Lunar New Year!

[Images of people and decorations related to Lunar New Year]
Welcome Britney!

Hello! My name is Britney Garcia, and I'm a new OIE academic coach! I recently graduated with my B.A. from UNI. During undergrad, I majored in TESOL, minored in Anthropology, and received a certificate in Linguistic Studies. I am now a graduate student in TESOL with a passion for all things language and culture related. The intersections of second language teaching with social justice and equity are also areas of great interest to me. When I'm not on campus working or going to classes, I love watching dramas, listening to music/podcasts, and baking. I'm really excited to work with OIE this semester!

Check out the Graduate Colleges upcoming Verbal Processing Workshop with Dr. Brooke Wonders from Languages and Literatures, and the chance for you to earn $100 from it. On Monday, February 26th from 12:00-1:00pm in Rod Library 324, join Dr. Wonders for an hour to learn about others' grad research, speak about your own, and learn to talk your way through writer's block, judgement free.

The first students to register for and attend this workshop will receive a $100 stipend to their U-Bill! Additionally, lunch will be provided at this event!

Register here!
Extended Orientation Sessions | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. | 109P, CME Classroom

Forgot about how to pay your U-Bill or how our Health Insurance works? No worries! Extended Orientation is designed to help, with sessions throughout the first few months of the semester. Join us in the CME Classroom, 109P for more information! Snacks, coffee, and tea will be served!

General Question Session with the Global Panther Success Team | Feb. 15, 2024 | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Valentines Day around the World Coffee Hour | Feb. 16, 2024 | 4-5 p.m. | MAU 113

Coffee Hour is a weekly event that is hosted by the Office Of International Engagement in collaboration with offices and organizations across campus every Friday from 4-5pm. This event was created with the aim to foster cultural exchange, conversations, and community here at UNI all within a curated space for students, volunteers, and the community.
Learn about different Valentines Traditions around the world, make your own valentines, and share the love in the our themed photobooth!

**Panthers Got Talent | Feb. 21, 2024 | 8pm | Lang Hall Auditorium**

We know campus is loaded with talented Panthers so it’s your turn to shine! If you can sing, dance, juggle, or have another fun or quirky talent, register here to audition for UNI’s spin on the popular show America’s Got Talent. **Auditions will take place in the University Room (Lower level of the Maucker Union).** After auditions, individuals/groups will be contacted about performing in the LIVE show on **Wednesday, Feb. 21 in Lang Hall Auditorium.** For more information on auditions email: unicab@uni.edu. Come support our super talented Panthers as they perform in front of a live audience on Feb. 21st at 8pm!. No registration required for live show!

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**NOMINATE OR APPLY FOR THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

For nomination forms & deadlines visit uniledu/sla

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The Office of International Engagement (OIE) joined UNI’s annual celebration of Outstanding Leaders/rap Awards in 2023 to recognize the successful engagement of our international or domestic students, faculty and staff members. The Awards are sponsored by OIE and will be celebrated each year in tandem with the UNI Student Leadership Awards’

**Two Award Categories**

- **A Rising Global Star Leader Award** for UNI students in any stage of their education (undergraduate, graduate, and CIEP)
- **Award for Excellence in International Engagement** for UNI students, faculty, staff, or a Cedar Valley Community member

Learn more and NOMINATE today!
From the desk of Edyta Cichon (Immigration Advisor)

Work on Campus
Students are allowed to work on campus up to 20 hours a week during the semester. Students having multiple positions are responsible for self-monitoring and not working more than 20 hours a week in total. OBO has a report showing the number of hours worked. The work week starts on Sunday, please calculate accordingly. **Please make sure not to work over 20 hours a week.**

Graduating in May 2024? Thinking about OPT?
Starting next week, you will be able to file within the filing time frame. Contact Edyta for more details at cichone@uni.edu

To apply for graduation - due date is April 1st, 2024
[https://registrar.uni.edu/graduation-and-commencement/graduation-information](https://registrar.uni.edu/graduation-and-commencement/graduation-information)

If you have noticed an International Hold on your account, there is no need to be concerned. The Service Indicator was added to ensure that the OIE office gets information on changes to students' registration. It helps us to ensure that your immigration status is maintained.
Effective Email Communication at UNI

At UNI, email is the primary mode of communication for all professional correspondence. While texting may be preferred for informal conversations, emails are the go-to for conveying detailed and essential information. In today's fast-paced world, emails have become integral to our daily communication. As such, it's crucial to prioritize acknowledgment and response to ensure effective communication. Here are some tips to help you manage your email inbox:

1. Prioritize your inbox: Sort your emails based on urgency and importance.
2. Allocate specific times during the day to focus on email management.
3. Keep responses concise: Be mindful of the recipient's time and keep your emails brief and to the point.
4. Use filters and rules: Most email providers offer filtering and rule-setting options.

By acknowledging receipt and responding promptly, you foster strong professional relationships, enhance communication, manage expectations, and positively reflect on your professionalism. Remember, effective email communication is key to success in your academic and professional life.

Carolina Coronado Park, Director of International Engagement

24/7/365 Stay in the Loop

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 Events Here
Shoutout

Congratulations to our talented conducting grad assistant in the orchestra, Juan David Dominguez, on reaching this incredible moment! He recently performed in his final recital concert conducting Tchaikovsky’s Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture, showcasing his dedication, talent, and hard work! Congratulations Juan!