliance of Life Companies. He is currently vice president of compliance at Homesteaders Life Company.

'74 Mari (Reiher) Cramer, BA, Hampton, retired from North Butler Community School District in June 2014 after 40 years of service. She plans to substitute, travel, read and enjoy time with her husband and grandchildren.

'74 Kathleen (Steinbach) Shelton, BA, Cedar Rapids, retired from the Cedar Rapids Community School District in June 2014.

'75 Sheryl (Gibbons) Feinstein, BA, Sioux Falls, SD, was named dean of the College of Education at the University of Nebraska Kearney. She will begin the appointment in May 2015.

'76 James Aagaard, MA, Richland Center, WI, retired in spring 2014 after 38 years as music director at the University of Wisconsin - Richland.

'76 Harlan Gillespie, BA, Webster City, became superintendent of the North Central District of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC) on 7/1/2014. He now works with more than 100 UMC congregations.

🌸 **'77 Kathy (Simcosky) Baker, BA, MA '78**, Le Grand, retired from Area Education Agency 267 after 36 years as a speech-language pathologist. At the time of retirement she was a discipline representative for the south sector, which involved training and mentoring staff.

'77 Gayle Johns Rose, BA, Memphis, TN, appeared with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra in fall 2013. She performed as narrator in Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" at a September Masterworks concert and currently serves as chairwoman of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors.

'78 Diane (Lanaghan) Turnbull, BA, Edmonds, WA, retired from the Everett School District in June 2014 after 36 years of teaching.

'79 James Fritz, BM, MA '85, Decorah, retired as director of bands for the Decorah School District after 28 years of service.

1980s

'80 Pat (Cahoy) Cunningham, BM, Auburn, NH, was awarded the 2014 New Hampshire Band Director of the Year by NH Band Directors' Association, and is in her 30th year as principal clarinetist of the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra.

'80 Sally (Sullivan) Mainquist, BA, Hopkins, MN, is co-founder and CEO of Veritae Group in St. Cloud, MN. Veritae offers interim accounting & finance leadership, providing organizations with interim CFOs, controllers and project executives.

'80 Lauri Netz, BA, MA '87, Nevada, retired in June 2014 after 34 year of teaching, the last 28 years of which were spent as teacher librarian for Nevada Middle School.

'80 Keith Poolman, BA, Clarion, says UNI will always be an important part of his life. He credits the education, friends and wrestling at UNI with helping him get where he is today.

'80 Steven Ragaller, BA, Minneapolis, MN, was named one of the 2014 CFO of the Year award recipients by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal. He is currently VP & CFO of Cretex Companies.

🌸 **'81 Dick Dobson, BA**, Cedar Falls, was named the recipient of the Elite Advisor Award by the National Tax-Deferred Savings Association. The award recognizes advisors who have done the most to help their clients accumulate assets for retirement.

'82 Les Aldrich, BM, Evansdale, retired as band director at Oelwein Community Schools in June 2014 and now concentrates on composing and arranging music.

'82 Steven Steveson, BA, Indianola, has been a paralegal at Principal Financial Group for 22 years. He met his wife Stephanie at UNI, and they've raised three daughters in Indianola.

'84 Richard Coles, MA, Ripon, WI, was promoted to full professor at Ripon College. He also continues to chair the exercise science department and serve as offensive coordinator for the Ripon football team.

'85 Lisa (Andersen) Chizek, BA, MA '12, Toledo, received a 2014-2015 Yager Exemplary Teaching Recognition Award. She teaches 5th and 6th grade science at North Tama Elementary School.

