
September 2025 Student Success Team Meeting

September 9, 2025

Agenda

- Welcome
- Updates from President Wilson
- Updates from the Division of Student Life, Sarah Hansen
- Updates from the Office of the Provost, Tanya Uden-Holman
- Networking and Connection!

Student Success Team Mission

- The University of Iowa's Student Success Team develops ideas and implements initiatives that foster student achievement within a safe, engaging, and welcoming campus community.
- The Student Success Team is sponsored by the Division of Student Life and the Office of the Provost and is coordinated by an executive committee that includes representatives from each area.

Student Life, Fall 2025 Update

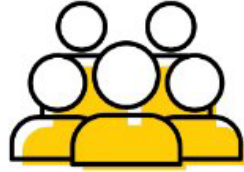
Sarah Hansen, Vice President for Student Life

September, 2025

SUPPORTING THE **WHOLE HAWKEYE**

PEOPLE WHO MATTER

Relationship-rich experiences connecting students with faculty, staff, peers, alumni



PLACES TO BELONG

Every student can find community through spaces, places, and experiences at Iowa.



PATHS TO SUCCESS

There is no single way to be a successful Hawkeye. We help students develop skills to lead and thrive through life's ups and downs



PASSION & PURPOSE

Room to explore passions and discover purpose through experiential learning, involvement, campus employment, and more



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My Career Path

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Home

My Preferences

My Saved Activities

My Hidden Activities

My Progress

All Activities

How to use My Career Path

CHART YOUR JOURNEY

MY CAREER PATH

Suggested Activities

Activities are suggested based on your preferences and student profile. Organize activities by using the hide, save, and completed buttons

Get feedback on your resume or get started

Hide Completed Save

CCP:1306.0002, UI STEP - Student to Employed Professional

Hide Completed Save

CCP:2001:0EXV Graduate Admissions 101

Hide Completed Save

SHOW MORE ACTIVITIES

SHUFFLE ACTIVITIES

View My Career Communities:

Career communities are organized by career fields and industries

HEALTH & WELLNESS

EDUCATION

- Personalized Career Pathways based on individual preferences and progress
- Membership in Career Networks
- Progress Monitoring
- **Selected by Strada Foundation for a grant: Integrating engagement record and reflection**

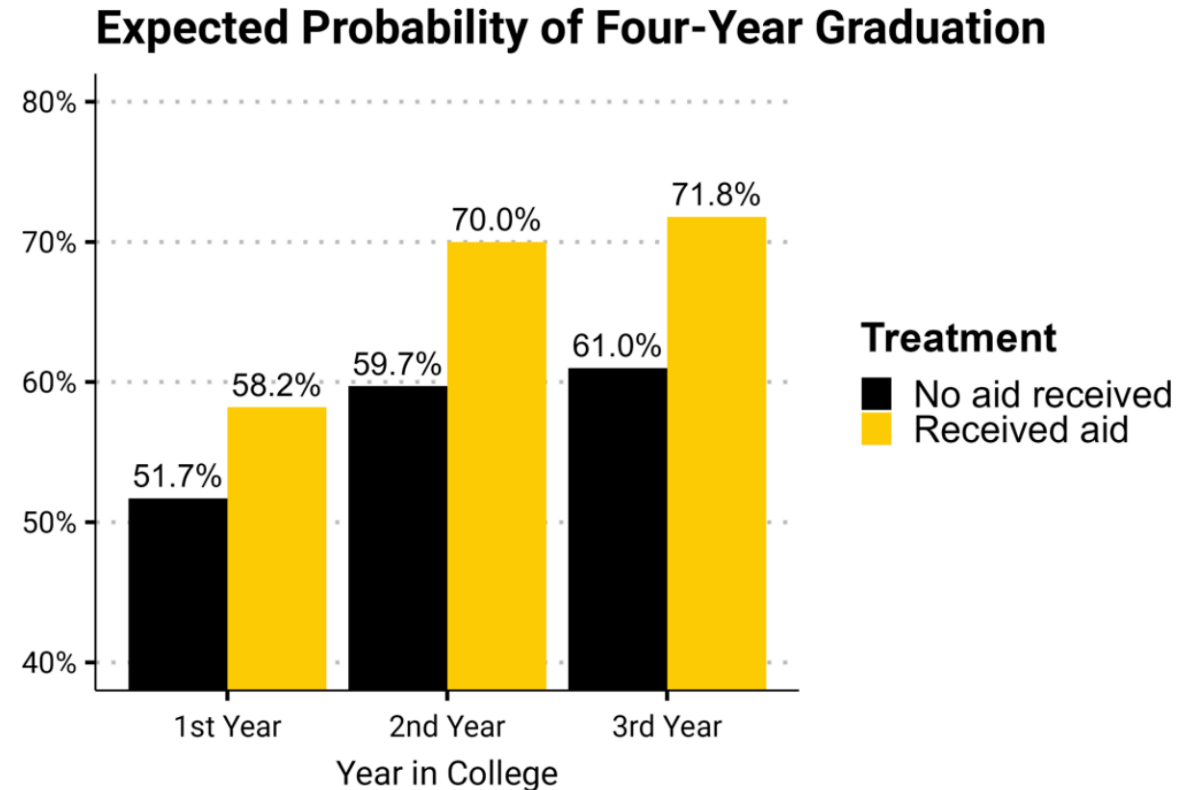
Strategic Plan: Co-Curricular Pathways Integration Working Group – Co-Chairs: Matt Augeri & Teri Schnelle



