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Celebrating Service-Learning Leaders

Service-Learning



Starts Here

Over the past few years UNI has enhanced service-learning by intentionally recognizing where service and learning are embedded in curriculum. This involved designated courses already using service-learning pedagogy, as well as supporting the development of new service-learning courses.

This month we'd like to recognize our [Service-Learning Leaders](#) across campus - those that have designated a course as service-learning. We greatly appreciate all your behind-the-scenes work in committing to a high-impact practice that leads to retention, persistence and student success.

THANK YOU to the 39 and counting faculty, for being an early adopter and leader in your efforts, dedication, and commitment to excellence in teaching.

Carnegie (re)Classification

UNI is reapplying for Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement. UNI was classified in 2006 (at the inception of this classification) and reclassified in 2016. **A president-appointed committee is working on collecting data and information for this current academic year (2023-2024) for the application.** As such our newsletter throughout this year will highlight data and information needed for a thorough and accurate representation of community engagement activities.



Service-Learning Course Designation

All SL courses for 2023-2024 academic year will be reported in the application for Carnegie Reclassification for Community Engagement therefore we don't want to miss any. Learn more and [click here to apply](#). Or **send your syllabus to juilanne.gassman@uni.edu and she will apply for you.** (We are still taking Fall 2023 courses and starting on Spring 2024 courses). Join others and become a **Service-Learning Leader**.

Community Engagement Database

For those doing community engagement projects please report these activities in the updated Community Engagement Database. This will take no more than 10mins. Please submit your information if you fit the following:

- Class projects *not* captured through SL course designation and/or internship/practicum
- Student organization's service project / partnerships with community
- Faculty, staff & student's community engagement / service activities

[Click here to complete.](#)

Community Engaged Scholarship and Research

Have you published an article or given a scholarly presentation about your community engagement work in the last 5 years? We're creating a list of UNI-

authored engaged scholarships! Send a citation to Anne Marie Gruber at anne.gruber@uni.edu

For examples of Engaged Scholarship please [click here](#) and [here](#)

RODRIGO DAE'LOH LEVI
HASEEB ASHLEY SHAKIRA
MADDIGAN DENAYA DAY
RAYVON ALEX JOSHUA
KENYON DANIEL SABUR
FATIAH LARIAH DEDRA

MOVING WORDS MOVIE PREMIER



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
3:00 - 4:30PM

WATERLOO CENTER FOR THE ARTS

A collaboration between UNI art students, the Waterloo Writing Project, and Arts to End Violence.



DEPARTMENT OF ART
University of Northern Iowa

Funding Opportunities

McElroy Youth Leadership Funds

The McElroy Youth Leadership Fund supports UNI faculty, staff, students, and student organizations that focus on supporting and enhancing programming, activities, events, and course-based projects that advance and build capacity for youth, youth-serving organizations and nonprofit agencies.

Funding requests will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Those supporting and providing programs and services for youth and youth-serving organizations in the community are encouraged to apply. [Application and additional information here.](#)

Veridian Community Engagement Fellowship

Applications for Fall consideration are Due: Nov 15, 2023

This fellowship supports faculty to engage with community partners to better the community in a manner that also enhances their teaching and scholarship.

[Fellowship Criteria and Application can be found by clicking here.](#)

Faculty Learning Community

Hosted by Campus Compact. Join faculty from across the country, disciplines, and varying levels of community engagement expertise to start to build a deeper, more nuanced understanding of how to work with community partners and engage students in meaningful, community-rooted experiences.

Participants in this interactive learning community will leave with a draft community-engaged course syllabus or course proposal, pedagogical resources, and a plan for course implementation.

[Click here to learn more & register \(free\)](#). Sessions begin Nov. 9th

Engagement Opportunities

Board Match Program

Looking for a different kind of engagement? UNI's Office of Community Engagement and the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley can assist individuals (faculty, staff, students & community members) in finding a nonprofit organization for which to serve on a board of directors.

[To learn more and sign-up click here](#)

Events

The State of Student Community Engagement at UNI

Join Kristina Kofoot as she shares data and results of the 2022 National Assessment of Service and Community Engagement (NASCE). Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the NASCE survey, 2022 results, and how previous survey results compare. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to student engagement across campus, survey results, and share any ideas for possible recommendations for campus based on the survey data.

