Hello Panthers,

Spring has sprung, and nowhere is that more apparent than on campus. UNI is thriving! Students are enjoying the beautiful weather, studying hard for finals by the Campanile, preparing for internships, travel or maybe more classes this summer. This time of year always makes me take a moment to reflect on how special UNI is to me. Not only do its alumni and friends know UNI as a great university, but it is also getting national attention. Here is an abbreviated list of some of the most recent recognition:

- UNI ranked No. 2 in the “Best Regional Universities (Midwest)” category for public universities, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2016 “America’s Best Colleges” guidebook. UNI was also ranked No. 20 overall on a combined list of all public and private Midwest regional universities.
- UNI was announced as an Excellence and Innovation Award winner by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for excellence and innovation in several major areas of campus life and leadership.
- UNI was named winner of the Economic Opportunity category for the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for three projects: “Economic Assistance for Low Income Waterloo Neighborhoods,” “Service and Learning Throughout Entrepreneurship” and “Improving Access to Fruits and Vegetables for Families in Need in Black Hawk County.”
- With more than 450 new teachers graduating each year, UNI ranks in the top 2% of institutions in the country (number of graduates).

Obviously, the outside world is realizing what we already know—UNI is one of the absolute best places in higher education. We are lucky to be connected with such an amazing university.

Purple for Life!

Leslie Prideaux
Director, Alumni Relations
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AN EDUCATION CENTER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
Renovations to the Schindler Education Center have transformed it into a teaching facility for the modern student.

INTRODUCING PRESIDENT MARK A. NOOK
As a native Iowan, Mark A. Nook is returning home to lead UNI, and he intends to make the most of the opportunity.

BOUNCING BACK
When faced with adversity, the Panther women’s basketball players looked to each other to move forward on the road to a special season.

EMBRACING THE SPECTRUM
Two unique theatrical productions promote inclusivity and shine a light on the autism spectrum.

FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME
For Larry Gabe, baseball is more than a sport; it is a way of life. His passion for the game extends to teaching the fundamentals with his own book.

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An Education Center for the 21st Century
Long before the University of Northern Iowa, there was the Iowa State Normal School. First established in 1876, the purpose of this institution was to train public school teachers.

And for the last 140 years, UNI has done exactly that — and more.

But it wasn’t until the 1960s that UNI recognized the need for a building on campus that could serve as a central hub for teacher education students and faculty. In 1965, the Iowa Board of Regents approved the construction of a six-story structure that would become known as the Schindler Education Center. Construction began in 1970 and was divided into two phases, with the first phase completed in 1972 and the second phase completed in 1973.

At the time, UNI’s education center was considered state-of-the-art. The building featured five lecture halls for a total of 750 students and contained 35 classrooms, each of which included a 25-inch color television monitor connected to a communication center in the basement of the building. The communication center employed a sophisticated system that enabled instructors to show a film or group of slides on the monitors by simply telephoning the communication center.

In the four decades since the Schindler Education Center was built, the landscape for educator prep in higher education has changed. What was once an innovative teacher education facility no longer fulfills the needs of educators who will be leading classrooms in the 21st century.

That is, until the renovations were completed.
The Schindler Education Center has undergone 18 months of extensive renovations, which were completed in January. Plumbing, wiring, fixtures, carpet, ceiling tiles and doors were all removed, as sections of wall were demolished and openings for new windows and doors were created. Hundreds of different people — including architects, designers, engineers, plumbers, electricians and construction specialists — worked together to redesign the entire building.

The result: A new and improved education facility for student-centered learning. Outdated classrooms and lecture halls have been replaced with more flexible and collaborative learning spaces. Chalkboards have been swapped out for interactive television monitors and other active learning technologies to enhance the student experience.

The renovations also incorporated new sustainability features that will allow the building to be 32 percent more energy efficient than before the remodel, which would lead to an estimated annual savings of $184,000 each year in reduced operating costs.

With the renovated Schindler Education Center, UNI can continue to do what it has done for the last 140 years — shape the future of education across the state of Iowa and beyond.

THE RESULT:

A new & improved education facility for student-centered learning.
When Allison Bailey walks across campus at UNI, she often wonders if she is following in the literal footsteps of her grandmother or even her great-grandmother.

Figuratively, she is well on her way.

As a current student in the teacher education program at UNI, she is the fourth generation of her family to attend UNI with the intention of becoming a teacher. Both of her parents graduated from UNI. Her grandmother attended the Iowa State Teachers College and her great grandmother was a student at the Iowa State Normal School.

“It feels really great to be following in my family’s footsteps,” said Allison. “It also feels good to be carrying on their passions for education to the next generation of students.”

Allison and her family are but one example of how UNI’s teacher education program — considered by many to be No. 1 in the state of Iowa — has thrived over the last 140 years.

Much like Allison, Anne Schreck, B.A. ’87, M.A.E. ’95, was following in the footsteps of the generations that had preceded her. Both her father and her grandmother had graduated from the Iowa State Teachers College. But Anne also was fortunate enough to see her daughter, Caitlin Schreck, ‘15, follow the same path through UNI.

“It has been so very gratifying to see Caitlin as a teacher,” said Anne. “She is such a natural — passionate about the profession and the well-being and success of her students. I couldn’t be more proud!”

Anne credits her classroom experience at UNI and the opportunities to teach and learn at schools in the Cedar Valley with preparing her to succeed as an educator.

Judy Bruggeman, M.A. ’79, echoes that same sentiment. Her mother graduated with a two-year teaching degree from the Iowa State Teachers College, and her grandmother received her teaching credentials from the Iowa State Normal School.

As a principal for more than 35 years, Judy has been able to bring a unique perspective to the position, having grown up surrounded by teachers.

“I am proud to come from a family who values education and has been actively involved in teaching,” said Judy. “I was influenced in my role as a principal, by sitting at the dinner table filled with teachers.”

For these Panthers and their families, teacher education at UNI is more than a program. It’s a family, in more ways than one. UNI
Holstein, Iowa — the small farming community where UNI President Mark A. Nook grew up — is about 170 miles west of Cedar Falls.

But for Nook, who assumed his official duties as president in February, returning to Iowa to lead UNI represented a homecoming of sorts — and he intends to make the most of it.

