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UIU plans to host in-person classes in the fall

Even before Upper Iowa University (UIU) celebrated its 2020 and 2021 graduating classes on May 8, UIU students, faculty and staff were already anticipating the start of in-person classes this fall. With it are plans for offices and academic services to be available for in-person visits at over 20 U.S. locations, pending state and local restrictions. In addition, residential living, student activities, food service, and all other aspects of campus life at Fayette Campus are expected to once again have the familiar feel of a vibrant community.

“Our planning teams continue to collaborate closely with public health and monitor COVID-19 in each respective area,” UIU President William R. Duffy II said. “If things continue to trend as they have the last few months, our students should be close to enjoying the same unique Peacock experience that they did prior to the pandemic. One thing is certain—students will continue to get a quality education and an engaging university experience unlike any other.”

In addition to Commencement, UIU has begun to carefully host internal and external events on Campus, such as Orientation, Advising and Registration (OAR) Days, Visit Days, ACT testing, summer athletic camps, weddings, and the Northeast Iowa Community College – Calmar location commencement ceremony. UIU officials will continue to work with public health agencies to receive guidance on best practices for safely hosting each event.

Currently, individuals who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering while on campus, except in rare circumstances. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask when indoors or in group settings. This guidance is in place at all UIU locations except where otherwise directed by federal, state, local, tribal or territorial laws.

$1.16 million National Science Foundation Grant is largest in UIU’s recent history

Educators and students will soon benefit from a $1.16 million Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program (Noyce) Grant awarded by the National Science Foundation to Upper Iowa University (UIU). In collaboration with Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC), the “Mentoring Awesome Science Teacher Education Recruits” (MASTER) project intends to better prepare 15 UIU All Science majors to teach in high-poverty, high-need, and rural schools. The participating undergraduates will be provided with early teaching experiences and training in mental health, mindfulness, and understanding poverty.

“This project aims to serve the need of preparing highly effective STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) teachers, and, more specifically, science teachers to serve in rural communities,” said UIU associate professor of education Dr. Barb Ehlers, who serves as the project director. “The project will actively recruit students from rural communities to enter and stay in college with the goal of becoming certified secondary STEM teachers who are prepared to remain teaching in rural schools.”

“The Noyce interns and scholars will receive valuable experience in science education through summer internships and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and math) camps as well as through participation in workshops and seminars aimed at preparing them to teach in high-need school districts,” added UIU assistant professor of biology Paul Skrade.

Also contributing to this more recent grant project’s successful application were UIU associate professor of psychology Dr. Melinda Heinz, NICC chemistry instructor Jeremy Durelle, and NICC science instructor Matthew Simon.

The program will recruit high school, community college, and college students to complete a baccalaureate science degree and earn teaching certification. UIU juniors and seniors majoring in All Science with teacher certification are eligible for scholarships worth $10,000–$22,000 per year. The partnership with NICC allows community college transfer students to qualify for the scholarships for their junior and senior years at UIU.

The UIU and NICC collaboration includes partnerships with 16 northeast Iowa school districts (Allamakee, Central, Clayton Ridge, East Buchanan, Eastern Allamakee, Edgewood-Colesburg, MFL-MarMac, North Fayette Valley, Delvin, Postville, South Winneshiek, Starmont, Sumner-Fredericksburg, Tripoli, Turkey Valley, and West Central), with the goal of establishing a recruitment pipeline of qualified STEM teachers in high-need schools or school districts, particularly in high-poverty rural areas.

The MASTER project is supported through the Noyce Program. Noyce supports talented STEM undergraduate majors and professionals to become effective K–12 STEM teachers and experienced, exemplary K–12 teachers to become STEM master teachers in high-need school districts. It also supports research on the persistence, retention, and effectiveness of K–12 STEM teachers in high-need school districts.

The $1.16 million award is the largest grant received in UIU’s recent history. UIU was the recipient of a $800,000 Iowa Department of Transportation grant in 2012 for the construction of a UIU/Fayette community bike trail and a $660,000 National Science Foundation Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) grant in 2015. The 2015 award was used to help fund seven scholarships to UIU freshmen in 2017 and 2018. The grant funds were also used by the University to research and strengthen STEM-related educational and programming opportunities — not only for UIU but all educational institutions.

To learn more about the MASTER project, contact Ehlers at 563.425.5322 or ehlersb@uiu.edu, or Skrade at 563.425.5222 or skradep74@uiu.edu.

To learn more about UIU and its All Science major program, visit uiu.edu/allscience.
UIU announces 2021–22 Student Government Association officers

“A St. Cloud, Florida, native has been re-elected to serve as the 2021–22 Upper Iowa University (UIU) Student Government Association (SGA) president. Carter Harris and four additional SGA officers were elected in April at UIU’s Fayette Campus.

Harris is a member of the Cosmay Honors program and Beta Delta Pi fraternity, where he worked as the treasurer, and plays for the Peacock football team as an offensive lineman. A biology major with a concentration in pre-health and double minor in general business and health service administration, Harris became involved in SGA because he wanted to help the student body achieve its best UIU experience possible.

“Since I’m a returning member of SGA, people know who I am and what I do,” Harris said. “I think that being a student during this difficult year has helped better prepare me for the next school year. I have learned to listen to everyone on Campus and respect what everyone wants done, which has provided me the ability to connect with all kinds of students.”

Harris looks forward to the continued cultural and diverse growth of the student body and community, and hosting Casino Night and other events at UIU. While working to continue improving Campus life and bringing the community of Fayette and the UIU students closer together, he would also like to find ways to get online and center students involved in SGA.

“Returning back to a more normal life will allow SGA to make an even bigger impact next year,” he said. “I think that we will be hosting more events that will further bond the student body together, and I feel like each club can do something to increase diversity at UIU. I hope more new students become involved with SGA and our events. Their increased engagement will not only enhance their experience but also benefit the entire University.”

In addition to Harris, the newly elected UIU 2021–22 SGA officers are as follows:

Vice president Alex Dombrowski is majoring in emergency disaster management and minor in earth science systems. As vice president she hopes to provide new ideas for events and help create a Campus atmosphere that all UIU students want to be a part of.

Treasurer Sara Zainal is majoring in software engineering and minor in mathematics and graphic design. She also chose to attend UIU because of the close-knit Campus community. A Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, native, she is involved in the Japanese Korean Culture Club, Peacocks for Progress, and the International Student Association (ISA).

“I think that each of the SGA officers are super excited to work together and start the year off fresh and exciting for all students,” Zainal said. “I think being Malaysian myself, and growing up with multicultural family and friends, I understand the importance of diversity and changing the culture of the student body. Hopefully, providing my input in SGA next year can further help this cause.”

While sharing her final thoughts on being elected an SGA officer, she closed by saying, “I am super excited to listen to the students and come up with events that would bring the student body together and also better the community. Because of the pandemic, I think we are all just ready for a fresh start and so is our team.”

Secretary Zakaria Fuller is majoring in biology and minor in forensic science with an emphasis in pre-professional health science. She chose to attend UIU because of its science programming as well as UIU being a NCAA Division II school. A member of the track and field team, she is also involved with the PBD sorority and works as a resident assistant within Residence Life. In the near future, the Rowlett, Texas, native hopes to obtain an internship in mortuary science.

“I am so excited for the new year and what awaits us all,” Fuller said. “I always wanted to be more involved in making Fayette Campus an even better place for the students and community. I am excited about the diversity here and the opportunity to get people with different backgrounds more involved. I plan on contacting past SGA members to find out how I can maximize my role in accomplishing this.”

Academic affairs officer Katie O’Brien is majoring in biology with a pre-medical emphasis, and minor in chemistry. She chose to attend UIU because of its science programming as well as UIU being a NCAA Division II school. A member of the women’s lacrosse team and a Fellowship of Christian Athletes participant, she will serve as the 2021–22 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee president. The Cincinnati, Ohio, native is also the lead contact for social media and marketing of the Best Buddies Club.

O’Brien became involved in SGA to help share the voices of other students so that any Campus concerns, problems or suggestions can be addressed. With a passion for meeting and communicating with new people, she enjoys the opportunity to also expand her networking.

“SGA is a very important association that needs to continue to play an active part in colleges across the nation,” O’Brien explained. “I enjoyed being a student government member in high school, but I wanted to become even more involved at the university level. I think being a part of a group that has large goals to help other people will inspire me to continue to do so throughout my life.”

Additional information about the 2021–22 SGA officers and their UIU experience can be read at uiubridge.com.
UIU Honors Project takes flight with successful ‘Bird Friendly’ designation

Jake Dale ’20 expresses his appreciation to his Honors advisor, UIU associate professor of biology Dr. Paul Skrade (left), for helping him throughout the entire Bird Friendly Iowa certification process. Skrade is pictured here leading a “Bird Is the Word” STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) Camp session for area youth at the University’s Fayette Campus in 2019.

After giving presentations to the Fayette City Council, hosting programs in the community, and applying for a grant, the efforts of an Upper Iowa University alumnus have resulted in Fayette being designated a Bird Friendly Community. With the announcement by Bird Friendly Iowa (BFI), Fayette became the first community in Fayette County and only the seventh city in Iowa to receive this designation.

Jake Dale ’20 pursued the Bird Friendly Iowa recognition on behalf of Fayette. Majoring in conservation management, Dale decided to seek Fayette bird-friendly certification as part of his UIU Csomay Honors Program project after seeing Doug Harr, president of Iowa Audubon, give a BFI presentation.

“Receiving this certification tabs the city of Fayette as a leader in bird protection, and I am very happy to have lived in a city that values its wildlife habitat,” Dale said. “Another emotion I feel is pride. This idea of lobbying for Bird Friendly Iowa certification began as a farfetched semi-serious project, and it turned into a reality. It was so fun to watch the project develop into an actual certification that promotes birds and their habitat.”

A native of Hastings, Minnesota, Dale previously led a 2019 Great Backyard Bird Count presentation at the Fayette Community Library and took community members out to watch birds. The observations were submitted to eBird, the world’s largest biodiversity-related citizen science project.

As part of the BFI Fayette certification project, he also led an effort to raise funds for birding action packs, complete with binoculars and field guides that can be borrowed from the Fayette Community Library. In addition to Dale’s work, the items have been made available with the support and funding of state and local representatives, including the Upper Iowa Audubon Society’s Donald C. Larsen Grant, Fayette Lions Club, UIU professor of graphic design and Fayette Lions Club member Don McComb, and Honors advisor UIU associate professor of biology Dr. Paul Skrade.

A similar community event in February 2020 coincided with the Great Backyard Bird Count. In conjunction with the Friends of the Library Bake Sale and Café Day, Skrade and Dale led a presentation and bird walk across the community. In addition, Dale gave a BFI certification presentation to the Fayette City Council and gathered documentation about the city of Fayette, such as how its Department of Public Works does not use pesticides in public places.

“When Jake approached me about certifying Fayette as one of the first Bird Friendly cities in Iowa, I thought it sounded like an excellent Honors project,” Skrade said. “The city already has some great habitat in our parks and natural areas, and hopefully this certification will encourage people to try and do even more for birds.”

Dale expressed his appreciation to the Upper Iowa Audubon Society for providing the grant, as well as Skrade, the Fayette City Council, Fayette Community Library, and the people of the Fayette community for their continuing support.

“After the COVID-19 pandemic shut everything down in the spring of 2020, Dr. Skrade was still able to assist with the certification, and he played a huge role in finishing up the process,” said Dale, who is currently employed as a district forester with Pine Soil and Water Conservation District in Sandstone, Minnesota. “The Fayette City Council kept an open mind during the initial presentations and came to embrace the idea of being a Bird Friendly city. The community was also engaged in our presentations, learning about the area birds and taking an interest in our local wildlife.”

Fayette is being officially recognized for its commitment to managing public park lands with an ecological focus, protecting stream corridors, and providing direct support to residents who implement water quality practices, such as planting native grasses and trees or installing rain gardens. Fayette has pledged its commitment to preserving and expanding habitat and encourages citizens to engage in birding, bird conservation and related outdoor recreation activities.

“The Bird Friendly Iowa designation opens another door for the citizens of Fayette into the world of bird conservation,” Dale closed. “This is something that some people may not have experienced before. Fayette has a ton of amazing bird species that all play a role in the ecosystem. Through this program, residents have an opportunity to learn more about birds through community-wide birding events, by attending presentations, or by checking out a pair of binoculars and a field guide from the local library.”

Bird Friendly Iowa is a partnership of several Iowa conservation organizations, agencies, and individuals, including Trees Forever, Iowa Audubon, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Buchanan County Conservation, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources. In 2018, Waterloo was the first Iowa community recognized as a Bird Friendly Iowa community.

