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*Multi-Cultural Resource Guide*

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African American

**African American Historical Museum & Cultural Center of Iowa**

Address: 55 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E.  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406  
Telephone: 319-862-2101  
1-877-526-1863 (Toll-free)  
Fax: 319-862-2105  
E-mail: [information@blackiowa.org](mailto:information@blackiowa.org)  
Web Site: [www.blackiowa.org/](http://www.blackiowa.org/)

Contact: Tom Moore, Executive Director

Purpose: The mission of the African American Historical Museum & Cultural Center of Iowa is to preserve and share Iowa's rich African-American heritage by offering educational resources to the public and by promoting a new center for learning.

The museum aims to educate the public and to promote and publicize the heritage of black people of continental African descent. The museum networks with other like organizations to promote a wider sense of community involvement. To accomplish its goals, the museum develops programs designed to educate and involve the community. In addition to raising funds, the museum frequently procures artifacts, art and related historical items for exhibit and preservation.

Eligibility: The museum is open to the public, and memberships are available to those who wish to offer further support.

**University of Iowa African Association**

Address 46 Student Activities Center  
Iowa Memorial Union (IMU)  
Iowa City, IA 52242  
Telephone: (319) 335-2869  
E-mail: [uiafrica@yahoo.com](mailto:uiafrica@yahoo.com)

Purpose: Started in 1972, the University of Iowa African Association's sole purpose is to create an environment that enhances the educational development of Africans at the University of Iowa and its surrounding communities. The University of Iowa African Association's objectives are to:  
Stimulate interest in African affairs among Africans, as well as non-Africans at the University of Iowa and the surrounding communities

Create a more secure environment of solidarity for Africans in Iowa City and to promote and uphold the legitimate interests of Africans at the University

*Asian American*

**Iowa Asian Alliance**

Address: Regency 1 Building  
1501 50th Street Suite 200  
West Des Moines, IA 50266  
Telephone: 515-309-6047  
Web Site: <http://iowaasianalliance.com/>

Purpose: The Iowa Asian Alliance is a professional business organization that represents and promotes the business, economic and community development of a united Asian American community in Iowa. They serve as a centralized point of contact for services, support and resources to all members. Unlike many other Asian American associations, the IAA has a full-time staff and many contacts throughout the business community. Activities include an annual dinner honoring business and community leaders, trade missions, business workshops and seminars, political advocacy training and promotion of the community and the cultural initiatives of its membership.

*Chinese*

**Friendship Association of Chinese Students & Scholars (FACSS)**

Contact: Song Yi, President  
Telephone: 319- 353-4358  
E-mail: [xiaoqian-jiang@uiowa.edu](mailto:xiaoqian-jiang@uiowa.edu)  
Web Site: [www.uiowa.edu/~facss/](http://www.uiowa.edu/~facss/)

Purpose: The Friendship Association of Chinese Students & Scholars (FACSS) is a university-registered student organization at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. The mission of FACSS is to promote friendship among Chinese, American, and other UI students; to provide opportunities for cultural understanding and exchange on and off campus; and to serve as a liaison between Chinese students, the university and local community.

**Iowa Chinese Language School**

Address: P.O. Box 648  
Johnston, IA 50131  
Contact: Lucy Liu, Ph.D., Principal  
Telephone: 515-276-3744  
E-mail: [zi\\_liu@yahoo.com](mailto:zi_liu@yahoo.com)

Purpose: The Iowa Chinese Language School provides fun opportunities for everyone who wants to learn Mandarin Chi-

nese language, art and culture. It also aims to create a multicultural environment in the community and to promote friendship between the people of the United States and China.

Short courses are offered based on requests from businesses, tourists and others who want to learn Chinese language, art and customs.

#### Czech/Slovak

##### **Federation of Czech Groups**

Address: 1228 Second Street SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Telephone: 319-362-9032 (Michael Papich)  
319-364-4379 (Lillian Kopecky)  
319-362-8434 (St. Wenceslaus Church)

Fax: 319-362-7020

Purpose: The federation is made up of delegates from 10 local Czech Societies. Their combined efforts seek to preserve Czech culture, heritage and language.

Eligibility: Anyone 16 years and older with allegiance to the United States and democracy is eligible to join.

##### **The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library**

Address: 30 16th Avenue SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Telephone: 319-362-8500

Fax: 319-363-2209

E-mail: [info@ncsml.org](mailto:info@ncsml.org)

Web Site: [www.ncsml.org](http://www.ncsml.org)

Hours: **April 30 through October 31**  
Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sunday, noon – 4 p.m.  
**November 1 through May 1**  
Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday, noon – 4 p.m.

Purpose: The NCSML offers the general public four exhibit galleries filled with items that explain the history and culture of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. "Homelands: The Story of the Czech and Slovak People" is a permanent exhibit. Three regularly rotated special exhibit galleries focus on a variety of Czech and Slovak topics in greater detail. The library holds an impressive collection of books and archival materials pertaining to Czech and Slovak history and culture. In addition, the Museum Store carries hard-to-find items made in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Eligibility: The museum is open to the public, and memberships are available to those who wish to offer further support.

##### **Czech Heritage Foundation, Inc.**

Address: P.O. Box 761

Cedar Rapids, IA 52406  
Telephone: 319-362-5123 (Russell Novotny)  
Contact: Russell Novotny, President  
Purpose: Preservation of Czech history, music, education, culture and traditions. Through the foundation, students are able to access a homestay program in the Czech Republic.  
Eligibility: The Czech Heritage Foundation invites anyone who is interested in the Foundation's mission to contact the Foundation at the phone number above.

Danish  
**The Danish Immigrant Museum**

Address: 2212 Washington Street  
PO Box 470  
Elk Horn, IA 51531  
Telephone: 800-759-9192  
712-764-7001  
Fax: 712-764-7002  
E-mail: [dkmus@netins.net](mailto:dkmus@netins.net)  
Contact: Rick Burns, Executive Director  
Purpose: The Danish Immigrant Museum is dedicated to preserving the culture and history and to sharing the stories of the Danish people who immigrated to America. The museum hopes to actively promote the link between Denmark and the United States.

New exhibits occur twice a year. The museum also hosts a lecture series, an outdoor summer theater presentation titled "Number the Stars," Tivoli Fest, Jule Fest, nationalization ceremonies, and a mid-summer fest. The museum also contains the Family History and Genealogy Center. This genealogical resource includes 900 family histories and genealogies as well as numerous indexes and sources.

Eligibility: Various levels of membership support the mission of the museum. Benefits include free admission, discount in the gift shop and access to the museum newsletter.

Disabled Persons  
**Division of Persons with Disabilities**

Address: Iowa Department of Human Rights  
Lucas State Office Building  
321 E. 12th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
Telephone: 515-242-6172  
Email: [dhf.disabilities@iowa.gov](mailto:dhf.disabilities@iowa.gov)  
Contact: Jill Fultano-Avery  
Website: [www.state.ia.us/dhr/pd/](http://www.state.ia.us/dhr/pd/)  
Purpose: The Division of Persons with Disabilities exists within the Department of Human Rights to promote the employment of Iowans with disabilities and to reduce barriers.

ers to employment by providing information, referrals, training, assessment and guidance, as well as negotiation services to employers and citizens with disabilities.

French

**Alliance Francaise of Central Iowa**

Address: 402 29th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50312  
Telephone: 515-271-3120  
515-243-4089 (Evening)  
Fax: 515-246-1427  
Contact: Julian Archer  
Dan Ketchum  
Purpose: The alliance hosts many gatherings intended to boost awareness of French cultural practices. Among these are a Bastille Day picnic, a May Day potluck and a holiday dinner. A French conversational group meets frequently.  
Eligibility: Anyone who participates in the Alliance events is considered a member.

Filipino

**Filipino –American Association of Iowa**

Address: 1748 NW 122nd  
Clive, IA 50325  
Telephone: 515-556-5883  
Evening: 515-224-2957  
E-mail: [FilAmAssnIA@excite.com](mailto:FilAmAssnIA@excite.com)  
Web Site: <http://filamiowa.tripod.com/>  
Contact: Amando or Susan Siasoco  
Purpose: This group exists to make Filipino and Filipino-Americans welcome in the local community. The group's goal is to offer charitable and humanitarian assistance to the local community and to the Philippines during emergencies. Their actions promote Filipino culture while increasing knowledge on related subjects throughout Iowa.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender

**First Friday Breakfast Club**

Address: c/o The Davis Law Firm  
666 Walnut Street, Suite 2500  
Des Moines, IA 50309-3993  
Telephone: (515) 288-2500  
Email: [info@ffbc Iowa.org](mailto:info@ffbc Iowa.org)  
Contact: Jonathan Wilson  
Website: [www.ffbc Iowa.org](http://www.ffbc Iowa.org)  
Purpose: The First Friday Breakfast Club (FFBC) is an educational, non-profit organization for gay men in Iowa who gather the first Friday of every month to provide mutual support, to be educated on community affairs and to further educate community opinion leaders with more positive images of gay men. It is the largest breakfast club in the

state of Iowa; the main chapter is in Des Moines, and affiliated groups are located in the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area and Kansas City, Missouri.

The club provides a safe and supportive environment for its members, and the membership list is kept confidential. Help is also available for those who need assistance in the "coming out" process.

The club also raises money for a scholarship fund and awards a yearly grant to one Iowa high school senior who has contributed to reducing the degree of homophobia in his/her school and/or community. Letters are sent to every high school counselor in Iowa to solicit scholarship candidates.