“It really is an opportunity for me to give back to this state, to help this state continue to grow, to build the next generation here in Iowa,” said Nook.

Nook replaces Bill Ruud, who is now president at Marietta College in Ohio. Prior to UNI, Nook served as chancellor at Montana State University Billings. Much of his life and career have been spent around the Midwest, which is part of what drew him to UNI.

"There is a commitment to education here. The people value the next generation and know that if you don’t educate them, your state is going to be in trouble."

In his first months at UNI, Nook has been doing more listening than talking, lending an ear to the
people who have been at the university for years or even decades. His goal has been to gain a better understanding of the university from the people who understand it best.

As he settles into his role as president, these conversations have helped him look to the future. Specifically, he is looking nine years down the road, to the university’s 150th anniversary.

“It’s not about the celebration,” said Nook. “It’s about what do we need to be when we’re there, how do we set this university up not just for 2026 but lay the foundation so we’re the university that the Cedar Valley needs and that Iowa needs for 50 years after that.”

For a road map to that future, Nook cites the university’s strategic plan and resists the idea of using enrollment as a singular unit of measurement for the success of UNI.

“Always ask that question, ‘Is the enrollment the right enrollment for the institution we are now, and for the resources we have?’ If the state needs us to produce more graduates and we need to grow the enrollment, then let’s sit down and have that conversation about the resources — financial, personnel, facilities, so on and so forth.”

Nook also believes that alumni are essential to the future of a thriving university.

“They’re our best recruiters of new students,” said Nook. “They’re our best recruiters of supporters to the institution, and I mean that whether we’re talking about donors or people who just need to pick the phone up and call somebody and tell them what a great job UNI is doing.”

More than anything, Nook does not take for granted his own role as the figurehead of the university. He realizes that even the most mundane decisions that originate from his office can have a significant impact on UNI, both now and in the future.

“I know that at some point, I’m going to make a decision that will last 40 years, and it might be good for the institution, it might be bad. And I won’t know that I’ve made that decision when I make it. It will happen, and 20 years from now someone will realize that was either a good thing or a bad thing, and they won’t figure out how to change it for 20 more years.

“If that doesn’t keep you humble and if you haven’t realized that as a leader, you shouldn’t sit at that desk.”

UNI
After earning her B.A. in Communications, Samantha Kaster, ‘15, set off for a new adventure as a camera operator for CNN in Atlanta. Originally from Illinois, her experience at UNI helped prepare her for her new job in a new part of the country.

“When I started at UNI, I only knew a few people from my high school who were starting with me at the same time. UNI made it easy for me to meet some of the most amazing people who I now call friends and role models,” said Kaster. “Moving down south and working at CNN was like starting at UNI all over again. Having experienced a similar situation at UNI made coming down here and making new connections with people so much easier.”

While at UNI, Kaster served as an event coordinating assistant/video producer and assistant program coordinator for Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT). She was also a member of Connecting Alumni To Students (CATS), and her involvement with alumni programs while completing her B.A. helped her make valuable connections “CATS helped me a lot in the social aspect of networking and getting to know people and connecting with them not just on a professional level, but on a personal level as well,” she said. “For example, I found out one of the managers here worked for KWWL and knew one of my former professors, Ron Steele.”

Kaster works in the international studios of CNN for broadcasts to Europe and Asia, meaning that her day starts at 9 p.m. and ends at 5 a.m. In this position, she has had the opportunity to meet people from around the world, including international anchors like Robyn Curnow, who was one of the last reporters to interview Nelson Mandela. In addition to anchors, she has also met Sen. John McCain, Tim Tebow, HGTV’s Property Brothers, and her all-time favorite, Henry Winkler a.k.a. the “Fonz.”

Though her career took her from the Midwest to the South, Kaster has risen to the challenge and learned a lot about living independently. “Being thrown out of your comfort zone is hard and scary, but also really amazing,” she said. And in her case, distance does make the heart grow fonder. Of UNI, that is. “I miss UNI every day and hope to make it back sometime soon,” said Kaster. “Go Cats!”
When you think of former UNI Panthers in the National Football League, Hall of Fame quarterback Kurt Warner and All-Pro running back David Johnson come to mind.

But there is a new name to add to the list: Daniel Drees, M.S. ’16.

Drees, now an assistant athletic trainer for football, basketball and baseball at Wartburg College in Waverly, applied for a preseason internship with all 32 NFL teams in 2013. He received interviews with two teams and was one of five interns selected by the Chicago Bears.

Once his preseason internship was completed, Drees kept in contact with the Bears’ athletic training staff and expressed interest in a season-long internship after graduate school. Sure enough, he applied again and was selected for a regular season internship after interviewing with the head athletic trainer. This was no small accomplishment, as there were hundreds of applicants and most NFL athletic training staffs bring on no more than two interns.

As an intern with the Bears, Drees worked one-on-one with injured players during their rehabilitation. He also attended every practice, traveled to all road games during the preseason and the regular season, and set up the locker room the night before games.

“Working with the team was a blast,” said Drees. “The athletic training staff in Chicago is one of the best around, and I couldn’t have asked for a better staff and organization to work for.”

He credits much of his success with the Bears to the preparation he received from the athletic training staff at UNI, where he was able to work directly with student athletes.

“My hands-on experience at UNI helped me a lot in Chicago, because what I learned at UNI was very similar to how things were done in Chicago,” said Drees. “Without the hands-on experience at UNI, I would not have been able to do as well as I did.”

Drees might not have the public profile of Kurt Warner or David Johnson, but his experience with the Bears is proof you don’t need to wear a jersey to be part of the NFL.

UNI
Tanya Warren collected her 184th career victory as UNI’s head women’s basketball coach on Sunday, March 4. The 65-64 win over Missouri State made her the winningest coach in program history.
When the UNI women’s basketball team walked into Carver-Hawkeye Arena in early December, they never expected to walk out with a 49-point loss courtesy of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

But the Panthers didn’t hang their heads for long.

“We watched film on the Iowa game and said we’re going to look forward, we’re going to learn from it, and we’re going to move forward,” said head coach Tanya Warren.

Just two weeks later, the Panther women defeated the No. 24-ranked Kansas State Wildcats in the McLeod Center for the program’s first Top 25 win since 2002. That upset was also part of an 11-game winning streak that extended from early December through late January.

