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University of Idaho Office of Alumni Relations



Dear Vandals,

For the past seven and a half years, alumni, faculty and staff, parents and friends have worked to show an unprecedented level of dedication, support and confidence in the University of Idaho's future.



These efforts have allowed Idaho to meet and exceed its largest capital campaign goal in history. Donors have made more than 112,000 contributions toward the fundraising effort.

I look forward to seeing fellow alumni and friends at the [Inspiring Futures Campaign Celebration](#) Saturday in Boise. This celebration is one of the many ways the university can show its thanks to all those who made this achievement possible.

At the alumni office, we hope to express our thanks all year long through a [slew of alumni events](#) to keep Vandals from every walk of life connected nationwide.

Campaign contributions will help future Vandals for generations to come. Help us expand our alumni family by nominating a future Vandal for the [Grow the Gold](#) program. We'll say thanks by waiving the application fee!

Thanks for all your hard work!

GO VANDALS!

Steve Johnson '71

Director, Office of Alumni Relations

Upcoming Events

Jan. 21 - [Help Guide Future Vandals In Idaho Falls](#)

Jan. 23 - [Help Guide Future Vandals In Boise](#)

Jan. 24 - [Inspiring Futures Celebration in Boise](#)

Jan. 26 - [UI Legislative Breakfast](#)

Jan. 30 - [Magic Valley Vandal Winterfest Banquet](#)

Jan. 31 - [Men's Basketball Pregame in Cheney, Wash.](#)

Feb. 3 - [Help Guide Future Vandals In CDA](#)

Feb. 4 - [Vandal Football Letter of Intent Reception in CDA](#)

Feb. 4 - [Vandal Night with the Idaho Steelheads in Boise](#)

Feb. 5 - [Vandal Football Letter of Intent Reception In Moscow](#)

[Feb. 6 - Vandal Football Letter of Intent Reception in Idaho Falls](#)

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Visiting Moscow?

Dunk. Run. Swim. Serve.

Schedules are a little busier for Vandal sports fans with the opening of swimming and diving, indoor track and field, and tennis sports. Prepare for upcoming home games and more!



[View complete sports schedule](#) »

Football LOI Events



Follow the evolution of [Vandal Football 2015](#) during Letter of Intent events in [Moscow](#), [Coeur d'Alene](#), [Boise](#), [Idaho Falls](#) and [Twin Falls](#). Moscow's event is 5 p.m. Feb. 5 in Kibbie Dome Team

Room C.

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Introducing the Bruce M. Pitman Center



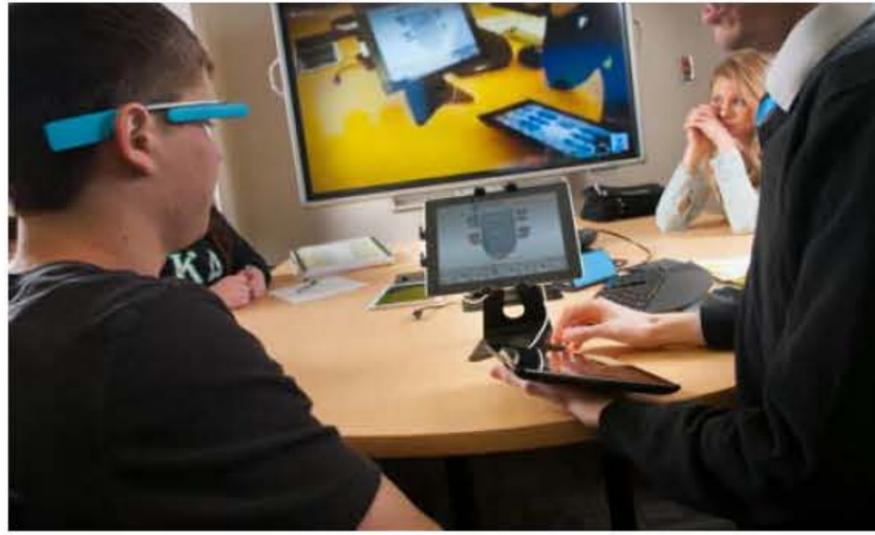
Our Student Union Building has gone through many transformations since its initial 1924 popularity as the Blue Bucket Inn.

Last week, we celebrated the 41-year legacy of retired dean of students Bruce Pitman. A dedication ceremony was held to honor Bruce with the renaming of the well-known SUB, now the Bruce M. Pitman Center!

[View photos](#) »

Online Degrees Earn U.S. Best





The University of Idaho College of Education trains educators for Idaho and the nation – and its online master's degree in special education was just named No. 14 in the country by The Best Schools.

[Learn more »](#)

Be Smart: Education First



At the age of three, Nicole Bulcher was barely visible from the front desk of Nielsen School of Dance in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Bulcher was tagging along while her mother signed her older sister up for dance classes, when an employee leaned over the desk and asked, "What about that one?" Early lessons changed everything.

The 2009 University of Idaho alumna will cap her fifth and final year as cheerleader for the Dallas Cowboys by attending the 2015 Pro Bowl Sunday. Her career initially seemed beyond her reach, hailing from small-town Idaho.

She said the realm of possibility didn't open up until she attended UI.

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Tom Morris: 2014 Idaho Sportscaster of the Year



Voice of the Idaho Vandals Since 1985, Tom Morris was named 2014 Idaho Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

Morris moved to Moscow in 1985,



and has worked in executive positions with KRPL/KZFN, KQQQ/KHTR and as assistant athletic director for the Vandals.

Morris is currently the associate general manager of [Idaho Vandals Sports Properties](#) in Moscow and can be heard on various [radio stations](#) including KZFN in Moscow.

[View list of winners by state »](#)

Inside the Vandals: Mike Scott



Not only is point guard Mike Scott a captain on the [University of Idaho men's basketball team](#), he's the head of household at home. As a senior, the pressure is on to finish out an already successful year and continue playing beyond college.

"It's all about warming up," he said. "When you take classes, it's like warming up for the big leagues. After you graduate, it's go time."

Learn more about this notable player in a video shot and edited by [UI School of Journalism and Mass Media](#) graduate Tom Purvis '09.

[Watch video »](#)

UI Starts Ebola Working Group



Roughly 20,000 Ebola virus disease cases in western Africa led to more than 8,000 deaths in 2014.

To help track and treat the disease - and potentially other viruses - in the future, researchers across disciplines at the University of Idaho have formed the Ebola Working Group.

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Joe Knows ... Spring Training



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Dear Vandals,

It's a New Year, a new start and a new conference as the Idaho men's and women's basketball teams head into the **Big Sky for the first time since 1996!**

The Idaho men are 2-0 in conference play with their **win against Weber State** last weekend. If you weren't in the stands Saturday, you missed some of the biggest shots in senior Mike Scott's Vandal basketball career. Read more in today's Vibe!



Vandal women are 1-1 in the Big Sky after their recovery in Ogden, Utah.

Help cheer the women's team to victory as they head to Cheney, Wash., to take on the Eastern Washington Eagles this weekend. Join fellow alumni and friends for a no-host **pregame celebration 12 p.m. Saturday** at Zentropa Pizzeria & Pub!

Get details and more in today's Vandal Vibe!

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Director, Office of Alumni Relations

Upcoming Events

Jan. 7 - [Latah County Vandal Booster Annual Meeting](#)

Jan. 10 - [Women's Basketball Pregame in Cheney, Wash.](#)

Jan. 17 - [Men's Basketball Pregame in Portland, Ore.](#)

Jan. 21 - [Help Guide Future Vandals In Idaho Falls](#)

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Feb. 28 - [Vandal Night with the Spokane Chiefs in Spokane, Wash.](#)

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Visiting Moscow?

Men's Basketball at Home

Men's basketball is at home 7 p.m. Saturday against Eastern Washington. Idaho women are on the road in Cheney, Wash. Don't miss the [pregame!](#)



[View full basketball schedule](#) »

View the complete calendar of [university-wide events](#) »

In Case You Missed It ...



What makes moving to 2-0 in Big Sky play even sweeter? How about a 70-foot buzzer beater? Go Vandals!

UI held off Weber State, 86-84, Saturday in the first Big Sky Conference game between the two since 1996.

[Watch video](#) »

Jon Newlee Reaches 100 Wins



Idaho women also celebrated a win over Weber State this weekend, making it coach [Jon Newlee's 100th win of his career since 2008!](#)

UI No. 1 in Bowl Game Comebacks



Analysts said Idaho Vandals didn't have a chance to win the [2009 Humanitarian Bowl](#), but we knew better! ESPN just named that incredible game No. 1 on its list of Top 10 Bowl Comebacks in the Last 10 Seasons.

[View the list »](#)

Bowl Updates

The NFL Players Association is proud to announce UI's defensive lineman Quayshawne Buckley '14 has committed to playing in the 2015 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Jan. 17.



Buckley was ranked second for the Vandals, with 68 total tackles and four sacks in his 2014 season.

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Vandal Makes Forbes' 30 Under 30



A Vandal is featured in Forbes' annual 30 Under 30 science list. [UI College of Engineering](#) grad Sophie Milam '14 was noted for her work in robotics – and her role as chief engineer on NASA's HI-SEAS Mars simulation mission.

[Read more »](#)

Inspiring Leadership



Capital campaigns require leadership. Alumni Rich and Sharon Allen and Jeff and Kristine Stoddard have shown true leadership through the success of the University of Idaho's Inspiring Futures: Invest in the University of Idaho campaign.

Why? They believe in investing in education. They are inspired by the students of today at the university and are dedicated to helping future Vandals continue our legacy of leading.

[Watch video »](#)

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Joe Knows ... Vandal Vacations



Looking for the 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.

Join alumni director Steve Johnson and wife Claudia on a memorable tour cruising the changing tides of history on the Baltic Sea June 4-13.

Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States, the magnificent imperial riches of St. Petersburg and the spectacular "White Nights of Summer" on this remarkable six-country, eight-night Baltic Sea cruise.

[Learn more »](#)

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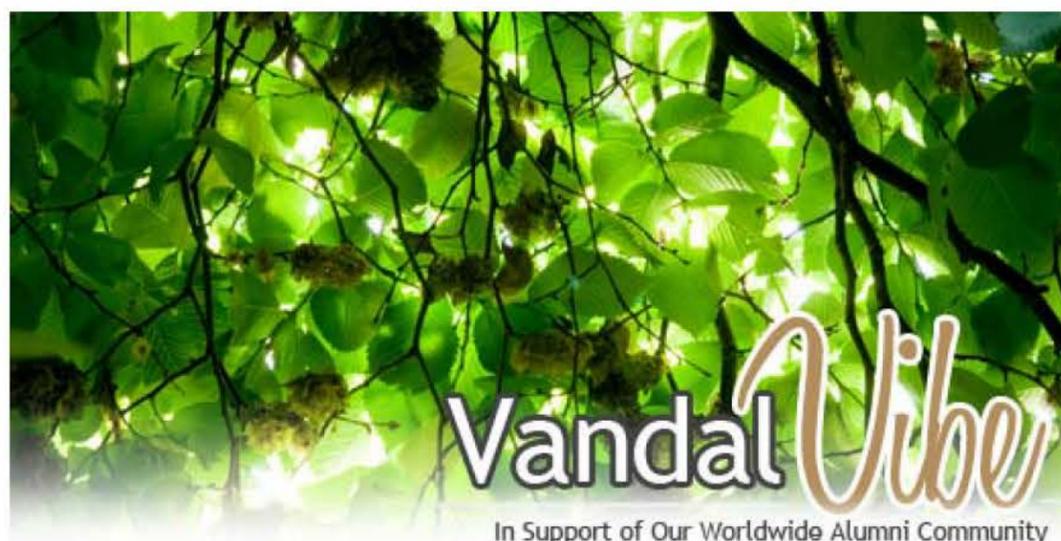
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Dear Vandals,

We haven't even reached the spring break mark, and the University of Idaho is already making preparations for fall. Students are busy filling out their FAFSAs, and a slew of fresh Vandal faces have committed to fall sports.



Vandal football added a bunch of Northwest talent to its arsenal, including Washington senior Jace Malek. The fullback's story is one of incredible determination, as he was recently diagnosed with stage IV osteosarcoma, a bone cancer.

The UI College of Law is also preparing for a big upcoming semester. Students in southern Idaho will have a new place of study. Renovations are nearing completion on the old Ada County Courthouse in Boise, the future home of the [Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center](#).

Learn more about these stories and more in today's Vandal Vibe!

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Upcoming Alumni Events

Feb. 18 - [Get Career Help in Twin Falls](#)

Feb. 19-20 - [Get Career Help in Boise](#)

Feb. 19 - [UI Retirees Association Winter Luncheon](#)

Feb. 19 - [Thirsty Thursday in Denver](#)

Feb. 28 - [Vandal Night with the Spokane Chiefs in Spokane](#)

March 4 - [Help Guide Future Vandals in Seattle](#)

March 5 - [Help Guide Future Vandals in Portland](#)

March 9 - [Help Guide Future Vandals in Pleasanton, Calif.](#)

March 11 - [Help Guide Future Vandals in Sacramento, Calif.](#)

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Visiting Moscow?

In Spirit of Harmony

The III Lionel Hampton Jazz

The ~~of Lionel Hampton Jazz~~ Festival will bring jazz masters together with elementary, junior high, high school and college students to share and celebrate a truly American art form Feb. 25-28.



[Learn more »](#)

View the complete calendar of [university-wide events »](#)

Vandal Fullback Begins Cancer Battle



Spokane high school senior Jace Malek committed to UI, joining the class of 2015 as a fullback. When he was later diagnosed with stage IV osteosarcoma, he called to break the news to Vandal coaches.

“I told them, ‘Listen, I know you need to do what’s best, and I realize that I might not be keeping my scholarship.’” he told KHQ news.

The university responded the way any institution would, by standing behind its scholarship commitment to Malek.

Malek’s story has swept the nation from local media outlets like KHQ and KREM, to ESPN.

[Watch ESPN’s video »](#)



Vandal football’s [haul on National Letter of Intent signing day](#) includes four Idaho high schoolers and two prep stars out of Spokane. The Vandals added two more junior college transfers to the roster as well as a host of speedy players out of Florida and California – and another legacy player in linebacker Mike Linehan.

UI Soccer [added 10 new faces](#) to the program as part of the signing class that will begin their careers at Idaho in the fall of 2015.

UI Brings Life to Boise Courthouse





Vandal law students are storming Boise's former Ada County Courthouse!

Idaho students will bring purpose back to this historic building on the Capitol mall. Renovations for the Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center are in the final phase, and operations are set to begin fall semester.

