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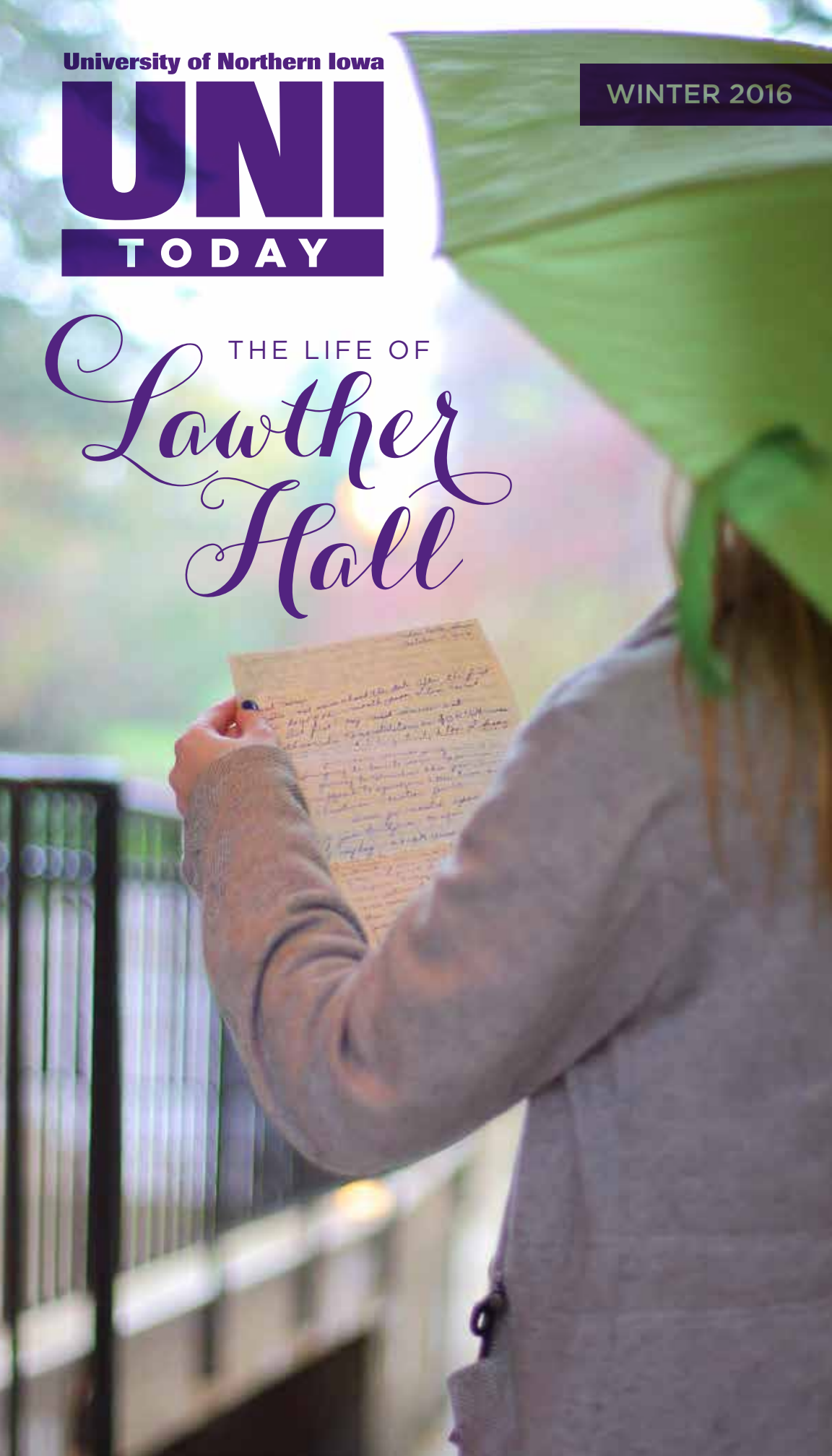
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TODAY

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THE LIFE OF *Lawther Hall*

1915

UNI's first residence hall, Bartlett, is completed. Female students can live in Bartlett or in boarding houses.

1937

More women's dormitories are needed because Bartlett is filled to capacity with 520 women; 300 are turned away due to lack of space.

1940

Lawther Hall opens for summer term. The hall is named for Anna Bell Lawther, the first woman appointed to the State Board of Education (now the Board of Regents, State of Iowa) and a distinguished leader in Iowa's women's suffrage movement.

1947

Construction begins on a Lawther addition that will house 200 more women and eliminate the three-to-a-room living situation in rooms made only for two.

1948

Students move into Lawther's addition in the fall.

1951

Lawther becomes crowded: Women who were to live in Campbell Hall in fall 1951 lived in Lawther until Campbell opened in fall 1952.

1952 - FORWARD

Significant repairs and renovations, such as a new roof and new windows, took place over the years. Lawther closed in May 2015 for a thorough renovation.

1980s - 90s

Rumors circulated about ghosts in Lawther, especially "Augie" who is thought to live in the attic.

2017

Lawther to reopen in August.



A Long-Lost Letter

The year was 1944. Co-ed Roberta Shudde sat at her desk in Lawther and wrote a letter to her friend Marge who was attending Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. In her letter Shudde talked about her studies, her job in the Commons and the Navy men who would soon be leaving campus to serve in World War II. Shudde's friend never read about those things, however, because the letter was never received.

The year was 2010. A student employee was sorting incoming mail in Lawther and found Shudde's letter among the others that were delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

"We can only speculate what could have happened," said Janet MacTaggart, Lawther's secretary at the time. "The theory is that the letter wasn't able to reach its destination. But for whatever reason, it may have ended up in a dead letter file at a post office and then was eventually returned to Lawther Hall 66 years later."

Shudde, who will turn 90 in February 2016, lives in Carmel, Calif., "just 88 steps from the Pacific Ocean," she said. Shudde enjoys taking Pilates classes, being part of a knitting group and traveling with her husband of 55 years, Rex. Shudde talks on the phone with her friend Marge, who lives in Florida, once a month.

A NEW LOOK FOR LAWTHER

On-campus housing has come a long way since the first residence hall opened in 1915 to house female students. Today, students have 10 different housing options, including single rooms, double rooms, suites and apartments.

In May 2015, UNI's last all-female residence hall, Lawther, closed for modernization to expand campus housing options and accommodate the changing needs of students. When Lawther reopens in August 2017, students will find co-ed single and double rooms, suite-style housing, semi-private restrooms and additional community space. Lawther will also be fully air-conditioned and include ADA accessibility and an elevator. **UNI**



A Bridge TO HIS Alma Mater

When “The Bridges of Madison County” by **Robert James Waller, B.A. '62 and M.A. '64**, hit stores in 1992, booksellers often placed it in the Iowa/Local section, thinking it was a nonfiction work about the numerous covered bridges in Winterset, Iowa.

The bridges are interesting to see, but why did readers suddenly want to learn more about them? Booksellers returned to the Iowa/Local section, read the book’s dust jacket and were surprised to learn “Bridges” is a love story between a woman living in Madison County, Iowa, and a National Geographic photographer from Washington state who was sent to Iowa to take photos of the covered bridges.

