

## INSIDE: CAUCUS GUIDE 2020

The Daily Iowan breaks down how to caucus, who's running, and new rules that could muddle the narrative coming out of Iowa the night of Feb. 3.

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### Gustafson's No. 10 retired after Hawkeye victory

Iowa legend Megan Gustafson returned to a packed Carver-Hawkeye Arena to have her jersey retired after the Hawkeyes' matchup with Michigan State on Sunday. Gustafson's No. 10 will never be worn by another Hawkeye, and will hang in the rafters at Carver forever.



### The Color Purple soaks Hancher stage with soul

The Color Purple opened at Hancher on Jan. 24, and did not disappoint. Through its beautiful songs, acting, and profound storyline, the beloved novel now musical lit up the stage.

### UI students from Puerto Rico reflect on Puerto Rico earthquakes

Disaster struck Puerto Rico beginning in December 2019, leaving many devastated. Three University of Iowa students reflect on the trials and tribulations of being away from home while their native country faces hard times.

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Go to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) to ask questions about the Iowa caucuses.



### Garza ready for tall task

Luka Garza has gone up against some of the best post players in the Big Ten in Iowa's past three home games, and Wisconsin's Nate Reuvers could pose another challenge for the Hawkeye big man on Monday.

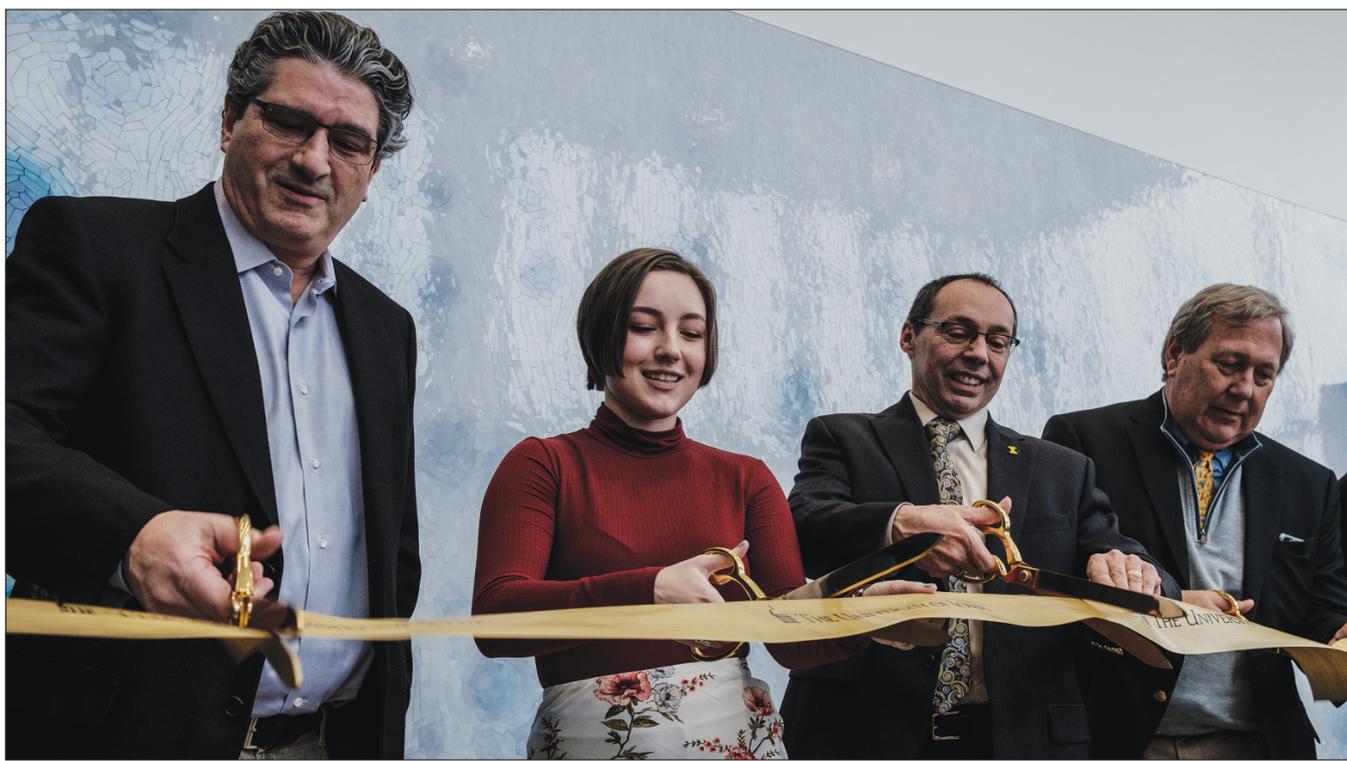


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# New home for psych students



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Speakers from the event cut a ceremonial ribbon during the opening reception for the Psychological and Brain Sciences Building on Jan. 24.

The university's new Psychological and Brain Sciences Building offers a more collaborative learning atmosphere for UI students.

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Hawkeyes recently celebrated beginning the spring semester with a new home for students studying psychological and brain sciences.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house Jan. 24 showed off the University of Iowa's new Psychological and Brain Sciences Building, which replaced Seashore Hall as the home for the Psychology Department after decades of being housed there.

The UI broke ground for the new building on the east side of campus in fall 2018, and has since demolished two wings of Seashore, as [SEE BUILDING, 3](#)



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The Psychological and Brain Sciences Building is seen on Jan. 24.

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# Queer Eye's Van Ness campaigns for Warren

Queer Eye star Jonathan Van Ness campaigned for Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., drawing audiences numbering well into the hundreds in eastern Iowa.



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Hair stylist and reality TV star Jonathan Van Ness introduces Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., at NewBo Market in Cedar Rapids on Sunday. Van Ness endorsed Warren and spoke about her platform issues such as health care and discrimination.

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Queer Eye star Jonathan Van Ness drew hundreds of people out while campaigning for Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., Sunday afternoon — though some students said they are still not sure which candidate they are supporting a week before the caucus.

Van Ness spoke to a student-heavy audience in Iowa City of a couple hundred people so tightly packed into LGBTQ night club Studio 13 that attendees couldn't maneuver through the crowd.

There, Van Ness — a Quincy, Illinois native — said it was time to "Caucus like

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## ETHICS & POLITICS IOWA POLITICS

# Undecideds stuck if viable in caucuses

Under the rules for the 2020 Democratic caucuses, caucusgoers in viable groups will not be able to move after the first alignment, including the uncommitted group.

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The Democratic caucuses serve as a place for Iowans to have an open discussion with their neighbors and fellow Democrats to try and convince them to support a given candidate. This long-standing tradition could have an unexpected wrinkle this year, Democratic campaigners say, because of a rule change that could leave undecided caucusgoers stuck in a viable group.

Democratic operatives are encouraging Iowa caucusgoers to declare support for a candidate in the beginning — even if they may not intend to see that candidate through to the end — to prevent the uncommitted group from securing viability.

At a Democratic caucus, Iowans begin by breaking up into groups based on their candidate preference. Because of a new rule change outlined in the Iowa Democratic Party's 74-page Delegate Selection Plan, if a group gains viability — reaches 15 percent of attendees' support and earns delegate for the county convention — those caucusgoers are locked in

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GUITAR LICKS AND LAUGHS



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Burstein Boys perform at Secret Standup on Jan. 25. In addition to playing a set after the event, they served as a live band for the standup show.

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you've never caucused before."

Two University of Iowa students in the audience said that Van Ness was a major draw to the event.

Third-year student Jenna Door came to the event hoping Van Ness would sign her copy of his memoir.

Door said she plans to caucus, but is still deciding between Warren and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

Door, who has seen both Warren and Sanders speak before, said Van Ness' support was not a factor in her decision to support either Warren or Sanders, and said the candidates are too similar for her to decide just yet.

Fourth-year UI student Jacob Almanza attended the Studio 13 event, and said he's currently leaning toward supporting Sanders.

"I will more than likely be caucusing for Sanders, but if Warren does get the nomination, I'll support her fully," Almanza said.

Though the event was advertised as a meet and greet, Van Ness spoke for around 10 minutes and briefly took photos with attendees before heading to the town hall at NewBo market in Ce-

dar Rapids.

On a temporary stage in the Cedar Rapids market, Van Ness said he was drawn to Warren after discovering that an HIV drug cost \$3,500.

"I realized in that moment that this is a public-health crisis — people need to have access to the medication



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Queer Eye star Jonathan Van Ness speaks at a rally for Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., at Studio 13 on Sunday.

they need. I realized that Elizabeth Warren is the policy expert, and she's a leader who I've looked up to for years and years and she has the policies to back it up. She has the plans to unify our country and I was like, 'That is who the future of America is,'" Van Ness said.

The Cedar Rapids town hall with Van Ness drew around 900 people, according to the Warren campaign.

Other campaigns have tried to attract Iowans to their events with high-profile endorsers. A rally with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez campaigning for

John Kerry has stumped across the Hawkeye State for former Vice President Joe Biden.

One attendee posed a question to Warren asking why Iowans should choose her over Sanders, and the senator received another question about whether she could convince older white voters to support her.

Warren said she is the only candidate in the Democratic race to beat an incumbent Republican in the last 30 years, a line she used on the most recent Debate stage, and argued that women are electable.

"Women candidates have been outperforming male candidates in elections ever since [2016]," Warren said. "We took back the House, we took back statehouses around the country, because women ran for office and women showed up to make those elections winnable."

Mt. Vernon resident Karen Mills said she's seen almost every Democratic candidate three or four times working as a stagehand at various places in eastern Iowa setting up events for candidates.

Mills stayed to see Warren after setting up the event and said she will definitely caucus for the senator.

Mills said Warren's electability doesn't worry her,

and Barack Obama's election in 2008 proved that perceived "electability" doesn't always predict the winner.

"I think Elizabeth Warren has shown electability — and I'm concerned about this 'electability' thing because I feel like it's a catchphrase that people who are

white, and male, and cis use consistently — I think it's a false flag," Mills said.

Mills said she was familiar with Van Ness, though he was not the main draw to the event for her.

"It's nice to see all the young queer people here, and I think Van Ness brings them out," she said.

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and unable to switch to another group.

Speaking to a small group of campaign volunteers on Jan. 12, U.S. Rep. Katie Porter, D-Calif., a co-chair of the Elizabeth Warren campaign and former faculty member at the University of Iowa College of Law, said she met with a number of long-time caucusgoers who were unaware of the new changes.

"Most of them were very surprised to learn about the new rule about being undecided, and if you're a viable group of undecided, then there you stay," Porter said. "So, I think the message really is, both to you as organizers and volunteers ... the time is now for people to be making up their minds."

In an October interview with *The Daily Iowan*, Iowa Democratic Party Chair Troy Price said the change was made to eliminate confusion, cut down on time, and prevent caucusgoers in viable groups from switching to a nonviable group in order to take a delegate away from an opponent.

He saw this play out in 2016 when groups for Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton were fairly equal in many precincts. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley was the Dem-

ocratic candidate struggling to gain viability, and Price said supporters for Sanders and Clinton in various precincts would sacrifice people to O'Malley's group to make him viable, taking a delegate from the other group while not losing any themselves.

O'Malley won 0.57 percent of delegates in 2016.

John Deeth, a Democratic caucus organizer in Johnson County, said people will often caucus uncommitted initially in order to see how the caucus is shaping up, and then switch on the realignment. Under the new rules, Deeth said caucusgoers have to be careful to not let the uncommitted group get too large.

"You've gotta keep track of, OK, is uncommitted going to be viable or not?" Deeth said. "And if it's getting late in the first alignment and uncommitted is viable, you might have to make your move sooner than you wanted to."

Deeth has expressed on social media that he doesn't see the potential of an uncommitted group gaining viability being a large complication in the caucus process.

