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# Student Success Team

**CELEBRATION!**

April, 12, 2022

# Welcome Dr. Jose Fernandez!

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In fall 2021, the Latina/o/x/ Studies Program welcomed new faculty member, Dr. Jose Fernandez, who presented at the fall 2021 Latinx Youth Summit on, “The Representation of Latinx People in Media & Advertisement.”



# Tutor Iowa Redesign

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# Enhanced Academic Supports – AS&R

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- Peer Led Undergraduate Study (PLUS) was required for all students dual-enrolled in CHEM:1070 & MATH:1005 for the first time starting in Fall 2021! We also offered PLUS for the first time during a spring semester this academic year, allowing us to support a total of 284 students through PLUS!
- We expanded the Supplemental Instruction (SI) program into new courses this academic year, including College of Engineering courses, Computer Science courses, and College of Public Health courses, allowing us to provide support for 24 courses in the fall and 26 courses in the spring!

# Enhanced Academic Supports – AS&R

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- The Learning Assistant Program provides additional support to students through the integration of Learning Assistants (peer leaders) to classrooms. Learning Assistants are undergraduate students who, with training and support, help facilitate activities during class sessions to increase active collaboration to improve student learning.
- This is the first semester LAs are in in-person classes and expanded into serving four courses: General Chemistry I, Principles of Chemistry I, Principles of Chemistry II, and College Algebra

# First-Year Seminar Poster Session

- First Annual First-Year Seminar Poster Session Held, October 2021
  - 7 Research-Focused First-Year Seminars participated
  - 27 posters presented by 125 first year students



# 1stGen@Iowa Website

- Launch of the revised 1stGen@Iowa website and the 1stGen@Iowa Mentor Network

The screenshot shows the website's header with the 'IOWA' logo and '1stGen@Iowa' text. A navigation menu includes 'Home', 'About', '1stGen@Iowa Resources', '1stGen@Iowa Celebrations', and 'Campus Partner Programs & Resources'. A search bar is located in the top right. The main banner features a photograph of a building with the text '1stGen@Iowa Initiative' and the tagline 'Inform. Support. Succeed.' Below this is the logo for '1stGen@Iowa' with the tagline 'INFORM. SUPPORT. SUCCEED.' and a 'Welcome!' section. The 'Welcome!' section contains a paragraph about the initiative's purpose. At the bottom, three statistics are displayed in a grid format.

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## 1stGen@Iowa Initiative

Inform. Support. Succeed.

**1st GEN @IOWA**  
INFORM. SUPPORT. SUCCEED.

### Welcome!

The 1stGen@Iowa initiative was created by the University of Iowa First-Generation Task Force, which focuses on the role that UI faculty and staff have in first-generation students' success.

The 1stGen@Iowa initiative seeks to **inform** and educate the campus community, **support** first-generation students in their academic and career endeavors, and ensure that students ultimately **succeed** at the University of Iowa.

<b>20%</b> OF UI UNDERGRADS IDENTIFY AS FIRST-GEN (APPROX 4100)	<b>19%</b> OF NEW FIRST YEAR STUDENTS IN 2021-2022 IDENTIFY AS FIRST-GEN (APPROX 870)	<b>26%</b> OF DECEMBER 2021 GRADUATING UNDERGRADS
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# GEAR UP

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- 85.5% of our GEAR UP cohort returned in fall 2021 (previous years' cohorts from GU high schools was, on average, 74% fall to fall retention rate)



