

Oct. 16, 2013

Two of the five presidential candidates have been to the Moscow campus so far, [Donald L. Birx](#) of Penn State Erie and [Jack McGillen Payne](#) of the University of Florida. Both bring strong backgrounds and desires to lead land-grant universities to the table. It has been helpful to have the opportunity to meet these candidates as they tour Idaho. If you missed them, there's video of Birx and Payne [online](#).

[James L. Applegate](#) of the Lumina Foundation will visit the Moscow campus Oct. 22. View his and other Idaho tour schedules [online](#).

I hope many of you have the opportunity to meet candidates and voice your thoughts as tours continue. Please note, on the [presidential finalist website](#), there is a feedback request form. All alumni are invited to give feedback, and all submissions will be taken into consideration during the search process. Don't hesitate to let your voice be heard!



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Steven C. Johnson '71  
Director, Office of Alumni Relations

## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 17 - [UIRA Fall Arboretum Tour in Moscow](#) | 📅
- Oct. 17 - [Octoberfest in Seattle](#) | 📅
- Oct. 17 - [Thirsty Thursday in Twin Falls](#) | 📅
- Oct. 19 - [UI Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Brunch in Moscow](#) | 📅
- Oct. 21 - [UI Career Center Coming to Boise](#) | 📅
- Oct. 23 - [University of Idaho Career Advisers in Twin Falls](#) | 📅
- Oct. 23 - [GradFest - Winter 2013 in Moscow](#) | 📅
- Oct. 26 - [University of Idaho vs. University of Mississippi Pregame @Mississippi](#) | 📅
- Nov. 1-3 - [Dads' Weekend](#) | 📅

## Graduating into a Career

*Josh Allen '12 finds job opportunity he was looking for with California-based environmental services*



Over the past several years, the news has been filled with stories about recent college graduates who are having a difficult time finding work - of any kind - let alone in their field of study. But Josh Allen - who graduated from the University of Idaho with a B.S. in anthropology in the spring of 2012 - had his first professional job as an archaeological technician within a month. He has since gone on to secure a full-time position at PAR Environmental Services in Sacramento, California, where he has worked since May of this year, and it is just what he was looking for.

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## Need career advice?

The [University of Idaho Career Center](#) brings highly qualified Idaho students together with local, regional and national employers for internships, jobs and career experiences. Career Center services are available to Idaho students and alumni for a lifetime.

Career Center advisers will be in Boise Oct. 21-22 and Twin Falls Oct. 23. Take these opportunities to discuss resume writing, cover letters, interview strategies, career assessment and more!

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## Passion for Peace

*Jill Flockhart '13 works with Soccer Without Borders to bring youth development programs to Uganda*



Before Jill Flockhart '13 was first recruited to the University of Idaho in 2009, she said she would have had trouble finding the Gem State on a map.

"I knew nothing about Idaho before I arrived," she said.

Four years later, her international studies degree has given a closer look at the world and her place in it.

Flockhart has spent the last three months in the East African Republic of Uganda working with the Soccer Without Borders program. The nonprofit builds and maintains community youth development programs in underserved areas. There are multiple programs across the US, and two international locations in Nicaragua and Uganda.

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## Dads' Weekend 2013



All Vandal Dads are invited to a weekend of pride and plaid during the 2013 Dads' Weekend.

[View the complete schedule](#) ▶

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## Creating Vandal Memories

*Office of Alumni Relations hosts riverboat tour before Idaho takes on Ole Miss Oct. 26*





Treat yourself to an evening of Southern hospitality before cheering the Vandals as they take on Ole Miss Oct. 26!

Take a two-hour, private riverboat cruise on the Mighty Mississippi featuring live entertainment and an authentic southern barbecue buffet Friday, Oct. 25. You can [RSVP](#) until Oct. 23.