[Take a video tour »](#)



The number of applicants to the [UI Law School](#) has increased in recent years, despite nationwide trends of declining enrollment. The program also was recently tapped by The National Jurist as one of the top national programs for practical training.

[Learn more »](#)

A Day in the Life: Don Verlin



Idaho men's basketball coach Don Verlin joined the Vandal family in March 2008 and brought an immediate change to a struggling program.

In his seven seasons with the Vandals, Verlin has led the team to more than 100 wins. He became the winningest coach in Idaho men's basketball history in 2014.

[Watch the video »](#)



Can't make it to Moscow for the basketball game? With Vandals in the Big Sky this year, all men's and women's games are streaming online for free.

[Register for an account](#), and enjoy Vandal basketball from anywhere in the world!

Tell Us Your Vandal Love Story





It's not unusual for Vandals to find love on the UI campus. Tell us how you met your special someone during college, and win Vandal gear! Submissions are being accepted until Feb. 20, when voting opens. May the best love story win!

[Tell your story »](#)

Tony Ganzer '06 Finds Voice in Radio



After graduating from UI in 2006, radio journalist Tony Ganzer didn't know how to make it into his chosen field of public radio. Someone had once told Ganzer his voice wasn't right for it, suggesting he should choose another career. He didn't.

[Continue reading »](#)

JAMM Graduates in the News

Brett Craig '95 has been named as one of the "50 Movers and Shakers of the World's Top Brands" by Adweek.



The executive creative director of Deutsch LA earned the national recognition for his work with clients like Taco Bell and Dr. Pepper.

[Learn more »](#)

Joe Knows ... 153 New Endowments





UI has added 153 new scholarship endowments thanks to the generosity of nearly 45,000 donors to its Inspiring Futures capital campaign.

The \$225 million campaign ended earlier this year with gifts and pledges totaling more than \$261 million.

[Watch the video »](#)

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Dear Vandals,

January has come and gone, and we're cruising through the New Year.



In the same way we put faith in our university's future by reaching our largest capital campaign goal in history this year, student athletes this week are casting their pledge to the success of Vandal Athletics 2015-2016.

Letter of intent events will be held today in [Coeur d'Alene](#) and throughout the week in [Moscow](#), [Idaho Falls](#), [Twin Falls](#) and [Boise](#).

These ceremonies focus on high school seniors and junior college transfers who have chosen UI to pursue a world class education while participating in their chosen sport.

Join us in celebrating these stellar athletes as they make their way into the Vandal family!

GO VANDALS!

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Director, Office of Alumni Relations

Upcoming Events

Feb. 4 - [Vandal Football Letter of Intent Reception in CDA](#)

Feb. 4 - [Career Fair in Moscow](#)

Feb. 4 - [Vandal Night with the Idaho Steelheads in Boise](#)

Feb. 5 - [Seattle Grads of the Last Decade Thirsty Thursday](#)

Feb. 5 - [Vandal Football Letter of Intent Reception in Moscow](#)

Feb. 6 - [Vandal Football Letter of Intent Reception in Idaho Falls](#)

Feb. 7 - [Vandal Football Letter of Intent Reception in Twin Falls](#)

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Feb. 12 - [Women's Basketball Pregame in Portland](#)

Feb. 18 - [Get Career Help in Twin Falls](#)

Feb. 19-20 - [Get Career Help in Boise](#)

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Visiting Moscow?

UI Celebrates Black History Month

UI will honor achievements and contributions made by African Americans to U.S. economic, cultural and political development. Events include the 12th annual Shades of Black performing arts show Saturday.



[Learn more »](#)

View the complete calendar of [university-wide events »](#)

Business Insider: UI is Underrated



We all know the University of Idaho is a gem – but it's nice when outsiders catch on as well! Business Insider just named us No. 26 on its list of the 50 Most Underrated Colleges in America.

[View the list »](#)

Staben Speaks to JFAC



University of Idaho President Chuck Staben presented funding priorities and a summary of the institution's impact on the state and its students during his presentation to the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee Jan. 26. Highlights include:

- A 3 percent merit-based change in employee compensation.
- Funding for the Student Employment Readiness program to help students better place themselves to find career options after college.
- Support for the UI Agricultural Research and Extension Service
- Funding to expand the [WWAMI program](#)

[View the presentation »](#)

Watch Vandal Basketball Online – for FREE!





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[Learn more »](#)

Joe Knows ... Career Help for Alumni



Employers will be on the Moscow campus today 2-6 p.m. in the Bruce M. Pitman Center (formerly SUB). All alumni are invited to check out the full-time positions, seasonal employment and internships available.

Dress professionally, and bring copies of your resume!

[Learn more »](#)

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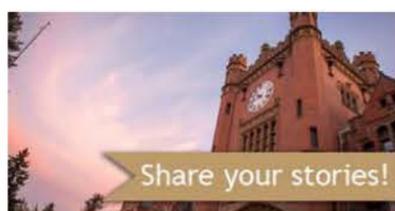
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Dear Vandals,

At the University of Idaho, it is our duty to select leaders who promote the Vandal spirit and carry out the UI mission. In following this tradition, UI has appointed [John M. Wiencek](#), Ph.D., to the position of provost and executive vice president effective June 1.

Wiencek comes to UI from Virginia Commonwealth University, where he has served as interim provost and vice president of academic affairs, and senior vice provost and professor in the chemical and life science engineering department. Most of his career has been spent at the University of Iowa, where he received significant awards for excellence in teaching, service and research.



It is with great pride that we welcome John Wiencek to the UI family, as we look to future generations of Vandals to benefit from all our great leaders.

Know a great leader in your area? UI wants to feature your Vandal success stories. Send ideas to Savannah Tranchell at stranchell@uidaho.edu or call 208-885-9156.

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March 21 - [Puget Sound St. Patty's Day Celebration](#)

March 21 - [Spring Training in AZ: Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle Mariners](#)

March 23 & 24 - [Gradfest Spring 2015 in Moscow](#)

March 23 & 24 - [Official UI Class Ring Sale In Moscow](#)

March 27 - [Vandal Friday in Moscow](#)

March 28 - [UIRA Afternoon with Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers in Moscow](#)

March 29 - [Dine With Model UN Students in NY](#)

April 2 & 3 - [UIRA Night at the Theater](#)

April 4 - [Easter Egg Hunt in Moscow](#)

April 4 - [Easter Egg Hunt in CDA](#)

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Visiting Moscow?

Technology and its Impact on Higher Ed

Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar William Arms, professor emeritus at Cornell University, will give a public lecture 7 p.m. March 30 on “Academic Libraries in the Digital Age” in the UI College of Law Courtroom.



[Learn more »](#)

DancersDrummersDreamers



Idaho's exclusive dance theatre and percussion ensemble, DancersDrummersDreamers, will perform Calculated Chaos March 26-28 in the Hartung Theater. Student choreographers, composers, dancers

and musicians collaborate each year to create original works. Productions feature about 100 students performing to sell-out crowds each spring.

[Learn more »](#)

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Ride Idaho With President Staben



Join President Chuck Staben and fellow Vandals in this year's [Ride Idaho](#) bike tour Aug. 15-22! Cruise Lake Coeur d'Alene, take in lakeside views at Heyburn State Park, visit Kellogg and trek through the forest on the Hiawatha Trail.

Vandals who [register](#) get free [UI riding jerseys!](#)

Iupati Signs With Cardinals



Vandal football great Mike Iupati '10 is headed to the Arizona

Cardinals. The three-time pro bowler agreed to a 5-year contract.

Iupati was a first-round selection for the San Francisco 49ers in 2010, becoming Idaho's highest draft choice since Ray McDonald was the thirteenth selection in the 1967 draft.

While at Idaho, he was part of the team that won the 2009 Rody's Humanitarian Bowl behind one of the highest rated offenses in the country.

[Learn more »](#)

Spring Practice Begins at Idaho



Football coach Paul Petrino's third spring with the Vandals begins 3:30 p.m. March 25 with the first of 15 NCAA-allowed practices on the Kibbie Dome SprinTurf.

Spring practices run through April, closing with the Silver and Gold game 6 p.m. April 24.

[Learn more »](#)

Snowmobile Team Earns Founder's Trophy



After a week of competition in temperatures averaging 10 degrees Fahrenheit, the [UI Clean Snowmobile Team](#) is taking home the Founder's Trophy for most sportsmanlike conduct in the [SAE International Clean Snowmobile Challenge](#).

The competition tasks college students with engineering cleaner and quieter snowmobiles, in turn addressing years of controversial sled use in Yellowstone National Park.

The Vandal team has competed for the past 15 years. In nine of those years, the team placed in the top three overall positions, winning more than 50 awards in total, and taking first place three times in 2002, 2003 and 2007.

[Read more or watch video »](#)

Homecoming Parade, Vandal Walk Earn Honors





Our Homecoming Parade and Vandal Walk have earned regional recognition! Both were honored during the 2015 CASE ASAP District 7 Conference.

The conference joins our UI Student Alumni Relations Board with other associations in the Northwest to foster partnerships and promote student involvement.

Idaho took home seven regional awards. Individual awards include:

- Jessica Greene - Outstanding Student Leader
- Lauren Hamilton '11 - Outstanding Adviser
- Tim Helmke '95- Outstanding Adviser
- Sam Koester '14 - Outstanding Student Leader

[Learn more about SARB »](#)

Save the Dates

Homecoming 2015 is Oct. 18-25, with the Saturday football game against UL Monroe Oct. 24. Dads' Weekend 2015 is Sept. 25-27, with the weekend football game against Georgia Southern Sept. 26. Schedule details coming soon!



Where are UIdaho?



It's spring break, students are enjoying time off and Alternative Service Break teams are busy helping communities in Idaho and Montana.

You may not be taking time off work to enjoy it, but let us know how you're spending your break!

Send photos and memories to vandalvibe@uidaho.edu, or share them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) using the hashtag #whereareuidaho.

[View photo album »](#)

Joe Knows ... Dining Like a Pro



Polish your skills with the help of Career Services. All alumni are invited to an evening of learning proper dining and business etiquette during the Etiquette Dinner and professional reception 5-8 p.m. April 1 in the Pitman Center. Meet new people and polish your skills!

[View details and upcoming events >](#)



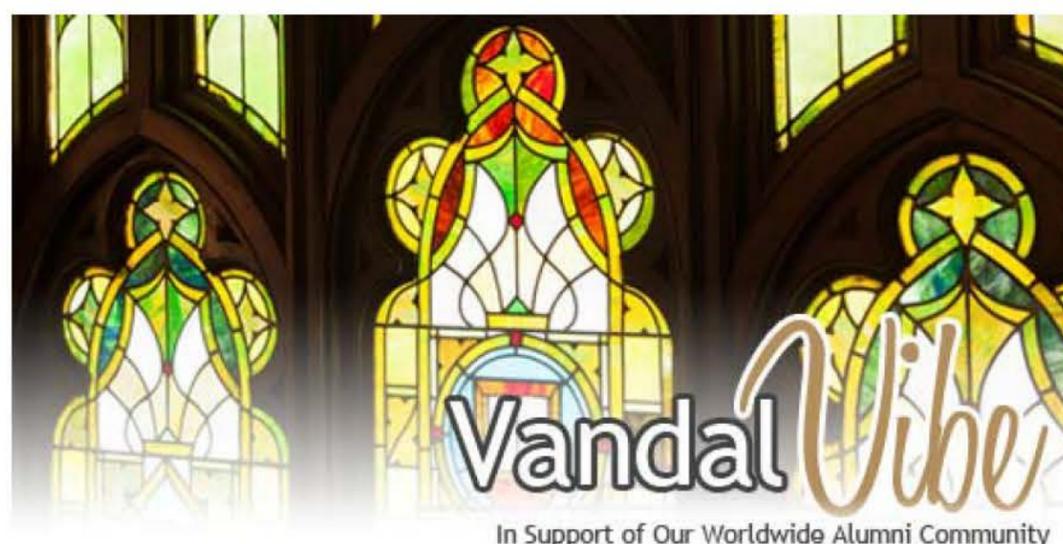
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In every Vandal Vibe, there's a story of how alumni make the University of Idaho great.



They make up a significant portion of the nation's Peace Corps volunteers. Their research has garnered the attention of Business Insider, which named UI one of the top 50 most underrated colleges. Their generosity has created 153 new scholarship endowments – and those are just a few recent highlights.

Each spring the alumni office has the opportunity to recognize notable alumni for their career achievements and efforts to give back to the university. Several will be honored this season, including Silver and Gold Award recipient Virginia Bax Valentine '80 March 18 in Las Vegas.

Other Silver and Gold Celebrations will be held for Carl Hunt and Doug Scoville '63, '67 on April 9 in Moscow; Kristen Ruffing '93 and Ray Turner '69 April 16 in Boise; and Bryan Timm '87 and Mark Engberg '84 May 20 in Portland.

Know a Vandal in need of recognition? Submit a nomination packet by Aug. 1 for 2016 selection. [Learn more »](#)

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Visiting Moscow?

Women's Basketball at Home

Women's basketball (12-15, 6-10) closes its 2015 season at home against Weber State 6 p.m. PT Thursday and Idaho State 2 p.m. PT Saturday in Cowan Spectrum.



[Buy tickets or watch online »](#)

[View the complete calendar of university-wide events »](#)

Basketball Arena Plans Move Ahead



The plan for Idaho basketball's new home is gaining ground! UI announced it will move forward with fundraising for a new \$30 million arena.

The multi-use space will serve as a venue for court sports and provide additional offices for athletics staff. The facility is expected to be fully funded by private dollars and located north of the Kibbie Dome.

For questions or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact Associate Athletic Director Tim Mooney at (208) 885-0258 or email tmooney@uidaho.edu.

[Learn more »](#)

Football 2015 Has Arrived

 HOME 2015	 AWAY 2015
OHIO  Sept. 3	USC  Sept. 12
WOFFORD  Sept. 19	ARKANSAS ST.  Oct. 3
GEORGIA SOUTHERN  Sept. 26	TROY  Oct. 17
UL MONROE  Oct. 24	NM STATE  Oct. 31
APPALACHIAN STATE  Nov. 14	S. ALABAMA  Nov. 7
TEXAS ST.  Nov. 28	AUBURN  Nov. 21

Vandal football fans have a crisp new slate of action in the 2015 season. Season tickets go on sale March 16.

[View the schedule »](#)

Idaho Bowl Ban Dropped

Academic progress since Paul Petrino took over has lifted the NCAA ban on post-season football play. A reduction in practice time will be lifted providing Idaho's APR and single-year eligibility rates for 2014-15 are 940 or above.