The number of Democrats who caucus uncommitted has fallen throughout the history of the caucuses. In 1972, when the Iowa caucuses first moved to the front of the national nominating process, uncommitted won the most delegates with 36 per-

cent, edging out then-Senator Ed Muskie. By 2008, that number had fallen to just 0.1 percent.

UI political-science Associate Professor Timothy Hagle, who wrote a book about the 2012 Republican caucuses, said the popularity of uncommitted has fallen as Iowa has gained more attention in the national campaign process.

"The reason that undecided has dropped off is that we in Iowa are getting much more attention, and we have many more opportunities to actually evaluate the candidates," he said. "So, what we decide is a bigger deal."

Linn County Democratic chair Bret Nilles noted that people who want to avoid choosing a candidate could still do so

without caucusing uncommitted, if they're worried about reaching viability.

Because a caucus has no formal ballot access process, caucusgoers can caucus for anyone. Nilles said people who are undecided could caucus for someone who isn't running to avoid being in a viable group.

"Those people who really can't decide and want to see what happens, their best bet might be to be uncommitted for somebody who's really out of the picture, like Tim Ryan," Nilles said, referring to the U.S. Representative from Ohio who dropped his bid for the presidency in October. "... He won't have a viable group, so you're not in danger of being in an uncommitted group that is viable."



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Students and members of the community sign in to caucus for the Democrat Party in the Robert Lee Rec Center on Feb. 1, 2016.

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# Ocasio-Cortez makes the case for backing Sanders

With the Iowa caucuses approaching, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., campaigned for Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. this weekend, urging an IMU audience to help Sanders emerge on top Feb. 3.

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Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., said radical change is necessary to adapt to issues such as wealth inequality and climate change while campaigning in Iowa for presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

The U.S. Senate impeachment trial of President Trump kept Sanders in Washington 10 days out from the Iowa caucuses. Several hundred people gathered in Iowa City late into the evening Jan. 24 to hear prominent figures and campaign surrogates advocate for Sanders' platform, and to hear Sanders share his message over the speaker system in the IMU through a live phone call.

"Do everything you possibly can recruiting your

friends, coworkers, fellow students, out to caucus," Sanders said in the phone call. "If we win Iowa ... I think we're going to win in Nevada, I think we're going to win in California."

Sanders hammered on his signature issues, calling for universal health care, canceling student-loan debt, and implementing the Green New Deal — a platform Ocasio-Cortez strongly advocates for in the U.S. House.

Ocasio-Cortez said moderate Democrats publicly deride policies such as Medicare for All, the Green New Deal, and breaking up Immigration and Customs Enforcement as unrealistic, but she argued that opposition to those policies is motivated by a fear of losing elections.

"We should not be scared of what will happen if we try, we

should be scared of what will happen if we don't," she said.

The country needs unprecedented actions to remedy issues such as wealth inequality and homelessness, Ocasio-Cortez said. She noted that young people have lower life expectancies, poorer health and lower income projections than previous generations. Life expectancy in the United States has fallen for three consecutive years, according to CNBC, due in part to an increase in drug overdoses and suicides.

"When people are starting to have illnesses of despair and addiction, what it says is that the logic of our society is fraying, and it means that we have to write a new story for ourselves," Ocasio-Cortez said.

Sanders was leading the most recent *Des Moines Register/CNN/Mediacom* Iowa Poll with 20 percent, of likely Democratic caucusgoers' choosing Sanders as their top candidate. However, with 13 percent of likely caucusgoers still undecided when the poll was conducted, the race is far from locked down.

The poll of 701 likely Democratic caucusgoers was conducted by Selzer and Co. between Jan. 2-8, and has a margin of error of 3.7 percentage points.

"It could be canvassing every day, it could be talking to your neighbor, it could be texting your friend," Ocasio-Cortez said. "We all, no matter how small or large, we all have something to give."

In addition to Ocasio-Cortez, the event featured Linn County Supervisor Stacey Walker, Sanders campaign surrogate and civil-rights



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Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., speaks to the audience during a campaign event for Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., on Jan. 24. Although Sanders could not attend the event, Ocasio-Cortez spoke in his place.



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Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., speaks to the audience during a campaign event for Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., on Jan. 24. Although Sanders could not attend the event, Ocasio-Cortez spoke in his place.

activist Phillip Agnew, filmmaker Michael Moore, and a performance from pop artist Mike Posner.

Sanders has recruited other popular musical acts for his rallies in Iowa in the coming week. Bon Iver and Vampire Weekend will play at rallies in Clive, Iowa and Cedar Rapids, respectively, this weekend.

The other three U.S. senators still seeking the Democratic presidential nomination — Sens. Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar, and Michael Bennet — also sent a network of campaign surrogates through the state of Iowa to campaign for them

while they attended the impeachment trial this week.

University of Iowa sophomore Maddy Penick, 19, attended the rally because she is a fan of Ocasio-Cortez.

"It's just really impressive how much she's accomplished at such a young age — like, that's amazing," Penick said. "... And then obviously her platform and everything that she stands for, I really respect."

Penick said she plans on caucusing, but hasn't decided who to support yet. She said she was leaning toward caucusing for former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete

Buttigieg, but noted that Ocasio-Cortez's argument for large-scale change had made her think more seriously about Sanders.

Douglas Narveson, 55, plans on supporting Sanders in the caucuses. He compared Sanders with Franklin Roosevelt, saying he embodied the philosophy of the "New Deal" Democrats of the 1940s.

"My whole lifetime, our government hasn't had integrity. We need someone like Bernie for that," he said. "Also, he's for everybody. I believe American culture will work again when we take care of everybody."

## ARTS & CULTURE

# Songs, soul, and sisterhood take Hancher stage

The complex and moving stories of sisterhood are what make the musical adaptation of *The Color Purple* truly special.

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After walking into the theater and seeing *The Color Purple*'s set, I was a little confused by the design choice. Rustic wooden chairs that were used throughout the production were pegged to a wall made of broken boards, which made for an unusual sight. However, by the end of the show, I realized the strange set was a perfect metaphor for one of the show's key themes: make the most of what you have, even if it doesn't seem like much.

The musical's leading ladies did a brilliant job of portraying how women find strength and community through their relationships with one another, as well as from within themselves, even when they have nothing else.

It comes as no surprise to those familiar with *The Color Purple* that it's a feminist story in all its iterations, including the musical adaptation — but seeing the actresses connect with each other live and in-person was truly powerful in a way that neither the book nor the film capture.

Celie (Mariah Lyttle) and Nettie (Nashka Desrosiers) were so believable as sisters that one could nearly forget they're only siblings on stage. From the

show's first scene, the characters' love for one another was heartwarming, which made their reunion in the show's final scene all the more moving.

The support Celie received from her friend Sofia and her abusive husband's obsession, Shug Avery (Sandie Lee), felt just as genuine, despite their roles in Celie's life being very different from their role that her sister fulfilled. While Nettie provided unconditional love, Shug Avery taught Celie that self-love comes from within. Although the story was written nearly 40 years ago, Shug's lesson is one that many women are still learning to this day.

Celie taught a lesson of her own to Shug Avery. Celie was the first person that Shug developed a maternal love for, which she previously thought was something that wasn't in the cards for her.

Lastly, Sofia (Chédra Arielle) taught Celie to stand up for herself with an attitude-filled song that left the audience clapping and snapping. The portrayal of Sofia brought some much-needed energy and humor to the stage, while also making sure the audience knew that she's a woman who won't settle for less than she deserves. Being able to simultaneously play the funniest and most powerful woman on the stage



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isn't an easy feat, but Arielle executed the performance expertly.

The story these women told is a beautiful and empowering one, which its balance of soulful and joyful songs complimented perfectly.

The only times my foot wasn't tapping were the moments when I was too moved to move.

The entire cast proved that its voices were incredible inside of a chorus and out. There were a handful of vocal moments that

had the audience applauding even before the songs ended.

The touring cast of *The Color Purple* brought an iconic story and empowering relationships to life in a way that I'll never forget, and managed to do so

without missing a beat. The care that was brought to performing these roles made it easy to see parts of yourself in each of the leading women. Their stories will stay not only in my mind but in my heart as well.

## BUILDING

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previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*. The university in September 2019 received approval from the state Board of Regents to raze the remainder of the 120-year-old building.

As the spring semester has begun, UI Psychological and Brain Sciences Department Chair Mark Blumberg said he has watched with pleasure while students, faculty, and staff discover the building and what it has to offer.

"It's as if the building and its inhabitants are literally coming to life," Blumberg said at the dedication. "So, thank you for coming here today and celebrating with us this important milestone in our history."

The event kicked off with a media-only tour of the building and its new amenities before a dedication ceremony with remarks from Blumberg, UI President Bruce Harreld, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Stephen Goddard, and psychological and brain sciences undergraduate student Olivia Westemeier.

The tour of the building

highlighted the student lounge spaces found on each floor, the teaching assistant offices with open space for students to interact and collaborate, and labs for researchers to conduct their work with updated equipment and technology.

"This particular project took quite a while and several of us will recall multiple tours of very, very old infrastructure on the campus ... most, if not all high schools in the state have better facilities than we were in," Harreld said.

The new space will allow for more collaboration in the department, opening doors for

diversifying science more and making the department better as a whole, Harreld said.

The new building connects with Spence Labs on each floor, making it easier for faculty to travel to and from their offices to lab space. The clinical psychology department is still housed in Stuit Hall, located behind the new building.

As a student in the Psychological and Brain Sciences Department, Westemeier stated at the dedication that, although Seashore Hall was the location of her classes for several years, it was never a home. It was, however, a home for rats, hor-

nets, and various unidentified critters, she said.

"I remember trying to go to ... discussion section in that building and fearing for my life every single time I'd go up and down the stairs. It's hard to feel connected to a department when the space designed for you is borderline uninhabitable," Westemeier said. "And with this building, I can already tell things are going to change."

Compared with the three years she was a student in Seashore, Westemeier said her week in the new Psychological and Brain Sciences Building has already led to more friend-

ly encounters with professors and peers alike.

Each person she passes, Westemeier added, has a face filled with joy and excitement at the prospect of having a new space that they can be proud of. In order to innovate and learn, students, faculty, and staff within the department must have a space where they feel a sense of belonging, she said.

"We finally have a space that reflects the greatness of our department, and more cultivate that community that is so well deserved," Westemeier said. "So, all that's left to say is, 'Welcome home.'"

# Opinions

## COLUMN

## Sanders: The candidate to win America's future

The senator deserves to be nominated for his ability to beat President Trump and accomplish a real progressive agenda.



**PEYTON DOWNING**

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Politics requires compromise. To achieve what needs to be done, both sides must give ground in order for progress to be made. That is what everyone is taught from an early age. Unfortunately, only some seem to have taken that message to heart.

For too long the Democrats have been the ones giving the ground. As social benefits were cut and overseas wars were propagated, Republicans dragged the U.S. further to the right than any other Western nation. Now, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., is leading the charge to take back the ground that has been given.

Out of all the potential candidates in the field, Sanders has proven himself to be the one who can not only beat President Trump, but go beyond winning one election. His campaign is not one of hope for change, but a demand for it. It will not be an administration of marginal changes and lip service to the people, but one that establishes a legacy of definitive alterations to the face of our nation.

Sanders' coalition is vast and diverse. He has collected more donations from women than any other candidate in the field, greater Latinx support according to a Morning Consult poll and broad support among black Americans. A *Washington Post* and Ipsos poll put Sanders as having the largest share of support from black Democrats aged 18-35. And this is not some sort of touting of diversity — it is a recognition that Sanders



Katrina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., addresses attendees during the Iowa City Climate Rally at the Graduate Hotel on Jan. 12.

has what has historically been necessary to win the presidency.

