The UNI Traditions Challenge

University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association
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Are you asking yourself “what is it?” Well, think of it this way: Visualize something you consider your passion, whether it’s a sports team, an activity, a hobby, etc. Then think about all of those good memories you have surrounding your passion… and there it is! The pages you hold in your hands gather UNI’s great feelings into one scrapbook. Not only does the Traditions Challenge book serve as priceless memorabilia, but it also provides all Panthers with great knowledge of the campus, our traditions and the spirit of UNI. This lethal combination lays out an excellent blueprint for your college experience. Use it wisely!

The University of Northern Iowa has been around since 1876 and we have quite the history. Scattered throughout this book are some fun tidbits about UNI’s past and how we have changed throughout the years. Many of the “lost traditions” are extremely interesting. For example, did you know that UNI used to have a pond? Even back in the day, there were many activities to participate in…sometimes, it seems like we celebrated anything and everything! SUNI days—a week-long party—celebrated the spring season. Taking a look at our past reinforces our current traditions, as well as conjures up new ones.

Finally, the Traditions Challenge Book boasts a plethora of challenges for you. This is a “must-do” list of campus activities that everyone should participate in before graduation. There really is something for everyone. It includes athletics, musical/theatrical productions, visiting the museum, just hanging out at the dining center, plus much more. UNI’s traditions are part of our campus’ continually evolving history. This is where you come in! We can’t be everywhere you and your friends will be, so we have a proposal: Take photos of yourself participating in the traditions and we’ll make sure that you’re recognized at graduation and the TC book will serve as a memory book for you when you become an alumnus!

Remember, this book is here to help you make memories as a Panther, so use it as you please. Scrapbook in it to remember the good old days of college, let it serve as a guide for your explorations and search through it when referencing past and current information about your campus. We want this book to make your years on the UNI campus unforgettable.
Historical Timeline

1876—Iowa State Normal School opens; President James Gilchrist takes office
1880—Enrollment is 233 students
1882—Gilchrist Hall is built; it burned in 1972
1886—President Homer Seerley takes office
1890—First President’s House (now Honors Cottage) is built; enrollment is 529
1894—Administration Building (later Central Hall) is built; it burned in 1965
1900—Lang Hall is built; enrollment is 911
1903—The East Gym (now Innovative Teaching & Technology Center) and Physics (Begeman Hall) buildings are built
1906—Superintendent’s home is built; it later housed International Services and is now the Alumni House
1908—Seerley Hall and the new President’s House are built
1909—Normal School becomes Iowa State Teachers College
1910—Enrollment is 1,108; tuition is $5 per term
1912 to 1915—Sabin Hall, Bartlett Hall and Wright Hall are built
1920—Enrollment is 1,402; tuition is $5 per term
1924 to 1925—The Campanile and West Gym are built
1928—President Orval Latham takes office
1930—Enrollment is 2,169; tuition is $20 – 30 per term
1932 to 1937—The Commons, Prexy’s Pond, Baker Hall and Seerley Hall for Men are built
1939—Lawther Hall is built
1940—President Malcolm Price takes office; enrollment is 1,745; tuition is $26 – $32 per quarter
1948—Latham Hall is built
1950—President James Maucker takes office; Campbell Hall and Price Laboratory School are built; enrollment is 2,688; tuition is $35 per quarter
1960—Health Center, Rider Hall and Russell Hall are built; enrollment is 3,616; tuition is $220 per semester

1961—Iowa State Teachers College becomes State College of Iowa

1963—Current Gilchrist Hall, Rod Library and Shull Hall are built

1964—Hagemann Hall and the Redecker Center are built

1965—Noehren Hall is built; Central Hall burns down

1966—McCollum Science Hall is built

1967—State College of Iowa becomes the University of Northern Iowa; Bender Hall and Maucker Union are built

1968—Dancer Hall built

1970—President John Kamerick takes office; Schindler Education Center is built

1972—Biology Research Complex is built; original Gilchrist Hall burns down

1974—Industrial Technology Center and the UNI-Dome are built

1975—Communication Arts Center and Strayer-Wood Theater are built

1980—Enrollment is 11,020; tuition is $387 per semester

1983—President Constantine Curris takes office; Kamerick Art Building is built

1986—Tuition is $682 per semester

1990—Enrollment is 12,638; tuition is $940 a semester

1992—Residence on the Hill (ROTH) is built

1994—Enrollment is 12,572; tuition is $1,146 a semester

1995—President Robert Koob takes office; the Wellness/Recreation Center is built

1996—Enrollment is 12,957; tuition is $1,235 a semester

1997—Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center construction begun

1998—Enrollment is 13,329; tuition is $1,333 a semester

2003—Enrollment is 13,441; tuition is $2,458 a semester

2004—McLeod Center construction begun

2006—President Benjamin Allen takes office; Human Performance Center is built

2007—Enrollment is 12,609; tuition is $3,095 a semester
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Congratulations!

You’re ready to begin a new chapter in your life at the University of Northern Iowa. Your experience here will be memorable.

The UNI campus community is a place of many proud traditions. I invite you to participate in as many of those traditions as possible, as active involvement in the university will only add to your experience as you work toward graduation. UNI also is a great place to meet diverse people, find out more about yourself and get involved in student activities. There are student organizations and residence hall groups, fraternities and sororities, intramural sports, spiritual organizations and many more.

I invite you to experience all UNI has to offer and remind you of the importance of tradition. You are now a part of this wonderful community and I wish you all the best in your time here on campus.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Allen
President
Welcome to the University of Northern Iowa
Now, you may be thinking…“Isn’t that alumni stuff for gray hair and rocking chairs?”

“At least, for a time when I have real a job?” “Or kids?” “A mortgage?”

“When we have diplomas?”

Well, yeah. Being an alumnus or alumna is about staying involved with UNI once you graduate. It is about making the place better and stronger so your degree is better and stronger.

It is also about the here and now. How you, already a part of the university’s history and certainly a part of its future, can make a difference. Right here. Right now.

You hold in your hands the very first edition of the Traditions Book, a jointly sponsored project of the UNI Alumni Association and CATS (Connecting Alumni To Students). You have an opportunity, in a few short years, to become a charter member of the UNI Tradition Keepers. With this honor will come special recognition at graduation.

In the meanwhile, you have will have a road map of UNI traditions to guide you through your time here, and maybe an opportunity to create your own tradition!

Welcome to the family!

