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TODAY

THE ROAD TO A
CHAMPIONSHIP





Hello Panthers,

We have big news! The University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association is now going to be a free association for all alumni! Our team did countless hours of research, discussed the idea with many different university teams and decided that this was the best move to better serve our alumni.

What does this mean to you? For now, your membership continues to function as usual, with the full list of restaurant, hotel and entertainment discounts. After August 2017, membership in the Alumni Association will be free and the list of member discounts will be phased out at that time. All alumni will have access to our programs, events and services.

Our goal for the future is to become your primary connection to the university. This transition to a no dues organization allows us to focus on four key goals:

- Expand our alumni clubs to allow us to increase events and engage more alumni
- Enhance relationships across campus to better assist the university with various needs
- Support our Connecting Alumni to Students (CATS) leaders to strengthen students' relationships with the Alumni Association
- Continue communication efforts to inform alumni of the great things happening on campus

We also want to hear from you if there is something we could do that would improve your alumni experience. Please feel free to contact me directly at leslie.prideaux@uni.edu with any suggestions or comments. I'd love to hear from you!

Go Panthers!

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

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THE ROAD TO A CHAMPI

With the score tied at 54, 25 seconds left on the game clock and a conference championship on the line, Wes Washpun knew what he had to do.



ONSHIP

The starting senior point guard for the University of Northern Iowa men's basketball team, with the ball in his hands for the final shot of regulation, would have the chance to send his team back to the NCAA Tournament with a win over Evansville in the closing seconds of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championship.

Less than two months before Washpun and the Panthers would even step foot onto that court in

St. Louis, few Panther fans could have imagined that their team would be in a position to return to the NCAA Tournament come March.

Just a week removed from a 71-67 upset of No. 1-ranked North Carolina in the McLeod Center in November, the Panthers hit a rough patch. From November 30 through January 23, the Panthers went 5-10, failing to record back-to-back wins even once during that stretch.



Back row, L to R: Stephen Vassalotti , Derrick Netten, Johnny Moran, Kyle Green, Lincoln Conrey, Justin Dahl, Ben Jacobson, Luke McDonnell, Spencer Haldeman, Erik Crawford, P.J. Hogan, Don Bishop and Jake Koch
Front row, L to R: Robert Knar, Ted Friedman, Jeremy Morgan, Matt Bohannon, Wes Washpun, Paul Jespersen, Klint Carlson, Bennett Koch and Wyatt Lohaus



It culminated in a four-game losing streak that left the team searching for answers with a 2-6 conference record.

But with impressive wins over North Carolina and Iowa State on their resume, the Panthers knew they weren't playing up to their potential.

"I texted [senior guard Matt Bohannon] and told him, 'Listen, this is not us. This is not our team,'" said senior guard Paul Jespersen, recalling how the team responded after the four-game losing streak. "With the teams that we've beat, we've seen how we can play, so we need to kind of rally together and get this thing turned around."

The turnaround did not take long. The Panthers followed that four-game losing streak with a six-game winning streak, including an upset win over No. 25-ranked Wichita State. The team went on to win 12 of their last 13 games.

"We got great leadership from [Bohannon], Paul and Wes. I mean, that's really why it happened," head coach Ben Jacobson said when asked what sparked the team's remarkable finish. "Those three guys just kept working at practice, kept pushing guys, knowing that if we could just get back on track, that we could really play well. And we could have the kind of finish that we've had."

It came to a head in that MVC Tournament championship game, where Washpun delivered an unbelievable last-second shot that bounced off the back of the rim and dropped into the hoop after the buzzer, sealing the Panthers' 56-54 victory.

Not to be outdone, Jespersen had a buzzer beater of his own in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, banking in a half-court shot at the end of the game to shock the Texas Longhorns 75-72. The Panthers would fall in the next round in a heartbreaking overtime loss to Texas A&M, but Jespersen's miraculous half-court shot will be talked about for years to come.

When asked what he'll remember most about this season, Washpun spoke not of wins over top-ranked opponents or game-winning shots at the buzzer, but of his teammates. "Just how resilient this team has been throughout the whole thing. I couldn't ask for a better group of guys to spend my senior year with."

And Panther fans couldn't have asked for a more memorable season. **UNI**



WES WASHPUN

CAREER TOTALS

1,035
POINTS

399
ASSISTS

344
REBOUNDS

106
STEALS

102
CAREER GAMES

65
CAREER STARTS

OVERALL RECORD

70-32

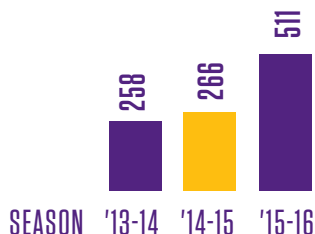
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1 REGULAR SEASON MVC CHAMPIONSHIP

2 MVC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

2 NCAA TOURNAMENT BIDS

TOTAL POINTS BY SEASON



1,035 CAREER TOTAL

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POINTS



FREE THROWS
159 POINTS



3-POINTERS
294 POINTS

HIGHEST-SCORING GAMES

28 12/19/15 VS. 

27 12/13/14 VS. 

23 1/20/16 VS. 



Panthers to Performers

Hollywood is more than 1,700 miles from Cedar Falls. The road to show business from UNI is long and winding, both literally and figuratively.

But that hasn't stopped more than a few Panthers from chasing their dreams, whether the destination is a red carpet premiere, a sold-out concert venue or a packed theatre.



Ian Goldsmith

Two years after graduating from UNI, **Ian Goldsmith, B.A. '13**, realized he needed to chase his dream of becoming a professional actor — and that meant leaving the Cedar Valley.

Since moving to Chicago more than a year ago, Ian has been accepted into the prestigious Conservatory, a year-long cornerstone program of Second City. Second City is an improvisational theater troupe that has long been considered a starting point for aspiring actors and comedians, with a list of well-known alumni that includes Steve Carell, Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert and Bob Odenkirk, among others.

"Throughout my life, I am reminded time and time again that nothing makes me feel more alive than the opportunity to move people, to create laughter and to cultivate joy," said Ian, when asked what motivated him to pursue an acting career.

As a freshman at UNI, Ian was undecided on his major, until an introductory theatre class during his second semester rekindled his love for performance and creativity

Ian credits his experiences at UNI — between the theatre department and the various extracurricular activities he was involved in — as having shaped him into who he is today, both as a person and as a performer.

“ The classes, performance opportunities and especially the professors in the theatre department all had a profound impact on my development as an actor and my love of the craft.

Andrew & Julie Thoreen

In 2012, **Julie Thoreen, B.A. '10**, and her husband, **Andrew Thoreen, B.A. '09**, made a bold decision together: They quit their jobs. Why? To write and perform music together.

Four years later, Andrew and Julie are the creators of Har-di-Har, a musical project described as "somewhere between experimental dream pop, freak folk and a strange musical you probably wouldn't take your grandma to see."

Andrew and Julie have learned a lot since launching their careers as full-time musicians, and both are also grateful for the opportunities they were afforded as students at UNI.

"It sounds incredibly corny, but the lives we both live now are direct reflections of our time at UNI."