NINE ALUMNI HONORED AS COURIER'S 20 UNDER 40

UNI was well represented at the Cedar Valley's 20 under 40 awards by the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier for 2014. Nine alumni were honored for making a difference in the Cedar Valley through their work and personal lives. The list includes:

- **Justin Dams, B.A. '99, M.B.A. '01**
- **Clint Rowe, B.A. '01**
- **Annie (Willemsen) Vander Werff, B.A. '01, M.A. '03**
- **Brent Johnson, B.S. '02**
- **Jesse Tink, B.A. '02**
- **Amber (Seemann) Youngblut, B.A. '02, M.B.A. '05**
- **Meagan (Ebling) Miller, B.A. '04**
- **Lynn (Folkedahl) Blythe, M.B.A. '08**
- **Sherman Wise, B.A. '10**

Alumni

LEADING THE WAY

Several UNI alumni were honored as 2014 Forty under 40 leaders making a difference in the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City area by the Corridor Business Journal. Honorees include:

- **Stephanie (Heffernan) Ernsting, B.A. '99**
- **Brent Hinson, B.A. '00**
- **David Little, B.A. '00**
- **Jill (Frantz) Donnenwerth, B.A. '05**

2014 PANTHER TOUR

HAWAII



'85 Laura (Fezell) Gardner, BA, Erie, IL, is now human resources manager for International Raceway Group.

'85 Scott Gardner, BA, Erie, IL, was named president of the International Hot Rod Association (IHRA) on 11/14/2013. He was previously owner and promoter of Cordova Dragway Park.

'85 Wanda (Wing) Reece, BA, Waterloo, has been teaching private piano lessons since 1962, at one time having 28 students per week. She has cut back to be able to travel with spouse Carroll Kent Reece.

'86 Scott Owens, BA, Urbandale, is the Midwest regional manager for Halco Lighting Technologies.

'86 Debra Shapiro, BA, Suffolk, VA, was elected president-elect of the Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association. She has been teaching in Suffolk Public Schools for 24 years and recently completed her 27th year as an educator.

'86 Deb Vangellow, BA, Sugar Land, TX, was inducted into the Fairport High School Athletics Hall of Fame on 9/21/2014.

'88 Melissa (Pratt) Crawford, BA, Bennington, NE, was named one of the 2014 Women in Insurance Leadership

Award winners by Insurance Networking News. She is currently senior vice president of markets, products and technology for Physicians Mutual.

'88 Jeff Stavnes, MA, Storm Lake, is senior account manager at BLI Lighting and has been with the company 20 years.

'88 Mark Walters, BA, Jacksonville, NC, appeared in opera productions in Arizona, Alabama, Idaho, Wisconsin and Toronto, Canada. He will appear with Seattle Opera in the title role of "Don Giovanni" in fall 2014.

'89 Lisa Martin-Hansen, BA, Long Beach, CA, is president-elect of the Association for Science Teacher Education.

1990s

'91 Carson Holloway, BA, Omaha, NE, is an associate professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and received the 2013 Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award.

'91 Angela (Beck) Tagtow, BA, Elkhart, was named executive director for the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion within the U.S. Department of Agriculture on 7/9/2014.

SNAPSHOTS



'91 Sheri (Eich) Wanninger, BA, Carroll, is a physical therapist at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll, where she resides with spouse Doug, and children Anna (14), Abby (12), and Cal (10).

'92 Ann McCalley, BM, Broomfield, CO, earned a PhD in leadership for higher education and Noel-Levitz Certificate in enrollment management from Capella University in Aug. 2014.

'92 Michael Swanger, BA, West Des Moines, is the owner, publisher and editor of Iowa History Journal magazine.

'94 Jane (Kauten) Lutz, BA, Savage, MN, is executive director of the Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute.

'95 Laura Kress, BA, Spring, TX, traveled to Singapore in June 2014 with 12 middle school students for the World Scholars Cup. Now in her 19th year of teaching middle school, she is looking forward to teaching many more years.

'95 Kelly (Stone) Larson, BA, Saint Paul, MN, was named one of the 2014 CFO of the Year award recipients by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal. She is currently CFO of Summit Brewing.

'95 Brooke (Battley) Rembold, BA, Overland Park, KS, is a human resources manager at Teva Pharmaceuticals. She and spouse **Eric, BA '95**, are parents of Brody (11) and Gwenyn (8).

'95 Eric Rembold, BA, Overland Park, KS, is in his 15th year with Shawnee Mission School District and is currently principal of Westridge Middle School. He previously taught Spanish and served as associate principal at Shawnee Mission North High School.