### **LGBT Student Services**

Address: 1010H Student Services Building  
Iowa State University  
Ames, IA 50011

Telephone: 515-294-5433

Email: [lgbtss@iastate.edu](mailto:lgbtss@iastate.edu)

Contact: John Faughn

Website: [www.dso.iastate.edu/lgbtss/](http://www.dso.iastate.edu/lgbtss/)

Purpose: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Student Services (LGBTSS), a unit of the Dean of Students Office at Iowa State University, is a safe space for all members of the university community to explore aspects of sexual orientation and gender issues in an open and non-judgmental atmosphere. LGBTSS is committed to providing information and education that enhances the educational experience and overall quality of student life on the Iowa State campus. LGBTSS and its staff work to promote advocacy, support, visibility and diversity through programming, services and referrals. In achieving this mission, LGBTSS strives to promote full inclusion of LGBT persons and their allies at ISU and to eliminate homophobia, heterosexism, and sexism on our campus.

### **German**

#### **Amana Heritage Society**

Address: P.O. Box 81  
Amana, IA 52203

Telephone: 319-622-3567

E-mail: [amherit@juno.com](mailto:amherit@juno.com)

Purpose: The Amana Heritage Society collects and interprets the shared history of the Amana community from its True Inspirationist beginnings in Germany to its present day existence. The society shares its work with the public by keeping a well-stocked library as well as several collections of artifacts and other historical objects.

### **Greek**

### **Greek Orthodox Church of St. John the Baptist**

Address: 501 A Avenue NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
Telephone: 319-364-5460  
Fax: 319-364-1546  
Contact: Father Ciprian Sas, Priest  
Web Site: <http://www.stjohncr.org>

Purpose: The church provides praise and worship services. Its services extend to the rest of the world through philanthropic groups dedicated to helping others.

Eligibility: All are welcome. Please call for further information.

### **Indian/India**

#### **Friends of India Association**

Address: 7413 Westbury Drive NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
Telephone: 319-377-8706  
Contact: Mr. Gangadhar Vemuganti, President  
Purpose: The Friends of India Association provides a forum for members to meet and exchange views while taking part in a wide variety of activities such as cultural entertainment and community educational programs. Commitment to world service forms another pillar of the organization; and serves as a fundraising platform for humanitarian causes, including aid for victims of natural disasters. The association is interested in furthering India-related dialogues. It networks with other organizations in times of common interest, and maintains information for the media regarding the Indian community. The organization is always expanding and actively searches for future activities to support.

Newcomers to the area are invited to attend and learn about services such as housing, health care and education in relation to the Indian community.

Eligibility: Anyone interested is welcome. Please call for information.

#### **India Student Association**

Telephone: 319-621-1452  
E-mail: [indiaorg@uiowa.edu](mailto:indiaorg@uiowa.edu)  
[arindom-saha@uiowa.edu](mailto:arindom-saha@uiowa.edu)  
Contact: Arindom Saha, President  
Purpose: Established in 1981, ISA is a non-profit organization that promotes awareness of Indian culture, provides opportunities for social interaction and showcases [India](#) as a nation. The India Student Association encourages and fosters programs of special interest to the Indian community

and promotes healthy interaction between the Indian community and the residents of [Iowa City and surrounding areas](#).

Eligibility [Membership](#) in ISA is free and open to all students, faculty and staff members of the University of Iowa.

#### *Indonesian*

#### **Indonesian Student Association**

E-mail: [permias@list.uiowa.edu](mailto:permias@list.uiowa.edu)  
Contact: Teddy Robin, President  
Purpose: ISA fosters friendship and unity among Indonesians who live far away from their home country while also serving as a medium for social gatherings.

This site serves as a source of information for Permias (which stands for Persatuan Mahasiswa Indonesia di Amerika Serikat or Indonesian Student Association in United States of America) members as well as for those who want to know more about Permias Iowa City.

Eligibility: For further information, please contact the president.

#### Irish

#### **SAPADAPASO**

Address: P.O. Box 2771  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
Telephone: 319-396-3360 (Tammy Hill, Home)  
319-375-2028 (Tammy Hill, Work)  
Contact: Tammy Hill  
Purpose: Sapadapaso works to preserve Irish heritage by hosting the Irish Hooley, an Irish party, and the March 17th parade.  
Eligibility: Anybody who is interested is welcome to attend meetings.

#### Italian

#### **Italian-American Cultural Center**

Address: 1961 Indianola Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50315  
Telephone: 515-280-3719  
Fax: 515-883-2165  
E-mail: [signorc@mcleodusa.net](mailto:signorc@mcleodusa.net)  
Contact: Patricia Civitate, Director  
Purpose: The IACC preserves and promotes the customs of the Italian people. This is accomplished through a cultural museum, several vocational displays and the Photo Exhibit Hall.

#### Japanese

#### **Japan America Society of Iowa**

Address: P.O. Box 12093  
Des Moines, IA 50312

Telephone: 515-281-2361  
Contact: Polly Fortune, Board President  
Fax: 515 281-2601  
E-mail: [jasi@i-rule.net](mailto:jasi@i-rule.net)  
Web Site: <http://www.i-rule.net/jasi.org/>

Purpose: The JASI promotes friendly international relations, Japanese cultural activities and mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and Japan. The society is dedicated to the cause of peace.

### Jewish

#### Agudas Achim Congregation

Address: 602 E. Washington Street  
Iowa City, IA 52240  
Telephone: 319-337-3813  
Fax: 319-337-6764  
E-mail: [agudasachim@aol.com](mailto:agudasachim@aol.com)  
Contact: Rabbi Jeff Portman  
Purpose: In addition to synagogue programs and activities, Agudas Achim helps Iowa Jews maintain and enjoy their lifestyle and religious observances.

Some services offered are:

#### Kosher Meat Co-op

The Hy-Vee Food Store on Waterfront Drive stocks kosher meat and chicken, and will also order items not carried. Contact Aliber Hillel at 338-0778 or [hillel@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu](mailto:hillel@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu)

#### Shabbat and Holiday Service

Shabbat services are regularly held on Friday evenings at 7:45 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Further services are held throughout the year to celebrate the High Holy Days as well as other holidays.

Schooling Agudas Achim offers religious school for children between the ages of 3 and 16. Afternoon Hebrew school begins when a child is 8 years of age. There are three youth groups for children in elementary and high school and adult education courses and lectures throughout the year.

Sisterhood: This service organization meets regularly. In addition to service opportunities, this group offers study and socialization.

#### Sisterhood Gift Shop

This is the leading seller of dreidels, kippot, and mezuzot in Iowa City. The gift shop, which is run by [Sisterhood](#), has a wide variety of Judaica available to commemorate life cycle events and to assist home observance of Shabbat and holidays, as well as gifts for all ages.

#### Library

The synagogue's library is stocked with approximately 2,000 volumes. The collection includes fiction and non-fiction works of Jewish interest, as well as the leading Jewish magazines.

### **Iowa Jewish Senior Center**

Address: 900 Polk Boulevard  
Des Moines, IA 50265  
Telephone: 515-255-5433  
Fax: 515-277-8898  
Contact: Mr. Stephen Blend  
Purpose: In addition to standard nursing home facilities, the Iowa Jewish Senior Center boasts a dedication to building a thriving Jewish community.

### **Temple Judah**

Address: 3221 Lindsay Lane  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  
Telephone: 319-362-1261  
Fax: 319-365-6276  
Contact: Mitzi Baker, Temple Secretary  
E-mail: [mfsings@ccr.net](mailto:mfsings@ccr.net)  
Web Site: [www.templejudah.org](http://www.templejudah.org)  
Purpose: Temple Judah has a long and proud history in Cedar Rapids, a history of tradition that continues to the present day. As the only Jewish congregation in the city, it serves people from widely different backgrounds with understanding, sensitivity and love.

Temple Judah, affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, offers liberal as well as traditional services on the High Holy Days. The temple supports a religious and Hebrew school, youth programs from pre-kindergarten through high school, adult education classes, adult Hebrew classes, Torah study, special guest scholars, women's programming, a volunteer choir, library and gift shop.

### **Korean**

### **Korean-American Society of Iowa**

Address: P.O. Box 664  
Des Moines, IA 50303  
Telephone: 515-225-9218

Contact: Kurt Kim  
E-mail: jheus@hanmail.net  
Purpose: By introducing Korean culture to second generation Korean-Americans, the Korean-American Society of Iowa works to preserve traditional practices and maintain a shared history. Their major public event is Korean History Day.

Lebanese

**St. George Orthodox Church**

Address: 3650 Cottage Grove Avenue SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  
Telephone: 319-363-1559  
Purpose: St. George Orthodox Christian Church was founded by Lebanese immigrants. In the late 1800s, men and women arrived in Cedar Rapids as peddlers and traveling salespeople. They had families, settled down and opened up their own businesses. Soon, they began to encourage their relatives to follow them. In 1914, they built their church on the corner of 10th Street and 12th Avenue S.W. From its beginning, the church has had an ethnically diverse group of parishioners (Lebanese, Syrians, Russians, Greeks, and others). The church has served as the main meeting place for Cedar Rapidsians of Christian Lebanese descent and has been the main force in keeping the Lebanese culture alive for five generations of Lebanese-Americans.

The church sponsors Arabic classes as well as other educational programs relating to the Lebanese and Middle Eastern culture.

St. George is famous for its food, and has consistently been the main source of Lebanese food for Eastern Iowans. For 80 years, the church has hosted annual Lebanese dinners for the entire community, as well as bake sales at various times during the year.