New Board of Trustee chair elected

A financial planner and Upper Iowa University alumnus was elected chair of UIU’s Board of Trustees. Scott Lebin ’64 is president and CEO of Lebin Financial Management, Inc., and Managed Economics for Doctors, Inc., in Geneva, Illinois. Replacing outgoing chair Dennis Murdoch ’68, Lebin has served as a UIU board member since 2009.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank Dennis for his leadership role over the past six years,” Lebin said. “I look forward to working with Dennis and our other board members in continuing to implement short- and long-term strategic visions that ultimately benefit our students, faculty, staff and the entire UIU community.”

After receiving his bachelor’s degree at UIU, Lebin received his master’s degree from Northwestern University in 1969 and taught high school and directed high school, university, and semi-professional theatre for 21 years. He and his wife, Dr. Barbara “Bobbie,” Lebin ’65 reside in Geneva.

For the full article visit the Bridge Online at https://bit.ly/3JF0gmc.
UIU introduces new academic and networking opportunities

As part of its unwavering commitment to accessible higher education and lifelong learning, Upper Iowa University (UIU) is eager to introduce new academic and networking opportunities to students in the 2021–22 academic year. Beginning this fall, UIU is prepared to offer students the opportunity to participate in the 2+2 Industrial Tech and 3+1 Pre-nursing academic programs, SkillFlex Learning, DECA and Forensics (Speech) teams, and the UIU Connect online center.

“At Upper Iowa University, we have a community of engaged students and faculty passionate about education,” Dr. Doug Binsfeld, vice president for academic and student affairs, said. “The additions of these latest programs further demonstrate UIU’s commitment to providing the benefits of a small, private college in an environment that has the dynamics and variety of a large campus.”

The UIU Connect digital platform presents prospective students with a helpful tool to learn about life at UIU, and easily find and communicate with friends and mentors who share similar interests. The technology also enables faculty to offer guidance on majors and classes, while giving the institution a direct channel for delivering personalized content to interested students.

“By providing this dynamic virtual community, UIU is further expanding its engagement with students and hastening their exposure to our vibrant university,” Kathy Franken, vice president for finance and enrollment management, said. “This platform encourages University-wide interaction while allowing us to share relevant subject matter in a timely fashion.”

New academic partnerships

A 2+2 articulation agreement with Eastern Iowa Community College (EICC) provides for qualified students who achieve a diploma in automotive technology and an Associate of Science degree in technical studies at EICC to be admitted to UIU’s Bachelor of Science degree program in teacher education. The major can be finished at Fayette Campus or UIU’s Quad Cities, Waterloo and Des Moines locations.

“This 2+2 agreement is now one of many partnerships that our Teacher Education program has with community colleges and PreK-12 schools,” Dr. Billie Cowley, dean of the Andres School of Education, said. “Each of these partnerships plays a part in allowing our graduates to hit the ground running while allowing us to share relevant subject matter in a timely fashion.”

The industrial technology 5-12 teaching degree at UIU prepares students to be effective professionals and allows them to pursue a career in teaching industrial technology in grades 5 through 12,” added Dr. Gina Kaker, professor of education. “The successful graduates will help meet the growing needs of school districts that offer industrial technology courses.”

An additional partnership with Allen College allows 3+1 Pre-nursing students to earn a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in life science at UIU before achieving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from Allen College in a little over four years. Once a student completes their required UIU coursework, this new academic program guarantees a spot in the Allen College BSN program.

“UIU’s life science major with a pre-nursing emphasis lets the student get the most out of their college experience at a more affordable cost,” associate professor of nursing Stephanie Tippin said. “UIU faculty have real-world experience, truly care about their students’ success, and are there to help them from start to finish. Meanwhile, the Allen nursing component will allow for greater engagement in a health care setting.”

Still in the development stage, the SkillFlex Learning option is different from the traditional university model. UIU’s SkillFlex Learning option will allow students to set the pace of their learning. Progress through coursework is based on showing mastery of learning outcomes (or competencies) — the skills, abilities, and knowledge required in an area of study. Support will be provided through substantive faculty feedback/interaction and personalized advising.

Team competitions

Argument meets advocacy with a side of public speaking when students take on Forensics, while DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs through competitive events. Scholarships are available to members of both teams.

Forensics team members have the opportunity to compete as an individual or group. Regional and national competitions will allow the participants to test their skills against other students.

“We are excited to offer forensics to students looking for a way to hone their public speaking while also learning life skills when speaking on timely topics and competing against their equally talented peers,” UIU Forensics director Jordan Compton said.

Through the development of strong academics, fostering community and employer connections, and participation in competitive events, DECA hones the skills of emerging leaders and potential entrepreneurs. The national DECA organization has helped train these individuals in high schools and colleges since 1946.

“Joining DECA is another step our students can take in realizing their greatest potential and achieving career goals,” UIU DECA director Christopher Kragnes said. “By taking their leadership skills to the next level, the team members will be better prepared for experiencing a successful career.”

Graf Garden rehab completed

Following the 2021 commencement ceremonies, Upper Iowa University graduate Ally Fink had one more project to complete before she would say goodbye to Fayette Campus. As part of her senior thesis, the Plainfield, Illinois, native led the yearlong effort to rehabilitate the Graf Butterfly Garden, located in front of the Andres Center for Business and Education. Providing immediate assistance were the UIU facilities staff; Fink’s advisor, professor of geosciences Dr. Kata McCarville; and other education and science department professors.

In addition to making an impact on the local environment, the biology and psychology double major chose to rehabilitate the garden to create a habitat that would benefit wildlife and provide another outdoor classroom opportunity for students. While compiling 50 personal hours of work herself, Fink was assisted by approximately 30 volunteers and collaborators, including members of the women’s basketball team, Peacocks for Progress, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and the UIU education department.

Additional information about Ally (pictured here with her parents, Debbie and Bill Fink) and the Graf Garden rehabilitation project, can be found at uiubridge.com.
FACULTY AND STAFF NOTES

UIU professor named Fulbright Scholar

The U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board have announced that Upper Iowa University associate professor of psychology Dr. Melinda Heinz has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to Ireland. Heinz will conduct research exploring how Men’s Sheds promote meaning and purpose in older adulthood. Heinz will also teach a seminar on aging at the Limerick Institute of Technology and give several community talks on well-being in older adulthood.

As a Fulbright Scholar, Heinz will share knowledge and foster meaningful connections across communities in the United States and Ireland. Fulbrighters engage in cutting-edge research and expand their professional networks, often continuing research collaborations started abroad and laying the groundwork for forging future partnerships between institutions. Upon returning to their home countries, institutions, labs, and classrooms, they share their stories and often become active supporters of international exchange, inviting foreign scholars to campus and encouraging colleagues and students to go abroad. As Fulbright Scholar alumni, they enrich their careers by joining a network of thousands of esteemed scholars, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Fulbright alumni include 60 Nobel Prize laureates, 86 Pulitzer Prize recipients, and 37 who have served as a head of state or government.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to forge lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, counter misunderstandings, and help people and nations work together toward common goals. Since its establishment in 1946, the Fulbright Program has enabled more than 390,000 dedicated and accomplished students, scholars, artists, teachers, and professionals of all backgrounds to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and find solutions to shared international concerns. The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the Program, which operates in more than 160 countries worldwide.

Adjunct professor Dr. Greg Beatty wrote “The View from the Texas Star Flyer,” which was runner-up in the Texas Story Contest. He also recently authored “Love in Fine Lines.” Greg’s story “The Smell of General Tso’s And Hope” is shortlisted for the LoveReading Very Short Story Award 2021.

Adjunct professor Dr. Jimmie Flores earned a Certified Professional Co-Active Coach Credential (CPCC) on May 14, 2021, from the Co-Active Professional Coach Training Institute, recognized as one of the most rigorous coach training and certification programs in the industry.

Master of Sport Administration program director/associate professor of sports administration Dr. Karla K. Gavin earned her Ed.D. in sport management from the United States Sports Academy. The title of her dissertation was “Supporting Student-Athletes with the Learning Management System (LMS).”

Nursing program associate professor Dr. Stephanie Tippin earned her DNP from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2020. The title of her DNP project was “Evaluating the Effectiveness of Systems Thinking Teaching Strategies for RN-BSN Students.” She more recently presented her project virtually at the Sigma Theta Tau-Zeta Phi Chapter Research Symposium in February 2021.

Professor of social science and anthropology Dr. Roland Vazquez was an invited participant/lecturer at the January “Continuity and Change in Political Culture” symposium, which was sponsored by The Seeling Institute at Michigan State University. Roland spoke during the panel discussion titled “National Memory, Memorialization, and Dramatization.”

Zwanziger Elsinger was also featured in a WalletHub article on car insurance in Iowa.

Adjunct professor Shantelle Jacobs had her Baton Rouge business, Pure Mind Counseling & Wellness, featured in Psychology Today.

Adjunct professor Vincent Jemison wrote “A Cognitive Interpretation of How Perception-Based Decisions Detracts Your Leadership Performance,” which was published in International Journal of Novel Research in Humanity and Social Sciences Vol. 6, Issue 3, pp: (33-42), Month: May - June 2019, ISSN 2394-9694. In addition, his book titled The Power of Structure Leadership: Optimizing Leadership Performance can be found on Amazon.

Master of Counseling program faculty Dr. Panagiots Markopoulos, Dr. Kimberly King and Dr. Anabel Mifsud were invited by Region One Education Service Center, located in Edinburg, Texas, to present a two-hour virtual workshop in February on the topic of “Mindfulness for School Counselors and Elementary Students.”


Instructional designer Dr. Noriza Shaari was among the virtual Accessibility and Inclusive Design presenters in November 2020. The presentation was organized by the University of Nottingham and Ministry of Education, Malaysia.
Upper Iowa University recognizes its 2021 Mangan Award recipients

Dr. Sue Burrack, assistant professor of education, and Dr. Susan Massey, assistant professor of education/Master of Education program director, have been awarded the Roger & Alice Mangan Excellence in Teaching Awards. Established in 2019 by Roger ’62 and Alice ’61 (Delong) Mangan, the awards represent UIU’s commitment to excellence in teaching and are to be annually presented to one rising junior faculty member and one senior faculty member.

Burrack, who holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Iowa State University, has served at UIU since 2012. She also earned a Master of Arts degree, multi-occupations and reading endorsements, and a bachelor’s degree at University of Northern Iowa. Prior to her employment at UIU, Burrack worked as a principal, secondary teacher, at-risk coordinator, and school improvement coordinator in K–12 public schools for 32 years.

Prior to her employment at UIU in 2018, Massey served as a clinical assistant professor, assistant/associate professor, researcher and adjunct faculty member in higher education institutions. She also had various experiences teaching in elementary classrooms and serving as a reading specialist. Massey earned a doctorate in reading education at University of Virginia, a master’s degree at Millersville University of Pennsylvania, and a bachelor’s degree at University of Illinois.

The Mangans provided the initial gift for the establishment of the Excellence in Teaching Award. The UIU Faculty Development and Welfare Committee accept the award nominations/applications. The recipients receive a financial stipend and a commemorative plaque for their exemplary teaching. In addition, a larger wall-mounted plaque featuring the names of these and future honorees has been placed in the Student Center at UIU’s Fayette Campus.


Alice (DeLong) Mangan followed in the footsteps of her mother and aunt and four uncles who also graduated from Upper Iowa with degrees in education. A Maynard, Iowa, native, Alice helped organize UIU’s first drill team before earning a physical education degree in 1961.

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2021 Retirees
• Doug McReynolds — 41 Years
• Delbert O’Dell — 31 Years
• Joel Kunze — 30 Years
• Cheryl Northrup — 30 Years
• Gail Moorman Behrens — 25 Years
• Carly Cushion — 25 Years
• Michael Steinbronn — 25 Years
• Don McComb — 20 Years
• Redmond Humphrey — 19 Years
• Kim Knapp — 18 Years
• Tammy Carolan — 17 Years
• Teri Walker — 17 Years
• Barbara Ehlers — 11 Years
• Teresa O’Dell — 10 Years
• Betty Whitesell — 10 Years
• William Jones — 8 Years
45 Years of Service
• David Wright
30 Years of Service
• Cheryl Northrup
25 Years of Service
• Caryl Cushion
• Kimberly King
• Timothy Parker
• Rachel Schultz
• Michael Steinbronn
• Tony Tjaden
20 Years of Service
• Rebecca Hilliard
• Renee Lape
• Jesse Pleggenkuhle
• Roland Vasquez
15 Years of Service
• Jill Austin
• Jackson Hayek
• Christopher Kragnes
10 Years of Service
• Allison Behne
• Barbara Collier
• Erin Friedley
• Michael Lewis
• Aaron Nelson
• Teresa O’Dell
• Betty Whitesell
• Brock Wissmiller
5 Years of Service
• Jessekah Boettner
• Jen Kula
• Kelli Pech
• James Price
• Andrew Sass
• Blenda Stahl

Upper Iowa University recognized 2020 and 2021 full-time faculty and staff during an employee appreciation luncheon Tuesday, April 27. The honorees included:

• Liz Winter
• Michael Van Sickle
• Jessekah Boettner
• James Price
• Andrew Sass
• Blenda Stahl

2021 Mangan Award recipients

Dr. Doug Binsfeld, Upper Iowa University vice president for academic and student affairs.