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Strategic Plan – Student Retention

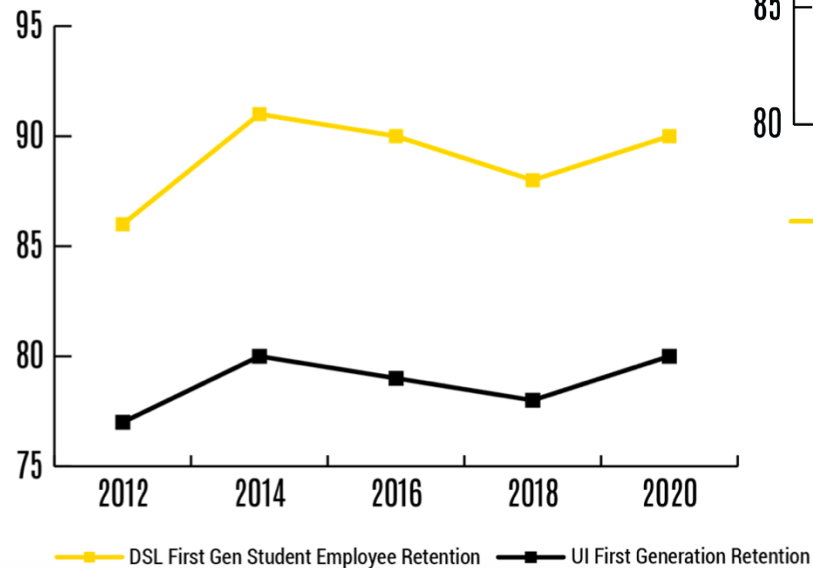
- Emergency or “gap” funding for students
- One process, multiple funds
- Approximately \$1M in need-based aid annually
- Dr. Katie Broton and Dr. Nick Bowman



