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Thursday, August 29, 2019

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

International Coffee Hour Starts TODAY!

Free coffee, tea and refreshments every Thursday from 3-4 during our International Coffee Hour. Our goal is to bring people together, share event information, and spread awareness of the international community on campus.

UNI Harvest and Local Food Festival August 29

Join UNI for the [7th Annual UNI Harvest & Local Food Festival](#) at the Panther Plot located at the corner of University Avenue and College Street from 5-7 pm. There will be free food, featuring fresh ingredients from the student garden. Additionally, there will be live music by Brandon and Harry from Hummingbird Horizon. During this year's event, please visit a number of local food related booths that will be set up in association with the event. Also, take time to visit the Creekside Harmony Garden.

Volunteer Fair September 4

The [Volunteer Fair](#) will be held Wednesday, September 4 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm in the Old Central Ballroom, Maucker Union. Network with more than 50 local nonprofit organizations, as well as find volunteer and internship opportunities in the Cedar Valley.

Campus Activities Board Kickoff September 5

Join the Campus Activities Board for its kickoff on Thursday, September 5 from 7-10 pm in the Maucker Union Central Ballroom. Fun, glow in the dark games and headphone disco!

Mental Health Conference "Help is All Around You" September 10

The Mental Health Conference "Help is All Around You" will be on September 10 from 12:30-4:30 pm in the Maucker Union Ballroom. The keynote will be by John Moe, host of the podcast "The Hilarious World of Depression".

The Learning Center at Rod Library

All students are encouraged to use The Learning Center @ Rod Library for assistance with writing, math, science, and college reading and learning strategies. Beginning week two, The Learning Center (TLC) operates on a walk-in basis and is open 10:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday through Thursday. For more information, go to <https://tlc.uni.edu/tutoring>, email TheLearningCenter@uni.edu, call 319-273-

6023, or visit the TLC desk located on the main floor of Rod Library. If you are unable to come in during normal tutoring hours, online tutoring is available through Smarthinking. You will need your CATID and passphrase to gain access. To access the Smarthinking platform go to <https://tlc.uni.edu/schedule>.

IMMIGRATION

Important Information about NEW/RENEWED Iowa Driver's Licenses

UNI international students are sometimes denied new/renewed Iowa driver's licenses by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and told their paperwork is not in order and they should check with the international office. There could be delays in the verification systems for students who have recently entered the US, or for students whose records have not been "registered" in SEVIS for the semester. If you have been denied a driver's license recently, please send an e-mail message to Ross.Schupbach@uni.edu and include your name, UNI ID number, and indicate whether you have recently entered the US. Ross will then "register" your SEVIS record and you can return to the DOT office.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Summer Heat Stress

Extreme heat increases the risk for heat stroke, heat exhaustion and heat cramps. Environmental Health and Safety reminds the university community to take steps to stay cool during hot weather. See the attached handouts to learn more about heat stress.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Babysitter Needed

Looking for help babysitting/ playing with two kids - a 4 year old boy and a 2 year old girl – at our house within walking distance from campus. Pay starting at \$10 an hour. Hours and schedule negotiable. If interested, contact Oksana at oksana.grybovych@uni.edu or 319-830-0212.

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