

# BIDEN HIS TIME

Joe Biden's path to the White House began in Iowa in 1988. *The Daily Iowan* documented the president-elect's three presidential campaigns.

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Kamala Harris elected first woman — and woman of color — vice president of the United States.



President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris wave to the crowd after Biden delivers his victory speech in the presidential election at the Chase Center in Wilmington, Delaware, on Nov. 7. Carolyn Cole/Los Angeles Times/TNS

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Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden speaks during a Biden drive-in rally on Oct. 30 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.

# Third time's the charm: Joe Biden's long road to the White House



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Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s long and gruelling path to the highest office in the land wrapped up Nov. 7, becoming president-elect of the United States. It began more than three decades ago right here in Iowa.

Presidential ambitions have dominated Biden's long career, and his 2020 campaign is his third run for the office.

"Like many senators, even as a relatively young senator, he woke up in the morning and looked in the mirror and saw a president," said University of Delaware political-science Professor David Redlawsk, who has studied the Iowa caucuses.

Biden's first bid for the Oval Office came during the 1988 presidential election. On June 9, 1987, after touring Iowa multiple times, he announced his candidacy to more than 500 people at the Savery Hotel in Des Moines, according to a June 10, 1987 *Daily Iowan* article.

Biden's first run was derailed by a plagiarism scandal after he lifted parts of a speech, without attribution, from British Labour leader Neil Kinnock during a debate at the Iowa State Fair. Later revelations of plagiarism while in law school and exaggeration of his academic record ultimately sunk his campaign before the caucuses, but he vowed to seek the office again.

Two decades later, Biden found that opportunity at the close of George W. Bush's

presidency, and threw his hat in the ring again. He campaigned as a pragmatic candidate with foreign-policy experience, proposing a diplomatic solution to the war in Iraq.

"As your president, if I ended the war immediately, does anybody think things would be secure in Iraq or the Middle East?" Biden said in Cedar Rapids, according to a May 7, 2007 *DI* article. "The question is not if we leave, which is only a matter of time, but how we leave."

Running against two historic candidates — then-Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton — Biden failed to gain much traction in the 2008 Iowa caucuses. At the 2007 Tom Harkin Steak Fry in Indianola, Biden signs "fought for air" among a sea of Obama and Clinton signs, according to a Sept. 17, 2007 *DI* article.

"Part of the problem Biden had in the 2008 cycle was simply that there wasn't really any room for another candidate," Redlawsk said. "He wasn't one of the top three the media focused on."

Biden finished fifth in the 2008 caucuses, garnering less than 1 percent of support, and he suspended his campaign that night. Later that year, Biden got his invitation to the White House — though not in the way he had hoped — when Obama chose Biden as his running mate.

## Iowa 2020

Biden's first stop in Iowa during the 2020 campaign

cycle was in October 2018 to campaign with U.S. Rep. Abby Finkenauer, a Democrat, in Cedar Rapids before the 2018 midterm elections. Finkenauer, who worked on Biden's Iowa campaign in 2007, was challenging a sitting Republican.

Biden had not yet announced his candidacy, but it was rumored he was going to run to take on President Trump.

"It's our leaders who need to set the tone and dial down the temperature," Biden said on Oct. 30, 2018.

In the weeks leading up to the Iowa visit, there was a shooting at a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh that killed 11 people. Additionally, prominent Trump critics, including Barack Obama, had received bombs in the mail. Biden took hold of this and told the Cedar Rapids crowd to vote for candidates with moral character.

Biden's pitch that this election was "a battle for the soul of the nation" was born after Trump responded to neo-Nazi rioting in Charlottesville, Virginia saying there was "very fine people" on both sides.

While Biden didn't declare his candidacy until April 2019, he said multiple times throughout his campaign that he knew he needed to run for president after seeing Trump's reaction to the August 2017 Charlottesville rally.

Amid a crowded field of Democratic hopefuls, Biden had trouble staking a spot on the stage in Iowa. While consistently leading national primary polls, he lagged behind Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., Sen. Elizabeth

Warren, D-Mass., and former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg in Iowa polling as the caucuses drew closer.

In the Feb. 3 caucuses, he had a disappointing fourth-place finish, taking 15.8 percent of state delegate equivalents. At the time, Biden had called the caucuses a "gut punch." Biden's campaign didn't fully take off until Super Tuesday, which ultimately led to his nomination.

Sanders, Buttigieg, and Warren had a big ground-game in Iowa with some of the most volunteers and grassroots organizers. In an interview with the *DI*, Biden said his ground game wasn't as large because he jumped into the race later than the other candidates.

"Bernie has been out there a long, long time running, and he's, to his credit, build up a base," Biden said to the *DI* on Feb. 1. "Elizabeth has as well."

While Biden won the support of the nation, he lost Iowa on Nov. 3 in the general election. Trump won the state for a second time with 53 percent of the vote compared to Biden's 44 percent.

## America's first woman VP

With Biden's election, Kamala Harris has become the first woman of color to be elected vice president.

Harris is African American and South Asian American. She was also the first woman of color elected to be California's attorney general and to represent California in the U.S. Senate.

The California senator's first visit to Iowa as she geared up for a presidential campaign was in October 2018, according to Politico. She invested heavily in campaigning in Iowa, and in the summer of 2019 she was seen as a major contender in the race, sometimes placing second to Biden in caucus polls.

A key moment in Harris' campaign was when she attacked Biden during the June 2019 Democratic primary debate for comments Biden made at a

campaign event, where he said his work with segregationist lawmakers while in Congress was an example of the kind of civility he would bring to the White House.

Harris pressed Biden on this, and accused him of being against busing. Harris said when she was in school, she was bused from her neighborhood in California as a part of the second class to integrate public schools.

With her slogan "Kamala Harris for the people," Harris' stump speech focused on her record as a prosecutor. Similar to Biden's campaign message, Harris often told rally-goers that "justice is on the ballot" in 2020.

Harris' support waned through the fall of 2019 as Buttigieg and Warren made significant gains with potential caucusgoers. She abruptly suspended her campaign on Dec. 3, 2019, citing a lack of funding.

"The process is designed to get us to a nominee. And every time this happens, it is going to be a gut punch and emotional for the supporters, and the staff of the person who makes the hard call," said former Iowa Democratic Party Chair Sue Dvorsky on Dec. 3 when Harris dropped out.

