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UNI's Day of Service: Kick-Off

Registration remains open on a limited number of service project



[Click here to view & register for volunteer opportunities.](#)

All are invited to the Day of Service **Kick-Off Event**.

- Time: 9:00am - 9:45am
- Location: Maucker Union SW Plaza (Weather location - Maucker Union Coffee House)
- Donuts, coffee, and cider will be provided.

Service-Learning & Engaged Department Institutes

May 26-27, 8:30am - 4:30pm both days

This year we are offering both a Service-Learning and an Engaged Department Institute all in one.

[The Service-Learning Institute](#) is for individuals wanting to focus on incorporating service-learning activities into courses to align with course learning goals, enhance student growth and civic awareness, and strengthen our community.

[The Engaged Department Institute](#) is designed for two to four faculty/instructors within the same academic department/program/unit to work together to advance community engagement and service-learning into the programmatic features of a department and the majors within that department.

Application deadline: Friday, April 17, 2026

[Click here to apply.](#)

Online Engaged Department Institute

Seed Coalition

The EFI Online Institute is a cohort-based online course which combines asynchronous and synchronous activities to guide faculty, instructors, and staff who support community-engaged teaching and learning through the core considerations, elements, and process of designing a community-engaged course.

Registration Deadline: May 11
Free to UNI faculty & staff

[Click here for more information and EFI Registration](#)

Student Funding

Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement

Applications for Spring Consideration are due: April 15th

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/Fall2026, 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.](#)

Certified Nonprofit Professional Credential (CNP)

To learn more or to schedule a 10-15 minute presentation for your students about how they can earn a CNP, [click here.](#)

All UNI students are eligible to earn their Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential, a \$1800 value, available to UNI students for \$100. The CNP credential signals that you have what it takes to be an effective leader as a volunteer or professional in your community and/or the nonprofit sector.



UNI Engaged Podcast Season 4, Episode 5

In this episode learn about Creative Cedar Valley, a project in Dr. Gary Gute's Creative Experience class. Students share how they partnered with Talk to Me Technologies.

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



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