



# 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).**

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

**Current Students..... 135**

**Alumni..... 608**

**Alumni Educators ..... 179**

**Presidential and Provost Scholars..... 4**

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 ..... 6.5**

**Distance Education Courses ..... 4**

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 ..... 18**

**Business & Community Services Clients ..... 29**

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 Tama 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.

## **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 Decision Making (IDM)**

Serves as an economic and community development resource that guides local leaders as they make decisions and take organized action to improve their communities through results-oriented initiatives.

## **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.

## **Integrative Services Project (ISP)**

Works to enhance the safety and sobriety of battered substance abuse women by ending discrimination in service provision through research, agency education, technological support, and collaboration among service providers.

## **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.

## **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.

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

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

## **Sustainable Tourism and Environment Program (STEP)**

Provides an opportunity to join community and University resources in developing tourism opportunities which enrich our social and cultural heritage, environmental quality, and economic well-being.

## **Suzuki School**

Provides individual and group lessons for over 200 children studying the violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, and harp. The School also provides an adult string program and hosts numerous recitals and performances.

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

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

## **UNI Museums**

Offers events and programs to heighten student and public awareness of environmental and cultural diversity and serves as a forum for the discussion of global issues.