The two met at UNI and credit the faculty in their respective departments for helping prepare them for their future musical careers.

"Our faculty helped build the skills that we use every day to do our [many] jobs, encouraged us to take risks, taught us that being an artist is a decision that one has to make for him/herself, that it's hard work but absolutely reachable, and that once you leave school, no one else will make it happen for you except for you."

The couple have relocated to the Twin Cities in the last few years and retained creative jobs, but continue to write music, tour and perform, and are in the process of recording a full-length album expected to be released next year.



Sam Lilja

Sam Lilja, an aspiring actor based out of New York, never graduated from UNI. But in his own words, Sam wouldn't be where he is today without UNI.

"I was dual-enrolled as a senior in high school and then did one year in the theatre department before transferring to Juilliard," Sam said. "That transfer would never have happened, however, without Richard Glockner, my mentor and close friend, who told me to take a leap of faith and audition for other schools."

Glockner is an associate professor in the theatre department at UNI. Juilliard is a private conservatory in New York City and is considered one of the most prestigious performing arts programs in the country.

Since graduating from Juilliard, Sam has performed in a variety of regional theatres in addition to being cast in a film and a couple television shows.

In addition to the support he received from Glockner and the rest of the faculty at UNI, Sam credits the university with broadening his horizons.

"I'm also grateful for the opportunities I had at UNI to explore other interests. The liberal arts component of the education at UNI opened my eyes to new and fascinating ideas that, due to the nature of conservatories, I couldn't explore at Juilliard. I wouldn't be as informed today without those classes."





BEHIND THE MORTAR BOARD

University of Northern Iowa graduates went through a lot of hard work to get their degree: countless evenings in Rod Library, group projects, student teaching, studying for and taking finals, and the almost endless research papers.



**So after all of this hard work,
why not attend Commencement
with a little style and flair?**

It's now a national trend to stand out at graduation. And why not when dozens, hundreds or even thousands of graduates are dressed in identical caps and gowns.

Some students want to individualize their appearance by decorating their mortarboards. Designs range from a simple lettered message like "Thanks Mom & Dad!" to an elaborate craft project.

Students even decorate their caps with school logos or images of their future employers.

This creativity has definitely found its way to UNI. Over the past couple years, UNI mortarboard messages have been elegant, goofy, informative, thankful and just plain entertaining.

Check out some of our favorites!

If you want to see new designs, be sure to attend spring Commencement on May 7. **UNI**

UNI's Speech and Hearing Clinic Helps One of our Own

UNI's Speech and Hearing Clinic is affiliated with UNI's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. The clinic prepares students to enter careers in speech-language pathology and audiology. Under the supervision of faculty and staff, students assess and provide therapeutic services to clients.

Jenni Koppes Colsch, B.A., '98, is a born communicator. She graduated with a communication studies degree and worked in UNI Continuing Education for 17 years, most recently as marketing/communications manager. All of that changed on Nov. 13, 2014, when she had a stroke at age 39.

"I began to slur words, became very weak and lost my balance on my right side," said Colsch. "I had emergency surgery — four stents to repair my collapsed carotid artery — and was released three days later with no lasting effects of the stroke. Or so we thought."

Just six days later Colsch had a hemorrhagic stroke, which is a major bleed on her brain. She was diagnosed as having aphasia, a communication disorder that results from damage to the parts of the brain that relate to verbal ability.

Colsch is slowly regaining her ability to speak by participating in speech therapy for the past 17 months. Since January she has been working with **Blaire Schoon, B.A. '14**, in UNI's Roy Eblen Speech and Hearing Clinic, named in honor of the founding head of the Department of Communicative Disorders, now the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Schoon will receive her master's degree this December in speech pathology.

The pair is working on letter identification, multisyllabic words, three-step directions, and spelling while writing and typing. Colsch's right side was impacted by the stroke and she's unable to write with her once-dominant hand, but this stick-with-it alumna says she's finally getting the hang of using her left hand. Her car has been adapted so she can use her left foot on the brake and gas pedals, which is important to Colsch because she's looking forward to an independent future. She also wants to help educate others about aphasia, which affects nearly 1 million people in the United States.

UNI's Speech and Hearing Clinic's supervisory staff consists of nine Ph.D.-level and six M.A.-level speech-language pathologists and audiologists, all who are licensed and have expertise in various areas of communicative disorders. The clinic is affiliated with various hospitals, schools, clinics and extended-care facilities, which serve as practicum and internship sites for students' clinical training. **UNI**

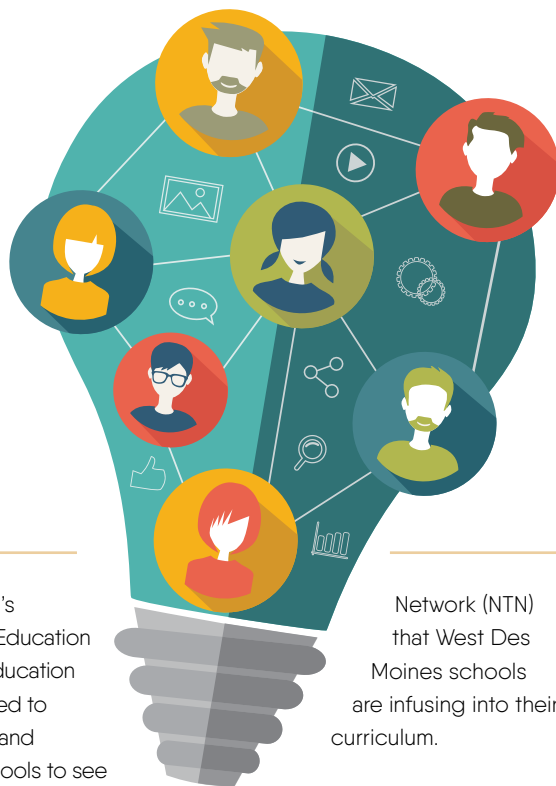


“As an alumna and former UNI employee, it is so meaningful to me to be back on campus and receiving care from this program that’s preparing people to help others regain their speech.”



TEACHERS BECOME LEARNERS

UNI FACULTY
MEMBERS HIT
IOWA'S HIGHWAYS
AND BYWAYS DURING
NOVEMBER'S
NATIONAL EDUCATION
WEEK TO DETERMINE
ONE THING: ARE
THEY TEACHING
STUDENTS WHAT
THEY NEED
TO KNOW TO
BE EFFECTIVE
EDUCATORS AND
ADMINISTRATORS?



Faculty in UNI's College of Education and Teacher Education program traveled to 31 high school and elementary schools to see firsthand what students are learning, how they're learning and what methods teachers are using to help students become inquisitive, motivated, engaged learners. Their visits were part of the college's inaugural Panthers Exploring Fields of Opportunity field trips.

Some UNI faculty members sat with individual students and asked what they were working on and if they needed help. Others joined small groups of students, listened to their discussions and asked a question or two to facilitate deeper thinking.

"Our faculty pride themselves on being collaborative learners themselves, so we continue learning from our education colleagues across the state," said Amy Petersen, associate professor of special education.