Dr. Sue Burrack, assistant professor of education, accepts the Mangan Award from Dr. Doug Binsfeld, Upper Iowa University vice president for academic and student affairs.
Graduates, you are definitely in a very special group. You have shown the world, yourselves, and your families that you have the discipline and fortitude to finish the job in spite of all odds, including COVID! This is certainly a time to tell you, ‘job well done.’”

These words of praise were shared with Upper Iowa University’s (UIU) 2021 graduates by commencement speaker Roger Mangan as part of UIU’s three in-person commencement ceremonies at Harms-Eisheid Stadium in Fayette Saturday, May 8.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Mangan graduated from UIU in 1962 with a bachelor’s degree in history and minors in political science and French. The four-time Peacock letter winner compiled a 33-2-2 wrestling career record and won Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships at 147 pounds in 1959 and 1960. Mangan started a 16-year teaching and coaching career in Fredericksburg, Cresco, Bettendorf and Estherville, Iowa. He later became an educational consultant for the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency in Davenport, Iowa, before moving to Littleton with his wife, Alice, and two daughters in 1976.

Roger and Alice have been married for 55 years and enjoy time with their family, traveling, and working in their successful State Farm Insurance office. Alice, a Maynard, Iowa, native, earned a physical education degree at UIU in 1961.

“Please allow me to share a thought, a concept, with all of you present today,” Mangan said. “Imagine your time here at UIU as going up an escalator. The escalator is designed to take you to the next level, not only in school or your careers, but in life. The education you acquired here is going to offer you an exciting future. It will allow you to open doors to opportunities not now known to you and give you time to explore, to try new things, and to help you achieve your dreams.”

Earlier, when welcoming those in attendance to the ceremony, UIU President William R. Duffy praised the graduates for serving as a testimony to UIU’s motto—“We change lives, one student at a time.”

“Having said that, I encourage all of you to continue to set goals in your life, never be afraid to fail, provide solutions—not problems, make a difference, change a life, and pay your success forward for others,” Duffy said.

Approximately 450 students were recognized for earning their respective undergraduate or graduate degrees during UIU’s 164th Commencement ceremonies. Receiving the Csomay Honors Program medallions were Jayde Blue, a business marketing and management major from West Union, Iowa; Alyson Carroll, an instructional strategist II for BD/LD/ID K–12 major from Oswego, Illinois, and Kaitlin Niedert, an elementary education major from Independence, Iowa (see feature story on page 13).

“Today you have achieved for what many of you is the biggest goal of your life, and you have every right to be proud of yourself,” UIU Alumni Association president Jann (Schellhammer) Henkes ’78 said during the closing of the event. “Take time to celebrate your accomplishment and never let this moment in time be forgotten. Tomorrow, next week, next year, or as in my case, over 40 years from now as you reflect on today, I hope you have fond memories of your time at Upper Iowa University.”

UIU successfully crafted a number of modifications to its traditional in-person commencement to create a safer and healthier environment for its graduates and guests during the May 8 ceremonies. The university held a virtual commencement in 2020.

Commencement was held at Upper Iowa University’s Fayette, Iowa, Campus on Saturday, May 8, 2021. To view all photos, visit uiu.edu/commencement.
Peacock graduate doesn’t let autism slow her down

After spending much of her young life trying to outrun the struggles associated with autism, Serianna Dehmlow eventually used athletic and mental conditioning to realize that the developmental disability is a unique part of her identity. Still, even as a high-spirited teenager, she was told by many people in her life that she would have difficulty attaining a higher education while also competing in collegiate sports. A few years later, the 2021 Upper Iowa University graduate left Fayette Campus not only with a communication studies degree but also with her name in the Peacock track and cross-country record books.

Diagnosed with a form of autism at age 2, Serianna was very shy growing up. Struggling with interpersonal communication, she spoke very little and dreaded crowds and the thought of attending school. Placement in special education classes and being left out of peer activities in elementary and middle school also provided her with a sense of added insecurity.

Oftentimes too shy and frightened to go outside, she just wanted to stay at home with her family. Parents, Craig and Jennifer, twin brother Steele, and younger brother Maverick were always a source of support and encouragement that she could depend on.

“It used to cry a lot in school and that was something that bothered me,” Serianna said. “Not knowing how people would treat me if I joined an after-school activity, I looked forward to going home at the end of each and every day.”

The turning point in Serianna’s life came one day after school in sixth grade. Jennifer sat alongside her young daughter and carefully told her that she was no longer going to be allowed to come home and do nothing.

“Though I was a little hesitant at first, I understood and respected that she wanted to make sure I became involved in something after school,” Serianna acknowledged. “This was also when she asked me one important question that helped make me the person I am today: ‘Do you want to go out for track this spring?’”

The decision to join the middle school track team would unlock a door to boundless opportunities and Serianna’s hidden gifts and talents. Not only did she earn the respect of coaches, newfound friends, school staff, and the entire student body as a tremendous distance runner and dedicated strength and conditioning athlete, Serianna joined the school’s Gold Program, which led to her faithful pursuit of volunteerism.

“The Gold Program provided student volunteers the opportunity to interact with kids, like myself, who had disabilities, in order for them to gain confidence and develop social skills while playing games and creating projects,” Serianna explained. “This program helped break me out of my shell and find confidence and happiness in all aspects of my life. The me of my past and the me of today are two completely different people.”

“Graduation was an especially proud moment for me. For as long as I can remember, there were so many peers and adults who said I wouldn’t be able to handle college academics and athletics because of my disability.”

Serianna Dehmlow ’21
Communication Studies
Peacock graduate doesn't let autism slow her down

As she started to socially excel, the Huntley, Illinois, native began to realize the importance of academics in high school. Bearing down on her studies, she saw marked improvements in her grades and ACT scores.

“I struggled in the classroom; I didn't think homework was important until I learned that it was the main factor in earning the privilege to be involved with athletics,” she admitted. “Although I am now a high-functioning woman with autism, most people today still don’t realize that sometimes I don’t understand a certain concept. Occasionally I have to ask a number of questions in order to process its meaning.”

In high school, she benefited from a special education program that allowed her to join her peers in several classes, including a strength and conditioning course taught by UIU alumnus Casey Popenfoose ’12. Under Popenfoose’s guidance, Serianna grew committed to weightlifting, as well as general fitness. At 5’2” and 125 pounds, she won over many, even the older teenaged boys, who were impressed with her work ethic and determination.

Excelling in weightlifting max-outs, in which participants squat, bench, power clean, and deadlift, the young athlete compiled the following personal bests:

- Squat—270 lb.
- Sumo Deadlift—205 lb.
- Trap Bar Deadlift—220 lb.
- Bench Press—125 lb.
- Power Clean—135 lb.
- Incline Bench—90 lb.

Prior to her senior year in high school, she also started focusing more intently on offseason training for track. She exercised in the early mornings and during early-outs at school. She also competed in community races, including a few 5K road races, a 6K open race, and an 8K race to help her get used to cross-country training.

The Peacock experience begins

In 2016, Serianna started exploring colleges that would potentially admit her as a student-athlete. UIU stood out because Popenfoose and other high school teachers shared with her their positive academic and athletic experiences at the university. She also attained the sense that Upper Iowa would provide her a family atmosphere amongst new friends, classmates, professors and coaches.

During the summer of that same year while helping her grandmother with yard work, Serianna received an unexpected phone call from one of the Fayette Campus admissions counselors saying she had been accepted at UIU to continue her academic and athletic careers.

“It was an especially proud moment for me,” said Serianna. “For as long as I can remember, there were so many peers and adults who said I wouldn't be able to handle college academics and athletics because of my disability. Of course, there were also many people who didn’t know that I was a former special education student who worked hard to overcome my struggles to achieve my dreams.”

Majoring in communications in mass media, Serianna walked on to the Peacock women’s track and field and cross-country teams, though she had not met the necessary high school transcript criteria and was required to redshirt her freshman year. With the help of her professors and other UIU resources, she was soon able to achieve her first academic goals in a college setting.

Serianna praised UIU professors for challenging her to think independently and creatively. The faculty were always easily accessible during office hours or via emails when she asked for clarification on a specific problem or concept. In addition to the benefits of UIU’s small class sizes and its eight-week sessions, the new alumna expressed her appreciation for the assistance provided through the Office of Career Development and the Writing and Tutor centers.

Academically eligible her second year in college, Serianna led the team in her first year of competition at all seven cross-country meets. Her success later carried over to the track, when she broke UIU’s 10K record—three times. In 2020, the outdoor track season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but Serianna continued to train for her senior season. In addition to her daily morning routine of incorporating speed and agility sessions, she participated in the

If you compete while following your dreams, you will have better dreams in the future.”

Serianna Dehmlow ’21
Leaving a footprint
In the classroom, Serianna would maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout her four years of college. With plans to pursue a career as a professional writer and speaker, Serianna has been accepted into the Master of Arts in Brand Communication online program at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Her advice to others with autism who are also looking to further their education is to utilize all the resources available, including their professors and academic advisors, to help them succeed in their studies.

"Of course, also think about what you want to do within your major," she suggested. "Do you want to go get a job right after college? Do you want to go to grad school to potentially achieve better jobs with higher pay and more hours? These are the questions you have to ask yourself. Always talk to your family and friends about your decisions, and make sure those decisions are right for you."

Amazingly, Serianna registered over 500 hours of volunteer service throughout the community during her four years of attendance at UIU. Maple Crest Manor, Fayette Community Library, Fayette Community Church, Fayette Lions Club and Fayette Campus have all benefited from the work of the young good Samaritan.

What is autism?
According to the Autism Society, autism is a complex, lifelong developmental disability that typically appears during early childhood and can impact a person's social skills, communication, relationships, and self-regulation. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum condition" that affects people differently and to varying degrees.

While there is currently no known single cause of autism, early diagnosis helps a person receive the support and services that they need, which can lead to a quality life filled with opportunity.

Here are some signs to look for:
• Speaks later than typical or not at all (nonverbal)
• Repetition in language or movement, such as repeating the same words or sounds, hand flapping, or any repeated movement
• Atypical nonverbal communication, including avoiding eye contact, giving few facial expressions, or having a monotone
• Prefers solitary or parallel play rather than engaging in associative or cooperative play with other children
• Extremely distressed by changes, including new foods or changes in schedule
• Preference for predictable, structured play over spontaneous or make-believe play
• Strong, persistent interest on specific topic, part of a toy, or item
To learn more, visit autism-society.org.

I enjoy volunteering as a student-athlete because I strongly believe in the importance of people giving back to the community and UIU."

Serianna Dehmlow '21

In recognition of her volunteer service, Serianna was awarded the Student Life Peacock Service Award her sophomore year, the Petey's Peacock Service Award her junior and senior years, and the Student Activities What's Happenin' Award during the most recent Student Life Awards ceremony.

Even with a hectic daily schedule that included academics, athletics and volunteerism, Serianna also found time to take advantage of internships and employment opportunities. In addition to interning as a writer in the University's Office of Communications and Marketing, she worked at UIU as a fitness boot camp instructor, Rec Center front desk assistant, Alumni House student thank-you manager, and Student Activities student assistant.

Looking back on her college experiences, the 22-year-old hopes she has left a footprint on Fayette Campus. Whether it be her "knack for networking," academic and athletic achievements, or volunteerism, her accomplishments were driven by a love for UIU and the community as a whole.

"I have been very blessed to have enjoyed such a wonderful experience at UIU," Serianna said. "I built new friendships, created special memories, and made life skill improvements, not only academically and athletically, but also spiritually, mentally, physically and socially."