This was the story all season long for a resilient group of Panthers.

“We’ve had to go through some adversity, and we talk about [how] adversity will either develop or destroy, and the latter is not an option in this program,” Warren said. “Every time they’ve gotten knocked down, they’ve gotten back up, dusted themselves off and said, ‘Let’s go play.’”

Their season is even more impressive when you realize their roster had four upperclassmen, including three seniors: Madison Weekly, Angie Davison and Hannah Schonhardt.

“Even if you’re young, if you have good team chemistry, you can work through all those little things,” Davison said. “Everyone hangs out together. Everyone loves each other. And I think that is the biggest thing, just how much fun we’ve had. Yeah we have fun on the court, but it’s the little things we do off the court that have helped a lot.”

That team chemistry was put to the test when the Panthers dropped a heartbreaking loss to conference rival Drake in double overtime at home, in front of a crowd of 4,000 fans. The loss snapped their winning streak and dropped them to second in the conference standings.

But the team bounced back, in large part because of their mentality, according to Weekly.

“A lot of [our success came from] how we responded after a tough loss or even after a big win, coming back to practice and still getting better,” said Weekly.

“I think it was our mindset that every day we’re going to come here, work hard and make each other better.”

The Panthers earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, the program’s third overall trip to the Big Dance and its first ever at-large bid. They lost in the opening round of the tournament to DePaul, but the loss did nothing to diminish their accomplishments.

Looking back, Warren believes her three seniors were the difference this season.

“It’s hard to put into words what these three seniors have meant [to this program], not only throughout the course of their careers, but this season, having lost five seniors — four fifth-year seniors — a year ago,” said Warren.

“Coming into this season, I don’t know that a lot of people expected us to be 24-8 and having knocked off a Top 25 program, but those three believed.”

UNI
Art is often used as a medium for social change because of its ability to reach audiences on an individual and collective level. This year, two unique theatrical productions with a focus on the experiences of those on the autism spectrum embraced the power of art to unify, enlighten and promote inclusivity on and off campus.
"Uncommon Sense" is an original play written by Tectonic Theater members Anushka Paris-Carter and Andy Paris, with artistic direction by playwright Moisés Kaufman and brought to life on stage with support from the Iowa Arts Council, Art Works and the National Endowment for the Arts. Commissioned by and performed at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, "Uncommon Sense" premiered Jan. 21 and 22.

"Uncommon Sense" was a project about Iowa families affected by life on the autism spectrum. This collaborative production took place over three years and included interviews with Iowans telling their stories of life with family and community members on the spectrum to help promote inclusivity and foster understanding among audience members and Iowans.

A talkback session was held after each "Uncommon Sense" performance, where audience members could ask questions and share their reactions to the play with the actors, set designers and writers. Profound and honest, "Uncommon Sense" encouraged a community dialogue about life on the spectrum.

In February, TheatreUNI presented "Palette of Possibility," a unique touring theatre production created by UNI theatre professor Gretta Berghammer and designed to meet the needs of youth on the autism spectrum and other developmental delays, their families and peers.

Open to all youth and their families, the show featured aspects of production that could meet the needs of special learners through interaction, engagement, participation, non-restrictive seating, sensory-friendly lighting and sound, multiple visual cues, low language and movement/gesture-based storytelling.

"Palette of Possibility" is the third show created by Berghammer that was specifically designed with individuals on the spectrum or with developmental delays in mind, and began with four performances at UNI and 13 performances throughout Hastings, Red Oak, Creston, Carroll and Fort Dodge. To prepare her students for this unique program, Berghammer and the actors talked through various strategies for interacting with audience members throughout the play. The actors also had the opportunity to observe students in classroom settings and participate in the dress rehearsal with over 30 students on the autism spectrum to ensure that their performance was engaging, supportive and ready for tour.

"Palette of Possibility" and "Uncommon Sense" were two very different shows with one common message: inclusivity. Through engagement, support and inclusion, shows like "Palette of Possibility" and "Uncommon Sense" go beyond informing and entertainment to create a sense of understanding and community for all.
Gabe, who graduated from UNI in 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in business, started playing baseball and softball when he was only three years old and continued to play throughout his life. Gabe’s passion for the game ranges from playing to coaching and now to teaching the fundamentals with his book, “Little Things Win Big Games.”

Gabe decided to write a book on the fundamentals of baseball after seeing how the lack of foundational knowledge in baseball was negatively affecting teams at all levels. “My thought process was simple: if the professional level player doesn’t know fundamentals, how can I expect the high school, college and yes, even the Little League player where it should all start, to be anything but far worse?” said Gabe. “What could I do? The answer: write a book about baseball fundamentals!”

My biggest hope is that the future coaches that come through the program will take the book with them as a reference manual that they can use to teach their future ball players the right way to play baseball.

— LARRY GABE

With easy-to-understand language and plenty of illustrations, “Little Things Win Big Games” covers the basic skill sets of all positions and infield and outfield play. The book took 17 months to write and prepare for publication with numerous re-writes and a final review by coaches who gave Gabe constructive feedback and helped improve the content. In addition to the text, Gabe and his team took over 2,000 pictures of baseball stances and positions to get the 147 used in the book.

With the help of an old friend and fellow baseball player in South Carolina, Gabe’s dream of writing and publishing his book became a reality. The book was even chosen as one of the approved texts for the baseball theory class at UNI. When Gabe heard that his book was going to be used at his alma mater, he was ecstatic. “My biggest hope is that the future coaches that come through the program will take the book with them as a reference manual that they can use to teach their future ball players the right way to play baseball,” said Gabe.
“My objective in writing the book is to change the way baseball is taught and played in today’s world. We have lost so much by not teaching the fundamentals.”

This is just the beginning for Gabe’s writing career. He is currently considering writing an addendum to “Little Things Win Big Games” to add accompanying drills for each of the lessons, and also has an interest in writing a book about life in rural America during the 1940s-50s based on his early life in Powersville, Iowa. In addition to glowing reviews, the “Little Things Win Big Games” author was invited as a guest speaker for the South Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball organizational meeting in February 2017 and will be doing a book signing at the Field of Dreams next summer.

Of course, no conversation about baseball is complete without discussion of last year’s World Series. “Persistence pays off, along with talent and doing little things the right way. I am happy for long-suffering Cub fans,” said Gabe. “Now comes the tough part – repeating it next year!”