Tim Gilson, associate professor in the COE's educational leadership and postsecondary education department, visited Stilwell Junior High School to check out a new program called the New Tech

Network (NTN) that West Des Moines schools are infusing into their curriculum.

"The program highlights what true collaboration and teamwork looks like, with teachers working together to plan units that showcase district standards, Common Core expectations and project-based learning," said Gilson. "Students find relevance in their learning and connect with multiple stakeholders in the community to see how their learning bridges more than simply school-based learning."

One student found great value in this new addition to the curriculum. "Prior to the NTN program, I would never have even spoken to many of the students I now work with collaboratively every day. These students are now my friends, and I would have never even gotten to know them if I hadn't enrolled in the NTN program."

The insights COE and Teacher Education faculty gained during their field trips will help them be even more effective as they continue to prepare students for teaching and administrative positions within these fields of opportunity. **UNI**

17 YEARS & COUNTING



With just one visit to **David Schmid's, Ed. D. '11**, office in Panther Village, you'll understand why he has no desire to leave UNI after 17 years as a Residence Life Coordinator (RLC): An entire wall is covered with framed photos of each Resident Assistant (RA) staff that he has worked with over the years.

Jenny Gibbs, M.A.E. '13, was a student desk assistant in Dancer Hall when she first met Schmid, who was the RLC in Rider Hall at the time. Gibbs made a strong enough impression that he encouraged her to apply to be an RA, but she wasn't sold on the idea at first. It wasn't until three days before the application was due that she decided to apply.

Her last-minute decision paid off, and Gibbs spent her senior year as an RA in Rider, where she looked up to Schmid as a mentor. He frequently teased that she had a future in Student Affairs – even as a business major. Sure enough, Gibbs went on to graduate from UNI with a master's degree in student affairs.

That is but one of several dozen stories Schmid could tell you about his time at UNI.

"My wall [of RA staff photos] is my pride and joy," Schmid said. "Every once in a while I'll take a

break and just look up there and think about the folks I'm still in touch with."

Schmid estimates he has worked with 148 RAs in total. While he hasn't maintained a personal connection with every one of them, he values the relationships that have continued long after the students have left campus. Jenny Gibbs is one of those students.

"Schmidy has been my biggest advocate and supporter since the day I met him," said Gibbs, now a program coordinator in the Academic Success Center at Iowa State University. "I am incredibly grateful for his continued mentorship and the impact he has had thus far on my student affairs career. He genuinely cares about each student he interacts with. UNI is incredibly lucky to have him!"

The 148 students Schmid has worked with over the years would likely echo that very same sentiment. **UNI**

Passion, Heart & Love of the Game♡

Imagine being 40 minutes from a conference tournament championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Then imagine that, 40 minutes later, both have slipped through your grasp. There aren't a lot of teams that could bounce back from that kind of disappointment and finish the season strong with an exciting postseason run.

But this UNI women's basketball team is one of them.

"In the moment, you're devastated because we all wanted to win that basketball game and wanted to get to the NCAA Tournament," explains head coach Tanya Warren, who was named 2016 MVC Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the regular season.

"But we also talked about being able to keep your eye on the big picture and everything they had accomplished up to that moment, and understanding that we were going to have another opportunity to play together."

Before suffering a 71-58 setback against Missouri State in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championship, the Panthers were crowned regular season conference champions for just the second time in program history.

Their road to that regular season championship was paved with a 15-3 conference record and an eight-game winning streak leading up to the tournament. This followed a tough non-conference slate that left the Panthers

with a 5-6 record to start the season.

"Our non-conference [schedule] was pretty tough. We gave away a couple games, and we learned from them," said senior forward Jen Keitel. "Going into conference [play], we knew we had prepared ourselves well for what we wanted to do."

Senior point guard Sharnae Lamar – the player that Warren considers to be the "heart and soul" of the team – believes that confidence has been the key to their success.

"We know we're good and we go out on the court with that expectation to play well. We click very well together. We're all good friends. We know each other's tendencies."

-SHARNAE LAMAR

"I think we've actually been playing with some sort of an edge," said Lamar.

After falling short of the NCAA Tournament, the team received a bid to the Women's NIT, where the Panthers showed their mettle with victories over Nebraska (64-62) and Drake (64-58) in the first and second rounds, respectively.

With a regular season conference championship and an impressive run through the WNIT on their resume, it is clear that this UNI women's basketball team was a special group, and no one is more convinced of that than their head coach.

"Just the love that they share for each other and how they gave everything that they had, both on and off the floor, to help make this program what it is," Warren said, when asked what she'll remember most about this team. "Their passion, heart and love of the game."

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Sharnae
Lamar



Amber
Sorenson



10 COOL THINGS ABOUT UNI



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MACARONI AND CHEESE HAS BEEN THE MOST POPULAR DINING CENTER DISH FOR 10+ YEARS.

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IN 1876, FALL SEMESTER ENROLLMENT WAS 88 STUDENTS. TUITION WAS FREE UNTIL 1883, WHEN IT INCREASED TO \$10 PER TERM.



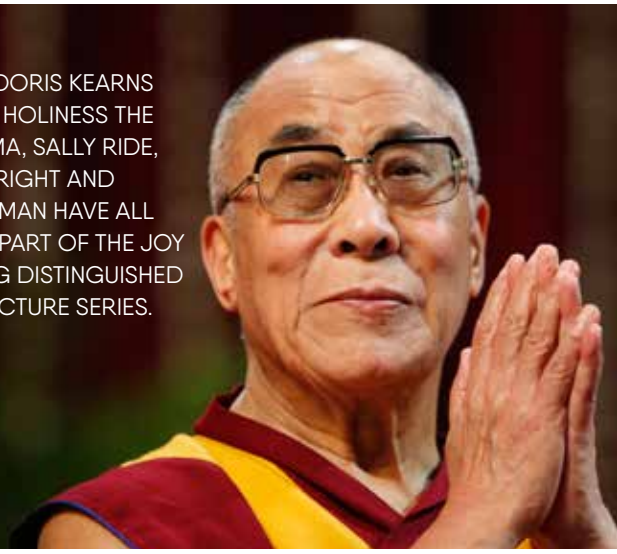
THE MURALS IN SEERLEY HALL'S GREAT READING ROOM, PAINTED BY WILLIAM DE LEFTWICH DODGE, ARE TWO OF THE LARGEST OBJECTS IN THE UNI MUSEUM'S COLLECTION.



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MAYIM BIALIK, DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN, HIS HOLINESS THE 14TH DALAI LAMA, SALLY RIDE, MADELINE ALBRIGHT AND THOMAS FRIEDMAN HAVE ALL VISITED UNI AS PART OF THE JOY COLE CORNING DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES.

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UNI'S FRESH BEGINNINGS BAKERY PRODUCED 164,724 COOKIES DURING FALL SEMESTER 2015.

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UNI'S MASCOT – THEN A PURPLE PANTHER – WAS SELECTED IN A SUBMISSION CONTEST IN 1931 CREATED BY THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER, THE COLLEGE EYE.



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UNI'S BOTANICAL CENTER IS HOME TO TWO TROPICAL BIRDS, A LIZARD AND LOTS OF GOLDFISH!

