Dance Gala stays in motion on virtual stage

The 39th edition of the University of Iowa Dance Gala will include the same high level of professionalism and artistry it always has, but audiences will tune in online to watch students bring to life works created by six Department of Dance faculty members.

View these spectacular images from dress rehearsal→
**UI presidential search committee announced**

The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, has announced the names of the University of Iowa Presidential Search Committee. The committee is charged with identifying finalists for the board’s consideration to become the next president of the UI. See who is on the committee on Iowa Now.

**Reimagining Campus Safety Action Committee announces listening sessions**

The university’s Reimagining Campus Safety Action Committee is making progress toward recommendations for a more safe and inclusive campus, and will host two campus listening sessions in February to gather different perspectives, experiences, and viewpoints. Find out the dates of the sessions on Iowa Now.
8 essential tips for online security

On top of the myriad demands presented by COVID-19, online teaching and remote work challenge all of us to fend off cybersecurity threats. As the campus community prepares to finish the fall semester from a distance, learn to protect your data and privacy with eight basic tips. Find details on the ITS website.

Remember UI’s Extreme Weather Protocol as winter nears

With winter weather returning to Iowa City, it’s important for those on campus to reacquaint themselves with the University of Iowa’s Extreme Weather Protocol. Whenever possible, the university continues to function during inclement weather, and employees are expected to report for work (where applicable during COVID-19) and perform their job duties. Read more on Iowa Now.
Perlman advising federal agencies on COVID-19 vaccine

Since the earliest days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Stanley Perlman, a professor of microbiology and immunology, and pediatrics, who has been studying coronaviruses for almost 40 years, has shared his expertise with numerous national and international committees. Now he is one of the national experts advising the federal government about the potential new COVID-19 vaccine. Learn more on The Loop.

Whitaker receives grant to study sedentary behavior during pregnancy

A five-year grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute will fund Iowa Assistant Professor of Health and Human Physiology Kara Whitaker’s study, “Pregnancy 24/7,” which seeks to inform guidelines for sedentary behavior in pregnant women and prevent cardiovascular disease later in life. Learn more on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website.
**Tolbert and Ritter publish book on accessible voting laws**

Caroline Tolbert, professor of political science and University Distinguished Professor, and Michael Ritter (PhD ’17) have published a book on the importance of mail-in and early voting, voter-registration laws, and election administration in the states. Learn more on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website.

**2020 Hawkeye Distinguished Veterans Award recipients honored**

Five University of Iowa alumni and faculty who served their country, from advising presidential administrations to caring for wounded soldiers during the Vietnam War, are being honored with the 2020 Hawkeye Distinguished Veterans Award. Find out more on *Iowa Now*. 
UI faculty, staff, and students recognized with 2020 First-Generation Awards

Five University of Iowa faculty, staff, and students will be recognized in the second annual First-Generation Awards, which highlight student achievements as well as the outstanding advocacy and support efforts of faculty and staff. Learn more about the recipients on Iowa Now.

2020 Family Spirit Award presented to Buckwalter family

The 2020 recipient of the University of Iowa Family Spirit Award are the Kitty (Kathleen) and Jody (Joseph IV) Buckwalter Family of Iowa City. For four generations and more than 100 years, the Buckwalter Family has benefited from, contributed to, and advocated for the University of Iowa, and 30 family members have at least one degree from Iowa. Find out more about them on the UI Parent and Family Network website.
No in-person spring 2021 youth programs due to COVID-19

The University of Iowa has made the difficult decision to not offer spring semester in-person youth programs from Jan. 1 through May 14, 2021, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Departments that want to conduct virtual programs must follow the guidance laid out in the university’s Minors on Campus Policy, including program registration. Programs also should refer to the Online Youth Programs Manual for specific virtual requirements. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis; to request one, contact the Office of the Provost at provost-office@uiowa.edu.