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Community
Engagement



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Community Engagement Celebration Day

REGISTER NOW!



Encourage your students to sign-up for Community Engagement Celebration Day! We want students, faculty and staff to showcase their incredible community engaged activities, especially those in Service-Learning courses and student organizations. Individual projects and internships are also encouraged.

Date: April 25th 2025

Time: 9:00-11:30

Location: Applied Engineering Building

Registration Deadline: April, 18th

Project Categories include:

- Service-Learning/Live Client Project (Curricular)
- Student Organization/Student Group Project (Co/Extra-Curricular Activity)
- Research-Based Project
- Individual Student Project/Internship (Students)
- Commitment to Service (Faculty/Staff)

Award winners in each category receive \$250 sponsored by Veridian Credit Union! People's Choice award winner receives \$300!

[Event Information Here](#)

[Register Here](#)

Engaged Department Institute

Engaged Department Institute: May 27-28

The Engaged Department Institute is grounded in the success of the Service-Learning Institute and SL Course Designations, expanding service-learning and community engagement beyond a single faculty member to an entire department/academic unit. Courses will be reviewed to identify where community engaged learning is most appropriate for a scaffolded approach to engaged learning across the curriculum.

The Engagement Department Institute will serve two purposes:

1. Support academic departments/programs/units in expanding service-learning and community engagement beyond a single faculty member to an entire department, program, or unit. Attendees participate both May 27 and 28.
2. Support UNI faculty and staff interested in collaborating in planning a service project for **UNI's Sesquicentennial Day of Service** Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Attendees participate May 28th only.

Applications Due Friday April 11, 2025. [For more Information Click Here.](#)

Engaged Faculty Institute (Online, hosted by Seed Coalition)



Dates: May 20th-June 5th

Individual faculty/staff wanting a workshop on Service-Learning (similar to UNI's previous Service-Learning Institute) register for the spring EFI. This is an online, engaging asynchronous learning experience that provides practical steps to enhance community engagement in your curriculum. For more information and to reserve your spot [click here](#) — registration closes May 12.

Events

RodCon



Rod Library's Mini Comic Book Convention. Games, comics, crafts and a costume contest! Free, and open to the public.

When: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information about vendors [click here](#).

For a schedule for the day [click here](#).

Earth Day 2025



Help campus celebrate Earth Day 2025.

When: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Set up: 10am. Tabling will run from 11am to 2pm.

[To register for tabling on Earth Day please click here.](#)

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever does.”

- Margaret Mead

Funding Opportunities

Veridian Community Engagement Fellowship: Funds Available

All current faculty (instructors, tenure, and tenure/track) are eligible to apply. This fellowship supports engagement with community partners to better the community in a manner that also enhances their teaching and scholarship. Each selected recipient will receive grant between \$500 and \$3,000.

For questions please contact Julianne Gassman at gassman@uni.edu or 3-2204.

Application Deadline: April 18th

[Click here for additional information here](#)

[Click her for the Application](#)

Environmental Health Program Mini Grants

The Environmental Health Program at the Center for Energy & Environmental Education (CEEE) is offering mini grants of up to \$5,000 per project to help

engage UNI students in environmental health sciences. Mini grants are available to UNI faculty, staff, and students who engage in high-impact projects in coordination with CEEE staff that demonstrate the environment's connection to public health, upstream solutions to downstream harms, and/or implementing the Precautionary Principle in community environmental health initiatives. Examples of what grants can support include student experiences in class or through a student organization, research or community projects, trips or travel and honoraria for invited guest speakers for a class or an on-campus event. Please visit the link provided for additional information:

<https://ceee.uni.edu/environmental-health-mini-grant>.

Student Funding

Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement

Applications for Spring Consideration are due: April 16th

Internships are a crucial experience for students. We want to ensure that students can say yes to unpaid/underpaid internship opportunities. If your students are completing an internship in Summer/Fall2025, don't let them miss out on applying for the Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement.

The Robert and Yvonne Koob Fund is an endowment supporting students who are completing unpaid/underpaid internships in positions of service in Iowa. Awards up to \$2,000 (undergraduate students) and up to \$3,000 (graduate students) will be given. To learn more and for student applications [please click here](#).

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