8

LANG HALL IS THE OLDEST SURVIVING CLASSROOM BUILDING ON CAMPUS AND WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1900 AT A COST OF \$120,000.



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UNI BOUGHT 3,200 CASES OF TOILET PAPER IN 2015. THERE ARE 1,000 FEET PER ROLL AND 12 ROLLS PER CASE. THAT EQUALS A GRAND TOTAL OF MORE THAN 14 MILLION FEET OF TOILET PAPER USED LAST YEAR!



16 UNI PLAYERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED IN THE NFL DRAFT.



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BREAKING DOWN THE BLUR OF A BAT

THE AVERAGE BAT SWING FROM
A COLLEGIATE SOFTBALL PLAYER IS

.25 SECONDS

Blink and you'd miss it. But imagine a video camera capable of capturing that swing at 15,000 frames per second. Suddenly, you have much more to work with.

The cameras that capture the swing of a bat are called Edgertronics, and in the words of Travis Ficklin, they're fast. Really fast. Ficklin is an associate professor at UNI and co-director of the Monica Wild Biomechanics Laboratory with his colleague, Robin Lund. The two were excited by the possibilities when UNI purchased the new cameras almost a year ago, thanks in large part to generous funding from donor Ruth Ann Meyer, a College of Education grant and equipment funds from the Jacobson Human Performance Complex (HPC) at UNI.

Ficklin and Lund both come from baseball backgrounds, and that has fueled their interest in the mechanics of throwing and hitting. The Edgertronics, coupled with a special technique called Direct Linear Transformation (DLT), allow the two biomechanics to obtain three-dimensional swing data from the softball players at UNI.

The footage gathered from the Edgertronics is relayed to the softball coaches, who then use the video to analyze and identify flaws in their players' swings. This technology also enables Ficklin and Lund to measure and report meaningful parameters for hitters, which can be shared with coaches and the softball community.

The cameras have also been used for student projects at the HPC. **UNI**

A LEARNING EXPEDITION

Out West

People go into the wilderness for many reasons: to bird watch, find solitude, hike and camp. UNI students go to investigate environmental issues.

During summer 2015, 14 students ventured out west on a two-week learning expedition, led by associate professor of geology Chad Heinzel, as part of the course The Geology and National History of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

"One thing a lot of national parks are studying is how climate change will affect tourism," said Heinzel. "Will people still be interested in visiting a national park if it no longer has glaciers? I really try to tie my background, which is geology and archeology, into future environmental issues for the places we visit. Out west, the big ones are oil and gas use, access to water and how that impacts the ecosystem."

The learning didn't end when the group returned to Cedar Falls. The second half of the class tied in their observations with current environmental themes. "Part of that is trying to communicate to different audiences what you are seeing," said Heinzel. To do that, he had his students think from different perspectives, such as those of Native Americans,

and try to communicate what they saw and the importance to others.

The trip is partially funded by the students themselves; however, the earth science department works to keep the cost as low as possible by supplying the camping gear. Long-time donor and outdoor enthusiast Charles Shane made a gift through his estate that was used to purchase a 15-passenger van. This gift drastically reduced the cost, allowing the group to travel to these locations without renting a vehicle.

Heinzel, who has led many trips like this, plans to lead another one in the future, although it may not be back to Yellowstone. "We try to mix it up," he said. "We try to go where students want to go, where we think we can get the best experience."

Would you like to help students participate in future learning expeditions? Visit uni-foundation.org to support educational programs like this.





MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR

Summer

ENJOY THE **UNI** EXPERIENCE!

The end of the academic year is upon us. That means studying abroad for the summer, starting a new internship, taking it easy with friends or moving back in with Mom and Dad. What if we told you your time at UNI didn't have to end when summer begins?

UNI offers a number of opportunities for current and prospective students to start or continue their educational experience.

UNI is also offering the Summer Bridge Program, a new program designed to provide additional

academic and co-curricular preparation for a select group of incoming first-year students. Participants enroll in five credit hours of coursework during the six-week summer term, which will apply toward UNI degree requirements.

And, students can reside on campus over the summer regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in summer courses. Housing is available in Panther Village, ROTH and Shull Hall... all with air-conditioned rooms!

To make the most of your summer, and enjoy the UNI experience, be sure to check out our summer school website at uni.edu/summer.

JOIN US FOR **SUMMER PANTHER OPEN HOUSES:**

Friday, July 15
Monday, Aug. 1

Tuesday, Aug. 2
Wednesday, Aug. 3

Thursday, Aug. 4
Friday, Aug. 5

Arrange your campus visit online at uni.edu/admissions/visit-campus.

TOP **5**

REASONS TO CHOOSE **UNI**
THIS SUMMER & BEYOND

1

FLEXIBILITY – Advance academically with 200+ online & on-campus sections

2

EXPERIENCE – Connect with accomplished faculty & apply what you learn

3

VALUE – Affordable tuition & fees

4

CONVENIENCE – Opportunities to work and live on campus

5

CONNECTIONS – Make new friends & experience an unforgettable summer

KEEPING STUDENTS ACTIVE & ENGAGED THIS SUMMER

UNI offers a variety of elementary, middle and high school camps throughout the summer to keep kids active and engaged.

Each camp features a unique interactive learning environment in which students can gain hands-on experience while working among students with similar interests. From learning about plants and animals at the Exploring Tallgrass Prairie camp for elementary students to the Lights, Action, Magic! camp for high school students, UNI summer camps offer something for everyone!

CHECK OUT THESE FEATURED SUMMER CAMPS:

Lights, Action, Magic! JUNE 13-17

Explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through the understanding of magic. This camp is designed for campers who have communication disorders, learning disabilities or are considered at-risk/low-literacy learners. Activities will include demonstrations of magic that pique the campers' curiosity, and on-campus field trips, such as visiting the botanical center.

A Perfect Fit: Fashion & STEM JUNE 20-24

On the first day of camp students will create their own fantasy apparel design and explore the process of bringing designs to life. They will create a custom hair bow and backpack in the construction lab and finally use full-sized dress forms to build a wearable nontraditional design that students will model at the end-of-camp runway show and open house.

Beyond Frozen: Science, Math and Art of Fractals JULY 18-22

If you've never paid much attention to the song "Let It Go," you may not have noticed, but there's a line that Elsa sings that says "My soul is spiraling in frozen fractals all around." Many patterns in nature have fractal qualities in different forms and sizes, from mountains, seashores, snowflakes, blood veins and inside cell structures. Campers will observe and describe natural fractals and create their own.

The full list of UNI summer camps, including athletic camps, and registration information is available at

www.uni.edu/camps

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UNI Hires David Harris as New Athletic Director



David Harris was announced as the new director of intercollegiate athletics at a press conference on Feb. 24. Prior to arriving at UNI, Harris was a senior associate athletic director at Iowa State University. He officially joined the Panther family on March 28.

In the days following his hiring, Harris was gracious enough to answer a few questions about what we can expect from the athletic department under his leadership.

Question: What made you want to be the athletic director at UNI?

