



# 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 Van Buren County...

**Current Students..... 13**

**Alumni..... 39**

**Alumni Educators ..... 18**

**Distance Education Courses ..... 2**

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 ..... 3**

**Business & Community Services Clients ..... 49**

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 Van Buren County

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

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

## **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.

## **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.

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

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

## **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.