Purple for Life,

Mark Jastorff
UNI Alumni Association President and CEO

P.S. If you are not yet a member of Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT), you should be! Great discounts, free tees and special opportunities for STAT members only await you. For more information, visit www.unialum.org/stat.
How to Make Sense of It All: STAT, CATS and the Traditions Challenge

**UNISTAT**

**STAT (Students Today Alumni Tomorrow)**

**What is UNI STAT?**
Students Today Alumni Tomorrow, the student organization of the UNI Alumni Association, provides opportunities for students to get involved with the campus and community, and is the official Panther Spirit group.

**Why join STAT?**
Every year, more than 3,500 students join STAT. It offers you an awesome benefits package including discounts at dozens of businesses in the Cedar Valley including pizza, subs and even oil changes for your car! Use your STAT card and you’ll save more in a few weeks than your membership costs for the year! STAT members also receive invitations to members-only events, are “True Panthers” (the student spirit group at athletic events) and have access to exclusive member offers (like Beat Tees!)

**What do I get when I join STAT?**
- UNISTAT T-shirt
- True Panthers shirt
- Premium gift
- Custom UNI wall calendar
- ID holder
- Membership card
- “BEAT” T-shirts before some home athletic events
- Chance to win a textbook scholarship to University Book & Supply
- Opportunities to participate in “Member’s Only” events throughout the year
- Seating in the “True Panthers” section at athletic events

**How much to join?**
$40. This is a steal considering how much you get—you’ll get your money’s worth after using your discount on pizza only a few times!

**How to join?**
Visit www.unialum.org/stat or stop by the Alumni House on W. 23rd St. (Across from University Book and Supply.)
What is the Traditions Challenge?
You can make history at UNI. The Traditions Challenge features more than 50 campus traditions that you should take part in before graduation. The Traditions Challenge is sponsored by the UNI Alumni Association, CATS, UNISTAT, DOR and Athletics.

So I complete the Traditions Challenge—then what?
Complete 25 of the traditions listed in the “Traditions Challenge” (page 35) and you’ll be awarded a lapel pin to wear at Commencement. Complete 45 traditions and you’ll receive a medallion.
What is CATS?
The University of Northern Iowa’s Connecting Alumni to Students (CATS) is the official student volunteer group of the UNI Alumni Association. CATS are dedicated and passionate students whose primary goal is to be the official tradition keepers of the University of Northern Iowa. CATS represent the University of Northern Iowa student body to alumni and friends. CATS create and promote the lasting connections between past, present and future Panthers.

CATS Programs and Services
You’ll find CATS on and off campus working hard to promote Panther Pride.

Panther Fridays
Each Friday, CATS members reward local businesses for showing their Panther spirit by giving them special prizes and placing their photo on our Web site.

One Night, Nine Lives
CATS sponsors networking dinners that matches local alumni with students. Alumni host dinners for UNI students at their homes or restaurants. These dinners are a great opportunity to meet alums with common interests or careers in your major area.

Homecoming
CATS is very active in Homecoming week activities – both with the students and during the weekend by working with the UNI Alumni Association’s programs and events.

Polar Bare
A “run, walk or roll” event held on campus for UNI students and anyone in the Cedar Valley. Can you “bare” the cold?

Traditions
CATS are the official “Traditions Keepers” here on campus. Maintaining the Traditions Challenge and giving traditions presentations are right up their alley.

How can I get involved?
Each fall, CATS seeks applications for membership. The process includes a written application, interviews and more. You can get more information at www.unialum.org/cats.
Dear Panthers,

Welcome to the University of Northern Iowa! You are about to begin the experience of a lifetime. UNI has so many great programs and opportunities to offer students. Over the next few years, you will discover so much about yourself. You will make lifelong friends, and determine your academic passions and interests.

Take time to soak up all UNI has to offer. Go to a show at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, take demanding coursework, participate in a few of the hundreds of programs on campus, head over to the Wellness/Recreations Center with your friends, join student-led organizations, and cheer on the Panthers at your favorite athletic event. Try something new and attend events outside of your usual comfort zone.

Life as a Panther is waiting for you. The University of Northern Iowa really does have so much to offer students—so take advantage of it. After all, you only have a few short years to try it all!

GO PANTHERS!

From the CATS
**Academic Programs**

UNI is simply one of the best universities in the nation. We don’t boast idly. There are more than 120 undergraduate majors and 60 graduate programs – many of which have earned national or international recognition and honors.

You’ve heard the sales pitch. You’ve made the decision to enroll. You’re here to learn and to prepare for a career. Trust us, it was a great choice!

Here’s a snapshot of the academic organization. The reading is a little dry, but it’s good stuff to know (or at least know where to look when you need the information!).

**Colleges:**

- College of Business Administration
- College of Education
- College of Humanities and Fine Arts
- College of Natural Sciences
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Graduate College

**Academic Advising**

Need some help exploring majors or scheduling classes? Academic Advising is the place to visit. The Academic Advising staff is made up of professional and student staff members who can help guide you through your academic decision making process. This team will help if you need to find a major, add a minor or explore academic areas of interest. Academic Advising can also help you select courses that are going to be right for you. Don’t hesitate to ask for help – that’s what they’re here!

**Career Center**

It’s never too early to get a jump on the competition and find the right career path. Visit the UNI Career Center in Gilchrist Hall. They’re committed to helping you in every aspect of the career planning process. Whether you’re seeking a great internship opportunity, designing a resume, learning interview tips or just exploring your options, the Career Center has resources to help you every step of the way.

The Career Center also hosts all sorts of special events and programs such as Career Fairs, workshops and seminars. Watch your mail, e-mail or just visit www.uni.edu/careerservices for updates and information.

Check out UNI CareerBeam, free for UNI students and alumni, at www.unialum.org/career.
Residence Life
On-campus living is a proven way to get the most out of your UNI experience. The benefits are well-documented, plus studies show that students who live on campus tend to have better grade point averages. Living on campus gives you the unique opportunity to experience college with a set of your peers. Each residence hall is divided into smaller sections, known as “houses.” Each house has its own resident assistant, or RA. Your RA can help you figure out everything you need to know about UNI, he or she will be a great resource for you.

On-Campus Employment
There are tons of advantages to being an on-campus employee. The employers understand your first responsibility at UNI is to be a student. Campus employers are flexible with schedules and the workload for students is usually eight to 15 hours a week. Many positions enhance your academic major or career choice and you’ll learn or refine life skills such as communication, networking and administrative work. Learn more about on-campus job opportunities under the “Job Board” on MyUNIverse.