The church also hosts a summer Mediterranean Festival that boasts a variety of Lebanese foods, music and folklore dancing in order to share the Lebanese history and culture with the surrounding community.

Muslim

**Islamic Cultural & Heritage Center - Mother Mosque of America**

Address: 1335 Ninth Street NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
Telephone: 319-366-3150  
Contact: Taha Tawil, Imam  
Purpose: A cultural center providing information about Islam, Muslims and the Middle East. Culture, folklore, clothing and music are all valid topics that the ICHC offers in

their workshops. The workshops aim to promote cultural diversity and sensitivity. Provides help to businesses with translation.

Eligibility: Anyone interested is welcome. Please call for further information.

### **Association of Muslims in America**

Address: UI Association of Muslims in America  
P.O. Box 2501  
Iowa City, IA 52244

Contact: [muslims@www.uiowa.edu](mailto:muslims@www.uiowa.edu)

Purpose: The Muslim Students Association [AMA] is an organization at the [University of Iowa](http://www.uiowa.edu). It is a non-profit, non-political organization that encourages and enables Muslims with basic competence in Islam to contribute individually and collectively toward meeting human needs in conformity with Islamic doctrines and belief. It also avoids any practices contrary to Islam and creates a feeling of brotherhood/sisterhood.

AMA brings together Muslims and others interested in Islam in a comfortable, non-judgmental, friendly environment in Iowa City.

AMA seeks to establish an accurate image of Islam and Muslims in America. It helps students on campus, as well as the rest of the community, understand and appreciate the religion of Islam without cultural, political or other influences.

Eligibility: AMA membership is open to anyone. In no aspect of its program is there any difference in the treatment of persons because of race, national origin, color, creed, religion, sex, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, associational preference, or any other classification that would deprive the person of consideration as an individual. The organization guarantees equal opportunity and equal access to membership, programming, facilities, and benefits open to all. E-mail or write for application information.

### **Norwegian**

#### **Sons of Norway #548**

Address: 2119 Lincolnshire Drive SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Telephone: 319-362-6910

Contact: Dean H. Gesme Sr.

Purpose: The Sons of Norway is a Norwegian heritage organization that sponsors cultural programs and supports social and charitable projects. Brotherhood and proud heritage are emphasized.

Eligibility: Anyone interested is invited to call for further information.

## International Student Programs

### Eyes of the World

Address: Box 2604  
810 Commons Circle  
Mount Vernon, IA 52314

Contact: Crystal Clark, Advisor  
E-mail: [cclark@cornellcollege.edu](mailto:cclark@cornellcollege.edu)

Purpose: Eyes of the World is a nexus for students attending Cornell College who wish to share and trade cultural paradigms. Its focus is on serving as a support group for international students by providing experiences on and outside of campus. The majority of these events are cultural programs designed to raise awareness and to provide a guide against close-mindedness.

Eyes of the World's annual programs include, but are not limited to, a welcome dinner, evening culture show, international dinner, and cultural trips.

### University of Iowa International Programs

Address: The University of Iowa International Programs  
1111 University Capitol Centre  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City, IA 52242

Telephone: 319-335-0335  
Fax: 319-335-0280  
Contact: Diana Davies, Director  
E-mail: [diana-davies@uiowa.edu](mailto:diana-davies@uiowa.edu)  
Web: <http://intl-programs.uiowa.edu/>

Purpose: International Programs at the University of Iowa provide a rich array of international, academic and cultural opportunities for its students as well as all citizens of Iowa. The faculty teaches more than 250 courses focusing on international and global issues at each of the University's 11 colleges. Each year nearly 1,000 UI students study abroad in more than 40 countries. Annually, approximately 2,300 international students and scholars representing more than 100 nations come to the University of Iowa to study.

The University of Iowa also has international research and training agreements with more than 70 universities and research institutes worldwide. The mission of International Programs is to internationalize the undergraduate, graduate and professional curricula at the University; promote international scholarship and educational exchange; enhance the Iowa experience for international students and scholars; further international knowledge and activities across the state; and help create a community and society responsive to the increasingly international needs and obligations of citizenship.

Eligibility: International Programs offers many international education and cross-cultural training programs for the larger

community, including the International Classroom Journey and Culture Kits programs (for K-12), the International Writer in Residence program (for K-12 and community organizations) and the Building Our Global Community program (training in cross-cultural communication skills).

Polish

**Polish-American Society of Iowa**

Address: 4736 Candlewick Drive  
Norwalk, IA 50211  
Telephone: 515-285-0974  
Contact: Steton Beme, Marek Gotszking, Donato O'Donell,  
Krystna Van Benthuysen  
Purpose: The Polish-American Society of Iowa promotes and preserves Polish language and culture through support of its members and educational experiences. In addition, the society promotes Polish fellowship through holiday gatherings and potlucks.

Scottish

**Hawkeye Area Grand Gaelic Isles Society (HAGGIS)**

Address: P.O. Box 10212  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52410  
E-mail: makdowall@aol.com  
Contact: Lynne McDole, President

Tai Dam

**Society of Thaidan American Friendship (SOTAF)**

Address: 3818 SE 25th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50320  
Telephone: 515-242-7784  
515-282-6239 (Evening)  
Fax: 515-242-8168  
E-mail: [dinh.vanlo@dmps.k12.ia.us](mailto:dinh.vanlo@dmps.k12.ia.us)  
Contact: Dinh VanLo  
Purpose: SOTAF is dedicated to making a significant impact on the lives of the Thaidam people and American society as a whole. This is done by uniting Thaidam, Americans, and Thaidam-Americans in the pursuit of mutually beneficial causes, such as sharing in Thaidan cultural practices at the annual New Year celebration.

Members assist each other as well as the organization with donations of time and service. This service frequently takes the form of funeral assistance, educational work and other social services. The society organizes these efforts as well as informs its members of related information through a regular newsletter.

Taiwanese

### **Taiwanese Association of Iowa**

Address: 13280 Sunset Circle and 4736 Candlewick Drive  
Clive, IA 50325  
Telephone: 515-226-9674  
Fax: 515-226-9674  
Contact: T.K. Lin  
Purpose: The Taiwanese Association of Iowa hosts lectures on Taiwanese history and current events. These lectures promote communication, friendship and understanding between Americans and Taiwanese.

### **Turkey**

#### **University of Iowa Turkish Student Association (TSA)**

Telephone: 319-887-9458 (Kenan Gundogdu)  
319-887-9458 (Abdullah Kocbay)  
E-mail: [turkish@lime.weeg.uiowa.edu](mailto:turkish@lime.weeg.uiowa.edu)  
[akocbay@newton.physics.uiowa.edu](mailto:akocbay@newton.physics.uiowa.edu)  
Purpose: The purpose of TSA is to develop the relations between the Turkish students of the University of Iowa and other students, faculty and staff. In the process, the student association educates the community on Turkish culture and the history of Turkey. The aim of the TSA is to inform people about upcoming events of the association and to provide useful Web links about Turkey and Turkish culture on the Internet.  
Eligibility: Any person of Turkish descent or interested in Turkish culture is welcome as a member.

### **Vietnamese**

#### **Vietnamese Friendship Association**

Address: c/o Oriental Market and Gift Shop  
803 Second Avenue SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  
Telephone: 319-362-1846  
Fax: 319-362-1846  
Contact: Hung Pham, President  
Purpose: The Vietnamese Friendship Association focuses on social and cultural adjustment. The organization focuses primarily on youth and the special challenges that confront them in the contemporary world.  
Eligibility: Anyone of Indo-Chinese descent is welcome as a member.

### **Welsh**

#### **Iowa Welsh Society – Cymdeithas Gymreig Iowa**

Address: 2502 Beaver Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50310  
Telephone: 515-255-0233  
E-mail: mccaugheyj@worldnet.att.net  
Contact: Patricia E. McCaughey

Purpose: The Iowa Welsh Society preserves and promotes the Welsh Culture: Its Saint David's Day meeting, celebrated the first Saturday in March, is a major event. Other meetings occur quarterly and are promoted by the Society's newsletter.

Eligibility: Anyone of Welsh decent or anyone interested in anything Welsh is welcome to be a member. All events are open to the public.

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52406  
Telephone: 319-862-2101  
1-877-526-1863 (Toll-free)  
Fax: 319-862-2105  
E-mail: [information@blackiowa.org](mailto:information@blackiowa.org)  
Web Site: [www.blackiowa.org/](http://www.blackiowa.org/)  
Contact: Tom Moore, Executive Director  
Purpose: The mission of the African American Historical Museum & Cultural Center of Iowa is to preserve and share Iowa's rich African-American heritage by offering educational resources to the public and by promoting a new center for learning.

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The museum aims to educate the public and to promote and publicize the heritage of black people of continental African descent. The museum networks with other like organizations to promote a wider sense of community involvement. To accomplish its goals, the museum develops programs designed to educate and involve the community. In addition to raising funds, the museum frequently procures artifacts, art and related historical items for exhibit and preservation .

Eligibility: The museum is open to the public, and memberships are available to those who wish to offer further support.