The book was immediately placed in the Fiction section. But it didn’t stay on the shelves long. Since its publication, “The Bridges of Madison County” has been published in 40 languages and is one of the best-selling books of all time – 50 million copies worldwide. “Bridges” was adapted into a feature film in 1995 starring Meryl Streep and Clint Eastwood, and its 2013 musical adaptation won two Tony awards.

“Bridges” was written by Robert James Waller, inaugural dean of UNI’s College of Business Administration and former UNI professor of management and economics. Last summer, Waller donated the book’s original manuscript to the university. The manuscript is housed and is currently on display in the Rod Library Special Collections and University Archives.

“Dr. Waller has affection and respect for the University of Northern Iowa,” said Noreen Hermansen, vice president of the Foundation. “He has chosen his alma mater to be the recipient of his papers, books and musical recordings. Dr. Waller embraces the liberal arts education and is pleased that his writings will be available for UNI students to study and learn from as they work toward their own chosen careers and dreams.” **UNI**

DETERMINATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS



CHUCK PUGH (FAR RIGHT) AND HIS BAND, THE ROLLS AND ROYCE TONES.

"We are the elite, the best of the best; the professors here are second to none," said **Chuck Pugh**, technical director of UNI's School of Music. Over the years, as a UNI employee and student, Pugh has seen firsthand the advances the school has made.

In fall 1988, Pugh began working for UNI as a janitor in the building service department. He received his bachelor of arts in 1997 and master of arts in 2000 from UNI.

The transition from janitor to student and now technical director was nothing short of an adventure for Pugh, the father of three daughters and a widower while working and going to school full time. Looking back, Pugh said that with determination, you can always find success.

Pugh loves collecting classic cars and playing with his band, The Rolls and Royce Tones. (The band is named after Pugh's 1970 Rolls-Royce

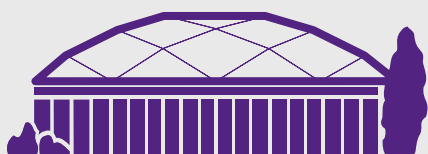
Silver Shadow Saloon.) Pugh loves to fix up his cars, maintain their detail and keep them clean. After all, they've got to look good for Classic Car Escorting Service, the business he runs with his wife, Willie Mae. Their cars are especially known for transporting wedding parties, and the Pughs travel year-round throughout the Midwest.

"ONCE YOU'VE FOUND YOUR PASSION AND LOVE, THE DETERMINATION AND SUCCESS WILL COME ALONG WITH IT."

Pugh also enjoys spending time with the people who mean the most to him: his family and students. Students become like extended family, and they work so closely with one another that Pugh has become like a second father to some. **UNI**



Celebrating 40 YEARS UNI-



The UNI-Dome is the only domed stadium in Iowa, and at the time it was built, one of only a handful of domed stadiums in the country.



The Dome was the university's first significant outcome of private fundraising since the construction of the campanile in 1926.

THE UNI-DOME THROUGH THE YEARS

JULY 26, 1974
Groundbreaking ceremony

FEBRUARY 7, 1976

First public event held in the UNI-Dome: Wrestling meet vs. University of Iowa — 10,214 people were in attendance

AUGUST 31, 1976
Dome grand opening

NOVEMBER 1976
First major concert featuring Chicago

DECEMBER 1, 1979
Fleetwood Mac plays to a record crowd of 25,500

OCTOBER 31, 1975
UNI-Dome inflated for first time

MAY 1976
First football game, Varsity vs. Alumni

SEPTEMBER 4, 1976
First intercollegiate football game, UNI vs. Northern Michigan

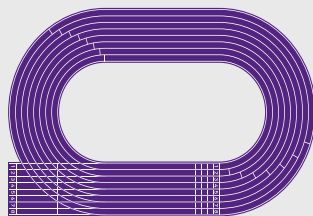
NOVEMBER 30, 1978
First women's basketball game played in the Dome



USERS OF THE DOME



The Dome is used for athletic events, concerts, recreation, exhibitions and a variety of community events.



The football surface can be rolled up to expose an all-purpose floor with an eight-lane running track.

JULY 1985

RAGBRAI stays overnight outside of the Dome

DECEMBER 7, 1994

Dome deflates after snow and ice cause a tear in the fabric roof

OCTOBER 1998

Dome reopens with new roof

SUMMER 2014

A 100' x 27' video board was installed at the south end of the UNI-Dome. The previous board replaced the north end scoreboard.

DECEMBER 1981

Rolling Stones concert

NOVEMBER 1989

First sell-out crowd at a football game – 16,324 people in attendance

MARCH 23, 1998

Dome deflated to begin construction of a new roof system

OCTOBER 2002

Video board installed



UNI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
TO HOST SECOND

Midwest

INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

The UNI School of Music will host the 2nd Midwest International Piano Competition on the UNI campus June 5-11, 2016. 2014 marked the inaugural celebration of this biennial, global piano competition. The event is open to outstanding youth and professional performing pianists and audience enthusiasts.

The 2014 competition featured 26 exceptional pianists from around the world, including Japan, China, Ukraine, Israel, Russia, South Korea, South Africa, the United States and more. Awards, including a \$10,000 cash prize, a recording contract and a management contract, were given to the top three finalists in both junior and senior categories, and six semifinalists in the senior category received honorable mention awards.

"The 2014 Midwest International Piano Competition at UNI was a world-class event in regard to the performers competing and the judges who adjudicated the event," said John Vallentine, director of the School of Music. "One of the wonderful aspects about music is being able to bring musicians together from around the world who are extremely dedicated and have a passion for music."

The 2016 competition promises to deliver the same high-caliber talent and mesmerizing performances, but with an extra edge due to a

new collaboration with the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra.

"The School of Music is very pleased to announce the addition of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony to perform with the finalists of the Midwest International Piano Competition at UNI," Vallentine noted. "This will bring the stature of our global competition to an even higher level, with Maestro [Jason] Weinberger conducting thrilling concertos for the audience and wonderful experiences for pianists building their professional careers."

Eric Larsen, Craig Sheppard and Nelita True, exceptional artists and educators, will serve as the jury panel for the competition.

Faculty artists Sean Botkin and Dmitri Vorobiev will once again serve as artistic directors for the competition. Considering the talent drawn to the competition in its first year, Botkin noted, "We were really thoroughly impressed with [the 2014] applicants," adding that the junior-level applicants were especially impressive. "They were playing repertoires beyond their years with so much maturity." Applications for 2016 are now open and all materials are due by March 15, 2016.

For more information, visit
midwestpianocompetition.com.

Celebrating 15 Seasons

For UNI's School of Music, the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center was the performance space that allowed students to rise to regional and national prominence. For the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra, it provided a venue and home that was as good as their playing. For the UNI Artist Series, it provided a venue capable of hosting world-class talent and cutting-edge shows.

Fifteen years later, the symphony has grown to serve both their traditional audience and a growing new audience; the School of Music has grown in size, quality and reputation; and the artist series has brought world-famous performers from genres ranging from modern dance to top-10 country.