And as she pursues her next goals in life, Serianna continues to share with friends and other students a motto she has followed since high school: "If you compete while following your dreams, you will have better dreams in the future."
Upper Iowa University (UIU) recognized three graduates for their Universitywide and community leadership during its May 8 Commencement ceremony at Fayette Campus. Those graduates—Alyson Carroll, Oswego, Illinois; Kaitlin Niedert, Independence, Iowa; and Jayde Blue, West Union, Iowa—each were recognized as Csomay Honors Program graduates for their representation of the University through community involvement and engagement, and through their success as students, athletes and professionals.

Prior to her death, Barbara (Rankin) Csomay ’46 established UIU’s Csomay Honors Program. Csomay, who graduated from UIU with a teaching degree, committed $847,000 toward the creation of the Csomay Center for Honors at Fayette Campus and the Csomay Endowed Scholarship.

To be accepted into the Honors Program, students must have at least a 26 ACT score and at least a 3.5 high school grade point average. Students admitted to the Honors Program in any given year take the same courses as their fellow honors students. Each course generally is interdisciplinary and team taught, with active, participatory learning. All honors courses require extensive, integrated, advanced writing skills. Seniors complete both an honors project and a thesis in their area of interest. Extracurricular experiences—such as service learning, attending professional conferences, and other special events—are an integral part of the program.

Jayde Blue earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business marketing and management at UIU in October 2020. She is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in general management. While attending UIU, Blue was a member of Peacock Spirit, Athlete Peer Educator Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), Student Government Association, Peacock Entertainment Crew (PEC), and Chi Alpha.

The energetic graduate first joined the Csomay program because one of her friends was involved in the program and informed her of the available scholarship. Through the program, Blue made numerous friendships, learned about the global history and lifestyles of different cultures, and achieved academic success.

“Every semester, I exceeded my own academic expectations,” Blue said. “I believe the Csomay program allows students to grow closer to one another. Regardless of your lifestyle, it provides you student peers who you feel comfortable with—people who can answer questions, study and hang out with you.”

As part of her Honors project, Blue built a cheerleading website, with all of the information and resources located in one place, that could be adapted for future use by different sport teams. As a Csomay Honors student she also benefited from studying abroad for 10 days in London, Paris and Amsterdam in March 2020.

“I worked hard to obtain my degrees in a timely manner while at UIU, but I also wanted to explore the world and have the opportunity to achieve something greater,” Blue said. “I was able to learn so much from the different cultures, while also gaining knowledge and experiences that only come around once in a lifetime for most people. These experiences will assist me in being proactive in my future career choice, not only allowing me to be effective and efficient, but also being as accountable and flexible as the position requires.”

Reflecting on her overall UIU educational experience and its impact on her life, Blue also noted she was able to complete a pair of marketing and management internships with West Union (Iowa) Economic Development and the City of West Union.

“Sometimes I wonder what life would have been like if I would not have chosen UIU,” Blue said. “Then I realize that I would not have made the networking connections or lifetime friendships from all of my real-world experiences. There were times that it was stressful, but as I work to achieve my master’s degree I could not be more proud of myself or my University. Nothing is perfect, but my experience at UIU was not too far off.”

Jayde Blue (left) and 2021 graduate Josie Roulson of Elgin, Iowa, pose near London’s Tower Bridge during their study abroad experience.
Majoring in instructional strategist II for BD/LD/ID K–12, with endorsements in reading K–8 and elementary education, Carroll is the outgoing SGA secretary. She was also involved in the Best Buddies Club.

Carroll saw the required Csomay program curriculum as a way to further challenge herself academically. Similar to other Honors program students, she soon discovered that the professors worked tirelessly to turn the learning environment into something that the students could relate to their interests. Open classroom discussions with diverging viewpoints led to improved critical thinking skills.

Carroll originally chose to attend UIU because of her enjoyment of the school’s education program. Consequently, her Honors project featured different types of special education classrooms and the social and academic impacts that inclusive and self-contained special education classrooms have on students.

“This project has given me further insight on what I want my future students to benefit from,” Carroll said. “I wanted to explore the best ways I can provide my students an environment where they will grow both academically and socially to the best of their potential.”

During her last semester at UIU, she was a student teacher at the Central Community School District in Elkader, as well as the Starmont (Strawberry Point, Arlington, Lamont) Community School District, for a total of 16 weeks. The real-world experience consisted of 12 weeks in special education classrooms and four weeks in a third-grade classroom.

“I feel all of the UIU opportunities pushed me to my fullest potential,” Carroll said. “Everyone at UIU cares about one another and wants everyone to have a great experience. I think if I would have gone to a different university, I would not have had such close relationships with people that affect my learning the most.”

Niedert graduated from UIU with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education, with endorsements in Talented and Gifted (TAG), coaching, reading, and language arts. The 2020 Peacock Homecoming Queen served as the SGA internal relations officer and was a member of the Best Buddies Club, Education Club, Kappa Zeta Tau, and UIU volleyball team.

Niedert chose to attend UIU not only because of its eight-week sessions and athletics, but also because it felt like another home to her.

“My experience at UIU has given me so many friendships and opportunities that I will forever be thankful for and never forget,” Niedert said. “I have also created friendships in the classes I took that I will always cherish.”

Niedert viewed the Csomay Honors program as a way to challenge herself during her educational experiences. Her favorite part of the program was working with other students and professors outside of her main study areas. The program also allowed her to study abroad in London, Paris, and Amsterdam.

“I really enjoyed working with students who I normally wouldn’t work with in my major, because it gave me the opportunity to meet new people and learn from others,” Niedert said. “I can apply what I learned from this program and my other experiences to my career and future education.”

The aspiring school counselor’s Csomay project consisted of studying the required training and knowledge that educators, support staff, and administration must have when working with a child who may be impacted by trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). In addition to realizing the need for more training session and ACE awareness, the study provided Niedert beneficial information that she can use in her future classroom and the inspiration to pursue a master’s in school counseling.

“I feel that an education at UIU differs from other institutions because of its class sizes and the ability for students to connect with their professors and peers,” Niedert said. “I was able to build relationships with my classmates and caring professors, who were positive role models in my life and college career. I have loved my time at UIU and I am so glad I chose to become a Peacock!”

For additional information about the Csomay Honors Program and UIU, visit uiu.edu/academics/honors-program.
PEACOCKS UNITED 2020
HOMECOMING

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3
#UIUHOMECOMING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Pajama Day

Blue Pride Worldwide & Window Painting
This year’s theme is “Peacocks United, 202ONE.” Let your imagination run wild decorating your front porch, lawn, office, dorm room, or windows. Share your creativity on social media and use #UIUHomecoming.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Camo Day

Chalk It Up
Take part in this fun UIU tradition! Grab some chalk and show your school spirit on your sidewalk or driveway. We want to see your designs—share using #UIUHomecoming.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Country/Western Day

Ice Cream Social
Grace Meyer Square | 2—3:30 P.M.
FREE ICE CREAM!!! All are welcome to attend.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Patriotic Day

Art Reception
Bing-Davis Memorial Gallery | 3:30—5 P.M.
Featuring paintings and drawings by Assistant Professor of Art at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor by Stephanie Chambers. Refreshments will be served.

Welcome Home Dinner
Andres Atrium | 5:30—7:30 P.M.
This all-class reunion dinner is complimentary, hosted by the Alumni Association, and a perfect way to start the weekend. RSVP required.

QEG Day
Peacock Pavilion (tailgate area) | 7:30 P.M.
Don’t miss the crowning of this year’s royalty. (Dorman Gym rain location)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

UIU Spirit Day

Homecoming Picnic
Student Center Servery | 11 A.M.—1:30 P.M.
Join fellow Campus community members for a BBQ lunch served by Aramark from 11 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Outdoor seating will be available. Cost is $6.50 or one meal swipe.

Research, Internship & Creative Endeavors
Baker-Hebron Hall, Garbee Hall and Liberal Arts Building 1—2:30 P.M.
Join the School of Arts and Sciences in viewing student research project posters.

Men’s Soccer vs. Northern Michigan University
Pattison Field | 2 P.M.

Ninth Annual President’s Fundraising Ball
Student Center Ballroom | 5:30 P.M. | uiu.edu/presidentsball
Go “Onward & Upward” with your Peacock family during an evening of fundraising and fellowship. Guests may enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner program and dancing. Tickets are $85 per person. $100 after Sept. 13. RSVP required.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

Archives Takeaway Display & Social
Student Center | 8:30 A.M.
If you RSVP for the weekend, we will do our best to pull photos and articles from UIU Archives that you are featured in. Coffee will be available for guests.

Tell Your UIU Story—Share stories of your time at UIU and after graduation. Contact UIU Archives at 563-425-5722 or archives@uiu.edu.

Alumni Access to Gale Databases—Visit the Library for more info on alumni accounts and how to search for articles.

Alumni Awards & Honor Class Brunch
Student Center Ballroom | 9:30 A.M.
Alumni Award Honorees, Heritage Society Members, and the 1971 Golden Anniversary classmates will be recognized. Special invite is extended to the class of 1970 for their “redo reunion.” All alumni and guests are welcome to attend this complimentary brunch, RSVP required.

Peacock Show & Shine
Dorman Parking Lot | 10 A.M.—Noon
Alumni and area community members are invited to show off their classic cars. Participants are also welcome to join in the parade immediately following.

Homecoming Parade
Downtown Fayette | Noon
All are invited to join a Peacock caravan through the streets of Fayette (UTV/golf carts are welcome). To submit a parade entry, visit uiu.edu/homecoming.

Live Music Featuring Beau Timmerman @ the Tailgate
Tailgate Area | Noon—3 P.M.

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UIU Homecoming Football Game vs. Southwest Minnesota State University
Harms-Eischeid Stadium | Kickoff at 3 P.M.
Ticket prices are $10 for adults, $5 for ages 5–18, kids under 5 are free. Come cheer on the Peacocks to a victory!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Men’s Soccer vs. University of Wisconsin–Parkside
Pattison Field | 2 P.M.

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Questions? Contact the Alumni Office at 563-425-5388 or alumni@uiu.edu.
Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to join us at the Ninth Annual President’s Fundraising Ball. With the generous support from our alumni, friends and incredible sponsors, this spectacular event has raised over $860,000. Contributions this year will support the Forever UIU Fund, the unrestricted portion of UIU’s endowment. Gifts help provide financial security to our university and support long-term planning efforts.

This year our theme celebrates rising above last year’s challenges and moving “Onward & Upward.” Join us for a fabulous dinner program, games, prizes and music among your Peacock family.

We look forward to your presence, companionship, and support!

Sincerely,

Bill & Sharon Duffy

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**Tickets**

- Early Guest Registration – $85
- Tickets are $100 after September 13

**Sponsorships**

- Small Business – $300
- Silver – $1,250
- Gold – $2,750
- Platinum – $5,400
- Diamond – $10,500
- Blue Diamond – $15,000

To purchase tickets and view sponsorship perks, visit [uiu.edu/PresidentsBall](http://uiu.edu/PresidentsBall) or contact the Alumni Office at alumni@uiu.edu or 563-425-5388.
With each can of food she places on a shelf, Upper Iowa University senior Caitlin Schauer realizes she is one step closer to helping further ensure that all UIU students have ready access to quality, nutritious food on a daily basis. Double majoring in marketing and psychology, Schauer led the effort to create the newly organized Peacock Pantry as part of her psychology program internship. The mission: to eliminate hunger and food insecurity for Fayette Campus students by providing access to food products during break periods, promoting healthy nutrition, and increasing student success by reducing barriers to a complete education.

“I want students to have a source of food on Campus regardless if they lived on or off it,” Schauer said. “Students shouldn’t have to decide between paying for a textbook and eating for the week.”

A Waseca, Minnesota, native, Schauer conducted a survey in February to identify food insecurity at Fayette Campus. Of 61 respondents, 27 students reported experiencing disruptions in food intake due to a lack of funding or other resources, while 37 were aware of another student who shared similar disruptions. Common symptoms that students reported experiencing due to an inadequate food supply included low energy/fatigue, irritable mood, poor concentration, and low sleep quality.

“With the university meal plan being the only regular source of nutritious food for many students, we want the pantry to serve as a general resource of quality food for all students,” UIU senior director of academic success Amy Tucker said. “As part of the Peacock Pantry’s vision, all UIU stakeholders join Caitlin in realizing that we are committed to creating a secure, safe, strong and healthy Peacock community.”

The Peacock Pantry is located on the second floor of the UIU Student Center in Room 209 of the Leadership Center. Students will schedule an appointment online to visit the pantry at calendly.com/PeacockPantry. Since the Peacock Pantry is run by volunteers, students who do not show up to appointments or are more than 10 minutes late may be asked to make different arrangements. Students needing assistance in making an electronic appointment may stop by the Student Life front desk or email peacockpantry@uiu.edu.