### **Brucemore Historic Site and Community Cultural Center**

Address: 2160 Linden Drive  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  
Telephone: 319-362-7375  
319-362-1004 (Brucemore Cutting Gardens)  
1-800-7294781 (Brucemore Cutting Gardens)  
Fax: 319-362-9481  
E-mail: [mail@brucemore.org](mailto:mail@brucemore.org)  
Web Site: [www.brucemore.org](http://www.brucemore.org)  
Contact: Peggy Whitworth – [peggy@brucemore.org](mailto:peggy@brucemore.org)

Purpose: Since 1981, Brucemore has been a National Trust Historic Site, known for its variety of hosted events. Brucemore is a Queen Anne-style mansion situated on a magnificent 26-acre park-like estate in the heart of Cedar Rapids. Built between 1884 and 1886, Brucemore was once home to three prominent families who used the estate as a center for culture and the arts.

Today, Brucemore is alive with events from dance to drama and continues to serve as a focal point for cultural, philanthropic and educational activities. Each year, Brucemore is enjoyed by thousands of visitors who attend musical events, fine arts performances, holiday celebrations, and garden walks held on the estate. A tour of the 21-room mansion provides a glimpse of the privileged life of an earlier time.

Visitors who wish to take a portion of Brucemore's natural elegance home are invited to visit the Brucemore Cutting Gardens. Here, they will be able to purchase flowers that evoke the setting's beauty.

### **Cedar Rapids Museum of Art**

Address: 410 Third Avenue S.E.  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
Telephone: 319-366-7503  
Fax: 319-366-4111  
E-mail: [info@crma.org](mailto:info@crma.org)  
Web Site: [www.crma.org](http://www.crma.org)  
Contact: Terence Pitts, Executive Director  
Purpose: On December 9, 1989, the \$10 million Cedar Rapids Museum of Art building opened as the new home of the 100-year-old Cedar Rapids Art Association. Architects designed the 63,000- square-foot facility that encompasses a restored 1905 Beaux Arts building, a former Carnegie Library, along with a newly constructed gallery.

The museum features a distinguished collection of art, including Ancient Roman portrait busts. The permanent collection includes works by Marvin D. Cone, Grant Wood, Mauricio Lasansky, and Malvina. In addition, special exhibitions by local, national and international artists are frequently available.

Nearby is the museum's newly obtained Grant Wood Studio. This building is where Grant Wood lived and worked from 1924 until 1934. During this period he was at the height of his artistic skill; it was here where he painted American Gothic. Information regarding guided tours of the Grant Wood Studios is available at the Museum.

### **Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre**

Address: 1120 Second Avenue S.E.  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  
Telephone: 319-365-7401  
319-366-8591 (Box Office)  
Fax: 319-365-0494  
E-mail: [vmichalicek@cr-opera.org](mailto:vmichalicek@cr-opera.org)  
Web Site: [www.cr-opera.org](http://www.cr-opera.org)  
Purpose: The mission of the Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre is to advance opera as a vital, living American art form, and to develop the artists who create it as well as the audience that appreciates and supports it.

### **Cedar Rapids Symphony**

Address: 205 Second Avenue SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
Telephone: 319-366-8203  
800-369-8863  
E-Mail: [boxoffice@crsymphony.org](mailto:boxoffice@crsymphony.org) (Box Office)  
[jwright@crsymphony.org](mailto:jwright@crsymphony.org)  
Web Site: [www.crsymphony.org](http://www.crsymphony.org)

Contact: Jason Wright, Executive Director  
Purpose: Established in 1922, the Cedar Rapids Symphony is recognized nationally as an exemplary, full-service professional orchestra. The CRSO offers a complete range of concert series (Masterworks, Pops, Chamber, Discovery, and Youth), operates an extensive education program including an industry-hailed Symphony School, and is actively engaged in many community partnerships. The Symphony School enrollment is more than 900. The CRSO maintains a formal partnership with the Cedar Rapids Community School District. This relationship, which reaches 40,000 children, has been recognized as a national model by the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more than eight decades, the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra Association has been an active participant in the life of Cedar Rapids. During this time it received frequent national attention. *TIME* magazine described it as “*a model for the whole country*” while Bernard Holland of *The New York Times* described “*an orchestra of such solid accomplishment*” in a feature article. Moreover, the CRSO has received favorable mention in the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *SYMPHONY* magazine. The education programs have been similarly recognized by the NEA and the Kennedy Center. In every case, praise has been offered for the orchestra’s integration with the community, the extensive educational program and the exceptionally high quality of the orchestra’s performances.

### **Creative Writing/Live at Prairie Lights**

#### Iowa Writers' Workshop

Address: 102 Dey House  
507 N. Clinton Street  
Iowa City IA 52242-1408  
Telephone: 319-335-0416  
E-mail: [deb-west@uiowa.edu](mailto:deb-west@uiowa.edu)  
Web Site: [www.uiowa.edu/~iww/index.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~iww/index.html)

#### International Writing Program

Address: Shambaugh House  
430 N. Clinton Street  
Iowa City IA 52242-2020  
Telephone: 319-335-0128  
Web Site: [www.uiowa.edu/~iwp](http://www.uiowa.edu/~iwp)

#### Prairie Lights Bookstore

Address: 15 S. Dubuque St.  
Iowa City, IA 52240  
Telephone: 319-337-2681  
Web Site: [www.prairielightsbooks.com](http://www.prairielightsbooks.com)

Purpose: Iowa City is a literary center of international stature, boasting a schedule of readings and other public literary events equaled only by much larger cities. The catalysts for Iowa City's literary life are the Iowa Writers' Workshop and the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa.

The Writers' Workshop was the first creative writing degree program in a U.S. university, and it has served as a blueprint for university-based creative writing programs, which have collectively transformed the terrain of American literary life.

The program has produced more than a dozen winners of the Pulitzer Prize, several U.S. Poet Laureates and numerous winners of the National Book Award and other major literary honors. The Workshop presents numerous public readings by faculty, student and guest writers throughout the academic year.

The International Writing Program – a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize – is a one-of-a-kind program that assembles a community of prominent foreign writers each fall in Iowa City. Throughout the years, nearly a thousand writers from 115 countries have completed residencies that have included public readings, panel discussions, theatrical productions, symposiums and lectures.

Prairie Lights, an independent bookstore in downtown Iowa City, is the site of many of the readings by Writers' Workshop and IWP writers, as well as a regular stop on the book-promotion tours of leading fiction writers, poets and non-fiction writers. Many of the Prairie Lights readings are broadcast live on UI radio station WSUI, and can be heard worldwide on the station's Web site, <http://wsui.uiowa.edu>.

### **Hancher Auditorium**

Address: Hancher Auditorium, University of Iowa  
Iowa City, IA 52242

Telephone: 319-335-1130  
319-335-1160 (Box office)

1-800-HANCHER (Box office)

Fax: 319-335-1180

TDD: 319-335-1158

E-mail: [hancher-box-office@uiowa.edu](mailto:hancher-box-office@uiowa.edu)

Web Site: [www.uiowa.edu/hancher/](http://www.uiowa.edu/hancher/)

The latest schedule of arts events at the University of Iowa is available online at <http://www.uiowa.edu/artsiowa>. The calendar is updated daily, so event listings on the Web site represent the most up-to-the-minute information available.

Purpose: Hancher Auditorium is a state-of-the-art venue for big-name performing artists, major dance companies and touring Broadway shows. It also has developed an international reputation for innovative programming and nurturing the performing arts through commissions, residencies and premieres of more than 100 commissions during the last two decades. Hancher's commitment to education includes a host of events for school children, and extends throughout the state via the Iowa Communications Network. The auditorium is also an educational laboratory for UI students as the site of major UI dance and music productions.

### **Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum**

Address: 210 Parkside Drive  
Box 488  
West Branch, IA 52358

Telephone: 319-643-5301

E-mail: [hoover.library@nara.gov](mailto:hoover.library@nara.gov)

Web Site: [www.hoover.nara.gov](http://www.hoover.nara.gov)

Purpose: The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum was opened to the public on August 10, 1962, President Hoover's 88th birthday. In the years since, more than 3 million visitors have toured the museum and more than 2,300 scholars from every state in the union and a dozen foreign countries have utilized the library's 7 million pages of documentary holdings. As a result there is an increased understanding of the life and times of America's 31st president, known around the world as the "Great Humanitarian."

In recent years, the Library-Museum has been transformed into a nationally recognized center for the study of 20th-century history and the American presidency. Beginning in 1988, it has sponsored major exhibits featuring personal memorabilia from every U.S. President and First Lady, a pioneering look at World War I, an unprecedented display of presidential gifts and exciting exhibits on the "Roaring Twenties," the Civil War, and other subjects of broad public appeal.

Simultaneously, the library redoubled efforts to locate and collect documentation pertaining to the Hoover Era. In addition to the papers of Herbert Hoover, the manuscript holdings include those of Lewis Strauss, Gerald P. Nye, Felix Morley, Clark Mollenhoff, Robert E. Wood, Westbrook Pegler, Laura Ingalls Wilder and many more. More than 150 collections make the Library an important center for the study of conservative journalistic thought, agricultural economics, famine relief, atomic energy and governmental reorganization.

Since its dedication, The Hoover Library-Museum has

welcomed many distinguished visitors, including seven American presidents: Hoover, Truman, Eisenhower, Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Reagan. Several First Ladies have visited the library, including Mamie Eisenhower, Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon and Rosalynn Carter in September 1990.

Continuing in this tradition, former President Ronald Reagan rededicated the Library August 8, 1992. At the end of a massive expansion and renovation project, the new Library-Museum has grown from 32,000 to 44,500 square feet. Ten-thousand-square-feet are devoted to seven museum galleries telling of Hoover's 50 years of public service. Changing exhibits are displayed in the handsome William Quarton Gallery. The redesigned Library-Museum also includes a 180-seat auditorium, a multi-purpose room that accommodates 60, a conference room that seats 30, and a private meeting room designed for 15 people. The \$8 million facelift was a public-private partnership, with federal support supplying \$5 million for bricks and mortar. The project was supplemented with \$3 million raised by the Hoover Presidential Library Association for new exhibits and educational programming.

