

FALL 2026 BUCKET COURSES

KATHERINE HOWELL WEINGART '61
CIVIC INNOVATION PAVILION

at Renfrow Hall | 1033 Broad St., Grinnell, Iowa

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS | 10 - 11 A.M.

No preregistration required | No fee for attendance

COURSES SCHEDULE

- **Sep. 16 - Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reviving**

Presented by **Laura Manatt, Managing Director of the Brooklyn Opera House**: A look at the process of preserving and revitalizing a historic community landmark while bringing new life and purpose to the space.

- **Sep. 23 - The Classical Greek Canon**

Presented by **Associate Professor of Classics, Dustin Dixon**: An exploration of what "classical" means, how ancient Greek poets engaged with their own literary traditions, and why the study of classical antiquity continues to matter.

- **Sep. 30 - Unity Point Health Updates**

Presented by **Angela Claytor, Executive Director of Hospital Operations for Unity Point Health - Grinnell Regional Medical Center**: Hear the latest on local health care, with a closer look at the issues and priorities affecting our community.

- **Oct. 7 - Grinnell's Downtown Development**

Presented by **Rachael Kinnick, President & CEO, Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce**: An update on downtown improvements, new businesses, economic development, and the changes shaping Grinnell's future.

- **Oct. 14 - Supporting Our Schools**

Presented by **Grinnell-Newburg School Foundation Executive Director Liz Hansen**: Learn how the foundation supports local students and teachers and helps expand education opportunities in the community.

- **Oct. 28 A Look at the Second Amendment**

Presented by **Judge Steve Carroll, Professor of Law**: An overview of the current legal landscape surrounding the 2nd Amendment, incl. constitutional questions, recent developments, and ongoing legal debates.

- **Nov. 14 - Unity Point Health Updates**

Presented by **Brooke Holder, Manager of Poweshiek County Public Health for UnityPoint Health - Grinnell**: Hear the latest on local public health, with a closer look at the issues and priorities affecting our community.

- **Nov. 11 - Humans Who Can Fly**

Presented by **Ben Guenther**: Explore how humans have taken to the skies, from the science of flight to the individuals pushing the boundaries of possibility.

- **Nov. 18 - Iowa's History in a Nutshell**

Presented by **Poweshiek County Naturalist Amy Durbin**: Learn about the natural forces that shaped Iowa's prairie landscape.



Bucket Courses are a series of sessions organized by a group of community volunteers that provide lifelong learning opportunities for adults in our community. Each session features local experts and engaging topics, fostering an environment of education and discussion.

The Office of Community Partnership, Planning, and Research at Grinnell College is currently collaborating with the Bucket Courses Planning Committee to support their work by providing assistance with logistics and planning efforts.

For more information about the 2026 schedule, please visit:
<https://www.grinnell.edu/bucket-courses>