UNI
Learning to Lead

It’s no secret that UNI’s teacher education program is among the best in the world. UNI has been recognized for its commitment to international education and places approximately 20 to 40 student teachers overseas each semester. Its global reputation as a leader in education helped lay the foundation for a unique online master’s program for teachers around the world: Teacher Leadership for International Educators.

The Teacher Leadership for International Educators program began in January 2013, after administrators at the American School of Bombay in Mumbai, India, reached out to Leigh Martin, assistant professor in the Department of Teaching who places student teachers overseas, about a group of teachers at their school interested in a leadership M.A. program. Martin joined forces with Tim Gilson, associate professor of educational leadership, and the two combined their knowledge in leadership and international relations to create a program from various pre-existing courses offered in education and leadership. Many of these courses pertained to the principalship or other leadership roles such as mentoring teachers and change development, making them a perfect fit for the new leadership-based program.

The program uses a cohort model to encourage collaborative learning between students throughout their six-semester sequence. The first four cohorts of the program ran on a trial basis as Gilson and Martin strived to prove the value of the program to international institutions, university administration and the Board of Regents, and in June of 2016, the Board officially approved the program as a graduate degree.

Professors for the Teacher Leadership for International Educators program have practical and research-based experience with leadership, educational psychology, international education and curriculum. These faculty members utilize digital tools for meetings and lectures. For Gilson and Martin, the professors’ willingness to go the extra mile makes this program even more impactful. “This program is powerful because of the professors’ effort to reach students around the world, sometimes holding class early in the morning or late at night to account for the time difference,” said Gilson. “These digital meetings help students build relationships with the professor and each other.”

The program works with teachers in American International Schools to prepare them for leadership roles within these schools. American International Schools are private schools that offer U.S.-based curriculum to a diverse population of international students living abroad. UNI’s teacher education program works with schools around the nation and world for student teaching placements, which is how many American International Schools became connected to the university. Now, these international relationships are helping build a network between UNI teachers around the world.

By connecting teachers worldwide, the program helps students find and recommend jobs to each other as they travel. Feedback on the program from past students has been positive so far, and increased interest from undergraduates in education at UNI has helped contribute to its growth. In an increasingly global world, the Teacher Leadership master’s program is giving teachers the tools they need to make an international impact. UNI
There are close to 70 craft breweries across the state of Iowa.

But what exactly is a craft brewery?

Nationally, these small and independent breweries produce less than six million barrels of beer each year, which accounts for about three percent of total alcohol sales in the United States. What sets craft brewers apart is their reputation for innovation, whether it is adding a new twist to a familiar beer or brewing something new altogether.

For Joe Bolick, '04, and his colleagues at the Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC), these craft breweries have the opportunity to be innovative in more ways than one.

Bolick is the communications and public relations manager for the IWRC, which is housed within UNI’s Business and Community Services (BCS). He helped launch the Iowa Green Brewery Certification as an initiative to bolster the sustainability efforts of craft breweries.

“The goal of our organization is to provide as direct and comprehensive environmental assistance to small businesses as possible,” said Bolick. “We saw how many breweries were popping up around the state and already had an understanding of the environmental impact they have, so it just seemed like a natural fit for us to develop this program.”

BCS worked with the Iowa Brewers Guild for a year to develop a checklist and scoring matrix based on environmental management, energy efficiency, water conservation and waste disposal/diversion. The certification process begins with an on-site audit that produces an overall score, which is broken down into three levels: gold, silver and bronze.

Following the audit, the breweries are provided a comprehensive report detailing actions that can be taken to improve their score.

"WE WANT TO HELP THESE BUSINESSES SHRINK THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT AND PROMOTE A SUSTAINABLE OPERATION" - Joe Bolick

In January, SingleSpeed Brewing, located in Cedar Falls, became the first craft brewery in the state of Iowa to receive the certification. But they certainly won’t be the last, as Bolick and company have already begun working with more breweries around Iowa. UNI
Douglas Mupasiri

Enthusiastic. This is only one positive adjective that could describe Douglas Mupasiri, department head and professor of mathematics. But anyone who spends even the smallest amount of time with him could think of many more. A passionate educator and advocate for minority students, Mupasiri began his journey at UNI 24 years ago and has made an indelible mark on the math department and the university.

Mupasiri received his bachelor’s in chemistry from Lewis University in Illinois, and was actually a Ph.D. candidate in chemistry until an unexpected resignation by his dissertation adviser left him with a change of heart and a realization that he had always been doing a lot of math work in chemistry and had enjoyed it. He pursued his master’s and Ph.D. in math from Northern Illinois University, and after completing his Ph.D., his job search brought him to UNI. Though he was simply looking for a job at the time, he quickly fell in love with UNI and has been here since 1993.

In addition to his teaching and department head duties, Mupasiri has devoted a lot of time, effort and energy toward recruiting minority students to UNI and to the Department of Mathematics and retaining them once they get to campus. Four National Science Foundation multi-institutional grants, the Iowa Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate, the Alliance for the Production of African American Ph.Ds in the Mathematical Sciences, the National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences, and the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation grant have made this work possible.

Mupasiri has had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. twice with the American Math Society to advocate for math and science education and initiatives with members of Congress, and his work with the society and other organizations has made him even more passionate about student success.

Mupasiri’s research interests include functional analytics and topology, and his most recent research endeavor examined compact sets in infinite dimensional spaces. When he does take a break from teaching and solving abstract math problems, connecting with alumni across the nation, and serving on not one, not two but three American Math Society committees, he enjoys running and continuing his efforts to support minority students at UNI.

“He’s busier than anyone I know, but he always has time for his students. Whether it’s inside or outside of the classroom, I know very few people who work as hard as Dr. Mupasiri does for his students’ welfare.”

— ERIC SCHEIDECKER MATHEMATICS GRADUATE STUDENT
Thank you to all the students, faculty and staff who volunteered and helped package food for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank at UNI’s annual MLK Day of Service!

More than 1,000 people gathered in Maucker Union for the sixth annual UNI Dance Marathon in March. And – drum roll please – $453,278.06 was raised for the Children’s Miracle Network and University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital.