Of course, the Gallagher Bluedorn didn't spring into existence from nowhere. It was built on the shoulders of giants. Ed Gallagher and Carl Bluedorn are, of course, the most obvious of the building's patrons with their generosity in leading

the way and guiding the center's decisions. There were also quieter heroes without whom the Gallagher Bluedorn would not be what it is.

And then there are the folks who constructed this one-of-a-kind structure. Masons, electricians, carpenters, architects, acousticians – all of them building one of the most complicated buildings of their career, some of them negotiating the unique construction of a performance venue for the first time.

Now we embark on our next 15 years: a new logo, new mix of programming and a mission that builds on strengths and takes us to new levels. The truth is that people are mistaken when they think of the Gallagher Bluedorn as a building. The Gallagher Bluedorn is and will be a place where things happen. A place where: artists and audiences, symphonies and educators, communities and creativity, come together to grow. **UNI**



GALLAGHER BLUEDORN
University of Northern Iowa



FROM COLLEGIAN TO CONSULTANT

Lucy Kapsch, B.A. '15, joined UNI's Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) community during her freshman year. Little did she know that four years later she would be one of just 15 collegiate members within Gamma Phi Beta Sorority chosen to become a collegiate leadership consultant (CLC).

As a CLC, Kapsch travels to Gamma Phi chapters across the country and spends four or five days on campus meeting with chapter officers as well as those interested in pursuing leadership positions. She also helps with member recruitment preparations and provides resources to guide chapters to success.

" Oftentimes, I'm able to facilitate educational programming for the entire chapter to participate in, which is something I absolutely love to do and am very passionate about," said Kapsch.

While at UNI, Kapsch served as her chapter's president, public relations vice president, corresponding secretary, and as an FSL recruitment counselor. "Joining Gamma Phi Beta changed my college career and experience and helped define my role in life," she said.

On a broader scale, Kapsch was one of 12 Gamma Phi chapter presidents across the country selected to serve on the sorority's international advisory board, working with Gamma Phi Beta's international president.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to network with other chapter presidents and make connections with International Council members in leading our collegiate chapters to success," she said.

After her time on the road (Kapsch can serve in her position for up to two years), she hopes to obtain a master's degree in higher education/ student affairs and help college students find their passions and realize their potential. "I've had a lot of great mentors, and I want to help students in that capacity too."

Although she's only a few months into her CLC position, this high-flying young professional is quick to note that her alma mater played a significant role in her success.

Kapsch said, "I will be forever grateful for my time at such a wonderful institution that has definitely set me up for success." **UNI**

HAPPY MEDIUM—

Well Done

A “happy medium” is a midway point between two extremes. In the business world, for example, a company could create an internal marketing department, or it could hire a large advertising agency under a multiyear contract. But if a firm could offer all of the services of a large, full-service agency on an as-needed basis, it could serve as an extension of a businesses’ internal team – in other words, a happy medium.

That was the thinking behind the Des Moines marketing/advertising agency Happy Medium, which was launched by **Katie Patterson, B.A. '04**, in 2011.

“We are fortunate to work with clients of all sizes,” said Patterson, whose clients include Kum & Go, Mattress Firm and Bankers Trust.

In August 2015, Happy Medium was ranked the fastest-growing private company in Iowa and No. 591 on the Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing companies in the U.S., released by Inc. magazine. The rankings were based on Happy Medium’s three-year revenue growth of 781 percent. The average company on the Inc. 5000 list achieved a three-year growth of 490 percent.

“We have an incredibly talented team,” said Patterson, whose agency has an annual revenue of \$3.8 million. “We still operate in a nice middle ground where we are large enough to deliver ‘big agency’ results yet small enough to react quickly and provide a personalized service customers are used to from boutique firms.”

Prior to launching Happy Medium, Patterson worked as an account coordinator for a Des Moines marketing agency and then as an



account executive for a Des Moines television station. “There, I learned the ropes of media buying. Five years later, I came to the realization that customers needed an honest champion to help them navigate this often confusing, but important, aspect of marketing,” she said.

Patterson’s initial goal was to exclusively focus on media buying and digital marketing, but the demand for diversified offerings fueled her company to expand. “We’ve found that people have really responded to our honest, partnership-first approach that allows clients to take advantage of as many of our services as they need as well as exceeding their business goals,” said Patterson.

While at UNI, working toward her degree in electronic media with a journalism minor, Patterson was a reporter for the Northern Iowan and an on-air talent for KULT Radio.

“Coming from a small town in rural Iowa, I found UNI to be an ideal size,” she said. “It was large enough to provide all of the professional and educational resources I needed to grow, yet accessible enough to grow as a young adult.” **UNI**



— 2015 — **HALL OF FAME**

The University of Northern Iowa Department of Athletics inducted seven individuals and the 1960 Panther football team into its 2015 Athletics Hall of Fame.

This year's Hall of Fame includes: **Jason Daisy, B.A. '97**, men's basketball; **Greg McDermott, B.A. '88**, men's basketball; **Jody (Dean) McKowen, B.A. '99**, softball; **Nic Ungs, B.A. '01**, baseball; **Shannon (Perry) Wieland, B.A. '99**, volleyball; **Josh Mahoney, B.A. '09**, football; the **1960 Panther football team**; and **David Kohrs**, who received the Dr. Jitu D. Kothari Meritorious Service Award.



2015-16

UNI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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The UNI Alumni Board is made up of at least 25 members serving three-year terms. If interested in serving, please contact Leslie Prideaux at leslie.prideaux@uni.edu.



UNI TEAM DOUGH

Show your Panther Pride in the sweetest way possible with University of Northern Iowa Team Dough. Treat yourself with this decorated sugar cookie kit featuring edible Panther logos. A portion of each kit sold helps fund programs and services for alumni and students.

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New Makerspace

Transforms Ideas from Thoughts into Reality

Imagine a place strictly for creating, an area full of tools and technology whose sole purpose is to assist in the conception of new ideas and innovations. This vision is on its way to becoming a reality due to the efforts of Cedar Valley Makers, Inc., a nonprofit organization devoted to providing access to the tools needed to develop creative design and encourage collaborative learning for people of all ages.

Cedar Valley Makers, Inc. is in the process of converting 5,000 square feet of space in the TechWorks building, located in Waterloo, into a "Makerspace." The shop will have a variety of resources, including a wood shop, metal shop, 3-D printers, an electronics work space and more. The space will be available for anyone to rent and to use the equipment while there, and after-school and student programs will be offered for the community.

One of the visionaries and members of the board of directors for Cedar Valley Makers, Inc. is Vice President Taylor Morris, a senior majoring in business management. "UNI has been a phenomenal resource while getting the Cedar Valley Makerspace up and running," said Morris. "Promoting networking opportunities and having many of the faculty and staff willing and eager to offer advice, answer questions and assist with the planning have all been major parts UNIBusiness played in our planning phase."

Cedar Valley Makers, Inc. has been a collaborative effort among people who care about the education and advancement of others. One of the company's main goals is to "boost interest in the STEM-related activities at a younger age with hands-on projects, group projects, and general exposure to various great things out there [in order to] potentially captivate interest in these areas at a much younger age," Morris explained.