He is not paying lip service to minority rights either. For his entire career, Sanders has been a staunch advocate for human rights as far back as 1963, when he was arrested at a civil-rights protest. In 1996, he voted against the Defense of Marriage Act, a piece of horrifically anti-gay legislation. He has earned the trust of those who support him through a history of progressive action.

This movement is not just built on the backs of minorities and Democrats. Sanders has appeal across the aisle, attracting the endorsement of nonleft individuals such as popular podcast host Joe Rogan. The disastrous Trump administration has left a wake of disaffected followers who can be brought to the left, and Sanders is the man to do so. He will not compromise his values and sacrifice his beliefs to do so. In Rogan's words, "[Sanders] has been insanely consistent his entire life."

His policies are not in the past either. Just as Sanders has argued for progress in the past, he does so now. Establishing a stronger workplace, Medicare for All, tuition-free public college, and every other progressive issue Sanders champions prove his principles.

Among one of his most notable stand out plans is the adoption of universal internet. When almost all jobs require applications online, job postings made online, email requirements and online news, living without the internet is a death sentence. As such, Sanders will make internet far more accessible than it has ever been previously.

To those who say this is too radical, I would say that it has already been paid for — because it was through a \$400 billion bill to the American taxpayers, who received nothing in return. While corporations built what they wanted and pocketed the cash, everyone else was left hung out to dry. But that will be corrected with the Sanders administration.

That is the theme of the Sanders campaign — where only a fraction of a percent benefited, now the whole country will prosper.

Sanders' plans are only radical in comparison to what the American people have gotten so far. This is the only campaign that rights the historic wrongs that have been dealt.

Those who would say that Sanders' propositions are dreams only claim such because they cannot accomplish what he can.

## COLUMN

## Warren: The candidate to be Madam President

Our country needs a plan for progress, and the senator from Massachusetts has that plan. We need her in the White House.



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Our country is in the middle of a Senate impeachment trial. My generation has been thrown into chaos with gun violence and college debt. The inevitable destruction stemming from climate change is even more menacing. We need a plan.

The caucuses are in a week, and Iowa City is going to have a front-row seat. We are going to be the first in a series of decisions where the personal choice becomes the political future. Between debates, interviews, and meeting several of the Democratic candidates in person, I have exposed myself to as much as I can to decide which name I want to support on Feb. 3.

I've decided I want U.S. Senator from Massachusetts Elizabeth Warren as the Democratic presidential nominee.

I met Warren about a year ago on day one of her 2020 campaign. She was at the IMU to hold her first rally as a presidential candidate. I was in a room filled with around 20 people, pacing and chattering away. Before her rally began, Warren had promised the University of Iowa Democrats she would meet personally with them.

When she came into the room, her arm reached out in that on-brand movement of hers. Warren was warm and spoke naturally with intentional eye contact. As her eyes met each person in the room, she shook their hands and I recognized her humanity.



Hayden Froehlich/The Daily Iowan

Sen. Elizabeth Warren D-Mass., speaks at a town hall at the NewBo Market in Cedar Rapids on Sunday.

It was early in the campaign season when she announced her run for president as a Democrat. It was that early. So when she looked at me, nodding away at her plans, Warren become "the" Democrat to me. At that time, it was just her.

Every idea and belief she had aligned with mine. Her progressive rhetoric reminded me very much of Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., whom I had caucused for in the 2016 election. As we listened, Warren spoke of being a mechanic in the machine of Washington. She was hyper-focused on restoring the middle-class, particularly college students.

My yes to her as a candidate for the Democratic Party is not a declaration of her perfection, or her faultlessness. Her old connections with the Republican Party — as well as her efforts to build new relationships with the Native American communities, people of color, low-income families, and the younger LGBTQ generation — are promising. Warren's political career gives her the chance to give all of us hope.

She is a message of: "This is why I changed. Change for the better is possible, and it can be done."

I have confidence in Warren's energy for the presidency. I trust that she is a progressive human mechanic who can redesign the mechanisms of our current government. I believe in her plans for legislation that upholds civil rights.

I also believe that her identity as a woman from a middle-class family, where education and law were her passions, is what the next president should embody.

That's not to say she has my vote simply because she is a woman. It's to say that because Warren and I share the political and social experiences of womanhood, and supporting the campaign matters all the more.

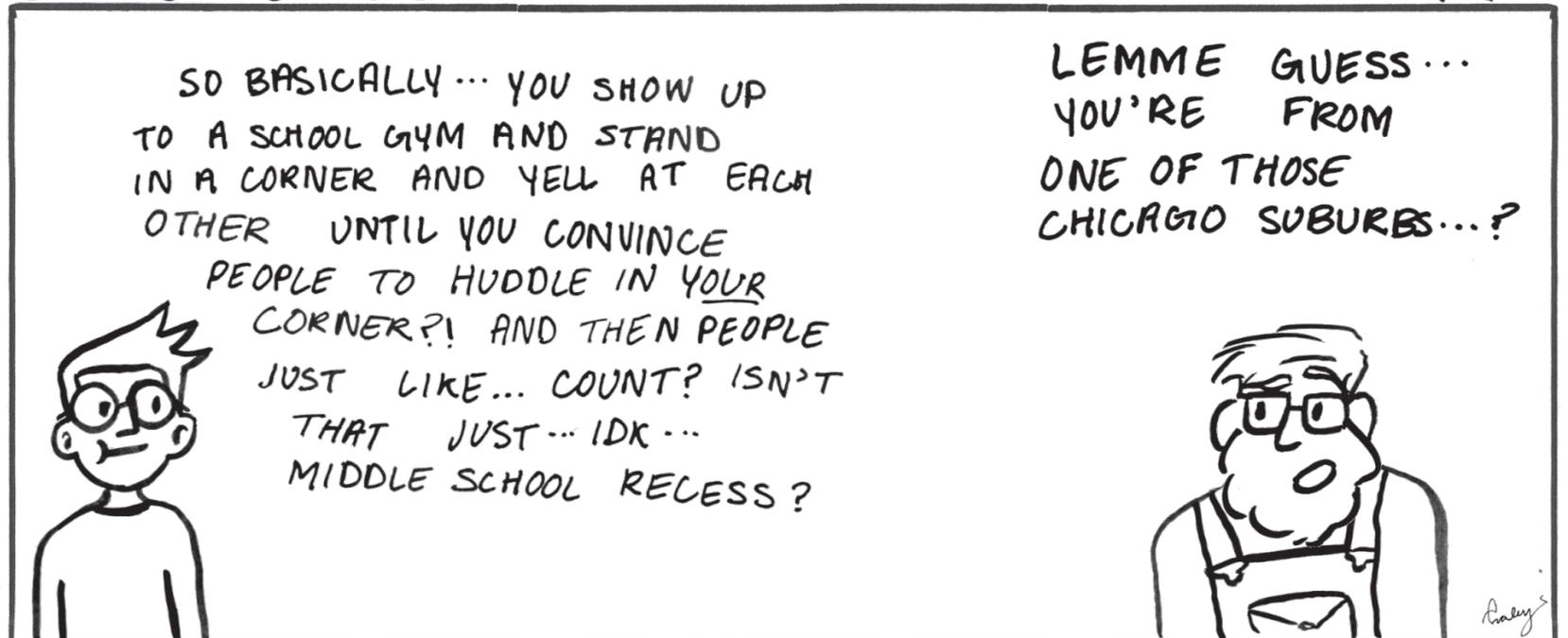
I as a voter cannot dismiss our shared identity.

My personal endorsement for Warren is my push toward progress in this country. I want the same things so many of my Democratic peers want, and we cannot afford to villainize each other for seeing that progress in different candidates.

But I know what I see. I see Warren earning a nomination for the Democratic Party. I see her as Madam President. I see our country putting plan into action and saying, "it worked."

## earl's tea on: caucuses

BY HALEY TRIEM



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# Track Hawkeyes stay hot in Kentucky

Both Iowa track and field teams finished first in multiple events in the team's first away meet of the 2019-20 indoor season.



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Part of the Iowa 4x400m relay premier team — DeJuan Frye, Antonio Woodard, and Jamal Britt — jog down to the start line during introductions during the fourth annual Larry Wiczorek Invitational at the University of Iowa Recreation Building on Jan. 18.

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Iowa track and field's first away meet of the 2019-20 season gave a number of athletes the perfect opportunity to set new personal bests — and school records — in multiple events this weekend.

For senior sprinter DeJuan Frye, joining Iowa's top-10 leaderboard for the 400-meters (47.16) this weekend indicated how far he has come after taking a year off.

Frye did not compete last season, and this weekend was his first away meet since 2018.

"I personally felt that my performance was just me knocking the rust off," Frye said. "After being out a year, I've been super focused on getting back to my old self, and this weekend was just getting a little confidence

back in myself. Making the top 10 is really cool, and I appreciate it very much, but it's just a product of me wanting to do great things for my team."

Focusing on constant improvement appears to be a theme for the rest of the team, as well. Four Hawkeyes took home the gold: senior hurdler Jaylan McConico in the 60-meter hurdles (7.72), sophomore sprinter Wayne Lawrence in the 400-meters (46.40), and senior multi-event athlete Tia Saunders in the 600-meters (1:30.92) being three of them.

The fourth first-place finisher was Austin Lietz, a senior hurdler, in the 600-meters (1:17.99).

"It was really nice to go out there and get first," Lietz said. "But it also showed me that what I am doing so far is working and to keep working at it."

"We've been training

for several months at this point, and it's reassuring to run a time like that at this point in the season. It was a loaded meet with a couple other Hawkeyes and few other Big Ten athletes. Despite the competition, I believed in my race plan and trusted my training."

Lietz's performance in Kentucky ranked him second in the Big Ten Conference, trailing only Lawrence.

Lawrence, whose time in the 200-meters (21.11) placed him in the No. 4 spot on the Iowa all-time leaderboard for that event, had previously said that he was going into this meet with an emphasis on the 400-meter race.

In regard to his teammates' success in Kentucky, Frye is proud.

"I thought the team as a whole did great this weekend," Frye said. "We had a

lot of new people traveling and having their first competition, so getting them experience is huge for our success, because we have such a long season. I am very proud of everyone."

Iowa will compete in its final indoor home meet of the season Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at the Black and Gold Invite before taking trips around the region to close the indoor season.

Going forward, Lietz is excited about what the team can accomplish.

"It's still very early in the season, but I think as a team we are looking very competitive and driven," Lietz said. "Over the weekend, we brought many first-place finishes, and as we head into February, we are setting ourselves up nicely for the Big Ten Championships and outdoor season for the men's and women's teams."

# Swim and dive soars at Shamrock Invite

The Iowa men's and women's swimming and diving teams posted a variety of solid performances in South Bend, Indiana.

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The saying goes, "Rather be lucky than good." The Hawkeye men's swimming team was just plain good as it finished in second place over the weekend in South Bend, Indiana, at the Shamrock Invitational, tallying 917 total points.

The Irish men didn't need luck either, defeating Iowa for the Invite's top spot by a whopping 361 points.

Notre Dame also finished atop the standings in the women's competition with 1114.5 points. The Hawkeye women swam to a fourth-place finish, totaling 629.5 points at the Rolf's Aquatics Center.

On day one of the two-day event, Iowa had several impressive finishes.

For the men, freshman Sergey Kuznetsov — who joined the team for the sec-

ond semester — got an individual win in the 100-fly.

Iowa took second, third, and fourth in the 50-free as sophomore Aleksey Tarasenko finished in 20.16. He was followed closely by seniors Steve Fiolic (20.39) and Will Scott (20.48). Tarasenko touched just three-hundredths of a second behind Ohio State's Sem Andreis.

In the men's 200-free relay, Fiolic, Tarasenko, Scott, and senior Joe Myhre nabbed a win as they came in at 1:20.10 — Iowa's second fastest time of the season.

Freshman Mohamed Neuman added to Iowa's first day score with a fifth-place finish in the 3-meter diving event.

