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Pack the Dome



Happy holidays from the Office of Community Engagement Staff! We hope you are able to enjoy the upcoming winter break. As you think about your plans for break, consider signing up for Pack the Dome!

Join the Office of Community Engagement along with the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service event in the UNI-Dome!

Day: January 15th, 2024

Time: 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Participants, age 6 and over, will help package food packs for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in support of their “Backpack Program”. The MLK National Day of Service is a great opportunity for students, professionals, families, and community members to gather and serve on this commemorative day! This opportunity is free and open to the Cedar Valley community.

[To register, click HERE!](#)

Service-Learning

Calling all Service-Learning Courses for Designation

It is not too late to have your fall 2023 course designated as Service-Learning. 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. Just **send your syllabus to juilanne.gassman@uni.edu**. We are processing both Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 courses now.

Service-Learning Leaders & Service-Learning Courses

Between Fall 2020 and Spring 2023, **1,986 students enrolled in SL courses**. In addition to enhancing student learning, the community benefits from access to university resources, increased capacity for solutions to community needs, and opportunities to contribute to the educational process. This is made possible by our [Service-Learning Leaders](#) - Thank You!

Check out the list of [Service-Learning courses for Spring 2024](#). Please encourage students to consider taking an SL course - they enhance learning and provide practical experience, which is what employers want to see.

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](#).

Faculty Development

Service-Learning Institute

Iowa/Minnesota Campus Compact is hosting an online Engaged Faculty Institute (same as UNI's SLI). This two-week, cohort-based learning experience is for faculty, instructors, and staff interested in designing (or re-designing) and facilitating a service-learning course. This course is *free to UNI faculty and staff*. The winter cohort is January 4-19. More details can be found on the [registration page](#).

Engaged Scholars Initiative

National Campus Compact: Applications are open for the next cohort of the [Engaged Scholars Initiative \(ESI\)](#). [Attend an informational session](#) to learn more about the program and application process. ESI is a one-year leadership and professional development program designed to develop a diverse group of early- and mid-career faculty and staff in the civic and community engagement field. In addition, if interested contact Julianne Gassman.

National Credential

Certified Nonprofit Professional Credential (CNP)



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 how UNI and the Cedar Valley come together to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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

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