The Makerspace is anticipated to be up and running this year, due in part to the funding help from the McElroy Trust, who is matching up to \$20,000 of what the entrepreneurs raise. "With the potential to benefit students, local business, new start-ups, inventors, entrepreneurs, tinkerers and hobbyists, [the influence of the Makerspace is] almost unlimited," asserted Morris. **UNI**

Can you imagine finding your absolute passion in elementary school versus waiting until college? Not to say everyone will experience this, but it will be such a great preparation for a general exposure to these STEM-related fields.



Taylor Morris is a UNI senior majoring in business management.

FIND YOUR WAY TO PURPLE



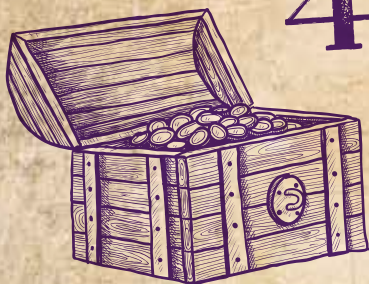
1. IGNITE YOUR CAREER

Utilize the UNI Job and Internship Board to reach your occupational goals.



4. SAVE MONEY

Enjoy members-only discounts at UNI athletic events, the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, retailers, hotels, restaurants in the Cedar Valley and entertainment venues throughout the Midwest.



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FOR LIFE!



2. ALUMNI NETWORKING

Meet new people, make connections and enhance relationships at UNI alumni events throughout the year.



3. RECONNECT WITH CLASSMATES

Get exclusive access to the online alumni directory to find classmates and old friends.



5. BECAUSE YOU ARE PURPLE FOR LIFE!

Join the UNI Alumni Association to help preserve the spirit and traditions at the University of Northern Iowa.



Join today at unialum.org.

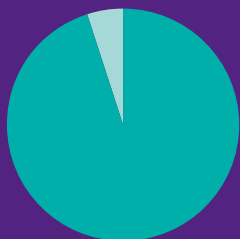
Right fit. Right investment. Right here.



Choosing to attend college is a big investment, and it's one of the most personally rewarding and demanding challenges of a student's life. Needless to say, college requires a financial investment as well.

The University of Northern Iowa is a great value for a student's investment of time and money. UNI combines an outstanding education with the lowest student debt of any four-year public institution in Iowa. In fact, for the third year in a row, UNI was ranked in the top 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges" by Kiplinger's Personal Finance. We pride ourselves on our combination of strong academics at the lowest possible cost for students.

At UNI, nearly 85 percent of our students receive some form of financial assistance. The knowledgeable staff in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships clearly explain financial aid options, demystify the aid process and ensure that everything possible is done to help with the cost of attending college.



97%

of UNI's 2014 grads are employed or continuing their education



9/10

grads from Iowa stayed in Iowa



2/3

grads who leave Iowa indicate they want to return in the future



UNI 2015 *Distinguished Awards*

UNI alumni and friends were recognized for their professional accomplishments and service to the university during the Distinguished Awards Celebration on Nov. 20, 2015.

HERITAGE HONOURS AWARDS RECIPIENTS

JOHN TALLEY, B.A. '74
Alumni Achievement Award

SUE CALEY, B.A. '81
Alumni Service Award

ANDY VAN FLEET, B.A. '98
Young Alumnus Award

STAN AND ROSE LORENZ
Honorary Alumni Award

PRESIDENT'S PHILANTHROPY AWARD RECIPIENTS

MICHAEL ARMBRECHT, B.A. '90
Emerging Philanthropy Award

WILLIAM H. THRALL
Faculty and Staff Award

TRANSAMERICA
Corporation and Foundation Award



The University of Northern Iowa Foundation crowdfunding platform, **PAWprint**, had major successes throughout its first year on campus.

PAWprint allows student organizations to better utilize their social capital and the power of social media to fundraise by providing an online profile and mentoring from UNI staff.

Throughout its first year, many student organizations used PAWprint to enhance their fundraising efforts. Many groups exceeded their goals and impacted the entire campus community.

The platform hosted seven projects in its first year, raising \$33,245. Three successful projects included:



PANTHER MARCHING BAND

PMB raised funds for its trip to perform at the 2015 London New Year's Day Parade. The group exceeded its goal of \$7,500 by raising \$7,635 over a 30-day campaign. PMB was able to have the trip of a lifetime and perform in front of 600,000 spectators and 300 million television viewers. They showed the world what it means to be Purple for Life.



UNI WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

PAWprint teamed up with the UNI women's basketball program to complete its new locker room suite. The team was able to create a Champions Club wall, showcase former student-athletes, enhance its film room and locker room, and create an Academic Excellence wall. The team raised \$10,810 in 30 days, surpassing its goal of \$10,000. The team utilizes this space to enhance both their game and academic success.



ART FOR EL SALVADOR

Through its PAWprint campaign, Art for El Salvador sent students to El Salvador to visit a school the organization had built through three years of fundraising efforts. The 30-day campaign covered room and board so the students could host the new school's ribbon cutting. They spread UNI's love of education to students in need and broadened their academic experience to impact their own future students.

Each of these organizations worked toward their fundraising goals by reaching out to their friends, family and the community. This type of fundraising meets project goals by pooling small amounts of money together from large numbers of people. This signifies the true meaning of every dollar making a difference.

Moving into its second year, the program will begin to work with faculty and staff members. This will create opportunities for many new projects, and we look forward to seeing their success!

Read more success stories at
uni-foundation.org.



February 22-26, the entire Panther family will come together to promote and impact the university. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends will join forces to ensure the University of Northern Iowa is able to provide transformational experiences to students for years to come.

We Are One has helped students like Juana Hollingsworth

Funds from the We Are One UNI initiative have made a significant difference in the lives of UNI students through scholarships, gifts and opportunities.

Juana Hollingsworth is a junior from Waterloo majoring in social work. Schoolwork wasn't always easy for Juana. She couldn't read until the summer of second grade, so she would have someone read a story to her and then she would memorize what was said.

Throughout the years, Juana was placed in numerous tutoring and one-on-one programs because of her academic delay.

After attending UNI-CUE programs in the summer and Upward Bound, Juana decided to attend UNI where she has flourished. In addition to her classwork, Juana is involved in the Black Student Union and Ethnic Student Promoters where she has improved her networking skills.

Juana's goal is to help others in her professional career, as she hopes to work with middle and high school-aged children. She wouldn't be on her way to success without the support of the UNI community.

Join your fellow Panthers during We Are One UNI, and make an impact on the lives of current and future UNI students!



