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# Letter from the President



Office of the President, [president@uidaho.edu](mailto:president@uidaho.edu)  
**March 20, 2026**

Dear Vandals,

For someone who loves Idaho and can't hide his excitement for politics, the last two months were a dream for Cyrus Vore. The University of Idaho employee filled in as acting chief clerk at the Idaho Capitol, helping the legislative session run seamlessly and creating great memories along the way.

"I fell in love with politics in seventh grade when I was running for middle school president," said Vore, who recently returned from Boise to Kootenai County, where he is the 4-H program coordinator. "I'm not a representative, I'm not a lobbyist, so the best way to be involved right now was on the clerical side. Every day that I went to work I was meeting new people and hearing new stories. I got to be right at the center of it."

Vore's opportunity to serve at the Capitol emerged when Chief Clerk Erica McGinnis asked him to fill in while she was on maternity leave. Vore was on his honeymoon at the time and his encouraging wife told him immediately it was an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

Vore previously interned for Sen. Mike Crapo and worked as an assistant clerk for the Idaho Legislature. Stepping in as chief clerk, he advised the Speaker of the House on parliamentary procedures, managed official records, ensured bills were recorded and processed properly and oversaw the publication of daily journals.

"We're helping the session run smoothly and keeping the public informed," Vore said. "The representative's job is to write bills, debate bills and vote on bills. We keep track of calendars, committees and make sure things get where they need to go so that the representatives can focus on their jobs."

Vore's role at the U of I also mirrors his passions. He spent eight years participating in Kootenai County 4-H as a youth, and he now directs programs for more than 500 kids in North Idaho.

"We still have some of the same leaders and volunteers from when I was in 4-H, so it was a beautiful welcome back," said Vore, who started in his role last summer. Vore said he plans to build a career in public service, whether it's in 4-H or in government. His experience alongside Idaho's policymakers helped affirm his belief in democracy and his affinity for the Gem State.

Vore said one of his lasting memories is when took part in a ceremony honoring late Idaho legislator Linden Bateman.

"We hosted the Idaho Day program and I was able to read the official resolution honoring Linden Bateman," Vore said. "He was a huge supporter of Idaho Day and he had a big impact on

the state so it was a very emotional moment and just a great day to be a part of.”

We’re proud of our Vandal employees who selflessly serve Idaho whether they’re in the Capitol, on our campuses, at our research centers or in one of our Extension offices across the state.

Go Vandals!

C. Scott Green  
President



## Snapshots

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### **One band, two teams take on NCAA Tournament**

Two years ago, the Vandal Marching Band stood in for the Yale band when the Connecticut team played in the NCAA Tournament in Spokane. Now the Vandal band is playing for its own team — twice. The Vandal Marching Band is ready to bring Vandal spirit to the tournament.

[Learn more.](#)

## **U of I research unveils cause of cattle heat stress**

Jim Sprinkle, a UI Extension beef specialist, led a study that explores how cows adapt to their environments based on physiology. By studying grazing habits, Sprinkle and his team discovered cattle that inefficiently convert feed into body mass while grazing in hot weather are more prone to heat stress than more efficient cattle.

[Learn more.](#)

## **Idaho Museum of Natural History affiliate opens March 26**

The U of I will host a grand opening 1-2 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in the Mines Building to celebrate the launch of the North Idaho affiliate of the Idaho Museum of Natural History. The affiliate location expands natural history exhibit spaces on the Moscow campus and brings more of Idaho's natural heritage into publicly accessible learning environments.

[Learn more.](#)

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