Dvorsky was a significant Iowa endorsement for Harris, and Dvorsky later threw her support behind Biden and worked in Iowa to get him elected.

Johnson County Supervisor Royceann Porter organized an event at Mercer Park on Sunday to celebrate Biden and Harris' election. She said Harris becoming vice president is an inspiration for young women.

"It's a wonderful thing, very wonderful because of the simple fact — I'm a first, in Johnson County, I'm a first," Porter said. "I'm the first African American woman to run for a county seat, and I won. So I know what it is to be a first, and for her to pave this way for us and all the young ladies that can look up to her, it's a beautiful thing."



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Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif. addresses the crowd during her town hall at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Oct. 22, 2019. Harris stuck to her stump speech about equality, specifically among marginalized communities and condemned President Trump's divisive rhetoric.

★ **November 1972**  
At 29 years old, Biden was elected to Congress from Delaware, making him one of the youngest U.S. senators in history.

★ **June 9, 1987**  
After touring Iowa multiple times, Biden announced his candidacy to more than 500 people at the Savery Hotel in Des Moines. His first run for president was based on a promise to "rekindle the fire of idealism in the country," according to a *Daily Iowan* article at the time.

★ **1987**  
In a televised debate in Iowa, Biden plagiarized parts of British Labour leader Neil Kinnock's speech where he referenced being the first in his family to go to college, a fact true for Kinnock but not for Biden.

★ **Sept. 23, 1987**  
Biden withdrew from the 1988 presidential race five months ahead of the Feb. 8 Iowa caucuses.

★ **2008**  
Biden makes another run for president, but after ranking fifth in the Iowa caucuses, he withdrew from the race. The *DI* covered a Dec. 7, 2007 visit to the Iowa Memorial Union where he touted his foreign policy experience.

★ **August 2008**  
After Barack Obama won the Democratic nomination, he announced Biden as his running mate.

★ **2012**  
The day after accepting the nomination, Obama and Biden visited the Pentacrest, and laid out the administration's vision for the next four years. The ticket was reelected in November for a second term.

★ **October 2018**  
Biden made his first stop in Iowa during the 2020 campaign cycle to campaign with U.S. Rep. Abby Finkenauer in Cedar Rapids before the 2018 midterm elections.

★ **April 2019**  
In a stark campaign ad, Biden announced his run for the presidency, calling the race "a battle for the soul of this nation." He toured Iowa soon after launching his campaign.

★ **June 2019**  
At a Democratic primary debate, the now-vice president elect Kamala Harris needed Biden on his past position on busing.

★ **Feb. 3, 2020**  
A tumultuous Iowa caucus night left candidates without results because of a reporting app glitch. Once they arrived — Biden placed fourth, taking 15.8 percent of state delegate equivalents. At the time, Biden called the caucuses a "gut punch." He didn't return to campaign in person in Iowa until four days before the general election.

★ **March 2020**  
A decisive win in South Carolina catapulted Biden into Super Tuesday, where the former vice president won the popular vote in several of the states, cementing his path to the nomination.

★ **Oct. 30, 2020**  
One of the last events of the presidential campaign cycle, Biden held a drive-up campaign rally in Des Moines soon after a Trump rally.

★ **Nov. 3, 2020**  
Trump won Iowa's six electoral votes, garnering 53 percent of the vote compared to Biden's 45 percent.

★ **Nov. 7, 2020**  
Despite losing Iowa, Biden restored the "blue wall" in the midwest, flipping Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. This win is the first election in 34 years an incumbent president lost a reelection bid. Biden will be sworn in in January.

Harris became the first woman — and first woman of color — to be elected vice president.



Rita Hart is seen speaking during her backyard tours on Oct. 24.

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# Hart ahead in close 2nd District race

Rita Hart and Mariannette Miller-Meeks are now separated by less than 200 votes after a reporting error from Jasper County flip-flopped the lead.

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After Jasper County corrected a human error in election reporting, Democratic Candidate Rita Hart is ahead in the race for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District. Hart's Republican opponent Mariannette Miller-Meeks was ahead by just 282 votes shortly after midnight on election night. Now that the numbers have been updated on the Secretary of State's website, Hart leads with an even narrower margin of 163 votes.

Iowa's Secretary of State Paul Pate called for a hand audit of unofficial election results in the Clear Creek-Poweshiek precinct — which was completed on Saturday — after the Jasper County Auditor's office detected a discrepancy in their election results on Nov. 12, around 4:30 p.m. The county conducted a county-wide recount in Jasper over the weekend to verify that the updated numbers are correct.

As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, there were still thousands of outstanding absentee ballots in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District on Wednesday morning, which also have the potential to change who wins this seat. Ballots post-marked Nov. 2 have until today to arrive at county auditors' offices.

In Jasper County, the number of votes for Miller-Meeks dropped by 373.

Miller-Meeks' campaign shared a statement in response to the news from Jasper County saying the campaign doesn't think there has been enough transparency in resolving the vote discrepancy.

"We do not agree with the Jasper County Auditor and the Secretary of State's Office that there has been sufficient transparency concerning the machine irregularities and the auditor's own claims that human error in the tabulation process arose after results were reported," the statement read.

Jasper County Auditor Dennis Parrott told reporters the numbers did not change because of technical issues, but rather human error when entering numbers.

"We have demanded additional information because those unexplained discrepancies have the potential to alter the election outcome," Miller Meeks' campaign added.

Zach Meunier, Hart's campaign manager, said in a prepared statement that county auditors should ensure all votes are accurate in a statement on Friday.

"We understand that the county auditor of Jasper County is undertaking an administrative review to ensure that the vote totals from that county — which have been verified by Iowa's Republican Secretary of State Paul Pate and the Jasper County auditor and which show Rita Hart leading by 162 votes — are accurate," he said. "We are confident by the end of this process that Rita Hart will be the next congresswoman from Iowa's Second District."

Pate and Parrott held a press conference in Newton on Friday to discuss the unofficial election results in the county.

"This discrepancy impacted candidates in both political parties, nonpartisan candidates, judges, and statewide public measures," Pate told reporters. "The major race that

was impacted here is the 2nd Congressional race. The integrity of Iowa's election is my top priority as state commissioner of elections, which is why I'm ordering an immediate audit of the impacted precinct, additionally I'm requesting that a county-wide recount be conducted of all votes cast of Jasper County."

