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Community
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UNI's Day of Service - Registration Open

Day of Service volunteer registration is open until March 6, all made possible in partnership with the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley.

Faculty and instructors, especially those that teach on Wednesday, April 8th, please share with students your expectations for that day. If you are not doing a service project as part of your class, there are other volunteer opportunities available. Please help us fill our commitments. Things to consider:

- Do a service project as part of your class
- Ask students to participate; there are over 1,200 volunteer opportunities
- [Click here for faculty/staff resources.](#)

Registration is open to students, staff and faculty. Merit and P&S staff should check with their department head / supervisor for approval to work on a project within their normal workday. Supervisors will determine the hours and times that staff may serve projects.

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



[Click here to let us know](#) if your group is planning a service project for April 8.

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 10, 2026

[Click here to apply.](#)

INSPIRE Conference



Undergraduate and graduate students from any program across campus are welcome to participate and present projects focused on research, internship, volunteer or study abroad experiences, club activities and/or creative performances.

This conference offers an opportunity for students to showcase the wide variety of experiential activities in which they participate inside and outside of the classroom.

The 2026 Conference will open for submissions March 2-25.

When: April 13-14

Where: Rod Library

[Click here for more information.](#)

UNI 150th on IPR's "Talk of Iowa"

Iowa Public Radio hosted an hour-long episode on UNI's 150th on "Talk of Iowa" with Charity Nebbe on Monday, February 13th. The episode highlighted:

- Jess Cruz and Tessa Wakefield - UNI history, exhibits, unique treasures in archives - [click here to read more.](#)
- Melinda Heinz - one of our engaged learning opportunities - UNI students gathering oral histories from alumni of generations past ([click here for our IUNI story](#))
- Julianne Gassman - Spring Into Service and highlighting projects from UNI Day of Service
- Mike Conrad - previewing the "75 Years of Jazz" event involving alumni next Friday - [click here to read more about the 75 Years of Jazz.](#)

[Click here](#) to listen to the published podcast featuring the episode.



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