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in education

Learn about the education topics making the news at the state and national level and UNI faculty who are addressing these issues. These presentations are open to all faculty, staff and students.

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The Achievement Gap – Going Beyond Socioeconomic and Cultural Factors, presented by Dewitt Jones, associate professor, educational leadership, counseling and postsecondary education

September 16, Noon – 12:50 p.m.

Students in the U.S. are falling behind in student achievement compared to other countries. There are many issues that affect student achievement beyond socioeconomic and cultural competence. Learn the roles schools, teachers, administrators, parents, government and researchers play in improving student achievement.

Reforming Today's High School, by Bridgette Wagoner, interim director and instructor at Malcolm Price Laboratory School

October 14, Noon – 12:50 p.m.

Many of today's high schools haven't changed much since the 20th century. An effort to reform America's high schools is underway, centering on rigor, relevance and relationships. Every high school student should be held to high expectations for achievement. Hear what high schools need to do to create learning environments to enhance student learning and teaching.

Literacy Programs – State and National Best Practices, presented by Deb Tidwell, associate professor, curriculum and instruction; Salli Forbes, director, Reading Recovery Center of Iowa; and Bonnie Hoewing, instructor, curriculum and instruction.

December 2, Noon – 12:50 p.m.

Learn about current literacy programs and practices to help struggling readers and students performing at grade level. Learn about the Reading Recovery Center of Iowa initiatives and UNI's role in helping students achieve gains in reading and comprehension.

Math and Science Learning in Early Childhood, presented by Betty Zan, director, Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education

February 10, Noon-12:50 p.m.

What does high-quality math and science curriculum for preschoolers look like? Learn about UNI's federal grant to create a national center for early math and science education.

Innovating Education, presented by Leigh Zeitz, associate professor of curriculum and instruction

April 14, Noon – 12:50 p.m.

Preparing students and teachers for 21st century learning and living finds teachers and students using more and more technology. Learn about the latest in educational technology.

All sessions will be held in the Center for Multicultural Education, Room 109.