[Learn more](#) ▶

A pregame celebration will be held for the Idaho vs. University of Mississippi football game Saturday, Oct. 26. A shuttle service is available to and from the game. [Learn more](#) ▶

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## Joe Knows ... Where Vandals Work



According to Forbes Magazine, 97 percent of job recruiters used LinkedIn in 2012 to actively hunt for candidates. See where others are working, network with Vandals in your field and get the latest updates from companies looking to hire University of Idaho alumni on the new Career Center LinkedIn page.

[University of Idaho LinkedIn](#) ▶



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Oct. 2, 2013

We are now one step closer to choosing a new leader for our flagship university. The [State Board of Education announced Monday](#) five finalists in our presidential search. These qualified candidates will tour Idaho, and I hope you have a chance to meet them. View bios, resumes and tour schedules [online](#).

The Board of Regents is poised to make a selection announcement in November.

The new president will take the reins of an outstanding institution of higher education. At the University of Idaho, we're proud of the education students receive and the opportunities they are prepared for after graduation. Whether they are [turning cow manure into biodegradable plastic](#) or studying the [response of mule deer to the reduction of coyotes in Southeastern Idaho](#), our alumni recognize the value in their education and are using it for great things. In addition, they are being compensated commensurately.

The [2013-14 PayScale.com College Salary Report](#) shows UI graduates earn higher starting salaries right out of college than graduates at other Idaho institutions, and up to \$9,000 more on average at mid-career.

This is great news not only for Vandals in the job market but for those entering it. The university has many assets available to help facilitate that crossover. This week the [UI Career Center](#) hosted a job fair featuring recruiters from various disciplines including computer science, math and management information systems. The Career Center offers resume help, interview tools and more to students and alumni. Visit their [LinkedIn](#) page and find Vandals working in fields in your area.

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## Upcoming Events

Oct. 4 - [Celebrating Idaho Agriculture in Moscow](#) | 📅

Oct. 5 - [Idaho vs BSU Swim Meet in Boise](#) | 📅

Oct. 5 - [University of Idaho vs. Fresno State University @Home](#) | 📅

Oct. 12 - [University of Idaho vs. Arkansas State University @Arkansas](#) | 📅

Oct. 12 - [Financial Whirlpools book reception with author Karen Higgins in California](#) | 📅

Oct. 17 - [UIRA Fall Arboretum Tour in Moscow](#) | 📅

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## Presidential Search Finalists Announced



Donald L.  
Birx



Jack  
McGillen Payne



James L.  
Applegate



Chuck  
Staben



Laurie  
Stenberg Nichols

The [State Board of Education](#) released Monday the names of five candidates being considered for our next president of the University of Idaho.

Each candidate will be part of open forum sessions in Moscow, Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls and Twin Falls.

[View candidate resumes and open forum schedules](#) »

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## Then and Now: Vandal Marching Band



Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night could keep Robert Spevacek's Vandal Marching Band off the field.

In 1963, when Idaho took on the University of Washington, the team used giant snowballs to mark the hidden yard lines to stay in form.

Or in the 1980s, at a high school marching contest in Spokane, Wash. - there was an inch of rain on the field, but that didn't keep the auxiliary team from doing splits as part of its act.

"You have to think, 'What is the educational value?'" he said. "It may not be your comfort zone, but people depend on you."

There was little that wasn't worth sacrificing in Spevacek's years of directing the Vandal Marching Band from 1968 to 1978. This mantra hasn't changed, as the 200-person fleet continues to be a staple at university events today.

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## A House Divided in Crimson and Gold



Dan Lawhead's family is split. Half sport silver and gold and half don crimson and gray. It is this amenable split that allows him to fly Vandal colors with pride in his Moscow Baskin Robbins store, while he roars like a Cougar.

With the return of the Battle of the Palouse, it was a family affair for Dan to cheer on both the Vandals and Cougars during the University of Idaho versus Washington State University football game.

"When there's a big success at either school, it's a boost to the entire community," said Dan.

