Katelyn Haw, a senior from Cresco, Iowa, is double majoring in Computer Science and Art: Studio Emphasis in Graphic Design. During her years here, Katelyn has grown to love UNI and the opportunities presented by the university. She states, “I love that my programs were flexible enough to allow me to complete my double major in only four years, something that I wasn’t going to be able to accomplish at other universities.” She also enjoys that both of her programs focus on hands-on learning and projects that are very similar to something she could possibly be working on in the future at a long-term job. “My professors have been great assets in helping me to build my resume and portfolio and to search for jobs.”

Outside of her coursework, Haw is actively involved in the Lutheran Student Center (LSC) where she lived and worked as a student staff member last year and considers it her home away from home. “Being part of the LSC has opened up opportunities for service such as spring break mission trips to Mississippi and Pittsburgh. It has also allowed me to connect with fellow students, the community and my faith.” In fact, if money were no option, Haw would be doing mission work full-time. A two-week trip to Haiti this summer was completely “life-altering.”

When asked what one of her favorite memories of UNI is, Haw cited the Footsteps for Flood Relief 5K that she helped organize and run her sophomore year. The event was part of her Honors service-learning project in which Haw and her group spent the entire year planning in order to better the UNI and Cedar Falls communities. In all, 241 runners participated and the group raised more than $3,000 for the victims of the 2008 flood. She states, “It was so rewarding to see everything come together and be a great success.”

As for her plans after graduation, Haw hopes to be working as a web designer/developer somewhere in the Ames area. “I am interested in the mixture of technology and art, particularly web and interface design.” She also says that she is very excited for her wedding in July.