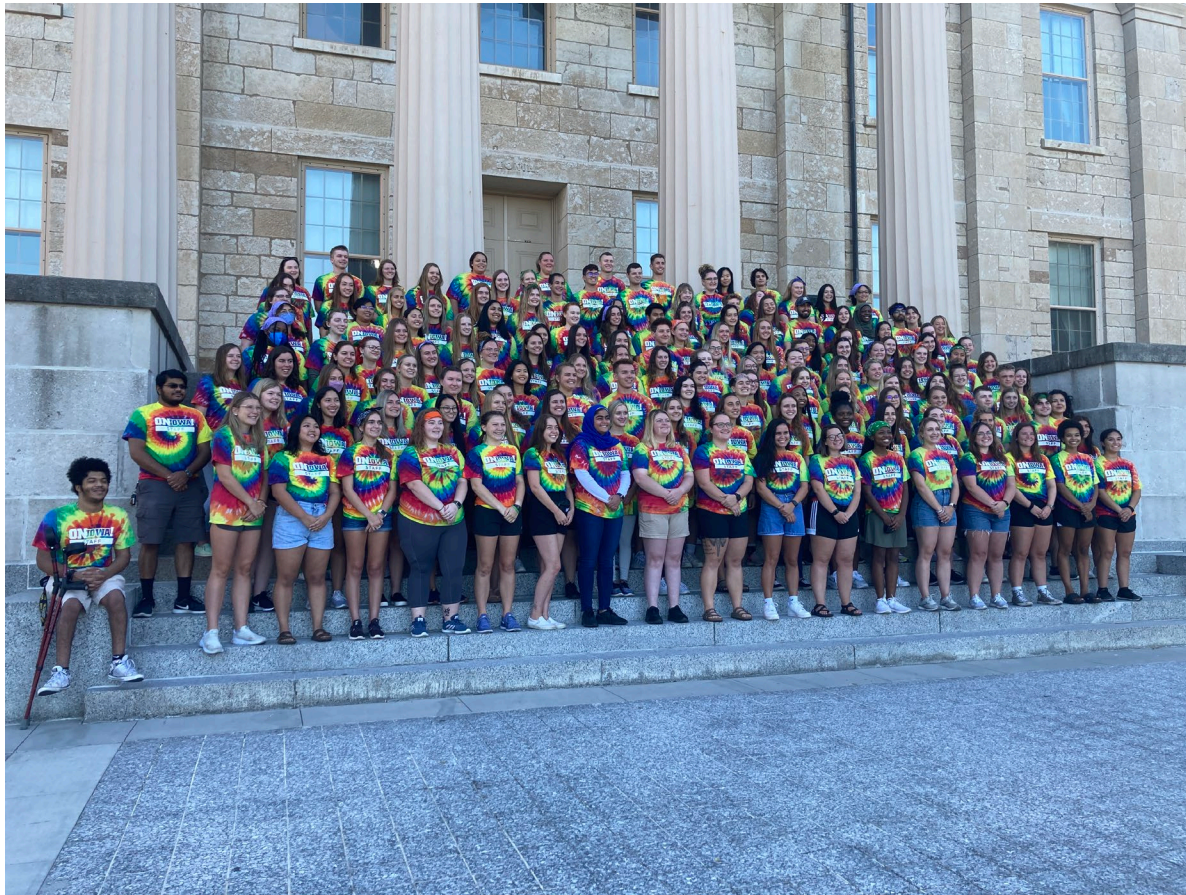
# On Iowa! and Orientation Leaders

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# Center for Language & Culture Learning

## Peer Tutoring

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**1080**  
Tutor Visits



### Peer Tutors

We employ 9 tutors in 8 different languages: Arabic, ASL, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili. The tutors provide a hybrid approach offering sessions online and in person.

### DiLS

Through the Directed Independent Language Study program, students, faculty and staff are paired with a language tutor to work on developing oral proficiency skills. In 2020-2021, we created opportunities for language learning for students working on Fulbrights, poets, playwrights, and those seeking to learn their family's heritage language.



**Hindi**  
**Romanian**  
**Dutch**  
**Modern Greek**  
**Norwegian**  
**Cantonese**  
**Vietnamese**



### Advantages of Peer Tutoring

- Improves students' attitudes toward learning
- Fosters a more personalized learning experience
- Engages students through cooperative learning
- Leads to higher academic achievement
- Helps tutors gain confidence and sharpen skills



Scan here for a  
message from our  
ASL Peer Tutor

# Center for Language & Culture Learning

Since remodeling in the summer of 2020 and with the return to campus, the Center has become what we had envisioned it would be: a vibrant hub for language and culture learning. Students enjoy the new living area, where they can meet with study groups or for conversation hours; they can reserve a small group room for quiet study or to work with a peer tutor; or they can relax and make a craft in our new makerspace.

### Fall 2021 Events

Korean Conversation Hour  
French Film club  
Spanish Club Karaoke Night  
Translate Iowa  
Fridays After Class Workshop Series  
Bate Papo –Portuguese Conversation Hour



The **Global Seal of Biliteracy** is a nationally recognized micro-credential that students can earn by taking a series of proficiency assessments. The tests measure the four skills (speaking, writing, reading, and listening), and students can earn one of two levels of fluency –Functional (Intermediate Mid) or Working (Advanced Low). This fall, we piloted a program and tested 17 students, three earned Working Fluency and 14 earned Functional. This test is not only a good professional credential for students, but also allows language programs to assess their students according to national averages.

# Center for Language & Culture Learning

## Strategic Initiatives

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### Humanities Lab



#### **Iowa Intersections: A Multilingual Narrative Project**

Iowa Intersections is a collaboration between the Center for Language and Culture Learning, UNESCO City of Literature, and Kirkwood Community College English Language Program. In the first phase of the project, Kirkwood students were invited to write and film a short story about their immigrant experiences in their native language. The stories will be edited, translated, and publicized and shared on social media; the goal is part of an effort to map the multilingual communities of Iowa City and to give voice to the multiplicity of languages and diverse cultural experiences here.



### Multilingual Writing Center

The CLCL currently oversees the **Spanish Speaking and Writing Center** and is seeking to find ways to elevate the profile of this Center and add other languages to promote multilingual writing at the Writing University.

### Hawkeye Global Kitchen



The Division of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures collaborated with the Division of Interdisciplinary Programs to write a P3 proposal to create an **instructional kitchen** for the teaching and learning of languages and cultures. While seeking funding sources and developing collaborations with offices across campus, including International Programs and the Office of Student Wellbeing, we are also developing resources for faculty to use to develop cooking-related courses.



# Center for Language & Culture Learning

## Promotional Materials

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**312**  
course and  
event flyers

**1657**  
website edits

**416**  
social media  
posts



Beyond supporting the teaching and learning of languages and cultures, we play a significant role in communicating the value of our programs, whether through our websites, our branded marketing materials for course and event promotion, and our work with students to create testimonial videos about their language learning experiences. We have also developed a vibrant and engaging social media presence.



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# Academic Advising Center

Front Office  
Manager, Megg  
Fisher, was in the  
Top 7 overall for the  
Student Supervisor  
of the Year Award



# Academic Advising Center

Liz Lundberg was promoted in February to a new position - Assistant Director for Courses and Curriculum



# Academic Advising Center

Maureen Schafer  
was named Interim  
Assistant Provost  
and Director of the  
Academic Advising  
Center as of  
January 18, 2022



# School of Music - Donor Recognition Concert

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