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## Joe Knows ... Vandals Who Give



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# VANDAL PRIDE

PLANET WIDE

During Homecoming week, students and friends had many opportunities to give back to their community. Canned food donation sites were set up across campus and within the community. In just four days, 1,450 pounds of food were collected. Donations will go to help local Moscow food banks at Troy Food Bank and Trinity Baptist Church. The University of Idaho also partnered with the Red Cross, and 50 pints of blood were donated.



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University of Idaho

## Vandal Vibe

From the University of Idaho Office of Alumni Relations in Support of Our Alumni Community...Worldwide

Oct. 30, 2013

That winter chill is in the air, fall leaves are starting to cover campus sidewalks and the holiday shuffle has begun. As we put the finishing touches on our Halloween costumes and start our Christmas lists, let us also remember to give thanks to those serving our country past and present.

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. Many commemorative additions have been made to the Moscow campus over the years. Just a small gesture to remember the incredible sacrifices made by soldiers and their families.



Have you seen the World War I memorial south of the Administration Building? In 1919, 10 red oaks and 22 spruce trees were planted to honor the 32 UI students killed in WWI. At the time, there were only 502 students enrolled on campus - meaning 5 percent of the student body gave their lives for our freedom. The names of these soldiers can be found on a plaque in the Memorial Gym.

View photos below of the other campus memorials and ceremonies. And the next time you're feeling stressed, racing to the next meeting or dealing with a crisis at home, remember how we became so lucky to live in this country, receive a top-notch education and relish in the fact we're all mighty Vandals.

GO VANDALS!

Steven C. Johnson '71  
Director, Office of Alumni Relations



### Upcoming Events

Happy Halloween from 1962







- [Nov. 1-3 - Dads' Weekend](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 1 - Envision Idaho](#)
- [Nov. 1 - Iron Dad Challenge](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 1 - Tradition Keeper Challenge](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 1 - Vandal Brand Meats Pairings](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 2 - Dads' Weekend Golf Tournament](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 2 - Ring Ceremony 2013](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 2 - Vandal Brand Meats Tour](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 2 - University of Idaho vs. Texas State University](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 2 - Dueling Planes Dinner and Entertainment](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 3 - Farewell Breakfast](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 3 - Breaststroke 4 Hope](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 8 - 2013 Preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament](#) | 🏠
- [Nov. 9 - University of Idaho vs. Old Dominion University](#) | 🏠

## Then and Now: Willis Sweet Hall

*Campus' largest and most luxurious all-male dorm in 1936*



When Richard Johnston came to the University of Idaho in 1950, there were four males to every female on campus and only one of those males owned a car. Having a set of wheels didn't ensure your Friday night date, but it certainly didn't hurt.

"I used to say, there's only a girl for every guy with a car, and I don't have a car," he said.

Add his 192 housemates, and competition gets steeper. Johnston lived in campus' then largest male dormitory - Willis Sweet Hall.

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## Came a Tribe from the North

*The Tradition of Vandal Architects in Sun Valley*





"Over a century ago, under the gloomy skies and rolling wheat fields of the northern Idaho Palouse, the state's first and oldest university was built. In a style reminiscent of leafy East Coast campuses, architects laid sweeping lawns, brick-and-mortar clock towers, bustling Gothic structures and stained-glass windows flanked in limestone. With a style that visually referenced tradition and time, they created a pastoral genius loci, or 'sense of place,' that would shape the state, and its namesake college, for years to come." - *Kate Elgee*

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## Dads' Weekend 2013



All Vandal Dads are invited to a weekend of pride and plaid during the 2013 Dads' Weekend starting Friday.

From the 1948 UI yearbook, *Gem of the Mountains*: "The expected fathers, beards and football game highlighted the Dads' Day weekend. The beards were scarcer and sparser this year because of Gem portrait deadlines; the football game was a muddy thriller because of a last second touchdown for Idaho; bachelors had to run faster in the Sadie Hawkins' day race because the girls seem to practice more every year; and the fathers enjoyed themselves thoroughly because of a Saturday night barn dance."