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Alumni Webinars

JANUARY

- 6 Interview Like Yourself ... No, Really! Your Strengths and Skill (CS)
- 13 Networking is Not Working: Stop Collecting Business Cards (CD)
- 20 Robots Will Steal Your Job. Tricks to Survive. (CSkills)
- 27 Retire Smart, Retire Happy: Finding Your True Path in Life (CE)

APRIL

- 6 How to Make an Attitude Adjustment to Get the Job You Want (CS)
- 13 The Leadership Challenge: How to Make Extraordinary Things (CD)
- 20 Becoming an Effective Mentoring Leader (CSkills)
- 27 Roadmap to the Rest of Your Life (CE)

FEBRUARY

- 3 How to Write Better Resumes and Cover Letters (CS)
- 10 Rise: 3 Practical Steps for Advancing Your Career (CD)
- 17 Anticipate: The Art of Leading by Looking Ahead (CSkills)
- 24 Life Reimagined: Discovering Your New Life Possibilities (CE)

MAY

- 4 Cut the Crap, Get a Job! (CS)
- 11 Harnessing the Power of Word of Mouth and Social Media (CD)

JUNE

- 1 Managing Brand You (CS)

The UNI Alumni Association has partnered with TalentMarks to line up the nation's top career authors who will host webinars to give you the knowledge you need to transition into any stage of your career – from student to retirement!



For more information on each webinar and to register, go to alumnicareerservices.org/uni/Home.aspx.

IOTA WEBINARS

The Alumni Association has a new program that is designed to put you in control of your finances. We asked Iota, a premier financial educator, to create an online financial education and coaching program for UNI alumni.

Gain access to a comprehensive financial wellness program, presented by the premier wellness coaches of Iota. Program modules include: an individualized financial assessment, webinars, informative content, Q&A forums and one-on-one email coaching. Don't miss your chance to shore up your financial fitness through this program.



MARCH

- 2 Manage Your Job Search (CS)
- 9 Inspired & Unstoppable: Wildly Succeeding in Your Life's Work! (CD)
- 16 Business Relationships That Last: Five Steps to Transform Contacts (CSkills)
- 23 Retirement Basics: Help for Broke Baby Boomers (CE)

WEBINAR KEY

Career Search (CS): Provides alumni with a foundation to build a new category of services, programming and tools. Will benefit recent grads, unemployed alumni and alumni who are planning job changes within the next couple of years.

Career Discussions (CD): Introduces to alumni top authors who focus on issues working alumni face.

Career Skills (CSkills): Introduces to alumni top authors who share "soft skills" managers say many of us lack.

Career Encore (CE): Features authors who focus on issues baby boomers will face as they prepare for and enter their retirement years.

All modules are affordably priced and offered online, so you can participate whenever and wherever it's most convenient for you.

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UNI TO HOST ACTRESS & NEUROSCIENTIST

Mayim Bialik

Actress and neuroscientist **Mayim Bialik** will speak at UNI's Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2016, as part of the Joy Cole Corning Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series.

Bialik is well known for her lead role as Blossom Russo in the early-1990s sitcom "Blossom" and now appears regularly as neurobiologist Amy Farrah Fowler on "The Big Bang Theory" for which she has received three Emmy nominations.



Hello Panthers,

I am sure most of you have heard it. I am certain all of you exhibit the traits. I bet most of us are proud of the attributes. Iowa Nice. I have always been proud to be an Iowan, and I have always been taught to be nice. So what's wrong with being Iowa Nice? We're too nice and we're too modest. Stop it! Our UNI graduates are amazing and UNI is too great to be a "hidden gem" or a "best-kept secret."

UNI is one of the best universities in the Midwest according to The Princeton Review. The College of Business Administration is consistently noted as one of the "Best Business Schools." We're also named as one of the top 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges" by Kiplinger's Personal Finance.

UNI grads give back to the state of Iowa – nine out of 10 graduates from Iowa stay in the state. If they do leave the state following graduation, two-thirds plan to return to raise their families. Talk about impacting the state!


You know what your experience at UNI did for you. Share it! Shuck your Iowa Nice just this once and brag to your friends, neighbors and representatives that your institution is one of the best!

GO PANTHERS!

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

CLASS NOTES

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 unialum.org/submit-class-notes.

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

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1940s

'47 Mildred (Jacobs) Traugott, BA, Bradenton, FL, retired after 29 years of teaching and now has a second career selling real estate.

'48 Rosie (Maiden) Bolstad, BA, Bremerton, WA, continues to work on her upcoming release "Remembering Bernie" in honor of her late husband, as well as two other recording projects.

1950s

'50 Ted Herbst, BA, Germantown, WI, is enjoying retirement and summers in Rhinelander, WI, at their summer home on Lake Thompson.

'54 Clara (O'Neal) Hanline, 2-yr Cert., Onawa, is a community volunteer for the Burgess Health Center Hospital, West Monona School and Onawa United Methodist Church.

'56 David Madden, BA, Black Mountain, NC, published a new book of essays titled "The Tangled Web of the Civil War and Reconstruction: Readings and Writings from a Novelist's Perspective."

'56 Phyllis (Chantland) Skinner, BA, Goldfield, is growing old gracefully! She's enjoying visiting grandchildren in California and planning the 63rd high school reunion for Humboldt.

1960s

'60 James Riggs, BA, Hilton Head Island, SC, published his first novel titled "Freedom Run," which depicts the story of four escaped prisoners attempting to establish new lives and avoid the law.

'64 Mary Jane (McCall) Jacobson, BA, Cedar Rapids, published her autobiography "We Become What We Think We Can Be."

'65 Larry Gabe, BA, Salem, SC, published a book titled "Little Things win Big Games." The book is about baseball fundamentals and fine points about the game that are no longer taught.

'67 Phyllis (Harmon) Fisher-Peet, BA, Cedar Rapids, retired from doing taxes for H&R Block for 28 years. Her husband, Jerry, also recently retired from Mercy Hospital.

'69 Carol (Dalton) Schuster, BA, De Witt, was inducted into the VIP Woman of the Year Circle by the National Association of Professional Women.

1970s

'70 Linda (Frey) Bayliss, BA, Iowa City, is a guidance counselor at Tri-County School in Thornburg. Linda also serves as organist at Geneso (Illinois) Congregational Church.

'71 Steven Ainsworth, BA, MA '75, Pensacola, FL, retired after 44 years of band directing and moved to Florida to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Because teaching has been his occupation and hobby, he will be teaching music education courses two days per week at Pensacola Christian College.

'71 Edward Blumer, BA, Effingham, IL, recently enjoyed an Alaskan Cruise.

'72 Tom Sandholm, BA, Grinnell, retired in 2012 following 40 years of teaching instrumental music in Bennett, Montezuma and Grinnell.


'72 Maureen (Shields) White, BA, MA '79, Cedar Falls, is president of the Iowa chapter of the American Association of University Women.

'74 Joan Haack, BA, Ankeny, retired from teaching at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

'74 James Miller, BM, MA '77, Ames, is retired and stays busy volunteering at an elementary school, working with Scouts, teaching Sunday school and giving guitar lessons.

'74 Kathleen (Haley) Taylor, BA, Knoxville, retired from Evans Middle School in Ottumwa and now substitute teaches in schools near Knoxville. She also enjoys helping with the St. Anthony choir, Knoxville Community Chorus and Pella City Band.

'75 David Poggenklass, BA, Guttenberg, entertains at 35 to 40 retirement homes, assisted living facilities and care centers each month. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family (including five grandchildren), golfing and fishing.