More than 2,000 students and families visited UNI during two Fridays in February for UNI Up Close. We’re excited to welcome our future Panthers to campus in August!

UNI Day 2017 was a success! Students, faculty and staff met with legislators to discuss the outstanding programs at UNI and their positive impact on the state of Iowa.
At UNI, learning isn’t just about the classroom. Our students are also engaged in internships, student employment on campus, service learning, undergraduate research, student organizations, study abroad and much more.

- UNI was recently announced as an Excellence and Innovation Award winner by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. This awards program honors member institutions for excellence and innovation in several major areas of campus life and leadership.

- UNI student Kailyn Bettle participated in undergraduate research for the Geographic Alliance of Iowa and played a major role in National Geographic Education’s 2016 National Initiative.

- UNI was named winner of the Economic Opportunity category for the 2015 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for three projects. The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition for college contributions to local communities.

- UNI is the only institution in the state of Iowa that offers the nationally recognized nonprofit credential, the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP), to our students. Research shows that professionals who have received their CNP are seven times more likely to rise to a director or higher-level position than those without the certification.

All of these experiences and opportunities give our students a jump on their professional journey. Discover where you belong at UNI!
Lifelong Learning. Lifelong Success.

UNI’s Continuing and Distance Education expands access to high-quality educational opportunities through a variety of methods, technologies and exemplary support services. We provide leadership in the planning, promotion, support and administration of credit courses and programs that fall outside “traditional” on-campus coursework. Offerings are delivered online, via interactive video conferencing, at off-campus locations or through a blended approach.

UPCOMING UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Criminal Justice (BAS)  
  Fall 2017  
  [entirely at a distance]

- Technology (BAS)  
  Fall 2017  
  [entirely at a distance]

UPCOMING GRADUATE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Elementary Education (MAE)  
  Fall 2017  
  [entirely at a distance]

- Philanthropy and Nonprofit Development (MA)  
  Fall 2017  
  [entirely at a distance]

- Instructional Technology (MA)  
  Fall 2017  
  [entirely at a distance]

- Public Policy (MPP)  
  Fall 2017  
  [blended delivery]

- Music Education (MM)  
  Fall 2017  
  [entirely at a distance]

- School Library Studies (MA)  
  Fall 2017  
  [blended delivery]

For more information about program offerings, visit distance.uni.edu
When Richard Jourdan arrived for his freshman year of college in 1948, he didn’t have a career path in mind and there was little guidance to help him explore his options.

“I was pretty shy. All of a sudden I was there. What do I do now?” recounts Jourdan. He chose to study philosophy but struggled as a student.

“I didn’t have too much success in my first couple years at the university,” Jourdan said. “I could have done a lot better if someone was there to at least answer questions.” He went on to earn his master’s degree in math, where he found a greater amount of success that launched him into a career in military research operations.

His experience led to the creation of the Jourdan Mentor-Scholar program at the University of Northern Iowa. A physics major who has completed at least one year of his or her degree is designated as a mentor in the program. A first- or second-year student majoring in physics is designated as a scholar. The scholar is a student with academic records and/or characteristics that suggest that they could benefit from guidance and advice from a successful and knowledgeable physics major serving as their mentor.

“The idea for the Jourdan Mentor Scholarship is to help somebody get on board,” said Jourdan. “My aim is to help people get started.”

Paul Shand, professor and head of the UNI physics department, believes the Jourdan Mentor Scholarship does just that. “The program has had significant, positive impact for the participants. The scholars obtain valuable assistance from the mentors with homework assignments and general information about the physics program and UNI in general. Mentors have taken the scholars to lunch periodically to build camaraderie and strong relationships.”

Since the first scholarship award was made in 2013, two mentors have graduated from UNI. One scholar now serves as a mentor. Other scholars and mentors are currently doing well in their physics degree program. Two scholars changed their major from physics, but both remain at UNI and were successful in their physics courses.

“If I can help them out their freshman year, and they decide to go on another path, that’s still useful,” Jourdan said. “That’s idea behind it.”

Jourdan’s family has a long history with UNI’s physics department. His grandfather, Louis Begeman, established the department for the university. In 2007 the physics building was renamed to honor Begeman. Jourdan, along with his sister, Mary Frances Jourdan, was given the Honorary Alumni Award at the President’s Distinguished Awards Celebration in 2014.
Don’t miss out on the opportunity to hear from UNI coaches and other special guests. You’ll be able to connect with Panthers from your area in a family friendly atmosphere complete with fun activities and great food.

Dubuque
Thursday, May 11 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Grand River Center, 500 Bell St.

Cedar Rapids
Friday, May 12 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Rd. NE

Quad Cities
Friday, May 12
Community Schools *For participating schools only

Des Moines
Thursday, May 18 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Iowa Hall of Pride, 330 Park St.

Clear Lake
Friday, May 19 | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.,
The Other Place, 200 US Highway 18 West

Twin Cities
Friday, May 19 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Como Zoo, 1225 Estabrook Dr., Saint Paul, MN

Waterloo
Thursday, May 25 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial St.

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1970s

71 Bill Neal, BA, MA ’74, Saratoga Springs, UT, is the MBA director at Utah Valley University in Orem. He currently has 240 students enrolled.

75 Paul Mangin, BA, Clinton, IA, retired in 2015 and is loving it — lots of golf and home projects!

75 Dale Mills, BA, Nora Springs, IA, owns a bed and breakfast near Mason City called the Cupola Inn. They won the Iowa Lodging Association’s Innkeeper of the Year Star Award.

76 Mitch Christenson, BA, Scottsdale, AZ, retired in March 2017 after 40 years with Norwest/Wells Fargo. Most recently he was executive vice president for innovation and enterprise payment strategies.

77 Margaret (Spratt) Beuter, BA, Iowa City, IA, retired after 37 years of teaching physical education at West Branch and Iowa City Community Schools. She continues to be the joint projects director for Iowa Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

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77 Curt Stainbrook, BT, Stacy, MN, retired after more than 40 years in the facilities management field. He spent the last 10 years as mechanical systems manager at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN.

79 Paula (Southerly) Ryan, BA, Pella, IA, is the director of human resources for Central College.

84 Mike Anderson, BA, Parkland, FL, is the finance director for Rosen Materials/US LBM.

84 Lisa (Roseberry) Eslinger, BA, Ames, IA, was a 2016 recipient of the CASE Commonfund Institutionally Related Foundation Award for extraordinary contribution to institutionally related foundations.