Wellness Recreation Services
Wellness Recreation Services (WRS) offers programming to help you live a healthy and happy lifestyle. There are fitness classes such as aerobic classes, tae kwon do, Pilates and much more. WRS also offers programs about healthy lifestyles and eating habits, and information about drug and alcohol use. WRS provides the best intramural programs—everything from flag football to table tennis. It’s a great way to stay in shape and meet people.
Center for Multicultural Education
The Center for Multicultural Education’s mission is to promote cross-cultural awareness and multicultural understanding at UNI. What started as a refuge for African American students in the early 1970s is now a center for multicultural education for all students. The CME, housed in the upper level of Maucker Union, is home to more than 15 student organizations that promote diversity.

The Art Connection
No matter where you are, you can always find something going on in the world of the arts. Theatre UNI and UNI Student Theater Association (UNISTA) feature a number of productions each semester. Both groups hold most of their productions in the Strayer-Wood Theatre. The Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center (GBPAC) is one the midwest’s finest performance venues. Full-time UNI students (12 credits undergrad and 6 credits grad) receive a 50 percent discount on tickets for any show in the artist series. Tickets are limited to one discount ticket per ID.

Your ID serves as a ticket to School of Music Spotlight events as well. Students must show their ID at the ticket office when purchasing tickets.

$5 Student Rush Tickets
UNI students may purchase rush tickets for $5 to select performances at the GBPAC that are not sold out on the day of the show. These tickets are available for pick up starting at 8:30 a.m. the day of the performance at the GBPAC ticket office. Tickets are limited to one ticket per student ID and are on a first come, first served basis. Learn more at www.uni.edu/gbpac/unistudents.
Student Involvement
Getting involved on campus is a must. With more than 200 student organizations, you’re sure to find something of interest. UNI organizations are led by students, for students. Can’t find a student group that sounds appealing? Then create your own! The Student Involvement and Activities Center will work with you to create a student organization of interest to you.

Student Government
Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG) is a group of about 40 dedicated students. These student senators and executives work every day to ensure UNI is a great place to live and learn. NISG is made up of on- and off-campus senators and a team of executive officers. The executive branch includes president, vice president, director of administration and finance, director of public relations and director of diversity and student life. NISG also has an executive cabinet and judicial branch.

NISG sponsors a host of great programs. Interested in getting involved? Student government elections are held every spring. Also, don’t forget to check out NISG meetings. Senate meetings happen weekly and are open to the public. For more information on NISG, go to www.uni.edu/nisg

Greek Life
Greek life has been a presence at UNI for more than 70 years. Greek life offers students a unique opportunity to live with other members in their student organization. UNI’s fraternities and sororities are dedicated to service and philanthropy on campus and in the surrounding community. Greek life is an awesome way to enhance your collegiate experience through activity and lifelong friends.
Study Abroad
If you’ve thought about experiencing life in another country, the Study Abroad Office, located in Gilchrist Hall, is ready to help. They have everything you need to make plans. UNI offers programs with countless other universities around the globe that allow you to earn UNI credit while studying in a foreign country. Can’t speak another language? No problem. There are plenty of opportunities to study in English—both abroad and through National Student Exchange. In addition, through various scholarships, many students find that tuition expenses are comparable to those incurred at UNI. You should consider this great opportunity whether it’s for a semester, a year or just for a summer.

University Honors Program
Looking for an extra challenge with unique opportunities to network and to learn? Challenge yourself through the University Honors Program! As a member of the honors program, you can register for designated honors courses, which offer small, discussion-based classes designed to increase student learning and interaction with professors and other students. The Honors Program also offers leadership opportunities through the student advisory board and its committees.

Campbell Hall is the designated home of Honors Clusters where students can live with other honor students. Sound interesting? We invite you to stop by the Honors Cottage, located next to the President’s House, for more information about any or all of the opportunities the University Honors Program offers!
Panther Athletics
The University of Northern Iowa is the home of great Panther athletes. The Power of Purple is right here – UNI has one of the nation’s top athletic programs including national powerhouses in volleyball, football, track and field, wrestling and basketball.

One of the great things about being a Panther fan is that you get into all the games for free with your UNI ID card.

Have a bit of bleacher creature in you? Check out UNISTAT to become a True Panther.

Men’s Athletic Programs
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Track and Field
Wrestling

Women’s Athletic Programs
Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Swimming and Diving
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball
We are UNI
Who is UNI?
Traditionally, 92 percent of all students come from Iowa. We have students from each of Iowa’s 99 counties.

The balance of men and women tends to run about 58 percent to the women’s side.

UNI residence halls are home to more than 4,000 students – mostly freshmen and sophomores.

Business Administration is the largest college by enrollment, followed by Education, Humanities and Fine Arts, Natural Sciences and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

There are usually 3,000 graduates each year.

There are more than 100,000 living alumni from UNI (you must graduate to be considered an alum) and 58 percent live in Iowa! UNI alumni live in every state and territory in the union.

Thirty-four percent of our alumni are education majors; 20 percent are business majors.

What’s in a Name?
The University of Northern Iowa has not always been UNI. It’s actually had four names over the years.

In 1869, the university took root as a Civil War orphanage. Annie Turner Wittenmyer, a Civil War nurse, started the orphanage here in 1869 to house the kids abandoned by the war. The statue on the east side of Lang Hall is dedicated to her.

In 1876, when there was no longer a need for the orphanage, the Iowa legislature founded the Iowa State Normal School. The first class took place on September 6, 1876. The Normal School only had a handful of degrees and most students attended with the intention of becoming a teacher.

In 1909, legislation was passed in the Iowa Congress changing the name of the institution to Iowa State Teachers College. During this time, many campus improvements were made - the Campanile was built, the Board of Regents was formed, and the campus grew from two buildings to 10 major facilities.

In 1961, ISTC was renamed State College of Iowa. The administration at the time realized that not all students were going on to teach after graduating, and the college was deemed a liberal arts college. Prior to this change, students had been required to study teaching in addition to their desired field.

The campus officially became known as the University of Northern Iowa in 1967, making it the third public university in the state. The administration separated all majors into different colleges. Although teaching is still a big part of UNI, we are constantly adding new majors and minors, allowing students to study and enjoy other areas of interest. From an orphanage to a university, UNI has grown to become to one of the premier institutions of higher learning in the country.
**Fight Song**

Hail our Panthers, we are ever loyal
Showing strength and unity
GO CATS!
As we rise, we firmly stand behind you
Urge you on to victory
Rah, rah, rah!

As you lead us on to fame and honor
Fight, fight, fight will be our cry
So give us a yell, HO!
the Purple and the Gold
Victory for UNI!