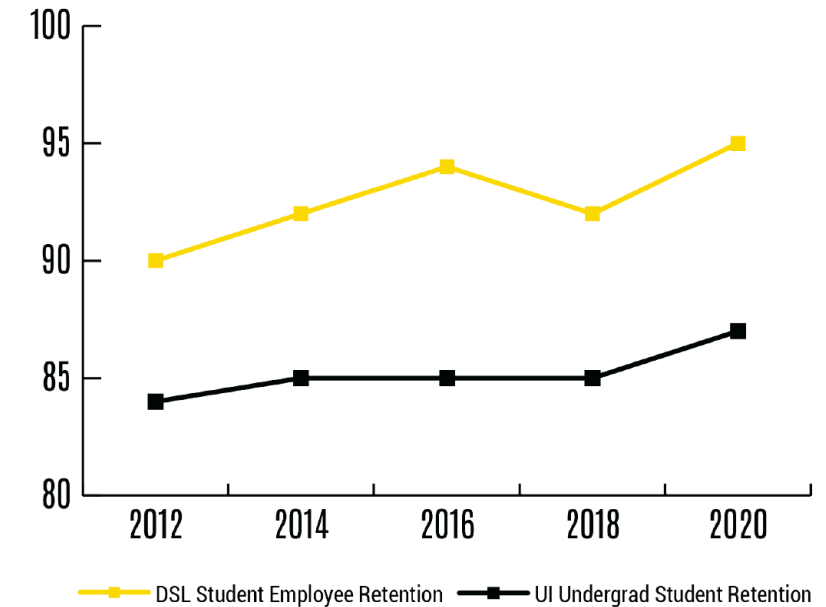
High-Impact Practices: Don't leave learning on the table

- Bringing high-impact, relationship-rich practices to scale is difficult.
- Infuse meaningful conditions of learning into existing activities rather than adding to an endless list

CAMPUS JOBS ARE A MOBILITY TOOL



CAMPUS JOBS ARE A RETENTION TOOL



Mentored student employment is beneficial for all students, but particularly URM & First Gen.

Strategic Plan – Hawkeye Work Grant

- Collaboration with University College
- Identify students with unmet financial need
- Offered campus employment within University Housing & Dining
- Provided Iowa GROW (Guided Reflection on Work) mentored employment experience
- Earn hourly wage plus \$750-\$1,000 grant

	UI GPA spring 2024	Enrolled fall 2024
Participated in the program (N=117*)	3.19	91%
Did not participate in the program (N=951)	3.11	84%

*For purposes of this research, data was captured on the 117 students employed at the end of spring 2024.

Civic Dialogue

“Better Conversations” Residence Hall Pilot, Year 2

- Entire residence hall with control (Rienow and Slater)
- Trained RAs who incorporate principles into daily work with residents, host informal opportunities for real talk
 - Year 1 findings – Treatment Group
- Stronger sense of belonging and higher self efficacy
- RA confidence
- Fewer room changes

“I love this floor. From what I know about other floors, none of the other floors interact like we do. I think we have done a good job of creating a community.”

Kudos to Professor David Supp-Montgomerie, Assistant Dean Keniese Evans, DSL Director Teri Schnelle, and the Res Ed Team for their great work!



Recognize, also, that students don't just form relationships ***in space, but with space.*** It's called "place attachment" described by author David Spooner, as "the feelings people have about places, which include their beliefs and memories associated with their actions within them."⁷



ACTIVITY DECK – VIEW FROM ABOVE



PORCH - LOOKING EAST FROM ENTRY



4th FLOOR LOUNGE - LOOKING EAST



WELLNESS CENTER - LOOKING WEST FROM LOBBY

QUESTIONS?