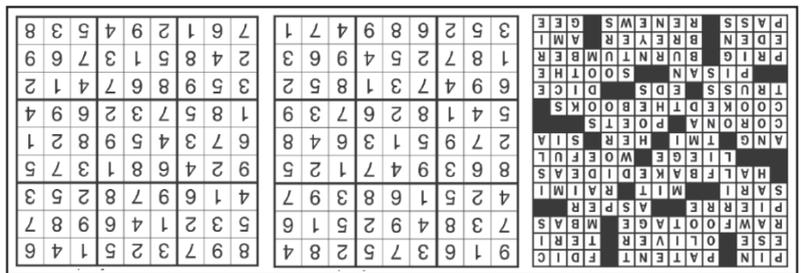
Parrott said the mistake, which resulted in some candidates getting "more votes than other candidates that they shouldn't have" was the result of human error, not a technical problem. The error affected the Clear Creek-Poweshiek precinct, where 561 votes were cast. He also assured reporters it was an honest mistake.

"Any question of impropriety is way out of base and I want to make that very plain right now," Parrott said. "My staff and the people working for us part time did nothing illegal, nothing wrong. We followed everything by the book, step by step."

Both Pate and Parrott drove home the point that Iowa's electoral systems were working properly, and that elected officials are following the rules to get accurate results. Pate said he understood emotions were running high in this situation because of the narrow 2nd District race. Parrott said in almost every election there are minor errors that the system catches.

"It's a very technical job. It's a job that's got steps, it's got code sections, it's got administrative rules. We follow all of those as do all of the auditors," Parrott said. "It's a process that works. I will tell you this, in almost every election there's a minor issue. We can't find a ballot [or] we don't have one of the affidavits ... We correct things all the

time, this just happened to be a correction in the middle of a very very tight race, and it's consequential."



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# Arts partake in COVID-19 test study

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For the performing arts, the worldwide transition to digital interaction over Zoom has been particularly devastating. With limited options available to continue to provide their students a meaningful education, leaders within the performing-arts departments at Iowa — Theater, Dance, and Music — scrambled to find a way to continue safely creating together before the fall semester began.

The answer was as simple as spitting into a cup.

This academic year, students within each department needing to meet in person for rehearsals, performances, and other group gatherings regularly take a self-administered saliva coronavirus test, developed by UI professor Val Sheffield and a team of researchers within his lab in the Medical Education and Research Facility last spring.

The lab began collaborating with the performing arts departments at the beginning of the year as part of their research study as the test awaits FDA approval. The test — which is provided to the departments at no cost — eliminates the need for nasal swab or medical personnel to deliver it. Students simply snort, clear their throat, and then spit

into a tube.

Afterward, they pour the contents of a second tube containing a “virus-inactivation solution” that kills the live virus if it is present in their saliva before placing the completed test into a biohazard bag to be delivered back to Sheffield’s lab and analyzed for traces of the coronavirus.

The test has over a 95 percent accuracy rate and takes seconds to complete. The lab delivers results within a few hours, which is particularly helpful so the Theatre Department can know whether or not they can hold rehearsals over the weekend, said Director of Theatre Bryon Winn. Cast members and others involved in the show sign up for a time to pick up, complete, and return their test the Thursday or Friday before coming into the building to rehearse that weekend.

“It’s fantastic because they turn around tests for me by 6 p.m. every day,” Winn said. “So, if you take a test on Thursday morning, I know at 6 p.m. whether or not we have any problems. Friday, the same thing. So, before anyone would even be in the building, starting rehearsals, we would know if anyone had tested positive.”

The Theatre Department’s shows this year are all being filmed or recorded on Zoom in order to bring the performances

to a virtual audience. For the few performances this season that are partially or entirely filmed, actors, designers, directors, and the crew must come together to learn blocking and film the show in person.

Both the Theatre Department and the School of Music have recruited students to run “testing tables” on days students come in to take the test. The students, such as UI senior and stage manager in the Theatre Department Brillian Qi-Bell, hand out tests, keep track of student testing times on spreadsheets, and deliver the completed tests to the Medical Education Research Facility each testing day.

“We have student volunteers that have been doing this since the beginning, which is remarkable,” said School of Music Director Tammie Walker.

Similar to the Theatre Department, the School of Music has a table set up twice a week to test students needing to perform or rehearse together in person. Walker receives a spreadsheet later in the day from the lab with the results.

So far, Walker and Winn said, neither department has reported a positive test, a result they attribute to the character and healthy habits of their students, as well as the additional, incredibly strict safety protocols each department

takes within the building.

“We don’t have any big ensembles happening right now, we don’t have big choirs on stage or orchestras and giant bands,” Walker said. “We have small groups of students that have to be spread way out, using bell covers over their instruments and modified face masks. And it’s very challenging. But at every turn, whenever we’re able to do something, it’s worth it. So even if it is, you know, one-fifth of the length of a normal concert and one-tenth the size of people on the stage, it’s so meaningful.”

To partake in the research study, anyone from the university is able to email the lab. UI postdoctoral student and member of Sheffield’s team Calvin Carter said that the lab has worked on a more regular basis with the UI performing-arts departments due to their greater need to meet in person.

“It makes sense to have rehearsals [in person], and you need to make sure people are not spreading the virus,” he said. “We want students to enjoy themselves and perform together in person because it’s kind of weird — you can do a Zoom performance but it’s not the same as something in person and having a team together.”

While a similar saliva test at Rutgers University and Yale have

The performing arts departments use a saliva test developed by UI researchers in order to safely rehearse and perform.

been approved by the FDA, the UI has yet to become the next Research I university to gain approval to administer the test on a more widespread level. The lab currently uses only one machine to process the tests, which can process up to 300 tests a day.

Carter said the lab typically sees between 100-200 tests returned to them daily.

M.D./Ph.D. student and member of Sheffield’s team Sunny Huang said working on providing a more accessible coronavirus tests means the team uses its skills to do its part to monitor the spread of the virus.