Homecoming and Dads' Weekend Set

Homecoming 2015 is Oct. 18-25, with the Saturday football game against UL Monroe Oct. 24. Dads' Weekend 2015 is Sept. 25-27, with the weekend football game against Georgia Southern Sept. 26. Schedule details coming soon!



UI Produces Most Peace Corps Volunteers



After graduation, Megan Short '11 (middle right) served in the Peace Corps in Grenada from 2012-2014 as a special education volunteer.

There are currently 18 Vandal alumni serving the world, making University of Idaho No. 14 nationwide for volunteer numbers from a medium-sized institution.

[View the list »](#)

Are you currently serving? Send photos to vandalvibe@uidaho.edu, and we'll share them in our next edition!

The Spirit of Harmony



The 48th annual Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival welcomed 4,267 junior

high, high school and college students to campus last week.

Musicians visited 42 regional schools as part of the festival's [Jazz in the Schools](#) program, reaching 9,000 students who may otherwise not have access to jazz education.

[View performance photos »](#)

35 Years of History Online



The UI Library has redesigned and updated its International Jazz Collections website and digital collections. The website now features new image viewing pages and updated access to a variety of materials, from scores to scrapbooks. Collection videos have been reformatted for viewing on the web.

[View collection »](#)

Free Semester for Future Vandal

Congratulations to Megan Kaus, the winner of the UI's second Brain Game grand prize: One free semester of college!

Megan is a seventh grade student at Moscow Middle School and plans to attend UI after high school graduation.

Megan correctly answered the [UI College of Science](#) Brain Game question: Who was the first president to direct a vaccination effort in the U.S.? Answer: Thomas Jefferson. Her name was randomly drawn during the men's basketball game last weekend.



A Day in the Life: Swim Coach Mark Sowa



The Idaho Swim and Dive team closed out its 2014-15 season, finishing sixth with a team score of 422 points in last week's WAC Championships.

This is swim coach Mark Sowa's fourth season at the university since being hired in 2011.

Sowa has been commended for revitalizing the program, which had been dormant for 22 years before being reinstated in 2004.

Sowa's 2013-14 team was one of the best the program has seen since it was reinstated. The team placed second and won eight events, the most in program history.

[more in program history](#)

[Watch the video »](#)

Joe Knows ... Grad School Opportunities



The UI Career Center is hosting a Non-profit and Grad School Fair open to all alumni and students. Non-profit and graduate school employers will be on campus to recruit for full-time career positions, seasonal employment and internships today 3-5 p.m. at the Pitman Center (formerly the SUB).

[View details and upcoming events »](#)



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Dear Vandals,

The season of change is upon us. As the days grow longer and the weather in the Northwest considers warming, we begin to celebrate life in bloom.

What better way to celebrate the beginning anew than to join the University of Idaho Alumni Association in our Silver & Gold award ceremonies, honoring alumni who have distinguished records of achievement and service?

The University of Idaho will hold three 2015 Silver & Gold celebrations honoring fellow alumni on April 9, in Latah County, April 16, Ada County, and May 20, in Portland, Oregon.

Please join us in honoring our distinguished alumni in celebrating their life's work. Nominations for the Alumni Association award program award are due to the office of Alumni Relations by August 1 each year. For more information, please contact the office at (208) 885-6154 or alumni@uidaho.edu.



GO VANDALS!
Steve Johnson '71
Director, Office of Alumni Relations

Upcoming Alumni Events

April 2 - 11 - [The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee](#)

April 2 & 3 - [UIRA Night at the Theater](#)

April 4 - [Easter Egg Hunt in Moscow](#)

April 4 - [Easter Egg Hunt in CDA](#)

April 6 - 8 - [Borah Symposium](#)

April 9 - [Latah County Silver & Gold Celebration](#)

April 17 - 19 - [Moms' Weekend](#)

April 17 & 18 - [Official Class UI Ring Sale](#)

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Visiting Moscow?

Borah Symposium will Focus on Border Issues



For more than 60 years, the University of Idaho's Borah Foundation has focused attention on the causes of war and the conditions for peace.

Its annual symposia bring together world leaders, diplomats, scholars and activists to discuss current problems facing our global community and offer solutions.

The three-day symposium will focus on border issues and the development of territorial sovereignty.

[Read more »](#)

Vandal Moms' Weekend

Vandal Moms' Weekend is on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18. Events will include the 56th annual Turtle Derby philanthropy event, wine and cheese tasting, and outdoor planting lessons.



[Read more »](#)

Easter Egg Hunt for Alumni and Friends | Saturday, April 4



Sponsored by the Student Alumni Relations Board, local alumni and friends are encouraged to bring all future Vandals between the ages of toddler and 11 years old. The lawn is segmented into three age groups. Bring the camera and a basket!

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Theater Student Wins National Stage Craft Award





Michael Brandt, a University of Idaho Theatre Arts student, has received national recognition for his stagecraft work. A master's degree candidate with an emphasis in design and technology, Brandt received the Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas award for outstanding achievement in allied theater technology, crafts and design at the 2015 United States Institute of Theatre Technology conference held March 18-21 in Cincinnati.

[Read more »](#)

Spring Football Begins



Football spring training began last week with a fresh breath of depth and playmakers made for a practice that drew praise from coach Paul Petrino as the Idaho Vandals kicked off their season with a spirited practice last Wednesday afternoon at the Kibbie Dome.

[Learn more »](#)

Chemistry in the Classroom

University of Idaho chemistry professor Tom "Doc" Bitterwolf thinks of many of his students as adopted children.



After almost 30 years at UI, he even counts academic grandchildren- the kids of former students-among the thousands of Vandals who have gotten to know him and his passion for chemistry.

[Read more »](#)

Joe Knows ...

CLASS RING SALES, SPRING WEEKEND 2015

Friday- April 17th from 1-5pm The VandalStore
 Saturday- April 18th from 10 am-3pm The VandalStore

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Dear Vandals,

It's an exciting time for the University of Idaho! Spring in itself is an exciting season as we are nearing the completion of another successful school year.



I'd like to extend special congratulations to all Vandals who support the UI and the friends and families that support our mission.

We are proud to extend a Vandal welcome to our newly hired Provost and Executive Vice President John M. Wiencek, and also Mark T. Skinner, executive officer of the southeast region.

Mark your calendars for the annual spring football game on April 24, in Moscow at 6 p.m. at the Kibbie Dome.

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Steve Johnson '71

Director, Office of Alumni Relations

College of Law Becomes Member of International Association of Law Schools



The University of Idaho College of Law recently announced it has joined the International Association of Law Schools (IALS), a private

joined the International Association of Law Schools (IALS), a private, nonprofit volunteer service organization. The association represents more than 160 law schools and departments. Additionally, the IALS represents more than 5,000 law faculty members from over 55 countries.

"We are committed to excellence through diversity, which directly aligns with the mission of the IALS," said Mark L. Adams, dean of the College of Law. "We want to continue to extend our reach globally and prepare our students for global legal practice."

In October 2005, the IALS was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia in the U.S. The idea came from several meetings of global legal educators who recognized the increasing similarities of standards among transnational legal systems.

[Learn more >](#)

Launching Startup

Recent UI grads co-found company based on university research project.

Two years ago, Marshall Platt and Nick Lodato were University of Idaho juniors looking for a good idea to enter in the College of Business' annual business plan competition.

Now, they're vice presidents of the company the contest helped them launch.

The dynamic duo co-founded BioCement Technologies, Inc. based on their 2012-13 project for Vandal Innovation and Enterprise works- or VIEW- Business Plan Competition. Two members of their VIEW team, John Maxwell and Michael Hungerford continue to work with BioCement in an advisory capacity.

Biocement is a soil-engineering technology that uses naturally occurring microbes to create calcium-carbonate networks that have many uses, including preventing erosion, protecting foundations and sequestering hazardous material.

[Learn more >](#)

Engineering Induct Class of 2015 Academy of Engineers



The college of Engineering inducted six members into its Academy of Engineers on Thursday, April 9, at the annual [Academy of Engineers and College Awards](#) ceremony.

The Academy of Engineers, now in its fifth year, honors eminent engineers who are University of Idaho alumni or engineers deeply connected to UI's strong legacy of global engineering impact.

Academy members are recognized for their personal contributions to engineering achievement, leadership, engineering education, and lifetime commitment to advancing the quality of life through service to the profession and society.

[Learn more >](#)

Upcoming Alumni Events

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Prichard Art Gallery Exhibit Features Work From U-Idaho MFA Students



The Prichard Art Gallery will feature work from University of Idaho Master of Fine Arts degree candidates in the MFA exhibit “Circuitous” Friday, April 17 through Saturday, May 16. An opening reception will take place at the gallery from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 17.

This exhibit will feature work from four participants, each with differing art styles, including painting, sculpture and an interactive digital installation.

The graduating master’s students are Devon Mozdierz, Sean Robertson, Lianne Wappett and Morgan Whitneygnty.

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Joe Knows ...

Managing Student Loan Debt

-Dan Davenport, Student Financial Aid Services



No matter how long ago you graduated, many of us are frequently in transition. Managing transition can be challenging regardless of your stage in life - looking for a job, saving money, moving out, managing relationships, starting a family, planning to buy a home, or thinking of retirement can all cause stress both personal and financial.

So let’s talk about student loans. Whether you are entering repayment or have been making payments for years, anyone could experience sudden difficulties managing loans

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When it comes to repaying your federal student loan, there's a lot to consider. Reducing your anxiety begins with understanding all of your options.

You should know when repayment starts, repayment options, how to make a payment, what to do if you have trouble making payments, and any service offered incentives. Successfully repaying your loans will help build or maintain your credit rating.

From the University of Idaho Office of Student Financial Aid Services.

Contact information:

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finaid@uidaho.edu

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Dear Vandals,

At the conclusion of each academic year, we honor the successes of our graduates as they begin a new chapter in their professional lives. We also take a moment to honor alumni for their career and community achievements earned following their transformative time at UI.

This year, we are proud to welcome to the Moscow campus for commencement ceremonies our 2015 alumni award recipients, including our Distinguished Idahoan Award recipient and University of Idaho [Alumni Association Hall of Fame](#) inductees.



Congratulations to alumna Kristin Armstrong Savola '95, for being selected as the [Distinguished Idahoan Award](#) recipient. Many of you know Kristen as a competitive cyclist and two-time Olympic gold medalist — the only Idahoan to claim that distinction. She claimed the top prize in the women's individual time trial for road racing in the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and again in 2012 in London.

Congratulations also to the 2015 Alumni [Hall of Fame](#) inductees, which include Michael Hunter, David Poe and Richard Dahl. We honor them for their award winning leadership and accomplishments.

In addition, Bryan Timm '86 and Mark Engberg '84, will be recognized with the final presentations of the 2015 Silver and Gold Awards ceremony in [Portland on May 20](#).

Thank you for honoring our graduates and alumni honorees with your support.

Go VANDALS!

Steve Johnson '71

Director, Office of Alumni Relations

UI Coeur d'Alene Receives Grant to Launch Cybersecurity Training Center

The University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene has won a two-year grant from the Idaho Department of Labor for Cybersecurity workforce training. Valued at more than \$231,000 per year, the grant is renewable for a third year.

The funds will support development of classroom, laboratory and structured on-the-job training curriculum, as well as a laboratory facility. Early in the first year, funds will also support instructors. The program is designed to become self-sustaining as enrollments increase over time.

[Learn More »](#)

UI Professor Receives Multiple Nominations for Prestigious Theater Awards

On April 23, University of Idaho Theatre Arts professor Matt Foss received multiple nominations for the prestigious Jeff Awards, which honor excellence in Chicago theaters. Foss's adaptation and direction of "The Jungle" at Oracle Productions in Chicago earned five nominations in the Non-Equity categories:

- Production
- Ensemble
- Direction
- New Adaptation
- Original Music in a Play

Foss' production of "The Jungle" debuted in 2014 at Oracle Productions and was called "the hottest ticket in town" by the Chicago Tribune. The production received an honorable mention in the end-of-the-year "Best Theatre of 2014" by the Chicago Sun-Times' Hedy Weiss. The production was invited back to Oracle this spring to meet audience demand.

For more information, contact Theatre Arts at 208-885-6465 or visit www.uitheatre.com.

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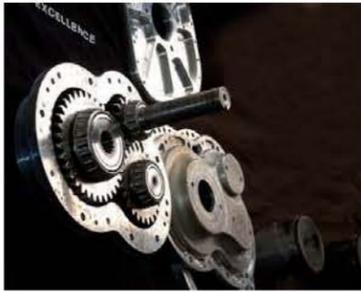
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Annual Engineering Design EXPO to Feature Robots, Rockets, Racecars and More...

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Joe Knows...



Vandal Game Day shirt is on sale at VandalStore for \$11.99!

UI student, Emily Rasch, designed the Vandal Game Day shirt. Emily is a junior majoring in Advertising and Public Relations. She is the 2015 Homecoming Chair and the Secretary for the Student Alumni Relations Board.

"Being selected as the Game Day Shirt Designer is such an honor because I get to see my design all over campus and I get to cheer on the Vandals along with other students, faculty, staff, alumni and Vandal fans that will also be wearing my shirt. When creating the design I wanted to create a strong, bold design that would appeal to Vandal fans of all ages and could be worn for many years after. I love the helmet as a symbol and thought it would be fun to incorporate it into my design. "

If you're planning to follow the Vandals on the road this fall, tickets already are available for purchase for the Sept. 12 game at USC (\$60) and the Nov. 7 game at South Alabama (\$15) in Mobile. Call the UI ticket office, at 208-885-6466 for those purchases. We will let you know about other away game tickets as we receive the information. Get ready for Vandal football 2015!

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Vandal Venture Fund

Have a great idea, or cool invention? The Vandal Venture Fund isn't afraid to help make your dreams come to life. Their mission is to cultivate opportunities both inside and outside of the University of Idaho. What are you waiting for?

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Dear Vandals,

Congratulations to our new spring 2015 graduates as we welcome them to the [University of Idaho Alumni Association \(UIAA\)](#), joining more than 100,000 Vandals worldwide. And a special thanks to our Alumni Association board of directors, including our three new directors, Nick Weber '02, Eric Trapp '91 and Sean Wilson '96.

We also share our thanks to Nancy Lyle of Moscow, retiring as a UI Alumni Association director after three years of active service. The UIAA directors will meet on the Moscow campus on May 14-15 and celebrate three new inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame. The UIAA funds and manages the [alumni awards program](#) as well as other programs for our alumni.

Our current board of directors have served loyally and accomplished their Alumni Association mission "To develop and strengthen lifelong relationships with alumni."

