

# UNI

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Community  
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Newsletter: March 2025

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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.

**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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## 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.
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.

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## Events

### INSPIRE Conference



**When:** April 7-8th

**Where:** Rod Library

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 deadline - March 14th.

[For more information click here](#)

## Cedar Valley Nonprofit Awards



Join the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance in Celebrating the incredible work happening throughout the nonprofit sector in the Cedar Valley at the Cedar Valley Nonprofit Awards Luncheon.

**When:** April 9th, 2025

**Time:** 12:00-1:30pm

**Where:** Waterloo Convention Center

**Cost:** \$35 per person, \$130 half table of 4, \$260 full table of 8

**RSVP:** [Click here](#) to RSVP by Wednesday, March 5th at 4:30pm

## 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.”

## 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.](#)

## 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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# UNI Engaged Podcast



UNI Dance Marathon supports children with life-threatening illnesses treated at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. Join us in this episode to learn about students experience in Dance Marathon and what it means to them.

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

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