

Human Resources Newsletter



Office of the Provost &
University College
December 2025

Hello New Hawkeyes!

Help us in extending a warm welcome to the newest members of the Provost Organization & University College joining us, or transferring to new roles!

Lola Anaman, Support Specialist, Federal, Private, & Campus Based Aid, OSFA
Megan Fraase, Communications Specialist, Office of the Provost

Upcoming New Hire Breakfast Club: December 10th



HR Resources, News, & Wellness

Celebrate Excellence!

Each year, the University of Iowa Staff Council honors staff who go above and beyond to make our campus an exceptional place to work, learn, and grow. Nominate a colleague today and help us celebrate their remarkable contributions! [Nomination Information Found Here](#)

Take Care of Yourself!

The holiday season can be joyful, but it can also bring stress and challenges. Remember to take care of yourself—physically, mentally, and emotionally. If you need support, don't hesitate to use the wellness resources available to you, such as the [Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#), counseling services, and other [well-being tools](#). Prioritize rest, connection, and self-care. You deserve it.

[HR December Question of the Month](#)

What is your favorite snow day activity?
[Tell us anonymously HERE!](#)





December Milestones within Office of the Provost & University College!

ONE YEAR

Taylor Copp
Ranelle Lueth
Shawna Saad

FOUR YEARS

Ann Howard
Matthew Stier

FIFTEEN YEARS

Tina Arthur

THREE YEARS

Cayla Rasmussen

TEN YEARS

Tammy Bruns

TWENTY YEARS

Patty Dunlap

Milestones are reflective of OP/UC dates, not full UI anniversary dates



November High Five Recipients

Merric Bower

Jenny Hall

Alicia Hein

Angelica Hernandez

Shelly Maxwell

Brooke Merkel

Gary Sanborn

Derek Shonrock

Brody Stanford

John Thomas

Mollie Willis

Paris Young

Submit high fives [HERE](#) to recognize your amazing colleagues and teammates!
We're excited there are more ways to recognize your amazing colleagues, but please note our program is different than the Hawkeye High Five program recently launched by University Human Resources.

Congratulations to **Gary**, our randomly selected high five gift winner! Keep your eyes on campus mail for your gift!



Did You Know??

Whether you're sitting around the dinner table or chatting with friends over the holidays, here are some amazing facts about the University of Iowa and the departments we work with:



UI welcomed it's **second-largest incoming first year class** in school history!

The Class of 2029 is made up of **5,561** undergraduate students with a median GPA of **3.86**!

\$303,050 total scholarship funds have been awarded by the Honors Program in 2024-25!

The first international student to receive a University of Iowa degree was John H. Rapier of Kingston, Jamaica, who was awarded the Doctor of Medicine in 1864!
34 international students received UI degrees prior to 1900.

Our own IP department is designated as a **U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility**, meaning that all UI faculty, staff, students, their families, and members of the community at large can get their passports processed here.

The staff at the Stanley Museum of Art hail from **6 different countries & speak 9 different languages**! Many of them are also **artists** themselves (painters, textile artists, printmakers, book makers, ceramicists, and papermakers)!

The Pentacrest used to be called the 5-Spot because of the 5 buildings which stood here. The Daily Iowan held a naming contest in 1929. A dental student from Independence, IA submitted the name "Pentacrest" (5 on a hill), and it stuck.

The Office of Admissions hosted **36,790** on-campus visitors and **10,115** virtual visitors in 2024-25.

The Office of Student Financial Aid are very pet friendly! **Collectively, the staff has 24 cats, 23 dogs, 8 chickens, 8 horses, and 2 donkeys!**



Before digital classroom scheduling, the **University of Iowa managed General Assignment Classrooms with the infamous rotating “boards”!** Each board had a card for every classroom, and there were three tiers—one for each academic session.



Nearly one-in-five first year students identify as a **first-generation student** and more than half **(52%) are Iowans!**

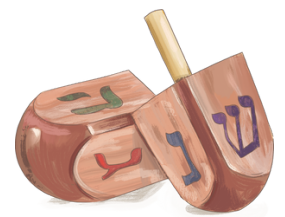


For our 23-24 graduates, **96% graduated** with set employment, continuing education, or not actively seeking employment!

You may know that The University of Iowa was founded on February 25, 1847. Did you *also* know that on the same day a meteor struck the earth near Marion, IA? The sonic boom could be heard in Iowa City! **A piece of that meteor is displayed on the President’s desk in the Old Capitol Museum.**

Since 1847, the University of Iowa Office of the Registrar has conferred **450,939 degrees!** That’s nearly half a million Hawkeyes making history.

The Stanley Museum of Art welcomed **50,000 visitors** and support between **150 to 200 UI courses** each year!



Supervisor Spotlight

Supervisor Skill-Building Sessions

Wellness & Mental Health

December 9th 12:00-1:00

December 11th 8:30-9:30

Student Supervisor Reminder:

Over winter break, student employees can work up to 40 hours/week. Winter break this year runs from December 22 through January 18.