Iowa's men's team had 586 points heading into day two.

Senior Hannah Burvill captured the women's team's first victory of their first day of competition in the 200-free, immediately after Kuznetsov had secured the

first win for the men.

Freshmen Julia Koluch (54.63) and Kennedy Gilbertson (54.88) finished second and third in the 100-back. Koluch's time was fast enough to enter the top-10 in Hawkeye history.

Burvill, freshman Macy Rink, freshman Millie Sansome, and senior Allyssa Fluit took the 800-free relay title with a time of 7:12.79, fifth fastest in program history.

The Hawkeye women finished with 442.5 first-day points.

Both squads continued their success on the second day of competition, and Sansome again found herself at the top of the leaderboard. But that's not the only thing she achieved on Jan. 25.

In the 29th of 40 events at the Shamrock Invitational, Sansome broke her own school record in the 200-back in 1:55.94. She won the event

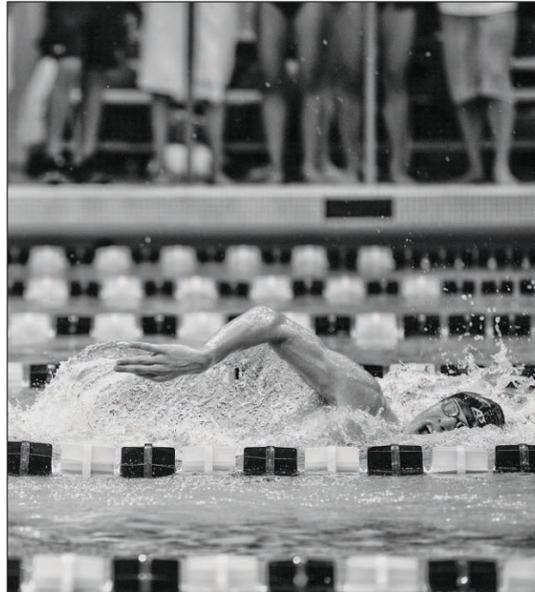
over Bayley Stewart of Notre Dame by just over three-tenths of a second.

Her time of 1:55.94 bested her previous personal and school record of 1:56.31, which she set back on Dec. 7 in a preliminary race at the Minnesota Invitational.

Other Iowa victories on Saturday included sophomore Anze Fers Erzen in the men's 200-back and Tarasenko in the 100-free in 43.95. Senior Michael Tenney captured Iowa's final victory of the invite in the 200-fly in 1:46.56.

Fellow Big Ten conference member Ohio State finished second in the women's competition with 975 points over the two days.

Next, both Hawkeye teams will welcome the Western Illinois Leathernecks to the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center on Feb. 7. This will be the season's final dual meet before the Big Ten Championships begins Feb. 19.



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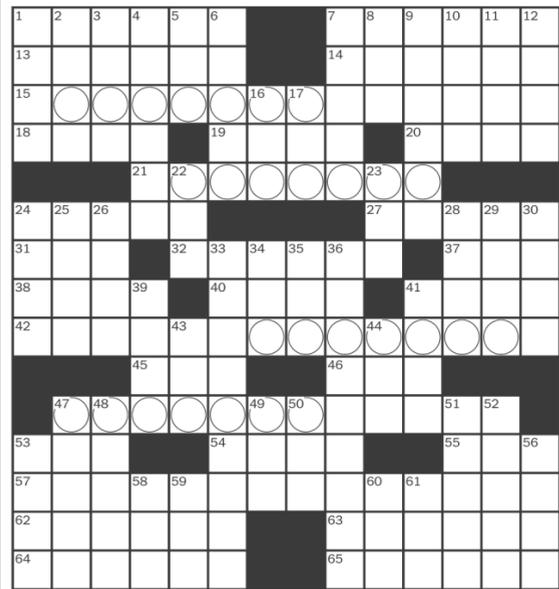
Iowa swimmer Andrew Fierke competes in the 1,000 freestyle during a swim meet at the CRWC on Jan. 11 between Iowa, Illinois, and Notre Dame. Fierke finished second in his heat with a time of 9:25.79.

## The Daily Break

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 2A

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**DOWN**

- 1 Joke that goes viral on the internet
- 2 x or y, on a graph
- 3 "Star Wars" character who could this clue have written?
- 4 When twilight begins
- 5 Zilch
- 6 Nativity \_\_\_
- 7 Indian megacity of 28+ million
- 8 "Yes, mon ami"
- 9 Ferocious dinos
- 10 Sheltered shoreline spot
- 11 Business sign that's flipped in the morning
- 12 NPR's \_\_\_ Liasson
- 16 Cone's retinal counterpart
- 17 Big part of an elephant
- 22 Guitar pioneer \_\_\_ Paul
- 23 Insult, slangily
- 24 St. Louis landmark
- 25 What'll help you see the sites?
- 26 Bug-eyed
- 28 Blue jeans pioneer Strauss
- 29 Missing G.I.
- 30 Whine like a baby
- 33 One of 38 for Madonna, a Billboard record
- 34 Do an impression of
- 35 Fannie \_\_\_
- 36 What the vengeful seek to settle
- 39 Lose, as fur
- 41 Comic strip "\_\_\_ and Janis"
- 43 "You hate to see it"
- 44 "Why \_\_\_ even bother?"
- 47 Cash in India
- 48 Turnpike turnoffs
- 49 Falsehood
- 50 Politically unaffiliated: Abbr.
- 51 Some prom hairstyles
- 52 Insert for a blocked blood vessel
- 53 Cough syrup qtys.
- 56 Hawkeye's player on "M\*A\*S\*H"
- 58 Bit of equipment in fishing and basketball
- 59 Uno + due
- 60 QB Manning
- 61 Wrath

**ACROSS**

- 1 New World natives noted for their pyramids and calendar
- 7 Amazon or eBay
- 13 Intriguingly foreign
- 14 Companion of Io, Ganymede and Callisto among Jupiter's moons
- 15 Pitcher between a starter and a closer
- 18 Biblical birthright seller
- 19 Biblical boat captain
- 20 TV warrior princess
- 21 Snow day activity
- 24 No longer slumbering
- 27 State religion of Iran
- 31 Fix, as an election
- 32 John of "Full House"
- 37 Female sheep
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- 40 Iridescent birthstone
- 41 Declare
- 42 Metalworker's tool
- 45 Chow down
- 46 Note between fa and la
- 47 Popular apple variety
- 53 Prom rental
- 54 El \_\_\_ (Pacific Ocean phenomenon)
- 55 School grp. that might hold a walkathon
- 57 Play a game during Hanukkah ... with a hint to 15-, 21-, 42- and 47-Across
- 62 Russian czar known as "the Great"
- 63 Tolkien's Lord of Rivendell
- 64 Six-line stanza
- 65 Afternoon nap

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES

### Guerin sets records, GymHawks fall to Penn State

The Iowa women's gymnastics team fell to 0-2 in the Big Ten after losing to Penn State 193.675-196.275 over the weekend.

The Hawkeyes first dual meet of the 2019-20 season was on the road in College Park against Maryland, which resulted in a 195.675-196.125 loss for the GymHawks.

On Jan. 25, the Hawkeyes led the Nittany Lions in vault, posting a team 48.825. They were led by sophomore Lauren Guerin, who presented an individual average of 9.825 and earned second overall in the event.

Guerin also showed up on floor against the Nittany Lions, posting the highest rotation score of the night with an individual 9.950 by the judges and tying with Penn State's Lauren Bridgens. Guerin's 9.950 routine tied for her career-best and third place all-time in Iowa's record book for floor.

While suffering the largest point-gap, 47.175-49.175, in bars, the young gymnasts continued to show up Jan. 25. Freshman Allyson Steffensmeier's individual 9.825 performance led the Hawkeyes, followed by senior Clair Kaji at 9.750.

To complete the night, five out of the six Hawkeyes competing in beam were underclassmen. Placing second overall to Penn State's Cassidy Rushlow, sophomore Bridget Killian carded a 9.850 to lead the Hawkeyes, followed by sophomore Mackenzie Vance, sophomore Allie Gilchrist, and freshman Dani Castillo.

The Hawkeyes are back in Iowa City on Feb. 1, as they host Michigan State for a Big Ten dual in Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 7 p.m.



Guerin

# No. 10 lasts forever in the rafters

Hawkeye women's basketball legend Megan Gustafson had her No. 10 retired Sunday in front of a packed Carver-Hawkeye Arena crowd.



Emily Wangen/The Daily Iowan

Former Iowa basketball player Megan Gustafson stands with head coach Lisa Bluder during the retirement ceremony for her No. 10 jersey following the Iowa women's basketball game against Michigan State University on Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes defeated the Spartans, 74-57.

### Men's tennis sweeps Marquette, Omaha

The Iowa men's tennis team extended its win streak to four after a pair of wins over Marquette (5-2) and Omaha (6-1) on Jan. 25.

In the first match of the day, Iowa took five of six singles sets against Marquette after dropping the doubles point.

"It wasn't our best doubles effort against Marquette, the guys were frustrated with that, but the guys bounced back in a big way in singles," Iowa head coach Ross Wilson said



Wilson

in a release.

The Hawkeyes won the nightcap of the doubleheader against Omaha. Iowa won the doubles point, and clinched a victory with Nikita Snezhko's first match win of the 2020 season.

### BIG TEN WRESTLING LEADERS

1. Iowa - 7-0 (4-0 Big Ten)
2. Ohio State - 7-1 (3-0)
3. Penn State - 6-1 (3-0)
4. Michigan - 4-2 (3-0)
5. Purdue - 9-2 (2-1)

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"We had to win for Megan, right? We didn't want to be the spoilers tonight."**



- Iowa women's basketball head coach Lisa Bluder on beating Michigan State

### STAT OF THE DAY

The Iowa women's basketball team has won

32

consecutive home games

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Legends in sports don't come by often. On Sunday, the latest Hawkeye to earn that rare distinction was immortalized in Iowa history forever.

After Iowa defeated Michigan State, 74-57, center Megan Gustafson's No. 10 was retired in a ceremony in front of 13,420 people, the second highest attendance in the Lisa Bluder era, at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

er-Hawkeye Arena.

Her gold banner was raised to the rafters as the crowd roared along.

"This is a place that's so special to my heart, to come back here today to see what a great crowd that came out for our girls today," Gustafson said during the ceremony. "I'm just so proud to be a Hawk. Once a Hawk, always a Hawk."

Gustafson played for the program from 2015-19 and holds six Hawkeye single-season records,

six career records, five Big Ten single-season records, and three career Big Ten records. Statistical highlights include her 1,001 points during her senior season, 1,460 rebounds in her career, and a 65.6 percent career field goal percentage — all of which are Big Ten records.

In total, Gustafson scored 2,804 points over her illustrious career, a program record.

At the end of her senior year, she was named the first Consen-

sus National Player of the Year in conference history,

Awards and statistics only mean so much, however. Playing experience is a big part of any college athlete's career, but at Iowa, Gustafson said she felt her greatest impact was something else.

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## Women's Basketball Iowa - 74 Michigan State - 57

# Warnock steps up, scores big

With starter Monika Czinano injured, freshman McKenna Warnock stepped up with the best game of her career.



Emily Wangen/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's McKenna Warnock attempts to keep the ball away from Michigan State forward Kayla Belles during the Iowa women's basketball game against Michigan State University on Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

BY BEN PALYA

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A 31-game home winning streak on the line and Megan Gustafson's jersey set to be retired after the game — no pressure.

The Hawkeyes trailed by two at the end of the third quarter, but once again Iowa rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Michigan State, 74-57.

"We wanted [to win] so badly," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "We wanted to do it for Megan. She was in our circle this morning; she was our shoot-around. That was important to us."

Iowa outscored the Spartans, 28-9, in the final 10 minutes of game time. It's become a theme for this Hawkeye team to claw its way back late, and that was no different on Sunday.

