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Community engagement and service are fundamental components of UNO's identity.

Jacques Musavyimana exemplifies UNO's commitment to community engagement.

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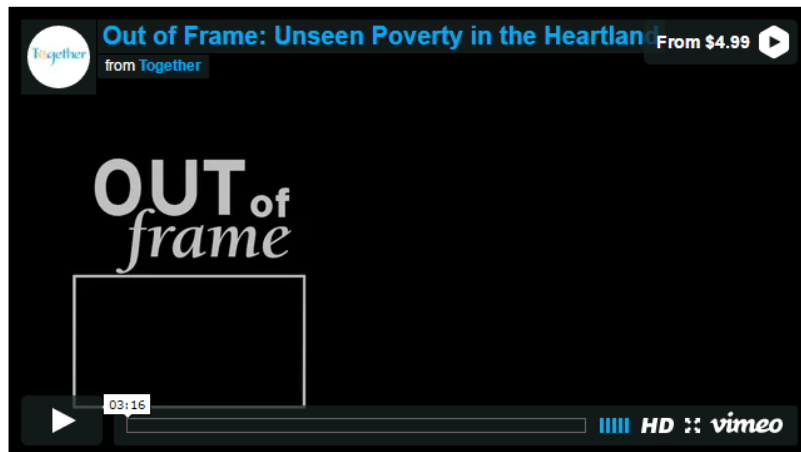
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Jacques Musavyimana is the president of UNO Students Against Hunger. Jacques founded UNO Students Against Hunger in fall 2015 with the aim to educate people about food insecurity and eradicate hunger.

Jacques' desire to help others originates from the example set by his parents and his background. Jacques' family is originally from Burundi, but Jacques was born in Rwanda and lived in Tanzania before moving to Omaha in 2009. "I grew up in a harsh environment. As a former refugee, I know how hard it is not to have food. I used to eat once a day." Jacques believes that eradicating hunger starts by educating people about hunger at a young age.

One way Jacques has actively educated people about hunger is by recruiting viewers to watch the documentary 'Out of Frame' at the [Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center \(Weitz CEC\)](#). Out of Frame focuses on poverty in Omaha while examining the perception of poverty and its stereotypes.



Jacques is also active in several academic learning communities. He is a [Thompson Scholar](#), a member of the [UNO Air Force ROTC](#), and [TRIO Project Achieve](#) student. Jacques was introduced to the UNO Habitat for Humanity student chapter through Project Achieve. Together with other Project Achieve students, Jacques built a house that was given to his family. Jacques still is actively involved in the [Habitat for Humanity](#) cause.

Jacques is also active with his church and the [Omaha Together One Community](#) organization. Omaha Together One Community is an organization with a focus on refugees, and works with political and community leaders to make positive change.

[Hunger Free Heartland](#)

[Out of Frame Documentary](#)

[Habitat for Humanity Omaha](#)

[Omaha Together One Community](#)

Family is very important to Jacques. Because Jacques' parents are not proficient in English, Jacques takes care of his six younger siblings' education. Jacques drives his six younger siblings to school every morning before starting his day at UNO. "I'm trying as hard as I can to be an example to my siblings". He hopes that by showing his siblings that he can do well in college, they will be motivated to do well in school. After graduating from UNO, Jacques considers pursuing a career in the U.S. military or going graduate school.

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