Congratulations and thanks to all!

Pat Sullivan '73
President of the University of Alumni
Association



As we prepare for Commencement, we need to prepare for our next group of Vandals. You can help by [nominating a student](#) today!

Commencement Weekend Honors Alumni for Outstanding
Service

- **President's Medallion:** Keith Riffle '62, '63 is an entrepreneur, owner and president of Northwest Satellite Network. Riffle continues to mentor entrepreneurs, invest or have ownership in fledgling technologies. He was a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the past president of the University of Idaho Foundation, Inc.
- **Honorary Degree:** Brent Keeth '82, '96 is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in the computer technology industry. Keeth was the co-principle developer on Micron's Hybrid Memory Cube, which is expected to help raise the mobile user experience and lead to growth in the scientific field.
- **Alumni of Distinction:** Patricia Riffle '63 is an alumna of Pi Beta Phi and has been actively involved with UI since graduation. She has been a member of the regional campaign committee for Seattle, a former College of Education advocacy board member and involved in the UI Foundation. She is receiving the award from the College of Education.
- **Distinguished Idahoan Award:** Kristin Armstrong Savola '95 is a competitive cyclist and two-time Olympic gold medalist — the only Idahoan to claim that distinction. Armstrong Savola claimed the top prize in the women's individual time trial for road racing in the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and again in 2012 in London; the Alumni Association presents this honor.
- Alumni Association Hall of Fame inductees include alumni leaders Richard J. Dahl '73, Michael Hunter '73, '75, and David A. Poe '70 chosen for the honors.

Complete information about all University of Idaho commencement ceremonies, including information for visitors, is available at <http://www.uidaho.edu/commencement>

Upcoming Alumni Events

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Commencement News

1,536 Students Statewide Eligible to Graduate from UI

On May 16, approximately 1,536 University of Idaho students statewide are eligible for graduation, earning a combined 1,623 degrees.

UI students have applied for 1,179 baccalaureate degrees, 80 law degrees, 52 doctoral degrees, 10 specialist degrees and 302 master's degrees. Some UI students will have earned multiple degrees. This year's commencement brings the university's all-time totals to 112,704 graduates and 120,790 degrees.

[Read More](#)

Spring Commencement Included 106 Degrees at UI Boise and UI Twin Falls

On May 6, Candidates from the University of Idaho Boise applied for 16 baccalaureate degrees, 42 master's degrees, three doctoral degrees, 30 law degrees and seven specialist degrees this spring. Some students will have earned multiple degrees.

In Twin Falls, where the university offers classes at the College of Southern Idaho, candidates have applied for six baccalaureate degrees and two master's degrees this spring.

[Read More](#)

Spring Commencement included 81 Degrees at UI Coeur d'Alene on May 11

Graduating students were eligible to receive a combined 81 degrees this spring at the University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene. Candidates from UI Coeur d'Alene applied for 57 baccalaureate degrees, 20 master's degrees, three doctoral degrees and one specialist degree.

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Spring Commencement Included 30 Degrees at UI Idaho Falls on May 7

Students graduating from the University of Idaho, Idaho Falls were eligible to receive 30 degrees this spring. Idaho Falls graduates have applied for four baccalaureate degrees, seven doctoral degrees and 19 master's degrees.

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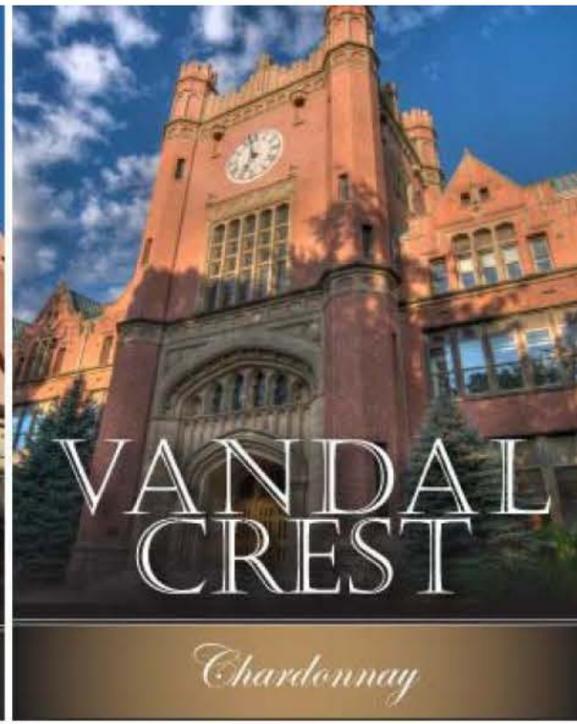
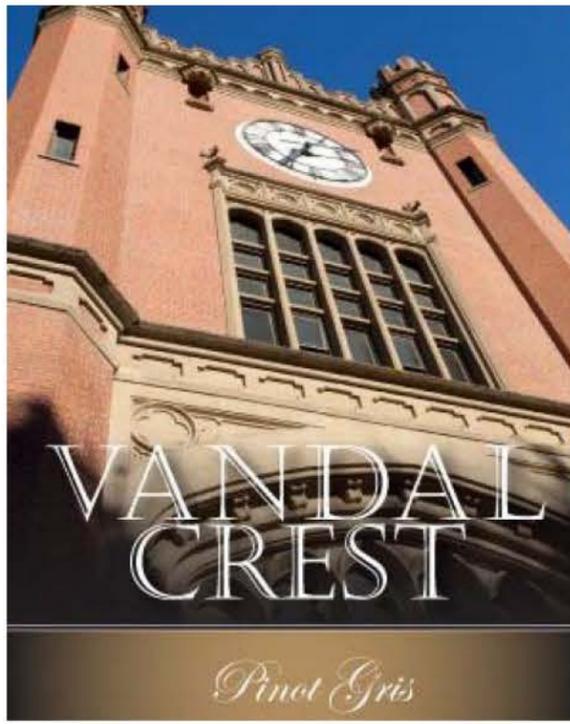
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Vandal Crest wine is the perfect gift for spring and summer presents for new grads, parents, Father's Day and end-of-school year thank you gifts or for any special occasion.

The University of Idaho Office of Alumni Relations has selected [Camas Prairie Winery](#) as the official producer of Vandal Crest Wine. The Vandal Crest wine Program launched in Fall 2012 for the enjoyment of Vandal alumni and friends. Each wine label displays iconic images of the University of Idaho Moscow campus; a percentage of sales helps support UI student scholarships.





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Dear Vandal Family,

As some of you may have heard from your Vandal connections, I've recently announced my retirement as executive director of the University of Idaho Alumni Association, effective July 31. It has been my honor to serve the more than 100,000 living alumni of the University of Idaho and your Alumni Association the past eight years. The education I received at our university has provided me with so many wonderful opportunities throughout my working career. My greatest opportunity and joy however, has been meeting so many of you. Now it's time for the next chapter in my life.

One of my goals when I joined the University of Idaho was to shake the hand of all UI alumni. While quantifying the number of hands I was able to shake is difficult, I leave knowing I gave it a great effort. Another goal was to create a network of alumni who advocate for UI. Thanks to the dedication of all of you, we now have a growing network of alumni throughout the state and nation who actively promote and share the priorities and success of our university in their own communities.

I could not leave without thanking each of you for the warm welcome you always provided my wife Claudia, who has been with me at most university events this past eight years. Claudia cares as deeply about the university as I do and shook almost as many hands as I have.

I look forward to seeing all of you again at a university event as I transition from being the Alumni Association executive director to being an active volunteer promoting our tremendous university.

As always, "Go Vandals"!

Steve Johnson, '71
Executive Director
Alumni Association



Upcoming Alumni Events

May 28 - [Thirty Thursdays in Coeur d'Alene](#)

June 3 - [Campus Clubbers Steel House 50+ Year Reunion](#)

June 3 - [Vandal BBQ & Lawn Game Olympics](#)

June 11 - [Thirty Thursdays in Coeur d'Alene](#)

June 11 - [Thirty Thursdays in Southwest Idaho in Nampa and Weiser](#)

June 18 - [Vandal GOLD Thirty Thursday](#)

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Award-Winning Graduate

The 2015 Lindley Award goes to a graduating senior with three majors, two Alternative Service Breaks, two International summer Internships, a year of study abroad and a trip to the Model United Nations Conference In New York. She still made time to lead and serve through an extended array of extracurricular activities and find 15 hours a week to work off-campus.

Karlee Kirking of Lewiston was recognized for her exceptional accomplishments at commencement as the [College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences'](#) 2015 Lindley Award recipient.

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Working Mom Finishes Graduate Degree in One Year

Planning is her strength, so it's no wonder Sierra Nicole Lewis chose a career where she helps others plan. As a university financial aid counselor at Boise State University, Lewis has specialized in working with students planning to study abroad, and she is already using her [Adult Organizational Learning and Leadership \(AOLL\)](#) degree to help her design materials that will educate current and future students.

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In Moscow for Autumn? Get Ready for Vandal Football!

Season ticket renewals are underway for the six-game home slate, which includes games against Ohio University (Sept. 3), Wofford (Sept. 19), Georgia Southern (Sept. 26), Louisiana-Monroe (Oct. 24), Appalachian State (Nov. 14) and Texas State (Nov. 28). You can buy yours today by calling the UI Ticket Office at 208-885-6466 or [online](#). The Sept. 19 game is our annual Military Appreciation Game, with Dads' Weekend on Sept. 26, hosted by Office of Alumni Relations; Homecoming is Oct. 24 and Leadership Weekend is Nov. 14. Senior Day is Nov. 28.

Joe Knows...



During commencement week we honored our [University of Idaho Alumni Association Hall of Fame](#) inductees, (left to right), Mike Hunter '73, '76, Richard Dahl '73 and David Poe '70 at our UI Hall of Fame induction ceremony on the Moscow campus.

Nominations for this award and other alumni awards are due to the Office of Alumni Relations by Aug. 1 each year. For more information, and award specifics and criteria please, visit our [Alumni Awards page](#), or contact the office at (208) 885-5106 or alumni@uidaho.edu. Please submit complete and thorough award nomination materials, it is the basis for evaluation of the nominee.



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Dear Vandal Family,

Although the official first day of summer is still a few days away, it's my privilege to update you on summer events and happenings occurring in and around the University of Idaho.



As the days heat up, summer campus construction projects are hitting their stride on the Moscow campus. Phase one of the renovation of the College of Education Building is now substantially complete. The asbestos abatement and removal of the Kiva Building and siding have been completed. All harmful materials, along with other demolition equipment, are in the final stages of removal. We are looking forward to phase two of the College of Education Building renovation, which includes replacement of siding, interior renovation and classroom and meeting places. We should see final construction details due later this summer, and the facility is scheduled to open fall of 2016.





The new Integrated Research and Innovation Center (IRIC) will highlight a flexible lab space for collaborative research, core research labs, and office and meeting spaces. The IRIC is currently under construction as workers are in the process of adding steel girders to the frame of the facility (shown above).



The construction of the IRIC (artist rendering of completed project shown above) is on schedule to be fully operational by fall of 2016.

As always, "Go Vandals"!

Steve Johnson, '71
Executive Director
Alumni Association



Vandal Scholarship Fund

Philanthropic support is the lifeblood of every intercollegiate athletics program and the Vandal Scholarship Fund is the cornerstone of Vandal Athletics. The accomplishments of our Athletic Department come from the generosity of our donors and it is important for you to know how vital a role you play.

When you make an annual gift to the VSF, you show Idaho student-athletes that you believe in them. People like you – who care about Vandal Athletics – provide Idaho student-athletes the best experience in competition, in the classroom and in the community.

As alumni, friends and boosters, we know you are passionate about the University of Idaho and its programs. Please participate in the Vandal Scholarship Fund and help a student-athlete secure a successful future today!

[Click here to donate!](#)





Visiting Idaho

Potlatch Booster Barbecue Set for June 18

The 2015 Vandal Booster Barbecue in Potlatch, hosted by Latah County Vandal Boosters Doug and Barb Scoville, is officially Thursday evening, June 18. The festive family barbecue is open to all area Vandal fans and their families. Members of the Latah County Vandal boosters and the UI Department of Athletics (along with their families) will be in attendance to share the evening of fun.

The festivities begin with a 5 p.m. social hour, and a barbecue pork dinner be available starting at about 6 p.m. The dinner will be served throughout the evening, so those who have earlier commitments will still be able to enjoy a great dinner and evening with their family and the Vandal family. There is no charge for the evening although donations are welcome.

The event will take place regardless of the weather; there is a heated shop building standing by just in case of rain.

To reach the Scoville Farm from Moscow take Highway 95 north past Potlatch Junction (Highway 6). A short distance past the Wilbur-Ellis fertilizer plant turn left (west) on Scoville Road. The farm is about three miles west of Highway 95 on the north end.

Vandals Visit Southern California, Sept. 11-13

Join UI alumni and friends in the Los Angeles area as the Vandals take on USC on September 12!

On Friday, September 11, step out on the Silver and Gold carpet as you arrive for the paparazzi to take your picture before stepping on the private lot of Fox Studios. Take in an evening of talent from campus as well as Fox legends at this historic studio lot.

On Saturday, September 12, enjoy a full tailgate spread of food and beverage before the Idaho/USC football game steps away from the coliseum on the front lawn of the John C. Argue Swim Center.

On Sunday, September 13, To wrap up the weekend, join us at the happiest place on Earth for Vandal Day at Disneyland or Disney California Adventure Park!

The University of Idaho Office of Alumni Relations has secured a room block at Hotel Marina del Rey (13480 Maxella Avenue in MdR). Guests can call 1-855-610-8733 to reserve rooms under "Vandal Alumni Block". ***The discounted group rate is available until August 28, 2015.*** There will be a round-trip shuttle running from this hotel to the Fox Studio event and to the tailgate. For full details and to sign up, visit www.UIRSVP.com.

If You Are in Moscow...

Monday, July 13, enjoy a [Concert in the University of Idaho Arboretum](#) at 7:00 p.m. located at the top of the upper pond.

Acoustic concert put on by Dan Bukvich, and the Lionel Hampton School of Music, along with community members and the Arboretum Associates.

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening in the Arboretum.

No admission fee.

