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US News ranking includes University of Iowa among nation's best universities

The University of Iowa is listed 34th in the latest rankings of the nation's public universities published by *U.S. News & World Report*, the same position as last year. And in a new ranking this year that recognizes the importance of teaching writing and communications in all disciplines, the university was the top-ranked public institution and 13th overall. Find out more on *Iowa Now*.



Familiarize yourself with UI political guidelines

Excited to advocate on behalf your favorite candidate this election season? The University of Iowa fully supports your constitutional right to express your personal opinions regarding political candidates and issues, but there are a few guidelines you need to remember as an employee of a public institution. Faculty should review the political activity guidelines on the [Office of the Provost website](#). Staff should review the political expression guidelines on the [University Human Resources website](#).



Take time to participate in the 2020 Campus Climate Survey

On Monday, Sept. 21, faculty, staff, and postdoctoral scholars and fellows will receive an email for the 2020 Campus Climate Survey. The survey helps the university better understand the campus climate pertaining to diversity, equity, and inclusion; establish a baseline for measuring change; advance work taking

place on campus; and ensure people of all identities feel welcome and supported. The survey is open through Oct. 2.



Lessons learned from virtual instruction may transform in-person classes

After the emergency shift to virtual learning last spring, University of Iowa faculty and staff spent the summer using what they learned to develop online courses for the fall 2020 semester. This switch to online courses also allowed some faculty to try new pedagogical methods, which they say may remain once all classes return in person. Read more on *Iowa Now*.



Andrea Marshall: Inspiring the next generation of diverse scientists

Iowa researcher Andrea Marshall, who is currently studying the effects of a high-fat diet on skeletal muscle, was recently named “an inspiring Black scientist” on Cell Press’s blog “CrossTalk.” Learn more on the Carver College of Medicine website.



Celebrating Latinx/a/o Heritage Month

With dual appointments in history and in gender, women’s, and sexuality studies, University of Iowa faculty member Lina-Maria Murillo asks her students to examine history through different lenses. Learn more about her and other Latinx/a/o Hawkeyes making a difference in a series of profiles on the Iowa Stories site.



Tonight at 6: Monsoon hosts *Critical Masks, A Panel Discussion*

Southeast Asian community leaders in Iowa talk about stigmas, struggles, safety and solutions during COVID-19, and urge more such open dialogue on addressing the dangerous global virus. [Register in advance here.](#)



Voices for Change: University of Iowa’s ongoing commitment to racial equity

In this time of soul-searching for the nation and our campus, the University of Iowa community is broaching difficult conversations and intensifying its efforts to end systemic racism. Visit the UI

Center for Advancement website to learn more about Iowa's struggles toward racial equity in a series of stories from the perspectives of various university leaders—from faculty to students to alumni.



Sign a virtual wall for the UI Stanley Museum of Art

Help turn the new UI Stanley Museum of Art into a “signed original” by writing your name on our virtual wall between Sept. 16–30, 2020. We will transfer your message onto a real wall, hidden within the building, before the construction team finishes its work. Find out more on the UI Center for Advancement website.



Sesquicentennial Virtual Lecture Series: David Skorton

The Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine's Sesquicentennial Virtual Lecture Series begins with a distinguished lecture by David Skorton, who will share his vision on how academic medical centers are shaping the future of health care. Learn more on the College of Medicine website.

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