### **Iowa Artisan's Gallery**

Address: 207 East Washington St.  
Iowa City, IA 52240

Telephone: 319-351-8686  
1-877-439-6554

E-mail: [artisans@avalon.net](mailto:artisans@avalon.net)

Web Site: <http://www.iowa-artisans-gallery.com>

Purpose: The Iowa Artisan's Gallery displays contemporary crafts and selected contemporary fine art with a focus on Midwestern specialties. Owned by local artists, the gallery prides itself on connecting with its community. Besides its regularly rotating exhibition halls, the Iowa Artisan's Gallery connects several of the city's art openings through the Iowa City Gallery Walk.

### **Legion Arts**

Address: Legion Arts | CSPS  
1103 Third St SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Telephone: 319-364-1580

E-mail: [john@legionarts.org](mailto:john@legionarts.org)

Contact: F. John Herbert

Web Site: <http://www.legionarts.org>

Purpose: Legion Arts is an award-winning nonprofit group dedicated to the creation, presentation and impact of contemporary art. Based at CSPS, a former Czech social hall on the edge of downtown Cedar Rapids, Legion Arts presents cutting-edge art, music, theatre, film and other events

throughout the year. Programs are free or affordable; the atmosphere is inclusive and eclectic. With a well-established emphasis on cultural diversity, Legion Arts programs regularly feature women, people of color, gay & lesbian artists and international companies. A typical season includes artists from more than 20 countries, and a wide range of cultural traditions.

### **Museum of Natural History**

Address: 10 Macbride Hall  
Iowa City, IA 52242  
Telephone: 319-335-0480  
Fax: 319-335-0653  
Contact: David Brenzel  
E-mail: david-brenzel@uiowa.edu  
Web Site: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~nathist/>  
Purpose: The Museum, second oldest in the United States west of the Mississippi River, was established in 1858 when the Iowa General Assembly directed the University to house specimens from the State Natural History and Geological Surveys in a cabinet of natural history located in the Old Capitol building. The directive was in response to a faculty petition requesting funding for specimens and space to support teaching in the natural sciences. The appeal compared Iowa's paucity resources to the abundant collections managed by several leading Eastern universities in the United States, as well as the British Museum.

### **Old Capitol Museum**

Address: Old Capitol Museum  
24 Old Capitol  
The University of Iowa  
Iowa City, IA 52242  
Telephone: 319-335-0548  
Contact: Pam Trimpe  
E-mail: Pamela-trimpe@uiowa.edu  
Site: [www.uiowa.edu/~oldcap](http://www.uiowa.edu/~oldcap)  
Purpose: Construction of Old Capitol, the oldest building on the University of Iowa campus, began in 1839. The cornerstone was laid in 1840, and the building was first occupied in 1842. That same year it became the third capitol building for the Territory of Iowa. Four years later, Iowa became a State of the Union, and Old Capitol assumed a new title: First Capitol of the State of Iowa. In 1857, Westward migration caused the capital site to be moved to Des Moines, and the building was given to the young University of Iowa to serve as its first permanent home.

Initially, Old Capitol was the entire University, providing space for classrooms, offices, a chapel, a library, an armory, and even a room for physical education classes. With the growth of the University many buildings were

constructed, and by 1970 Old Capitol housed mainly the central administration. At that time the decision was made to restore the structure to reflect the three major occupancies of its history: the Territory, the State, and the University. On July 3, 1976, Old Capitol was presented to the public, restored as a living museum. Two outstanding awards were given to Old Capitol during the restoration period: it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972; and in 1976 it gained prestigious recognition as a National Historic Landmark.

Old Capitol was restored to preserve a historically and architecturally distinguished building. The effort served to educate students and others in the nation about Iowa's early history and its significance then, now and for the future. The building now serves its purpose by holding cultural events, displays and guided tours.

A November 20, 2001, fire destroyed the cupola and dome of Old Capitol and caused extensive soot, smoke and water damage to the interior. The museum is now closed for recovery, rebuilding and restoration. The building will be reopened to the public in the spring of 2006.

### **Old Creamery Theatre Company**

Address: The Old Creamery Theatre Company  
39 38th Avenue, Suite 200  
Amana, IA 52203

Telephone: 1-800-35AMANA (toll free box office)  
319-622-6194 (local box office)  
319-622-6034 (business office)

Fax: 319-622-6187

Web Site: [www.oldcreamery.com](http://www.oldcreamery.com)

Purpose: The Old Creamery Theatre Company is proud to be the oldest professional theatre company in the state of Iowa. Since 1983, the Company has operated in agreement with the Actors' Equity Association, which gives the theatre access to a vast pool of professional actors throughout the United States.

The Creamery performs on the Price Creek Stage at the Amana Colonies Visitors Center. This theater space, located outside the historic village of Amana, is 10 minutes north of Interstate 80, 30 minutes southwest of Cedar Rapids, and 30 minutes west of Iowa City. Built in 1988, the facility houses a 275-seat auditorium known for its spacious and comfortable seating.

During a season that begins in the spring and runs through December, many Creamery patrons take advantage of the quaint shops and traditional German-style restaurants of the Amana Colonies before coming to the

theater for an evening of entertainment. In 1971, Thomas P. Johnson and nine theater colleagues realized a dream and formed a professional theater company. Recognizing that a vast majority of Iowans were living in rural communities with little opportunity to experience the arts, they set out to create a tradition of live, professional theater among the people of Iowa and the Midwest. Following this mission, they found a vacant building that had once served the community of Garrison, Iowa, as a co-op dairy.

For more than 20 years, The Creamery's main performance venue was the Garrison facility. In 1988, in an effort to attract a larger audience base, the Company began performing in the Amana Colonies during the summer months. During the next nine years, the seasons in Amana grew in length. In 1996, the Company performed its last repertory season in Garrison. It is now based in Amana.

Since its founding, the Company has been dedicated to performing a wide variety of high-quality live, professional theater for audiences from all walks of life. The company constantly strives to perform proven as well as untried dramatic works. Within the reality of continuing change, the dream has lived on and inspired a very unique and successful professional theater company.

The Old Creamery Theatre Company is a not-for-profit company. Today in Amana, The Creamery remains dedicated to its founding goals, and continues to tour to schools and communities throughout Iowa.

### **Paramount Theatre**

Address: 123 Third Avenue SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Telephone: 319-398-5211

Web Site: [www.uscellularcenter.com](http://www.uscellularcenter.com)

Contact: Sharon Cummins, Executive Director

Purpose: The Paramount Theatre is one of only 300 movie palaces remaining in the United States, according to a *USA Today* report. Built in the architectural extravagance of the 1920s, this 1901-seat theatre hosts more than 170 events a year including concerts, fundraisers, corporate meetings, dance recitals and a Broadway Series. Among its housed organizations are the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra, the Cedar Rapids Area Theatre Organ Society and Community Concerts.

### **Riverside Theatre**

Address: 213 N. Gilbert St  
Iowa City, IA 52245  
Telephone: 319-338-7672  
Contact: Nan Martin, Patron Services Manager  
E-mail: [info@riversidetheatre.org](mailto:info@riversidetheatre.org)  
Web Site: [www.riversidetheatre.org](http://www.riversidetheatre.org)

Purpose: Riverside Theatre is a professional theater entertaining audiences with intimate, engaging productions from the classics to world premieres. The season includes the annual Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival in Iowa City's beautiful outdoor theater in City Park; contemporary plays and musicals in an intimate indoor theater on Gilbert Street; and educational programs for young people and adults.

### **Theatre Cedar Rapids**

Address: 102 3rd Street SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
Telephone: 319-366-8592 (Business office)  
319-366-8591 (Box office)  
E-mail: [theatreocr@theatreocr.org](mailto:theatreocr@theatreocr.org)  
Web Site: [www.theatreocr.org](http://www.theatreocr.org)

Purpose: Among the largest non-profit community theaters in the nation, Theatre Cedar Rapids' home is the magnificently refurbished 512-seat Iowa Theatre building in the heart of downtown Cedar Rapids. With nearly 600 active volunteers and a full-time staff of 13, the theater offers a September to July season of musicals, comedies, dramas and the classics in addition to theater education opportunities for youth and adults.

### **The Carl and Mary Koehler History Center**

Address: 615 First Avenue SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
Telephone: 319-362-1501  
Fax: 319-362-6790  
Web Site: [www.historycenter.org](http://www.historycenter.org)  
Contact: Martha Aldridge, Executive Director

Purpose: In 1969, the Carl and Mary Koehler History Center began as the Linn County Historical Museum Association. From its early days, preserving the heritage of Linn County has been prominent in the hearts and minds of its volunteers.

By the early 1990s, the Linn County Historical Museum Association had transformed into the Linn County His-

torical Society, and The History Center became a museum on Eighth Avenue at First Street in Cedar Rapids.

As additional staff was hired, the goals of the museum became more ambitious. In 1997, a capital campaign began to build a new museum on First Avenue and Sixth Street.

On June 15, 1999, The History Center opened its doors and helped the city of Cedar Rapids celebrate its Sesqui-centennial. That year brought almost 28,000 people through the doors of The History Center and 5,400 students participated in its programs.