UNI Fight, UNI Fight!

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**Alma Mater**

Hear our voices now in song;
Hail to thee, O state of plenty,
Thou has raised it proud and strong

True in spirit, strong in knowledge
UNI, we in homage.
Hail to thee, O Alma Mater
Our tomorrows shall be thine.

From the hallowed halls of learning,
Rising from the fertile land;
Guide to fame thy sons and daughters,
In the pattern on thy hand.
### Student Giving

Students have participated in the tradition of giving toward a class gift for more than 100 years. Throughout the generations they have left their mark on campus by providing gateway entrances, gardens, sculptures, landscaping, and many other gifts that beautify and enhance the campus as it is today. Upon graduation, students join the ranks of alumni who collectively contribute millions of dollars each year in order to help those who follow in their footsteps. To read more about giving back and its impact on students, check out www.uni-foundation.org.

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<td>Two flags in UNI-Dome in honor of Wayne Morris</td>
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<td>Aerial campus map for union</td>
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<td>Visualtek Voyager XL magnifier for library</td>
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<td>Panther Path signage</td>
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Lost Traditions
**Class Distinctions**

Back in the day, freshmen were easily identified. Men had green beanies or armbands, and women wore distinguishing garb such as buttons, handkerchiefs or purple caps. Freshmen were required to wear their beanies Monday through Saturday from morning until dinner. The duration of their beanie-wearing varied by era - from only the first few weeks of the school year, until Homecoming or almost until the end of first semester. At one time, students wore the caps the entire school year!

The classes competed against one another during the campus-wide Class Day. Winning any event in this celebration allowed freshmen to “lose” their beanies, and was the highlight of a freshman’s first semester.

Freshmen also had certain rules. They had to be on time for football games and sit in a designated section, address upperclassmen as Mr. or Miss, dance every dance at the Monday Rec Dances, and sit in the center section of the reading room in the library – not in the corners. The life of a first-year student was filled with excitement and fun – but also stressful pressures!

**Campus Dances**

Prior to the 1920s students were not allowed to dance on campus. After World War I, however, the rules changed and students made up for lost time.

Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, dances were held nearly every week. Live bands came to campus and students donned their best attire: jackets and ties for the men and dresses for the women. Dances were held for special occasions like Homecoming and Christmas, as well as holidays such as Washington’s Birthday. Throughout the years, the Christmas dance had themes such as Fantasy in Frost, Wintermezzo, Snow Ball and Mistletoe Memories. The tradition of campus dances continued all the way into the 1980s.
**Phantom Buildings**

Of course, there’s an interesting story to be found about each of the campus buildings but what about the buildings that never materialized? They too have a story. These “phantom buildings,” as they’ve come to be called, include a chapel, octagonal library, men’s dormitory and an additional tower.

Plans for an octagon-shaped library were drawn in 1905. The building never appeared on campus. Instead, present day Seerley Hall was built as the campus’ first library in 1917. It served this purpose until 1964 when the Rod Library opened.

The influx of male students after WWII brought about plans to build a men’s dormitory located south of Baker Hall. Instead, due to the shortage of materials and funding, it was decided to link Baker and Seerley Halls to add a little additional living space.

During the 1940s, a chapel was proposed for just west of the ITTC (then called the East Gym.) Although funds were raised to help support the project, they would have covered only about 10 percent of the cost, so no chapel was ever built on UNI’s campus. The Maucker Union does feature a meditation room.

The baby boomers coming of college age in the mid-1960s brought another need for living space. A large tower connecting with Campbell Hall was suggested. The idea of one large tower evolved to include two towers connected by a dining center and built farther away from Campbell Hall, like Bender and Dancer are today. During this time, a third tower also was suggested. It never happened.

**Literary Societies**

Collegiate literary societies were prestigious academic societies where students learned to develop and appreciate the skills of public speaking and debate, and to discuss various forms of literature. Literary societies possessed their own culture and were an important part of campus social life with regular meetings and public presentations.

Students were required to join a literary society, although no academic credit was awarded. At one time, the university had a dozen literary societies for male and female students. Not only did the literary societies instill valuable knowledge and skills, they also fielded intramural athletic teams!

Academic classes eventually incorporated all that was learned in the literary society and, as a result, their participation suffered and they ceased to function as organizations on campus.
Christmas at UNI
Cocoa and carols, the lighting of the campus Christmas tree, performances of Handel’s “Messiah,” and all-campus dinners were all ways students celebrated the holidays.

The first “Messiah” performance took place in the winter of 1896, making it the oldest campus holiday tradition. The inaugural lighting of the Christmas tree was in 1943 and was spearheaded by President Malcolm Price.

President Price wanted to bring military personnel, who were then training on campus, together with the students, faculty and staff for the holiday season.

When the Iowa State Normal School began the tradition of an all-campus Christmas tree located in the Crossroads (where the Memorial Garden now stands), students, faculty and staff would gather around the tree and sing carols at noon for 15 minutes. During the 1940s, these impromptu gatherings evolved into the Cocoa and Carols program.

The first holiday dinner for the campus community was held in the Commons Dining Center in 1933. A turkey dinner was served for all to enjoy.

Though the traditions have changed throughout the years, the holidays continue to be celebrated on campus.

Campus Ghosts
Who isn’t intrigued by a scary ghost story? Spooky stories are fun, especially around Halloween, but there are a couple rumors that we might actually have real ghosts haunting our buildings. UNI is believed to have two ghosts haunting campus: Augie and Zelda.

Augie is rumored to reside in Lawther Hall. His legend dates to World War I, when Lawther was used as an infirmary. It is believed that the attic of Lawther was actually the site of Augie’s death. Spooky occurrences reported by students have included radios turning on by themselves and posters ripped off the walls in the middle of the night. Along with many creepy reports and unexplainable phenomena over the years, some students have reported actually seeing Augie. Some said he was in an army uniform, others saw him in a pin-striped suit.

Zelda is believed to haunt the Strayer-Wood Theatre. No one is really sure why, but many have reported crying in the distance or the piano playing late in the night when no one else
is there. Zelda was said to haunt Lang Hall when the Theatre Department was located there, but it is believed she followed them to their new home in a costume box.

Augie and Zelda are part of just another tradition that makes UNI unique. Maybe, if you get the intestinal fortitude, you could go explore and find out if the rumors are true.

**Prexy’s Pond**

UNI used to have its very own pond, located south of the current Curris Business Building. The women of the Department of Physical Education were a demanding group who declared their need for a pond. The pond was proposed so the canoeing class could hold their class on campus rather than on the Cedar River. Not only was the pond ideal for the class, it beautified the campus.