84 Michael Hein, BA, Murfreesboro, TN, has been a professor of psychology at Middle Tennessee State University since 1990 and is also the director of MTSU’s Center for Organizational and Human Resource Effectiveness. He received the MTSU Foundation’s 2016 Career Achievement Award.

84 Curt Hoff, BA, Marshalltown, IA, is president of United Bank and Trust and was proud to be part of the group that went to New York to ring the bell at NASDAQ in celebration of 10 years listed. He has also been a senior lecturer at Iowa State University for the last 12 years.

84 Richard Newbrough, BA, Montour, IA, retired after a 31-year career teaching students with behavior disorders at the Iowa Juvenile Home in Toledo and later Miller Middle School in Marshalltown.

85 Diane (Crane) Bridgewater, BA, Johnston, IA, was named the CFO of the Year by the Des Moines Business Record. She is currently the executive vice president/chief financial and administrative officer of LCS, the nation’s third-largest senior housing manager.

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1980s

81 Nicholas Haaf, BA, MBA ’85, Dallas, TX, is the chief sales and marketing officer at CU Direct Connect.

81 Neal Smith, BA, Harlan, IA, is the CFO of Western Engineering Company.

81 Brian Wenger, BA, Waukee, IA, recently became a business process quality manager with Wells Fargo after more than 32 years with the US Navy.

1990s

90 Elinor (Engelhorn) Meyer, BA, Lake Hills, TX, retired from teaching high school choral music, teaching piano and 40 years of directing Lutheran church choirs. She is now enjoying retirement in southern Texas and would love to hear from old college friends when they visit San Antonio.

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Shelly Vroegh, ’96, was named the 2017 Iowa Teacher of the Year and will serve as Iowa’s ambassador for education from June 2017 to May 2018.

“Being named the 2017 Iowa Teacher of the Year is truly an incredible honor for me as an educator. There are so many people throughout my career who have influenced me and helped me get where I am today,” said Vroegh.

“Representing all of the amazing educators both in Norwalk, Iowa, and across the state is an opportunity of a lifetime and I’m incredibly humbled to have had the honor bestowed upon me.”

As ambassador for education, Vroegh will have the opportunity to network with Teachers of the Year from other states. She will also serve as a liaison between the Department of Education and school districts across Iowa and work with teacher preparation programs at various colleges and universities in Iowa.

1990s

‘94 Jeffrey Weekley, BA, Merced, CA, returned to California to take the position of director of cyber infrastructure and research computing at the University of California Merced. He facilitates campus-wide research through the use of state-of-the-art networks, computation and visualization.

‘95 Renee Thomas, BA, MA ’16, Fairfield, IA, earned her master’s degree from UNI in instructional technology.

‘95 Denise (Johnson) Waddingham, BA, Ankeny, IA, earned a master’s of business leadership from William Penn University in May 2016 and was promoted to regional sales manager at Dee Zee Inc. in July 2016.

‘96 Natalie (Rasmussen) Franke, BA, MA ’03, West Des Moines, IA, was named a state finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

‘98 James Heithoff, BA, Winterset, IA, was named the 2016 Gilder Lehrman Iowa History Teacher of the Year. The award honors teachers who demonstrate a strong commitment to teaching American history and exhibit creativity and imagination in the classroom.

EXCELLENCE IN Education

The UNI Alumni Association (UNIAA) has partnered with University Book & Supply to offer a special alumni collection. A portion of these sales will go to the UNIAA to enhance programs and services for alumni and students. Items will be added periodically, so check back often!

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'98 Andy Van Fleet, BA, Waterloo, IA, was named to the 2016 Business Hall of Fame by Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa.

'99 Angela (Kammeyer) Carnahan, BA, Grimes, IA, was named by the Des Moines Business Record as one of the 2017 40 Under 40 honorees.

'99 Jason Lau, BA, MA '02, San Rafael, CA, was inducted into UNI’s Elinor A. Crawford and William R. Thrall Hall of Excellence Class of 2016.

2000s

'00 Joe DeJong, BA, Urbandale, IA, was named by the Des Moines Business Record as one of the 2017 40 Under 40 honorees.

'00 Heidi (Mahe) Hobkirk, BA, Princeton, IA, was promoted to partner with RSM US LLP.

'01 Timothy Albrecht, BA, West Des Moines, IA, was named by the Des Moines Business Record as one of the 2017 40 Under 40 honorees.

'01 Karly (Wortmann) Good, BA, Ankeny, IA, is an applications administrator with information technology services at Des Moines University.

'02 Chase Young, BA, Waukee, IA, was named by the Des Moines Business Record as one of the 2017 40 Under 40 honorees.

'03 Marcus Pitts, BA, Ankeny, IA, was named to the 2016 Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame by Midwest Real Estate News Magazine and was also promoted to executive vice president at JLL.

'03 Gregory Spick, BA, Roswell, GA, is the UPS group trust director and earned the Next Generation Award at the 2016 Chief Investment Officer (CIO) Industry Innovation Awards. He was chosen out of 400 competitors and five finalists following a lightning round of questions at CIO’s Influential Investors Forum on 12/12/2016.

'04 Jon Godfread, BA, Bismarck, ND, was elected insurance commissioner in North Dakota.

'04 Justin Lossner, BA, Norwalk, IA, was promoted to senior vice president at JLL.

'04 Kate Westercamp, BA, Urbandale, IA, was promoted to director of communications and historian for the international chapter of P.E.O. Sisterhood.

'05 Ashley (Huinker) Flatebo, BA, Garner, IA, was named a state finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

'05 Josh Hanna, BA, MA '11, Muscatine, IA, was the recipient of the 2016 Dr. Robert and Phyllis M. Yager Exemplary Teaching Award. He is currently a science and technology instructor with Muscatine Community Schools.

'05 Jeffrey Packer, BA, was recognized as the number four realtor in North America by Coldwell Banker.

'06 Michael Bowser, BA, Des Moines, IA, is owner and managing partner of Des Moines’ first Nitro Coffee House, DSM Brew Coffee Co.