Freshman McKenna Warnock recorded her second double-double of her young career and played her best basketball of the night in the fourth quarter. She scored 15 of her career-high 22 points in the final period.

"McKenna came in and just played a marvelous game," Bluder said. "Really happy for her. Her line was incredible."

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# Garza set for 'tall' task

Luka Garza has played plenty of games against some of the top big men in the conference recently, and he gets another chance on Monday.

BY PETE RUDEN

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Luka Garza doesn't receive many breaks in the Big Ten.

In Iowa's last three home games, all against ranked opponents, Garza has gone up against some of the best big men the conference has to offer — and he's played well.

When he faced Maryland's Jalen Smith, he put up 21 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Against Michigan's Jon Teske, Garza dropped 33 and pulled down seven boards. Finally, he dominated Rutgers' Myles Johnson in the Hawkeyes' last game by scoring 28 points to go along with 13 rebounds.

Now, he will receive another chance to prove his value today when Nate Reuvers and Wisconsin visit Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 7:30 p.m.

For Garza and the Hawkeyes, it's just another day.

"That's what we signed up for," Garza said. "When you want to play in the Big Ten, these are the type of battles you look forward to. These are the type of games you want to play. We're not a soft league where there's off nights. We go against the best in the country, and that's what's going to prepare us for March."

While Reuvers leads the Badgers with 13.8 points and 5.2 rebounds per game, Garza paces Iowa in a different way.



Garza

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**GUSTAFSON**  
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other people, to inspire other girls and boys, just to know that they can play, and they can realize their own dreams, and thankfully the University of Iowa has given me an amazing platform to do just that."

While watching the greatest player she has ever coached be honored in front of the crowded audience in Carver, Bluder got emotional.

"Megan represented our program," Bluder said. "She was the epitome of the women's basketball player that we

want in our program."

In a postgame press conference, Bluder applauded Gustafson's hard work, humbleness, and niceness. The latter, she said, is a lost art in today's society.

Gustafson is only the second player in Hawkeye women's basketball history to have her number retired. Michelle Edwards' No. 30 was retired in 1988.

Gustafson sat across from the Hawkeye bench during the game. Though she wasn't acting like a crazy fan, she was attentively watching, cheering whenever the Hawkeyes whenever someone in the Black and Gold made a play. It was a roller-coaster through-

out most of the game, but the Hawkeyes did come up on top.

Toward the end of the game, as both freshman McKenna Warnock and senior Kathleen Doyle made and-one layups, Gustafson emphatically stood up and celebrated.

"It was really fun to be just up and close and hearing what's going on, and I really wanted to go out there and suit up to be honest," Gustafson said. "But it was just incredible just to be around there. My family was with me you know right there. Just to be up close and personal with the Hawk fans from a different perspective, you know, because I've always been playing. It was really cool."

**WARNOCK**  
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"The fourth quarter was important, obviously. I think we just wore them out. We kept chasing and they were very physical at the beginning of the game, and that took us out of our rhythm a little bit."

Warnock took on a larger role after center Monika Czinano suffered a severe ankle sprain in the second half. Czinano took a heavy fall on her knee after converting on a shot. She was helped off the court by the training staff and did not return to the game. However, Czinano would re-

turn to the court in the fourth quarter wearing a walking boot.

Warnock wasn't going to back down from the challenge, especially after hearing encouraging remarks from her teammates.

"It was just my teammates trusting in me, the coaching staff trusting in me," Warnock said. "I had a couple plays called for me, and all my teammates just told me to take it at them. It was just the support from everyone else."

The teammate that may have been behind Warnock the most was senior guard Kathleen Doyle.

Doyle finished with 20 points, but her most import-

ant contribution of the night was providing Warnock with the leadership necessary for her success.

"She's a stud," Doyle said. "She was just finishing, going by people. That's big-time, playing in front of however many people as a freshman."

With Gustafson's ceremony coming post game, the Hawkeyes played in front of a crowd of 13,420 fans at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The fans, like the Hawkeyes, wanted to celebrate an Iowa win before honoring an Iowa legend.

"We had to win for Megan, right?" Bluder said. "We didn't want to be the spoilers tonight."

**GARZA**  
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Garza is the only player in the Big Ten averaging over 20 points a game — he sits at 23.2 — and he ranks second with 10.3 boards a game.

His dominance night in and night out has become

such a regular occurrence that a 30-point performance is no longer surprising.

Garza has failed to reach the 20-point mark only five times this season, and four of those were in Iowa's first seven games. On top of that, he's scored at least 30 points on four separate occasions, including a 44-point outburst against Michigan on

Dec. 6.

"I don't know if he's elevating his game; he's just dominant every night," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "You don't look at him and it's like, 'Well, I'm not surprised.'"

As "Let the Peacock Fly" has become popular among the Hawkeye fan base, so has Garza's on-court passion.

Whether it's flexing in the

camera or yelling after draining a bucket with a bloody nose, Garza plays with an energy the Hawkeyes need when they play the schedule they do.

"When I'm in the flow of a game, I kind of get lost," Garza said. "That's what basketball does for me. It allows me to show who I am and my personality."

Iowa feeds off that emotion.

When Garza's on a roll, his teammates can feel comfortable putting shots up because he can grab the rebound and put it back in. McCaffery said he covers up mistakes.

Putting Garza — and the rest of the Hawkeye offense — up against a Badger defense that ranks 11th in the conference in field-goal defense could mean good things for an

Iowa team attempting to win its ninth home game in a row.

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It's imperative for those in power to treat the climate crisis with the urgency it demands. **I'm the only candidate who will openly make fighting climate change my number one priority.** If it's not number one, it won't get done ... and it has to get done.

**On the first day of my presidency, I will declare the climate crisis a national emergency and invoke the emergency powers of the executive office, including enacting power plant regulations, instilling stricter pollution standards on cars, and revamping building codes.** I will hold all corporate polluters accountable for their environmental crimes against humanity. No other candidate sees it this way, but we have no choice — we're running out of time. It's why I left my company a decade ago to start NextGen America, and worked with students all across the U.S. to mobilize the largest youth voter registration and turnout effort in American history. **Young people lead the charge; and in 2020 you'll vote out the most corrupt president this country has ever seen.**

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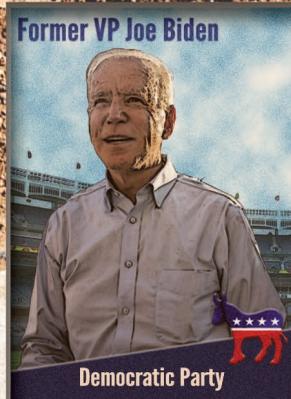
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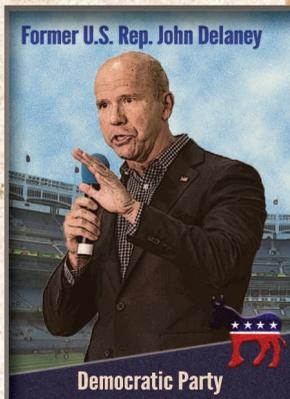
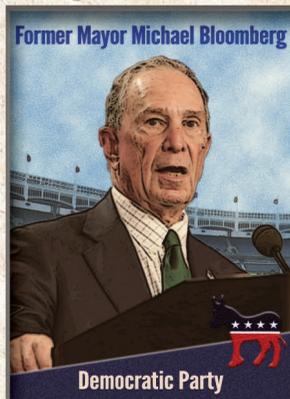
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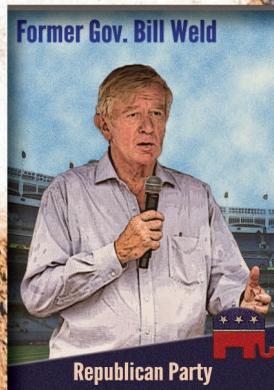
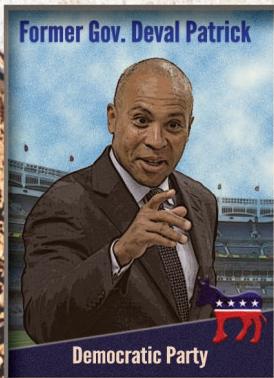
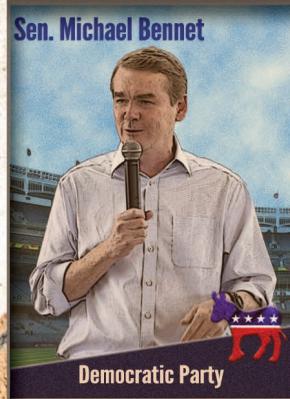
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Polling information is from the *Des Moines Register*/CNN/Mediacom poll of 701 likely Democratic caucusgoers between Jan. 2-8 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

*The Daily Iowan* chose to give a half page of information to each candidate, who as of Jan. 26, met at least one metric needed to qualify for the February Democratic debate. Candidates who didn't meet any requirements were given a quarter of a page. To qualify for the first post-caucuses debate, Democratic-nomination candidates need to garner 250,000 unique donations and either two polls with at least 7 percent in the three early nominating states after Iowa or four polls (either early state or national) with 5 percent.

# How many tickets out of IOWA?



The popular colloquialism that there are “three tickets” for the nomination out of Iowa may be thrown for a loop this year with the Democratic Party using two new reporting metrics.

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On caucus night 2012, eight votes separated the declared “winner” of the Republican caucuses — Mitt Romney — from the next closest contender — Rick Santorum. Sixteen days after the caucuses, the Iowa Republican Party reversed themselves, saying Santorum actually came away from the caucuses with 34 more votes.

The new result shaped political-pundit commentary and media coverage for the rest of the race. The actual number of delegates each candidate took on to the national convention from the Hawkeye State re-

mained the same, but Romney, the eventual nominee, couldn’t hammer his line that he was the first nonincumbent Republican to win both the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary since 1976. The Santorum campaign could prove Romney wasn’t unbeatable.

On Feb. 3, 2020, more than one Democratic presidential hopeful could declare themselves the “winner” of the Iowa caucuses because of new result-reporting rules of the Iowa Democratic Party.

The rules, which were meant to add transparency to the Iowa Democratic caucus process after complaints in 2016, could muddle the results in media reporting and allow

candidates to make competing claims for momentum out of Iowa.

The party will release three different metrics for candidates’ support on Feb. 3 — a raw total of caucusgoer support, a second reshuffling, and the final state delegate equivalents. With a handful of Democrats jockeying at around 20 percent support in the most recent Iowa Poll, there’s a possibility that different candidates could win each measure of support.

The national Democratic convention won’t be swayed by Iowa’s 41 pledged delegates — the Democratic National Committee parcels out a total of 3,989 pledged delegates to all 50 states. Higher-volume Super Tuesday states Califor-

nia and Texas send 415 and 228 delegates, respectively, to the nominating convention.

Despite the state’s relatively small delegate count, candidates benefit from media coverage if they perform better than expected in Iowa, the first state on the nominating calendar. Jimmy Carter was the first candidate to campaign heavily in Iowa, and came in second in 1976 to “uncommitted.” The unexpected result propelled Carter through the rest of the primary calendar to win the White House, and marked a trail for future unknown presidential contenders to use Iowa as a launch pad.

“What you win out of Iowa is media attention and momentum and the ability to raise money off of that,” said former longtime *Des Moines Register* columnist David Yepsen. “And if — for whatever reason — the outcome is an uncertain win or questionable one, it hurts the potency of the victory.”

party formula. Previously, the state party only reported what state delegate equivalents candidates won, leaving raw totals unknown.

Now, with two added metrics, candidates have more opportunities to claim they did well in Iowa. A candidate winning all three measures would be the simplest narrative,

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In 2016, Clinton won the caucuses by four delegates. The party fielded criticism from Sanders supporters after some precincts flipped coins to determine the support of a delegate. The coin flips didn’t affect the final results of the Iowa caucuses, but critics wondered how delegates could be decided by an archaic game of chance.