 **'76 Mitch Christensen, BA**, Scottsdale, AZ, is a member of the steering committee for the Federal Reserve's Faster Payments task force.

'76 Jerry Hartmann, BA, Medina, WA, retired after 37 years with Safeco Insurance company. He held numerous leadership roles within the organization and retired as the vice president of litigation and corporate compliance.


'78 Ardith (Steinbronn) Rustad, BA, Spencer, retired from teaching.

1980s

'80 Russell Alexander, BM, Festus, MO, is now Rev. Alexander and has been a pastor since July 2014.

'80 Teresa (Keefe) O'Meara, BA, MA '91, Traer, is an elementary school counselor, adjunct instructor for counseling graduate programs and a PADI scuba dive master.

'82 Scott Youngstrom, BA, Deephaven, MN, was named vice president for finance and chief financial officer at Galil Medical in Arden Hills, MN. The company is a pioneer and global leader in innovative cryotherapy ablation solutions.

 **'83 Judy (Herrick) Haven, BA**, Cedarburg, WI, is a tax manager with SVA Certified Public Accountants in Brookfield, WI.

 **'84 Matthew Haven, BA**, Cedarburg, WI, is president of Telsmith Inc., a manufacturer of mineral processing equipment for the aggregate and mining industries.

'84 Anne Healy, BFA, Mansfield, TX, is an assistant professor in the department of theatre arts at the University of Texas at Arlington. She is the director of the new BFA musical theatre program and has served as stage director and music director for multiple full-scale productions at the University of Texas and for the Dallas Theatre Center.

'85 Debra (Bruhn) Hedden, MA, EdD '97, Lawrence, KS, is professor and director of music education at the University of Kansas. She received the prestigious Byron T. Shutz Excellence in Teaching Award in 2011, was promoted to full professor in 2014 and published "Threading the Concept," a text for general music methods courses, in 2010.

'86 Sara (Walker) Etzel, BA, Saint Paul, MN, is the director of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and career and technical education (CTE) for the Minneapolis Public Schools. She oversees the K through 12 continuum of educational opportunities for 35,000 students.

'86 Austin Jones, BA, Grinnell, is the proud new grandfather of Jaxon Nicholas McCulley, born 3/11/15.

'86 Dan Rouse, BA, Cedar Rapids, is the creative services manager for OnMedia. He has been with the company since 1993 and frequently hires interns and full-time producers from UNI's communications and electronic media program.

'86 Debra Shapiro, BA, Suffolk, VA, is past president of the Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association (VTEEA). In 2012 she received the Presidential Citation for her work as the chairperson of the Electronics Communication Committee and her work to create a members-only portal to share teaching strategies within the VTEEA.

'87 Craig Miller, BA, Bernalillo, NM, is a worship pastor at Sagebrush Community Church in Albuquerque, NM. He became a full-time worship pastor after switching from a career in business. He has greatly used his marketing management degree and minor in music from UNI.

'87 Darla (Ketelsen) Parks, BA, North Liberty, was promoted to associate partner at Solum Lang Architects in Cedar Rapids. She was previously a commercial interior designer for the firm for seven years.

'87 Teri (Linn) Sporer, BA, Runnells, recently became the newest voting shareholder of Holmes Murphy, an independent insurance brokerage firm.

'88 Jeffrey Liebermann, BA, Iowa City, is the assistant vice president for main campus development at the University of Iowa Foundation.

'88 Greg McDermott, BA, Omaha, NE, was inducted into the UNI Athletics Hall of Fame on 9/12/15.

'88 Dennis Smithe, BA, MA '05, Waverly, has been employed with Lutheran Services in Iowa since 1997 and has been director of residential services since 2014.

1990s

'90 Jody (Ploeger) Ingwersen, BM, Spirit Lake, is the middle school band director for grades five through eight at Spirit Lake Community Schools.

 **'90 Jon Shepherd, BA**, Irving, TX, is a partner at Holland & Knight LLP in Dallas, TX. He practices in the commercial litigation section with an emphasis on arbitration and antitrust litigation.

'91 Jeffrey Rathmell, BS, Nashville, TN, was named a professor of pathology, microbiology and immunology at Vanderbilt University and will serve as the co-leader of the Host Tumor Interactions Research Program at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center.

'91 Kim (Meyer) Rathmell, BS, Nashville, TN, was named director of Vanderbilt University's division of hematology and oncology.

'92 Robert Durian, BA, Sun Prairie, WI, was promoted to vice president, chief accounting officer and controller for Alliant Energy Corporation.

'92 Brian Ortman, BA, BA '96, MA '02, Waterloo, is the principal at Cedar Heights Elementary School in Cedar Falls. He was previously the assistant director of human resources for the Waterloo schools.

'93 Tim Salmon, BA, Johnston, was named superintendent/principal for the United Community School District.

'93 Angela (Swenson) Schnurstein, BA, Ankeny, is an at-risk teacher at Prairie Ridge Middle School in the Ankeny School District.



SAVE THE DATE: UNI DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE

The university will host UNI Day at the Statehouse from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22, at the Iowa Capitol in Des Moines. The event will highlight UNI programs and inform legislators about the impact UNI has on the state. Please join us to tell your UNI story.



THEATRE UNI REUNION

TheatreUNI will host a reunion Friday, Feb. 26, through Saturday, Feb. 27. Festivities will begin at 8 p.m. Friday with an opening reception and continue on Saturday with dinner, a performance of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" and a post-show reception.

unialum.org/events/theatre-reunion



'93 Mark Schnurstein, BA, Ankeny, is a teacher learning coach at Hiatt Middle School in the Des Moines School District.

'94 Timothy Crumley, BA, Marion, is a freelance drummer and percussionist. He recently performed with numerous ensembles throughout Iowa, including an appearance with Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack at the Gallagher Bluedorn.

'94 Aaron Hansen, BM, MM '04, Cedar Falls, teaches K through sixth-grade general music at Cedar Heights Elementary School. This follows 16 years at Waverly-Shell Rock.

'94 Jay Judas, BA, Boston, MA, was named managing director with Crown Global Insurance Group LLC.

'94 Sonia (Cuvelier) Walsh, BA, Carroll, is very appreciative of her theatre education from UNI. Last year she opened an acting studio in Carroll for kindergarten through high school kids.

'96 Jeff Smith, BM, New York, NY, celebrated a development workshops performance of his new one-act opera "Why is Eartha Kitt Trying to Kill Me?" at the American Lyric Theater in New York. The workshop was met with high praise and critical acclaim.

'97 Jason Daisy, BA, Minneapolis, MN, was inducted into the UNI Athletics Hall of Fame on 9/12/15.

'97 Chad Goings, BA, Washington, is president of Rolling Hills Consulting Services, which provides archaeological, GIS and mapping services. His wife serves as vice president.

'98 Linda (Reines) Ferjak, MM, Forest City, was honored with the Outstanding High School Teacher award at the Wartburg College commencement ceremony. She is currently with Bishop Garrigan Schools in Algona.

'98 Kelly (Smith) Pelzel, BA, North Liberty, received the Alfred Healy Award in Developmental Disabilities from the Center for Disabilities and Development, a part of University of Iowa Children's Hospital.