Answer: UNI has a reputation as one of the best public schools in the Midwest. The athletics program has been built on a strong foundation with great coaches who are clearly invested in the program. I feel that the Cedar Valley community is a great place to live and to raise my family. Everyone that I have ever spoken with about UNI has had glowing things to say about their experiences at this university. In many ways, UNI represents everything that I felt was important when choosing an opportunity.

Q: What skills and qualities will help you succeed here?

A: This job is first and foremost about leadership. One of my mentors recently shared with me that people want four things from their leaders: direction, trust, hope and results. In order to accomplish those goals you need vision, passion, character, communication skills and the ability to build relationships.

Q: What will your priorities be as the athletic director?

A: I spoke at my introductory press conference about the process of developing core values. I believe that those values should include academic excellence, competitive success, student-athlete experience, campus and community engagement and integrity. Those areas automatically become priorities within the department. Initially, the development of a facilities master plan and strategic plan will be critical. Enhancing revenue will be essential to fulfilling our mission, so we must build our donor base and increase attendance at our events to secure our financial future.

Q: What are you most excited about as you step into this position?

A: I am very excited about the opportunity to help move UNI athletics forward. I look forward to developing a plan that will help us achieve excellence. There is a strong foundation in place and I want to build on what has already been accomplished. I am very excited about meeting and interacting with our student-athletes. Ultimately, supporting their growth and success is what will drive us on a daily basis.

ALUMNI CLUBS

in a city near you!

Stay connected, engaged and enriched no matter how many miles separate you from Cedar Falls. Getting involved in an alumni club is a great way to connect with your fellow alumni and the greater Panther community in your area. Please contact Leslie Prideaux at leslie.prideaux@uni.edu if you are interested in volunteering for any of the clubs!



Central Iowa Alumni Club

unialum.org/central-iowa-alumni-club

- UNI Central Iowa Alumni Club
- Des Moines Area Alumni

Upcoming Events:

Panthers After Work (PAW)

May 5, July 7, Oct. 6, Dec. 1
Draught House 50, 1300 50th St.,
West Des Moines

Panthers After Work (PAW)

June 2, Sept. 8, Nov. 3
Exile Brewing Company, 1514 Walnut St.,
Des Moines

Panther Scholarship Club Golf Outing

June 27
Briarwood Golf Course, Ankeny

TC'S Tailgate

August 18
Jasper Winery



Twin Cities Alumni Club

unialum.org/twin-cities-alumni-club

- UNI Twin Cities
- UNI Network-Twin Cities Area

Upcoming Events:

Panthers After Work (PAW)

May 26, 4 to 7 p.m.,
Lake Monster Brewing, 550 Vandalia St., St. Paul

Panthers After Work (PAW)

June 30, 4 to 7 p.m.
Tin Whiskers Brewing Company, 125 E 9th St.,
Unit 127, St. Paul

UNI Alumni Night with the St. Paul Saints

July 13, 5:30 p.m.
St. Paul Saints vs. Sioux Falls Canaries,
CHS Field, St. Paul



Chicago Alumni Club

unialum.org/chicago-alumni-club

- UNI Chicago Alumni Club
- UNI Network-Chicago Area

www.meetup.com/UNIALumni/

Upcoming Events:

Goose Island Brewery Tour

June 11, 2 p.m.

UNI Alumni Cubs Game

July 29, 11 a.m. pre-game at The Piggery
1:20 p.m. Cubs vs. Seattle

Panthers After Work (PAW)

May 5, 6 p.m., at Westwood Tavern in Schaumburg
June 2, 6 p.m., at Highline Bar + Lounge in Chicago
July 7, 6 p.m., at Park Tavern in Rosemont



Denver Alumni Club

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- UNI Denver Alumni Club
- UNI Network-Denver Area

Upcoming Events:

UNI Alumni Rockies Game

June 25, Noon pre-game gathering
Tavern Downtown, 1949 Market St., Denver

Kansas City Alumni Club

Club Kickoff

August 4, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Kansas City Bier Company with David Harris,
Athletic Director

New Clubs Coming Soon:

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
Omaha/Council Bluffs



A Unique Panther Tale

Bill Blake, B.A. '63, M.A. '69, may be the only UNI alumnus to hold the following distinction: He graduated from Teacher's College High School (most recently known as Price Lab School), the State College of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa. What's more, former UNI President J.W. "Bill" Maucker signed all three of his diplomas, as well as his 1963 State College of Iowa Purple & Old Gold Award.

"What helped with my education was the faculty," said Blake. "We were taught by teachers who interacted with us personally. That's what guided me

into education – to share that personal connection with students."

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Blake taught world history and geography at West High School and also coached wrestling and girls tennis. He spent more than 30 years with the Waterloo Community School District and also taught part time at UNI during that time.

Bill and his wife, Nancy, make their home in Waterloo.



We Remember Dick Jacobson


Richard (Dick) O. Jacobson, a Des Moines businessman whose generous contributions to UNI over the years have had an enormous impact on the university, passed away April 1, 2016, at the age of 79.

Dick was a key contributor to the development and construction of the Human Performance Complex and the Center for Comprehensive Literacy here at UNI, both of which were dedicated to him. He also funded the Benjamin J. Allen Endowed Teacher Education Scholarship, in addition to endowments for College of Education Faculty Support and the College of Education Strategic Program.

His commitment to helping UNI achieve academic excellence and improve the student experience will have a lasting impact on students, faculty and staff both now and in the years to come.


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.

Send address changes and Class Notes submissions to info@unialum.org, unialum.org or by mail to University of Northern Iowa Today, UNI Alumni Association, 1012 W. 23rd St., Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0284.

1950s

 **'57 Ruth (Daman) Seibert, BA**, Fresno, CA, celebrated her 80th birthday with a trip to Kauai and Hawaii. She currently volunteers at church and is involved in two study groups.

1960s

'62 Delene (Ross) Teller, BA, Faribault, MN, completed 12 paintings for her "Wandering in Minnesota" show. She is world famous for her horses and has included horses, in Asian brush-style painting, in each of her Minnesota landscapes.

 **'63 Bill Jacobson, BA**, Cedar Rapids, IA, published his


autobiography titled "We Become What We Think We Can Be."

 **'64 Joyce (Silka) Koch, BA**, Lumberton, NJ, retired first in 1998 and then again in 2014 when she moved to be closer to her daughters. She stays active in writing, singing and was recruited by the AFLCIO for a project.

'66 Janet (Giese) Harvey, BA, Sumner, IA, is spending retirement playing violin with the "Sumner Strings."

1970s

'71 Margaret (Prince) Brinton, BA, San Diego, CA, had literary fiction published in the 2015 issue of Downstate Story, an annual journal from Western Illinois University.

 **'73 Kathy (Halupnik) Flack, BA**, Waterloo, IA, opened Kathy Flack ASID/Registered Interior Designer PLC, an interior design services and products business.


'73 Marc Haack, BA, MA '78, EdD '91, Iowa City, IA, was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on 12/19/2015 and is now a member of the clergy at Trinity Episcopal Church. He retired as a clinical associate professor of educational leadership at the University of Iowa in the summer of 2015.