In October 2000, TimeQuest was introduced at a world debut gala. TimeQuest is the first-ever 3-D real-time virtual representation of a historic city. Museum visitors climb into a specially designed time machine and drive through downtown Cedar Rapids circa 1920.

TimeQuest was created in collaboration with The History Center, Digital Artifacts, the University of Iowa and a multi-disciplinary team of more than 50 curators, scholars, volunteers and students.

### **The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library**

National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library

Address: 30 16th Avenue SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Telephone: 319-362-8500

Fax: 319-363-2209

E-mail: [info@ncsml.org](mailto:info@ncsml.org)

Web Site: [www.ncsml.org](http://www.ncsml.org)

Purpose: The NCSML offers the general public four exhibit galleries filled with items that explain the history and culture of the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

"Homelands: The Story of the Czech and Slovak People" is the permanent exhibit. Three special exhibit galleries focus on a variety of Czech and Slovak topics in greater detail. The library holds an impressive collection of books and archival materials pertaining to Czech and Slovak history and culture. In addition, the Museum Store carries hard-to-find items made in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Eligibility: The museum is open to the public, and memberships are available to those who wish to offer further support.

### **University of Iowa Division of Performing Arts**

Address: Division of Performing Arts  
1004 Voxman Music Building

Iowa City, IA 52242

Telephone: 319-335-3213

Web Site: [www.uiowa.edu/~dpa/](http://www.uiowa.edu/~dpa/)  
The latest schedule of arts events at the University of Iowa is available online at <http://www.uiowa.edu/artsiowa>. The calendar is updated daily, so event listings on the Web site represent the most up-to-the-minute information available.

Purpose: The Division of Performing Arts is part of the University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and is comprised of the Department of Dance, the School of Music, the Department of Theatre Arts, and the Center for New Music and Arts Share. Established in July 2000, the Division fosters collaboration and artistic exchange between the artists in each of its component fields, and works to heighten and expand public awareness of artistic and scholarly work.

School of Music: With a faculty of artist-teachers in all major performance areas and approximately 450 students majoring in music, the School of Music offers numerous performances ranging from solo recitals by faculty and students, and concerts by faculty chamber ensembles to concerts by orchestras, bands, choral ensembles, jazz bands, percussion ensembles and other large groups. Most performances are available to the public at no cost, displaying a wide variety of genres, styles and repertoire choices. Ticketed events include the Signature Series of concerts by the University Symphony, presented throughout the academic year in Hancher Auditorium and productions of the Martha-Ellen Tye Opera Theater, presented in the spring and summer.

Department of Theatre Arts: The Department of Theatre Arts is one of America's oldest and most-respected drama schools, with a special emphasis on the creation and production of new work. Public performances range from a University Theatres Mainstage season combining the standard theater repertory with contemporary theater and new collaborative projects to readings and small-scale productions of new scripts by students in the Iowa Playwrights Workshop. Each spring, the department showcases the best new student scripts in the Iowa New Play Festival, the most ambitious festival of new theater at any American university. In the summer, the department sponsors a professional Actors Equity company, Iowa Summer Rep, which presents a unique approach to summer theater: Each summer season is a festival of plays by a single contemporary playwright.

Department of Dance: The UI Dance Department is unusual in its inclusion of both ballet and contemporary dance curricula. A recent survey indicated UI graduates in professional ballet companies outnumber the alumni of any other collegiate dance department. In addition to a major annual production in Hancher Auditorium – the

Dance Gala – the department presents a busy schedule of thesis concerts, productions of new student and faculty choreography and guest artists in the intimate Space/Place Theatre of UI North Hall. Dancers in Company, a touring repertory ensemble, perform both on-campus and in communities throughout the region.

**University of Iowa Museum of Art**

Address: 150 North Riverside Drive  
100 Museum of Art  
Iowa City, IA 52242-1789

Telephone: 319-335-1727

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E-mail: [uima@uiowa.edu](mailto:uima@uiowa.edu)

Web Site: [www.uiowa.edu/uima](http://www.uiowa.edu/uima)

Hours: Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday - noon to 5 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday - noon to 9 p.m.

Purpose: This is more than a Museum of Art - it is a museum dedicated to art. The Museum's collections include European and American art since 1900. A highlight is Jackson Pollock's Mural of 1943, a landmark of American painting. The UIMA also has one of North America's most important collections of African art. Other collections include Pre-Columbian art and prints, drawings, and photographs. The Museum has an active program of changing exhibitions and an extensive roster of programs for all ages and interests.

The Technology Corridor's cultural diversity is evident from its numerous annual festivals and events. Welcoming to people of all ethnicities, the region offers many opportunities for fellowship and entertainment. A complete listing of activities can be found at [www.culturalcorridor.org](http://www.culturalcorridor.org).

The Technology Corridor offers many opportunities to appreciate ethnic foods. Local residents and visitors find a culinary mix of unexpected proportions in the Midwest. The sources of ethnic foods are varied: restaurants, groceries, open-air seasonal farmers' markets, religious and cultural festivals and many civic events connected to local cultural associations.

Iowa schools and Technology Corridor schools rank among the nation's best. Our schools complement each other through mutual cooperation, including the scheduling of school and athletic activities. Families and students may choose between public and parochial schools. Public and private schools have undertaken recent or current building projects, adding entire schools and additional classrooms in the five districts in the Corridor. The religious affiliation of the private schools adds to the community's diversity: Lutheran, Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist and Baptist. An inter-denominational school includes students enrolled from 51 churches.

Kirkwood Community College provides a thriving, progressive junior college environment, educating more than 50,000 students annually in academic and community education programs. Courses are offered at the main campus in Cedar Rapids and in Iowa City, as well as in surrounding communities. Two-year degree programs in many disciplines and extensive and varied community education courses have made Kirkwood a valuable asset.

Four-year undergraduate degrees can be earned at Coe College and Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, and at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon. The undergraduate and graduate programs at each school enroll between 1,000 and 1,300 students.

The University of Iowa is a Big Ten school enrolling nearly 30,000 students in undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs. UI is also home of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, a nationally-noted and highly-ranked, tertiary-care medical center.

The University of Northern Iowa, a mid-sized state school with approximately 12,000 students, is located at the north end of the Corridor. In recent years, the I-380 limited-access highway has made UNI a reasonable commute, particularly for Technology Corridor graduate students.

## Colleges and Universities

### Coe College

Address: 1220 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52042  
Telephone: 319-399-8830  
877-225-2263 (Toll Free)  
Contact: Dr. James Phifer, President  
E-mail: [opreside@coe.edu](mailto:opreside@coe.edu)  
Web Site: [www.coe.edu](http://www.coe.edu)  
Purpose: The mission of Coe College is to provide students an education of superior quality that prepares them for post-graduate life. Coe College readies students intellectually, professionally and socially to lead productive and satisfying lives in the global society of the 21st century.

### Cornell College

Address: 600 1<sup>st</sup> Street W  
Mt. Vernon, IA 52314  
Telephone: 319-895-4000  
Fax: 319-895-5189  
Contact: Dr. Leslie Garner Jr., President  
E-mail: [communications@cornellcollege.edu](mailto:communications@cornellcollege.edu)  
Web Site: [www.cornellcollege.edu](http://www.cornellcollege.edu)  
Purpose: One of two U.S. campuses listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Cornell College is unique in U.S. higher education in offering the combination of liberal arts study with the One-Course-At-A-Time class framework. It is also noted for its active residential community, emphasis on student service and leadership, and wooded, hilltop setting.

### Cultural Understanding and Exploration

Address: Cornell College  
Mount Vernon, Iowa  
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[w-langesen@cornellcollege.edu](mailto:w-langesen@cornellcollege.edu)  
Contact: Nicole Wanty, Co-President  
Wendy Langesen, Co-President  
Purpose: Cultural Understanding and Exploration provides a means for informing and educating students and the general Cornell community about the practical applications and theoretical issues concerning anthropology, as well as enabling a wider comprehension of current cultural issues.  
  
CUE helps sponsor speakers and musicians, hosts debates about topics relating to culture, makes dinners,

takes interested students to the Department of Anthropology's Colloquium Series of Anthropological speakers at the University of Iowa, and hosts a monthly, culturally relative film.

Eligibility: Membership in CUE is free and open to all students, faculty and staff members of Cornell College. The general public is also welcome at all CUE events.

**Kirkwood Community College**

Address: 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW  
P.O. Box 2068  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Telephone: 319-398-5500

Contact: Dr. Mick Starcevich, President

E-mail: [mick.starcevich@kirkwood.edu](mailto:mick.starcevich@kirkwood.edu)

Web Site: <http://www.kirkwood.cc.ia.us/>

Purpose: Consistent with the philosophy held by the college and in accordance with the charge given it by the State of Iowa as an institution of higher education, Kirkwood Community College dedicates itself to the needs of its community: it provides accessible, quality education and vocational training. Constantly striving for betterment, Kirkwood opens the way to lifelong learning, as demonstrated by its motto: Start Here - Go Anywhere!

**Iowa State University: Linn County Extension Office**

Address: 3279 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Suite 140  
Marion, IA 52302

Telephone: 319-377-9839  
319-447-0647 (Hotline)

Fax: 319-377-0475

Contact: Connie Benesh, Design & Public Relations Assistant

E-mail: [benesh1@iastate.edu](mailto:benesh1@iastate.edu)

Web Site: [www.extension.iastate.edu/linn](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/linn)

Purpose: Iowa State University Extension recognizes that today's most important issues know no geographic boundaries. The most complex problems confronting the community, such as environmental issues, neighborhood revitalization, water quality, health issues, youth development, employment and economic growth affect everyone.