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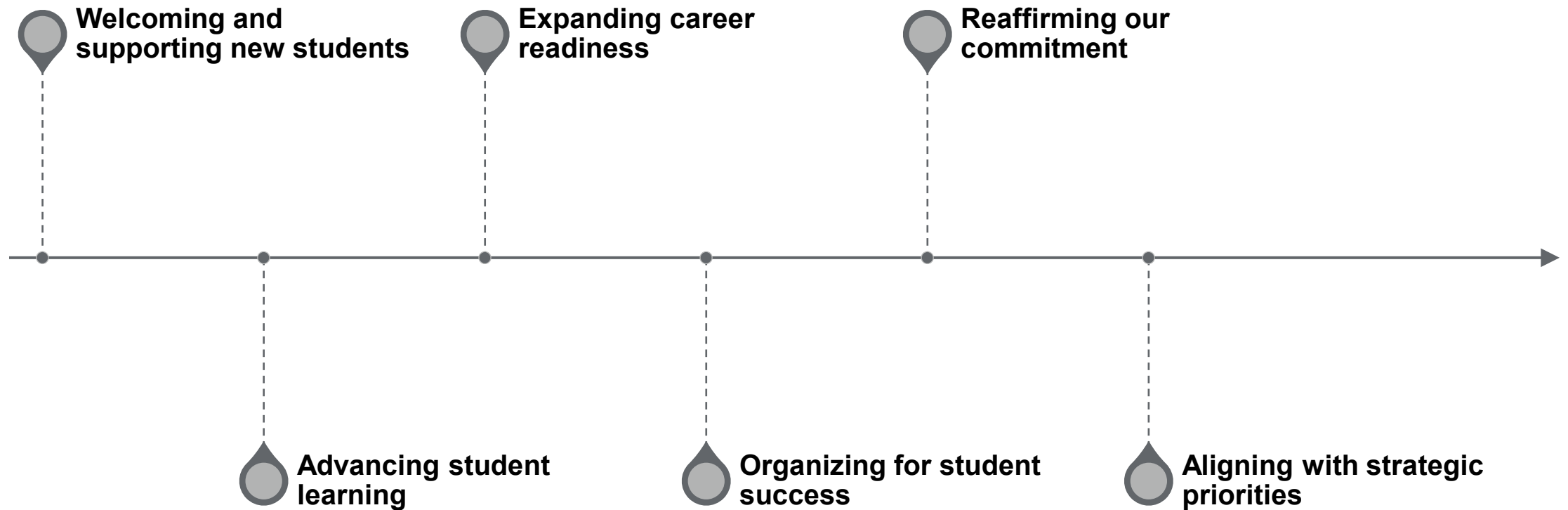
Student Success Team Updates

Tanya Uden-Holman, PhD

**Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and
Dean of the University College**

September 9, 2025

Overview



Welcoming and Supporting New Students

- Thank you to **Orientation Services** and hundreds of campus partners who came together, welcoming thousands of new students
- **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences** for ensuring courses to provide an excellent foundation for success
- **Academic advisors and additional staff** across campus, providing key guidance and support

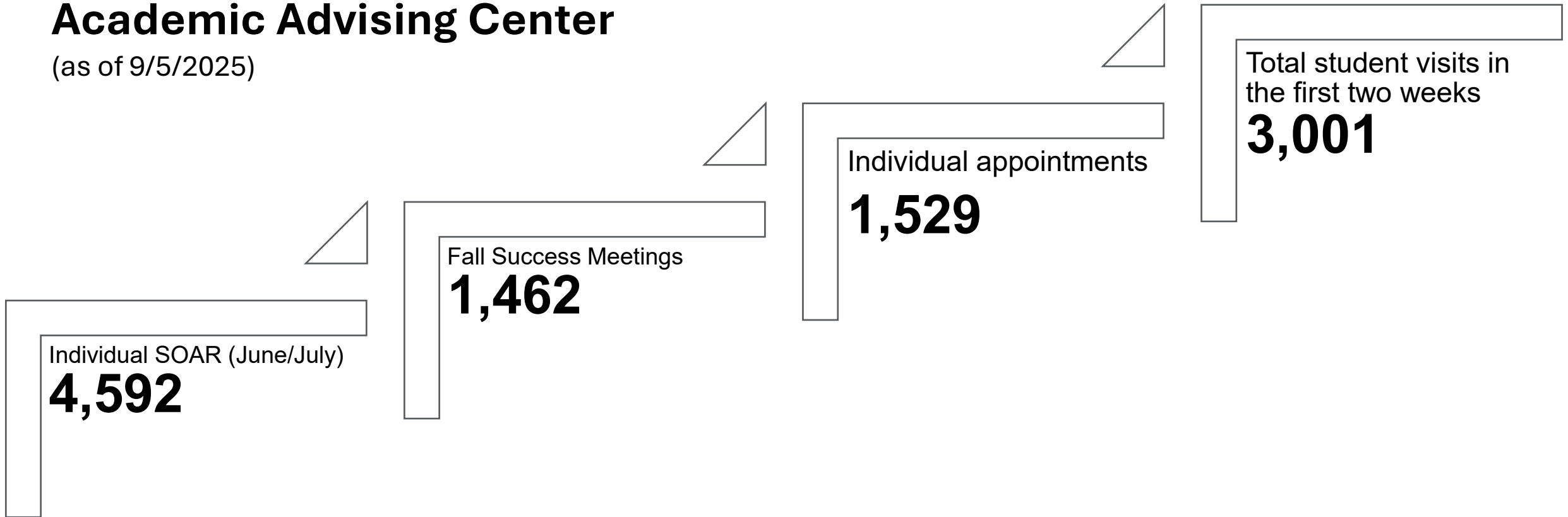


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Welcoming and Supporting New Students

