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Community
Engagement

Newsletter: August 2023, Planning for Your Semester

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Information for your Syllabus and Semester Planning

As the start of the semester nears, we want to give you information that is important in planning your courses and scheduling for the semester. We'd tried to keep this newsletter short. You can always find additional information on our website and always feel free to contact us.

- Kristina & Julianne

Service-Learning Course Designation

As you plan for your fall courses, if you embed a community project, please apply for the Service-Learning (SL) Designation on your course. Course instructors can apply throughout the year, however for fall 2023 courses, apply now. Learn more and [click here to apply](#).

The service-learning (SL) designation allows students to intentionally seek out courses that include a high-impact practice. [High-impact educational](#)

practices have been proven to be significantly beneficial for students of all backgrounds. Other benefits include:

- The process assures best practices for service-learning;
 - Students can identify which courses include a community project;
 - UNI is a Carnegie Classified Institution for Community Engagement and to uphold this classification we must demonstrate course based service-learning (we are preparing for re-classification).
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Events for your Syllabus

- **Fall Volunteer Fair - Wednesday, August 30th, 2023** - Consider adding this date to your syllabus to inform students when they can learn about volunteer opportunities in our community. 40+ nonprofit organizations will be on campus that morning.
 - **Student Civic Engagement - [Civic Action Academy](#)**. The 2023 Civic Action Academy is November 10-11 in Grinnell, IA at Grinnell College. This event brings students from Iowa and Minnesota together to learn new ways of making a difference and building skills through civic and community engagement. Limited funding and transportation is available through the Office of Community Engagement. Consider building this into your courses and / or student organization activity. For information on funding and transportation please fill out this brief contact form: <https://forms.gle/cdN8bEYD7w9TZ6UQ9>
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All Students can earn a CNP

All UNI Students can earn their Certified Nonprofit Professional Credential (CNP) from the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (NLA). The CNP credential is the only nationally recognized credential in nonprofit management that provides learning and real world experience. When you earn your CNP, you will be part of a global network of professionals leading teams that make our world better. The CNP compliments every major.

To set-up a classroom visit for your students to learn more about the CNP please fill out this brief google form:

<https://forms.gle/3MW9Cw3TcR1FVWSZ6> To learn more about the CNP visit <https://engagement.uni.edu/certified-nonprofit-professional>.

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