The 2020 Student Philanthropy Council’s (SPC) Crowdfunding Campaign raised over $2,000 for the Pantry. The Crowdfunding Campaign was supported by SPC leaders, the Alumni Office, and Alumni Association board members. Peacocks for Progress student volunteers raised funds to provide shelving, food and other necessities for establishment of the pantry. As a subset of Peacocks for Progress, the Pantry will be additionally supported by UIU Student Life Counseling & Wellness and Academic Success.

Anyone wishing to donate nonperishable items to the Peacock Pantry may email peacockpantry@uiu.edu or drop items off directly at the Student Life front desk. Monetary donations may be made at uiu.edu/give. Select the designation Peacock Pantry.

UIU senior director of academic success Amy Tucker and senior Caitlin Schauer (l-r) stand outside the Peacock Pantry, which is located on the second floor of the UIU Student Center in Room 209 of the Leadership Center at Fayette Campus.
You could say that Yi Mun Choo, Bri Dahring, Brilee Hoemann and Sara Johnson have the “sweetest” jobs in the community. Who wouldn’t want the opportunity to work around a long list of uniquely delicious hard serve ice cream flavors like strawberry cheesecake or espresso Oreo on a daily basis? The four Upper Iowa University student workers and interns have been serving up flights of these dairy treats and gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches at Sugar Bowl Fayette since its opening in March 2021.

In fact, the Peacock community could actually thank Choo for being the reason the Sugar Bowl owners, Nathan and Brittany Todd, brought their business to downtown Fayette. A marketing major from Selangor, Malaysia, Choo was interviewing for an internship at Sugar Bowl Decorah (Iowa) when she first suggested the couple consider adding a Fayette location. The opportunity to open a business in a college campus community was only a short drive from their two established Decorah locales was an opportunity the Todds decided they could not pass up.

"I am happy and grateful that Brittany and Nathan were kind and open-minded to listen to my ideas on opening a new shop here in Fayette," Choo said. "My experiences with them have been phenomenal. I consider myself lucky to have attended UIU and interned at the Sugar Bowl because I have met so many incredible people who I can call family even when living so far away from home."

Choo has not only learned how the business operates but also how the Sugar Bowl owners began the enterprise from scratch before it grew into a well-established success.

"The community here in Fayette is so friendly and nice," Choo said. "Everyone has welcomed us with open arms. In return, they have discovered that the Sugar Bowl is a great place for students and other people to gather and eat great food. Sugar Bowl Fayette is equipped with Wi-Fi and charging doockets, so when inside dining is allowed, students are able to do homework or just hang out in a family atmosphere here."

Johnson, who is double-majoring in business administration and communication studies at UIU, is also currently doing an internship at the Sugar Bowl as part of her Csomay Honors Program project. Utilizing various marketing tactics and the general tasks required in opening a new business, the Elk River, Minnesota, native helped establish a stronger connection between the Sugar Bowl and the Peacock community.

"I am interested in possibly owning my own business someday, so I wanted to have my Honors project reflect something of that," Johnson said. "When I saw that the Sugar Bowl was coming to town, I felt this would be the perfect opportunity to work with a business and see what goes into its success. Brittany and Nathan are so passionate about what they do and have a lot of fun doing it. They not only took the time to teach me different job skills but also trusted me with completing certain tasks. I am learning so much from them and I look forward to continue contributing to the Sugar Bowl’s success in Fayette!"
Majoring in business and financial management, Dahring started working at the Sugar Bowl because of her career interest in the food industry. A Machesney Park, Illinois, native, she hopes to apply all of her work and UIU educational experiences to one day owning her own business.

“I love the teamwork provided by everyone since we first opened and welcomed the opportunity to work in an environment where I constantly see people that I know, or I get to know, as loyal customers,” Dahring said. “I greatly appreciate having the chance to learn about this business as well as being a part of its community involvement. I look forward to continuing working here when I return to classes next fall and witness firsthand what other new relationships can be built with other businesses.”

Brilee Hoemann, who is double majoring in art and graphic design with a minor in marketing, saw the Sugar Bowl as a familiar employment opportunity. She was quickly reminded of her previous experiences in the restaurant business back at home in Hampton, Virginia, and the joy it brought her to work with people within a community.

“I was super excited to see that an ice cream shop was coming to Fayette and I saw it as a great opportunity to get to know more people,” Hoemann said. “Brittany and Nathan reaffirmed these thoughts during the interview process and I haven’t been disappointed. They are an amazing couple. I absolutely love everyone I work with and couldn’t ask for a better staff to have by my side!”

Choo, Dahring, Hoemann and Johnson are grateful not only for their educational and Campus life experiences at UIU, but also for the career skills and knowledge they gained while collaborating with the Todds and all the employees at the Sugar Bowl.

“I think having the Sugar Bowl here in Fayette is an amazing addition to our community,” Hoemann concluded. “To have such a loving and positive business here is amazing. It provides students the chance to demonstrate the skills they have learned from a UIU education, adds life to our community, and provides so many people with big smiles—and yummy food all at the same time!”
Athletics Wrap-Up

Five Peacocks to be inducted into the UIU Hall of Fame 2020–21

The 2020 Hall of Fame Banquet was canceled this past October, but the five Peacock honorees will be inducted into the Upper Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame at a banquet on Friday, Oct. 15, 2021. The five inductees (see below) will be the highlight of our Hall of Fame Weekend in 2021.

Max Edmond (Athlete)
Baseball/ B.S. Degree/Management Information Systems
- Two-time All-Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) 1st Team in 1998 and 2nd Team in 1999
- NCAA Division III All-American 3rd Team and All-Central Region 1st Team in 1998
- 1999: .301 batting avg., .466 slugging pctg., 37 RBI, 35-36 stolen bases
- Holds UIU record for triples in a season with six (1998) along with Tommy Martinez

Travis Eggars (Athlete)
Wrestling/B.S. Degree/Fitness and Wellness
- Named to Jim Koch Division II Hall of Fame in 2018
- Three-time NCAA Division II All-American, including NCAA Champion in 2010, second place in 2009, and fourth in 2008
- Four-time NCAA Division II National Qualifier; placed second at the NCAA Regional for three years before claiming the title as a senior and earning the regional’s Outstanding Wrestler honor

Mitch Norton (Athlete)
Wrestling/B.A. Degree/Agricultural Business
- Two-time NCAA Division II All-American (3rd place in 2010 and 5th place in 2009)
- Four-time NCAA Division II National Qualifier (2007–10)
- Named 2007 NSIC Rookie of the Year
- Three-time All-NSIC 1st Team (2008–10)

Rachael Schmidt (Athlete)
Women’s Golf/B.S. Degree/Sports Management
- Rachael and Rochelle led the Peacocks to the NCAA Super Region 3 Title and qualified the team for the NCAA Division II Championships in 2009
- Named to the NGCA All-American team as a senior in 2009
- Earned eight tournament wins during her four-year career at UIU
- Named 2009 NSIC Women’s Golfer of the Year
- Earned medalist honors at both the NSIC Women’s Golf Championships and the NCAA Super Region 3 Championships as a senior
- Holds the third-best season scoring average, and four of the top 12, in UIU history at 77.89 in 2008–09

Peacock Esports places pair of teams in the postseason

The esports program competed in five different games across six different leagues: College League of Legends, NACE Fortnite, NECC Overwatch, NECC Valorant, and ECAC and NECC Rocket League. Following a 4-4 regular season in NECC Rocket League, the Peacocks earned the sixth seed in the eight-team postseason tournament, where they fell in their best-of-five contest.

UIU’s best performance came in NECC Overwatch play, as the team competed for the top spot in the conference for much of the season and had a flawless 6-0 record over the first two-thirds of their campaign. The Peacocks dropped three tough contests to finish the regular season, including a matchup against the No. 1 seeded Fresno State University Team 2 that could have given UIU the top seed. UIU entered the postseason as the No. 3 seed, but the Peacocks fell in a closely contested matchup against No. 6 seeded Champlain College by a score of 3-1.

2021 Hall of Fame Weekend Events

Friday, October 15
- Women’s Soccer vs. Minnesota Crookston, Noon.
- Men’s Soccer vs. Davenport, 2:30 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Sioux Falls, 6 p.m.
- Hall of Fame Banquet, 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 16
- Football vs. Minnesota State, Noon.
- Volleyball vs. Southwest Minnesota State, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 17
- Women’s Soccer vs. Bemidji State, Noon.
- Men’s Soccer vs. Purdue-Northwest, 2:30 p.m.
Peacocks Place 12th at NCAA Championships with Two All-Americans

The wrestling team tied for 12th place at the 2021 NCAA Division II Championships in March thanks to a pair of All-Americans: 197-pounder Zach Ryg (3rd) and 141-pounder Tate Murty (6th). Chase Luensman qualified and posted wins at the championships, coming up one win shy of being an All-American.

UIU placed second at the NCAA Super Region V Championship, claiming two region champions, a runner-up, two third-place finishes, and a fourth-place finish. Luensman claimed the 157-pound title thanks to a 3-0 record, while Ryg remained undefeated on the season with three more wins to improve to 9-0 while claiming the 197-pound regional title. Murty posted a 5-1 record in the 141-pound bracket. Eric Faught claimed third place at 149 pounds with a 3-1 record on the day, and Donny Schmit also scored a third-place finish at 133 pounds thanks to a 3-2 record. Kaden Anderlik won three matches, but placed fourth after losing a pair of close decisions.

UIU finished the shortened season with a 3-3 dual meet record. The Peacocks earned two All-NSIC nods as Luensman and Ryg each were selected to the first team. Ryg, a redshirt freshman, was named the NSIC Rookie of the Year and the NWCA Division II Rookie of the Year. The Peacock wrestling program ranked 14 in the NWCA Top 20 Scholar All-America Teams with a 3.2 grade point average.

UIU had 12 individuals earn National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-American honors this year as well. Jamie Gehling, Dalton Nelson, Mac Spotts and Tanner Prochaska earned a spot on the prestigious list for the fourth time. The remaining Peacock honorees were three-time award winners Jordan Baumlner, Connor Manderfeld and Donny Schmit, two-time recipients Tate Murty and Chase Luensman, and first-time award winners Ryan Faught, Scott Kellenberger and Zach Ryg.

Men’s basketball makes second straight NSIC Tournament quarterfinals

Men’s basketball had another solid season riding an NSIC-best 87.5 points per game to a 10-7 (8-4 NSIC) record and a second-place finish. Men’s basketball had another solid season riding an NSIC-best 87.5 points per game to a 10-7 (8-4 NSIC) record and a second-place finish. Haack averaged 14.5 points and 6.1 rebounds per game in NSIC play and ranked in the top 15 in the NSIC in scoring (15.8 points per game), field goal percentage (49.3%), and minutes per game (33.6). Joe Smoldt was named to the All-NSIC Second Team for the second straight season, averaging 16.4 points, 3.0 rebounds, and 2.8 assists. The senior’s 90.6% rate from the charity stripe was the NSIC’s fourth best while his 38.8% mark from downtown ranked fifth in the conference. Jake Hilmer was also awarded All-NSIC Second Team Honors, tallying 13.3 points, an NSIC ninth-best 3.5 assists, and 2.8 rebounds per contest, shooting 45.2% from the floor, 45.5% from deep, and 87.5% from the charity stripe.

Women’s basketball youth get going

The women’s basketball team finished the 2020–21 season with a 1-15 (0-14 NSIC) record after opening the campaign with an impressive 75-71 overtime win against St. Cloud State University, the 2019–20 NSIC/Stanford Health Tournament Champion. The season saw many young players get significant playing time, as UIU’s top seven players in minutes per game were all underclasswomen. The Peacocks will lose the services of departing seniors Natalie Dinius (814 career points) and Ally Fink (263 career points), but will return their top three leading scorers and the 2019–20 NSIC Freshman of the Year Jessica Musgrave, who suffered a season-ending injury in the second game. The top three scoring threats returning for 2021–22 are Lydia Haack (14.5 ppg), Brooke Evenson (9.1 ppg), and Katie Tornstrom (7.3 ppg).

Haack was selected to the NSIC South Division All-Freshman Team after a fantastic first season for the Peacocks. Haack averaged 14.5 points per game to lead the Peacocks and rank ninth in the NSIC. The Elk River, Minnesota, product contributed a team-high 46 assists, and her average of 3.3 dimes per game ranked 10th in the NSIC. The first-year guard made an immediate impact for UIU as she notched a season-high 30 points in the team’s season-opening win against the Huskies that tied for the highest single-game mark in the NSIC during the regular season.