“I think it’s just because we do have the capability to do this,” she said. “And we have a skill set to do

this. I think it’s a service that we should be providing to the public because there’s just a lot of people who don’t know what’s going on, and it scares them. They don’t know where to go get tested, and sometimes it can take a really long time to actually get in to get a nasal swab.”

For Winn, being able to make theatre live together in any capacity during the pandemic is incredibly meaningful.

“I am encouraged by what we’re doing, and it’s nice to just be in the room,” he said. “You can’t imagine what it’s like to not be in the room for seven months, and then be able to kind of go back, even when people are masked or people are distant from each other.”



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# Where do the progressives go now?

The Democratic Party is a big tent, but it shouldn't include conservatives.

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Close election we just got ourselves through, huh? Democrats got the presidency but lost a couple House seats and the Senate will come down to runoff senate elections in Georgia.

Now if you're listening to Democrats like Nancy Pelosi or, you'd think that it was the far-left faction of Democrats that cost America the Blue Wave.

I think Claire McCaskill put it best when she said, "Whether you are talking guns or... abortion...or gay marriage and rights for 'transsexuals' and other people who we as a party 'look after' and make sure they are treated fairly. As we circled the issues we left voters behind and Republicans dove in."

That's complete and utter nonsense.

Before I say anything else — if you're a conservative — this next conversation isn't for

you. I don't care about your opinions on Medicare-for-all or the Green New Deal. You've already proven that anything to the left of John McCain is socialism in your eyes.

First, let me point you toward Democrat voter registration. As pointed out by TargetSmart CEO Tom Bonier, when the George Floyd protests kicked off, Democratic voter registration soared.

"Defund the police" didn't depress turnout — it got people to vote.

And then comes the races themselves. Surprisingly enough, Progressives took home a lot of wins. Co-sponsors of Medicare For All won swing districts and others like Katie Porter cemented their holds in conservative districts.

But if it wasn't progressives that cost us the win, what did? Well, it's fairly simple.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said it well on Twitter in the days following the election:

"Underinvestment across the board. Some campaigns spent \$0 on digital the week before the election. Others who

spent did so in very poor ways."

We need new ways of outreach. We're not in the Clinton-era anymore — TV and paper ads just don't go as far as they need to. Old, incrementalist policies don't excite voters.

People don't want things to stay the same — they want change. That's why Trump won in 2016.

The GOP saw the writing on the wall and went with it to get the White House. If we want any form of liberal policies to stay relevant in the future, we need to push harder.

"Moderate" Republicans who want a reason to swap to the Democrats don't exist — at the very least, not as much as the Lincoln Project wants you to believe.

The People For Bernie Facebook page got three million more interactions than Project Lincoln since the start of this year — without spending a single cent. Or stealing memes from people.

Progressivism sells — a lot. *Politico* has an excellent piece discussing the American population of non-voters, and



Tom Williams/Pool/Getty Images/TNS

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) arrives for a hearing before the House Oversight and Reform Committee on Aug. 24 in Washington.

there's one segment I want to draw attention to here:

"Researchers, for example, detected 'passive liberals' as well—people who usually don't vote but are generally aligned with Democrats when they do ... comprising 41 percent of nonvoters, or about 17 percent of the eligible electorate."

If we reached out and snagged these voters, we could change the face of America forever. If you think that's pie-in-the-sky thinking that peo-

ple aren't going to register en masse for progressive ideals, then you're wrong.

And Stacey Abrams already proved you wrong.

She and other progressives like her are the reason why Georgia competitive, by registering voters en masse.

There is a time and place for marginal and incrementalist approaches. But nationally, it's high time Democrats changed their approach. We won this time — let's make sure it counts.



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U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) waits to speak about the presidential election at her weekly press conference on Capitol Hill on Friday.

## COLUMN

# Sports and politics can't be separated

Athletes have long used their platforms to be advocates, and they won't stop now.

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It is not uncommon to hear people complain about the intersection between politics and sports with interjections including "I came here to watch the game, not politics."

The two are not and have never been entirely separate.

Many of us will always remember Colin Kaepernick's name based on his decision to kneel during the national anthem and the public outcry that followed eventually leading to an end in his NFL career.

In 2011, Kaepernick refused to stand for the national anthem when this country consistently oppresses people of color.

Although when we think about protesting and sports many of us probably think of Kaepernick, he is one of many athletes who used his platform to shed light on the

inequalities millions of Black and Americans and other people of color face in this country.

NBA athletes Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf refused to back the American flag because of reasons parallel to Kaepernick's, as well as clashing with religious beliefs.

We can even look further into our history at athletes such as Tommie Smith and John Carlos who raised their fists at the 1968 Olympics. As written in an article by the *Washington Post* their protest was carefully calculated, they raised their fists and bowed their heads during the anthem in salute to Black power, wore beads around their necks to protest lynching, and removed their shoes to symbolize struggles with poverty. This picture has become iconic in sports and American history.

Backlash for these types of demonstrations has always

been abundant. Also according to the *Post*, in 2017 following NFL athletes taking a knee during the national anthem President Trump voiced his demands that team owners fire players participating in these demonstrations.

Despite the ongoing backlash, we have seen these demonstrations spread across all sports at all levels of play from high school to professional. According to a *Daily Iowan*, many of our own football players here at the University of Iowa have voiced their concerns regarding the ongoing injustices Black Americans. Additionally, there have been ongoing conversations on how to proceed as a team.

Multiple Hawkeye football players declared their commitment to kneeling during the national anthem as their way of protesting against the racial injustice they see in the U.S.

In addition to kneeling the players have helmets that display different sayings such as "love," "equality," and "Black Lives Matter."

According to the *DI*, at this past Saturday's home game against Purdue more than 20 Black football players took a knee during the national anthem accompanied by 3 white players. This was the first opportunity these players, had to demonstrate during the pregame playing of the national anthem.

Many fans took to Twitter with snide remarks against the player's decision to kneel.

We need to remember these players do not merely serve as figures for our entertainment. Many of these athletes are real people living with the effects of systemic racism. Like anyone, they have the right to use their platform to bring light to these issues.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Players kneel and stand for the national anthem before the Iowa-Northwestern football game at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 31.

## THE DOCTOR IS IN

# Living to die better

Death doesn't have to be scary. Talking about life's end can bring peace and help us live our time more fully.

