



# The University of Northern Iowa at work in Iowa

The **University of Northern Iowa** offers a world-class university education, providing personalized experiences and creating a lifetime of opportunities. **UNI** is a valuable resource, providing high quality education and services that are valuable to Iowa and Iowans.

## **UNI Outreach Programs**

Service to Iowa is a cornerstone of our mission here at **UNI**. Our outreach programs have a particular impact on individuals, businesses, and communities in Iowa. For more information on any of these programs, please visit our website at:

**[www.uni.edu/resources/outreach/](http://www.uni.edu/resources/outreach/) or e-mail [stacey.christensen@uni.edu](mailto:stacey.christensen@uni.edu).**

## A Snapshot of **UNI** in Polk County...

**Current Students..... 851**

**Alumni..... 9,713**

**Alumni Educators ..... 1,463**

**Presidential and Provost Scholars..... 21**

Awarded by the University Honors Program to high school seniors with a history of outstanding academic performance, along with personal involvement in leadership and service activities.

**Student Teaching Placements ..... 48**

**NCAA Student Athletes ..... 31**

**Distance Education Courses ..... 83**

Through the Office of Continuing Education and Special Programs, UNI offers off-campus distance learning opportunities, including ICN courses, to serve Iowans throughout the state.

**Distance Education Enrollments ..... 695**

**Business & Community Services Clients ..... 11**

Provides an integrated approach to meeting the needs of businesses, entrepreneurs and communities throughout Iowa and beyond. BCS leverages the intellectual capacity and practical experience of faculty, staff and students to solve the problems of its external constituents through specialized training and technology transfer, small business counseling, market research and analysis, innovative educational and technical advice related to the environment and environmentally sound practices, and hands-on community and economic development guidance.

# UNI Outreach Activities in Polk County

## **Center for Economic Education (CEE)**

Works to increase the quantity and enhance the quality of economic education programs from kindergarten through college by conducting programs for teachers and working with school district officials to distribute appropriate curriculum materials.

## **Center for Energy and Environmental Education (CEEE)**

Nurtures a positive environmental ethic and develops environmental literacy in children and adults. This mission is carried out through educational programming, instructional materials development, educational research, and community outreach.

## **Center for Social and Behavioral Research (CSBR)**

Conducts original research and provides research-related services for community, state, and federal agencies.

## **Executive Development Center (EDC)**

Provides comprehensive and leading-edge leadership training and education to business people and organizations to improve and maximize their performance and results in today's challenging and competitive business world.

## **Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center (GBPAC)**

Offers innovative programs and services designed to provide quality arts education experiences to individuals, families, and communities throughout the state.

## **Geographic Alliance of Iowa (GAI)**

Works to improve the teaching of geography concepts and content by helping to develop high quality teaching materials and the training to use them.

## **GeoInformatics Training, Research, Education, and Extension (GeoTREE)**

Transfers geospatial technologies to the individuals from federal, state, local, and tribal government (FLST) agencies through education, multi-disciplinary research, and outreach activities.

## **Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL)**

Promotes the improvement of elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education throughout Iowa by serving as a catalyst for informed dialogue on educational issues impacting schools, developing collaborative relationships with individuals and/or organizations external to schools, and educational policy development.

## **Iowa Center on Health Disparities (ICHHD)**

Provides a field-based training program that improves the cultural competency of health pre-professionals while increasing access to health programs for under-served and diverse populations.

## **Iowa Center for Immigrant Leadership and Integration (ICILI)**

Guides and prepares Iowa communities and businesses as they accommodate immigrant and refugee newcomers living and working in Iowa.

## **Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC)**

Serves small businesses by providing assistance with environmental regulations, waste reduction, and the latest environmental technologies.

## **John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center (JPEC)**

Fosters the development of entrepreneurship throughout Iowa by providing and facilitating support for a variety of direct educational, consultative, and other services.

## **National Ag-Based Lubricants Center (NABL)**

Provides a national focus for research and technology transfer activities that creates and nurtures the commercialization of bio-based lubricants; which will expand market opportunities for the agricultural community, minimize environmental impact, and help the United States become more energy independent.

## **National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS)**

Serves as a public resource for the latest information on playground safety and plays an active role in injury prevention on playgrounds.

## **Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education**

Focuses on improving early childhood education in Iowa and supports educational efforts that emphasize children's interest, experimentation, and cooperation.

## **Regional Business Center (RBC)**

Offers technical, financial, and support services through classes, counseling, and a business resource library for Northeast Iowa entrepreneurs.

## **Science center for Teaching, Outreach, and Research on Meteorology (STORM)**

Initiates, supports, and coordinates activities that relate weather information and conceptual models of the atmosphere to user communities in Iowa and the Midwest.

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## **Small Business Development Center (SBDC)**

Offers small business counseling services and educational programs for business formation.

## **Tallgrass Prairie Center (TPC)**

Provides research, techniques, education, and source-identified seed for restoration and preservation of native vegetation systems.

## **2+2 Program**

Allows students to complete two years of a teacher education program through community college courses and then two years of classes taught by UNI faculty on location at the community college.