'06 Brandon Clark, BA, Des Moines, IA, is the chair of the copyright, entertainment and media law practice group at McKee, Voorhees & Sease, PLC. He received the 2017 Industry Supporter of the Year award by the Greater Des Moines Music Coalition.

'06 Ryan Crane, BA, MA '08, West Des Moines, IA, was named by the Des Moines Business Record as one of the 2017 40 Under 40 honorees.

'07 Casey Clark, BA, Elburn, IL, is a retirement plan consultant with Principal Financial Group.

'07 Ashley (Roedema) Estrada, BA, Plantation, FL, is a legal assistant for the Seminole Tribe of Florida. She also earned an MS degree in computer information systems from Bellevue University in 2013.

'07 Kirk Williams, BA, Ames, IA, is the internal auditor at Landus Cooperative.

'08 Tyler Schmitz, BA, Bloomington, IL, took a new position as data analyst within the digital transformation department of State Farm.

A HALL OF FAME PANTHER

Kurt Warner, ’94, was named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in February. He is the first inductee from the state of Iowa and the first Panther to receive the honor. Warner will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame in August.

The native of Cedar Rapids spent 12 years in the NFL and led two different teams to the Super Bowl, including a win over the Tennessee Titans in 2000 when he was quarterback for the St. Louis Rams. Warner retired holding a number of passing records in the NFL and was named league MVP twice in the span of his career.

Before his career in the NFL, Warner was the quarterback for the Panthers, leading them to an 8-4 record and a conference championship in 1993. That same season, he was also named Gateway Conference Offensive MVP.

At UNI, Warner ranks in the top 10 all-time in career passing efficiency, average yards per pass and average yards per completion.

Congratulations Kurt Warner!
'09 Larry Anderson, BA, Ankeny, IA, was named by the Des Moines Business Record as one of the 2017 40 Under 40 honorees.

'08 Ryan Penning, BA, West Des Moines, IA, was the recipient of the 2016 Dr. Robert and Phillis M. Yager Exemplary Teaching Award. He is currently a language arts instructor with the West Des Moines School District.

'09 Ryan Yeager, BA, MACC '10, Des Moines, IA, is the executive director for accounting operations at UnityPoint Health in West Des Moines.

2010s

'10 Jordan Dierks, MA, Des Moines, IA, joined the human resources learning and development team with EMC Insurance Companies as the learning management system administrator. He was previously eLearning director at Upper Iowa University.

'10 Shanna Elliott, BA, Waterloo, IA, was in the Panther Marching Band while at UNI and after graduation earned a doctor of osteopathic medicine. She is a second-year resident at the Northeast Iowa Family Practice Center in Waterloo and returned to the field as the side-line/attending physician for the 10/22/2016 football game.

'10 Sam Krutzfeldt, BA, Minneapolis, MN, earned an MS degree from Northwestern University in 2015.

'10 Erica St. John, BA, Waterloo, IA, is the chief financial officer with CBE Companies, Inc.

'11 Emily (Monroe) Gillam, BA, Ankeny, IA, is the senior auditor at John Deere Financial.

'11 Brad McLaury, BA, Saint Louis, MO, was promoted to vice president of commercial lending at Midwest Regional Bank.

'12 Skylar Mayberry-Mayes, BA, Davenport, IA, was named by the Des Moines Business Record as one of the 2017 40 Under 40 honorees.

'13 John Hanson, EdD, Marion, IA, was appointed to the Linn County Conservation Board for a five-year term. The board will also oversee a new $40 million bond for water quality and conservation purposes.

'14 Dylan Keller, BA, MA ’16, Waukee, IA, moved to the Des Moines area to serve as the executive secretary for the Senate Majority Leader in the Iowa Legislature.

'14 Megan Moler, BA, West Des Moines, IA, is the compensation and benefits specialist with Telligen.

'14 Hannah Wilson, BS, BA ’14, Cedar Falls, IA, is in the MD/Ph.D. program at West Virginia University. She is currently doing research on breast cancer with the department of cancer cell biology.

'15 Grant Pomerenke, BA, Waukee, IA, is an accountant at Harris & Co, CPA in Ankeny. Job duties entail tax preparation, audit and outsourced accounting.

'16 Brianna (Vis) Brown, BA, Bloomington, IN, is a marketing specialist at Indiana University’s Kelly School of Business.

'16 Weston Hinton, BA, Phoenix, AZ, moved to Arizona and became a licensed realtor.

'16 Kyle Weber, BA, is a business intelligence report developer at the Hy-Vee corporate office.

Marriages

'95 Denise (Johnson) Waddingham, BA, married Jamie Waddingham on 7/30/2016.

'04 Kate Westercamp, BA, married Wes Livingston on 6/7/2016.

'07 Casey Clark, BA, married Rachel (Yeggy) Clark, BA ’10, on 8/7/2014.

'07 Ashley (Roedema) Estrada, BA, married Richard Estrada on 9/24/2016.

'09 Bethany (Schwichtenberg) Krutzfeldt, BA, married Sam Krutzfeldt, BA ’10, in June 2016.

'09 Jennifer (Gibbons) Novak, BA, married Nicholas Novak, MACC ’09, on 6/13/2015.

'13 Gretchen (Mueller) Tucker, BA, married Jordan Tucker on 7/20/213.

'14 Jessica Kray, BA, married Dylan Martin, BA ’16, in Nov. 2016.
We Remember Robert James Waller

Robert James Waller, UNI alumnus, founding dean of UNI Business and distinguished leader, scholar and author, passed away March 10, 2017, at the age of 77.

Raised in Rockford, Iowa, Robert attended UNI and earned a B.A. in Business Education and an M.A. in Education. He joined the UNI faculty in 1968 and became a full professor in 1977. Robert was also the inaugural dean of the School of Business (now the College of Business Administration).

Robert went on to write the very successful novel "The Bridges of Madison County," which has sold more than 50 million copies, has been translated into more than 40 languages and became both a major motion picture and a Tony-nominated Broadway musical.

Robert’s financial contributions to UNI have helped establish numerous scholarships and professorships.

We Remember Jon Crews

Jon Crews, former mayor of Cedar Falls, passed away April 6, 2017, at the age of 70.

Jon graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1965. He received an appointment to West Point, but after two years, he transferred to UNI where he received a B.A. in Social Science in 1970, an M.A. in History in 1975 and an MBA in 1991.