We are taught in medicine how to treat illness, find cures, and prevent morbidity and mortality. One lesson school forgot to teach us is that we all die. In western culture, it's not common to talk about death, so I'm here to start the conversation with you.

I wouldn't be surprised to hear you shy away from visiting your grandparents' nursing home, your hesitation to attend your great

How can you fix that?

**1. Start by writing down your thoughts**

Would you want to be an organ donor? (It saves lives.)

Would you want something down your throat to help you breathe or feed you?

How do you envision your funeral?

Do these questions make you uncomfortable? That's alright. Like I said, it's ingrained in our culture.

“ If you don't talk about death before it happens, it may not go the way you want.

aunt's funeral, or that hospitals make you uncomfortable. The experiences you've gone through likely shape your own perspective on death. It's preferred by most to not think about it, because death is not celebrated, appreciated, or prepared for, especially in the U.S.

How does this connect to you? You're young, healthy, and have your whole life ahead of you. That's probably true for both you and me. Probably.

As a volunteer for a local hospice organization and as a pharmacy student gaining experience in end-of-life care, I can vouch that death is more common than you see daily. While most of the patients I see are well past retirement age, and as they like to say, "have lived a good life," there are always exceptions. These exceptions often include sudden accidents or young people with cancer. Unfortunately, these incidents often leave patients with loose ends and their family members with tough decisions to make. If you don't talk about death before it happens, it may not go the way you want.

**2. Talk to your family and friends**

Start a conversation with those closest to you about this topic. Ask them about their wishes and tell them about what you would want at the end of your life. Tell them about how this article sparked your interest, so they have no need to worry. It may be a new and surprising topic for them, so be prepared for funny looks at first, but expect a productive discussion to follow.

**3. Fill out an advance directive**

This is a document that helps guide others in the healthcare decisions you might want if you are not able to make your own. You can also make this document official if you get it notarized.

If you made it this far, this is probably the most you've thought about death. Talking about dying can help you avoid unnecessary suffering for yourself and those closest to you to bring peace before passing. With communication and understanding, we can all have a good death.

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES

### No. 4 Notre Dame upsets No. 1 Clemson

In college football's latest installment of the "game of the century," the Notre Dame Fighting Irish upset the Clemson Tigers in South Bend, Indiana, in double overtime, 47-40.

Clemson was without starting quarterback Trevor Lawrence because he had not yet passed his ACC-required post-COVID-19 infection cardiac screening. Starting in place of Lawrence was true freshman D.J. Uiagalelei.

The six-foot-four, 250-pound quarterback didn't miss a beat for the Tigers, throwing for 439 yards and two touchdowns.

Coming into the game, Clemson was considered the preeminent power in college football, sitting at 7-0. Since the inception of the College Football Playoff six years ago, the Tigers have appeared in four of the last six National Championship Games, winning two of them.

The Fighting Irish were also undefeated heading into their matchup with Clemson at 6-0. Notre Dame has been less heralded than Clemson as of late, making just one College Football Playoff appearance in six years.

The Irish's last playoff berth in 2018-19 resulted in a crushing 30-3 loss to Clemson in the semifinal round.

However, quarterback Ian Book and company got revenge on the Tigers Saturday night. Book threw for 310 yards and a touchdown. He also tacked on an additional 68 yards rushing.

Fighting Irish running back Kyren Williams was the star of the show for Notre Dame's offense. Williams carried the ball 23 times for 140 yards and three touchdowns.

Williams played a pivotal role in Notre Dame's late-game heroics.

With 1:48 remaining in regulation, Notre Dame started a drive from its own nine-yard line, needing 91 yards and seven points to force overtime. Book gave the Irish exactly what they needed, manufacturing a drive for seven points in one minute and 26 seconds.

Clemson did regain possession in regulation with 22 seconds remaining, but Uiagalelei took a knee and let the clock run out, content with overtime.

In the first overtime period, Clemson struck first. After a 24-yard completion, Uiagalelei pounded through the goal line himself to score.

Notre Dame then matched that score to force a second overtime with Williams running to the end zone from three yards out.

At the beginning of the second overtime period, Williams did it again, pushing through Clemson's defense from three yards out for the score.

When Uiagalelei got his chance to respond, he was sacked on both first and second down. From 24-yards behind the sticks, Uiagalelei couldn't pick up a first down to extend the game.

As overtime ended, Fighting Irish fans stormed the field to celebrate their team's big win with no regard for COVID-19 pandemic guidelines, rules, or restrictions.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"Obviously being 0-2 was not a good start. This team was very eager to come out and dominate the game."**



- Tyler Goodson on Iowa scoring on its first drive of the game.

## STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa football rushed for

**226**

yards against Michigan State Saturday.

# Pass rush proves pivotal

Spartan quarterback Rocky Lombardi didn't have the homecoming he wanted in part because of the Hawkeye defensive line.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Iowa defensive end Chauncey Gholston pursues the ballcarrier during a football game between Iowa and Michigan State at Kinnick Stadium on Sat. Nov. 7.

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Michigan State quarterback Rocky Lombardi had his homecoming game at Iowa on Saturday Nov. 7. The Clive, Iowa, native was set to follow up on his winning performance against Michigan the week before.

The Iowa pass rush was having no part of that and spoiled Lombardi's Kinnick Stadium debut in a 49-7 Hawkeye victory.

On the first drive of the game, the Spartans faced

a third-and-six from their own 40-yard line. Lombardi only had a couple seconds in the pocket before Iowa defensive end Chauncey Gholston got close to him, causing Lombardi to roll out.

When Lombardi set up to throw, defensive end Joe Evans put pressure on him and took Lombardi to the ground as he got a throw off. The pass was launched way down field, where defensive back Jack Koerner was the only player in the picture and made an inter-

ception.

"Earlier this week in film, the d-linemen, we were talking about when [Lombardi] sees pressure, you can see it, he flinches," Gholston said. "So, we knew if we got pressure early and consistent, he would get high passes and stuff like that."

That wouldn't be the last time where the pass rush forced Lombardi to make a pass he didn't want to make.

On a second-and-one, the Spartans ran a play ac-

tion toward the beginning of the second quarter. Lombardi turned around and saw defensive end Zach VanValkenburg rushing right at him, so he proceeded to throw into the flat.