Upcoming Alumni Events

- June 11 - [Thirsty Thursdays in Coeur d'Alene](#)
 - June 11 - [Thirsty Thursdays in Southwest Idaho in Nampa and Weiser](#)
 - June 18 - Potlatch Booster Barbecue
 - June 18 - [Vandal Gold: Thirsty Thursday](#)
 - June 19 - [Silver and Gold Celebration in American Falls, golf and picnic](#)
 - June 20 - [Idaho Falls Vandal Scramble](#)
 - June 20 - [Vandal Day with the Colorado Rockies](#)
 - June 25 - [Thirsty Thursdays in Coeur d'Alene](#)
 - July 2 - [Vandal Gold: Thirsty Thursday](#)
 - July 3 - Independence day - UI Closed
 - July 13 - [University of Idaho Arboretum Concert](#)
 - July 16 - [UI Retirees Association Summer Picnic](#)
 - July 16 - [Vandal Night at the 100th Annual Snake River Stampede](#)
 - July 22 - [Vandal Gold: Vandal S'Mores Night](#)
- View the complete [alumni calendar](#) »

Joe Knows...

Along with our commencement ceremonies this spring, there were several awards given out to students, faculty and staff within the College of Law. Listed below are the awards given to those exceptional Vandals for all their hard work and dedication.

Faculty Award of Legal Merit – Attorney General Lawrence Wasden '85

This award recognizes the outstanding contribution of an Idaho Law graduate whose career exemplifies the best in the legal profession. This award is determined by a vote of the law faculty.

Sheldon A. Vincenti Award for Exemplary Service – Karen Gowland '84

This award was established in 2011 to honor former dean and professor emeritus, Sheldon A. Vincenti. The award recognizes individuals whose extraordinary and exemplary service to the College of Law reflects the spirit

extraordinary and exemplary service to the College of Law reflects the spirit of devotion, loyalty, and commitment to the betterment of the College.

Faculty Award of Legal Achievement – KC Harding ‘15

This award is presented to the graduating student with the highest cumulative grade point average and honors the student’s outstanding dedication and success in the pursuit of academic excellence.

Peter E. Heiser Award for Excellence in Teaching – Professor Richard Seamon

This award is determined by a vote of the graduating class and recognizes outstanding dedication to students at the College of Law.

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McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS) campers in a canoe.

Dear Vandal Family,

The heat is on and summer is in full swing! We have plenty of University of Idaho events to start your summer off right.

Also, be sure to save the date for Dads' Weekend (Sept. 25-27) and Homecoming (Oct. 19-24). These are two events that you won't want to miss!

Go Vandals!

Steve Johnson, '71
Executive Director
Alumni Association



Visiting North Idaho



TRIPLE PLAY
FAMILY FUN PARK "Where Fun is Always in Season"

Vandal Night at Triple Play

Day: Thursday, June 25

Time: 5 to 9 p.m.

Place: Triple Play – 175 West Orchard - Hayden, Idaho

Cost: \$18 per person – all access pass to indoor and outdoor activities, including water park



Vandal Day at Silverwood

Day: Thursday, July 30

Time: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Place: Silverwood – 27843 North Highway 95 - Athol, Idaho

Cost: \$37 per person – includes park pass (water park included), Pepsi drink and dinner

\$27 per person – adult – park (water park included) only

\$17 per person – seniors 65+ or kids 3-7 – park (water park included) only

Upcoming Alumni Events

June 25 - Vandal Night at Triple Play, Hayden

June 25 - Thirsty Thursdays in Coeur d'Alene

July 2 - Vandal Gold: Thirsty Thursday

July 3 - Independence day - UI Closed

July 11 - Colorado Vandals Give Back Luncheon

July 13 - University of Idaho Arboretum Concert

July 16 - UI Retirees Association Summer Picnic

July 16 - Vandal Night at the 100th Annual Snake River Stampede

July 22 - Vandal Gold: Vandal S'Mores Night

July 23 - Vandal Scholarship Fund Gala presented by TitleOne, Boise

July 24 - Vandal Baseball in Western Washington: Tacoma Rainiers, Tacoma, Wash.

July 25 - Vandal Baseball in Western Washington: Seattle Mariners, Seattle, Wash.

July 28 - UIRA Ice Cream Social Baskin Robbins, Moscow

July 30 - Idaho Day at Silverwood, Athol

Aug. 1 - Deadline for Alumni Association Nominations

Aug. 7 - University of Idaho Night at Shakespeare

Aug. 9 - The 11th Annual Vandal Picnic, Meridian

Aug. 19 - Vandal GOLD Barbecue and Cornhole Tournament

Sept. 7 - Labor Day - UI Closed

Sept. 11 - Vandals in Southern California

Sept. 17 - UI Retirees Fall Luncheon

Sept. 25-27 - Dads' Weekend 2015

Oct. 15 - Fall Arboretum Tour presented by the UI Retirees Association

Oct. 19-24 - Homecoming 2015

Oct. 21 - Fall Gradfest 2015

View the complete [alumni calendar](#) »

Joe Knows...

MOSS Summer Camp (McCall Outdoor Science School)

The McCall Outdoor Science School, or MOSS, is a place where you can learn, play and have fun. Come along with us to explore the wonderful world of nature just outside our door. Let your imagination be the guide as you help create your own outdoor adventure. Our field campus inside Ponderosa State Park on the shores of stunning Payette Lake is the perfect location for kids to be kids in a safe, fun, adventure filled environment.





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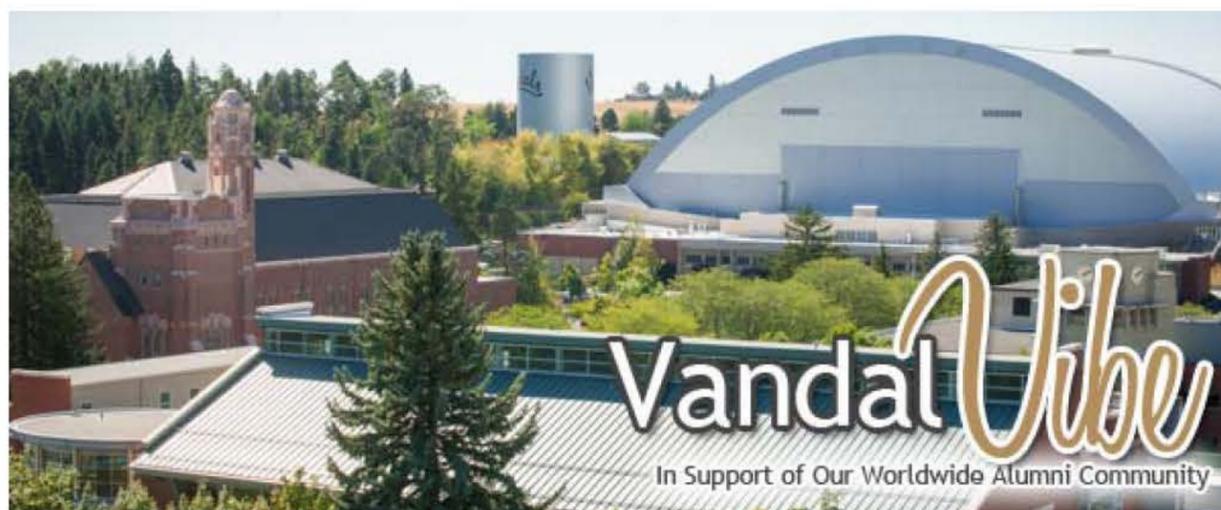
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Dear Vandals,

Wow, how time flies! This is the final Vandal Vibe that I will be sending during my tenure at the University of Idaho. On July 31, I begin life's next phase — retirement. The past eight and a half years have been this Vandal's dream come true. I have had the privilege to work for the university I love and owe so much to. I've also been blessed with the opportunity to interact with members of the Vandal family who are the best alumni in the world.

In the summer of 2007, the first issue of Vandal Vibe was sent to our worldwide alumni. Our intention was to do everything we could from the Office of Alumni Relations to keep the Vandal family informed, as well as strengthen our "family" connection. We are confident that the Vandal Vibe has helped us accomplish that goal.

I personally want to thank all the members of the Vandal Vibe team who have contributed so much to the success of our alumni newsletter over the past eight years. Vandal Vibe has been a team effort.

For each Vandal family member I've had the privilege to meet, and whose hand I was honored to shake — for those old alumni friendships I was able to renew with a hand shake — and for those alumni I have yet to meet and shake your hand, I hope the Vandal Vibe has helped strengthen your lifelong bond to the University of Idaho. We are the Vandal family.

Go VANDALS!

Steve Johnson '71
Executive Director
Office of Alumni Relations



UI Awards More Than \$24 Million in Scholarships to Students

A college education is essential in today's world, and the University of Idaho is working hard to provide that opportunity.

For the 2015-16 academic year more than 6,200 students from 45 states have been awarded over \$24 million in scholarship support from the University of Idaho. More than 4,200 students from Idaho are receiving over \$11.8 million in scholarship support.

"A college degree can be a financial challenge. Obtaining a college degree is a valuable investment and essential in today's job market," said Dan Davenport, director of Student Financial Aid Services at the university. "We are committed to a strong scholarship program that provides access for students and will continue bringing the best and brightest to the University of Idaho."

These scholarships are a combination of merit, need-based and outstanding achievement awards. Many are funded privately through the University of Idaho Foundation, Inc., through the generosity of our donors and alumni. The recently completed *Inspiring Futures* capital campaign created 153 new scholarship endowments to support UI's scholarship efforts.

Students will receive another \$100 million dollars in financial assistance through state and federal programs. Through a combination of scholarships, state and federal financial assistance the University of Idaho will provide over \$124 million dollars to students and families to help pay for college.



Golden I Reunion

See How Much Has Changed in 50 Years...

Each year, graduates from 50 or more years ago are invited to the University of Idaho campus for the Golden I Reunion. The 2015 reunion will be held during Homecoming, a great opportunity for alumni to see just how much campus and the Moscow community has changed over the years.

Interested in learning more about your Golden I Reunion? Contact Marie Duncan via [email](#) or call (208) 885-5366.

Visiting Idaho



Vandal Football Barbecue
Kickoff Party, Lewiston, ID



KICKOFF PARTY, LEWISTON, ID

Join Latah County Vandal Boosters and head coach Paul Petrino to kick off the 2015 football season.

[More information >>](#)



University of Idaho Night at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Boise, ID

Friday, Aug. 7
Patio dinner 6:30 p.m.
Performance starts 8 p.m.

[More information >>](#)

In Memoriam

Former University of Idaho first lady, Betty Gibb Maley, wife of the late UI President Richard Gibb, passed away on July 10 following a life of lovely demeanor and quiet grace. She served as the first lady of UI during Richard's tenure as president from 1977 to 1989.

During Richard's presidency, Betty thrived and embraced her role as first lady of the university. She loved hosting and entertaining at university functions and always made all feel immediately at home and at ease in any situation.

President Gibb lost his battle to cancer in 1992. Betty later remarried Jim Maley, and they made their home in Moscow.

"We were fortunate to have Betty Gibb Maley as a wonderful ambassador for the University of Idaho for so many years," said President Chuck Staben. "She will be missed by all in our community and in the Vandal family."

Betty is survived by her husband, Jim Maley, son Rich Gibb and daughter Connie Gibb Reid, son-in-law Rolland R. Reid II, daughter-in-law, Annie Gibb, grandchildren Kelsey Gibb of Brooklyn, New York, and Jesse Dean Gibb of Mannheim, Germany.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests tributes be made to either:

Richard D. and Betty Gibb Student Leadership Endowment
C/o University of Idaho Foundation
875 Perimeter Drive Mail Stop 3143
Moscow, ID 83844-3143

Or to the Alzheimer's Association to fund research: www.alz.org





President and Betty Gibbs, 1983.

Courtesy of University of Idaho Library Special Collections and Archives.



Summer Breezes and Sweet Sounds

Vandals and Moscow community members enjoy chamber music in the UI Arboretum July 13. The annual event is put on by the Lionel Hampton School of Music and the Arboretum Associates.

Upcoming Alumni Events

- July 22 - Vandal Gold: Vandal S'Mores Night, Moscow, ID,**
- July 23 - Vandal Scholarship Fund Gala presented by TitleOne, Boise, ID**
- July 24 - Vandal Baseball in Western Washington: Tacoma Rainiers, Tacoma, WA**
- July 25 - Vandal Baseball in Western Washington: Seattle Mariners, Seattle, WA**
- July 28 - UIRA Ice Cream Social Baskin Robbins, Moscow, ID**
- July 29 - Lewis-Clark County Vandal Football BBQ, Lewiston, ID**
- July 30 - Idaho Day at Silverwood, Athol, ID**
- Aug. 1 - Deadline for Alumni Association Nominations**
- Aug. 2 - Jaialdi Street Dance, Boise, ID**
- Aug. 7 - University of Idaho Night at Shakespeare, Boise, ID**
- Aug. 7 - Vandals Gram-Slam night at the Washington Nationals, D.C.**
- Aug. 9 - The 11th Annual Vandal Picnic, Meridian, ID**
- Aug. 11 - UIRA Social at Vandalstore, Moscow, ID**
- Aug 13 - Vandal Night with the Spokane Indians, Spokane, WA**
- Aug. 19 - Vandal GOLD Barbecue and Cornhole Tournament, Moscow, ID**
- Aug. 20 - Inland Empire Vandal Celebration in Coeur d'Alene, ID**

[View the complete alumni calendar »](#)

Joe Knows...



Idaho Fan Zone

The [Idaho Fan Zone](#) is a fun, new game-day experience for brave and bold Vandal fans of all ages. Located on the North Kibbie Activities Field – just north of the dome and next to the main Stadium Drive parking lot – the building provides over 13,000 square feet of climate-controlled event space for family-friendly pre-game fun. Admission is FREE. Enjoy live music, fill up on great food for purchase and stock up on Vandal gear before the game starts! The Fan Zone will open three hours before kickoff and close at game time.

Vandal Kickoff for future students

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015

Come join the excitement and Vandal pride on Saturday, Sept. 26. Vandal Kickoff creates the opportunity for high school students to have an activity-filled day to give them opportunities to experience the University of Idaho campus, provide ideas for multiple career paths and majors, and catch a Vandal Game!

- Explore UI and the academic opportunities we offer
- Tour our beautiful campus
- Charge up your Vandal Spirit at a tailgate barbecue
- Join current students, alumni and Vandal fans at the Idaho v. Georgia Southern football game

[Learn more »](#)



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Southeast Idaho's 30th Anniversary!

The Southeast Idaho Chapter of University of Idaho Alumni Association is not centrally located in the heart of UI Moscow campus; but like many chapters, they've continued to succeed in planning and executing alumni-centered events for 30 years.

Led by a group of dedicated Vandals, this chapter, centered in the rural communities of American Falls and Pocatello, has proven that the connections and time at their alma mater has had a lasting impact on their lives.

