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Community  
Engagement

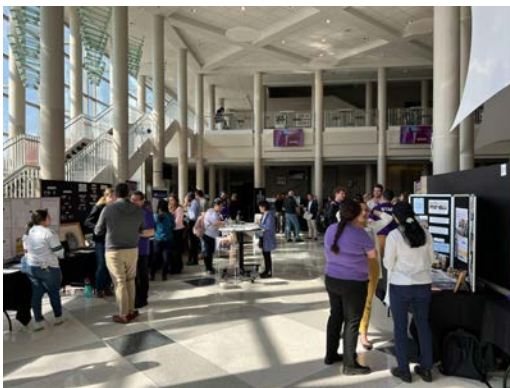


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## Community Engagement Celebration Day



Community Engagement Celebration Day is just around the corner! There are hundreds of engaged faculty, staff, and students and we want to celebrate YOU! [Click here for details on the event.](#) There are 8 categories with a \$200 award for each, sponsored by Veridian Credit Union. If you have questions, contact [Kristina Kofoot.](#)

**When:** April 26, 2024

**Where:** Applied Engineering Atrium

[Registration is available by clicking this link.](#)

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## Stories of Engagement

UNI joins AASCU's American Democracy Project in celebrating 20 years of advancing democratic principles across U.S. higher education

The University of Northern Iowa is proud to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' (AASCU) nonpartisan American Democracy Project© by recommitting to the initiative's guiding principles of civic and democratic engagement.

To read more about UNI's commitment to the American Democracy Project [click here](#).

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## Faculty Development

### Service-Learning Institute (SLI)

This year's SLI invites all faculty embedding a project into a course to apply. In particular, faculty teaching in the *new Civic Literacy, Engagement, and the Humanities Certificate and/or Minor* and those interested in being a part of the *Sesquicentennial planning* (UNI is celebrating our sesquicentennial in 2025-2026) are encouraged to participate. This 3-day workshop focuses on incorporating projects into courses to align with course learning goals, enhance student growth and civic awareness, and strengthen our community.

**Dates:** May 21-23<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Tuesday, May 21 - noon-5:00
- Wednesday, May 22 - 9:00-4:00
- Thursday, May 23 - 9:00-2:00

Faculty Participation stipend: \$500; if applicable, partner stipend: \$500.

[To learn more and apply, click here.](#) **Applications due Friday April 19th.**

## Changemakers Retreat

Hosted by Campus Compact, the Changemakers Retreat is an intensive, in-person leadership development experience intended to hone skills, build community, and empower current and aspiring boundary-spanners and changemakers. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

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## Events & Engagement Opportunities

### INSPIRE Conference



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.](#)

### Become a Conversation Partner

The Conversation Partner Program within the Office of International Engagement aims to connect international students and scholars with domestic UNI students/faculty/staff to engage in cross-cultural conversations at least once a week.

It is a one-hour per week commitment for conversational opportunities. Fill in the Google form to sign up to [become a conversation partner](#).

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

UNI's Accounting Department is 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 is available on Wednesdays, from 6-8pm. [View this flier for more information](#) or call the Accounting Department at 319-273-2394.

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## Funding Opportunity

### 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](#).

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## UNI Engaged Podcast

Want to learn more about what's happening with community engagement across UNI's campus? Take a listen to our UNI Engaged Podcast! We have over 15 episodes where you can listen, learn, and get inspired. Each episode is produced and presented by UNI students as part of their service-learning course UNIV 2196: Cornerstone, Integrated Communication II. Follow the link below to download and listen.

[To download and listen to our Podcast click here!](#)

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