But Iowa linebacker Barrington Wade caught the pass for another Hawkeye interception.

Unfortunately for Lombardi, that wouldn't be his last interception of the day. Once again, he was rushed and forced out of the pocket by the defensive line, though when he threw

there wasn't immediate pressure on him. The pass looked almost as if it was targeting Iowa cornerback Riley Moss, who took it in for a pick six from 54 yards out.

Moss thanked the defensive line postgame for its performance throughout the day.

"It was huge," Moss said. "It makes our job in the secondary a lot much easier. So, props to those guys, they did a great job

SEE PIVOTAL RUSH, 7

# Iowa secures win

The Hawkeye football team bounced back after losing two close games to start the season.



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Iowa running back Tyler Goodson carries the ball during a football game between Iowa and Michigan State in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 7.



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In Iowa's 21-20 loss to Northwestern last week, two passes by quarterback Spencer Petras deflected off the hands of tight end Sam LaPorta and were intercepted by Wildcat defenders at crucial times in the game.

This week against Michigan State? The luck was on Iowa's side.

Leading 14-0 at the start of the second quarter and on Michigan State's side of the field following a 31-yard punt return from Charlie Jones, Petras fired a pass underneath to Tyrone Tracy on a

crossing route. The ball hit off Tracy's hands and sprung up into the air... and right into the hands of another Iowa wide receiver — Brandon Smith.

"That was nice that we caught it this week," Petras said with a smile.

The play picked up 12 yards, Iowa extended its lead on that drive, and kept doing so for the rest of the game in a 49-7 drubbing of Michigan State. The Hawkeyes dominated and picked up their elusive first win of the season. And it was one they needed badly.

Starting 0-2, both close losses, put a roadblock in the way of Iowa's chances to win the Big Ten West, especially now that Northwestern is 3-0. Dropping another game to start 0-3 would have made things significantly worse. But Saturday's victory was a good start to turning the season

# Baseball begins offseason workouts

With the Black and Gold World Series behind them, the Hawkeyes are now preparing for their winter routine.

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With the conclusion of Iowa baseball's annual Black and Gold world series — an intrasquad, best-of-five matchup — the Hawkeyes will now start their offseason routine to prepare for the spring season.

Their winter workout period will consist of lifting and individual training with pitchers beginning their offseason throwing programs.

"Everybody is in their offseason routine which would be lifting four days a week, and we are doing our individual training mixed in around the weight schedule," head coach Rick Heller said. "The pitchers are all on an individual program for whatever they are working on this offseason, and they are getting outside this week."

With the limited time that the team has to work together, the position players will focus more on hitting and take more individual responsibility for working on their defense.

Upperclassmen will get players together to do defensive work on days when the weather allows for it, and most players will also take the time to throw and take ground balls or fly balls in smaller groups.

"With the time limits we have, the position players work primarily on hitting this time of year because if we are going to make changes, we really have a small window to do that," Heller said. "The position guys have to get their defensive work in on their own, and that is where the older players organize guys on nice days to go out and play catch or take ground balls and fly balls."

The pitchers, on the other hand, will have individual programs that will be more di-

## PIVOTAL RUSH

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this week in practice. Our preparation this week probably the best we've had this year so far. So, as long as we keep building off that I think we'll be doing pretty well."

Interceptions are huge, but sacks are also crucial. After Moss' interception, Lombardi was sacked by VanValkenburg and Golston. On the first drive of the second half, Lombardi was sacked again by Golston that turned into an intentional grounding.

The pass rush had shown signs of success in the previous two games. The Hawkeyes recorded

five sacks in their first two games, including two from defensive tackle Daviyon Nixon.

"We've been building week-by-week," Golston said. "So, I guess we're building toward the last game. It's not just one game, we're trying to get better than where we were last week. We're building toward every game."

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said he was impressed by what he saw from the team's front four, including its backups like Evans and defensive tackle Noah Shannon.

"Seeing those guys involved, it's got to be a group effort," Ferentz said. "So, if everybody is moving forward, maybe we've got a chance to become a good team."



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Iowa defensive linemen Chauncey Golston attempts to catch the ball during a football game between Iowa and Minnesota at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 16 2019.

## FOOTBALL

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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras attempts a pass during a football game between Iowa and Michigan State in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 7.

around.

The Hawkeyes led 35-0 at halftime and extended their lead by actually scoring

points in the second half. Not that Iowa particularly needed more points this game.

Iowa's offense looked the best it has all season against Michigan State, particularly the rushing attack.

The Hawkeyes ran for 226 yards and four touchdowns against the Spartans with a 5.5 yard per carry average. Tyler Goodson accounted for 113 yards and two of those scores.

Defensively, the Hawkeyes rattled Spartan quarterback Rocky Lombardi all day. The West Des Moines Valley High School graduate threw three interceptions — including a pick six to Iowa cornerback Riley Moss — and was sacked twice, although he faced pressure throughout the day. The Spartans only ran for 59 yards against the stout Hawkeye front.

Special teams was another highlight for the Hawkeyes. Tory Taylor may be the best punter in the country (or else he's off to the best start) and Jones is a punt returning wizard and scored and scored a touchdown in the second quarter.

Kicker Keith Duncan missed a short field goal attempt, maybe the team's only gaff of the day. But missing out on three points when the team scored seven touchdowns against a conference rival didn't matter once the locker room celebration began.

"It was great. I haven't

felt that good in a long time, honestly," left tackle Alaric Jackson said. "Getting this win, that big at home, was a really good feeling for us."

Like Jackson said, getting that first win was big. And the Hawkeyes should celebrate it. But there are more challenges ahead. Starting with securing win No. 2.

Iowa's first attempt at that comes this week in a Friday night matchup on the road in Minnesota.

"We needed success, and I don't mean that like success-or-else mode," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said following the Michigan State game. "... But we needed to experience some success. But right along with that comes, you have to earn it. You can't sit around counting on the other team to mess up so you go home happy. That's not the way it works. We just needed to work hard, have a good week of practice and then show it on the field, and hopefully we took a positive step today."

"Now the next test is can we put back-to-back together... It's been a building process. Hopefully we're on an upward trend, but time will tell."

## BASEBALL

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verse, as they only have to focus on pitching.