At the Democratic caucuses, attendees break into groups for their preferred candidate to indicate their support. Only candidates who garner 15 percent or more of a precinct’s support after reshuffling earn an equivalent in state delegates, calculated by a

but with four candidates neck-and-neck in the polls, different candidates winning different metrics is a possibility, Yepsen said.

The candidate with the most supporters on the first alignment — the raw total — can say he or she would’ve won if Iowa held a primary.

The party will also report the results of the second and final alignment, which is the tally of candidate supporters after caucusgoers who backed a nonviable candidate leave or choose another Democrat to support. The Democratic candidate with the top tally of support in this metric could claim to appeal



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Then-South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg addresses the crowd during a lawn event to celebrate opening his new presidential campaign office in downtown Iowa City on Sept. 2, 2019.



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., exit the stage after a rally at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center on Nov. 9, 2019. Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez spoke on climate change and women’s rights.

to the most Iowans and form the broadest coalition of voters in the general election.

Lastly, the top state delegate equivalent-getter would be able to tout their organizing strength throughout the state. Campaigns have to be strategic to win over the most delegates, an important part of mobilizing a campaign in a general election against President Trump. In the 2016 election, Clinton won the popular vote, but now-President Trump won the electoral college and the presidency.

Linn County Democratic Chair Bret Nilles said he thought organizing prowess would be a key element in describing the results.

“If you got someone who wins, say, the initial count from the first alignment and they don’t do as well in the delegate count — the discussion might be that they were able to get people out, but they don’t have the organization to win the nomination,” Nilles said.

He added that it’ll be crucial for volunteers on the ground to understand the rules, because just a few delegates could determine the winner.

Madalyn Anderson, the Democratic county chair in Story County, said the only metric that will truly decide the winner is the delegate count. She said the different metrics will be telling of a candidate’s support — such as which candidate turns out the raw vote and which candidate gains the most support from the first alignment to the second alignment — but emphasized that the purpose of the added result types is for transparency.

“It all comes down to how many delegates

end up at the convention in Milwaukee,” Anderson said. She added that there might not be a true, clear winner, because there’s a possibility multiple candidates will have close delegate counts.

Anderson said the biggest change to the caucusing process this year is that once you’re in a viable group, you cannot move to support another candidate, which includes the undecided category.

“In the past it could be that if there’s a bunch of people who didn’t show up to the county convention, delegates actually could be lost, and [the delegate count is] a static number now,” Anderson said.

The Associated Press reported it would declare the winner based on the number of state delegate equivalents candidates garner, as the national convention would be decided by a delegate count.

As the two state parties look to hold onto the state’s first-in-the-nation status, a muddled result could give critics of Iowa as the bellwether of the presidential primary another reason to forgo the caucuses.

“You’ve got five candidates who are going to be saying, ‘Hey, we won something here’ and that’s where then what will occur is an incredible amount of spin,” Yepsen said.

“I got the most delegates.’ ‘I got the most raw body count votes.’ ‘I came close.’ ‘I got one of the three tickets out of here.’ ‘No, there’s really four tickets this year.’ And if that result is like that it will mean there aren’t going to be clear winners and clear losers.”

Politics Editor Julia Shanahan and Politics Reporter Caleb McCullough contributed reporting.

# Looking back at the season



Clockwise from top left: Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., speaks during a campaign event at the Tipton Family Restaurant in Tipton on April 26, 2019. (Katie Zentz/The Daily Iowan) Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., dances at the Polk County Steak Fry in Des Moines on Sept. 21, 2019. (Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan) Former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke addresses supporters after dropping his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination at the Liberty and Justice Celebration in Des Moines on Nov. 1, 2019. (Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan) President Trump speaks at the Iowa GOP's America First Dinner in West Des Moines on June 11, 2019. (Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan) Former VP Joe Biden greets attendees during a parade on July 4, 2019 in Independence, Iowa. (Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan) Attendees order food before a debate watch party for South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg at the Sanctuary Pub in Iowa City on Nov. 20, 2019. (Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan) Entrepreneur Andrew Yang speaks at the Liberty and Justice Celebration in Des Moines on Nov. 1, 2019. (Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan)

# Candidates bring it home

## A look at the last six months: Preseason to now

### *Third base: December 2019* Candidates who have dropped out since October

- O'Rourke: Nov. 1
- Messam: Nov. 19
- Ryan: Oct. 24
- Sestak: Dec. 1

### Candidates who have joined since October

- Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick: Nov. 14
- Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg: Nov. 24

### A season synopsis:

In July, there were 25 Democrats seeking the presidential nomination. What started as the most diverse presidential field in U.S. history slowly winnowed until the January debate stage only consisted of white candidates. Democratic candidates have criticized requirements to enter the debates, saying they shut out low-polling candidates with little personal wealth.

### *Second base: October 2019* Candidates who have dropped out since July

- Swalwell: July 8
- Gravel: Aug. 6
- Hickenlooper: Aug. 15
- Inslee: Aug. 21
- Moulton: Aug. 23
- Gillibrand: Aug. 28
- de Blasio: Sept. 20



### *Home plate: Caucus night* Candidates who have dropped out since December

- Bullock: Dec. 2
- Harris: Dec. 3
- Castro: Jan. 2
- Williamson: Jan. 10
- Booker: Jan. 13

### *First base: July 2019* The starting candidates:

- Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo.
- Former Vice President Joe Biden
- Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J.
- Montana Gov. Steve Bullock
- Then-South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg
- Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julián Castro
- Former New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio
- Former Rep. John Delaney, D-Md.
- Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii
- Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.
- Former Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska
- Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif.
- Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper
- Washington Gov. Jay Inslee
- Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.
- Miramar, Florida Mayor Wayne Messam
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- Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio
- Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.
- Former Rep. and former Vice Admiral of the U.S. Navy Joe Sestak, D-Mass.
- Billionaire businessman Tom Steyer
- Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif.
- Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.
- Author Marianne Williamson
- Entrepreneur Andrew Yang

# *A play-by-play on how to caucus*

## Republicans, this is how you caucus

**When?** 7 p.m. Feb. 3

### What happens?

A Republican caucus is conducted through what is called a “straw poll.” Caucusgoers write the name of their preferred candidate on a piece of paper and hand it to a designated official. The final tallies are counted up and delegates are awarded based on the final numbers.

### What do I need?

You need to be registered with the Republican Party in order to caucus. You can change your registration online or in person at the caucuses. You will need to bring an ID to register at the Republican caucuses, according to the website.

## Democrats, this is how you caucus

**When?** 7 p.m. Feb. 3

### What happens?

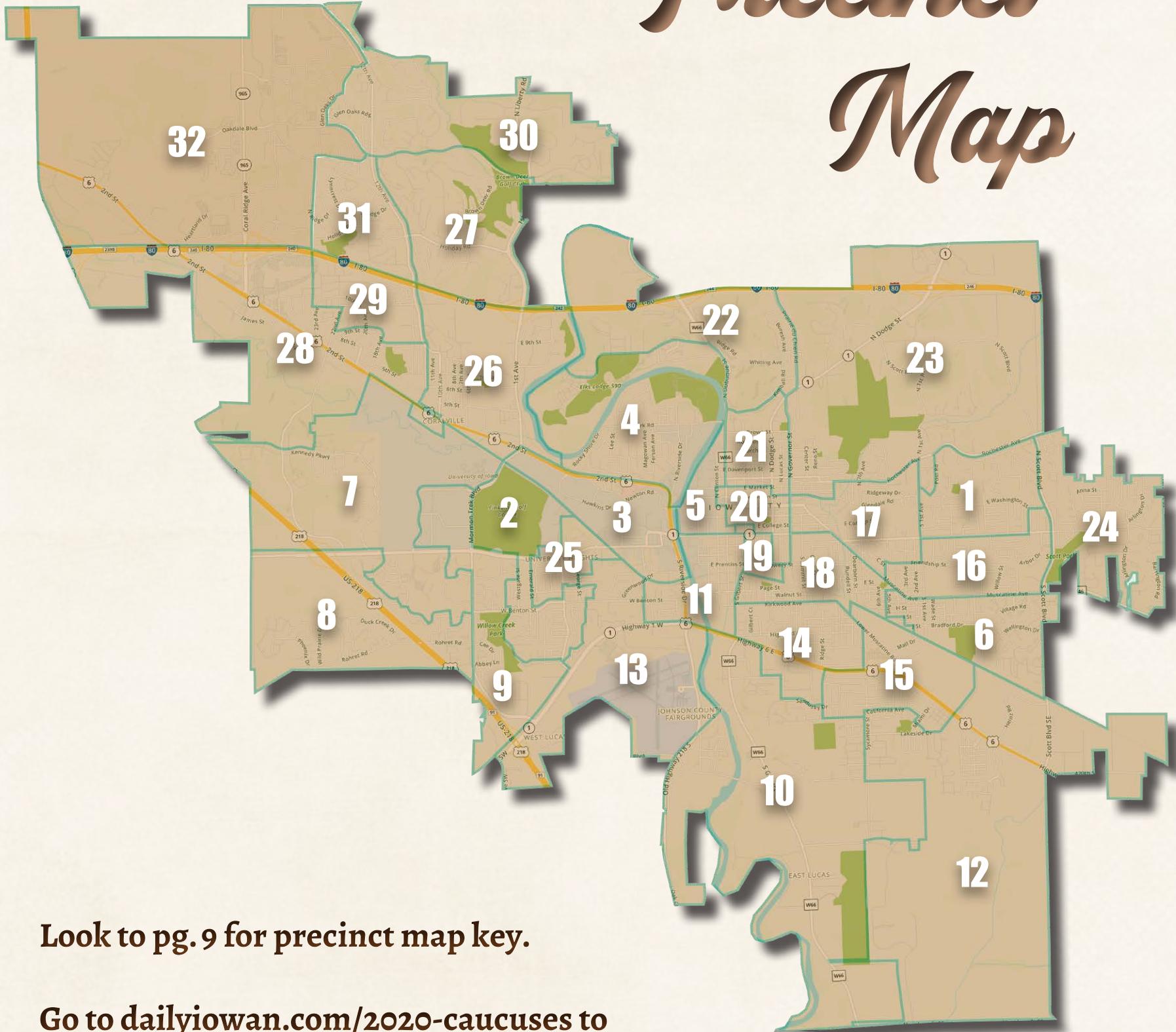
At the Democratic caucuses, participants will break up into groups based on their presidential preference. If a candidate fails to garner 15 percent of attendees at the caucus site — this is called gaining “viability” — that candidate’s supporters will be given the chance to join another group or gain enough supporters to reach viability. Delegates are awarded based on a final count of these groups.

**New this year:** The party is offering satellite caucuses at workplaces, nursing homes, schools, and out-of-state locations.  
**One important note** — if a candidate reaches viability in the first alignment, that candidate’s supporters are locked in and unable to change later on. Depending on the number of attendees, a caucus can last anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours.

### What do I need?

You need to be registered with the Democratic Party. You can register — or change your voter registration online or in person at the caucuses. You can also register or change parties on the night of the caucuses. The Iowa Democratic Party is not requiring any materials be brought for registration or participation, but you need to know the last four digits of your social security number or Iowa driver’s license number to fill out the registration form.