[View the complete schedule](#) \*

## Presidential Search: Feedback Deadline



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University of Idaho Board of Regents and the Idaho State Board of Education cordially invite you to give your feedback on all the Presidential Candidates. Fill out the form [online](#) or watch candidate forums you may have missed. Deadline for feedback is 5 p.m. (PST) Thursday.

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## Joe Knows ... How to Choose to Stay Connected



The University of Idaho has launched a new email subscription website. Through a simple form, you can now quickly subscribe to desired email or unsubscribe from email you would rather not receive.

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University of Idaho

## Vandal Vibe

From the University of Idaho Office of Alumni Relations in Support of Our Alumni Community...Worldwide

Nov. 13, 2013

The service of a Vandal volunteer to his or her alma mater is priceless. This past weekend we celebrated and honored some of our many University of Idaho dedicated volunteer leaders and donors, including but not limited to those who serve on our [UI Foundation](#), [Alumni Association](#), dean's advisory boards and in various other ways.

Their service provides countless hours of positive service for our institution. I share my thanks and appreciation to all who volunteer for our great university!

The Alumni Association is proud to announce and recognize its 2014 Jim Lyle Award recipients for their long-term dedication and service to the university and/or Alumni Association through volunteerism:

- Kay '68 and Sam '69 Bacharach of Washington, D.C.
- Richard Allen '73, Scottsdale, Ariz./McCall, Idaho
- Meryle Kay Michael, Boise
- Jim Faucher '67, Coeur d'Alene
- Matt '72 and Karen '71 Telln, Moscow

Recognition ceremonies will be scheduled in 2014.

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Director, Office of Alumni Relations



### Upcoming Events

- Nov. 14 - [UIRA to honor former president Bill Shane](#) |
- Nov. 14 - ["TEACH - What does it take to be a teacher?" showing in Moscow](#) |
- Nov. 16 - [Rake Up Boise- Community Service Event](#) |
- Nov. 16 - [Wine Tasting Social in Carlton, Ore.](#) |
- Nov. 21 - [Thirsty Thursday in Denver](#) |
- Nov. 23 - [University of Idaho vs. Florida State Pregame](#) |
- Nov. 23 - [Watch Party in Las Vegas - University of Idaho vs. Florida State](#) |
- Nov. 27 - [Vandal Rally before Merr's Basketball takes on Boise State](#) |
- Nov. 28 - [Thanksgiving Day](#)
- Nov. 30 - [University of Idaho vs. New Mexico State](#) |
- Dec. 11 - [Holiday Dinner at the Davenport Hotel](#) |

### A Citizen of the World

*Education and personal drive take Bruce Andrus '72 overseas for 24 years*



Bruce Andrus' stay in the United States was a short one, considering most of his life has been spent back and forth between Morocco, Algeria, Israel, Nepal and the homestead in Montreal. Above all, he said his deepest connection lies in India – a bond initially forged on the University of Idaho campus.

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## Check this out: Digital copies of Gem of the Mountains



Get lost in Vandal memories with this online collection of Gem of the Mountains yearbooks from 1903 to 2004. Caution: The search option is very useful and addictive!

[Jump In](#) »

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## A Toast to Idaho Wine

*Boise Center graduate starts own company*



Angie Shaltry '99, Boise, fermented her first fruit while a sophomore in Patricia Hartzell's Microbiology 250 class at the University of Idaho.

"During lab, we all had to ferment a fruit. I chose plum juice. It tasted horrid!" Shaltry recalls. "I don't know if any of us made a palatable wine. It was embarrassing because both instructor Hartzell and Tim Steffans, who ran the lab, were wine connoisseurs. I've come a long way!"

After earning her microbiology degree and interning with award-winning wineries in California, Shaltry established Périple, Meridian's second winery, in 2007.