'73 Patricia (Henderson) Higby, BA, MA '77, MA '89, Cedar Falls, IA, was a finalist in the STEM Champion award category for the 2015 Women of Innovation Awards presented by the Technology Association of Iowa.

'74 Kathy (Dillinger) Armstrong, BA, Mediapolis, IA, retired from teaching in elementary and middle schools in Dubuque, Mediapolis and Yuma, Colorado, for 38 years at the end of the


2014-15 school year. In her spare time she volunteers and reads. She and husband **Gary, BA '68, MA '70**, enjoy traveling and spending time with their family and grandchildren in Iowa and Colorado.


 **'74 Robert Good, BA**, Charleston, IL, was named the medical director of clinical integrated operations for Carle Health Systems, Carle Foundation Hospital and Carle Physician Group. He will also co-chair the curriculum committee for the Carle-University of Illinois College of Medicine.

 **'75 Allan Jacobson, BA**, Cedar Falls, IA, is completing his 30th year as senior lecturer in music at Wartburg College. He is the instructor of percussion and director of The Knightlites Jazz Band I.

1980s

'80 LuAnn (Engebretson) Sharp, BA, MA '83, Davenport, IA, retired at the end of the 2014-15 school year after teaching for 34 years.

 **'81 Timothy Dohlman, BA**, Norwalk, IA, retired after 29 years of holding various financial positions as an officer with the Principal Financial Group.

 **'81 Mary Gannon, BA**, Des Moines, IA, was appointed to the Iowa Public Employment Relations Board by Gov. Terry Branstad.

'81 Ruth (Cordle) Hatch, MA, Indianapolis, IN, earned a master of divinity and PhD in family life education. She later taught at Central Baptist Theological Seminary and worked as an interim church pastor before retiring several years ago.



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'83 John Bakewell, BA, Brentwood, TN, was named chief financial officer of Exact Sciences Corp.

'83 Don Coffin, BA, West Des Moines, IA, was promoted to president of Bankers Trust Co. He was previously senior vice president of lending.

'83 Thomas Nass, BA, Waterloo, IA, will retire in June 2016 after 33 years of teaching elementary education for the Waterloo Community School District.

'84 Doreen (Zmolek) Hayek, BA, MBA '91, Cedar Falls, IA, was a finalist in the Academic Innovation and Leadership and the STEM Champion award categories for the 2015 Women of Innovation Awards presented by the Technology Association of Iowa.

'86 Deb Vangellow, BA, Sugar Land, TX, was elected national president of the Ladies Golf Professional Association (LPGA) for 2016-18 and was also named one of Houston's 50 Most Influential Women of 2015 by Houston Woman Magazine. She is currently the LPGA master professional with Riverbend Country Club in Houston, TX.

'87 Terry York, BA, York, NE, was promoted to regional account manager with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He works with teaching hospitals and large

integrated health systems in Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa.

'89 Norman Blaisdell, BA, Clarinda, IA, finally moved into low-rent senior housing. He is hosting a Chinese student who is enjoying public school in the U.S. He would love to hear from former classmates!

'89 Dale Engelken, BA, Des Moines, IA, was named director of market research at Life Care Services.

'89 Joseph Gindele, DIT, Crystal, MN, published a memoir called "Yorkville Twins: Hilarious Adventures Growing Up in New York City, 1944-1962" with twin brother John Gindele. The book has become required reading for many freshmen at New York City campuses for classes called The Immigration Experience in New York City.

'89 Donna (Wheeler) Pierce, BA, Johnston, IA, is married to Kerry Pierce, has a son, Colton, age 7, and two stepchildren, Corey and Krysten.

'89 Ronald Rolighed, BA, Winnetka, IL, was named principal with Victory Park Capital, an asset management firm.

'89 Tina (Langfald) Stubbs, BA, Cedar Rapids, IA, is controller at Royal Neighbors of America. The company is one of the largest women-led life

insurers supporting women and their families and serving their communities.

1990s

'90 Vicki (Brandhorst) Oleson, BA, MA '95, EdD '10, Cedar Falls, IA, was a finalist in the Research Innovation and Leadership award category for the 2015 Women of Innovation Awards presented by the Technology Association of Iowa.

'90 Scott Slechta, MA, Libertyville, IA, was named the 2016 Iowa Teacher of the Year. He has taught English-language arts at Fairfield High School since 1984.

'91 Kai Spande, BT, Bowling Green, KY, was appointed general manager of the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, KY.

'92 Sarah (McDonald) Holmes, BA, MA '94, Des Moines, IA, received the 2015 William B. Sweet Distinguished Service Award from the Association of College and University Housing Officers Upper Midwest Region. This is the organization's most prestigious award.

'92 Barb Miller, BA, Robbinsdale, MN, is the marketing manager with Northland Securities and also enjoys working at the New Hope, MN, HyVee Wine & Spirits part time.




2016 Midwest INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

UNI's School of Music will host the 2016 Midwest International Piano Competition Sunday, June 5, through Saturday, June 11.

All events will be held in the Great Hall in Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center.

'98 Heath Bullock, BA, West Des Moines, IA, was recognized as the 2015 Broker of the Year by the Iowa Commercial Real Estate Association.

'99 David Hildahl, BA, West Des Moines, IA, was named one of the Cedar Valley's 20 under 40 by the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier for 2015. He is currently a Web content strategist with Far Reach Technologies.

 **'99 Jason Lau, BA, MA '02**, San Rafael, CA, was appointed commissioner of the Child Care Commission in Marin County, CA.

'99 Shane O'Malley, BA, Waukee, IA, was elected president of the Financial Planning Association of Iowa for 2016. He owns O'Malley Wealth Management Group, LLC in Johnston.

2000s


'00 Stephanie Mohorne, BA, MA '04, Waterloo, IA, was named one of the Cedar Valley's 20 under 40 by the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier for 2015. She is currently the director of middle school education for Waterloo Schools.

'02 Stephanie Sailer, BFA, MA '05, Swisher, IA, created the artwork "Birds of a Feather," which was commissioned by the Metro Arts Alliance of Greater Des Moines and now hangs in the Des Moines International Airport. Her husband, **Bounnak Thammavong '03**, friend

Michael Sneller and hundreds of visitors to the Des Moines Arts Festival assisted in the creation. The festival visitors drip-painted more than 2,300 smaller birds that trail behind the large goldfinch. The artwork weighs 220 pounds and hangs over the baggage area in the airport.

'03 Anne (Maiden) Duncan, BA, Waverly, IA, was named one of the Cedar Valley's 20 under 40 by the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier for 2015. She is currently the sustainability coordinator at Wartburg College.

'03 Quentin Hart, MA, Waterloo, IA, was elected mayor of Waterloo. He is the first African-American mayor in the city's history.

 **'03 Lisa Schmitz, BA**, West Des Moines, IA, was named marketing and PR manager for the Principal Charity Classic PGA TOUR Champions event in Des Moines. She spent the previous seven years in the sports and entertainment division of Edelman Public Relations in Chicago.