# Precinct Map



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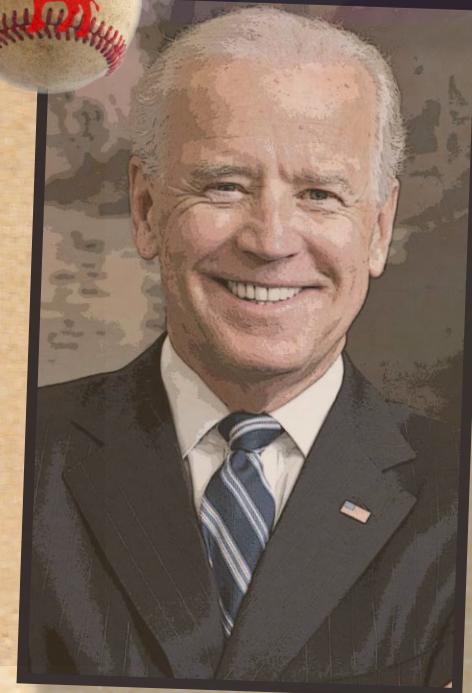
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#	Precinct Name	Democratic caucus sites	Republican caucus sites
1	Iowa City 01	Hills Community Center - 110 Main St., Hills	Lemme Elementary - Gym, 3100 E. Washington St., Iowa City
2	Iowa City 02	City High School, Cafeteria -1900 Morningside Drive, Iowa City	Lemme Elementary - Gym, 3100 E. Washington St., Iowa City
3	Iowa City 03	West High School, Cafeteria - 2901 Melrose Ave., Iowa City	Iowa City West High Room 26, 2901 Melrose Ave., Iowa City
4	Iowa City 04	University of Iowa Field House - Main Deck, 225 S Grand Ave., Iowa City	Petersen Residence Hall - Meeting Room, 304 Grand Ave., Iowa City
5	Iowa City 05	Iowa Memorial Union Ballroom -125 N. Madison St., Iowa City	Lincoln Elementary - Gym, 300 Teeters Court, Iowa City
6	Iowa City 06	Mercer Park, Gym - 2701 Bradford Drive, Iowa City	Schaeffer Hall, Room 40, 20 E. Washington (Pentacrest), Iowa City
7	Iowa City 07	UI Athletic Hall of Fame - 2425 Prairie Meadow Drive, Iowa City	Iowa City West High Room 17, 2901 Melrose Ave., Iowa City
8	Iowa City 08	West High School Main Gym - 2901 Melrose Ave., Iowa City	Weber Elementary - Gym, 3850 Rohret Road, Iowa City
9	Iowa City 09	West High School Auditorium - 2901 Melrose Ave., Iowa City	Iowa City West High Room 22, 2901 Melrose Ave., Iowa City
10	Iowa City 10	Trueblood Lodge - 4213 Sand Road SE, Iowa City	Alexander Elementary - Cafeteria, 3571 Sycamore St., Iowa City
11	Iowa City 11	Voxman Building Concert Hall/Recital Hall - 93 E. Burlington St., Iowa City	HHS Building Conference Room 203 B/C, 855 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City
12	Iowa City 12	Alexander Elementary School - 3571 Sycamore St., Iowa City	Grant Wood Elementary - Gym, 1930 Lakeside Drive, Iowa City
13	Iowa City 13	Johnson County Fair Grounds Building C - 3109 Old Hwy 218 S., Iowa City	Montgomery Hall - Johnson County Fairgrounds, 3109 Old Hwy 218, Iowa City
14	Iowa City 14	First Avenue Club - 1550 S. First Ave., Iowa City	Longfellow Elementary - Cafeteria, 1130 Seymour Ave., Iowa City
15	Iowa City 15	Mark Twain Elementary Gym - 1355 Deforest Ave., Iowa City	Southeast Junior High - Classroom 232, 2501 Bradford Drive, Iowa City
16	Iowa City 16	Lucas Elementary - 830 Southlawn Drive, Iowa City	Old Hoover Elementary - Cafeteria, 2200 E. Court St., Iowa City
17	Iowa City 17	City High School Auditorium - 1900 Morningside Drive, Iowa City	Old Hoover Elementary - Cafeteria, 2200 E. Court St., Iowa City
28	Iowa City 18	South East Junior High, Library - 2501 Bradford Drive, Iowa City	Longfellow Elementary - Cafeteria, 1130 Seymour Ave., Iowa City
19	Iowa City 19	Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center - 220 S. Gilbert St., Iowa City	Iowa City Public Library Room A, 123 S. Linn St., Iowa City
20	Iowa City 20	Englert Theater - 221 E. Washington St., Iowa City	Iowa City Public Library Room C, 123 S. Linn St., Iowa City
21	Iowa City 21	Iowa Memorial Union Main Lounge - 125 N. Madison St., Iowa City	Horace Mann Elementary - Gym, 521 N. Dodge St., Iowa City
22	Iowa City 22	W10 Pappajohn Business Building - 21 E. Market St., Iowa City	Shimek Elementary - Gym, 1400 Grissel Place, Iowa City
23	Iowa City 23	Clarion Highlander Conference Center - 2525 N. Dodge St., Iowa City	ICCSA Office-Board Room, 1725 N. Dodge St., Iowa City
24	Iowa City 24	Hoover Elementary School Cafeteria - 1355 Barrington Road, Iowa City	New Hoover Elementary - Library, 1355 Barrington Road, Iowa City
25	University Heights	Ernest Horn Elementary School MPR - 600 Koser Ave., Iowa City	University Heights Community Center, 1302 Melrose Ave., University Heights
26	Coralville 01	Coralville Center for the Performing Arts - 1301 Fifth St., Coralville	Coralville Rec. Center - Meeting Room, 1506 Eighth St., Coralville
27	Coralville 02	Radisson Hotel and Conference Center - 1220 First Ave., Coralville	Brown Deer Country Club, 1900 Country Club Drive, Coralville
28	Coralville 04	Coralville Public Library - 1401 Fifth St., Coralville	Coralville City Hall Council Chambers, 1512 Seventh Ave., Coralville
29	Coralville 05	Northwest Junior High Cafeteria/Gym - 1507 Eighth Ave., Coralville	Coralville Rec. Center - Meeting Room, 1506 Eighth St., Coralville
30	Coralville 06	North Central Junior High - 180 W. Forevergreen Road, North Liberty	Brown Deer Country Club, 1900 Country Club Dr, Coralville
31	Coralville 07	Kirkwood Regional Center - 2301 Oakdale Blvd., Coralville	Northridge Pavilion (in Northridge Park), 2250 Holiday Road, Coralville
32	Coralville 03	Wickham Elementary - 601 Oakdale Blvd., Coralville	Northridge Pavilion (in Northridge Park), 2250 Holiday Road, Coralville

# Joe Biden

Party: Democrat Age: 77

Occupation: Former vice president, former U.S. senator from Delaware



## STATS

**37:** Years served in the U.S. Senate

**3:** Times campaigning for president in Iowa. He first ran in 1988 and again in 2008.

**15%:** Support in January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

Joe Biden pitches himself as an experienced, level-headed leader – one who can piece together a broad coalition of voters and defeat Donald Trump in a general election. He served as vice president to Barack Obama and was a senator for 37 years before serving in Obama's White House. Biden supports an optional public insurance plan, making two-year college tuition free for "hardworking students," and supports a plan to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. He touts his plan for rural America, which includes funding for solar and wind energy, loans to beginning farmers, biofuel industry, rural broadband infrastructure, and agriculture research.

Biden has fielded criticism for how he handled hearings as head of the Senate Judiciary Committee when Anita Hill alleged experiencing sexual harassment by then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas while she worked for him as an aid. Biden also apologized after several women said the former vice president touched them in a way that made them feel uncomfortable.

# Michael Bloomberg

Team: Democrat Age: 77

Occupation: Former New York City mayor



## STATS

**\$200 million:** Amount Bloomberg spent on advertising, more than any Democrat in the race

**56:** Bloomberg plans to bypass the first four nominating states, focusing on Super Tuesday

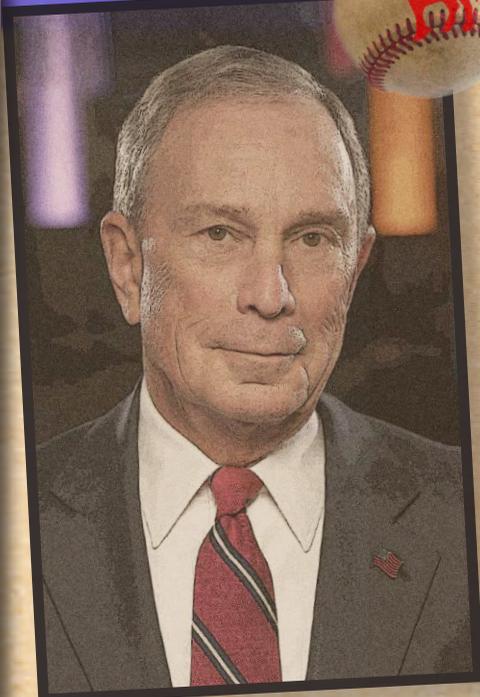
**1%:** Support in January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

Michael Bloomberg left the Democratic Party in 2002 to run in the New York City mayoral race as a Republican, where he then served in office until 2013.

Only two months into his campaign, Bloomberg has spent nearly \$200 million on advertising, far more than any other Democrat in the race. Billionaires in the race have come under fire by fellow Democrats.

Bloomberg's most prominent issue is gun control. He's the primary funder for the national nonprofit Everytown for Gun Safety and has pushed for universal background checks. He does not support gun buyback programs. Bloomberg's climate-change proposal, Beyond Carbon, aims to eliminate coal-fired power plants by 2030 and transition the U.S. to more renewable energy. Bloomberg is against Medicare for All policies, but supports a public alternative to private health insurance. That stance is similar to many of his moderate opponents in the Democratic field.



# Pete Buttigieg

Party: Democrat Age: 38

Occupation: Former South Bend, Indiana mayor



## STATS

**15:** The number of U.S. Supreme Court justices Buttigieg proposed nominating to the nation's highest court

**8:** Years Buttigieg served in the U.S. Naval Reserve as an intelligence officer

**16%:** Support in January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

Pete Buttigieg has campaigned in Iowa on his experience as a young gay man governing a Midwestern city in which manufacturing jobs have faded. Buttigieg has said South Bend's standard of living improved during his mayoral tenure, though it is unclear how much his policies directly affected the rise in median wage and dip in poverty. As the youngest candidate running for president, Buttigieg often talks about young people's responsibility to deal with threats facing his generation, namely climate change and gun violence. He supports a carbon tax and returning the revenue generated to Americans in a dividend and ending fossil fuel subsidies. He doesn't support mandatory buybacks, but does back "red flag" laws and banning high-capacity magazines.

He's faced scrutiny over private-sector work at McKinsey, a management consulting corporate law firm. His clients included Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Best Buy, and several federal agencies.

# Amy Klobuchar

Party: Democrat Age: 59

Occupation: U.S. senator from Minnesota



## STATS

**99:** Counties Klobuchar visited in Iowa

**0:** Races for office lost

**6%:** Support in January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

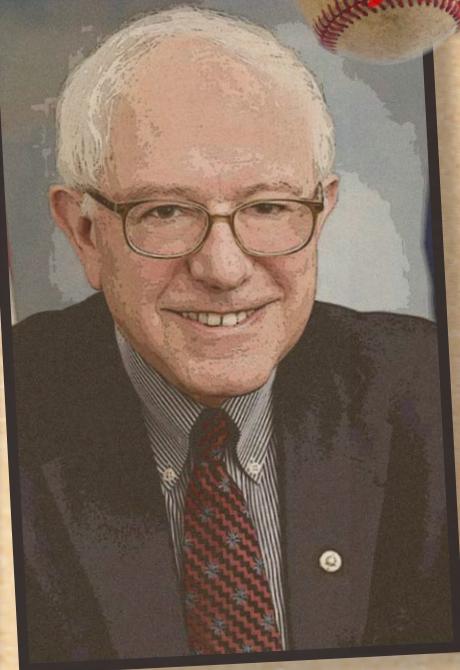
From the neighboring state of Minnesota, Amy Klobuchar relates to likely Iowa caucusgoers with knowledge of Midwestern politicians, major events, and what she calls "Midwestern values." She was the first candidate polling above 1 percent to visit each of Iowa's 99 counties. Klobuchar consistently pitches herself as a bridge builder between Democrats and Republicans. She touts a record of passing legislation, ranking third out of Senate Democrats for the amount of bills she's written that became law during the 2018 Congressional session. She's also never lost an election (including for Hennepin county attorney). In May, she released a \$100 billion plan to combat drug and alcohol addiction and improve mental-health care before holding a mental-health roundtable in Iowa City.

