UNI Highlights

New VP for Advancement

• Lisa Birley Baronio has been named vice president for University Advancement and president of the UNI Foundation. She replaces Bill Calhoun who served UNI for nearly 34 years.

• She will assume her new duties at UNI on July 15.

• Lisa is a Waterloo native and has held positions at Trinity University in San Antonio, the University of Connecticut, Wichita State University and the University of Nebraska.

UNI faculty member receives Fulbright Award

• UNI professor of art JoAnn Schnabel has been selected as a Fulbright recipient to teach abroad.

• The Fulbright Program provides merit-based grants for international educational exchange.

• Schnabel will spend the spring 2016 semester at Anadolu University in Eskisehir, Turkey, where she will teach ceramics and also be a senior lecturer.
UNI Highlights

Honorable Mention from Iowa Campus Compact

• UNI and the Volunteer Center of the Cedar Valley were recognized as Honorable Mentions for the 2015 Engaged Campus Award winners.

• The awards were launched in 2014 to recognize higher education staff, faculty, students, groups and partnerships for their work in educating students to be active citizens and impacting community issues.
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UNI Foundation Excellence

• UNI’s Alumni Participation Rate is the highest (9.4%) of our group of academic peer institutions and Missouri Valley public institutions.

• UNI’s Alumni Participation Rate is in the top 5 (No. 4) for Public Master’s-Larger Institutions.

• UNI was ranked very high (6 out of 62) by the National Association of College & University Business Officers (NACUBO) for our 2014 Endowment Funds, which totaled nearly $103 million.

• With over $23M raised so far this year, UNI hopes to raise $25M.
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UNI alumna creates endowment for wrestling coach position

• In April 2015, UNI alumna Sandy Stevens (B.A. ‘62, English teaching) created the Bear and Sandy Stevens Head Wrestling Coach Endowment.

• Funds from this endowment will be used to support the salary of the UNI wrestling coach position.
UNI Highlights

**UNI/ISU IP Agreement**

- UNI/ISU have been exploring options for working together on intellectual property and commercialization for the past two years. In that time, ISU’s office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer has been performing technology commercialization assessments for UNI during this period and has visited UNI to meet with faculty researchers and staff inventors.

- The agreement formalizes a model for working together and UNI taps into ISU’s decades of successful commercialization experience.

- UNI has a range of options, from asking ISU to vet a disclosure all the way to filing patents and managing licensing.

- A revenue sharing model has been developed that is mutually beneficial and UNI is allowed to maintain ownership of its intellectual property.
UNI Highlights

Five UNI teams earn top 10 APR recognition from NCAA

• The UNI men’s basketball, men’s golf, women’s golf, women’s cross country and women’s volleyball teams have been recognized by the NCAA for their latest multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores.

• These teams posted multi-year APR scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports.

• This is the 10th year the NCAA has recognized programs for their APRs, and UNI volleyball has been recognized all 10 years.