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## Fostering Food

*UI's Food Technology Center is a one-stop shop for getting started selling edibles*



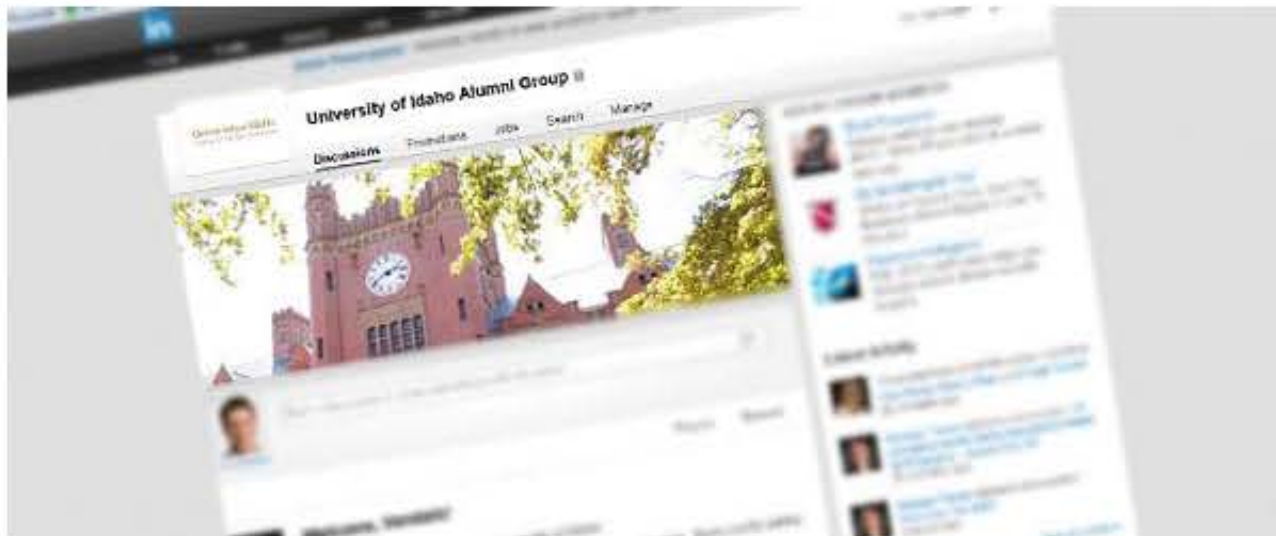
It sounds almost too good to be true. Whether you're a chef looking to package a popular soup for sale or a home cook wanting to sell Grandma's prune-and-nut bread—or chutneys, condiments, jams or frozen burrito wraps—at a farmer's market, the University of Idaho not only helps you learn how to do it, it also has a kitchen you can use to meet state and federal safety standards.

UI offers a one-day seminar, "Developing Your Food Product Idea: A Blueprint for Pre-Venture and Startup Food Companies," several times a year for \$100.

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## Joe Knows ... There's a New Alumni LinkedIn Group!



There's a new LinkedIn group in town! Join the official University of Idaho Office of Alumni Relations group today and help us fill it with useful updates on what's happening within our university, alumni successes and career opportunities.

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## Travel like a Vandal



Looking for that vacation of a lifetime? Venture out into the beauty of the world and share the experience with fellow Idaho alumni as part of the [Vandal Voyager Travel Program](#).

Travel is considered a continuing education program and provides alumni and friends an opportunity to learn more about U-Idaho and the benefits of being a part of the Alumni Association. Make plans in June 2014 to join Office of Alumni Relations Director Steve Johnson and his wife Claudia on the Grand Journey through Europe.

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University of Idaho

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Nov. 25, 2013

We have a lot to be thankful for at the University of Idaho. The Idaho State Board of Education on Monday introduced our 18th president, [Dr. Chuck Staben](#). He will start March 1 with a three-year contract.

The University has clearly gained a proven leader. Dr. Staben comes to us most recently after serving as the provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of South Dakota, a position he has held since 2008. He holds a doctoral degree in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Staben comes on board as the University looks to mark several milestones, with the anticipated conclusion of the [Inspiring Futures](#) capital campaign, the state's largest ever fundraising effort, and with the [125th anniversary](#) of the University in 2014.