'99 Jody (Dean) McKowen, BA, Cedar Rapids, was inducted into the UNI Athletics Hall of Fame on 9/12/15.

'99 Nate Noble, BA, Clive, was named by The Des Moines Register as one of "15 People to Watch in 2015." He is currently the director of Blank Children's Hospital's new Children's Development Center.

'99 Melissa Edsill Tiedemann, BA, Solon, was promoted to project principal with Stanley Consultants. She is responsible for business development, client relations and project oversight for industrial environmental clients.

2000s

'00 Beth (Tracey) Goings, BA, Washington, is vice president of Rolling Hills Consulting Services, which provides archaeological, GIS and mapping services. Her husband serves as president.

'00 Amanda Schroder, BA, Minneapolis, MN, is the manager of individual giving for the Minnesota Orchestra.

'00 Shannon (Perry) Wieland, BA, West Des Moines, was inducted into the UNI Athletics Hall of Fame on 9/12/15.

'01 Mike Diekman, BA, Rochester, MN, is a social studies teacher with Houston, MN, public schools.

Danielle [Sjostrom] Eastman, B.A. '01, M.A. '06, is the founder of Kaya Fitness in Cedar Falls. In creating a dance practice known as Kaya, she draws from 17 years' experience teaching fitness classes, dance, yoga, martial arts and somatics.

'01 Joseph Fernau, BA, BA '03, Wellman, and wife Carmen have three children: Levi (born 9/23/10), Ruby (born 10/8/12) and Sadie (born 5/2/14).

'01 Greg Kopp, BA, was promoted to executive director at Ernst & Young LLP. He is a member of the firm's assurance practice, focusing on financial statement assurance services.

'01 Allysen (Edwards) Lovstuen, BA, MA '06, Waukon, was named one of the 108 recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching for 2015. She is currently a math teacher at Decorah High School.

'01 TJ Lucero, BA, San Jose, CA, left John Deere after 15 years to join the iPhones Operations group with Apple in Cupertino, CA.

'04 Eugenia Furneaux, BA, Brooklyn, NY, is the producing supervisor at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. She received an MFA in scenic design from the University of Arizona 2007 and was previously an adjunct assistant professor at Laguardia Community College.

'04 Benjamin Klemme, BM, Davenport, was promoted to associate conductor with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra. He conducts pops, family and education concerts, and has been invited to lead the QCISO's subscription concerts in March 2016.

'05 Roxanne (Shontz) Heimann, BA, MA '07, Dike, won the Iowa Communication Association's Outstanding Adjunct Teacher Award for 2015. She is currently teaching in UNI's Department of Communication Studies.

'04 Katie Patterson, BA, Des Moines, is the founder and owner of Happy Medium, which was ranked by Inc. magazine as the fastest-growing private company in Iowa in 2015. It is a full-service à la carte advertising agency.

'06 Christian Anderson, BM, Chicago, IL, enjoys a busy performance calendar each year, including performances with the Milwaukee Symphony, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, South Bend Symphony and numerous regional and Chicagoland orchestras.

'06 Kevin Ernzen, BA, Chicago, IL, is an account executive for higher education with Salesforce.com, selling digital marketing products to colleges and universities in 24 states and Canada. And UNI is part of his territory!

'06 Brett Forkner, BA, Wheat Ridge, CO, is an environmental scientist with LT Environmental, which provides site assessments, compliance environmental remediation and engineering solutions.

 **'06 Brenda Liddle, BM,** Waterloo, teaches full time in the Waterloo schools.

'06 Anna (Hass) Ranbarger, BA, Center Point, is an elementary teacher in the Cedar Rapids School District. She has been married to her high school sweetheart for more than 11 years and they have two children ages 6 and 9.

'06 Sarah (Duvel) Rueber, BM, MA '10, Cedar Falls, was named worship director for Orchard Hill Church's two campuses in Grundy County. She also does scriptwriting and provides administrative support for Around the Corner Productions.

'06 David Schmitz, BFA, Dubuque, was named executive director of the Dubuque Museum of Art.

'07 Wei-erh Chen, BA, West Des Moines, joined the Davis Brown Law Firm as an associate in the business division.

'08 Ben Hammes, BA, Clive, was named the communications director for Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds.

'08 Kelly Keegan, BA, MA '13, Cedar Falls, was selected for a 10-month fellowship project teaching English in the Philippines. She is one of 165 U.S. citizens selected for the 2015-16 English Language Fellow Program.

'09 Kati Cox, BM, Cisne, IL, recently wrapped up her work at Centralia High School in Illinois to pursue a doctoral program at the University of Texas. The music program at Centralia grew substantially under her direction.

'09 Jeff Fountain, BM, Cedar Rapids, is a band teacher at College Community School.

'09 Josh Mahoney, BA, Chicago, IL, was inducted into the UNI Athletics Hall of Fame on 9/12/15 as the inaugural Merlin Taylor Academic Hall of Fame award recipient.



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2010s

'10 Jordan Dunn, BA, MSW '11,

Waterloo, received an Individual Volunteer Award as part of the Governor's Volunteer Awards for his work with the mentoring program through Lutheran Services in Iowa.

'10 Michael Thursby, MM, Owatonna, MN, is the director of athletic bands and percussion at Minnesota State University Mankato.

'11 Jenny (Peters) Adam, BM, New Hampton, is entering her fourth year of teaching. She is the band teacher at the beginning/middle school level and feels fortunate to be able to collaborate with her husband, the high school band teacher, and build a program from the ground up.

'11 Lizzie Boeck, BA, Brooklyn, NY, was named assistant coach for New York University's women's basketball team. She is responsible for scouting and post-player development.

'11 Hannah Leffler, MM, Denton, TX, won the University of North Texas Concerto Competition in fall 2014. As a competition winner, she performed with the UNT Symphony Orchestra on 3/11/15.

'11 Allison Offerman, BA, Coralville, completed her master's degree in oboe performance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2013 and is now finishing her last year of DMA coursework at the University of Iowa. She has taught at the Five Seasons Chamber Music Festival in Cedar Rapids for two years and teaches weekly woodwind lessons at the Marion Music Academy in addition to her private studio.

'12 Isaac Brockshus, BM, Charlotte, NC, traveled to Maccagno, Italy, in summer 2015 for the premiere of his piece "Cognates for Trumpet and Marimba."


'12 Michelle (Meyer) Buddenberg, BA, Castalia, is the director of student accounts at Upper Iowa University.

'12 James Healy, BM, Jefferson, is the vocal music director at Waterloo West High School for grades nine through 12.

'12 Samantha Kantak, BM, MM '14, Webster City, won the University of North Texas Concerto Competition in fall 2014. As a competition winner, she performed with the UNT Symphony Orchestra on 3/11/15.

'12 Liz Sedlacek, BA, BA '14, Spirit Lake, works in product development

at Powers Athletic Manufacturing in Waterloo, developing athletic uniforming.

 **'12 Spencer Walrath, BA,** Arlington, VA, is a consultant in the energy and natural resources practice of FTI Consulting's strategic communications division.

