



**University of
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Community
Engagement

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Carnegie (re)Classification

UNI is reapplying for Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement. UNI was classified in 2006 (at the inception of this classification) and reclassified in 2016. **A president-appointed committee is working on collecting data and information for this current academic year (2023-2024) for the application.** As such our newsletter throughout this year will highlight data and information needed for a thorough and accurate representation of community engagement activities.



Service-Learning Course Designation

All SL courses for 2023-2024 academic year will be reported in the application for Carnegie Reclassification for Community Engagement therefore we don't want to miss any. Learn more and [click here to apply](#). Or **send your syllabus to juilanne.gassman@uni.edu and she will apply for you.** (We are still taking Fall 2023 courses and starting on Spring 2024 courses).

Community Engagement Database

For those doing community engagement projects please report these activities in the updated Community Engagement Database. This will take no more than 10mins. Please submit your information if you fit the following:

- Class projects *not* captured through SL course designation and/or internship/practicum
- Student organization's service project / partnerships with community
- Faculty, staff & student's community engagement / service activities

[Click here to complete.](#)

Community Engaged Scholarship and Research

Have you published an article or given a scholarly presentation about your community engagement work in the last 5 years? We're creating a list of UNI-authored engaged scholarships! Send a citation to Anne Marie Gruber at anne.gruber@uni.edu

For examples of Engaged Scholarship please [click here](#) and [here](#)



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](#).

Veridian Community Engagement Fellowship

Applications for Fall consideration are Due: Nov 15, 2023

This fellowship supports faculty to engage with community partners to better the community in a manner that also enhances their teaching and scholarship.

Impact Awards



Campus Compact

Campus Compact is now accepting nominations for the next Impact Award recipients!

Campus Compact recognizes outstanding faculty, community engagement professionals, and teams at Campus Compact member institutions for their transformational leadership in advancing the public purposes of higher education.

Individuals may be nominated by a colleague or submit an application on their own behalf. Learn more about eligibility and application requirements at compact.org/impact-awards.

Applications & Nominations are due October 25, 2023

[Learn more and nominate by clicking here](#)

Engagement Opportunities

Board Match Program

Looking for a different kind of engagement? UNIs Office of Community Engagement and the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley can assist individuals (faculty, staff, students & community members) in finding a nonprofit organization for which to serve on a board of directors.

[To learn more and sign-up click here](#)

Student Engagement: Civic Action Academy

When: November 10th-11th, 2023

Where: Grinnell, IA

The 2023 Civic Action Academy will be held on November 10-11 in Grinnell, IA at Grinnell College. This professional development opportunity will bring students from Iowa and Minnesota together to learn new ways of making a difference and building skills through civic and community engagement. Sessions will offer skill-building in civic action including philanthropy, leadership, dialogue, advocacy, and more. Students will also have a chance to learn what others are doing on other campuses and network with peers. [To learn more click here.](#)

If you have interest in attending or sending your student, [please fill out this interest form.](#)



Events

Creative Cedar Valley

CREATIVE CEDAR VALLEY is an initiative of the University of Northern Iowa course THE CREATIVE EXPERIENCE. It is sponsored by the UNI College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the School of Health and Human Sciences, the Oster Regent Theatre, Mag Pie magazine, and Veridian Credit Union. [Follow Creative Cedar Valley on social media for updates by clicking here.](#) Creative Cedar Valley events are as follows:

A poster for Creative Cedar Valley Community Events. The poster has a black background with white and green text. At the top left, it says "CREATIVE CEDAR VALLEY" in a stylized font, with "Celebrating Creativity in Place" underneath. To the right, it says "COMMUNITY EVENTS". Below this, there are four event listings, each with a small photo and text: 1. October 10th: 415 WALNUT PROJECT, Waterloo, Imagining New Life for an Historic Landmark. 2. October 17th: THREE PINES FARM, Rural Cedar Falls, Family Farm to Folk School and Event Space. 3. November 14th: WATERLOO CAREER CENTER, Waterloo, Building Careers through Hands-on Creativity. 4. December 12th: OSTER REGENT THEATRE, Cedar Falls, Cedar Valley Creativity Celebration. At the bottom, it says "ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND BEGIN AT 6:00 PM. REGISTER ON LINKTREE."

415 Walnut Project: October 10th

This architectural treasure built in 1907 has a rich history of serving the community through two church congregations from 1908-2010. Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity has purchased the building and is leading a collaborative, community effort to envision a new purpose for this important landmark as a thriving creative space. Welcome to the envisioning process! We invite you to this event to help us write the next chapter for 415 Walnut and the entire community. [Register to attend here.](#)

Three Pines Farm: October 17th

Three Pines Farm is a 5th-generation family farm that cultivates and nurtures connection through educational programming in the domestic, culinary, & fine arts, as well as traditional crafting and mindful living. The farm also hosts events. We invite you to tour the farm, observe examples of the classes where participants create, meet the many goats and other animals on the farm, and, after the tour, participate in a lively conversation about creativity. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided. [Register to attend here.](#)

Waterloo Career Center: November 14th

The Waterloo Career Center, now in its 6th year, is a part of the Waterloo Community School District. It offers high school students a vibrant, experiential approach to learning through 30 growing programs. The tour of this unique learning environment will culminate with a forum on experiential learning with the Career Center's teachers and students. [Register to attend here.](#)

Cedar Valley Creativity Celebration: December 12th

Join us for a lively celebration of creativity in the Cedar Valley! In addition to joining in our tribute to all of our Fall 2023 Creative Cedar Valley partners (415 Walnut, Three Pines Farm, and the Waterloo Career Center), you can observe or participate in an improv class and many other activities to be announced soon. Food and beverages will be available. [Register to attend here.](#)

2023 Scholar Connexus Oct. 18

This speed networking event at Maucker Union, 3 to 4:30 p.m., is an opportunity to identify new research collaborators, share ideas and expertise, and meet new colleagues with similar scholarly interests in a fun and informal environment. [Register to Attend Here.](#)



When: October 20th, 2023

Time: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Waterloo Convention Center

The Economic Diversity & Inclusion Summit is the premier diversity and inclusion conference in the Cedar Valley. The event consistently unites over 300 business and community members together into a brave space and to engage in conversations about how to achieve the mission of economic inclusion in the Cedar Valley, which is to "Create economic access for everyone and ensure everyone has a seat at the table." [Register to Attend Here](#)



UNI Engaged Podcast:

This episode of the UNI Engaged Podcast features Women in Business. You will learn about Women in Business and their support of the Young Women in Leadership Conference.

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

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