Stories of Engagement

UNI's Economics of Sustainability Class Teams Up with STAR4D for Impact

“STAR4D identifies the concerns of the military refinishing industry and is the premier comprehensive coating applicator training program in the United States for the Department of Defense (DoD) and its contractors”… “The class was split into four groups and directed to select a topic based upon the client’s
needs and/or challenges and conduct thorough research and analysis. Based upon the research, each group was to develop recommendations to STAR4D that addressed the identified need or challenge.

“This project made me realize that a single organization has the ability to change the practices of multiple businesses in all parts of the country to make them more sustainable.”

To read more about UNI’s Economics of Sustainbity’s Class project [click here].

Community Engagement by the Numbers

Events

Nonprofit Explore-A-Ganza

The Nonprofit Explore-A-Ganza, is a networking event bringing together students and organizations to talk about volunteer opportunities, internships, jobs and general professional advice. Students interested in attending this event can register by [sharing the link embedded here]. If you know of a Nonprofit organization who would be interested in attending they can register through emailing Elli Mandernach at [manderne@uni.edu].

Date: February 19th, 2024  
Time: 3:30-5:00 pm  
Location: Maucker Union Ballroom C
Undergraduate and graduate students from all majors across campus are invited to participate in the 2024 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 will open Feb. 26th- March 18th for the 2024 conference.

When: April 8-9th  
Where: Rod Library

For more information click here

Community Engagement Celebration Day

Save Community Engagement Celebration Day on your calendars and encourage your students to attend and showcase their community engagement work including what they have done in your classes!

When: April 26, 2024 from  
Where: Gallagher Bluedorn Lobby  
Time: 9-11:30am
Registration is available by clicking this link.

Student Opportunity

Civic Action Academy Student Presentations

Campus Compact
Iowa & Minnesota

Iowa and Minnesota Campus Compact are calling for students to present at their annual Civic Action Academy. Sessions can take many different directions and do not have to be project-based. This is an opportunity to allow students to share their experience, expertise, and passion with fellow students from the region. Campus Compact staff work closely with presenters and are happy to have multiple one-on-one conversations. Consider sharing this opportunity with your students and encourage them to apply.

Call for proposals will be released soon.

Additional Details:
Conference Location: Wartburg, Waverly
Date: TBD in Mid-November

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

UNI’s Accounting Department will be offering free tax preparation and e-filing for the 2023 tax year. This service is for those with an income less than $64,000, and will be available on Wednesday’s starting on February 14, from 6-8om. View this flier for more information, or call the Accounting Department at 319-273-2394.
Let the students you connect with know that they are eligible to earn the Certified Nonprofit Professional Credential (CNP) for $100 (a $1,800 value). Students have two options to earn their CNP including both course based and self-guided options for more information on student options click here. If you or your students 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.

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**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 will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Those supporting and providing programs and services for youth and youth-serving organizations in the community are encouraged to apply. Application and additional information here.
UNI Engaged Podcast:

In this episode of UNI Engaged, learn about how Dr. Elaine Eshbaugh & Megan Zimmerman operate the first of its kind Dementia Simulation House on UNI’s campus and its impact on the Cedar Valley community.

To download and listen to our Podcast click here!