We may have a new president steering the flagship come March, but we can't overlook the leader who got us to this point. Don Burnett took on the position of Interim president June 1. During his humble servitude, he has worked to promote interdisciplinary research, stabilize the budget and focus on student safety. We can rest assured Staben's transition will be a smooth one under Burnett's guidance.

Speaking of guidance, many alumni can proudly say they know Bruce Pitman '75, dean of students and vice provost for Student Affairs for more than 30 years. Pitman recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the NASPA Foundation for his work at the university. [Read more](#) in today's newsletter.

As we enjoy the holiday season, let us rejoice in the influences these leaders have had on each of us and the impressions we've left on our alma mater. Together, we're shaping a wonderful legacy.

**GO VANDALS!**

Steven C. Johnson '71  
Director, Office of Alumni Relations

## Upcoming Events

**Happy Thanksgiving from the 1980s!**





[Nov. 27 - Vandal Rally before Men's Basketball takes on Boise State](#) | 📅

[Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day](#)

[Nov. 30 - University of Idaho vs. New Mexico State](#) | 📅

[Dec. 11 - Holiday Dinner at the Davenport Hotel](#) | 📅

[Dec. 13 - Alumni Awards for Excellence presentation dinner in Moscow](#) | 📅

[Dec. 17 - Holiday Dinner with the Vandaleers in Moscow](#) | 📅

**Save the Date:** The University of Idaho will celebrate its 125th anniversary starting Jan. 22 in Boise with a dinner and social at the Grove Hotel. Events will also be held in Moscow Jan. 30, in Coeur d'Alene July 24 and in Idaho Falls Sept. 25. View the [complete calendar](#).

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## Staben Ready to Lead Idaho

*UI's incoming first couple are Dr. Mary Beth Staben, M.D., and Dr. Charles "Chuck" Staben*



Building his career block by block, Chuck Staben has found his capstone as the recently named 18th president of the University of Idaho.

"I love what the University of Idaho has to offer, and I am extremely excited to serve the students, faculty, and staff and see where we can go together," says Staben. "I love the mountains; I love the West; I feel like this is home."

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## Big-Hearted Bruce

*Bruce Pitman '75 receives Distinguished Service Award*



There is one man on the University of Idaho campus who has seen tens of thousands of students, 10 UI presidents and more winning football seasons than most other Vandal fans can even imagine.

Bruce Pitman '75, dean of students and vice provost for Student Affairs, started his career at UI in 1973 and recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the NASPA Foundation for his work at the university.

"I felt honored and humbled ... It is certainly a pleasure to receive recognition from your peers," Pitman said.

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## Awards for Excellence Winners Announced

*54 students honored for academic success and professionalism*



Each year, the University of Idaho office of Alumni Relations invites faculty and staff to nominate graduate, law and senior-level students for the Award for Excellence. This year, 150 nominations were scored by a team of alumni, retirees, faculty and staff, and 54 students were selected. View this year's leaders in the classroom, laboratory, campus and community.

[Learn more](#) »

## Turning Sugar Water Into ...

*Alumni duo create fast-action fermenting process for juice products*



The core technology of 2012 graduates Joshua Riley and Tushar Jain's new startup was developed at the University of Idaho - the technology to make anyone a brewmeister.

Using Tushar's Ph.D. research, The Bootlegger's Bottle significantly speeds up the fermentation process and can be used with fruit juices or other sugary liquids. They won the Vandal Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop Business Plan Competition while at the university, and have continued their success in Boise. Their business, Ruckus Fermentation, began in 2012 in Nampa, Idaho.

[Visit their website](#) »

## Joe Knows ... Gifts for the Holidays



Add a little silver and gold to this holiday season with [Vandal Crest](#) wine. Produced for the enjoyment of Vandal alumni and friends, the Vandal Crest Wine Program helps support student scholarships. Each bottle is produced and bottled at [Camas Prairie Winery](#) in Moscow, Idaho. The Camas Prairie Winery was established in 1983 and is North Idaho's oldest winery.