The pond, which was dug in 1936, quickly became a popular campus site for swimming, ice skating, snow sculpting and the traditional spot for dunking the freshmen students.

Despite its great popularity, the pond was never given an official name. Orval Latham, college president at the time the pond was added, left his legacy with the pond. The word “prexy,” a slang term for president, quickly became the name the campus embraced.

In 1991, the Curris Business Building was built over Prexy’s Pond. The first spring after the pond disappeared, there were a number of confused ducks wandering around campus. Prexy’s Pond is still remembered today; take a look around Maucker Union and notice that every time you grab a bite to eat it’s from “Prexy’s”!

**The Crossroads**

Wonder what students ever did without the union? The Crossroads has been long forgotten, partially because the building no longer exists. Every day students, friends and alumni pass over the spot where it stood and most are none the wiser.

The Crossroads was not a railroad station or a mall in Waterloo, but a campus social hangout. The small connector building stood where the Memorial Garden, outside of the Center for Multicultural Education, is today. The Crossroads was comprised of three corridors connecting Lang Hall, Central Hall (the original building from the Soldiers’ Orphans’ Home, destroyed by fire in 1965) and South Hall (the old administration building that no longer stands). A short structure stood in the middle of these three hallways. In that building was a part of UNI’s history that served a role similar to Maucker Union.
The Crossroads was a place to meet friends, post bulletin board ads and get dates for the weekend. Back when computers didn’t exist, this was where student elections were held and campus newspapers were distributed.

The Crossroads was demolished in 1999 during the renovation of Lang Hall. By this time, the Center for Multicultural Education was ready to be built on top of Maucker Union.

The campus now has dozens of places where you can catch up on campus news, student affairs and happenings or to just hang out. But back when, the Crossroads was the place to be.

**SUNI Days**

Heard of VEISHEA? Well SUNI Daze was 10 times better than that! Imagine a week-long Woodstock occurring at UNI. Back in the day, UNI held a grand event every spring. It began in 1971, as a week-long celebration of the spring season. Students wanted the event to be the last big event for the campus community before final exams. The name of this celebration varied throughout its history. In 1971, it was called SUNI, standing for “Spring at UNI.” Until it ended in 1980, it was referred to as SUNI Days or SUNI Daze.

Over the years, the celebration’s activities included co-ed olympics, rock concerts, cult opera, Thieves Market, picnics, regattas down the Cedar River, pie eating contests, mattress races and a carnival.

Although some Panthers tried to revive the tradition in 1995, spring at UNI has not been celebrated since the 1980s. Although it’s sad to think of this lost tradition, is it our time to create some new ones? Just think. The traditions that you help maintain or maybe even create during your time here will be looked back on by someone very much like you in a few short years! What are YOU going to do to leave your mark?
Traditions Challenge
How does it all work?

YOU are among the very first to have the opportunity to accept and complete the UNI Traditions Challenge. But, you might be wondering, “How does it all work?” So, we’re providing you with a how-to guide to the Traditions Challenge.

1. Start collecting photos of you and your friends completing the traditions listed in the book.

2. Complete as many challenges as possible.

3. Keep your eyes and ears open. During each semester the CATS will host “Traditions” days, during which you can bring your book to the Alumni House and receive insignia to denote that you have completed the challenges.

- Complete 25 challenges, you will receive a Traditions Challenge lapel pin to wear at your Commencement ceremony.

- Complete 45 challenges, you will receive a Traditions Challenge medallion to wear at your Commencement ceremony.

4. Wear your pin and medallion proudly at your Commencement ceremony. When it’s all said and done, you will be a knowledgeable and proud Panther! You will be a Traditions Keeper.

Get started! There’s no time to waste – after all, you only have four (or so) years to get it done!
Traditions Checklist

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TC
Panther Away Games
Experience Cedar Falls
One Night, Nine Lives
Granite Panther
Volleyball
Football
Women’s Soccer
Softball
Women’s Tennis
Women’s Swimming and Diving
Men’s Cross Country
Women’s Cross Country
Men’s Golf
Women’s Golf
Men’s Basketball
Women’s Basketball
Men’s Track and Field
Women’s Track and Field
Wrestling
Spirit Squads
Commencement
Join UNIAA
Create Your Own Traditions!
Previewing life as a Panther

Summer Orientation

Summer Orientation is the first stop on the road to becoming a Panther! This is an exciting opportunity to check out residence life, meet new friends and schedule classes for your first collegiate semester. Take advantage of all that orientation has to offer by spending time at the Student Organization Fair and previewing the WRC. Your life as a Panther is just beginning, so enjoy the ride!
Become a member of STAT/True Panthers

Join the UNI Alumni Association’s student group

Student’s Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) is the official student membership group of the University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association. As members, students receive discounts at local businesses and restaurants, a premium member-only gift, and the opportunity to participate in member’s only programming. STAT members also have the opportunity to claim a BEAT T-shirt for key home sporting events. Join the more than 3,500 students annually who participate in STAT!

www.unialum.org/stat
Home Away From Home

Live in a Residence Hall

Living in one of UNI’s 10 residence halls will put you in the thick of college life: dining, classes, the library, computer labs, recreational facilities, athletic events, concerts, performances and activities. You’ll meet people who are sure to become lifelong friends. Students who live on campus earn better grades and are more likely to graduate. There are many housing options within each resident hall; single and double rooms and suites are offered in most, as well as apartments for up to eight people in ROTH (Residence On The Hill). Don’t miss this unforgettable experience to expand your knowledge beyond books and classrooms!
Maucker Union

Grab a smoothie and spend time with friends

Whether you’ve got time to kill between classes, homework to do, or just want to hang out with friends, the Maucker Union is the place to go. Located near the center of campus, the union serves as a hub for food, friends and fun. In the middle of the day, the union is the perfect place to meet friends for lunch. At night, it becomes study central for Panthers who prefer a more social study space.
Make a Date with Rod

Grab your books and head over to the library

Each of the Rod Library’s four floors offers a unique study atmosphere; its many group study rooms make it a great place for group projects. Whatever your needs may be, student assistants and full-time staff are always available to answer any questions you may have about the one million volumes housed in the library. So when it’s time to focus on big projects or finals, head on over to the library for some uninterrupted study time.
The Wellness/Recreation Center (WRC) is the prime location to find active Panthers. The WRC provides students with weight lifting equipment, a track, two swimming pools, specialty exercise classes, and basketball, volleyball and racquetball courts. One of the WRC’s most recognizable features is the rock wall—the largest indoor climbing wall in Iowa, and is ranked as the #1 collegiate climbing wall in the Midwest. Get over to the WRC for physical fitness and fun!
Feed Your Face

