There are amazing Christmas lights in downtown Cedar Falls, make sure to stop by and take a look!
Learn more about what is happening in our community, on campus, and in the larger Cedar Valley Community! Check out our upcoming events, sign up for activities, keep up-to-date on immigration reminders, and MORE!

**Job Opportunities**

**Working on campus over break?** A reminder that students are about to work **40 Hours** over University breaks, so check with your supervisors about additional work opportunities!

Make sure to stay up to date on Dining Center Hours over the break! Visit their website to see daily hours of operation! **December 14 and 15, 2023 will be the LAST days of operation for the Dining Centers for Winter Break.** Make sure to get into contact with our office if you need:

- to go to the grocery store
- have any issues with getting food over break
- are in need of winter clothing
- anything else that you need!
Upcoming Events on Campus with OIE

it's the end of the semester!

TIME TO CELEBRATE

DECEMBER 14TH | 3 - 4 P.M.
RM 109P IN THE CME

Join us to say farewell to our graduates and to get together one last time before the Holiday Break!
Holiday Hoopla | Dec. 7 | 11a.m. - 2 p.m. | Center for Multicultural Education

The Center for Multicultural Education (CME) and OIE are partnering to bring you Holiday Hoopla! Gingerbread House Competition, cookie decorating, free food, and holiday cheer are all on the menu! Find us in the CME Lobby!

Coffee Hour with President Nook | Dec. 8 | 3 - 4:30 p.m. | Great Reading Room, Seerley Hall

Grab a coffee and snack on holiday favorite with Mark Nook, President of UNI and his wife, Cheryl! Make paper stars to decorate your forms, decorate Christmas ornaments, and take home your own gingerbread cookie to savor the sweet memories!

End of Year Celebration | Dec. 14 | 3 - 4 p.m. | 109P, CME Classroom

Join the Office of International Engagement as we celebrate the achievements of our students this semester, those that are graduating, and those that are traveling back home! Take a chance to day goodbyes, 'see you laters,' and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Tell us what YOU would like to see in our programming and activities! We are already in the process of planning for the 2024 Spring Semester and would love your feedback!

Fill out the form below to let us know with a few simple suggestions:

Let us know YOUR ideas for programming!
Immigration Updates

From the desk of Edyta Cichon (Immigration Advisor)

If traveling out of the country please stop by and have your I-20 sign before the international travel. Review the expiration dates of your passport, visa and the I-20. Each document will have a different expiration date in most cases. You need the I-20 accessible at all times.

During winter break International students are allowed to work on campus 40 hours a week, however when classes are in session only 20 hours a week, this also applies to finals week - only 20 hours.

If you have any other questions or concerns, schedule a meeting with Edyta!

Schedule a Meeting

Tips from Our Director

Planning for the holidays during winter break?

American holidays bring festive lights, lots of food, and celebrations. But for international students, U.S. holidays can sometimes be challenging and lonely. Planning can help. Below, I am including some tips or ideas for the winter break.

Celebrate with People from Your Home Country or Fellow Friends, but try not to be alone.
Some students may be unable to travel back home, but getting together with fellow students from your country can help look for local activities or get together for a meal or a regional trip.

**Volunteer in the Community**

Volunteerism and philanthropy are unique dimensions of U.S. culture. Volunteering at a food shelter or a local community center is another opportunity for international students to experience another facet of U.S. culture while helping others in need. Let us know at OIE if you want to connect with any local organizations.

**Stay on Campus**

At UNI, students can remain on campus during the winter break; however, the dining halls will be closed during that period of time. Check with the OIE office to learn when we will take students to buy groceries. Stay connected with us through WhatsApp or email. The OIE office will be closed from Dec. 22 to; however, we can answer any emergency.

**Get a Seasonal Job on Campus**

Consider getting a seasonal job during college winter break to stay busy and make extra money. To look for job opportunities, visit: [https://careerservices.uni.edu/student-employee-center](https://careerservices.uni.edu/student-employee-center)

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**Upcoming Events In the Community**

**CAB Crash and Relax | Dec. 7 | 7 p.m.**

Come take a break from studying and join CAB for a relaxing night. We will have snacks, crafts, spatter painting, and at 7:30 p.m. we will offer self-defense training.
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Stay updated and learn more about what we offer by checking out the OIE News Page! You'll find articles on students, programs, immersive experiences, and more!

Find News Stories Here

We are pleased to bring entertaining and educational cultural events to our international and domestic students on campus and in the community. Check out our event schedule!
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