'03 Guy Sims, EdD, Blacksburg, VA, published a new graphic novel titled "BROTHERMAN: DICTATOR OF DISCIPLINE," which depicts the story of a masked crime fighter who brings balance to an unjust legal system. Sims is currently the assistant to the president for equity and diversity at Bluefield College.

'04 Joe Bolick, BA, Waterloo, IA, was named one of the Cedar Valley's 20 under 40 by the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier for 2015. He is currently the communications and public relations manager with the Iowa Waste Reduction Center.

'04 Sarah (Miller) Diesburg, BS, Waterloo, IA, was a finalist in the Academic Innovation and Leadership award category for the 2015 Women of Innovation Awards presented by the Technology Association of Iowa.

'06 Jess (Smith) Krogh, BA, Waterloo, IA, was named one of the Cedar Valley's 20 under 40 by the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier for 2015. She is currently in engineering services with John Deere.

'06 Jessica (Dunnick) Webb, BA, Ankeny, IA, will be a new family medicine physician at the Waverly Health Center this fall. Her husband, Eric, is an industrial engineer for John Deere Waterloo Works and they have two children — Kellen, age 3, and Bennett, 7 months.

'07 Mark Wagenaar, MA, Denton, TX, won the 2015 CBC Poetry Prize for "String Theory."

'08 Steve Schilling, BS, Peru, IL, was promoted to manager of product performance with Fairmount Santrol.

4 GENERATIONS OF PANTHERS

Brenna Oberbreckling (far right), a UNI senior majoring in leisure, youth and human sciences, sent us this great family photo taken at the McLeod Center during a men's basketball game. Brenna's grandmother, Shirley Petersen (Bock) (far left), attended UNI 68 years ago when it was the Iowa State Teachers College. Her aunt Linda Erickson (Petersen) (next to Shirley) attended 44 years ago, and her mother Kristy Oberbreckling (Petersen) attended 35 years ago. Now that's the definition of a Panther family!



'09 Katie (Noonan) Hillyer, BA, Cedar Falls, IA, was a finalist in the Academic Innovation and Leadership award category for the 2015 Women of Innovation Awards presented by the Technology Association of Iowa.

'09 Jessica (Wray) Waldschmidt, BA, Iowa City, IA, is the honors program coordinator for the University of Iowa.

2010s

'11 Kara (Swenson) Marts, BA, MSW '14, Yukon, OK, is a forensic interviewer with Ray of Hope Advocacy Center.

'13 Danny Laudick, BA, Cedar Falls, IA, was named one of the Cedar Valley's 20 under 40 by the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier

for 2015. He is currently the talent solutions coordinator at the Greater Cedar Valley Alliance & Chamber.

'13 Stephanie Opsal, BM, Albuquerque, NM, is an instrumental music instructor at St. Mary's Middle School.

'13 Brian Swedberg, BS, Fairfax, VA, received the Army Commendation Medal for acts of bravery while deployed to Afghanistan in 2011. He was recognized for fighting under heavy combat and forcing the enemy into retreat.

'15 Sarah Eikenberry, BS, BA '15, Des Moines, IA, will be attending the University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine starting in fall 2016.

'15 Joe Noonan, BA, Utica, MI, is the full-size truck and SUV project analyst and buyer for General Motors.

'15 Kara Poppe, BA, Davenport, IA, served a one-year fellowship with Princeton in Africa. She was with the Nyumbani Village in Kenya for 2015-16. The program develops young leaders who are committed to Africa's advancement.

Marriages

'05 Lacy (Sprung) Willenborg, BA, married Drew Willenborg in June 2015.

'07 Katie (Schorsch) Stevenson, BA, married **Seth Stevenson, BA '08,** on 8/16/2015.



'Nothing Compares' to **UNI** at the Iowa State Fair

UNI will host an interactive exhibit at the Iowa State Fair from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 11, through Sunday, Aug. 21, in the Varied Industries Building. University Book & Supply will sell UNI clothing, Panther gear and memorabilia. Join us at the fair!

'08 Jessica (Sodman) Flynn, BA, married Dillon Flynn on 10/4/2015.

'13 Raychael (Garringer) Baresel, BA, married Karl Baresel, BA '13, on 10/24/2015.

'13 Emily (Eichler) Smith, BA, married Andy Smith, BA '13, on 5/30/2015.

'14 Wes Jones, BA, married Sarah (Baish) Jones, BA '14, on 8/29/2015.

Births

'99 Roman Briskine, BA, and Kathy Morris, Zurich, Switzerland. Daughter Odarka Justyna Briskina was born on 2/9/2016.

'00 Luke Hubbard, BA, and Jennifer (Waldschmitt) Hubbard, BA '01, Ankeny, IA. Son Zachary Thomas Hubbard was born on 10/29/2015.

'10 Kristina (Wagner) Birkedal, BA, and Brian Birkedal, BA '10, Osage, IA. Daughter Elena Mary Dee Birkedal was born on 4/20/2015.

Deaths

'50 Harlan Holm, BA, died 1/3/2016 in Des Moines, IA.

'55 David Fagle, BA, MA '56, died 10/16/2015 in Marshalltown, IA.

'55 Donna (Sharp) Sehmann, BA, died 12/4/2015 in Cresco, IA.

'57 Jerry Cias, BA, MA '61, died 11/16/2015 in El Dorado Hills, CA.

'64 Bill Schwartz, BA, died 2/1/2016 in Maple Grove, MN.

'66 Sandra (Broad) Kuebler, BA, died 7/10/2014 in Plano, TX.

'68 Jackson Baty, MA, died 1/12/2016 in Cedar Falls, IA.

'85 Kimberly Ver Steeg, BA, died 9/14/2015 in New York City, NY.

'86 Sean Whitesell, BA, died 12/28/2015 in Los Angeles, CA.

'94 Steve Murra, BA, MA '97, died 2/20/2016 in Cedar Falls, IA.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