'13 Tyler Avis, BA, Columbia, MO, is a planning aide/GIS tech with the city of Columbia, MO.

'13 Erica Canfield, BA, Cedar Rapids, is a manager at Premier Staffing in Waterloo. She opened this office in January 2014.

'13 Jordan Leckband, BM, Guthrie Center, is the choral director at Guthrie Center. The GCHS Choir traveled to Des Moines in December 2014 to perform the National Anthem at the Iowa Wild hockey game.

'13 Cory McDonald, MA, New Hampton, was honored with the Outstanding High School Teacher award at the Wartburg College commencement ceremony. He is currently a social studies teacher at Hew Hampton High School.

'14 Brett Delaney, MA, Ankeny, was named the 2015 Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Iowa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

'14 Rebecca Gronewold, BS, BA '14, Ackley, participated in an AmeriCorps internship in Knoxville, TN. The program used Google technologies to map hiking trails.

'14 Olivia Randolph, BA, Cedar Falls, works in human resources and as the administrative assistant for the UNI Culture and Intensive English Program. She also serves as an assistant at the Hearst Center for the Arts where she raises funds for music student scholarships and also recently launched the Lunchtime Concert Series featuring UNI student musicians.

'14 Claudia Restrepo, MM, Salt Lake City, UT, conducted the Utah Philharmonic in their spring 2015 performances of Prokofiev's "Cinderella." She is currently pursuing her doctorate of musical arts at the University of Utah and was accepted into a competitive conducting competition in London for summer 2015.

'14 Nick Wills, BM, Bloomington, IN, is a second-year graduate student in horn performance at Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University.

'15 Aaron Ottmar, BM, was selected from more than 3,700 applicants to present his paper "Performing Solo Concerto with Wind Ensemble" at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Cheney, WA.

Marriages

'11 Jenny (Peters) Adam, BM, and **Justin Adam, BM '12,** 6/28/14


'11 Dana (Shappell) Schmitt, BA, and Brian Schmitt, 6/20/15

'14 Emily (Linder) Wills, BA, and **Nick Wills, BM '14,** 7/26/14

Births

'00 Jeff Gillette, BA, and **Cynthia (Spencer) Gillette, BA '00,** Ames. Ethan Benjamin Gillette, 9/21/15

'07 Luke Brady, BA, and **Laura (Carlin) Brady, BA '09,** Edgewood. Lenny Xavier Brady, 12/25/14

 **'07 Adam Merkel, BA,** and Jennifer (Schollmeyer) Merkel, Cedar Rapids. Gabriella Marie, 7/4/15

'09 Andrew Nilges, BA, and **Erin (Warnecke) Nilges, BA '10,** North Sioux City, SD. Bennett Leroy Nilges, 6/2/15

Deaths

'29 Beulah (Goodell) Adams, 2-yr Cert., 6/2/15 in Humboldt

'47 David Koch, BA, 8/26/15 in Canaan, CT

'50 Newt Draheim, BA, 9/13/15 in Clarion

'50 Jack Gillikin, BA, 2/14/14 in Arnold, MD

'51 F. Louise (Lennier) Schaaf, 2-yr Cert., BA '55, 6/11/15 in Lakewood, CO

'52 Robert Wilson, BA, MA '63, 9/13/15 in Iowa City

'54 Wayne Stark, BA, 5/20/15 in Lawndale, CA

'63 Karlyn (Klenzman) Armstrong, BA, MA '69, 1/9/15 in Waverly

'65 Warren Fikejs, BA, 6/5/15 in Arvada, CO

'73 John Sailer, BA, 7/7/15 in Roanoke, VA



ALUMNUS NAMED TO MEDICINE MAKER POWER LIST

John Talley, B.A. '74, has been named No. 11 on the 2015 Medicine Maker Power List of the 100 most influential medicine makers. He also received the Alumni Achievement Award during the Distinguished Awards Celebration in November.

Talley, the lead scientist behind Pfizer's Celebrex and seven other drugs that have been marketed in the U.S., is currently trying his hand at developing a cancer medication with improved efficacy and safety. Talley is the chief scientific officer at Euclides Pharmaceuticals, a St. Louis, Mo, start-up.



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ALUMNI MERCHANDISE PROGRAM

The UNI Alumni Association (UNIAA) has partnered with University Book & 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!

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Adventure Awaits!

You asked; we listened! From exotic ports of call to majestic natural wonders, the UNI Alumni Association has expanded our travel options. So pack your bags – and your Panther spirit – and head off to a new adventure!

Palms in Paradise

APRIL 24 - MAY 10, 2016

Admire the pristine natural wonders, spirited cultures and grand colonial architecture of Florida, Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Mexico while sailing aboard Oceania Cruises' Regatta.

European Hideaways

JUNE 1 - 9, 2016

Experience the elegance and excitement of the Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises' Riviera. Explore the lovely Spanish city of Palma, take in Marseille's old town and Monte Carlo's glamorous charms, and enrich yourself among celebrated art and natural beauty in Portofino, Cinque Terre, Florence and Pisa.

Southern Culture and Civil War

JUNE 4 - 13, 2016

Southern culture and the American Civil War spring to life on this unique Mississippi River cruise aboard the grand American Queen. Take in historic sites from Memphis to New Orleans, visiting Shiloh National Military Park, Greenville, Vicksburg, Natchez, St. Francisville, Baton Rouge and Plantation Road.

Alaska Passages

JULY 25 - AUGUST 4, 2016

Immerse yourself in the unspoiled glory of Alaska, America's last frontier, as you cruise its coastline aboard Oceania Cruises' Regatta. Depart from Seattle and sail the Inside Passage along Canada's coast to Alaska, with stops in Ketchikan, Wrangell, Juneau, Skagway, Sitka and Victoria, B.C., Canada.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 14 – Central Iowa Alumni Club Event with Iowa Energy, Des Moines
- 16 – Men's Basketball Alumni Weekend, UNI
- 23 – Men's Basketball Alumni Event at Illinois State

FEBRUARY

- 18 – Phoenix Alumni Reception, Phoenix, AZ
- 22 – UNI Day at the Capitol, Des Moines
- 24 – Membership Appreciation Night, UNI
- 26-27 – Theatre Alumni Reunion, UNI

MARCH

- 3-6 – Men's Basketball MVC Tournament, St. Louis, MO
- 10-13 – Women's Basketball MVC Tournament, Moline, IL

APRIL

- 14 – GradFest, Cedar Falls
- 15 – Twin Cities Alumni Event with Men's Glee Club and UNI Concert Chorale, Twin Cities
- 22-24 – 50-year UNI Percussion Reunion, UNI
- 26 – Membership Appreciation Night at GBPAC, UNI
- 26 – Twin Cities Business Alumni Event, St. Paul, MN.



Royals and Vikings

AUGUST 3 - 15, 2016

Discover the brilliant architecture, centuries-old landmarks and dramatic scenery of the British Isles on a luxury cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina. Watch picturesque landscapes and enthralling city centers unfold in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Ireland.

Grecian Delights

OCTOBER 1 - 9, 2016

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