Academic Advising Center

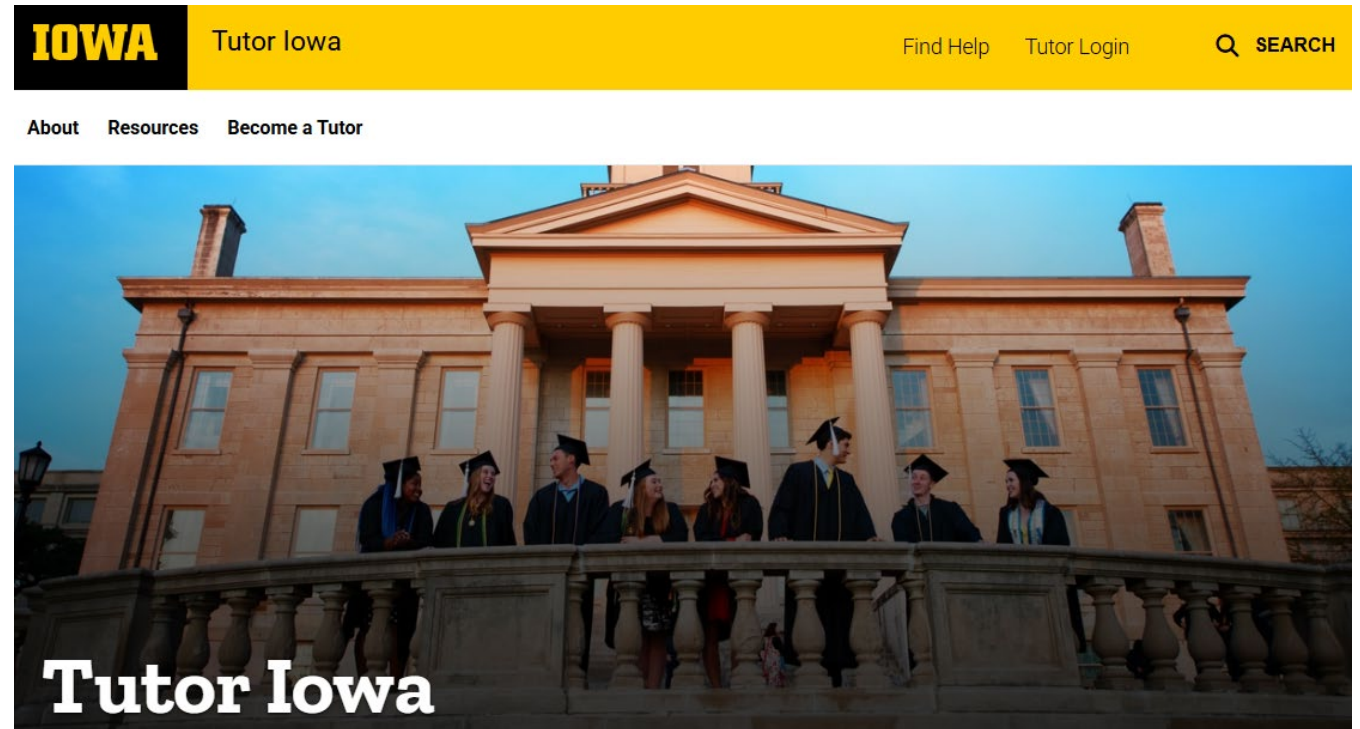
(as of 9/5/2025)



Advancing Student Learning

→ Academic Resource Center

- Offers Supplemental Instruction
- Moved to the Main Library (temporarily on the second floor)



Advancing Student Learning Cont.

