Richard O. Jacobson Center and Reading Recovery Literacy Academy
October 7-8, 2014 ~ Contact: Salli Forbes and Deb Rich
A place of study and training in Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy and Reading Recovery, specific strands will be available for: Reading Recovery Teachers and Teacher Leaders, Comprehensive Literacy Coaches and classroom teachers, Comprehensive Intervention Model Coaches and interventions and Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy (PCL) Administrators.

The Multicultural Teaching Alliance Educating Educators
November 8, 2014 ~ Contact: Stephanie Logan
The 4th Annual MTA Educating Educators Conference is designed to help prepare teacher education students and professional educators for diversity in the classroom. It challenges them to further their understanding of current issues, cultures and diverse populations in and out of the classroom. This year’s theme is “Building Classroom Community by Embracing Classroom Diversity.”

African American Read-In
February 19, 2015 ~ Contact: Gloria Kirkland-Holmes
The College of Education invites more than 400 elementary school children from the Cedar Valley community to participate in a day full of activities, including book reading, storytelling and visual illustrations. It is part of the National African-American Read-In, which is sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and endorsed by the International Reading Association. Its mission is to celebrate African-American literacy, which has been a traditional part of Black History Month activities.

African American Children and Families Conference
February 20, 2015 ~ Contact: Gloria Kirkland-Holmes
This conference offers an array of interesting and engaging speakers, workshops and dialogs pertaining to the education, citizenry and well-being of African-American children and families. The theme this year is “A Chorus of Voices: Connecting the Community Through Conversation,” which calls for active participation and solution seeking from a wide variety of participants.
Alumni-in-Residence  
April 9, 2015 ~ Contact: Andrea Elliott and Mary Herring  
This conference welcomes University of Northern Iowa College of Education alumni to campus to share their experiences and advice with current students, the campus community and the public. Invited alumni spend a full day guest lecturing in classes, meeting with administrators and faculty and participating in a panel discussion.

Elementary Literacy Conference  
April 17, 2015 ~ Contact: Allison Barness  
The 47th Elementary Literacy Conference will include sessions in the areas of literacy, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and the Common Core standards. This year’s keynote speaker will be Steve Jenkins, author/illustrator, who has written and illustrated many nonfiction picture books for young readers, including the Caldecott Honor-winning *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* His books have been called stunning, eye-popping, inventive, gorgeous, masterful, extraordinary, playful, irresistible, compelling, engaging, accessible, glorious, and informative. More information can be found at http://www.vpaf.uni.edu/events/elc/  

Leader in Me Symposium  
April 22 -24, 2015 ~ Contact: Victoria Robinson or Melissa Reade (Cedar Valley Alliance)  
Each year pioneering educators from across North America have the unique opportunity to gather at The Leader in Me Symposium Series to connect as a community of innovators, celebrate the advancements schools are making using The Leader in Me, and create new paths that will bring leadership and 21st-century skills to life for students. During the three-day Symposium, student leaders take a key role in demonstrating how The Leader in Me equips them to excel in life. To learn more, visit www.leaderinme.org/symposium.

Educational Summit  
April 30-May1, 2015 ~ Contact: Alan Heisterkamp, Stephanie Logan and Ralph Reynolds  
The University of Northern Iowa College of Education is a major voice on educational issues, both nationally and in the state of Iowa. The Educational Summit brings together UNI’s own educational leaders with other regionally- and nationally-renowned experts to discuss a variety of issues facing education today and in the future.
Richard O. Jacobson Summer Institute
June 23-26, 2015 ~ Contact: Salli Forbes and Deb Rich
The Richard O. Jacobson Center for Comprehensive Literacy and the Reading Recovery Center of Iowa welcome you to the Third Annual Jacobson Center and Reading Recovery Literacy Academy, a place of study and training in Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy and Reading Recovery. Specific strands will be available for: Reading Recovery Teachers and Teacher Leaders, Comprehensive Literacy Coaches and classroom teachers, Comprehensive Intervention Model Coaches and interventions, and Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy (PCL) Administrators.

Inclusion Conference
June 22-23, 2015 ~ Contact: Amy Petersen
The 2015 Inclusion Conference will feature nationally recognized and area experts on school and community inclusion and alternative and augmentative communication supports. Presenters include Paula Kluth, author of You’re Going to Love this Kid: Teaching Students with Autism in Inclusive Classrooms; Darlene Hanson, director of communication supports at Whittier Area Parents’ Association for the Developmentally Handicapped; and Tracy Thresher, self-advocate featured in the award-winning documentary Wretches & Jabberers.