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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2016-17 academic year!



Brenda Bass

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
Assistant Director of Development Communications

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."



Former President Ruud, alum Dan Kunkel, and Department of Management Head Mary Connerley at last semester's Alumni in Residence event

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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