Pound named new head coach for Peacock women’s lacrosse

Lindsey Pound was named the new head women’s lacrosse coach. Pound comes to UIU from Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina, where he served as the assistant coach for the Tornado men’s lacrosse program. Prior to Brevard, Pound was an assistant coach at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, and an assistant coach and defensive coordinator at his alma mater, the State University of New York (SUNY) at Potsdam in New York, where he coached eight All-Conference performers as well as a United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association/Nike Senior All-Star selection.

Pound completed a terrific collegiate career at SUNY Potsdam, where he helped lead the Bears to back-to-back SUNYAC playoff berths. He led the Bears in ground balls and caused turnovers as a junior and senior with 144 ground balls, 53 caused turnovers, 9 assists, and 2 goals. Pound was named an All-SUNYAC Second Team performer as a junior and All-SUNYAC First Team performer as a senior, earning Academic All-SUNYAC honors and the team’s Defensive MVP. The Henderson, New York, native began his collegiate career at Monroe Community College. He competed for the Under Armor All-American Junior College team after his sophomore season.
UIU softball’s Crogan earns All-NSIC Honors

The softball team finished the season with a record of 13-30 (9-21 NSIC) for an 11th place finish in the NSIC. In postseason honors, Crogan made her second appearance on the All-NSIC Second Team. The Watertown, Wisconsin, native paced the Peacocks in nearly every major offensive category as she led the team in hits (37), runs (18), home runs (6), runs batted in (17), batting average (.385), slugging percentage (.646), on-base plus slugging percentage (1.056), and total bases (62). Crogan was tied for the team lead in doubles (7) and notched the second-best on-base percentage (.410). The Watertown High School product finished with the second-highest fielding percentage (.988) and her 37 hits were tied for the sixth-highest total in conference play.

The Peacock offense also featured Payton Kastenschmidt (.368, 42 hits, 3 home runs) and Kaylee Frenette (.309, 42 hits, 21 runs), and the Peacock pitching staff was led by Abby McKay with a 10-12 record, 17 complete games, and a 4.16 ERA. McKay's 143 innings pitched led the NSIC, and her 147 strikeouts ranked fifth in the conference.

Olsen sisters earn All-NSIC honors; MacKayla competes at NCAA DII Central Regional

The women’s golf team posted a stroke average of 332.8 over five tournaments this spring. UIU’s best finish came in the UIU Spring Invitational as they won the two-round tournament at Sunnyside Country Club in Waterloo, Iowa. The Peacocks wrapped up their season with a fourth-place finish in the NSIC Men’s Golf Championships at the Shoal Creek Golf Course in Kansas City, Missouri. Following the season, Logan Schweinefus was named the NSIC Men’s Golfer of the Year, marking the first time that a Peacock men’s golfer has earned the honor.

Schweinefus led both the Peacocks and the NSIC with a 73.1 stroke average over 13 rounds in five events. The UIU senior finished second at the NSIC Men’s Golf Championships to earn All-Tournament honors, shooting a 66 in the third round of the NSIC Championships to notch the low round of the season in the NSIC.

The South Winneshiek High School product was named the NSIC Men’s Golfer of the Week two times this season and an All-NSIC performer for the second time. Schweinefus earned his second consecutive NSIC Elite 18 Award this season for finishing with the highest cumulative grade point average in his sport. Chris Cooksley also played a huge role in UIU’s success this past spring with a stroke average of 75.5. The Winthrop, Iowa, native claimed a third-place finish in the UIU Spring Invite and earned his second All-NSIC Second Team nod.

Women’s tennis develops NSIC’s youngest roster

The women’s tennis team finished the season with a 2-12 (2-9 NSIC) record. The pair of Peacock wins came in a 7-0 victory over the University of Minnesota Crookston and a 5-2 decision over Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Five of UIU’s regular six competitors held freshmen designations, with team captain Alejandra Abella standing alone as the team’s only senior. Varvara Ogorodnikova, Mya Herrmann, and Elaina Wall were all in their second year with the Peacocks after their first season was cut short due to the pandemic, and Jessa Michieli and Lina Ziani were competing in their inaugural campaigns. Ogorodnikova led UIU with a 7-5 singles record after going 3-4 in No. 1 singles and 4-1 in No. 2 singles. The Samara, Russia, native also finished with a 7-5 double record after going 2-3 in No. 1 doubles and 5-2 in No. 2 doubles. Ogorodnikova and Ziani were UIU’s best doubles duo, with a 7-5 record as they finished the season on a five-match win streak in No. 2 doubles competition.
Women’s bowling reaches new heights

The women’s bowling team surpassed all expectations during the 2020–21 campaign, as the Peacocks placed two spots higher in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (fourth) than predicted by the preseason coaches' poll (sixth). UIU had a variety of highlights over the course of the season, none of which was bigger than an upset over third-ranked University of Nebraska, who went on to become the NCAA Champions. The big win came during the Big Red Invitational at the Cornhuskers’ home alley by a 949-938 count. The weekend was one for the record books as the Peacocks also reached the 1,000-pin milestone for the first time in program history in both baker and traditional play.

UIU was led by All-GLVC honorable mention performer Kendra Anifer, who appeared in 28 games, averaging 174.4 pins per round for the Peacocks. The sophomore posted a career-high score of 223 at the Big Red Classic and received her second consecutive James R. Spaulding Sportsmanship Award. Fellow second-year Peacock Alex Dombrowski held the team’s best average at 182.4 pins per game over 26 appearances with a career-high score of 231 pins coming at the 2021 Flyer’s Classic. A newcomer, Ashlyn Burkeybile, posted an impressive 175.97 pins per game in her freshman campaign. The East Moline, Ill. native recorded a high-score of 233 at the Big Red Classic, becoming just the fourth Peacock in program history to surpass 230 pins in a single traditional game. Hopkins was a main contributor as well, tallying 175.6 pins per game in 27 appearances, including a high-score of 224 at the Warhawk Invite.

Men’s bowling makes first playoff appearance

UIU’s men’s bowling squad qualified for the United States Bowling Council’s Intercollegiate Team Championship Sectionals for the first time in program history. The playoff berth came following a solid season highlighted by three top 10 tournament finishes. The Peacocks’ strongest outing as a unit came at the Brew City Classic, where UIU took home a third-place finish after totaling 4,417 pins over 20 baker and six traditional games. The Peacocks also set a new program high for a team traditional game with 1,079 pins at this year’s Six Seasons Classic.

Individually, Ty Kirkpatrick led the Peacocks in a great freshman campaign. The Plum, Pennsylvania native set a program record with a 198.1 pin-per-game average over 29 tries. Kirkpatrick’s high score of 245 pins at the Warhawk Open led to a 207.2 tournament average and was second only to Brandon Bell’s 251 pins at the same event. Kyle Moeller, a third freshman, followed right behind his counterparts with a 177-pin average and a high score of 244 at the USBC ITC Sectionals.

Peacocks claim 107 Academic All-NSIC honorees for winter and spring seasons

The Northern Sun Intercollegiate recognized 107 Peacocks on its NSIC All-Academic Teams for the winter (45) and spring (62) seasons. To be eligible for the NSIC All-Academic Team, a student-athlete must have a 3.20 cumulative GPA or higher. Additionally, the student-athlete must be a member of the varsity team, must have reached their second year athletically and academically at their institution and must have completed at least one full academic year at that institution.

Men’s Basketball (15) Jackson Foley, Swisher, Iowa; Sean Biernacki, Camberwell, Australia; Baden Noenning, Norwood Young America, Minnesota; Joe Smoldt, Reinbeck, Iowa; Cade Moritz, Norwalk, Iowa; Dylan Jones, Waukee, Iowa; Chris Olson, Braham, Minnesota; Jareese Williams, Mason City, Iowa; Sam Allen, Grinnell, Iowa; Jackson Joens, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Lucas Duax, Dubuque, Iowa; Travis Goede, Sparta, Wisconsin; Max Duax, Dubuque, Iowa; Jake Hilmer, Walker, Iowa; and Izic Mackey, Alburnett, Iowa.

Indoor Women’s Track and Field (9) Cassidy Wilson, Delhi, Iowa; Sidney Schnor, Fairbank, Iowa; Ashley Donovan, Dubuque, Iowa; Jenna Ross, Shueyville, Iowa; Madison Brownrigg, Cleveland, Ohio; Christonna Shafranski, Stevens Point, Wisconsin; Ellie Loesch, Fort Atkinson, Iowa; Serianna Dehmlow, Huntley, Illinois; and Brittinye Harris, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Indoor Men’s Track and Field (8) Devon Lawrence, Loves Park, Illinois, Grant Dieken, Clear Lake, Iowa; Kaden Ludwig, Waterloo, Iowa; Andrew Paskey, York, Pennsylvania; Iain Gronewold, Davenport, Iowa; Samuel Thomas, Fayette, Iowa; Brady Krupa, Willmar, Minnesota; and David Snider, Havana, Illinois.

Softball (10) Emily Draeger, Marshfield, Wisconsin; Kaitlyn Carlson, Lake in the Hills, Illinois; Abigail McKay, Eldridge, Iowa; Sydney Wilcox, Shiocton, Wisconsin; Calista Brockman, Freedom, Wisconsin; Samantha Oelwein, Iowa; and Kaylee Frenette, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Outdoor Women’s Track and Field (9) Cassidy Wilson, Delhi, Iowa; Sidney Schnor, Fairbank, Iowa; Ashley Donovan, Dubuque, Iowa; Jenna Ross, Shueyville, Iowa; Madison Brownrigg, Cleveland, Ohio; Christonna Shafranski, Stevens Point, Wisconsin; Ellie Loesch, Fort Atkinson, Iowa; Serianna Dehmlow, Huntley, Illinois; and Brittinye Harris, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Outdoor Men’s Track and Field (9) Devon Lawrence, Loves Park, Illinois, Grant Dieken, Clear Lake, Iowa; Macklin Conrad, Sigourney, Iowa; Kaden Ludwig, Waterloo, Iowa; Andrew Paskey, York, Pennsylvania; Iain Gronewold, Davenport, Iowa; Collin Kime, Maynard, Iowa; Chris Webber, Adams, Minnesota; Arturo Archuleta, Pecos, New Mexico; Blake Thiesse, Trempealeau, Wisconsin; Jacob Hilmer, Walker, Iowa; Ryan Hull, Corinth, Texas; Kyley Brown, Germantown, Wisconsin; and Grant Ver Voort, Appleton, Wisconsin.

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Men’s Golf (6) Logan Schweinefus, Ossian, Minnesota; Noah Antes, Rochester, Minnesota; Nathan Pettrak, Johnston, Iowa; Anthony Emanuel, Calmar, Iowa; Christopher Cooksley, Winnthrop, Iowa; and Nolan Leaton, Wilton, Iowa.

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Women’s Golf (4) Molly Wenthold, West Union, Iowa; Kaitlyn MacCharles, Onalaska, Wisconsin; Jaden Schweinefus, Ossian, Iowa; and Brooke Knutson, Viroqua, Wisconsin.

Tennis (2) Varvara Ogorodnikova, Samara, Russia; and Alejandra Abella, Barranquilla, Colombia.
ATHLETICS WRAP-UP

Men's soccer holds their own in highly competitive GLIAC

Men's soccer had an eight-game spring season after the fall competition was canceled. The Peacocks made their first postseason appearance since joining the GLIAC in 2019, but fell 4-0 to Saginaw Valley State University. UIU went 0-8 on the year, but had three one-goal losses, including a 2-1 heartbreaker in overtime to Ashland University, the eventual GLIAC Tournament champions.

Stan Cargill, a native of London, England, led the team in points (9), goals (4), shots (12), shot percentage (33.3%), and shots on goal (8). Cargill’s four goals was the fifth highest total in the conference, which helped earn him an All-GLIAC Honorable Mention award. Tate Lofdahl had a strong junior season with four assists over the Peacocks’ eight games, the second most registered by any individual in the GLIAC. Reighly Schultz’s 45 saves were also the second-best total in the GLIAC.

Track and field seasons highlighted

The indoor men's and women's track and field season ended with the NSIC Championships in Mankato, Minnesota. The men placed ninth with 28 points as they registered four school records. Paul Marchand led the squad and earned NSIC Newcomer of the Year honors after securing 18 points as the NSIC champion in the long jump and NSIC runner-up in the 60-meter dash, grabbing a pair of All-NSIC honors. Jaylen Hobson secured a third-place finish, six points for the Peacocks and an All-NSIC award in the triple jump competition with a mark of 14.06 meters. On the women's side, Cassiddy Wilson secured her place on the All-NSIC team when she finished third in the 600-meter race to score six points for the Peacocks thanks to a time of 1:36.77. The women finished in 15th place.