'96 James Harken, BA, Windsor Heights, is the project manager for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

'97 Gary Hatfield, MA, MA '04, Cedar Rapids, was named 2014 Iowa Middle Level Principal of the Year by School Administrators of Iowa. He is currently principal of Taft Middle School.

'97 Todd Millang, BA, Urbandale, was honored at the 2014 Iowa Commercial Real Estate Expo in the category of "Deals valued at less than \$5 million." He is currently with CBRE/Hubbell Commercial.

'98 Patricia Beck, MBA, Buckingham, was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

'98 Christopher Like, BA, Eldridge, received the 2014 Excellence in Science Teaching Award for Physical Science from the Iowa Academy of Science. He teaches at Bettendorf High School.

'98 Darin Osier, BA, Charles City, is the quality manager at ConAgra Foods in Waterloo.

'99 Jenny (Lambertson) Christensen, BA, Estherville, is now teaching 3rd and

4th grade Title I reading for Estherville Lincoln Central School District.

'99 Brian Steenhard, BA, Gilbert, AZ, was promoted to chief financial officer of Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings Inc.

2000s

'00 Arthur Beckman, MA, Omaha, NE, retired from Omaha Public Schools in 2004 and is now teaching German part time at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

'00 Joel Lundstrom, BA, Carroll, became provost of the DMACC campus in Carroll on 5/27/2014.

'01 Travis Druvenga, BA, MA '12, Oelwein, is associate principal and activities director at Oelwein High School.

'01 Andrew McCormick, BA, Cedar Falls, was named 2014 Outstanding Art Teacher of the Year by Art Educators of Iowa. He is currently an art teacher at Holmes Junior High School.

'02 Malinda (Fischels) Tugwell, BA, Temple Terr, FL, was promoted to assistant manager - financial reporting of the newly-formed Mosaic Business Services team, which consolidates all of Mosaic's North American accounting and certain transactional activities.

'03 Kelli Snyder, BA, EdD '12, Dunkerton, is assistant professor and director of the undergraduate athletic training program at UNI.





UNI 2014 Distinguished Awards

HERITAGE HONOURS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jessie Nicholson, B.A. '74, M.A. '75
Alumni Achievement Award

Justin Bierman, B.A. '99
Alumni Service Award

Stephen Bruere, B.A. '03
Young Alumnus Award

Richard Jourdan and Mary Frances Jourdan
Honorary Alumni Award

PRESIDENT'S PHILANTHROPY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Julie Wood Stoll, B.A. '85
Emerging Philanthropy Award

Myra Boots, B.A. '65
Faculty and Staff Award

Dale and Marilyn Howard
Purple and Gold Award

R.J. McElroy Trust
Corporation and Foundation Award

'03 Brooke (Kelderman) Westemeier, BA, Phoenix, AZ, was promoted to partner in Ernst & Young's assurance practice in Phoenix. She joined Ernst & Young in July 2003 and is a licensed CPA in both Iowa and Arizona.

'04 Justin Lossner, BA, Urbandale, was recognized as 2014 Broker of the Year during the Iowa Commercial Real Estate Expo in West Des Moines on 10/1/2014. He is vice president at Jones Lang LaSalle commercial real estate firm.

'04 Josh Nuss, BA, Waukee, was named executive director of the Iowa Chapter of the ALS Association.

'05 Lindsey (Stephenson) Buhrman, BA, Johnston, is teaching 2nd grade in Perry.

'05 Tyler Dingel, BA, Clive, was honored at the 2014 Iowa Commercial Real Estate Expo in the category of "Deals valued at less than \$5 million." He is currently with CBRE/Hubbell Commercial.

'05 Kristi (Leonard) Oliphant, MA, EdD '13, Forest City, was the recipient of the Waldorf College Board of Trustees' Outstanding Faculty Award for 2014.

'06 Brenda Liddle, BM, Waterloo, is the orchestra teacher at Carver Academy middle school in Waterloo.