At one of UNI’s Dining Centers

“Dig in!” to all the choices the dining centers on campus have to offer! The Piazza is located in the Redeker Center and Rialto is in the Towers Center. You’ll find a plentiful buffet, from homemade sandwiches and stir-fry, to ice cream and coffee. You’re sure to find foods that will keep you going back for more! Don’t have time to stay and eat? Dashes or Café on the Way offer on-the-go options so you can catch a bite to eat when you’re in a hurry.
A First Class Cat

Dean’s List

Panther students maintaining a 3.50 grade point average while completing at least 12 semester hours of credit are eligible for the honor. And it is quite an honor! Those who meet the requirements are recognized for their achievements by the dean of their college. So after those long nights of studying at the Rod, the work finally pays off and you can show your name off on the Dean’s List!

William P. Callahan, Ed.D.
Dean

It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been placed on the Dean’s List for the fall semester 2008. You can be justifiably proud of your academic accomplishments. I congratulate you on this honor and commend you for your scholarly achievement.

William P. Callahan, Ed.D.
Dean
It’s Opening Night
At the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Art Center

The Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Art Center (GBPAC) host concerts, shows and events. You could see a Broadway production, your favorite musician, and UNI’s renowned talented student musicians. You’re entitled to 50 percent off tickets. If tickets are still available on the day of the performance, they become available to students for only $5!
Theatre at the University of Northern Iowa is a magical experience. You can see world renowned plays performed by students like you in the Strayer-Wood, or small intimate productions in the Bertha Martin black box theatre. Both theatres are located on the southwest side of campus, near the Quads. With your UNI ID, you are entitled to one free ticket per performance, which makes it very easy to be a patron of the arts.
Encore!

Attend a student musical performance

No matter what your music style, the UNI School of Music has something for you. Ranging from a concert band or orchestra performance to UNI vocalists and jazz concerts at Spicoli’s, you’re sure to find something you enjoy. UNI’s music program is considered one of the best in the nation. Don’t miss the opportunity to experience a performance by your fellow Panthers.
Get Involved with Your Campus Community

Join a Student Organization

With more than 300 student organizations on campus (and new ones started every year) you’ll be able to find one to pique your interest. You’ll learn new things about your hobbies, interests, issues in society or your major, or a combination of all four. If you don’t see something you’d like to join, invite friends to start a group of your own and contact Maucker Union to get it set up. Stay active on campus and you’ll get much more out of your years at UNI.
Expand your Knowledge

Join an Honor Society

The 20 honor societies at UNI cover a broad array of majors and subject areas. Honor societies are made up of students who excel academically or as leaders among their peers. Students are invited to join based upon their GPA and other criteria, depending on the society. Some honor societies also participate in fundraising, volunteer work and fun group socials.
Start Your Weekend Early

**Thursdaze is a great way to finish a busy week**

Thursdaze events, hosted by your Campus Activities Board (CAB), range from newly released movies to casino nights and comedians. Be sure to check out the fun and free event every Thursday night at the union as a way to kick back, relax and get ready for the weekend!

CAB also hosts once a month programs including the likes of American Idol Josh Gracin, the Nadas, 80s Night with Mr. Belding, and comedian Seth Meyers from “Saturday Night Live.”

www.uni.edu/studentorgs/cab
Let the Games Begin!

Intramurals at UNI

The intramural athletic selection is mind-boggling – there really is something for everyone. Team and individual sports are offered year-round at UNI and are designed for athletes and athletes at heart. Students can choose from events like dodgeball, racquetball, flag football, basketball, volleyball, kickball, bowling…the list goes on and on. Intramural involvement is a great way to meet people and stay fit. Fun and fitness, is there a better combination?
Make Your Voice Heard

Attend a Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG) Meeting

Interested in hearing about issues that are of concern to other students? Attend an NISG meeting to find out. These dedicated students meet weekly to deliberate over hot topics that are important to every student on campus. Pencil in the weekly NISG meetings and save a seat before the meeting in order to fully take in the great debates.
Stop in at the University Museum and experience our university’s history. From the Iowa State Normal School to Iowa State Teachers’ College to the University of Northern Iowa, you can see the transformation of the campus and the growth of the student body. The museum is located on the corner of Hudson Road and University Avenue; new exhibits visit the building each semester. Admission is free for students, so check it out on a stressful weekday. You’ll feel better about your education when you see the word processors students at ISTC had to use!

The Marshall Center One-Room School is part of the UNI Museums. It represents the university’s long tradition in education.
A Night Under the Stars

UNI Planetarium

Located in Lance Auditorium in McCollum Science Hall, the planetarium is one of UNI’s best-kept secrets. The planetarium is a required stop for all astronomy students, but is available for anyone to visit. It contains an intimate seating area where a trained technician will guide you through the show. Even on a cloudy night, students can watch the stars in our campus’ very own planetarium.
Fun with the Fam

Invite your family to participate in the Panther experience

Moms, dads, brothers and sisters are all invited to spend a weekend with you. Family Weekend is a great opportunity to share the University of Northern Iowa experience with your family. Take them to the football game, check out the dining centers, show them around campus, work out at the WRC and enjoy their company. This is your time to show and tell! (And, of course, make sure they take you shopping!)

www.uni.edu/familyweekend
Pride Cry! Panther Scramble! Pep Rally! Fireworks! Campaniling! AND...Football! These are all exciting events you can enjoy during UNI’s Homecoming Week. Start off the week with an exciting competition of Pride Cry. Put a team together and join in on the many Homecoming competitions against your peers. Go to the pep rally, watch fireworks and cheer on Panther athletics. Don’t forget to experience the more than 50-year-old tradition of Campaniling. Enjoy and learn about different campus organizations at Panther Fest. Come to the Panther Festival for food, fun and games before you head over to the big football game. Come wearing your best Panther gear to the Homecoming football game to cheer on the UNI Panthers.
Kissin’ at the Clock

Campaniling

One of the University of Northern Iowa’s oldest traditions is Campaniling—a tradition that finds students gathering to kiss at the clock at the stroke of midnight on the Friday of Homecoming week. This tradition has many campus tales to go along with it. One story states that a student is not truly a UNI co-ed until he or she participates in Campaniling. Another legend states that if a student doesn’t go Campaniling before graduation, a brick from the Campanile will fall on his or her head.
Listen Up!

