Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2016-17 academic year!

I am honored to serve the faculty, students, and staff this year through the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. An exciting campus foundation has been built for the coming year, and I consistently hear “momentum” as the theme. My aim is to facilitate forward motion, towards the goals we collectively set during last year’s Academic Master Plan discussions.

We have important community engagement and engaged learning initiatives underway that link classrooms to co- / extra- curricular experiences for students, both on and off campus. These experiences help to make UNI distinctive, and we will continue to enhance and elevate these efforts.

We also are continuing crucial discussions regarding diversity and inclusion, and I am committed to the work that creates a welcoming climate for all of our students, faculty, and staff.

In addition, the Schindler Education Center re-opens later this year. This renovated space will provide faculty and students with state-of-the-art classrooms and opportunities to explore innovations in education.

Altogether, these initiatives enrich our work as we together create a challenging and supportive learning environment for our students. Please let me know if you have feedback or input. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.
A Breath of Fresh AIR:
Alums Return for Alumni in Residence Program
By Susanna Schuerman
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Springtime annually lures alumni back to UNI. During the late Spring 2016 semester, eighteen alums returned to campus from Florida, South Dakota, Minnesota and throughout Iowa, as part of the Alumni in Residence (AIR) Program.

AIR participants met with faculty groups to discuss current trends and issues in the workplace, toured campus, and visited with student organizations.

Alumni shared their personal experiences and professional expertise in fields such as finance, marketing, psychology, geography, biology, mathematics, communications, and industrial arts.

For instance, Ed Rosheim (Spanish ’89, ’91) spoke at an open forum, “Opportunities in Multilingual Professional Development,” about his company and his journey following graduation from UNI. Rosheim is the founder of Workplace Languages in Minneapolis, which offers bilingual training, translation services, and customized language products to a variety of organizations.

Author and blogger Carol Bodensteiner (Theatre Arts ’72), shared advice with two creative writing classes and a public relations class: “You never know where life will take you, so grab every writing opportunity you can.”

John Deere program manager Katie Kuker (Psychology ’06, ’08) told students that those “who are super engaged, want to contribute, and have a desire to go above and beyond, will carry that same drive throughout their careers.”

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage business initiatives consultant Dan Kunkel (Management Information Systems ’03) recommended, “As you enter the workforce, become a student of your industry. Understand where your role fits into your company and what role your company plays in the industry.”
2015-16 Tenure, Promotion, and Award Recipients

College of Business Administration
Promotion to Full Professor
Arthur Cox - Finance
Karthik Iyer - Marketing

Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure
Russell Guay - Management
Brett Olsen - Finance

College of Education
Promotion to Full Professor
Kevin Finn - Kinesiology, Allied Health & Human Services
Rosalie Forbes - Curriculum & Instruction

Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure
Benjamin Forsyth - Educational Psychology & Foundations
Peter Neibert - Kinesiology, Allied Health & Human Services

Promotion to Assistant Professor
Amy Lockhart - Teaching

Tenure
Ashley Jorgensen - Teaching
Terri Lasswell - Teaching

College of Humanities, Arts & Sciences
Promotion to Full Professor
Jonathan Chenoweth - School of Music
Timothy Kidd - Physics
Catherine MacGillivray - Languages & Literatures
Joyce Milambiling - Languages & Literatures

Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure
Rui He - Physics
Julie Kang - Biology
Colin Weeks - Chemistry & Biochemistry
John Wiles - School of Music

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Promotion to Full Professor
B. Keith Crew - Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology
Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi - School of Applied Human Sciences
Roberto Swazo - School of Applied Human Sciences

Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure
Kimberly Baker - Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology
Ga-Young Choi - Social Work
Matthew Makarios - Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology
Nicholas Schwab - Psychology

Rod Library
Promotion to Full Professor
Barbara Weeg

Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure
Leila Rod-Welch

University Book & Supply Outstanding Teaching Award
Disa Cornish - Kinesiology, Allied Health & Human Services
William Henninger - School of Applied Human Sciences
Stephanie Logan - Curriculum & Instruction
Stephanie Schmitz - Educational Psychology & Foundations
Alexa Sedlacek - Earth Science

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award
Jeremy Schraffenberger - Languages & Literatures
James F. Lubker Faculty Research Award
David Surdam - Economics

Distinguished Scholar Award
Audrey Rule - Curriculum & Instruction

Ross A. Nielsen Professional Service Award
Nadene Davidson - Teaching

Class of 1943 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching
Timothy Lindquist - Accounting

Regents Award for Faculty Excellence
Mohammad Iqbal - Earth Science
Jeffrey Tamplin - Biology

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