She supports including a public option in the Affordable Care Act, making two-year college tuition-free, and putting in place a carbon pricing system to cut carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050.

# Bernie Sanders

Party: Democrat Age: 78

Occupation: Independent U.S. senator from Vermont



## STATS

**2:** Times Sanders has run for the Democratic presidential nomination

**\$18.53:** The average donation to Sanders' campaign this quarter

**20%:** Support in January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

Bernie Sanders nearly came out on top in the 2016 Iowa Democratic caucuses with a surge of young, first-time caucusgoers. He had nearly double the share of young people who cast their support for him in 2016 primaries and caucuses than either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump. In the most recent *Des Moines Register*/CNN/Mediacom Iowa Poll, Sanders earned just over one-third of young Democratic Iowans' support, leading the field. A self-described Democratic socialist, Sanders campaigned on issues such as universal health care, an increased minimum wage, and free college in 2016, and credits his influence with bringing those ideas to the forefront of the Democratic Party for the 2020 election. He maintains that theme of starting a "political revolution" in his 2020 run, calling for canceling all student-loan debt, eliminating co-pays and deductibles under Medicare for All, and transferring America's energy sources to become 100 percent renewable.

In October, Sanders was hospitalized after suffering a heart attack, sparking initial concerns about his health and ability to hold office. He has since maintained his normal campaign schedule in the Hawkeye State.

# Tom Steyer

Party: Democrat Age: 62

Occupation: Billionaire businessman, philanthropist, political donor



## STATS

**\$47 million:** Steyer's personal funds spent on his campaign as of September

**\$13.9 million:** Steyer's spending on advertising in Iowa, leading the field

**2%:** Support in the January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

Tom Steyer pitches himself as a billionaire benefactor. He says he can break what he calls the "corporate stranglehold" on American politics. He's spent \$47 million of his own wealth on his White House bid according to the most recent Federal Election Commission filing.

Steyer centers his candidacy on his experience growing businesses into multimillion-dollar enterprises as a preview of what he could accomplish as the head of the largest economy in the world. He earned the majority of his wealth from investment firm Farallon Capital, which he stepped down from in 2012.

Climate change is Steyer's other big front. In 2013, Steyer began NextGen Climate, a climate-change advocacy group. He's released a plan that, in addition to declaring a climate emergency on his first day in office, would invest more than \$2 trillion over the course of a decade to transition away from fossil fuels.



# Elizabeth Warren

Party: Democrat Age: 70

Occupation: U.S. senator from Massachusetts



## STATS

**2 cents:** Tax on every dollar earned after \$50 million (called Warren's Ultra-Millionaire tax)

**0:** Races for office lost

**17%:** Support in January poll

## BACKGROUND

Elizabeth Warren's campaign messaging has focused on her domestic social programs, such as Medicare for All, universal free college and child care, and a broad student-loan debt cancellation program. Warren's 2-cent wealth tax would bring in nearly \$4 trillion, she says, to fund those priorities. That top 0.1 percent of households would pay an annual 2-percent tax on every dollar earned above \$50 million, and 6 percent on every dollar above \$1 billion.

Unlike Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., Warren does not plan to raise middle-class taxes to pay for Medicare for All. Warren plans to pay for her Medicare for All plan with the 6-percent wealth tax, and middle-class families would pay additional taxes on whatever extra take-home pay they receive. Warren also plans to propose \$20.5 trillion in new federal spending to cover health-care costs, and employers would pay higher taxes to the federal government.



# Andrew Yang

Party: Democrat Age: 44

Occupation: Entrepreneur



## STATS

**\$1,000:** Unconditional monthly stipend Yang wants to give to every American adult

**56:** Days Yang has spent in Iowa, falling behind only Klobuchar and Delaney

**5%:** Support in January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

Initially seen as a long-shot candidate, Andrew Yang has captured an online following, informally known as the "Yang Gang," after appearing on popular podcasts such as the *Joe Rogan Experience*. Yang's main policy plank is giving every American adult \$1,000 a month in order to displace what he describes as an economy that is rapidly running away with manufacturing jobs.

Yang's oldest son Christopher has autism. He's never appeared on the campaign trail in the Hawkeye State, but Yang has talked about him often, including in a political ad and at campaign events, such as one where he highlighted his and his wife Evelyn's support for more resources in schools for social and emotional health. Until the January debate, Yang has consistently made the debate stage ahead of U.S. senators and other candidates with more political experience. He was the only nonwhite candidate to meet polling and donor requirements for the December debate.



# John Delaney

Party: Democrat Age: 56

Occupation: Former U.S. representative from Maryland

## STATS

**2017:** When Delaney announced his candidacy (the first to do so)

**\$24.4 million:** Delaney's own money spent on his candidacy through September 2019

**0%:** Support in January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

John Delaney was the first 2020 Democrat to announce their candidacy in July 2017 and was the first candidate to visit all 99 counties in Iowa. A moderate candidate, Delaney has campaigned largely on adding a national public health-care option and wants to preserve provisions in the Affordable Care Act. Delaney would also raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour and eliminate private prisons and mandatory minimums in criminal sentencing.



# Tulsi Gabbard

Party: Democrat Age: 38

Occupation: U.S. representative from Hawaii

## STATS

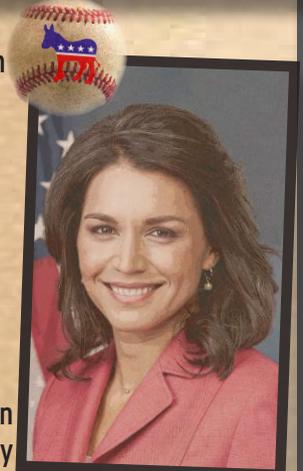
**1st:** Hindu member of Congress and first American Samoa in Congress

**12:** Months deployed to Iraq as a Major in the Hawaii National Guard

**2%:** Support in January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

Gabbard's signature issue is ending regime-change wars — efforts to oust a country's leader. Gabbard, an Iraq war veteran, favors reducing military spending in order to expand domestic social programs. She serves on the Medicare for All caucus in Congress. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called Gabbard a "favorite of the Russians" in November, suggesting that Russia was supporting Gabbard for a third-party run. She responded by calling Clinton "the queen of warmongers."



# Michael Bennet

Party: Democrat Age: 55

Occupation: U.S. senator from Colorado, former superintendent of Denver Schools

## STATS

**8:** Bennet is known for his work on the "Gang of Eight" immigration bill

**2028:** Target year Bennet's education plan would guarantee education nationwide

**0%:** Support in January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

Michael Bennet pitches himself as a down-to-earth Democrat. He supports free community college and debt forgiveness for those working in public service, expanding the Child Tax Credit, and enacting paid family leave. Leaning on his superintendent experience, Bennet has focused his campaign on strengthening K-12 education. His plan aims to guarantee every child a quality education nationwide by 2028 by forming community partnerships backed by \$10 million in federal funding.



# Deval Patrick

Party: Democrat Age: 63

Occupation: Former Massachusetts governor

## STATS

**2nd:** Elected black governor nationwide

**4:** Events hosted in Iowa since announcing his candidacy in November

**0%:** Support in January Iowa Poll

## BACKGROUND

Deval Patrick became the first elected black governor of Massachusetts in 2006. As close friends, Patrick consulted former President Obama before entering the 2020 field. Patrick worked for investment firm Bain Capital and was a political commentator on CBS. As governor, Patrick pushed for boosted funding for infrastructure and transportation and proposed universal pre-K and free community college. Patrick supports lowering carbon emissions and implemented policies to increase biofuel production in Massachusetts.



# Donald Trump

Party: Republican Age: 73

Occupation: President, real-estate mogul

## STATS

**\$165 million:** Funds raised since his 2016 election, far outstripping any Democratic contender

**3/4:** Proportion of registered Iowa Republicans plan to vote for the president, a November Iowa Poll found

## BACKGROUND

Queens native Donald Trump bested a crowded 2016 GOP primary and defeated Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton in the general election, though she won the popular vote. Before becoming president, Trump led his family's real-estate company, which he renamed The Trump Organization. Since taking office, Trump has touted a 2017 tax cut that largely benefited corporations and the wealthy as one of his signature legislative accomplishments during his first term. He also supports withdrawing troops from international wars, renegotiating trade deals, and building a wall along the border of the U.S. and Mexico – around 90 new miles of wall has been built during his presidency.

He's campaigning for president while under an impeachment trial in the U.S. Senate, something that has never happened before in modern U.S. history – Richard Nixon resigned and Bill Clinton was impeached during his second term. At issue is whether Trump withheld aid from Ukraine to coerce the country into investigating political rival Joe Biden. The president is set to hold a rally in Des Moines Jan. 30, just four days before the caucuses. His rallies have become a defining feature of his campaign.



# Bill Weld

Party: Republican Age: 74

Occupation: Former Massachusetts governor, former Libertarian vice-presidential nominee

## STATS

**3.27%:** The share of the national vote the 2016 Libertarian ticket garnered, the most ever for the party

**\$1.3 million:** Raised for the campaign as of the end of 2019

## BACKGROUND

Bill Weld ran as the running mate to 2016 Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson. Keeping left-leaning social policies, Weld favors legalizing marijuana, supports making it easier for a woman to have an abortion, and supports keeping the Affordable Care Act. He also wants to implement a flat tax.



# Joe Walsh

Party: Republican Age: 58

Occupation: Former U.S. representative from Illinois and conservative talk radio host

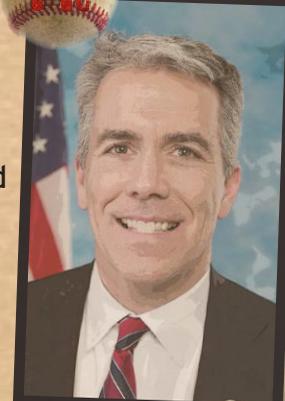
## STATS

**2:** Years representing Illinois in the U.S. House

**\$234,000:** Raised since launching candidacy

## BACKGROUND

A University of Iowa alum, Joe Walsh graduated with a bachelor's in English in 1985. He represented Illinois in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2011-2013. He cited disagreements with Trump's conduct in office as his reason to run, calling the sitting president a "danger" and supported Trump's impeachment. He favors reduced taxes, abolishing the estate tax, and believes climate change is human-caused.



# *The rest of the season*

*What is next in 2020?*

## *Canceled*

- South Carolina Republican primary
- Nevada Republican caucuses

The Republican Parties of South Carolina and Nevada canceled their primaries and caucuses in solidarity with President Trump, dedicating their delegates to the incumbent.

*Feb. 11* New Hampshire primary

*Feb. 22* Nevada Democratic caucuses

*Feb. 29* South Carolina Democratic primary

*March 3* Super Tuesday

*March 14* Iowa Republican county conventions

*March 21* Iowa Democratic county conventions

*April 25* Iowa Democratic and Republican district conventions

*June 13* Iowa Democratic and Republican state conventions

Iowa serves as the launch pad into the rest of the nominating calendar. Next is the New Hampshire primary, where candidates who don't perform well in Iowa can make up some ground before heading into the Nevada caucuses and the South Carolina primary. The Democratic nominating convention will be the third week in July in Milwaukee and the Republicans are set to hold their national convention the last week of August in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Once Iowa pledges its state delegate count on caucus night, delegates will be nominated to the county, district, state, and finally national conventions.