Attend a Guest Lecture

UNI hosts many guest speakers every year, many with national reputations. No matter what your major or interest area, there’ll be at least one you won’t want to miss. Take advantage of the opportunity to learn about exciting careers, diversity in our society, global issues and much more. Listen up and enjoy hearing a guest speaker’s story.

Listen Up
U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

Geshe Thupten Dorjee, visiting Buddhist monk
Diversity Week is a celebration of the array of cultures at UNI. Sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Education, Diversity Week brings awareness and is intended to create social harmony within our campus community. The week is a great opportunity to experience many new cultures through activities sharing food, dance steps, music and more. Keynote speakers, workshops and student forums are also held throughout the week. It’s important for all of us to learn from one another - Diversity Week allows us to do just that.
Bash with Ben

Come grab a bite to eat with the president

Who wouldn’t like to party with the president? Each fall, “Bash with Ben” offers free food, a time to socialize with friends and the chance to meet President Ben Allen in a casual atmosphere. Students, faculty and staff come together for an afternoon of camaraderie. Make sure you say “Hi!” to President Allen.
I Remember You- I Had Your Class

*Remember your favorite professor/adviser*

With more than 800 professors at UNI and almost 200 majors, minors and programs, you are sure to find at least one educator that will have a significant positive influence on you. It’s the professor that gets you to come to an 8 a.m. class, not with their attendance policy, but with the excitement they generate when they talk about their subject. Whether you like to hear them lecture or they’re helping you discover where you fit in at UNI, take a photo with them and grab a business card to keep in contact.
Get Your Game-Face On

Experience a football tailgate

Tailgating for UNI Panther football games is a relatively new, but very popular UNI tradition. The UNI-Dome parking lots and surrounding fields are all abuzz on game days. Panther fans, young and old, prowl the campus searching for friends, food and a Panther victory. Purple and Gold are a must for tailgating! Grab your grill, round up family and friends, and head on over to the Dome for pre- and post-game celebrations!
Purrrfect Picture

A snapshot with TC is a must-have for all UNI students

University of Northern Iowa’s mascot, TC, can be found all over campus. He is at welcome week events, sporting events and campus rallies during the year. TC, or The Cat, has competed in mascot competitions at the national level and is among the Top 10 mascots in all the land. (He has the hardware to prove it!) Before you graduate, make sure you grab a picture with our nationally renowned Panther!
Road Trip!

Travel with Panther athletics

Fans dressed in purple and gold flock to our athletic arenas to cheer on our UNI Panthers. The home-crowd advantage is a serious matter, and one that every Panther takes great pride in. But what happens when our teams hit the road? You guessed it – Panther fans hit the road! If you think the team’s chartered bus driver is the only one logging miles, you haven’t met a true Panther. We face off against teams all across the country and even overseas. Loyal Panther fans aren’t far behind, proudly decked out in school colors and roaring for a victory. Gather your friends, sport your newest Panther T-shirt, and take the road-trip – it’s a Panther fan experience that you’ll never forget!
Prowl the Town
*Experience Cedar Falls away from campus*

Not far from the UNI campus is the thriving Main Street of Cedar Falls. This unique area combines historical sites, culture, great shopping and fantastic restaurants. The counterbalance between the old and new provides an atmosphere everyone can enjoy. Cedar Falls is dedicated to providing year-round festivities including a farmer’s market, annual breast cancer run, women’s night out, and holiday celebrations for all to enjoy. As a UNI student, Cedar Falls is your new home—be sure to take advantage of this wonderful community and its flourishing downtown.

The College Hill area is a tree-shaded and vibrant neighborhood with a healthy and diverse mix of residents, housing, businesses and gathering places. Adjacent to the University of Northern Iowa, this area boasts unique and innovative recreational, educational, retail, entertainment and cultural activities. With its diversity of residences and businesses, the College Hill area is a great place to live and a popular place to visit.
One Night, Nine Lives

Classy CATS facilitate meetings between alumni and students

Hang out with the coolest CATS on campus and former prowlers of the Northern Iowa turf. Panther alumni from the Cedar Valley area invite student groups to their homes for an evening of entertainment and a delicious dinner. Get ready for a night on the town with fellow students and experienced alumni who share your interests.
Set in Stone

A touch of luck

Stop at the granite Panther and rub his nose for luck anytime you cheer on the Panthers at the McLeod Center. Volleyball, basketball and wrestling teams call the McLeod Center home. Make sure to give “paws” to the Cat!
Spike It!

Volleyball

Coach Bobbi Petersen has helped the Panthers climb to number 16 in the all-time winning women’s volleyball programs with more than 800 wins. In 25 years of Gateway and Missouri Valley Conference competition, UNI volleyball is one of the top programs. It’s tradition for the Panther fan section to stand until both teams score at least a point and again at game point, but most stand through the entire first match.
Get Your Keys Out

Football

Panther Football has a longstanding tradition of excellence. The football team has called the UNI-Dome home since 1976. The Panthers have claimed back-to-back Missouri Valley Football Conference championships. Attending a Panther football game is a must. Don’t forget to bring your keys…it’s a tradition to jingle them before every kickoff and during every key play of the game.
Kickin’ It With the Panthers

Women’s Soccer

As the newest addition to the UNI family, these athletes are ready to play regardless of the Iowa weather! Since beginning their program in 2000, they have experienced the extreme August heat while continuing their season until just before the snow starts to fall in November. Weather is not the only obstacle for these ladies; the women’s soccer team also fiercely battles a new opponent each week. Come cheer them on as they play at the Cedar Valley Soccer Complex.
The Panther softball team has a strong winning tradition over the past 33 years. Head Coach Ryan Jacobs is always looking for supporting fans to cheer on the team. Come see what outstanding Panther athletics are all about!
Game. Set. Match.

Women’s Tennis

The women’s tennis team is making their move. Each year, they make great strides to the top spot in the MVC. The team travels near and far to face the best competition – Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina and even Florida. The women’s team calls the Black Hawk Tennis Center home. This off-campus venue is a great way to reach out and bring the spirit of Panther tennis to the Waterloo and Cedar Falls communities.
Make a Splash
Women’s Swimming and Diving

The top-notch eight-lane pool, in the WRC, is surrounded by a gutter filtration system to reduce water turbulence and help increase the swimmers’ speed. The women’s team spends countless hours in this pool as they chase after the Missouri Valley Conference championship crown. You won’t want to miss them in action – go early to get your spot in the 300-seat gallery!
Running Wild

Men’s Cross Country

Go out for an afternoon to watch the Men’s Cross Country team. Supporting the Men’s Cross Country team is a great way to enjoy a day outside and show your Panther spirit. Hey! These guys are good. Get out there and check it out!
Runnin’ Around Town
Women’s Cross Country

The Women’s Cross Country team has had many winning seasons in the past and this upcoming season will be no different. These athletes have what it takes to pull off a victory. Go out on an afternoon when they run in Cedar Falls and support the Panther women!
Fore! Support the golf team when and where you can. They don’t play “at home” but they do make some great road trips including Palm Desert, Calif., and Jonesboro, Ark., as well as points in Iowa!
Par-fect!

