

**UNI**

**University of  
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Community  
Engagement



**Newsletter: October 2025**

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## Spring Into Service: Cats Who Care

**150**  
**years**  
**University of Northern Iowa.**

As we celebrate 150 years of the University of Northern Iowa, we honor our legacy not only through tradition, but also through service.

Throughout the spring 2026 semester, UNI students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends will come together to give back — strengthening the communities that have supported us for generations. Together we will demonstrate the power of Panther Nation's collective impact.



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## UNI's Day of Service: Start Planning Today

### Submit a Volunteer Opportunity

We invite campus volunteer opportunities to be submitted including but not limited to student organizations, classes, centers, institutes, and clinics. In-person and online/virtual volunteer opportunities are welcome.

We encourage academic departments to consider planning volunteer opportunities for students within a program. Plan in partnership with your student organizations and together develop projects with the community that complement your academic discipline. Projects can vary from ideation sessions to hands-on projects.

The priority deadline to register a volunteer opportunity is Thursday, November 13, 2025.

After submitting a volunteer opportunity, there will be an invitation to apply for up to \$1,500 to support your Day of Service project. **Funding is limited and applicants are encouraged to submit a volunteer opportunity early to be considered for funding.**

We're here to support you in the planning process:

### 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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## Events

### Civic Action Academy: Register Now!

The Civic Action Academy is a gathering where students explore how their unique skills can address community needs, inspiring them to turn “someone should do something” into “I can do this.” If you or your students are interested in attending and require assistance please contact Kristina Kofoot at [kristina.kofoot@uni.edu](mailto:kristina.kofoot@uni.edu) or call 319-273-4507

Date: November 14-15, 2025

Location: Wartburg College Waverly, IA

More Information: [Click Here](#)

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## Community Engagement Hours

This is the final call to report all 2024/2025 community engagement hours.

## Information requested includes:

- Short description
- Participant numbers (student, faculty, staff)
- Participant hours
- Number of individuals served and/or impacted (if known)
- Short description of impact/benefit
- If you have this information in a document/excel spreadsheet you can upload and bypass the questions listed.

*Thank you for your commitment to our community!*

[To Submit Hours Click Here](#)

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