'06 Amy (Hegenderfer) Murphy, BA, West Des Moines, was named the 2014 Outstanding Educator of the Year by the

Powell retires from Foreign Service; becomes Ebola Coordinator

🌻 Nancy Powell, B.A. '70, of Lewes, DE, retired from the U.S. Foreign Service after a 37-year career that included postings as U.S. Ambassador to Uganda, Ghana, Pakistan, Nepal and India, as well as service in Canada, Togo, Bangladesh and Washington, D.C.

In Sept. 2014, she was named Ebola Coordinator for the U.S. Department of State by Secretary Kerry, leading efforts to build the coalition required to bring the epidemic under control. Powell has also served the state department as senior coordinator for Avian Influenza, a role for which she was honored with the Homeland Security Service to America Medal in 2006.



Iowa World Language Association. She is currently a Spanish teacher at Fairmeadows and Western Hills.

'06 KK Thottupurath, MBA, Toronto, Canada, is the CFO for Ontario Solar Provider and recently became a Canadian citizen.

'07 Jennifer (Nebraska) Tiede, BM, Marion, is band director at Lisbon Community Schools, whose Class 1A high school concert band was featured at the Iowa Bandmasters Conference.

'08 Ryan Middagh, BM, Nashville, TN, was appointed director of jazz studies at Vanderbilt University.

'08 Danielle Raoul, BA, Naperville, IL, accepted a new position of police officer at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center.

'09 Clay Edwards, MA, EdD '12, Toledo, received a 2014 Yager Exemplary Teaching Recognition Award. He teaches 6th-8th grade math at Grundy Center Middle School.

'09 Ariana (Wolf) Krueger, BA, Grimes, received the 2014 Excellence in Science Teaching Award for Middle School/Junior High Science from the Iowa Academy of Science. She teaches 8th grade physical science at Dallas Center-Grimes Middle School.

'09 Alexandria (Edelman) Merk, BA, West Point, was promoted to director of marketing and operations with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach of Lee County.

'09 Renee Rapier, BM, MM '11, San Francisco, CA, appeared at the Ravinia

Festival in Chicago twice in Aug. 2014 and has an extensive upcoming performance season in 2014-15.

'09 Daniel White, BM, Bettendorf, served as the associate conductor for the national tour of "Beauty and the Beast" in 2013-14. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in orchestral conducting at the Cincinnati Conservatory.

2010s

'10 Wade Arnold, BA, Cedar Falls, was one of five finalists for Executive of the Year at the 2014 Silicon Prairie Awards. The award honors companies and individuals for outstanding products, leadership and contributions to the community. Wade is currently CEO of Banno, LLC.

'10 Jack Luze, BA, Wilmington, DE, is clerking for Judge Kevin Gross, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, in the district of Delaware. He is a May 2013 graduate of Washington University Law School in St. Louis, MO.

'10 Jonell Pedescleaux, EdD, Lexington, KY, is a lecturer at the University of Kentucky.

'11 Ben Feight, BA, Mason City, was named 2014 Iowa Technology & Education Connection Technology Educator of the Year. He is currently a teacher at Harding Elementary School.

'11 Jeremiah Landon, BM, Fort Madison, is choir director at Fort Madison High School.

'12 Isaac Brockshus, BM, Columbia, SC, served as composer for original music used in a promotional video recorded and developed for the University of South Carolina.

'12 James Healy, BM, Jefferson, is director of vocal music for grades 5-12 in Dunkerton Schools. He returned to campus with his students for the fall 2013 UNI Vocal Arts Festival.

'13 Brandon Hsieh, MBA, Eagan, MN, began a new job as senior marketing analyst for Pearson Vue's GED Testing Services in Sept. 2014.

'13 Ashley Smith, MA, Iowa City, is band director at West Liberty High School. Under her direction, the West Liberty Marching Band earned a Division 1 rating at the Iowa High School Music Association Marching Band Contest in Oct. 2013.

Marriages

'02 Malinda (Fischels) Tugwell, BA, married Jon Tugwell on 2/8/2014.

'05 Lyndsey (Stephenson) Buhrman, BA, married Tim Buhrman on 6/21/2014.