Women’s Golf

The UNI Women’s Golf Team boasts a team of talented ladies from all over the country. These ladies can drive and putt with the best of them. You have two chances to come out and support the women’s golf team either in the fall or spring seasons. We better see you there.
Slam Dunk
Men’s Basketball

Ready for an intense game of college basketball? Put on that Panther gear and head over to the McLeod Center for a grand game of hoops. The men’s basketball program has is on top of its game and looks forward to a chance to play in the NCAA tournament every spring.
She Shoots, She Scores

Women’s Basketball

The UNI women’s basketball team also calls the McLeod Center home (games used to be held in the West Gym). The UNI women’s basketball team is also a part of the Missouri Valley Conference and Coach Warren is bringing a high energy, frenetic style of hoops to the Panther basketball. Check it out!
A ‘Dash’ of Purple

Men’s Track and Field

The UNI Men’s Track and Field team has its national reputation by consistently ranking in the Top 20. These boys are quick! Head coach and UNI alum Travis Geopfert lead the Panthers to posting eight consecutive indoor MVC titles. Make sure to cheer on the whole UNI Men’s Track and Field team inside the UNI-Dome or at the Mark Messersmith Outdoor Track and Field Complex.
On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

Women’s Track and Field

These women can certainly boast about their high national rankings. UNI crowned 11 individual Missouri Valley Conference champions. With all of these accolades pouring in, it’s no wonder the UNI Women’s Track and Field team is continuing the outstanding legacy. Support them as they run inside the UNI-Dome or at the Mark Messersmith Outdoor Track and Field Complex.
Pin ’Em

Wrestling

With more than 600 victories since 1923, the UNI wrestling squad is one of the country’s best. UNI has produced 113 All-American Wrestlers and five UNI wrestlers have participated in the Olympic Games and/or the Pan American Games. Previously, the West Gym was synonymous with UNI wrestling, but as coach Brad Penrith stated, “The West Gym has been a great home for UNI wrestling…and now we will add a new chapter and begin the McLeod Center’s history book.” Come on out and experience the McLeod Center with our nationally renowned wrestling team.
Awww, TC! Awww, TC!

Enjoy the game with some of UNI’s most spirited Panthers!

One of the Spirit Squad’s most recognizable members is TC, but don’t forget about UNI’s Cheerleading and Dance Teams. UNI cheerleaders are prime examples of purple and gold pride. In addition to attending all practices, games, cheer camp and scheduled public appearances, the squad members must attend and/or assist in at least seven community service events. The UNI Dance Team is also extremely busy. These women work hard and their record shows it. UNI’s Dance Team has qualified for UDA’s national championships seven times in the last eight years.
Pomp, Circumstance and Panther Pride

*Participating in Commencement completes your undergrad experience*

Celebrate your accomplishments with faculty, staff, friends and family. UNI celebrates our graduates during the fall and spring semesters. This tradition is a campus-wide celebration of students, families, faculty and staff. Graduation day is certainly a day you won’t forget.

www.uni.edu/commencement
Woo Hoo! You Made It!
Let the UNI Alumni Association be the first to congratulate you!

Alright, so you’re a UNI alum now. Let the University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association be the first to give you a graduation present—a free one-year membership to the Alumni Association! The Alumni Association is a great way to stay in contact with all your friends and keep up to date with what's happening at UNI. Your membership will give you awesome benefits including access to the UNI alumni directory, discounts at businesses and restaurants, and opportunities for half-price tickets at Panther athletics. Let us teach you what life as an alum is all about!

Learn about everything we’re doing and what you can do to make your degree stronger at www.unialum.org.
Create Your Own Traditions
CONGRATS GRAD!

You’ve finished your undergraduate experience. Life as a UNI alum even better. Check out what is available to you as a member of the UNI Alumni Association.
What is the UNI Alumni Association?

The UNI Alumni Association exists to encourage and support a life-long relationship between the University of Northern Iowa and its alumni and friends, to promote the interaction of alumni with each other, and to promote and advance the interests of the university and its alumni.

Why join the Alumni Association?
It’s the easiest way to stay in touch with all your friends from college, and an awesome way to show your support for your alma mater. Plus, you get tons of great benefits for being a member.

What do I get when I join the UNI Alumni Association?
- UNI custom wall calendar
- Access to online alumni directory – so that you can stay in touch with all of your friends and find those who live in your area who might help in career or life connections!
- “Members only” admission rates to Alumni Association-sponsored events
- Three half-price tickets to home UNI athletic events (some restrictions apply)
- Discounts at more than 30 businesses, including restaurants, hotels and entertainment venues

What does it cost to join?
Nothing! As a gift to you, the UNI Alumni Association is pleased to present your first year of membership, a $35 value, absolutely FREE!

Join us on Facebook and Linkedin!
Official Class Ring

Display your Panther pride by investing in the official ring of the university. UNI’s ring features our most prized landmark - the Campanile.

You can customize your ring in a variety of ways, including size and color.

The inside of the ring bears the word “LUX,” also found on the university’s seal. LUX means “light” in Latin and serves a constant reminder to keep the lamp of knowledge burning. The word LUX has appeared on the university seal since our founding in 1876.

Interested in getting an official class ring on your hand? Call or stop by the Alumni Association to find out how to order! There are no-interest financing plans available.

Don’t want to wait until you graduate? You may purchase your ring as soon as you complete 60 hours of academic credit!
Leave your paw print at UNI!

Join generations of students who have contributed to their class gift

Each year students leave their mark through a contribution to the Student Class Gift. They join thousands of alumni who have left UNI a better place. Every gift counts, no matter the size. They all add up to make great things happen on campus. Examples of class gifts include the panther statue and fountain in Memorial Garden, benches, arbors, even landscaping. Drop your contribution off in 204 Commons and take a picture of you and TC’s class gift box!

Remember…

It’s not the size of the paw print that matters; it’s the fact that you left one!
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