

Recognition

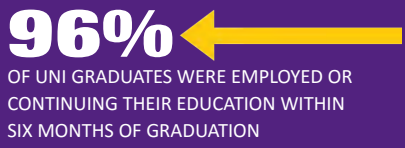
UNI received the Student Success and College Completion Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for its course-embedded mentor program, that has improved retention and graduation rates.

UNI's John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center was recognized by the International Business Innovation Association as the Student Entrepreneurship Program of the Year.

UNI was awarded as a winner of the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for Economic Empowerment.

UNI's Metal Casting Center serves as a national leader in growing Iowa's position in additive manufacturing research, development, and direct company assistance.

UNI served as the host institution for the Green Iowa AmeriCorps project which engaged more than 13,000 Iowans across the state.



* Based on self-reporting from the 2015-2016 graduating class



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Federal Priorities

Title IV Funding Priorities

Continued support of Federal assistance for higher education is a top priority for UNI. While student debt has risen substantially across the nation during the past decade, **UNI has been able to help students reduce debt by 10.7%** during this same time period. This has been achieved thanks to a combination of Title IV financial programs and through **UNI's Live Like a Student** counseling program for all students who are acquiring debt. This program helps students better understand and limit borrowing.

Pell Grant

The Pell Grant Program is vital to the educational success of needy students. Funding for the program is a national issue each year and needs to be secured. **Approximately 28% of UNI undergraduate students qualify for Pell Grants.** Our resident tuition and fees for 2016-2017 are \$8,309. A full Pell Grant is \$5,815, which is 30% short of covering the cost of tuition and fees. As a result, students are borrowing more, working multiple jobs, and working off campus.

Perkins Loan

The Perkins Loan Program will expire on September 30, 2017. Without this program, needy students, especially those students with no parental support, are left without a viable option. **The Perkins Loan Program served 1,051 UNI students in 2015-2016 with an average loan of \$1,900.** The government was proposing to replace the current Perkins Loan Program with a new Perkins Loan Program that is non-need-based with terms similar to the Unsubsidized Direct Loan. However, there has been no word yet of such a program.

TEACH Grant

Especially important for UNI students has been the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) grant program. UNI has participated in the TEACH grant program since its inception eight years ago. The program is designed for students planning to teach in a high-need field in a low-income school. Over 1,500 UNI students have received more than \$12.8 million. **UNI ranks 8th among public universities in administering the TEACH grant.** Unlike the national trends, UNI students are fulfilling their TEACH grant service obligations and/or paying the TEACH loan in full and UNI graduates have one of the lowest default rates in the U.S. (0.8%).



Higher Education Policy Issues

Burdens of the October 1 Date

Change one or more of the reporting dates to a later date since FAFSA, FISAP, TEACH, Direct Loans, Gainful Employment, and Common Data Set submissions are all due on the same date.

Sequestration Impact of the Budget Control Act of 2011

Do not change the terms of loans and TEACH Grant amounts once the academic year starts.

Eliminate Subsidized Usage Limit Applies (SULA)

Eliminate the SULA regulations, which are complicated for students, especially transfers and veterans, and strengthen the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) rules.

Gainful Employment

Use National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and the National Student Clearinghouse for reporting and eliminate principalships and superintendency certificates.

Revise College Scorecard

Revise the current scorecard to better reflect the different types of universities and colleges.



Other Federal Priorities

Expansion of Corrosion Control and Maintenance through Applicator Training and Applied Research

Continued Support for TRiO Programs

Additive Manufacturing and Metal Casting Center - Manufacturing USA

Support for AmeriCorps - Corporation for National and Community Service

Continue the EDA University Center Program

Creation of National Food Waste Reduction Center