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Community
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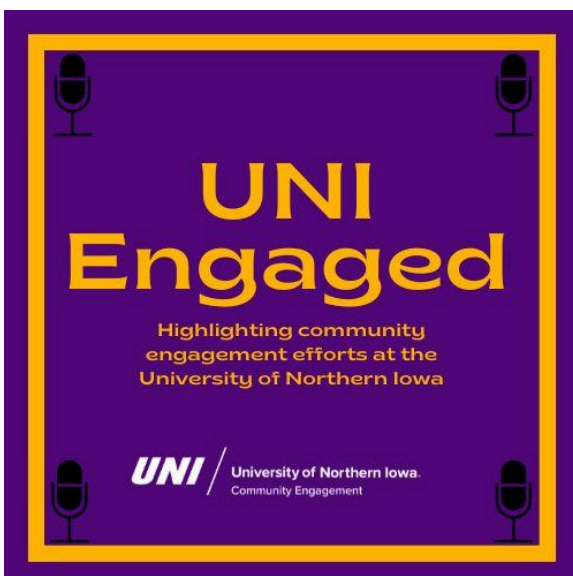


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UNI Engaged Podcast



Did you know that we have a podcast? UNI Engaged is a student-produced podcast that highlights the breadth and impact of service-learning on campus. Created in Dr. Deb Dimond Young's service-learning Cornerstone course, students lead the charge planning episodes, conducting interviews with community partners, and reflecting on the real-world effects of their work. The podcast brings fresh, student driven perspectives on service, leadership, and community engagement.

This month's podcast features UNI Senior Design Construction Management students who, over several semesters, have put together platform observation decks for the UNI Softball field. Listen as they talk about lessons learned, faculty reflections, and learn about the overall experience. [To listen to this episode click here](#)

National Credential

Certified Nonprofit Professional Credential (CNP)



Help your students stand out with the nonprofit sectors only nationally recognized credential: Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP)

The Nonprofit Sector is the FASTEST growing employment sector in the United States. The CNP on their resume quickly signals to employers that they have what it takes to be a leader at their organization. This credential supports the skills and knowledge to perform better in the nonprofit sector and is available to all UNI faculty, staff, students, and alumni for \$100 (a \$1,800 value).

If you would like to learn more set-up a meeting with the Director of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Program at UNI, Kristina Kofoot by [clicking here](#).

Board Match Program

Looking for a different kind of engagement? UNIs Office of Community Engagement and the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley can assist individuals (faculty, staff, students & community members) in finding a nonprofit organization for which to serve on a board of directors.

[To learn more and sign-up click here](#)

Engaged Faculty Institute - Seed Coalition



The Engaged Faculty Institute provides research-informed practical steps to incorporate community engagement into your curriculum and improve your current community-engaged courses.

Open to all faculty, including tenured or tenure-track, instructors, and lecturers or adjunct faculty. Staff who support curricular community engagement experiences are also encouraged to participate.

This is an online two-week intensive that will take place January 2-16, 2026 with an introductory call December 11, 2025.

[For more information or to register click here.](#)

Service-Learning

It's Service-Learning Course Designation Time!

Spring 2026 is a great semester to embed a service-learning project into your course and pair it with UNI's Day of Service on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

[To learn more and apply, click here.](#) You are also invited to send your course syllabus to gassman@uni.edu and your application will be processed for you!

[Click here to schedule a one on one meeting](#) with Julianne Gassman to discuss how a service-learning course/project can be a part of UNI's Day of Service.

UNI's Day of Service - April 8, 2025: Start Planning Today

To ensure a wide range of meaningful and mutually beneficial volunteer opportunities that both enhance student learning and advances our community, we encourage academic departments and individual faculty to plan service activities tailored to their programs for the Day of Service. Not sure how to get started? We can help.

Planning Sessions

- Wednesday Nov. 19 1:00-2:00 - In person Rod Library ScholarSpace
- Tuesday Dec. 2nd 12:30-1:30 - In person Rod Library, Room 378
- Wednesday Dec. 3rd noon-1:00 - Virtual - [Click here to join](#)

Office Hours & One on One Meetings

Tuesday Office Hour

- 9:30-10:30 (weekly through Dec 9, 2025)
- [Click here to join Zoom Office Hours](#)

Wednesday Office Hour

- 2:00-3:00 (weekly through Dec 10, 2025)
- [Click here to join Zoom Office Hours](#)

Schedule a One on One Meeting

- Faculty/Staff/UNI Centers [click here](#)
- Student/Student Organizations [click here](#)

[Visit the Day of Service Page for more details by clicking here.](#)

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