Positive action leveled at these problems leads to savings for consumers and taxpayers. Linn County Extension provides research-based, non-biased education and information focused on addressing environmental, economic, and societal issues. Their local office is available to work with all people, communities, businesses, and organizations in Linn County. Extension is part of an educational network supported by Iowa State University, local county governments, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

### **Mount Mercy College**

Address: 1330 Elmhurst Drive Northeast  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
Telephone: 319-363-8213  
Fax: 319-362-5270  
President: Dr. Robert Pearce, President  
E-mail: [rpearce@mmc.mtmercy.edu](mailto:rpearce@mmc.mtmercy.edu)  
Web Site: [www.mtmercy.edu](http://www.mtmercy.edu)  
Purpose: The mission of Mount Mercy College is to engage qualified persons in the work of an academic community. This community is distinguished by its Judeo-Christian tradition, Catholic heritage, and especially by the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy exemplify the spirit of committed service wherever human need exists. Mount Mercy College is committed to providing learning experiences that reflect the importance of reason and the liberal arts.

### **University of Iowa**

Address: 1010 Jessup Hall  
Iowa City, IA 52242  
Telephone: 319-335-3549  
Fax: 319-335-0807  
Contact: Mary New, Office of University Relations  
E-mail: [mary-new@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-new@uiowa.edu)  
Web Site: [www.uiowa.edu](http://www.uiowa.edu)

Purpose: For more than 150 years, the University of Iowa has served as Iowa's flagship comprehensive institution of higher education. It is proud to follow the Iowa tradition of excellence in education through high-quality programs in teaching, research and service. It continues to rank among the nation's best in many areas, from the arts and humanities, to business, and the health sciences. Interdisciplinary study is important at UI, bringing together seemingly disparate fields of study to people from diverse walks of life and cultural backgrounds.

The aim of the University of Iowa is to provide the best educational experience for every UI student. The campus is constantly changing to meet 21st century educational needs. New buildings for medical research, journalism and the liberal arts and sciences, art and art history, and honors programs are well under way.

### **University of Iowa International Programs**

Address: The University of Iowa International Programs  
1111 University Capitol Centre  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City, IA 52242  
Telephone: 319-335-0335  
Fax: 319-335-0280

Contact: Diana Davies, Director  
 E-mail: [diana-davies@uiowa.edu](mailto:diana-davies@uiowa.edu)  
 Web: <http://intl-programs.uiowa.edu/>  
 Purpose: International Programs at the University of Iowa provide a rich array of international, academic and cultural opportunities for its students as well as unaffiliated citizens throughout the state. The faculty teaches more than 250 courses focusing on international and global issues at each of the 11 colleges in the University. Each year nearly 1,000 UI students study abroad in more than 40 countries. About 2,300 international students and scholars representing more than 100 nations annually come to the University of Iowa to study.

The University of Iowa also has international research and training agreements with more than 70 universities and research institutes worldwide. The mission of International Programs is to internationalize the undergraduate, graduate and professional curricula at the University; promote international scholarship and educational exchange; enhance the Iowa experience for international students and scholars; further international knowledge and activities across the state; and, help create a community and society responsive to the increasingly international needs and obligations of citizenship.

Eligibility: International Programs offers many international education and cross-cultural training programs for the larger community, including the International Classroom Journey and Culture Kits programs (for K-12), the International Writer in Residence program (for K-12 and community organizations), and the Building Our Global Community program (training in cross-cultural communication skills). See the IP Web site for more information about these programs.

**University of Iowa Office of International Students and Scholars**

Address: University of Iowa  
 International Programs  
 120 International Center  
 Iowa City, IA 52242

Telephone: 319-335-0335  
 Fax: 319-335-2021  
 E-mail: [oiss@uiowa.edu](mailto:oiss@uiowa.edu)  
 Web Site: <http://intl-programs.uiowa.edu/oiss/index.html>

Purpose: The Office of International Students and Scholars of the University of Iowa is a division of the International Programs that provides leadership in international education and intercultural learning through services to international students and scholars, their dependents, the University, and the surrounding community. They enhance the academic, cultural, and social pursuits of their students and scholars through exceptional immigration and personal advising as well as outstanding cross-cultural

programming and training.

### High Schools

#### **Catholic Education Office**

Address: 516 A Avenue NW  
P.O. Box 2307  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52408  
Telephone: 319-366-2517  
Fax: 319-366-0426  
Contact: Jean Marie Brady, Regional Director of Educational Services  
E-mail: [jbrady@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:jbrady@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us)  
Web Site: [www.cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us](http://www.cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us)  
Purpose: The mission of Catholic school system of Cedar Rapids and Marion is to provide all students with a Christ-centered education that is future-oriented, grounded in education excellence and fosters a sense of community true to the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church.

#### **Cedar Rapids Community School District**

Address: 346 Second Avenue SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
Telephone: 319-558-2000  
Fax: 319-339-6890  
Contact: David Markward, Superintendent  
E-mail: [DMarkward@cr.k12.ia.us](mailto:DMarkward@cr.k12.ia.us)  
Web Site: [www.cr.k12.ia.us](http://www.cr.k12.ia.us)  
Purpose: The Cedar Rapids Community School District prepares all students to be effective citizens, informed consumers, lifelong learners, responsible family members and productive workers.

#### **Clear Creek Amana Community School District**

Address: 327 South Augusta Avenue  
Oxford, IA 52322  
Telephone: 319-828-4510  
Fax: 319-828-4743  
Contact: Paula Vincent, Superintendent  
E-mail: [pvincent@cc-amana.k12.ia.us](mailto:pvincent@cc-amana.k12.ia.us)  
Web Site: [www.cc-amana.k12.ia.us](http://www.cc-amana.k12.ia.us)  
Purpose: The Clear Creek Amana School District covers 162-square miles of beautiful eastern Iowa countryside. The district, located 7 miles west of Iowa City and 20 miles south of Cedar Rapids, encompasses the towns of Tiffin, Oxford, and the seven villages of the historic Amana Colonies. The district also serves children and families in West Coralville and North Liberty.

The location provides a rural setting within minutes of the cultural opportunities of a major university (the University of Iowa), the metro opportunities of a major city (Cedar Rapids), and the charm and uniqueness of the Amana Colonies, a national historic site and Iowa's No. 1 tourist attraction. Both Interstate 80 and 380 pass through the district providing easy access to Des Moines (100 miles), Chicago (220 miles) and points beyond. The Clear Creek Amana Community School District prepares students to be productive, responsible community members by providing an environment that inspires quality, lifelong learning.

### **College Community School District**

Address: 401 76th Avenue SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
Telephone: 319-848-5200  
Contact: Dick Whitehead, Superintendent  
E-mail: [dwhitehead@ccs.k12.ia.us](mailto:dwhitehead@ccs.k12.ia.us)  
Web Site: [www.prairiepride.org](http://www.prairiepride.org)

Purpose: It is a sign of prairie pride that the College Community School District ensures quality learning for tomorrow, today. With the progressive view that students are able to, and want to learn, the CCSD leads its students to surpass the basic levels set by standardized tests and toward future learning opportunities. The CCSD works to integrate students, parents and staff members into a community of learning that is purposeful, challenging and rewarding.

### **Grant Wood Area Education Agency: Cedar Rapids Office**

Address: 4401 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
Telephone: 319-399-6700  
319-399-6811 (Jan Grimes)  
Fax: 319-399-6457  
Contact: Jan Grimes, English Language Learners coordinator.  
E-mail: [jgrimes@gwaea.org](mailto:jgrimes@gwaea.org)  
Web Site: [www.aea10.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us)

Purpose: The mission of the Grant Wood Area Education Agency is to ensure success for all learners.

### **Grant Wood Area Education Agency: Coralville Office**

Address: 200 Holiday Road  
Coralville, IA 52241  
Telephone: 319-351-2510  
800-854-0446  
Fax: 319-358-6201

Contact: Virginia Wildman  
E-mail: gwildman@aea10.k12.ia.us  
Web Site: [www.aea10.k12.ia.us](http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us)  
Purpose: The mission of the Grant Wood Area Education Agency is to ensure success for all learners.

### **Iowa City Community Schools District**

Address: 509 S. Dubuque Street  
Central Administrative Office  
Iowa City, IA 52240  
Telephone: 319-688-1000  
Fax: 319-688-1009  
Web Site: <http://www.iccsd.k12.ia.us>  
Purpose: The Iowa City Community Schools District ensures all students will become responsible, independent learners capable of making informed decisions in a democratic society as well as in the dynamic global community. This is accomplished by challenging each student with a rigorous and creative curriculum taught by a diverse, professional, caring staff and enriched through the resources and the efforts of families and the entire community.

### **Linn-Mar Community School District**

Address: 3333 N 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Marion, IA 52302  
Telephone: 319-377-7373 ex. 1262  
Contact: Katie Mulholland, Ed.D., Superintendent  
E-mail: kmulholland@linnmar.k12.ia.us  
Web Site: <http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/>  
Purpose: The Linn-Mar Community School District is a learning community that develops students by educating them to confidently meet life's challenges. They believe that creating life-long learners with the knowledge and skills to handle change, embrace diversity, make responsible decisions, respect and value individuals and work in groups as well as be accountable individuals will produce responsible global citizens. In addition to competence in core skills, the Linn-Mar Community School District promotes thinkers, self-directed learners, responsible citizens, effective communicators, collaborative workers and practitioners of healthy lifestyles.