The outdoor men's and track and field season concluded with the NSIC Championships in Duluth, Minnesota. The Peacock men's team placed 11th thanks to 22 points scored in four events, while the women's team finished 14th with 6 points in two events. Marchand led the way for the Peacock men's team, scoring 10 points and adding another All-NSIC honor thanks to a third-place finish in the long jump with a distance of 7.07 meters and a fifth-place finish in the 100-meter dash in a time of 10.81 seconds. Teddy Ayden placed third in the 200-meter race in a time of 21.49 seconds to secure an All-NSIC award. Hobson scored six points for UIU and secured another All-NSIC honor with a third-place finish in the triple jump with a mark of 14.53 meters after recording a 11th place finish in the long jump with a leap of 6.68 meters. Wilson paced the women's team with a sixth-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 1:03.28 to score three points. Wilson then opened for the Peacock relay team, which behind the efforts of Wilson, Christonna Shafranski, Ellie Loesch and Jenna Ross, placed sixth in the 4x400-meter relay in a time of 3:55.76 for three points.

Fourteen Peacocks earn Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award

NSIC Commissioner Erin Lind announced the 12th annual NSIC Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award winners. Fourteen Peacock student-athletes earned the honor bestowed to senior NSIC student-athletes who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher, are exhausting their eligibility and are on track to graduate (student-athletes can earn the award only once). A record 227 student-athletes from the NSIC’s 16 institutions received the award in its 12th year, 33 more than last year’s record of 194.

The 14 Peacock award winners: Chris Harsh (baseball), Sean Biernacki (men's basketball), Sidney Schnor (women's cross country and track and field), Grant Dieken (men's cross country and track and field), Molly Wenthold (women's golf), Noah Antes (men's golf), Brinn Grunder (women's track and field), Jenna Ross (women's track and field), Christonna Shafranski (women's track and field), Cassiddy Wilson (women's track and field), Devon Lawrence (men's track and field), Kaitlin Niedert (volleyball), Tanner Prochaska (wrestling) and Mac Spotts (wrestling).

Baseball caps off 2021 campaign with pair of Golden Gloves

The Peacocks posted a 13-26 record on the year (11-21 NSIC), finishing 13th in the conference, and Duncan Snider and Noah Gyldenvand were named to the NSIC All-Defensive Team. Snider led the league in conference innings pitched (60.2). During those appearances, the senior accumulated 20 fielding chances in conference play, making six putouts and 14 assists without committing a single error. The Muscatine, Iowa, native picked off four runners, allowed only nine stolen bases, and posted a 4-3 record, 3.26 ERA, and 62 strikeouts while holding the opposition to a .224 rate at the plate.

Gyldenvand had the second-highest assist total (81) of any shortstop in the NSIC and had 56 more putouts than any other player at his position. The second-year freshman also led the conference with 13 double plays turned. Gyldenvand committed just nine errors over 145 attempts for a .937 fielding percentage and collected 20 hits, 10 runs, and 10 RBIs. Jake Hilmer, the two-sport athlete, led the team in batting average (.379) and slugging percentage (.419) and trailed only Kyle Routheiaux in on-base percentage. The Walker, Iowa, native also led the team in total bases (70), hits (53), runs (33), stolen bases (8-9), and home runs (2). Chris Webber also had an impressive year out of the bullpen, compiling a team-best four saves in addition to a 2.45 ERA and 32 strikeouts in contrast to just eight walks.

Complete stories on athletic wrap-up articles can be found at uiuPeacocks.com.
1970s

Lane Ellis '70, Highlands Ranch, Colorado, retired back in January 2015 and is enjoying life with his 15 grandchildren.

Fay (Schumann) Crimarco '71, Seminole, Florida, retired in 2019 from the Department of Veterans Affairs and moved to Florida to be near her children, Stephanie and John.

Lowell Tiedt '71, Anamosa, Iowa, was honored on Saturday, December 5, 2020, with the Outstanding American Award from the Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association.

Mike Knickrehm '73 (left), Jeff Stavnes '76 and Bill DeLauro '78 (right) took a trip together to the Churchill War Museum in Europe in September 2019 as part of the 75th D-Day Anniversary.

Jeff Stavnes '76, Storm Lake, Iowa, also recently retired after 26 years in sales and project management for Premium Quality Lighting. He and his wife, Janis (Young) '74, enjoy time with family and recreation at their second home in Greeley, Colorado.

Kathy Kremer '75, chief counsel, U.S. Army Materiel Command Legal Center, Rock Island Arsenal, Orion, Illinois, was presented her certificate of retirement during a retirement ceremony held in her honor on March 26.

1980s

Rick Radcliffe '80, Grinnell, Iowa, retired from an education career of 39 years. He spent the last 24 years as the secondary principal and coaching at Brooklyn-Guernsey-Malcom (BGM) High School in Brooklyn, Iowa. He has recently accepted a position with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as a field ambassador for the Central Iowa FCA and continues to coach at BGM. Rick and his wife Angie, have four adult children and six grandchildren.

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1990s

Christopher Emper '90, Fayette, Iowa, has been hired as a custodian at Upper Iowa University, Fayette Campus.

Chad Dove '91, Nekoosa, Wisconsin, helped to establish the Alex C. Dove Foundation 501(c)3 in memory of his son, which provides respite retreats for families faced with battling terminal illness. Dove’s Nest is located on Lake Camelot in Rome, Wisconsin. The free lakeside retreat is for use by the person with the illness and their family for up to one week.

Kris (Andrews) Martin '94, Independence, Iowa, has been the k–12 student success coordinator for the Independence Community School District for the past four years and has recently decided to continue her education this fall to earn her master’s degree from the University of Northern Iowa. Kris’s youngest daughter, Reese, graduated from Independence High School in May and plans on attending UIU in the fall to play volleyball for the Peacocks. Kris and Reese are pictured with their husband/father, Dave Martin ’91.

Juelie Koh '97 (left), Klang Selangor, Malaysia, and her partner, San Wong, ventured into a nontraditional Malaysian business endeavor during the pandemic: bottled sangria. Their business, Ready-to-Drink, sells several premixed beverages, including gin tea and various cocktails, but their best-seller is their bottled sangria. Since January, Juelie and San have had weekly pop-up shops at the Bangsar Market in KL Eco city in Kuala Lumpur.
CLASS NOTES

Tabatha Frizzell ’96, ’19, Waterloo, Iowa, was recently inducted into the East Waterloo High School Hall of Fame. Individuals were nominated based on five categories: high school career, service to East High School, career accomplishments, community impact/service, and evidence of a positive character. Tabatha is currently a teacher within the Waterloo Community School District.

LTC Dallas A. Powell Jr. ’96, Grovetown, Georgia, will retire after 32 years of active duty in the Army on November 1, 2021 as Lt. Col/0-5 in the Signal Corps. Dallas is originally from Brandon, Florida, and will be settling in Augusta, Georgia.

2000s  

John Goelz ’00, Oak Creek, Wisconsin, was hired as the chief supply chain officer for Nautilus Inc., an innovation leader in connected home fitness. Goelz brings 15 years of experience in directing supply chain and material planning, including designing and executing processes and procedures utilizing innovative strategies to optimize cost efficiencies and enhance the customer experience.

Katie Jo Wymer ’01, West Union, Iowa, graduated from Morningside College in 2020 with her master’s in education. She is currently a kindergarten teacher at West Central Community Schools.

Dr. Billie (Hunt) Cowley ’03, ’08, Fayette, Iowa, has accepted the position of dean of the Andres School of Education at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. She is pictured with her husband, Matt Cowley ’00.

Amanda Freet ’04, Waterloo, Iowa, was promoted at Veridian Credit Union to the manager of card services.

Nate Lamphier ’05, Lake City, Iowa, has been named the new head baseball coach at Waterloo West High School in Waterloo, IA. Nate previously served as the head baseball coach at South Central Calhoun High School, where he led the team to one conference championship and upper division finishes in 5 of his last 6 years. Nate also teaches special education at Waterloo West High School.

Shawna (McDaniel) Matz ’05, Waterloo, Iowa, was promoted to the chief people officer position at Veridian Credit Union in Waterloo, IA. She has worked at Veridian for 24 years and was previously the vice president of talent development.

Mary (Pinter) Stivers ’05, Oelwein, Iowa, is retiring from the US Postal Service as a senior sales representative after 30 years.

2010s  

Patricia (Reid) Stock ’10, Ankeny, Iowa, tested and passed the SHRM-CP exam in February 2021. Patricia is a talent development officer at Financial Plus Credit Union.

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Tiffany Stouffer ’15, Hurricane, Utah, recently accepted a position as the annual giving & grants coordinator at the Zion National Park Forever Project in Utah. She was previously the annual giving program manager at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA.

Jake Bass ’14, Independence, Iowa, will be the RSVP coordinator for the Volunteer Center for the Cedar Valley in Independence, Iowa. Jake was previously the coordinator of student activities for the UIU Fayette Campus. He is pictured with his fiancé, Katie Burns, and her son Christopher.

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Rachel Ubbelohde ’15, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, has started her MBA through UIU and received a promotion through her workplace at InterFlex Group to Quality Manager. Rachel also recently bought her first home in Tomahawk, Wisconsin.
Congratulations!

Wedding Day Bliss

Adrienne (Staton) Silberstein ’18, Ames, Iowa, is attending Iowa State University to obtain her master’s degree in kinesiology and currently holds a graduate assistant position in fitness for rec services at Iowa State. Adrienne was also married in October 2020 to Mitch Silberstein, who attended UIU from 2014 to 2017.

Lonnie ’14 and Jada (Sternhagen) ’14 ’18 Stuckey, Hot Springs, South Dakota, tied the knot on December 31, 2020.

Jordan ’16 and Sierra (Lichty) ’16 Rinken, Sumner, Iowa, celebrated their wedding with fellow Peacocks on September 12, 2020. Sierra also accepted a new position as the communications and marketing specialist in the UIU Alumni Office at the Fayette Campus. She previously worked as an admissions & dual enrollment counselor for Fayette Campus. Jordan has served as the assistant wrestling coach for UIU the past two years and is a full-time farmer.

Cody Booker ’16, LaSalle, Illinois, accepted a new position as a personal injury attorney with the Maschka, Riedy, Ries, and Frentz firm in Mankato, Minnesota.

Gregory J. Palmer ’16, SSG Army National Guard, Merrimac, Wisconsin, returned from his second tour of duty overseas.

Amanda Smith ’17, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is now working full time in her field as an accounts payable specialist at SoftwareONE.

Hunter Slifka ’18, Cresco, Iowa, was honored with the Circle of Excellence award by the Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance (IAWA) during the fourth annual IAWA Iowa Watershed Awards program in April. Hunter serves as the watershed project coordinator for the Turkey River Headwaters & Chihak Creek in northeast Iowa.

Morgan Thias ’18, Waukon, Iowa, has been hired as the communication & outreach specialist for Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation & Development in Postville, Iowa. Previously she worked in the UIU Alumni Office.

Rachel Patterson ’19 has been hired to teach 6th grade at United Community School District.
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Dzeneta Jusufovic ‘20, Waterloo, Iowa, is currently enrolled in grad school at Lasell University to obtain her master’s in communication studies with an emphasis in integrated marketing.

Emily Redmond ‘20, Waterloo, Iowa, recently accepted a new position within Veridian Credit Union as a loan advisor in Waterloo, Iowa.

Hannah Swartzendruber ‘20, accepted a position at Southdale Elementary in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Kara Miner ‘21, Shell Rock, Iowa, has accepted a preschool position at Waverly-Shell Rock schools.

Kaylie Bricker ‘21, Goldfield, Iowa, was hired by Cambrex in Charles City, Iowa as a quality control chemist.

Ryan Dabney ‘21, Cedar Falls, Iowa, has announced he has accepted a position as a special education teacher at West High School in Waterloo, Iowa.

Jordan Doland ‘21, Waterloo, Iowa, has accepted a kindergarten teaching position at Hudson Schools in Hudson, Iowa.

Marissa McAuliffe ‘21, Fayette, Iowa, graduated from UIU this spring with a degree in business administration and has recently accepted a position as an admissions counselor at the Fayette Campus.

Kara Miner ‘21, Shell Rock, Iowa, has accepted a position as an admissions counselor at the Fayette Campus.

Adam Small ‘21 was hired to teach 3rd grade at Olmsted Elementary in Urbandale, Iowa.

