The Office of Community Engagement invites all UNI faculty, staff, students, and community partners to take part in the Community Engagement Celebration Day.

If you have taken part in community engagement work through the Service Learning Institute, coursework, internships, class projects, professional service, student organizations, research, individually, etc. from summer 2022 to present, we would like to invite you to showcase your work on Friday, April 28th, 2023.

Community Engagement Celebration Day gives presenters an opportunity to win $200 to support their projects, sponsored by Veridian Credit Union!

**Date:**
Friday, April 26th, 2024

**Location:**
Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center

**Event Schedule:**

8:30-9:00a.m. Check-in / Setup

9:00-10:45a.m. Exhibition of Projects
(9:00-10:30 a.m. Judging)

10:45-11:30a.m. Program & Awards Ceremony

Please use #UNIEngaged and #CECD24 on social media
Project Categories

Service-Learning/Live Client Project (Curricular)
- Project must be part of a course
- More than one project can be entered per course
- Faculty, staff, and/or students can exhibit a project

Student Organization/Student Group Project (Co/Extra-Curricular Activity)
- Project is a part of any student organization, association, or group
- More than one project can be entered per group
- Advisor and/or students can exhibit project

Research-Based Project
- Project must be research-based
- Project can be part of a course, internship, or co/extra-curricular activity
- More than one project can be entered per person/course
- Faculty, staff, and/or students can exhibit a project

Social Justice (Theme-Based)
- Project can be course-based, internship, or co/extra-curricular activity
- Project must address issues of social justice, diversity, and/or inclusion
- Faculty, staff and/or students can exhibit a project

Sustainability & Environmental Awareness (Theme-Based)
- Project can be course-based, internship, or co/extra-curricular activity
- Project must address issues of sustainability and/or environmental awareness
- Faculty, staff and/or students can exhibit a project
Project Categories

Individual Student Project/Internship (Students only)
- Project exhibits a student's individual efforts and service to a community, local, or global
- Project is not a part of a course or student group
- Project can be part of an internship

Commitment to Service (Faculty/Staff Only)
- Project exhibits a faculty or staff person's individual efforts and service to a community, local, or global
- Project is not a part of a course or student group

Showcase Only
- Project exhibits community engagement in any capacity.
- This is a non-judged category, and an opportunity to showcase your work

Please Note
- People's Choice: On the day of the event, all attendees will be encouraged to vote for their favorite project
- $200, sponsored by Veridian Credit Union, will be awarded to each category winner to be used toward the project.
- Individual and groups should enter their project in one of the award categories and select two alternative categories in rank order
- Projects can be local to the Cedar Valley to global, highlighting service in another country.
- Projects (curricular and co/extra-curricular) can date back to summer 2023.

For more information, please contact Kristina Kofoot via email at kristina.kofoot@uni.edu or by phone at 319-273-4507
Presentation Information

Presentation Display Options
Any and all materials that enhance your presentation are encouraged! Presentation display options include the following:

- Posters
- Tables
- Open Spaces
- Trifolds
- Other (please describe your special request)

If your presentation will require access to outlets, please contact Kristina Kofoot at kristina.kofoot@uni.edu for accommodations.

Evaluation Criteria
Presenters must have a prepared narrative and be able to respond to questions.

Presentations will be evaluated on the ability to demonstrate:

- Clear and meaningful objective of the projects
- Validity of projects: does it meet actual community needs?
- Actions taken (a description of project)
- Results/ impact of projects
- Connection to coursework, career, or guiding principles and mission of UNI
- Long-term goals

Theme Based
- Project addresses issues of Social Justice OR Sustainability and Environment Awareness.
Parking Information

Campus Attendees
We ask that you park in the lot for which you have a parking pass. Please do not park in the metered lot; this is reserved for off-campus attendees.

Off-Campus Attendees
We ask that you park in the metered visitor lot North of the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. It is noted in on the map below.

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