

A Space to [ART]ICULATE Yourself

Iowa City, IA--- As all climates continue to change faces this time of year, *earthwords* offers an outlet to breathe easy. The student run organization is hosting their first multicultural showcase intended to help traditionally underrepresented members of the university's student body express themselves through art work. This showcase will aim to display works that reflect the cultural and linguistic diversity of our campus and they encourage interested students to submit works in a range of mediums and languages.

“We may be in the middle of Iowa, but we have such a colorful, diverse university filled with artistic intentions. It's time we give those who need it most a room, and it is time we showed up to listen,” say's Natalia, head coordinator.

With The Center for Afrofuturist Studies (CAS) coming in just this past year, it seems that University of

Iowa is trying. Trying to expand their efforts in offering a space for those traditionally underrepresented in this 65% white community.

earthwords hopes to build on that by collaborating with Oasis, Translate Iowa, and B.A.R.S for the upcoming event. Every year, *earthwords* publishes a book of undergraduate art. They hope this event will help them go beyond the book and offer a bigger space to explore.

Total UI Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2016

Total student enrollment of 33,334 (undergraduate, graduate, and professionals)

UI Student Enrollment by Ethnicity, Fall 2016

Ethnicity	Count	%
African American or Black	1030	3.1%
Alaskan Native or American Indian	55	0.2%
Asian American	1,392	4.2%
International	3,911	11.7%
Hispanic	2,178	6.5%
Two or More Races	1,165	3.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	28	0.1%
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	1,818	5.5%
White, not of Hispanic or Latino(a) origin	21,757	65.3%
Total	33,334	

Mission

earthwords: The Undergraduate Literary Review is the oldest undergraduate literary magazine in the United States. It showcases the best literary and artistic endeavors of students attending the University of Iowa, fosters an undergraduate literary community within Iowa City, and provides its staff members with the experience of producing a literary magazine in real time.

While *earthwords*' board, style, and length change every year, its dedication to promoting the creative works of the University of Iowa's undergraduate body remains a constant in every issue.

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