Shelby Steen ‘21, Eldon, Iowa, has accepted a position as a biology teacher for Southeast Valley High School in Gowrie, Iowa.

Elizabeth Tank ‘21, New London, Wisconsin, was recently hired by City Year in Jacksonville, Florida, as an AmeriCorps member and will work with underprivileged schools to help increase student academics and involvement in the community.

Alyson Carroll ‘21, Oswego, Illinois, will be the new first grade special education teacher at Wings Park Elementary in Oelwein, Iowa. She posed here for a graduation photo with her beloved dog, Louie.

Reighly Schultz ‘21, Richland Center, Wisconsin, was hired by Kohler Company in Kohler, Wisconsin, as an associate accounting analyst.

Do you have something special to share? Submit a class note online at uiu.edu/alumniupdate or contact the Alumni Office at alumni@uiu.edu.

Welcome to the Peacock family, little ones!

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Jesse ‘02 and Bethany Rawley, Renton, Washington, welcomed Eloise Rose on May 22, 2021. Ellie weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 ¼ inches long. She joins her big sister, Isla.
TKE REUNION

Save the Date!

TKE members, TKE Little Sisters and friends of TKE are invited to an all-member reunion during Homecoming 2021. Mark your calendars for October 1-2, it will be a fun-filled weekend you won’t want to miss!

For more info, contact Terry Domenick ’86 at (910) 352-4913 or tdomenick58@gmail.com.

Peacock Show & Shine

Dorman Parking Lot

Saturday, October 2 | 10 a.m.–Noon

Alumni and area community members are invited to show off their classic cars. Participants are also welcome to join the parade immediately following the show.

Whether it’s a vintage or restored classic—we invite you to show off!

These special automobiles have a place in your heart (and garage) and likely a story to tell. It would be our pleasure to showcase your wheels! Please share photos and all the details with us at uiu.edu/ClassicCars.
Upper Iowa University’s fifth annual Celebrate UIU (Giving) Days, held April 22–23, resulted in 604 generous supporters contributing $144,322. The successful celebration continued throughout the weekend with an additional $2,341 raised by 51 donors.

Reflecting on this year’s event, UIU director of annual giving Naomi Aziz expressed her appreciation not only to those who donated funds, but also to the entire UIU community who rallied together during this momentous achievement.

“With the many challenges we had been through in 2020, it was high time we celebrate all things UIU,” Aziz said. “The UIU community expands all over the world, and members are passionate about, and dedicated to, the continued success of the University for generations to come.”

The UIU Fund and 2021 Class Gift were the focus of this year’s event. Contributions to the UIU Fund benefit student experiences, as well as the emerging needs of the University. Soon-to-be graduates were encouraged to contribute to the 2021 Class Gift, which is directed to the UIU Reunion Endowment Fund, where alumni gatherings, such as Homecoming, class reunions and other Peacock social activities, are hosted and made possible.

“I am always amazed to see the outpouring of support from students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University,” executive director of alumni development Brenda Luzum said. “People truly love this place and they want to see it thrive. This event is just one reminder throughout the year that financial support is always appreciated and will always make a difference, no matter if that’s $1, $500 or $10,000. Every gift has an impact, and we are grateful for each and every supporter.”

According to Luzum, the Student Philanthropy Council (SPC) played an important role in this year’s planning efforts. Student-led outreach included awareness projects, organizing the selfie booth for social media promotion, and coordinating a Donuts for Donors event to share the excitement with their friends and fellow classmates. During the event, 140 students showed their support with a contribution. SPC will continue to drive philanthropy projects and generate student involvement.

“It’s our pleasure to support the SPC and provide these student leaders opportunities to gain real-world experience in fundraising, event planning, graphic design, marketing and social media,” Luzum said. “Not only that, but we want them to have some fun and help them be the voice for fellow students. We hope to continue inspiring even more students and alumni to better understand and recognize the importance of giving back and supporting UIU.”

Save the date for next year’s Giving Day, February 10-11, 2022.
IN MEMORIAM

In honor of their memory, we proudly recognize these Peacocks and their special connection to Upper Iowa University.

Hellen (Taylor) Daily, ’42
04/18/2021, 1, Alamogordo, NM
Leila (Renfrow) Samuelson, ’44
6/29/2019, Yuma, AZ
Annabelle (Lofsgard) Flores, ’48
12/23/2020, Lees Summit, MO
Duane Popenhagen, ’49
11/16/2020, Bellevue, NE
Jane (Riley) Humeston, ’50
2/10/2017, Knoxville, IA
Ramona (Beatty) Tinkey, ’51
12/12/2020, Cedar Falls, IA
Garrett Rickman, ’51
04/04/2021, Fresno, CA
Rose (Quillin) Boji, ’51
1/3/2021, New Hampton, IA
Fred Doering, ’53
06/12/2021, Lake Havasu City, AZ
John DiModugno, ’53
7/27/2019, Charlotte, NC
Dale Waligorski, ’53
12/07/2020, Oelwein, IA
Waldo Walker, ’53
8/28/2020, Grinnell, IA
Wilma Haberkamp, ’56
12/20/2020, Fairbank, IA
Robert Ash, ’57
05/05/2021, Rockford, IL
Boni (Cook) Ihns, ’57
11/25/2019, Tempe, AZ
Terry Stevens, ’58
06/12/2021, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Leland Boehme, ’59
10/16/2020, Taylorville, IL
Michael Eder, ’59
06/18/2021, Jesup, IA
J. Richard Whitney, ’60
06/19/2021, Monroe, WI
David Efers, ’61
04/05/2021, Yuma, AZ
Alice Anderson, ’62
03/05/2021, Des Moines, IA
Eleanor (Miles) Bower, ’62
06/14/2021, Osage, IA
Jerry Livingston, ’62
06/25/2021, Parkersburg, IA
Jon Mullins, ’62
02/11/2021, Center Point, IA
Robert Lange, ’63
3/28/2020, Yucaipa, CA
Claire Moser, ’63
05/19/2021, Idaho Falls, ID
Robert Rasmussen, ’63
04/22/2021, Riceville, IA
Helen (Lockwood) Scheidel, ’63
01/27/2021, Fayette, IA
Gwendolyn (Leyh) Hart, ’65
05/27/2021, Clarksville, IA
Douglas Rothery, ’65
12/19/2020, Arlington Hts, IL
George Wolf, ’65
04/28/2021, Osceola, IA
Mary (Webb) Lietz, ’66
01/21/2021, Harmony, MN
Stephen Thorpe, ’66
04/03/2021, Denver, IA
Frank Randell, ’67
06/16/2021, The Villages, FL
LaVonne (Shannon) Hartson, ’68
03/15/2021, Fredericksburg, IA
Joseph Stein, ’68
04/25/2021, Newark, OH
Neoma (Weber) Guenther, ’69
01/27/2021, Dundee, IA
Gary Schwab, ’69
01/18/2021, Colorado Springs, CO
John Whyte, ’69
03/02/2021, Goldfield, IA
Lyneen (Cheeseman) Blake, ’70
2/21/2020, Elkader, IA
John Jasper, ’70
2/14/2019, Fairfax Station, VA
Arnold Weaver, ’71
04/05/2021, Saint Joseph, MI
Alice (McCleary) Thomsen, ’72
01/04/2021, Mechanicsville, IA
Fred Crimarco, ’73
1/11/2019, Seminole, FL
Joseph Halsch, ’73
04/20/2021, Iowa City, IA
Blair Van Zetten, ’75
1/18/2021, Oskaloosa, IA
Robert Dash, ’76
01/26/2021, Harrisburg, PA
Henry Dinkelmann, ’76
6/6/2018, Holland, MI
Michael Corrigan, ’77
4/26/2018, Lombard, IL
Ralph DeLeon, ’77
12/4/2018, Las Cruces, NM
Nona (Kelly) Hansmeier, ’77
10/18/2020, Waukon, IA
Lowell Pahl, ’77
4/19/2017, Gun Barrel Cy, TX
William Pittman, ’77
03/04/2021, Palm Bay, FL
Ruth (Stimson) Bovenmyer, ’78
3/25/2020, Masonville, IA
William Coffey, ’78
3/27/2019, Saint Petersburg, FL
Mary Kay (Steger) Cusic, ’78
04/14/2021, Humbeston, IA
Richard Faust, ’78
10/31/2021, Madison, WI
Robert Lumbrix, ’78
6/4/2017, Vincennes, IN
Douglas Rempp, ’78
12/13/2020, Claremore, IA
Charles Byrd, ’80
01/11/2021, Gulfport, MS
Jill (Frank) Pontius, ’81
05/27/2021, Acton, MA
Teddie Sykes, ’81
6/30/2018, Louisville, MS
Jimmie Winders, ’81
9/2/2020, Laramie, WY
Dick Summers, ’82
10/17/2020, Tyler, TX
Thomas Campbell, ’83
03/17/2021, Sacramento, CA
Dorothy (Vickery) Davis, ’85
01/07/2021, Piedmont, SC
Charles DiMarco, ’86
03/25/2021, West Chester, PA
Jeff Paulson, ’86
9/18/2020, Shawano, WI
Byron Wood, ’86
01/28/2021, Grimes, IA
Chris Holm, ’88
9/21/2020, Brained, MN
Timothy Holt, ’89
04/18/2021, Monona, WI
Karen (Kleinert) Norem, ’89
03/06/2021, Madison, WI
Steven Straub, ’93
4/29/2020, Niceville, FL
Samuel Hannibal, ’94
8/20/2020, Henderson, NV
Audie DePriest, ’97
12/27/2020, Marshall, AR
Timothy Sieck, ’97
06/17/2021, Urbana, IA
Steven Wender, ’97
12/26/2020, Elgin, IA
Christine Chisholm, ’97
03/15/2021, Waunakee, WI
Michelle (Sandman) Ruden, ’98
01/08/2021, Cedar Falls, IA
Michael Mootz, ’99
12/09/2020, Waterloo, IA
Loretta Foote, ’96
01/05/2021, Rockford, IL
Holly (Ewert) Doyle, ’07
06/06/2021, Des Moines, IA
Benjamin Garms, ’09
12/08/2020, Longmont, CO
Michael Sommerhauser, ’12
4/7/2020, Tyler, TX
Matheo Luciano, ’19
03/13/2021, Waterloo, IA
Travis Corliss, ’20
01/27/2021, Omaha, NE
Former Adjunct Faculty
Doris Weigel
6/8/2021, Cedar Falls, IA
Former Board of Trustees/Student
Donald Fredregill
3/20/2021, Indianola, IA
Former Board of Trustees/Student
Grady Blaylock
12/29/2020, Williamsburg, VA
Former Students
Florence (Patridge) Sanders
1/13/2021, Clear Lake, IA
Bruce Ellis
8/30/2020, San Diego, CA
Alta (Larson) Parkin
12/23/2020, Las Vegas, NV
Lloyd Phillips
6/19/2021, Oskaloosa, IA
Leslie Graversen
03/23/2021, Mason City, IA
Carmen Reed
06/04/2021, Adrian, MO
Benjamin Pehler
05/20/2021, Monroe Center, IL
William Duffy
06/06/2021, Dubuque, IA
Robert Schmidt
12/20/2020, Saint Louis, MO
James Hilsenbeck
04/19/2021, Marion, IA
Larry Potter
06/09/2021, Belle Fourche, SD
Irina Glawe
06/11/2021, Saint Olaf, IA
Delbert Schroeder
01/19/2021, Sheffield, IA
Leon Johnsrud
12/21/2020, Des Moines, IA
John Heineman
01/30/2021, Garrison, IA
Robert Bearbower
02/03/2021, Brandon, IA
Virginia (Doughty) Ward
01/21/2021, Mason City, IA
Daniel Flores
1/27/2020, Portland, OR
Margaret (Williams) Loghry
2/5/2021, Iowa City, IA
Roger Miller
12/14/2020, Rochester Hills, MI
Arleta (Jellings) Schaller-Vandersee
2/13/2021, Fayette, IA
Marva (Potratz) Lalk
11/30/2020, Oelwein, IA
Friends of UIU
Norman Delong
6/2/2021, Oelwein, IA
James Bell
7/4/2019, Independence, IA

IN MEMORIAM SUBMISSIONS
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The struggle is real...with 42,000 alumni and counting, it can be challenging to connect with Peacocks all over the globe. Take a moment to complete an alumni update, providing your current contact information. In addition, let us know how we can improve our outreach efforts. Fingers crossed that we’ll receive your ★★★★★ rating!

All who submit an alumni update through September 1 will be entered to win our giveaway!

To get started, scan the QR code or visit UIU.EDU/ALUMNIUPDATE.

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