"Initially it was a social get together, which often centered around Vandal sports teams visiting the area," said founding members Carol and Robert Schreiber, '57. "By 1993 we started an auction, and then a barbeque at our Silver and Gold celebration for regional student scholarships, and a community of Vandals grew from those events."





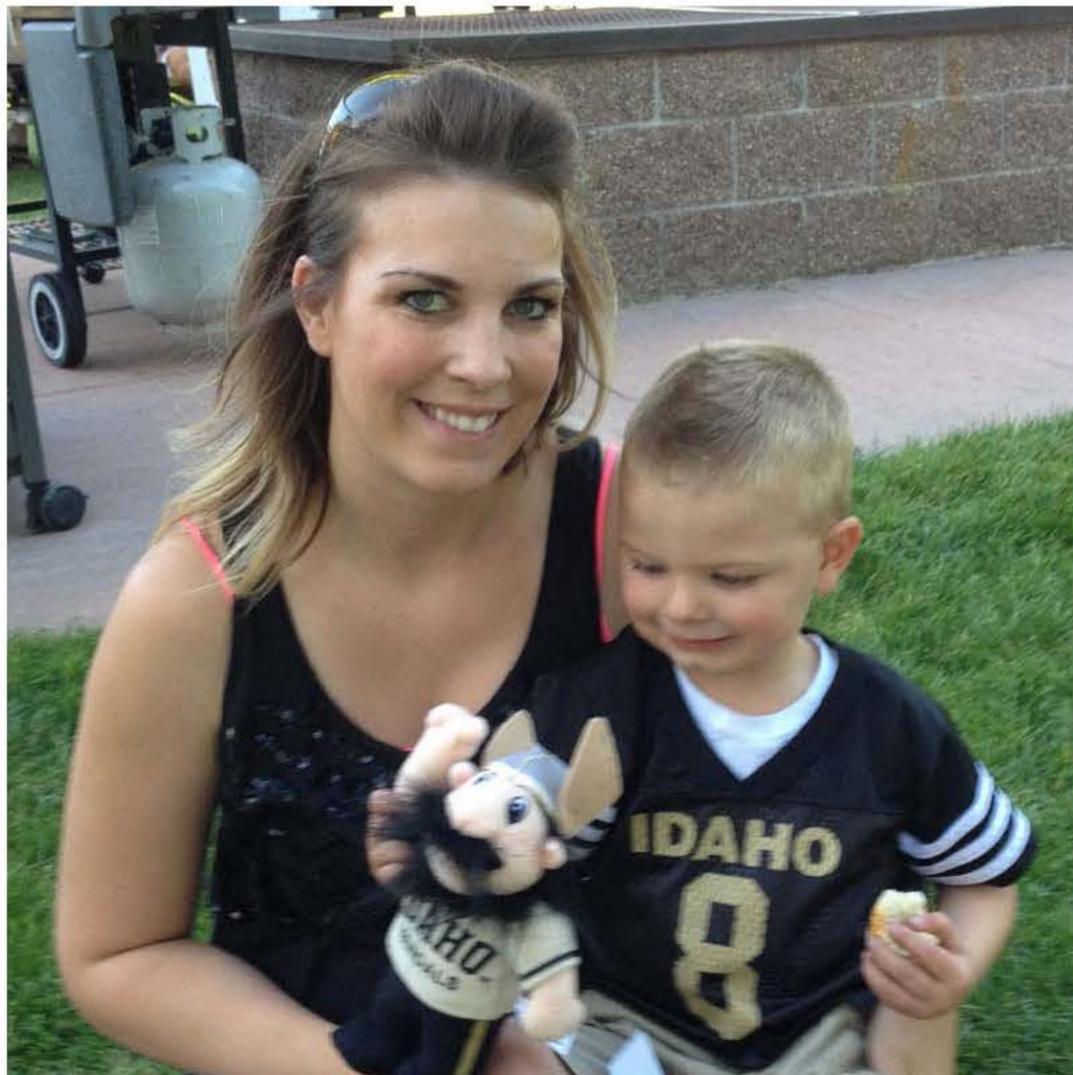
Thomas Kress and Lee Kress at a Southeast Idaho Alumni Association event.

The SE Idaho Chapter includes Bannock, Bingham, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida and Power Counties. The active members of this chapter, like many others across the country, promote student and enrollment recruitment to UI and fund scholarships for local students. Over the past three decades, the chapter has provided nearly \$50,000 in student scholarship funds.

"We encourage current scholarship recipients and their families to keep in touch throughout their time at the university," said current chapter president, Jeff Schutte. "And if they return to SE Idaho upon the completion of their degree, we ask them to look us up and join the network of friends and alumni in the area."

It is through their "word of mouth" campaigns in which they have become successful in recruiting fellow alumni to join the cause. As the alumni-participation numbers grow and involvement spreads throughout SE Idaho, they hope to grow their scholarship funds as well.

"We have had a series of good leaders who gather together with a small number of dedicated alumni who keep it going," said Robert Schreiber.



Katie and Bridger McCarthy at a Southeast Idaho Alumni Association picnic.

"[Southeast Idaho's] Power County seems to have a number of dedicated alumni organizers and they work hard to make the events a success," said Robert Schreiber. "We have been successful in increasing the number of younger alumni as time goes on."

"In celebration of SE Idaho Chapter's 30th anniversary, we would like to thank all of our loyal Vandals there for your dedication and hard work in supporting and promoting the University of Idaho," said Steve Johnson, executive director of Alumni Relations. "We look forward to watching this chapter grow and be a source for UI advocacy for another 30 years and beyond."

If you know of any alumni near the SE chapter who are interested in joining, please email [Rob Schreiber](#) or [Jeff Schutte](#).

By Joshua Nishimoto

New Student Orientation



Vandal parents and grandparents, learn about new student orientation events, August 20-23 in Moscow.

[Register here!](#)

Upcoming Alumni Events

July 10 - [Buhl Pig Out in the Magic Valley](#)

July 11 - [Colorado Vandals Give Back Luncheon](#)

July 13 - [University of Idaho Arboretum Concert, Moscow](#)

July 16 - [UI Retirees Association Summer Picnic, Moscow](#)

July 16 - [Vandal Night at the 100th Annual Snake River Stampede, Nampa](#)

July 22 - [Vandal Gold: Vandal S'Mores Night, Moscow](#)

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July 30 - [Idaho Day at Silverwood, Athol](#)

Aug. 1 - [Deadline for Alumni Association Award Nominations](#)

Aug. 7 - [University of Idaho Night at Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Boise](#)

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Aug. 19 - [Vandal GOLD Barbecue and Cornhole Tournament, Moscow](#)

Aug. 20 - [Inland Empire Vandal Celebration, Coeur d'Alene](#)

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Joe Knows...

Student & Athletic Scholarships

There are several opportunities this summer to support general student and athlete scholarships through the Vandal Scholarship Fund (VSF).

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As alumni, we know you are passionate about the University of Idaho and its programs. Please participate in the Vandal Scholarship Fund and help a student-athlete secure a successful future.

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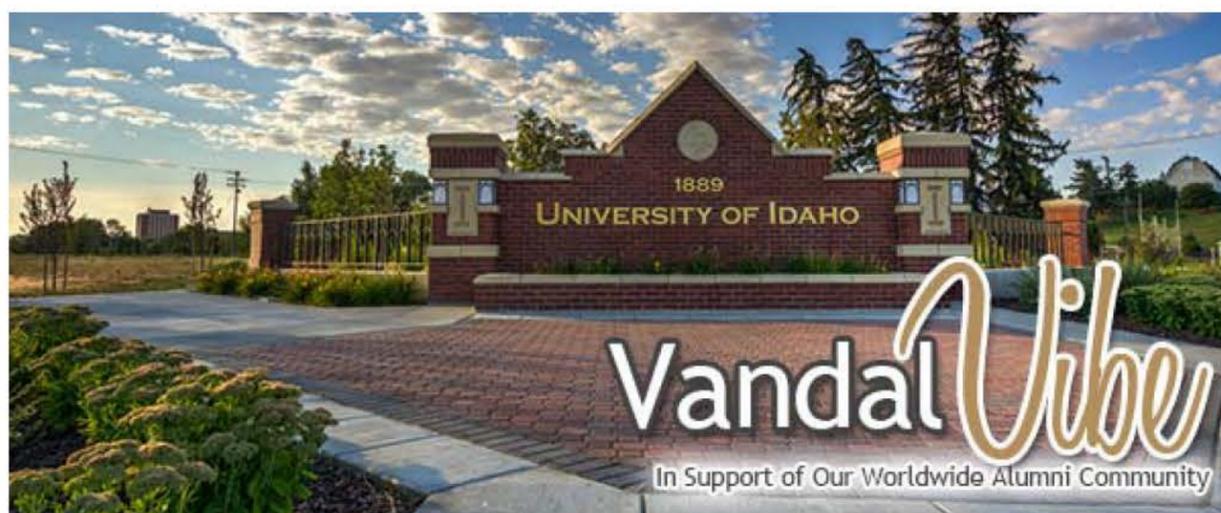
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Dear Vandals,

It is that time of year again and campus is excitedly preparing for the return of students and fall events. New to the fall events this year is the [Idaho Fan Zone](#). A fun, new Game Day experience for Vandal fans of all ages, the Idaho Fan Zone will provide a climate-controlled space for family friendly, pregame fun including, but not limited to: Live music, food and beverage vendors, kids activities, themed weekends (there is a petting zoo on the agenda) and Vandal gear. The Fan Zone will open three hours before kickoff and close at game time.



The over 16,000 square foot Fan Zone structure will be located on the North Kibbie Activities Field next to the main Stadium Drive parking lot. Installations is currently underway with the first bays rising last week. Watch for the media preview and video of the space on UI media outlets the end of August.

The first Vandal home game is Sept. 3, join us at the [Idaho Fan Zone!](#)





The Sixth Street traffic calming project has been completed and the busy crossing is ready for students.

Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center Remodel Complete

Second- and third-year University of Idaho Law School students attending classes in Boise will return fall semester to the new Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center (ILJLC). Formerly the Ada County Courthouse, the ILJLC is adjacent to the Idaho State Capitol and Idaho Supreme Court. Along with classrooms and study space for UI law students, the space will house the Idaho State Law Library, operated by the University of Idaho.



The ILJLC is a collaborative effort between the UI College of Law and the Idaho Supreme Court. As a center for legal education and civic engagement, it will provide UI law students with more externship and networking opportunities important to their success.



The ILJLC's resources will also allow for first-year UI law students to take classes in Boise. The College of Law announced August 13 that it plans to offer first-year classes at the ILJLC starting in fall 2017.

Classes in the ILJLC will begin on August, 24.

Don't Miss These Vandal Events...



Vandals Take Over Southern California: Sept. 11-13

Join the University of Idaho Vandals in Southern California!



Dads' Weekend 2015: Sept. 25-27

A fun-filled weekend with the Saturday football game against Georgia Southern on Sept. 26. Schedule details coming soon!



Homecoming 2015: Oct. 18-25

A Hero's Homecoming

There is something for every vandal, check schedule for details.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Aug. 19 – Vandal GOLD Barbecue and Cornhole Tournament, Moscow, ID

Aug. 20 – Inland Empire Vandal Celebration, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Aug. 26 – Lewis-Clark Vandal Alumni Spaghetti Feed, Lewiston, ID

Aug. 30 – Vandal Day with the Seattle Sounders, Seattle, WA

Sept. 3 – Vandal Football vs Ohio University, Moscow, ID

Sept. 7 – Labor Day - UI Closed

Sept. 11 – Vandals in Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Sept. 17 – UI Retirees Fall Luncheon, Moscow, ID

Sept. 19 – Vandal Football vs Wofford College, Moscow, ID

Sept. 25-27 – Dads' Weekend 2015, Moscow, ID

Sept. 26 – Vandal Football vs Georgia Southern University, Moscow, ID

Oct. 3 – Vandal Football vs Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR

Oct. 15 – UIRA Fall Arboretum Tour, Moscow, ID

Oct. 17 – Vandal Football vs Troy University, Troy, AL

Oct. 17 – Boise GOLD Oktoberfest, Boise, ID

Joe Knows...

McCall Outdoor Science School Receives National STEM Education Award

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UI and Partners Earn \$22.5 Million to Continue Study of Evolution in Action

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Dear Vandals,

It's been a hot summer on the Palouse and we are excited to share some of the progress we've made on our Moscow campus building projects.



For the Integrated Research Innovation Center building (IRIC), our crew has completed the metal deck and is now moving into the next phase of construction. All concrete decks should be complete by the end of August. Hopefully we will be able to pour and dry the concrete before cooler weather closes in.



The College of Education building is also ongoing. Floor one is undergoing a rebar installation and doweling is in process in the sewer/waste line

trenches.

Floor two is temporarily shut down as pink encapsulation material was found on the floor under the concrete work done on floor three. It is expected that the jack hammering on the floor above forced it loose.

Work has halted on floor three pending the removal of concrete from the metal deck (under the area where the terrazzo flooring was located) until it can be determined if asbestos material is being shook out of the deck seams above floor two. We have also begun installing metal stud framing, rough in piping/plumbing, and sprinkler piping on floor three.

Duct work, wall framing and fire sprinkler systems are being installed on the fourth floor, and steel support Intel has been installed above the new east window opening on the fifth floor. There is no work currently to report on the penthouse floor as we are moving into the next phase of our summer projects, hoping to have both buildings up and ready by fall.



A Mission To Simplify

President Staben is not likely to go unbeaten as UI's ace recruiter.

"We used to have kind of a complex matrix of this test score and that GPA would get you this [scholarship] amount," he said. Not anymore. Now the university offers, to any Idaho high school graduate, a merit scholarship based on GPA. For a student who graduates with a 3.8 to 4.0 GPA, for instance, Idaho offers a \$4,000 per year merit scholarship for four years, he said. Even students earning a 3.0 will receive \$1,000 a year for four years.

"We know that if you have a high school GPA of 3.0 or better, you can succeed in college, and we want you to come here, we value your coming, and we're going to help you," he said.

Read full story in the [Coeur d'Alene Press](#).



VANDALS TAKE OVER *Southern California*

SEPTEMBER 11 - 13, 2015

Join the University of Idaho Vandals in California for three days of unforgettable events.

9/11 - UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO NIGHT AT FOX STUDIOS

Gates open at 7 p.m.

Step out on the Silver and Gold carpet as you arrive for the paparazzi to take your picture before stepping on the private lot of Fox Studios. Take in an evening of talent from campus as well as Fox legends at this historic studio lot.

\$100 per person

9/12 - TAILGATE PARTY AT 2 P.M.