At the age of 24, Jon became one of the nation’s youngest mayors, a position he held on and off for 30 years. As a leader, citizen and proud UNI supporter, Jon left a legacy of love to the people of his city who will continue to reap the benefits of his dedication for many years to come.

Births

'05 Jeffrey Packer, BA, 3rd child, Karli, born 4/22/2016.

'06 Amy (Hegenderfer) Murphy, BA, and Joe Murphy, BA '06, West Des Moines, IA, identical twin daughters London Jane and Isla Kate born 2/7/2017.

'07 Laura (Thompson) Taylor, BA, and Dan Taylor, BA '07, Cedar Rapids, IA, son James Taylor born 9/9/2015

'08 Michelle (Durant) Brokus, BA, and Bruce Brokus, Dubuque, IA, son born 10/31/2016.

'09 Jennifer (Gibbons) Novak, BA, and Nicholas Novak, MACC ’09, Bettendorf, IA, son Dillon Novak born 6/19/2016.

'09 Amanda (Melcher) Voight, BA, and Derek Voight, Waukon, IA, daughter Lucy Donna Voight born 11/29/2016.


Deaths

'44 Irene (Farnsworth) Seney, BA, died 8/22/2016 in Newport News, VA.

'58 Lee Christiansen, BA, died 9/9/2016 in Portland, OR.

'58 Eric Streitberger, BA, died 2/3/2017 in Fullerton, CA.

'61 Hal Byram, BA, died 8/16/2015 in Georgetown, TX.

'70 Judy (Bates) Fulton, BA, died 9/28/2016 in Ames, IA.

'72 MaryEllen (Hughes) Smith, BA, died 10/11/2016 in Cincinnati, OH.

'74 Myral (Swan) Gilson, BA, MA '77, died 1/19/2016 in Mesa, AZ.

Update Your Contact Information!

We don’t want to lose touch! Remember to update your contact information using the form on the Alumni Association website @ unialum.org.
'Nothing Compares'

TO **UNI** AT THE

**IOWA STATE FAIR**

UNI will host an interactive exhibit at the Iowa State Fair from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 10, through Sunday, Aug. 20, in the Varied Industries Building. University Book & Supply will sell UNI clothing, Panther gear and memorabilia.

Join us at the fair!
Explore new territory.
Rediscover favorite destinations.

CAPITALS AND COASTLINES OF CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND
SEP. 30 – OCT. 10, 2017
Experience the glorious autumn foliage along North America’s East Coast aboard Oceania Cruises’ Insignia. Savor stunning landscapes and visit historic sites from Montreal to New York, stopping in Quebec City, Saguenay, Sydney, Halifax, Saint John, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport.

IMAGES OF INDOCHINA AND ANGKOR WAT
OCT. 8 – 21, 2017
Immerse yourself in the romance and hospitality of Southeast Asia with expert local guides and luxury hotels. This small journey, limited to 18 guests, will take you to Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Hoi An, Danang, Ho Chi Minh City, Angkor Wat and Bangkok. Delve into the history, culture and cuisine of this fascinating part of the world.

MEDIEVAL MASTERPIECE
NOV. 5 – 14, 2017
Incredible medieval monuments and spellbinding scenery intertwine on this Mediterranean voyage aboard Oceania Cruises’ Riviera. From magical Venice to legendary Rome, discover beautiful cities and landscapes with interludes in Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Greece and Malta.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC
JAN. 17 – FEB. 4, 2018
Join us for a 17-day adventure through New Zealand and Australia. Stops will include a wine tasting in the beautiful vineyards of Waiheke Island, a skyline gondola ride over Queenstown and an excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. By boat and by air, this voyage will consist of leisure tours through the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, Mossman Gorge and Daintree Forest.
Marvel at the exotic wildlife, historic cities and ancient ruins of Central and South America on this luxury cruise aboard the Sirena. From Miami to Peru, you’ll explore the many unique and vibrant cultures of Latin America.

Learn about the lush vegetation and the unique species of animals that inhabit this small country mostly surrounded by water. Also visit the Poas Volcano, the Doka Coffee House Plantation and the Arenal Hanging Bridges. Take a plunge in the Tabacón Hot Springs, set sail on a Tropical Mangrove Cruise and end the trip at the beautiful beaches of Manuel Antonio National Park.

Truly the art lover’s dream, this adventure will take you to see pre-Columbian artifacts at the Larco Herrera Museum, colonial art in the Barborosa-Stern private art collection and the workshop of Nilda Callanaupa, which is dedicated to preserving the arts of hand weaving and natural dyeing. Visit the salt mines of Maras and board a luxury train to Machu Picchu to watch the sunrise over the city of Incan legend.

Let the picturesque Amalfi Coast enchant you; embrace the youthful culture of Catania; see nature and history join together in Argostoli; wander the ancient walled city of Kotor; explore the magnificence of Diocletian’s Palace in Split; see the birthplace of Hippocrates in Kos; and lose yourself in the romance and mystery of Venice.
If you recognize anyone in these photos or can tell us what year they were taken, contact Dave Hoing in the Rod Library at dave.hoing@uni.edu or by calling 888-UNI ALUM.
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- UNIAIumniClubofKC
- UNI Network – Kansas City

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- UNITwinCitiesAlumniClub
- UNI Network – Twin Cities Area

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY
11 — Panther Caravan, Dubuque
12 — Panther Caravan, Quad Cities and Cedar Rapids
18 — Panther Caravan, Des Moines
19 — Panther Caravan, Clear Lake
19 — Panther Caravan, Twin Cities
25 — Panther Caravan, Waterloo

JUNE
10 — Denver Alumni Club Picnic
29 — Twin Cities Alumni Club at the St. Paul Saints

JULY
8 — Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Alumni Club night at Bobbers, North Liberty
21 — Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Club night at the Kernels, Cedar Rapids

AUGUST
4 — Chicago Alumni Club at the Cubs, Chicago
16 — TC’s Tailgate, Des Moines

SEPTEMBER
2 — UNI at ISU Football Game and Tailgating
26 — Twin Cities Alumni Club night at Excelsior Brewing, Excelsior, MN

SAVE THE DATE
Oct. 6 — Welcome Home Bash
Oct. 7 — Homecoming Parade, Alumni Tailgate and Football Game

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