- Academic success = intersection of student and faculty success
- Continuing strategic priorities
 - Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
 - Students as Partners
 - Scholarly Teaching Cohorts

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CENTER FOR TEACHING
EVENTS

The Center for Teaching advocates for effective, evidence-based, scholarly teaching and acts as a collaborative partner in sparking and shaping conversations about higher education. Our work ranges from advancing excellence in teaching and learning at an organizational level to supporting pedagogical and professional development for all those who teach.

Stay up to date with teaching-related events on campus by signing up for the monthly newsletter.

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Expanding Career Readiness Opportunities

→ Pomerantz Career Center

- Hawk Shadow
- Student employee interactive training
- Fall semester events

→ Undergraduate Engagement Corps

“This [program] blew me away with how applicable it was to my future career. I wasn't expecting to discover so much about myself and my passions. I think I'll carry things I learned here for the rest of my life. Genuinely.” UEC participant



"I was able to further explore career opportunities in the field I am interested in."

HawkShadow Participant

Organizing for Student Success

→ University College

- Academic Support and Retention = Office of Student Learning and Pathways to Excellence Office
- Academic Excellence and Support (2750 UCC)
 - Office of Student Learning
 - Pathways to Excellence Office
 - TRIO programs

Organizing for Student Success Cont.

→ Student Disability Services

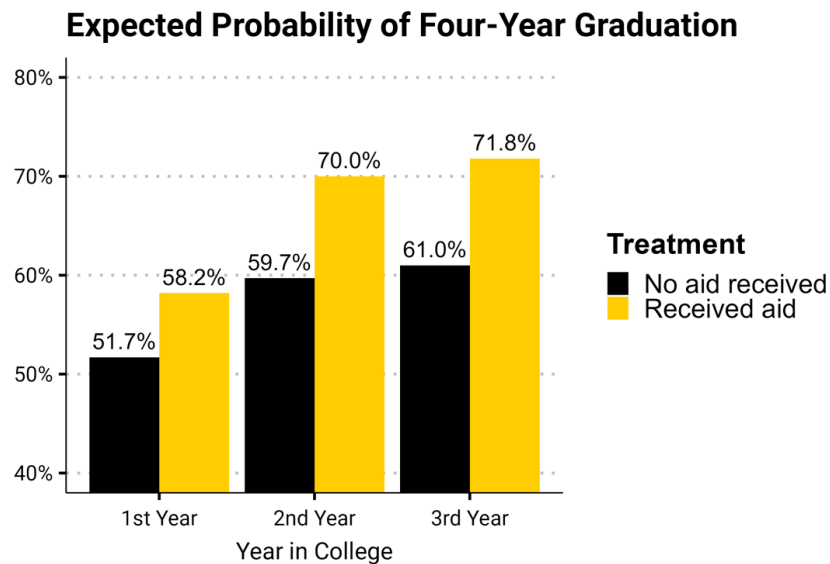
- Move to Office of the Provost to strengthen academic partnerships while maintain student support services
- Still located in 141 UCC

→ Note Depot

- Developed by AIS Enterprise Student Systems with campus partners
- Centralized platform in ICON to simplify access to note-taking resources (Lecture AI and Note Taking Exchange) for students and instructors
- Resources for students and instructors:
 - <https://teach.its.uiowa.edu/instructional-services/note-depot>

Reaffirming Our Commitment

- First Gen Hawks Growth
- Targeted Financial Need P3 Project



Aligning with Strategic Priorities

→ 2024-2025 Highlights

- Increasing the value of teaching and learning
- Strengthening advising and mentoring
- Understanding students' experiences with the curriculum

→ 2025-2026 Focus

- Continuing efforts that make a difference
- Extending opportunities for AI in student learning



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2025-2026 SST Meetings

- October 14th
- November 11th
- February 10th
- March 10th
- April 14th

Other Announcements?

→ University of Iowa Mobile App – We want to connect! Do you have ideas for features? Please reach out to Sajida Sayyad (sajida-sayyad@uiowa.edu).