### **Marion Independent School District**

Address: 777 S. 15 Street  
Marion, IA 52302  
Telephone: 319-377-4691  
Contact: Nicholas Hobbs, Superintendent  
E-mail: nhobbs@marion.k12.ia.us  
Web Site: <http://www.marion.k12.ia.us/>

Purpose: Situated in the Cedar Rapids/Marion metropolitan area, the Marion Independent School District provides a strong community school for its students while maintaining challenging curricular and co-curricular programming. The district serves more than 2,500 students and includes the many advantages of a smaller school without sacrificing the quality opportunities afforded by their suburban setting.

### **Regina Catholic Education Center**

Address: 2140 Rochester Avenue  
Iowa City, IA  
Telephone: 319 358-2455  
Fax: 319-337-4109  
Contact: Joanie Coates, Public Relations and Fundraising Director  
E-mail: [jcoates@regina.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:jcoates@regina.pvt.k12.ia.us)  
Web Site: <http://www.regina.pvt.k12.ia.us/>  
Purpose: Regina provides quality, value-centered Catholic education to the students in their community. The school seeks to integrate Catholic doctrine, religious celebrations, and Christian service into an academically excellent curriculum.

### **Solon Community School District**

Address: 301 S. Iowa Street  
Solon, IA 52333  
Telephone: 319-624-3401  
Fax: 319-624-2518  
Contact: Dr. Brad Manard, Superintendent  
E-mail: [bmanard@solon.k12.ia.us](mailto:bmanard@solon.k12.ia.us)  
Web Site: <http://www.solon.k12.ia.us/>  
Purpose: Situated in the growing district between the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids metro area schools, Solon offers a small, but progressive school environment rich in outdoor recreation.

### **Trinity Lutheran School**

Address: 1361 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
Telephone: 319-362-6952  
Contact: Ruth Lavrenz, Principal  
E-mail: [lavrenzr@trinitycr.org](mailto:lavrenzr@trinitycr.org)  
Web Site: [www.trinitycr.org](http://www.trinitycr.org)  
Purpose: Trinity Lutheran School provides the opportunity for children to develop powerful faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as well as a love for Him and other human beings. This is

the goal for every day. Every class and every subject is centered in Christ so that Christ becomes the center of every child's thinking. An extension of the family, Trinity Lutheran School is concerned for the wholeness of every child. It aims to help each student develop into a committed member of Christ's Church as well as a responsible citizen.

The Technology Corridor provides numerous opportunities and activities throughout the year for residents who want to keep healthy through public and private sporting and fitness activities. Check city and municipal listings and private recreation clubs for complete offerings.



*Sport & Recreation*

**Bureau of Refugee Services**

Address: 1200 University Avenue, Suite D  
Des Moines, IA 50314  
Telephone: 515-283-7904  
Fax: 515-283-9160  
Contact: Wayne Johnson  
E-mail: [wjohnso@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:wjohnso@dhs.state.ia.us)  
Purpose: The Bureau has a two-fold mission:  
1) To provide for the effective resettlement of refugees by offering a home and future for those who have been persecuted.  
2) To assist refugees in becoming self-sufficient as quickly as possible, thereby enabling them to enrich Iowa through the sharing of their talents, skills, gifts and culture.

**Churches United, Inc.**

Address: 1035 Third Avenue SE (No. 202)  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  
Telephone: 319-366-7163  
Contact: Marcey Luxa, Administrative Secretary  
E-mail: [churchesunited@yahoo.com](mailto:churchesunited@yahoo.com)  
Web Site: <http://www.churchesunitedcr.org/>  
Purpose: Churches United is an ecumenical organization of churches united by their common faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. It exists to serve as a communications and resource center for those interested in social justice. The current focus of Churches United is on the assisted re-entry of prisoners into the community.

**City of Cedar Rapids**

Address: 50 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Bridge  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
Telephone: 319-286-5051  
Fax: 319-286-5144  
Contact: Kay Halloran, Mayor  
E-mail: [mayor@cedar-rapids.org](mailto:mayor@cedar-rapids.org)  
Web Site: [www.cedar-rapids.org](http://www.cedar-rapids.org)  
Purpose: The mission of the City government is to foster community cooperation, innovation, and opportunity by providing quality services to Cedar Rapids citizens and businesses in an efficient, effective, and economical manner.

### **City of Iowa City**

Address: City Hall  
401 E. Washington Street  
Iowa City, IA 52240  
Telephone: 319-356-5000  
Fax: 319-356-5009  
Contact: Ross Willburn, Mayor  
E-mail: [council@iowa-city.org](mailto:council@iowa-city.org)  
Web Site: <http://www.icgov.org/>  
Purpose: Offering big-city amenities along with small-town hospitality, Iowa City has it all. The community is nestled in the heart of the Midwest, strategically located along I-80 within a short distance from the major metropolitan areas of Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis and Kansas City. It has long served as a focus for culture, education, variety and fun. In the downtown you will encounter works of public art, and possibly college students and others locked in a game of chess played on the plaza's life-size game board. On-lookers sit on the plaza's limestone benches talking politics, philosophy or Big Ten sports while children play in the Weatherdance fountain or climb on a nearby jungle gym.

A few blocks down, others might be lounging in outdoor cafés, savoring the fine cuisine the city has to offer. Across the way, you'll likely hear a local band playing a catchy mix of jazz and blues on the area's outdoor mini stage. The state's Old Capitol Building looms to the west of this scene. A cherished landmark of the University of Iowa campus, it embodies the city's prominence, grace and heritage. Whether a first-time visitor or a native returning home, you will discover Iowa City is the place where tradition comfortably exists alongside change.

### **Iowa Committee on Diversity**

Address: State Capital

Des Moines, IA 50319  
Telephone: 515-281-4504  
Fax: 515-281-6611  
Contact: Lt. Governor Sally Person  
Molly Culbertson  
E-mail: [molly.culbertson@igov.state.ia.us](mailto:molly.culbertson@igov.state.ia.us)  
Web Site: [www.iowadiversity.org](http://www.iowadiversity.org)  
Purpose: Initiated and chaired by Lt. Governor Sally J. Peterson, the committee, a non-governmental and non-profit organization, is comprised of volunteers who are voices along the spectrum of ethnic, religious and minority groups as well as leaders from business and industry, education, local and state government, and organized labor. The committee works to inspire and empower the diverse population of Iowa to recognize, value, and respect all peoples and to eliminate racism, prejudice, and intolerance.

#### **Iowa Division of Latino Affairs**

Address: Department of Human Rights  
Lucas State Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
Telephone: 515-281-4080  
877-330-3516 (Toll-free)  
Fax: 515-242-6119  
Contact: John Chaisson  
E-mail: [john.chaissonn@iowa.gov](mailto:john.chaissonn@iowa.gov)  
Web Site: [www.state.ia.us/dhr/ia](http://www.state.ia.us/dhr/ia)  
Purpose: This state-appropriated group functions within the Iowa Department of Human Rights. It serves as a resource center that promotes positive change by assessing the issues and making recommendations to decision-makers concerning the challenges facing Iowa's Latino business and personal communities. The Division of Latin Affairs also oversees the activities of nine commissioners located statewide who help to increase the understanding of social, cultural, and economic contributions that Latinos make in Iowa.

#### **Iowa Commission on the Status of African-Americans**

Address: Department of Human Rights  
Lucas State Office Building  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
Telephone: 515-281-7283  
800-351-4659 (Toll-free)  
Fax: 515-242-6119  
Contact: Kim Cheeks  
E-mail: [dhr.icsaa@iowa.gov](mailto:dhr.icsaa@iowa.gov)

Web Site: [www.state.ia.us/dhr/saa](http://www.state.ia.us/dhr/saa)

Purpose: This state agency addresses the changing needs and concerns of African American Iowans. Moreover it recommends new programs, policies, and constructive action to the governor and general assembly.

**Iowa Peace Corps Association**

Address: 1203 Cambria Court  
Iowa City, IA 52246

Telephone: 319-351-3375

Contact: Katy Hansen

E-mail: [kwhansen@ia.net](mailto:kwhansen@ia.net)

Purpose: This network of Peace Corps alumni and friends continue their work abroad in local settings, applying their knowledge of the wider world back home.  
The Association discusses their projects and events over an e-mail listserv as well as a group newsletter.

Residents of the Technology Corridor participate in a wide variety of religious and spiritual practices, including traditional organizations as well as groups with informal or no religious affiliation. The Corridor hosts many denominations of the world's major faiths – Islam, Judaism, Christianity and Eastern religions including Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. Newcomers are easily able to find the denominational and non-denominational spiritual organizations of their choosing.

Church, temple, mosque and synagogue attendance is only the beginning. Opportunities abound for further spiritual growth and development. Interfaith organizations bring together Corridor congregations of different faiths. This willing openness and tolerance of others' beliefs leads to social action concerned with bringing materials and spiritual assistance to people in need.

The numerous forms of worship available in the Corridor confirm its religious heritage and echo the ethnically diverse population. Today, that tradition continues as congregations build new churches and expand their facilities.

## **Partners**

**Iowa City Area Development Group**  
**325 East Washington Street**  
**Iowa City, Iowa 52240**  
**Phone: 319.354.3939**  
**Fax: 319.338.9958**  
**[www.iowacityareadevelopment.com](http://www.iowacityareadevelopment.com)**

**Priority One**  
**424 First Avenue NE**  
**Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401-1196**  
**Phone: 319.398.5317**  
**Fax: 319.398.5228**  
**[www.Priority1.com](http://www.Priority1.com)**