"Their program is more diversified and more structured just because all they do is pitch," Heller said. "It just varies based on the biggest need after the coaching staff has a chance to evaluate in the fall. Some guys are on velocity improvement, some guys are on pitch development, and some guys are just trying to stay in really

good shape because they are already in a good place."

Heller said the winter workouts will not be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic other than the usual measures like wearing masks, temperature checks, and frequent testing.

"We are planning on coming back after Thanksgiving break to take advantage of the time we are allowed to work out with the guys prior to them going home for break," Heller said. "Baseball is in a really tough situation where we don't have our guys on campus during the most important month before

we start practice, so we are going to take advantage of the time we have with them."

Heller said he's very pleased with how the fall went for his team, and he said that his players came together as well as any team he has ever had.

The Hawkeyes lost sophomore pitcher Jack Dreyer for the year due to injury, but Heller believes the team still has very good depth on the mound and he is very happy with the way his team swung the bat this fall.

With a limited period of time between the team's ar-

rival on campus after winter break and the start of the season, winter workouts are key for the team.

"You have to have really good chemistry and a good culture of doing the workouts that the players are given over Christmas break because without that we are going to get off to a slow start," Heller said. "If they don't, if someone slacks or takes time off, number one he is probably going to get beat out by somebody who didn't, and then number two it could potentially hurt our team in getting off to a slow start."



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Iowa head coach Rick Heller watches the game from third base during a baseball game between Iowa and Grand View on March 3.

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# Home turf advantage

The Iowa Football team dominated Michigan State with a final score of 49-7, Nov. 7.



Top Row: Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras attempts a pass during a football game between Iowa and Michigan State in Kinnick Stadium Nov. 7. Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Row Two: Iowa's Jack Koerner celebrates an interception during a football game between Iowa and Michigan State in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 7. Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Row Three: (Left) Iowa running back Ivory Kelly-Martin carries the ball during a football game between Iowa and Michigan State in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 7. Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan.

(Right) Action is underway during a football game between Iowa and Michigan State in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 7. Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Row Four: (Left) Iowa wideout Charlie Jones takes a handoff during a football game between Iowa and Michigan State in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 7. Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan.

(Right) Iowa wideout Brandon Smith runs after a catch during a football game between Iowa and Michigan State in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 7. Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Row Five: Iowa running back Mekhi Sargent carries the ball during a football game between Iowa and Michigan State in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 7. Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

# Rocky beginnings for Biden

The president-elect and vice president-elect started campaigning long ago in the Hawkeye State.



**2020**  
Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan  
Former Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden speak during the watch party for Former Vice President Joe Biden at the Olmstead Center at Drake University on Feb. 3. They wouldn't know until weeks later because of an app reporting error, but Biden finished fourth place in the Iowa caucuses, a bumpy start to the nomination.



**2019**  
Megan Nagorzanski/The Daily Iowan  
Senator Kamala Harris, D-Calif., addresses supporters at Backpocket Brewery on Sept. 19, 2019.



**2018**  
David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan  
Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., shakes hands with an attendee at a rally at Old Brick in Iowa City on Oct. 23, 2018. Harris dropped her bid for the presidency in December 2019. Biden named her his running mate in August after securing the Democratic nomination.



**2019**  
Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan  
Former Vice President and 2020 Democratic candidate Joe Biden signs an attendee's jacket at the opening of his campaign office on South Gilbert Street on Aug. 7, 2019.



**2007**  
Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan  
Delaware senator Joe Biden moves through the audience in the Richey Ballroom of the Iowa Memorial Union following a campaign stop at the Iowa City Public Library on Dec. 3, 2007. Biden, speaking to a crowd consisting mostly of young voters, emphasized the importance of voter participation and empowerment in the political process. Biden dropped out of the presidential-nomination race after a disappointing fifth-place finish in the Iowa caucuses. He'd later receive a tap on the shoulder to serve in the White House, just not in the way he was expecting.



**2019**  
Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan  
Former Vice President Joe Biden grills meat during the Polk County Steak Fry in Des Moines on Sept. 21, 2019. Seventeen Democratic candidates gave speeches and grilled steaks. After months of campaigning, Biden finished fourth in the 2020 Iowa caucuses. But a win in South Carolina propelled him to Super Tuesday.



**2012**  
Adam Wesley/The Daily Iowan  
President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden greet the crowd outside Jessup Hall in Iowa City on Sept. 7, 2012. The day after formally accepting the Democratic nomination for president, Obama laid out his campaign for reelection to a crowd of 8,000.



# A high-stakes election

Students and locals are grappling with the realities of how a contentious election has affected their daily lives.

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For many University of Iowa students, the 2020 presidential election and president-elect Joe Biden's victory was personal. Battle lines were drawn, sides were taken, and a record number of people voted for a candidate in an election cycle that has been brewing since 2016.

This year, the post-election scene looked dramatically different in Iowa City, frequently recognized as the state's liberal bubble. In 2016 after Donald Trump was announced the 45th U.S. president, protests shut down Interstate 80 and international students contacted campus resources asking about the effect of the results on their legal immigration status and personal safety. This year, on the morning of Nov. 7, just before the Joe Biden-Kamala Harris ticket clinched 270 electoral votes, about 20 people attended an Iowa City Catholic Worker House-lead prayer vigil for a peaceful transition of power. That afternoon, honking horns mingled with cheers of "Go Hawks" in downtown Iowa City where Democrats outnumber Republicans two-to-one. The following afternoon, about 50 community members participated in a 'Riding with Biden,' celebration organized by Johnson County elected officials.

Across the nation, Democrats celebrated the win on social media as well as attending in-person gatherings, both organized and impromptu.

And for some students, the win was personal sigh of relief.

Students worried that four more years of Trump would restrict their abilities to exist

freely in the U.S. Although Biden was not seen as the progressive savior many Iowa caucusgoers had hoped for, some students said his policy views and rhetoric toward marginalized communities proved more promising than the alternative.

"I think it's been interesting that there has been this mood shift not really of negative or positive but just overwhelming uncertainty," USG LGBT+ Constituency Senator Joseph Haggerty said. "Everybody is constantly thinking of something else at all times. And even if it isn't something that is causing you a lot of anxiety, you know that for other people in class it's going to lead to some change."