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Temperatures are low, but holiday cheer is high - especially for the 925 eligible students gearing up for [2013 Fall Commencement](#). A total of 969 degrees will be conferred to students as they venture into the world alongside alumnus Michael Kirk.

[Kirk '71](#) graduated with a journalism degree and has earned distinction as an award-winning documentary filmmaker. He is one of the creators of the popular PBS documentary series "[Frontline](#)." He will be presented with an honorary Ph.D.



The college from which Kirk graduated, the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, just announced its new dean [Andrew Kersten](#). Kersten will take the reins of the University of Idaho's largest academic division June 29. The college's past dean of seven years, [Katherine Aiken](#), stepped down to accept her current leadership position as interim provost and executive vice president.

Kersten comes to the University of Idaho from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where he was the associate provost for academic affairs and director of graduate studies. His proven record of scholarship, teaching and engagement will be an asset to the college and its 4,100 students.

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## Upcoming Events

- [Dec. 11 - Ace of Diamonds by Ana Overgaard '13 - Free showing in Moscow](#) | 📅
- [Dec. 11 - Holiday Dinner at the Davenport in Spokane](#) | 📅
- [Dec. 11-15 - UI Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol" in Moscow](#) | 📅
- [Dec. 13 - Jazz Choirs Holiday Concert in Moscow](#) | 📅
- [Dec. 13 - Ace of Diamonds by Ana Overgaard '13 - Showing in Boise](#) | 📅
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- [Dec. 20 - Idaho Men's Basketball vs. Idaho State Vandal Rally in Boise](#) | 📅

## Save the Date!

*UI to kickoff yearlong historical celebration Jan. 22 in Boise*



The University of Idaho was founded in 1889 to fulfill the land-grant university mission: opening the doors of higher education to the citizens of Idaho. Since then, the University of Idaho has grown into one of the nation's top research institutions, becoming an engine for educational innovation and economic growth.

Today, the university is home to nearly 12,000 students and more than 2,400 faculty and staff. Never forgetting its roots and traditions, Idaho's only national research university continues to help generations of students create better futures for themselves and the world.

Throughout 125 years of groundbreaking work in fields ranging from agriculture and forestry to the social sciences, STEM education and law, we've not only changed lives, we've inspired futures.

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## With Memory in Mind



The rise of social media has revamped the holiday season. A home-cooked meal can't be enjoyed if there isn't a photo taken of it first, and online posts replaying the day's events are uploaded faster than the speed of conversation.

For Ana Overgaard '13, it's as if people have forgotten to remember - to really think about moments and how they are stored emotionally.

The University of Idaho broadcast and digital media graduate's latest project is an attempt to help people rediscover their memory-sensory capabilities. For the past two years, she's traversed the mind of Nelson Dellis, a two-time U.S. memory champion.

Overgaard's completed work, "Ace of Diamonds," a 30-minute documentary on the memory consultant and avid mountain climber will be presented at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 in the University of Idaho Administration Auditorium. Admission is free. A second showing will be 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Egyptian Theatre in Boise. Cost is \$10, and proceeds benefit Alzheimer's research.

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## ROTC Cadet Named One of Nation's Finest

*Senior Tyler Smotherman ranked No. 2 by U.S. Army Cadet Command*



It's tough to catch University of Idaho's Tyler Smotherman off guard. The senior and ROTC cadet is so connected that he usually has a pretty good idea of what's on the horizon. However, when he found out he'd been named the No. 2 Army ROTC cadet in the U.S., he admits he was blindsided. In a good way.

"I received a congratulatory text from a fellow Army cadet at The Citadel, who I'd met in my platoon at Leadership Development and Assessment Course, or LDAC, over the summer. He told me he saw my name listed in an article on the Army's website. I looked it up myself and then started getting calls and emails from several people congratulating me."

