

Engagement at Iowa Updates

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December 2021

With 2021 ending, we celebrate past success in engagement while looking ahead to new opportunities.



As the Fall semester draws to a close, we celebrate the faculty, staff, students, and community partners who have contributed thousands of hours of work to campus-community partnerships over the past four months. These partnerships elevate our teaching, learning, and research at the University of Iowa while making a lasting impact in our communities. We particularly recognize the hundreds of students in community engaged learning courses who have leveraged their talents, expertise, and creativity to generate meaningful engagement projects with community partners across Iowa and beyond.

While we reflect on the accomplishments from this semester, we also look ahead to new opportunities to further advance community engagement at Iowa. In partnership with Iowa and Minnesota Campus Compact, the yearly Faculty Engagement Institute returns Jan. 3 – 14th, while the inaugural Graduate Engagement Corps (GEC) Orientation kicks off Jan. 10-12th. On January 6th, co-sponsored by the Research Development Office, a workshop will provide community engaged research best practices while also highlighting new funding opportunities through the OVPR's Community Engaged Scholars program.

We continue to be grateful for your partnership and support and wish you the very best this holiday season.

In partnership,

Nick

Nick Benson
Executive Director

Workshop Spotlight

Building Thriving Partnerships Between Colleges & Local Government



Thursday, December 2nd
2:00 pm - 3:00pm
virtual meeting via Zoom

Join Campus Compact in a discussion about the nation's struggles with the pandemic, housing and food insecurity, a strained social safety net, police brutality, unemployment, natural disasters, and racial discrimination and how Colleges and universities must play a critical role in engaging students with these issues through intentional projects that are designed in partnership with local municipalities.

[Register today](#)

Voices of Community Engagement

Hawkeyes partner with Jackson County Economic Alliance to help improve quality of life for citizens.

Our Voices of Engagement series this December features Jackson County Economic Alliance (JCEA) Senior Advisor David Heiar.



To enhance the value of Jackson County and attract new investment opportunities, the JCEA enlisted students from the University of Iowa to work on various community engagement projects.

One of those projects was developed in partnership with the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC), which involved working with student groups on a 53-acre parcel of farm ground that the city of Bellevue had acquired for future growth.

“One group looked at drainage in the area to make sure that we were aware of any potential issues as we looked at future development,” Heiar said. “The other group was helping the city council get a better feel for how you take 53 acres of farm ground –stuff that looks like corn- and make that into housing.”

Housing needs in the Bellevue community and throughout Jackson County are diverse. City planners need to house seniors, low-income populations, young families, and the workforce needed to spur economic growth.

“The students did an excellent job in their presentation by showing how to layout the infrastructure in areas better geared for higher quality housing versus apartments or where there might be a section that could be attributable to seniors or accommodation for an older population,” Heiar said. “That was helpful for council members who had a hard time visualizing how to make a cornfield into housing while addressing multiple types of housing needs.”

Read the full story of Hawkeyes impacting Jackson County

Faculty Engagement Institute

A Two-week Learning Experience for Instructors is Coming in January.

The Faculty Engagement Institute, partnered with Iowa and Minnesota Campus Compact, is January 3 - 14, 2022.

The Institute provides in-depth training on the components and best practices of community engaged teaching and learning and walks instructors through the entire process of creating or re-designing a community engaged course.

Instructors from across Campus Compact member institutions in Iowa and Minnesota will be a part of the interactive Institute, giving participants a chance to connect with community engaged faculty from other colleges and universities.

The Institute is free and available to any instructor (faculty or staff) at the University of Iowa.



Attendees will complete five modules with individual learning activities over the course of two weeks in:

- Foundations and Critical Commitments
- Planning and Facilitation
- Partnerships and Engagement
- Learning Outcomes and Reflection
- Assessment and Evaluation

The registration deadline for the Institute is Wednesday, December 15th.

Learn more about the Institute

Register here

Community Engaged Courses (CEC)

Faculty Course Registration Opening Soon



Faculty interested in hosting a community engaged course in the coming school year can join the upcoming CEC Designation Informational Session.

The session will provide an overview of the CEC designation, walk attendees through the application process, and provide tips and recommendations for answering the questions in the application.

Wednesday, December 15
1:00 pm - 2:00pm
virtual meeting via Zoom

Zoom Link

Graduate Engagement Corps

GEC Enthusiasm High as Program Fills for the Year



Graduate Engagement Corps (GEC) applications have closed for 2022, with all available spots in the program filled by masters and doctoral candidates from across the University of Iowa community.

Students accepted are from the Carver College of Medicine, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Education, College of Law, College of Public Health, and the Graduate College. Departments represented are diverse and range from music and cinematic arts to criminal justice and informatics.

The GEC orientation in January will provide students with connections and resume-building training and experiences, focusing on community engaged research principles and developing community partnerships.

[Learn more](#)

Engagement and the Arts

Moor’s Pavane Performance at Maquoketa Art Experience



In the form of a pavane and other dances of the high Renaissance, the legend is told of the hapless Moor, his wrongfully suspected wife, the Moor’s treacherous friend and his wife. The four characters portray the tragedy of Everyman, and the ballet is, therefore, timeless in its implications. This work has been cited by critics the world over as José Limón’s “masterpiece.”

Graduate students Michael Landez and Juliet Remmers collaborated to curate this reconstruction of José Limón’s “The Moor’s Pavane,” as part of their culminating thesis research as dance MFA Candidates at the University of Iowa. The work is being approached as an inquisition to (re)presentation of historic embodiments of masculinity and femininity.

Portions of this work include artistic representation of scenes of violence against women, as portrayed in William Shakespeare’s Othello. This content may be triggering to some viewers. Viewer discretion is advised. This work will be performed without masks.

Tuesday, December 14, 124 S Main St Maquoketa, IA. Free and open to the public

[Learn more](#)

Grant Wood Art Colony (GWAC) Fellowship Applications Open Soon

The University of Iowa will be accepting applications soon for the



Please direct questions about fellowship opportunities to maura-pilcher@uiowa.edu

Grant Wood Fellowships in the following areas: Printmaking, Painting & Drawing, and Interdisciplinary Performance-Dance.

While here, fellows are expected to engage students, collaborate with faculty, and enrich our community.

GWAC will release application information soon.

[View current and past fellows](#)

Upcoming Events and Activities

[Building Thriving Partnerships between Colleges & Local Government](#)

Campus Compact Webinar

Dec. 02, 2021

2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Economic Development as Social Justice — An Obermann Conversation](#)

Dec. 02, 2021

7:00pm - 8:00pm

[Building Ethical and Collaborative Relationships with Community Partners](#)

Campus Compact Webinar

Dec. 09, 2021

2:00pm - 3:00pm

[CEC Designation Informational Session](#)

Zoom Meeting

Dec. 15, 2021

1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Community Engaged Research: Partnership Best Practices and the OVPR Community Engaged Scholars Proposals](#)

Co-sponsored by the Office of Community Engagement and the Research Development Office (RDO)

Jan. 06, 2021

1:30pm - 3:00pm

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