This election — at the forefront of a pandemic that has continued to seep into every facet of campus life — was unlike any other. Associate Professor in the UI Higher Education and Student Affairs Program Cassie Barnhardt said the traditional elements of elections on campus have been muted because of the pandemic, but still exist.

Barnhardt said it's hard to disaggregate the campus mood down to one thing. With so many overlapping and intersecting influences, the election adds to a host of other stressors, she said.

This is part of the reason why University Counseling Services and other programs created support systems for students grappling with stress and anxiety. The UI multicultural centers partnered with UCS to implement spaces to help students process post-election realities.

In the four years since Trump was elected, the president has enforced a child-separation policy, proposed tighter rules restricting the mobility of international

students including a summer proposal to end international student visas if classes were sent all online, and this fall appointed a controversial Supreme Court Justice who referred to sexual orientation as a preference.

The White House has also moved to limit diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts across institutions. Trump himself refused to denounce white supremacy in an October presidential debate.

The level of bliss felt amid Biden's win however, was not universal. As allegations over a rigged election circulate throughout Trump and Republican rhetoric, the Iowa State College Republicans encouraged people to "arm up."

Haggerty said being in so many queer spaces across campus has been reassuring, but the reality of so many people voting for a party that is so vehemently opposed to LGBTQ+ reform has changed the way he sees politics in the U.S.

Haggerty said one good thing he thinks came from the election and social media, however, is people's political awareness. He called engaging with and sharing social media posts that encourage people to avoid talking about politics as a way to prevent fractured personal relationships an oppressive behavior.

"If you make it so that it's taboo to talk about, or you don't want to talk about things because it will upset people in the natural order of things, that definitely comes from a place of privilege," Haggerty said. "But just the very idea of not wanting to talk about politics, because it could obscure the system, proves that the systems are trying to hurt people—oppressed populations."

Barnhardt said college campuses are typically places



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William waves an American flag as members of an impromptu celebratory car parade gather for a portrait outside of the IMU on Nov. 7. After hearing the announcement that Joe Biden won the presidential election on CNN, Iowa City resident Nora Boerner and a group of friends decided to stop by a hardware store to pick up flags and drive.

of contention when election season arrives, and these conversations are crucial to a student's education.

"Students come to college, in part, to develop their minds, but to develop their civic consciousness and to connect what they're learning with how they want the world to be," Barnhardt said. "Being in the moment, and engaging in sort of intellectual discourse, or personal conversations and meaningful dialogues with people who are different from them, that's going to create some tension."

UI senior Dulce Escorcia, an organizer for Iowa Student Action, said it is easy to overlook who someone else voted for when you are not scared of your neighbors and don't have to worry about whether they are racist.

Escorcia said regardless of identity, the stakes were high, especially for young people, people of color, and those who identify as queer.

"I feel like, for me, it's not so much like a fight and win necessarily, but a win for, for all the young people, the young organizers, for people of color that put in so much work to push for him (Biden)," Escorcia said. "Because the alternative was just that scary and that life threatening."

UI second-year student Myles Evangelista said they were woken up by receiving the news of Biden winning the election this morning, which they said was rather exciting.

"I was on a call with my girlfriend and she got a text from one of her friends and immediately relayed the news to me, and I was about to fall back asleep but that woke me up right away," Evangelista said.

Evangelista said they voted for the first time this election, causing them to be more politically involved

than in previous years as well as invested in the election outcome.

"I'm a first-time voter so this is probably the most involved with politics I've ever been," Evangelista said. "I've had to make some tough calls with people I was once friends with and have some disagreements and all that, but this is probably the most involved I have been. I don't

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— Jocelyn Roof, executive director of Hawk the Vote

know — it's all very new, but very rewarding to see everything play out."

Evangelista said the election results didn't surprise them as Biden steadily pulled ahead in the final days after Nov. 3, but they were relieved to finally have a confirmed winner as election "night" dragged on for days.

"I was just nice to finally get the confirmation after like days," Evangelista said. "I was thrilled with the results."

For Porter, the first Black Johnson County supervisor, the election win was a relief, and a show that a woman of color could break the vice presidential glass ceiling. She organized a cookout at Mercer Park, where about 50 people attended.

"After that wonderful win yesterday, it was a big relief and I needed to do something to celebrate," said Porter, who is a Democrat. "So, this is the way, what I knew to bring people together."

## Iowans react to Republican wins, overall turnout

UI junior Nicolett Fodor, who is a member of the UI College Republicans, said that the group is proud of the GOP candidates who were elected or reelected Tuesday night.

Fodor is also the president of Hawkeyes for Joni, a student organization at the

UI dedicated to re-electing Republican Sen. Joni Ernst.

"U Iowa College Republicans and Hawks for Joni put in a lot of effort to support our candidates and get them re-elected," she said. "We are incredibly proud of Joni Ernst, Ashley Hinson, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, and Donald Trump for winning Iowa."

Nonpartisan groups, such as Hawk the Vote, were excited to see record turnout in Iowa post-election regardless of who won.

Executive Director of Hawk the Vote Jocelyn Roof said the organization's programs initiated more than 2,500 one-on-one conversations about voting with students this fall, Roof said, and their presentations reached more than 2,300 students on campus.

"For most of us, it was the first presidential election we were eligible to vote in," Roof said. "I think Generation Z really wants to leave the world a better place than they found it and be change makers, and they see voting as a first step to doing those things. Electoral participation for young people was a lot higher than we have seen in the past because they're energized about making a difference."

In Johnson County, 86.05 percent of voters turned out with more than 84,000 people voting out of 97,739 registered voters.

More than 60,000 people voted early, either in-person or with a mailed ballot. Roof said she was proud of the turnout rate numbers in Johnson County and knew young people drove the high turnout rate across Iowa and the U.S.

"There were a ton of same day registrations, and we know that young people tend to register the same day because they tend to make the decision to vote a little bit later," she said. "We don't know specifics about campus or students voting, but I think the initial assumption we have is we did a good job getting the word out."



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Johnson County supervisor Royceann Porter speaks during a victory party for President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris on Sunday at Mercer Park.



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A Biden supporter rings bells outside of her window as the Biden celebratory car parade begins. Patrons celebrate the Biden Harris presidential victory in Mercer Park on Sunday. The event was hosted by Johnson County Supervisor Royceann Porter after the presidential race was called at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.