11 – GOOSE ISLAND
BREWERY TOUR, CHICAGO, IL
25 – COLORADO ROCKIES GAME,
DENVER, CO

JULY

13 – TWIN CITIES ALUMNI CLUB NIGHT
AT THE SAINT PAUL SAINTS, SAINT
PAUL, MN

AUGUST

11-21 – IOWA STATE FAIR, DES
MOINES

SEPTEMBER

3 – UNI FOOTBALL AT ISU TAILGATE,
AMES
9-10 – GOLDEN GRADUATE SOCIETY
REUNION (CLASS OF 1966), UNI

OCTOBER

1 – HOMECOMING

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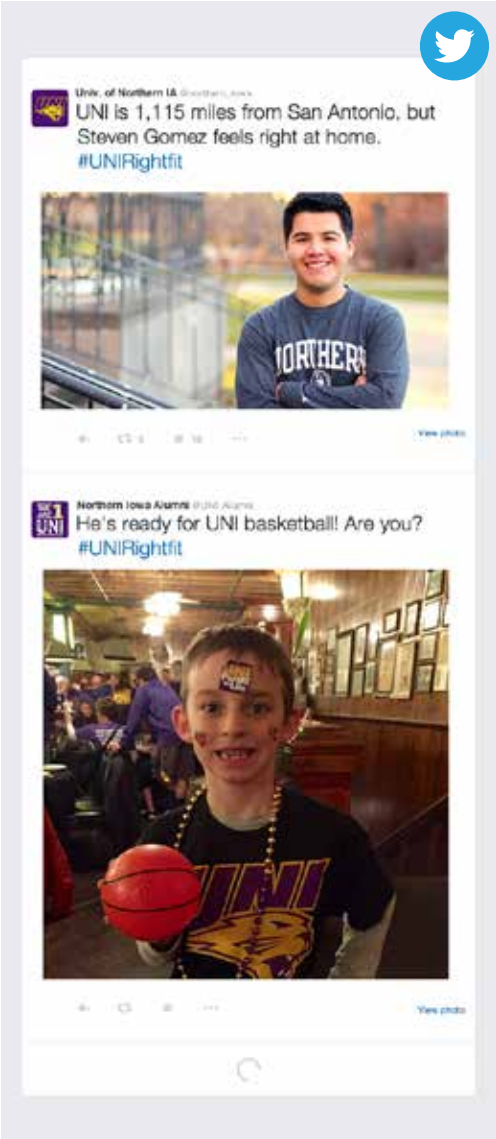
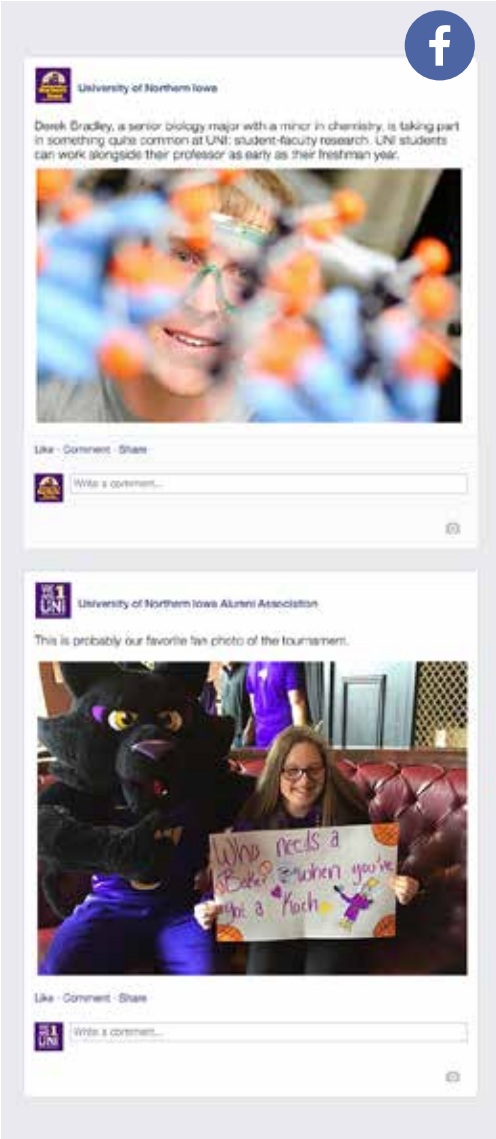
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inspiring stories, student and faculty research, and engage in great conversation (you might even receive a fun comment from TC and TK!) all with the click of a mouse or swipe of a finger.

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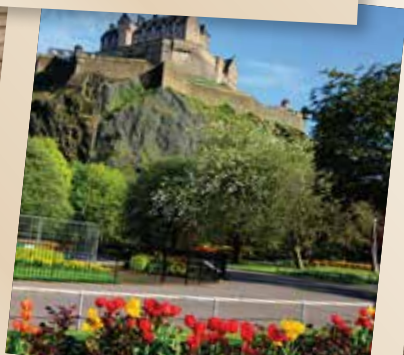


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Adventure Awaits!



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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!

GRECIAN DELIGHTS | Oct. 1-9, 2016

Discover incredible ancient wonders and delightful, sun-soaked islands on the Aegean adventure aboard Oceania Cruises' Riviera. From Istanbul to Athens, encounter stunning landscapes and historical treasures in Volos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Rhodes, Santorini and Mykonos.

CUBAN DISCOVERY | Oct. 13-21, 2016

This trip is specifically designed to showcase the island's authentic spirit. You will go beyond the tourist surface to reveal the rich culture, compelling history and architectural majesty of Havana, Cienfuegos, Trinidad and Santa Clara.

MARCHING BAND IN ROME | Dec. 27, 2016 – Jan. 4, 2017

Join the Panther Marching Band as they travel to Rome to perform in a New Year's Day Parade. You'll join fellow alumni in Florence, San Gimignano and Rome.

BAJA AND THE RIVIERA | Jan. 7-17, 2017

Set sail aboard Oceania Cruises' Regatta to experience the glittering resort towns and pristine beaches of the Baja Peninsula and the Mexican Riviera. From Los Angeles, sail to the picturesque, sun-kissed ports of Topolobampo, La Paz, Puerto Vallarta, Cabo San Lucas and San Diego.

GRAND CUBAN VOYAGE | Jan. 26-Feb. 4, 2017

Experience one of the most alluring cruise destinations, the Caribbean's largest island – a country of majestic colonial architecture and rolling green hills. From the plush comfort and refined elegance of the MS Saint Laurent, watch Cuba's ever-changing landscapes unfold on this extraordinary voyage.

PALMS IN PARADISE | April 24-May 10, 2017

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.

MEDITERRANEAN MASTERPIECE | May 10-21, 2017

From multicolored towns cascading toward glittering seas to timeless cities awash with perfectly preserved monuments, experience classic sights in Italy, France, Monaco and Spain on the perfect luxury cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina.

NORTHERN EUROPE | Aug. 1-12, 2017

Embark on an odyssey to northern Europe, where beautiful medieval buildings edge tranquil canals and cobble lanes lead to regal monuments. From London to Copenhagen, sail to enchanting ports in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Norway and Sweden aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina.

BALTIC AND SCANDINAVIA | Aug. 17-28, 2017

The treasures of the Baltic and Scandinavia are revealed on this magical voyage aboard Oceania Cruises' Nautica. Discover medieval towns, onion-domed cathedrals and stunning harbors as you cruise from Sweden to ports in Estonia, Russia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Germany and Denmark.

CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND | Sept. 16-26, 2017

From regal mansions perched on craggy coasts to historic lighthouses set against the season's rich medley of gold, amber, and crimson foliage, experience beautiful sights in Canada and New England on this luxury cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' Insignia.

GREAT PACIFIC NORTHWEST | Sept. 17-25, 2017

Discover the timeless majesty of the Columbia and Snake Rivers as you immerse yourself in the natural grandeur of the Pacific Northwest. From Portland to Clarkston, cruise to charming towns and historic sites aboard the elegant American Empress, stopping at Astoria, The Dalles, Stevenson and Sacajawea State Park.

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN | Oct. 28-Nov. 6, 2017

Immerse yourself in ancient history and stunning landscapes as you cruise the Adriatic and Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises' Riviera. Timeless wonders come to life with visits to fascinating ports on the shores of Italy, Malta, Greece, Montenegro, Croatia and Slovenia.

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