'07 Derek Bloomquist, BA, married Jenny (Burmeister) Bloomquist, BA '09, on 6/15/2013.

'11 Jeremiah Landon, BM, married Reba (Jongeling) Landon on 6/7/2014.

'12 Spencer Walrath, BA, married EmilyAnn (Brueck) Walrath, BA '13, on 6/7/2014.

Alumni duo tackle retro football project

After collecting sports memorabilia for decades, Steve Anderson, B.A. '86, of Chanhassen, MN, recently published a book titled "Retro Football Games," a compilation of tabletop football games from the '50s, '60s and '70s. To do so, he collaborated with Mindy Hauge-Woods, B.A. '93, of Hopkins, MN, who owns her own graphic design business, Studio Woods, in the Twin Cities. She created the cover and inside design format for the book, which is 200+ pages.



Births

'96 **James Harken, BA**, and Mary Harken, Windsor Heights, son Dominick Elijah Harken born 2/27/2013; adoption finalized 9/16/2013.

'99 **Julie (McWeeny) Miller, BA**, and Mike Miller, Polk City, son Luke Miller born 8/13/2008.

'99 **Amy Mohr, BA**, and **Brent Johnson, BS '02**, Cedar Falls, son Elijah Johnson born Aug. 2014.

'05 **Amy (McDonald) Kaplan, BA**, and Austin Kaplan, Ankeny, daughter Chesney Wynn Kaplan born 10/22/2013.

'07 **Dave Tiede, BA**, and **Jennifer (Nebraska) Tiede, BM '07**, Marion, daughter Isla Marie Tiede born 7/19/2014.

'08 **Derek Merk, BA, BA '09**, and **Alexandria (Edelman) Merk, BA '09**, West Point, son Sawyer David Merk born 8/21/2013.

'08 **Ashley (Showers) Swett, BA**, and **Tyler Swett, BA '10**, Urbandale, son Jack Michael born 4/28/2014.

'11 **Andrew Rupe, BA**, and **Angie (White) Rupe, BA '11**, Marion, daughter Cecelia Teresa born 8/17/2014.

Deaths

'41 **Vernon Kirlin, 2-yr Cert., BA '46**, died 10/8/2014 in Mason City.

'41 **Ruth (Lambertson) Sanderson, BA**, died 7/30/2014 in Brighton, CO.

'46 **Ethel (Flom) Swanson, BA**, died 8/20/2014 in Kanawha.

'48 **Jean (Beeman) Schmid, BA**, died 7/27/2014 in Prescott Valley, AZ.

'50 **Donna (Whiting) Hillemann, BA**, died 7/22/2014 in Bloomington, MN.

'51 **Marjorie (Morton) Van Zante, BA**, died 7/26/2014 in Milwaukie, OR.

'58 **Roger Balsley, BA, MA '70**, died 9/26/2014 in Webster City.

'59 **Betty Harrison, BA**, died 6/6/2014.

'65 **Carol (Packard) Ellett, BA**, died 7/21/2014 in Corvallis, OR.

'68 **Carol (Hahn) Stallkamp, BA**, died 10/15/2013.

'69 **Martha Holvik, MA**, died 7/10/2014 in Cedar Falls.



CALENDAR *of events*

[JANUARY]

- 28 >> Tampa Alumni Reception, Tampa, FL
29 >> Naples Alumni Reception, Naples, FL

[FEBRUARY]

- 7 >> UNI Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, UNI
12 >> UNIAA Members Reception, GBPA
16 >> UNI Day at the Capitol, Des Moines

[MARCH]

- 5-8 >> Men's MVC Tournament, St. Louis, MO
12-15 >> Women's MVC Tournament, St. Charles, MO

[APRIL]

- 9 >> Twin Cities Alumni Reception, Excelsior, MN
23 >> Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception, Washington, D.C.

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August 19-27, 2015

Marvel at the storybook settings, deep-rooted history and canal-laced capitals of the Baltic as you sail aboard the elegant Oceania Cruises' Nautica, with stops in Finland, Russia, Estonia and Germany.

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