



**University of  
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Community  
Engagement



**Newsletter: February 2025**

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# Engaged Department Institute

## Engaged Department Institute: May 27-28

This May we are offering an Engaged Department Institute. Grounded in the success of the Service-Learning Institute and SL Course Designations, the Engaged Department Institute will expand 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. [Click here to apply](#)

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. [Click here to apply for Day of Service planning only.](#)

### Dates:

Tuesday, May 27 - 8:30-4:30

Wednesday, May 28 - 8:30-4:30

**Applications Due Friday April 11, 2025.**

[For more Information Click Here.](#)

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## Events

### INSPIRE Conference



Undergraduate and graduate students from all majors across campus are invited to participate in the 2025 INSPIRE Student Research & Engagement Conference.

The conference is an opportunity for students to showcase the wide variety of experiential activities in which they participate inside and outside of the classroom, including: research, internship, volunteer or study abroad experiences, club activities and/or creative performances.

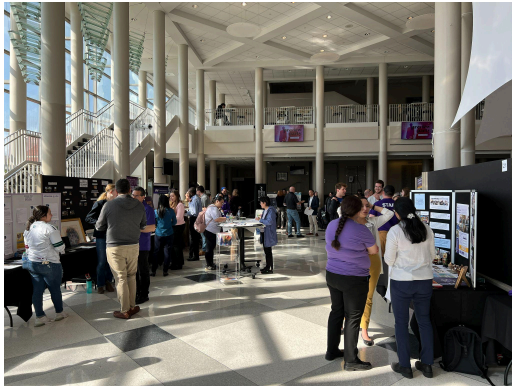
Submissions will open Feb. 21st- March 14th for the 2026 conference.

**When:** April 7-8th

**Where:** Rod Library

[For more information click here](#)

# Community Engagement Celebration Day-REGISTER NOW!



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

**Save the Date:** April 25th 2025

**Time:** 9:00-11:30

**Location:** Applied Engineering Building

[Register by Clicking Here](#)

[Event Information Click Here](#)

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## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

UNI's Accounting Department will be offering free tax preparation and e-filing for the 2024 tax year. This service is for those with an income less than \$64,000. The UNI site is open Wednesday evenings from mid-February through the first week of April in the Curris Business Building on the University of Northern Iowa campus. . [View their webpage here](#), or call the Accounting Department at 319-273-2394.



# Funding Opportunities

## McElroy Youth Leadership Funds

The McElroy Youth Leadership Fund supports UNI faculty, staff, students, and student organizations that focus on supporting and enhancing programming, activities, events, and course-based projects that advance and **build capacity for youth, youth-serving organizations and nonprofit agencies.**

Funding requests are accepted on an ongoing basis. [Application and additional information here.](#)

## Veridian Community Engagement Fellowship

This fellowship supports faculty engagement with community partners to better the **community in a manner that also enhances their teaching and scholarship.**

Applications due March 14. [Application and additional information here.](#)

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# Sustainability Efforts at UNI



Chad Heinzl is taking on the charge of re-vitalizing sustainability efforts on campus. As such, he is looking for Faculty, Staff, and Students interested in serving committees and an advisory panel.

## Faculty and Staff Sustainability Advisory Boards: General and Curricular

Campus wide support is needed for sustainability efforts to be effective. We would like to have representation from across campus on two separate advisory boards. The first will focus on curricular engagement for sustainability. The second one is general campus engagement. If you or a colleague are interested, please email Chad Heinzl at [chad.heinzl@uni.edu](mailto:chad.heinzl@uni.edu). - "Many Hands Make Light and Effective Work"

## Green Fund Student Advisory Panel

Student nominations are needed to rebuild and serve on the Green Fund Student Advisory Panel. Please email the student's name and UNI student ID# to [chad.heinzel@uni.edu](mailto:chad.heinzel@uni.edu). if you think they would be a good addition and be interested.

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## Certified Nonprofit Professional Credential

As part of our ongoing efforts to inspire and educate future leaders, we are excited to offer classroom visits to share about the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance program at UNI. Students (and you) will learn how to earn the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) Credential. The presentation will take no more than 10 minutes.

[To sign up for a classroom visit fill out this brief form by clicking here.](#)



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