Enjoy a full tailgate spread of food and beverage before the Idaho/USC football game.

Location: front lawn of the John C. Argue Swim Center, adjacent to the southwest side of the coliseum.

\$25 per person

9/12 - FOOTBALL GAME AT 5 P.M.

Watch the Vandals take on the USC Trojans in the Coliseum. To purchase game tickets call the UI Ticket Office at (208) 885-6466.

\$60 per person

9/13 - UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO DAY AT DISNEYLAND

Enjoy a day at Disneyland or Disney California Adventure Park with fellow Vandals!

\$92 one park pass | \$142 park hopper pass

Don't Miss These Vandal Events...



New Student Orientation: Aug. 20-23

Students learn their way around campus, get acquainted with other new students and learn about the many opportunities at UI.



Dads' Weekend 2015: Sept. 25-27

A fun-filled weekend with the Saturday football game against Georgia Southern on Sept. 26. Schedule details coming soon!



Homecoming 2015: Oct. 18-25



A Hero's Homecoming

There is something for every vandal,
check [schedule](#) for details.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Aug. 7 - [University of Idaho Night at Shakespeare, Boise, ID](#)

Aug. 7 - [Vandals Grand-Slam night at the Washington Nationals, Washington, D.C.](#)

Aug. 9 - [The 11th Annual Vandal Picnic, Meridian, ID](#)

Aug. 11 - [UIRA Social at the VandalStore, Moscow, ID](#)

Aug. 13 - [Vandal Night with the Spokane Indians, Spokane, WA](#)

Aug. 19 - [Vandal GOLD Barbecue and Cornhole Tournament, Moscow, ID](#)

Aug. 20 - [Vandal GOLD Barbeque and Cornhole Tournament, Moscow, ID](#)

Aug. 26 - [Lewis-Clark Vandal Alumni Spaghetti Feed, Lewiston, ID](#)

Sept. 7 - Labor Day - UI Closed

Sept. 11 - [Vandals in Southern California, Los Angeles, CA](#)

Sept. 17 - [UI Retirees Fall Luncheon, Moscow, ID](#)

Sept. 25-27 - [Dads' Weekend 2015, Moscow, ID](#)

View the complete [alumni calendar](#) »

Joe Knows...

Nicole Moeckli selected for Fulbright UK Summer Institute award placement.

<http://www.fulbright.org.uk/about/meet-our-fulbrighters/nicole-moeckli/1037>

GAME DAY Ticket Sales

Single-game home tickets for the 2015 football season are now available! Purchase [online](#) or buy them over the phone at (208) 885-6466 or at the Kibbie Dome Ticket Office on the Moscow campus.

Reminder:

If you're going on the road to follow the Vandal Football Team, buy your tickets now through the [UI Ticket Office](#) to guarantee you will be in the Idaho fan section.





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Vandal Vibe: Idaho Roots With David Neiwert

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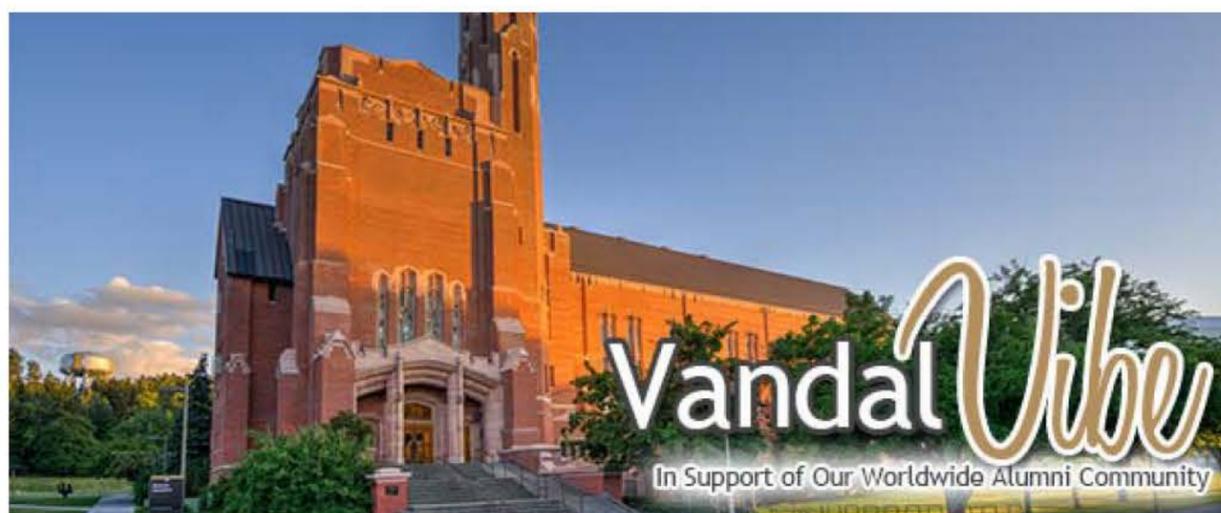
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University of Idaho

Office of Alumni Relations



Dear Vandals,

In a previous issue we highlighted an [article](#) about President Chuck Staben and his enrollment priorities. In this issue we would like to ask: Do you know a future Vandal?

The Office of Alumni Relations is heading into the third year of its [Grow the Gold](#) initiative. We know that Vandal grads go on to make a difference in their communities in an array of professions. We are more than 100,000 alumni strong and Grow the Gold provides the framework for you to help usher in the next generation of Vandal leaders.

The university also has a variety of interactive events this fall that provide future Vandals with opportunities to experience the University of Idaho campus, cultivate ideas for multiple career paths and majors, and enjoy a Vandal Game Day. We look forward to seeing all the future vandals and alumni at these events.

Go Vandals!





No matter where you are, you can show your appreciation by providing free football game tickets for area active and former military members and their families. Tickets are offered at a discounted price of \$12.

[Learn More](#)

Idaho Roots

With David Neiwert

Seattle resident and University of Idaho alumnus David Neiwert '84 may have started his college career studying biology, but he switched to English after becoming fascinated with writing.

A former editor of the Argonaut, who also worked part-time at the Idahonian — now known as the Moscow-Pullman Daily News — Neiwert spent several years writing for different newspapers in Idaho, Montana and Seattle, with a brief stint with MSNBC in late 2001 before

he became a stay-at-home-dad and began blogging as a creative outlet while his baby slept.



“When I turned to freelance writing, I turned to environmental reporting because that was the type of writing I had done for the papers in Seattle,” he said. “I wound up focusing on two areas: One of them was writing about killer whales because I was utterly fascinated with them and I just knew they were great stories. And the other line of work I started following was writing about right-wing extremists.”

Neiwert visited his alma mater in September to share his experience with students and promote his new book.

Neiwert has written several books, with his first in 1999 titled, “In God’s Country: The Patriot Movement in the Pacific Northwest,” a book on right-wing militia groups. Due to the heart wrenching content of his writing on the minute men and other militia groups, Neiwert went in a different direction for his latest book, “Of Orcas and Men: What Killer Whales Can Teach Us.”

“Although this is a distinctly marine-bound based book, in a way this book is really about the entire Northwest,” Neiwert said. “I’m bringing in a lot of native cultural influences as well as a lot of the underlying environmental issues, which are issues that we grapple with in the inland northwest as well — particularly restoring our salmon runs and preserving our natural heritage.”

Neiwert believes that writing and critical thinking skills taught at UI are imperative to student's future professional careers.

"In a lot of ways, coming back to Idaho to promote my book is coming full circle because a lot of the things that I'm doing now are really a result of having gone to school here," he said. "Being an English major has always set me apart from my fellow journalists and I felt that it was an advantage. I had a much better handle on the mechanics of writing; I had a broader cultural education than most journalists have."

In some ways, Neiwert is a testament to the education he has received at UI and believes wholeheartedly in giving back by sharing his knowledge with others.

"I love Moscow, I love the UI, and I just think it represents what higher education is supposed to be about," he said. "It's not about the prestige or the degrees, it's actually about making us better people by educating students in real ways."

• Article by Joshua Nishimoto, University Communications & Marketing

Do You Know a Future Vandal?



On Saturday, Sept. 26, high school students can participate in an array of activities. Be sure to get your tickets ahead of time! We can't wait to show future Vandals the University of Idaho.

- Explore UI and the academic opportunities we offer
- Tour our beautiful campus
- Charge up your Vandal Spirit at a tailgate barbecue
- Visit the new [Idaho Fan Zone](#)
- Join current students, alumni and Vandal fans at the Idaho v. Georgia Southern football game (complimentary game tickets for students and their families!)

[Register Now!](#)

Vandal Marching Band Game Day





The University of Idaho Vandal Marching Band invites all high school band members to the 12th Annual Future Vandal Game Day on Saturday, Sept. 26. This event begins at 1:30 p.m. and is for band students in their junior or senior year. Visit the University of Idaho campus and experience collegiate music, national caliber academics and university life first-hand. The University of Idaho Alumni Association will be hosting a pregame luncheon for visiting band students.

[Learn more](#)

Ag Days



Ag Days started 37 years ago as a homecoming of sorts for current students, faculty, staff and alumni of the University of Idaho's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. They have gathered on campus each fall for Ag Days to enjoy a barbecue, watch football and visit with college-era friends and faculty. This year's events, coinciding with other Vandal Kickoff events, are Sept. 25-27.

[Learn more](#)

How do you show your Alumni Vandal pride?





This 1967 camper was remodeled in Vandal style by alumnus Jeff Wamer '79. Share your Vandal spirit on our [Facebook page](#).

Upcoming Alumni Events

- [Sept. 17 – UI Retirees Fall Luncheon, Moscow, ID](#)
- [Sept. 18 – 70th Annual NROTC Reunion, Moscow, ID](#)
- [Sept. 19 – Vandal Gold Brew Tour, Boise, ID](#)
- [Sept. 19 – Vandal Football vs Wofford College, Moscow, ID](#)
- [Sept. 23 – Vandal Luncheon at Microsoft, Redmond, WA](#)
- [Sept. 24 – Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center Grand Opening, Boise, ID](#)
- [Sept. 24 – Vandals in the Kitchen @ Ampersand Oil & Vinegar, Moscow, ID](#)
- [Sept. 25-27 – Dads' Weekend 2015, Moscow, ID](#)
- [Sept. 26 – Vandal Football vs Georgia Southern University, Moscow, ID](#)
- [Sept. 28 – UIRA Historic Tours of Moscow - Fort Russell Tour, Moscow, ID](#)
- [Sept. 30 – UIRA Historic Tours of Moscow - Downtown Tour, Moscow, ID](#)
- [Oct. 3 – Vandal Football vs Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR](#)
- [Oct. 10 – Vandal Wine Tour, Carlton, OR](#)
- [Oct. 15 – UIRA Fall Arboretum Tour, Moscow, ID](#)
- [Oct. 17 – Vandal Football vs Troy University, Troy, AL](#)
- [Oct. 17 – Boise GOLD Oktoberfest, Boise, ID](#)
- [Oct. 18-24 – Homecoming, Moscow, ID](#)

Joe Knows...

Vice President for Research Announces Retirement

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UI to Host First-Ever National Tribal Climate Boot Camp

[Read more](#)

UI Partners to Build New Exhibit About Boise Watershed

[Read more](#)

VANDAL WATCH PARTIES 2015



SAT., SEPT. 19
KICKOFF 2:00 P.M. PT



Where: [Waterwheel Lounge](#), Seattle, Washington

When: 2 p.m. PT

For all Vandal fans wearing Vandal gear, your first tub is free courtesy of the [Puget Sound Vandal Boosters](#).

Where: Life of Riley, Portland, Oregon

When: 2 p.m. PT

Join your Vandal alumni and friends for every Vandal game of the 2015 season at Life of Riley Tavern.

Where: Caddyshack, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

When: 2 p.m. PT

Join your Vandal alumni and friends for every Vandal game of the 2015 season at Caddyshacks.

VANDAL WATCH PARTIES 2015



SAT., SEPT. 26
KICKOFF 6:00 P.M. PT



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Office of Alumni Relations



Dear Vandals,

Campus is abuzz with students and activities. Despite some smoky days, the Vandal spirit is alive and well.

The University of Idaho was recently ranked No. 61 in the annual Washington Monthly list of best universities based on their contributions to the "public good." The Washington Monthly is a publication focused on the great American traditions of civic responsibility. Their ranking considers social mobility factors, research and commitment to service and we are honored to have a place in their national listing.

As another year gets underway, the University of Idaho takes pride in the work of its students, faculty, staff and alumni and the unwavering commitment to excellence they display.



SYNC - Serving Your New Community - is a program to help get all incoming students involved and connected to our great community! 54 groups - over 1,000 new students - contributed an estimated 2,600 hours of volunteer service!



L-R: Dave Whitehead, SEL VP R&D; Chuck Staben, UI President; Brian Johnson, SEL UI Endowed Chair; Ed Schweitzer, SEL Founder & President; Beatriz Schweitzer, SEL Community Outreach Director; Larry Stauffer, Dean of College of Engineering.

Brian Johnson Named Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories Chair in Power Engineering

Professor Brian Johnson has been named the first Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories Chair in Power Engineering with the University of Idaho College of Engineering. The position was made possible by a \$2 million gift from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL).

The gift from SEL came last month when the Pullman-based international electrical power systems company announced its support of the UI endowed chair within the College of Engineering's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

[Read More >>](#)

Your source for **Vandal** pride.



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Every purchase you make at the VandalStore supports the university, and through it, you, your friends and all future Vandals.

Dean of College of Business Stepping Down in 2016

Mario Reyes, dean of the College of Business and Economics at the University of Idaho, has announced that he will step down as dean at the end of the 2015-16



academic year.

Reyes intends to take a retooling break before returning to UI as a business faculty member in January 2017, with retirement plans in the not too distant future.



"This is a difficult decision for me because I truly love the College of Business and Economics and the University of Idaho and I admire the vision and leadership of President Staben and Provost Wiencek. My decision to step down, return to faculty and then retire — it's always been my plan to retire as faculty — has been a year in the making, starting with the untimely death of my predecessor, colleague, mentor and good friend, Jack Morris," Reyes said. "I am excited to return to faculty and inspire our students about the exciting world of finance and business, and hopefully have an impact on them."

[Read more >>](#)

Upcoming Alumni Events

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Joe Knows...

UI Student Receive Prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Writing Internship

[Read more](#)

UI and WSU Receive Grant to Help Communities Prepare for, Recover from Wildfires

[Read more](#)

VANDAL WATCH PARTIES 2015



**THURS., SEPT. 3
KICKOFF 6:00 P.M. PT**



Where: Waterwheel Lounge, Seattle, Washington

When: 6 p.m. PT

For all Vandal fans wearing Vandal gear, your first tub is free courtesy of the Puget Sound Vandal Boosters.