Tuesday, November 7th
12:00-1:00pm
Scholar Space, Rod Library (301)

Iowa Nonprofit Summit



The Iowa Nonprofit Alliance is hosting the state's premier conference for the nonprofit sector. The Iowa Nonprofit Summit has successfully brought together Iowa's nonprofit leaders, staff, funders, fans, allies, and supporters for 16 years.

Join over 400 of your nonprofit colleagues for two days of learning, community building, recharging, and celebrating the work Iowa nonprofits are doing across the state.

One and two day registration is available. [For more information click here.](#)

Creative Cedar Valley

CREATIVE CEDAR VALLEY is an initiative of the University of Northern Iowa course THE CREATIVE EXPERIENCE. It is sponsored by the UNI College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the School of Health and Human Sciences, the Oster Regent Theatre, Mag Pie magazine, and Veridian Credit Union. [Follow Creative Cedar Valley on social media for updates by clicking here.](#) Creative Cedar Valley events are as follows:



The poster features the Creative Cedar Valley logo at the top left, with the tagline 'Celebrating Creativity in Place'. The title 'COMMUNITY EVENTS' is centered at the top. Below the title, there are three event listings, each with a small image and text. The first event is on October 10th at 415 Walnut Project in Waterloo. The second is on October 17th at Three Pines Farm in Rural Cedar Falls. The third is on December 12th at Oster Regent Theatre in Cedar Falls. At the bottom, it states 'ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND BEGIN AT 6:00 PM. REGISTER ON LINKTREE.'

Date	Event Name	Location	Description
October 10th	415 WALNUT PROJECT	Waterloo	Imagining New Life for an Historic Landmark
October 17th	THREE PINES FARM	Rural Cedar Falls	Family Farm to Folk School and Event Space
December 12th	OSTER REGENT THEATRE	Cedar Falls	Cedar Valley Creativity Celebration

Creative Cedar Valley; Waterloo Career Center: November 14th

The Waterloo Career Center, now in its 6th year, is a part of the Waterloo Community School District. It offers high school students a vibrant, experiential approach to learning through 30 growing programs. The tour of this unique learning environment will culminate with a forum on experiential learning with the Career Center's teachers and students. [Register to attend here.](#)

Creative Cedar Valley; Creativity Celebration: December 12th

Join us for a lively celebration of creativity in the Cedar Valley! In addition to joining in our tribute to all of our Fall 2023 Creative Cedar Valley partners (415 Walnut, Three Pines Farm, and the Waterloo Career Center), you can observe or participate in an improv class and many other activities to be announced soon. Food and beverages will be available. [Register to attend here.](#)

Student Funding

Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement

Applications for Spring Consideration are due: November 15th

Please share this opportunity with students doing an internship Spring 2024. The Robert and Yvonne Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement is an endowment supporting students who are completing internships in positions of service in Iowa. Awards up to \$2,000 (undergraduate students) and up to \$3,000 (graduate students) will be given. To learn more and for student applications [please click here.](#)

National Credential

Certified Nonprofit Professional Credential (CNP)

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University Engagement

CERTIFIED
NONPROFIT PROFESSIONAL

The CNP is the only nationally recognized credential in nonprofit management and is available to

YOU

as an undergrad, graduate student, faculty, staff member, or alum of the University of Northern Iowa!

National Cost ~~\$1,800~~

Panther Price **\$100**

Nonprofit Leadership Alliance

CNP

Become Certified to Change the World Today!

Interested in earning a national credential? Faculty, staff, students, and alumni at UNI are eligible to earn the Certified Nonprofit Professional Credential (CNP) for \$100 (a \$1,800 value). If you would like to learn more set-up a meeting with the Director of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Program at UNI, Kristina Kofoot by [clicking here.](#)



UNI Engaged Podcast:

In this month's edition of UNI Engaged, join students as they learn about the work of the 415 Walnut Collective. This group is working to repurpose an abandoned church in Waterloo with the hopes of bringing it new life.

[To download and listen to our Podcast click here!](#)

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