The U.S. Army Cadet Command annually ranks all Army ROTC seniors across the nation in an "Order of Merit List." The top 20 percent earn the designation of Distinguished Military Graduate. Students are rated on their cumulative GPA, physical fitness, and leadership performance during college AROTC training and during the LDAC. Smotherman was ranked second out of 5,476 cadets nationwide.

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## Joe Vandal Goes to China





Joe traveled to South China University of Technology in Guangzhou, China, along with UI delegates. UI representatives were there to strengthen university ties with its Asian partner in the Confucius Institute.

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## Because Fans Rock



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## Flying Vandal Pride High



The University of Idaho Alumni Association has partnered with the university to purchase outdoor advertising space in the Boise and Twin Falls areas. Have you seen these billboards yet?

## Joe Knows ... the Holidays are for Giving



During the holidays, it's not the size of a gift that counts, it's the contribution itself. Thanks to gracious donations from our alumni and friends, the University of Idaho is well on its way to reaching its campaign goals to expand student opportunities and enhance contributions to overall progress in science, research and the arts. As always, donations to the University of Idaho are tax-deductible.

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## Vandal Vibe

From the University of Idaho Office of Alumni Relations in Support of Our Alumni Community ... Worldwide

Dec. 23, 2013

Happy holidays, Vandals! And a prosperous New Year to the nearly 100,000 alumni across the nation.

We know 2014 will be an exciting and fun year for all of us at the University of Idaho as we celebrate our new university president [Chuck Staben](#) and yearlong [125th Anniversary](#) beginning with a [Boise Kickoff](#) Jan. 22.

As a team - including faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends - we have maintained a momentum for success over the years. We know 2014 will be no different. Help us maintain our New Year's resolution of Growing the Gold by letting us know of future Vandals who would be great additions to our ranks. [Nominate a high school student today!](#) You'll be paying your nominee a compliment, and laying the groundwork for a relationship between this student and the University of Idaho.



Happy New Year! And GO VANDALS!

Steven C. Johnson '71  
Director, Office of Alumni Relations

### Upcoming Events

Happy holidays from the Moscow campus!



Jan. 1 - [New Year's Day](#)

Jan. 16 - [Thirsty Thursday in Denver](#) | [tm](#)

Jan. 21 - [Legislative Breakfast in Boise](#) | [tm](#)

Jan. 21 - [Meet the Vandals in Boise](#) | [tm](#)

Jan. 22 - [UI celebrates 125th Anniversary in Boise](#) | [tm](#)

Jan. 30 - [UI celebrates 125th Anniversary in Moscow](#)

View more 125th Anniversary celebration events on the [alumni calendar](#).



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## Then and Now: ASUI Kibble Dome Activity Center and Neale Stadium



It touts a 4.1-acre roof. Each truss holding it up weighs 23 tons. And the 400-foot arched clear span earned it a national architectural achievement award.

Campus icons are plentiful at the University of Idaho – but none are quite as prominent or well known as the Kibble ASUI Activity Center.

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## Sustainability for Less

*Macy Miller '07 builds custom home for just \$11,000*



What happens when you give a Vandal a degree from the University of Idaho and \$11,000? One adorable (and sustainable) house. Take a look at this custom masterpiece ([in a timeline of photos](#)) Idaho architect Macy Miller '07 built - at just 196-square-feet.

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## Austin Rehkow Best Punter In the Nation





Congrats to Idaho Vandal punter Austin Rehkow, recognized as the best punter in the nation with a spot on the 124th Walter Camp Football Team. Great work, Austin. Go Vandals!

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## Joe Knows ... Fall Commencement 2013



Sit down with honorary degree recipient [Michael Kirk '71](#), one of the creators of the world renowned PBS series "Frontline", or walk across stage with some of the 900 graduates during Fall Commencement Dec. 14, 2013. If you missed the ceremony, we have the footage.

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