Where: Life of Riley Tavern, Portland, Oregon

When: 6 p.m. PT

Join your Vandal alumni and friends for every Vandal game of the 2015 season at Life of Riley Tavern.

VANDAL WATCH PARTIES 2015



SAT., SEPT. 12
KICKOFF 5:00 P.M. PT



Where: Life of Riley Tavern, Portland, Oregon

When: 5 p.m. PT

Join your Vandal alumni and friends for every Vandal game of the 2015 season at Life of Riley Tavern.

Where: Buffalo Wild Wings, Moscow, Idaho

When: 5 p.m. PT

Where: Padre Murphys, Glendale, Arizona

When: 5 p.m. PT

Where: Legends on Main Pub N Grill, Weiser, Idaho

When: 6 p.m. MT

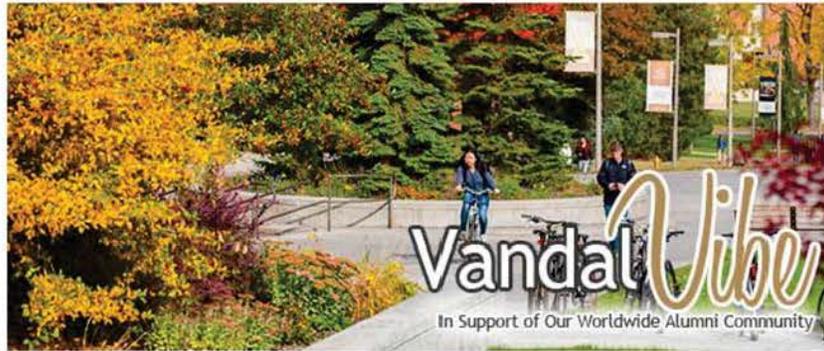


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Dear Vancals,

In August, the Idaho State Board of Education passed a proposal allowing automatic conditional admission of resident high school seniors to Idaho colleges and universities. This policy is intended to streamline the admission process, removing barriers for students interested in attending college. In support of this, an event called Enroll Idaho will be held on Nov. 10. Hosted by University of Idaho Extension offices throughout the state, along with UI admissions, administration and faculty representatives. High school seniors, their families and friends are invited to attend and learn about the educational options UI has to offer as well as ask any questions about the direct admissions process. Details about this event will be forthcoming.

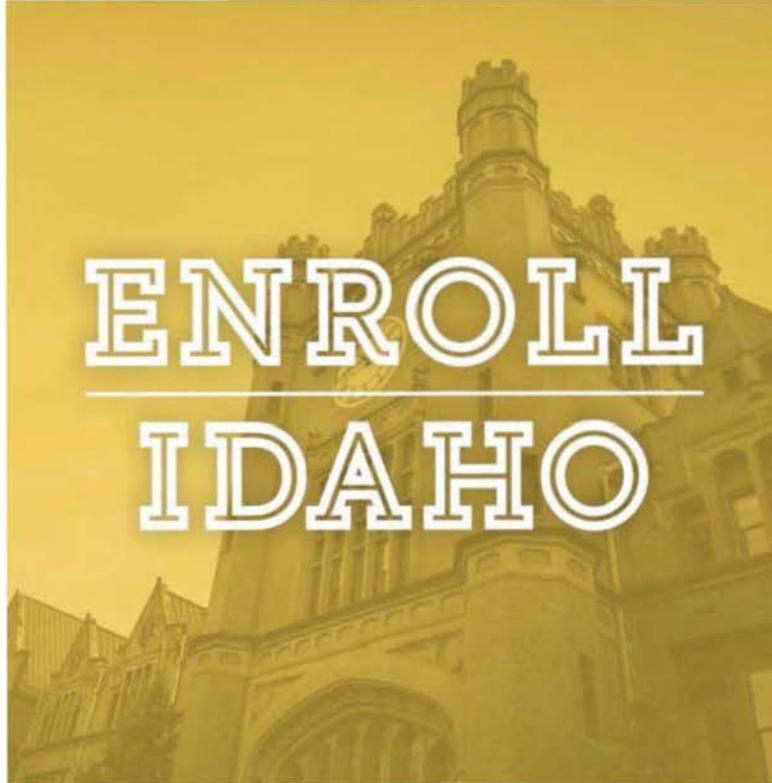
At the university, there are 124 unique majors - 85 undergraduate, 63 master's, and 31 doctoral degrees, including the state's premier law program and 2 specialist majors - offering no shortage of possibilities for young people to pursue their future. Vandal grads go on to make a difference in communities around the world; for this reason and many more, we are proud of our more than 100,000 alumni.

In an effort to continue to Grow the Gold, we would like to ask our alumni to share "why Idaho?" Why is the University of Idaho such a special place to you? Why would you encourage a potential student to become a Vandal?

On Oct. 12 we will begin Motivation Mondays, a social media campaign we invite you to be a part of. By sharing the following graphic with your quote and the hashtags #MotivationMonday and #NextStepsIdaho on your social media networks on Mondays, you will be joining the state of Idaho, University of Idaho and other alumni in laying the groundwork for a student's journey towards career goals and lifelong success.

We appreciate your support and enthusiasm for the continued growth of the Vandal family.

Go Vandals!



Let the UI Career Center connect you to employers.

The Career Center at the University of Idaho brings highly qualified Idaho students and graduates 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. Don't miss upcoming fall events.

Coming up at the Career Center	Are You Ready for the Career Fair?
	Oct. 1 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Commons 327 Oct. 6 from 4 - 5 p.m. Commons 327
	Career Fair Prep Blitz All day drop ins! Commons 334 Oct. 2nd, 5th, & 6th
	Vandal Networking Night Oct. 6 from 5:30 - 7 Commons, 4th Flr., Summit Conference Area
	Career Fair Oct. 7 from 2 - 6 p.m. Kibbie Dome
	 University of Idaho Career Center uidaho.edu/careercenter



Homecoming

Oct. 18-25, 2015

Don't miss out on this years homecoming events.

[Learn more.](#)

It was always expected that alumnus Lee Schatz '74 would attend college. As the first born son of a farming family on the Rathdrum prairie, he would become the first generation in his family to pursue a higher education. His father wanted him to become an engineer, so after graduating high school, Schatz enrolled in North Idaho Junior College, the predecessor of North Idaho College (NIC). In-between school years, Schatz worked for the forest service, a job that would not only pay for his education, but also shape his future.

"Foresters who at that time were typically pure forestry said if you were going to do forestry you should also get a business degree," Schatz said. "Because someone who is successful in going up through the system is going to need to understand the business more than we do now."

Encouraged by the advice of his coworkers, Schatz switched his major. After his sophomore year at NIC, Schatz transferred to the University of Idaho to complete an undergraduate degree in business, continuing on to complete a master's in agriculture economics.

"I have always jokingly, but not jokingly, referred to college as the best eight years of my life," Schatz said. "It was an absolute great experience; I got to learn how to learn."



Lee Schatz outside the UI Agriculture Sciences building.

One course from his time as a master's student continues to stick out in his mind. It included students from a variety of different countries, including Argentina, Taiwan and Ethiopia. The course required students to read and discuss case studies.

"What was fascinating about it was the different take that people from different backgrounds had on the same case study," Schatz said. "It was bringing that cultural vision to what you see and what you hear and what you read, and I found that fascinating to try and understand more than one position."

The course was the first time he had met people from different places in the world, and the first time he learned that points of view vary depending on your background. It is a lesson he has returned to over and over again throughout his career, which has taken him all over the world, most famously to Iran, where in the late 1970s he and several coworkers had to go into hiding during the siege of the U.S. Embassy. They were eventually snuck out of the country by the CIA. The saga inspired the recent film "Argo."

Schatz visited the University of Idaho for the screening of the film as part of

the Ag Days activities in September. During his visit he spoke to students and provided honest advice for future graduates.

"The key is having fun, enjoying what you do," Schatz said.

But he admonished students to also always be ready for change, because it will happen.

"If you can figure out where you want to be because that feels right for you, there are many different ways to get there," he said. "In this constantly changing environment we live in, fighting that change uses a lot of energy that takes away from other things."

He also suggested a bit of a slowdown.

"Anybody who is in a hurry to figure it out probably needs a little more time to do so," Schatz said. "Because they could get themselves somewhere they don't want to be because they think they have to do something."

This is where he values his undergraduate experience. For Schatz it was easy to go to community college, a natural transition to the University of Idaho. He was able to live at home and explore options for his future before committing to a bigger program. For him, college was a way to broaden his world, to make it bigger.

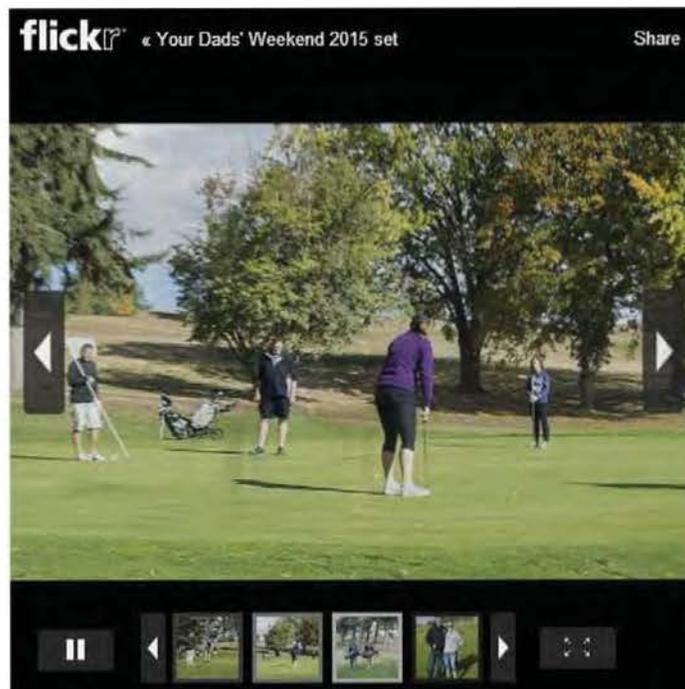
"What is relevant to a lot of people is what helps them get a job now and that is harder and harder to differentiate yourself from someone else," Schatz said. "What have you done to improve your skillset? How have you shown that you can learn new things? Really I think that is what a bachelor's degree is."

• Article by Whitney Schroeder, Office of Alumni Relations

Dads' Weekend 2015

Vandals and their dad's enjoyed a range of activities this past weekend.

[View photos >>](#)



The most recent episode of Outdoor Idaho, written and produced by alumna Melissa Davlin features the incredible 15-million-year-old fossils at the Clarkia Fossil Bowl. Episode includes insights from UI botanist Dave Tank and adjunct geology faculty member Bill Rember.

[Watch Episode >>](#)



Watch now: [Outdoor Idaho](#) | [Rockhounds](#) | [PBS Video](#)

Idaho rockhounds share their secrets for finding agate, opals, fossils and garnets.

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Murdock Grant Supports Commercialization of UI-Developed Technology

A team of University of Idaho researchers will spend the next year refining their unique technology so it's ready to take the leap from the lab to the marketplace.

A new program from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, the Commercialization Initiative, granted more than \$55,000 to help UI physics professor David McIlroy and chemistry professor Frank Cheng, both of the UI College of Science, prepare their high-surface-area electrodes for commercial licensing. The UI President's Office has provided additional funding for the project.

[Read more >>](#)

Upcoming Alumni Events

Sept. 30 – [UIRA Historic Tours of Moscow - Downtown Tour, Moscow, ID](#)

Oct. 1 – [Career Fair Preparation Workshop, Moscow, ID](#)

Oct. 2 – [Career Fair Prep Blitz, Moscow, ID](#)

Oct. 3 – [Vandal Football vs Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR](#)

Oct. 5 – [Career Fair Prep Blitz, Moscow, ID](#)

Oct. 6 – [Career Fair Prep Blitz, Moscow, ID](#)

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Oct. 6 – [Vandal Networking Night, Moscow, ID](#)

Oct. 7 – [Career Fair, Moscow, ID](#)

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Oct. 18-24 – [Homecoming, Moscow, ID](#)

Oct. 21 – [Golden I Reunion - Class of 1955 and 1965, Moscow, ID](#)

Oct. 21 – [Fall Gradfest 2015, Moscow, ID](#)

Oct. 21 – 11th Annual Faculty/Staff/Retiree Luncheon, Moscow, ID
Oct. 24 – Vandal Football vs University of Louisiana-Monroe, Moscow, ID
Oct. 28-30 – Boo at the Zoo, Idaho Falls, ID
Oct. 31 – Vandal Football at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

Joe Knows...

PBS President to Speak at 50th Birthday of Idaho's First Public TV Station

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UI Scholarships, Building Project Benefit from Boise-based Foundation

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College Scorecard Data Confirms UI Offers Great Education for Great Price

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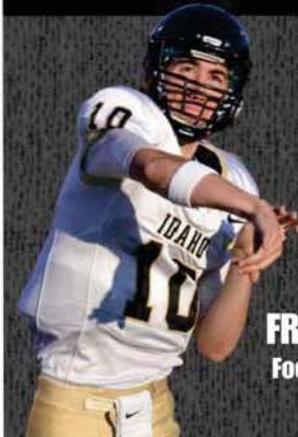


FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

PRESENTED BY THE LATAH COUNTY VANDAL BOOSTER CLUB AND THE VANDAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD | KIBBIE DOME
DOORS OPEN AT 3:30PM | KICKOFF AT 4:00**



Come out to the Dome and watch your Vandals on the big screen as they take on the Arkansas State Red Wolves in Jonesboro, Arkansas!



FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Food and drinks including beer and wine will be available for purchase

Where: [Waterwheel Lounge](#), Seattle, Washington

When: 4 p.m. PT

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Where: [Life of Riley](#), Portland, Oregon

When: 4 p.m. PT

Join your Vandal alumni and friends for every Vandal game of the 2015 season at Life of Riley Tavern.

Where: [Caddyshack](#), Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

When: 4 p.m. PT

Join your Vandal alumni and friends for every Vandal game of the 2015 season at Caddyshacks.

Where: [Twin Falls Sandwich Company](#), Twin Falls, Idaho

When: 4 p.m. PT

Join your Vandal alumni and friends for every Vandal game of the 2015 season at the Twin Falls Sandwich Company.

Where: [The Gathering Place](#), Eagle, Idaho

When: 4 p.m. PT

Join your Vandal alumni and friends for every Vandal game of the 2015 season at The Gathering Place.



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