

Debbie Husa - Administrative Specialist

24 March 2023

Debbie keeps our program afloat! Without her we simply wouldn't function. Her job certainly entails supporting us with billing, etc, but recently there was a significant budget connected to our program that should have been moved. That program had a number of events they needed honorariums processed for and she did it all - on top of her actual work load. She could have complained and been angry, but she did the work so it was completed on time and then got the budget transferred.

She is a rockstar!

Dale Day - Payroll Compliance Officer

24 March 2023

Dale takes on multiple task everyday while still training not one but two new employees. He is the go to for any task, he is friendly and helpful to anyone that needs anything.

Tyler Thompson - Assistant Manager & Ashley Wells - Financial Specialist

24 March 2023

They have been OUTSTANDING at keeping the Accounts Payable department going while we got 4 new employees hired and trained in the last 5 months. They have both went above and beyond while trying to get all us "newbies" trained as well as handle the implementation of the new Jaggaer system. AP is so very thankful and lucky to have you two in our corner! THANK YOU AND WAY TO GO!!!

Jeff Squires - Team Cleaning Specialist

24 March 2023

Since Jeff was transferred to the Pitman Center our building has shined. He keeps it cleaner than anyone in the past 5 years and goes the extra step to address the small things. Jeff has a consistent positive attitude and is undoubtedly the friendliest person in the building! Jeff goes out of his way to address others and inquire about their day or life. He has a huge heart and brings a smile to everyone's face. The world needs more kind people like Jeff in it.

Ryan Lien - Technology Solutions Partner 1

24 March 2023

Ryan is incredibly helpful, efficient and effective. He's fast, smart, thoughtful, and professional and works hard to solve problems quickly. He is simply fantastic and I'm very grateful for his help!

Donna Stolaroff - Executive Assistant

24 March 2023

Donna is the heart and soul of our SW Idaho operations. She comes to work every day with a positive attitude and is always open to collaborating with everyone who requests help and support. Donna is extremely organized, she is kind and her loyalty to the University of Idaho is a winning combination for all who have the privilege of working alongside her. The SW Idaho team is so fortunate Donna has chosen to dedicate her skills and positive mindset to moving the UI Boise Vandal family forward.

Russell McClanahan - IRIC Facility Manager

24 March 2023

Russell went above and beyond when I asked if I could have access to other rooms for one-on-one coaching for students and guest speakers for a panel in my JAMM 403 Media Careers workshop on March 1. He gave me quick tour of other rooms available in IRIC and reserved the ones I needed. He also helped me set up for the final panel in Room 305 so that the camera and microphone picked up everything on Zoom. Russell is a real pro and a truly a great resource for the building, department and university. Thank you!

Scott Smith - Retail Operations Coordinator

24 March 2023

Scott has consistently represented the U of I Boise Vandal Store with spirit, positivity and professionalism for several years. He is the first face you see when entering the store and always greets a customer with a smile or friendly conversation since he likely knows you. He is a wonderful representation of U of I and what it means to be a Vandal. He is helpful in many areas including placing large orders, putting together baskets, or simply making you aware of the latest items. He works hard and is the first person that comes to mind when needing assistance at the Boise Vandal Store. We are lucky to have Scott for all of these years.

Karee Head - Associate Director

24 March 2023

Karee is the most helpful and supportive person have met here at the U of I. We work together almost daily and are involved in common projects. She is my inspiration for how she organized she is, problem solver, good communicator, very knowledgeable, and very compassionate. I always look up to her and learn from her every day.

Laura Jackson - Program Coordinator & Jocelyn Elvira - Program Manager

24 March 2023

Laura and Jocelyn both have taken on additional duties and responsibility to support Project ECHO and the University of Idaho during a period when our office experience multiple staff vacancies. Both took the additional duties without complaint and with a level of professional commitment that gave their colleagues confidence that the work was being completed. They both have communicated their needs to ensure quality work was completed, including asking the team for help when needed, requesting additional information or training on processes, or reaching out to other UI departments and community partners. Now that the ECHO staff is almost back to full staffing levels, they continue to go above and beyond by serving as mentors to the new employees. Both have created and led training sessions to help get the new staff familiar with processes, policies, and software systems unique to our program. They both consistently bring ideas forward on how ECHO can improve our processes and ultimately the services we provide. Both highly deserve recognition for going above and beyond.

Alisa Melior - Access Services Manager

25 March 2023

Alisa has tirelessly worked to reinvigorate the Access Services department of the library since she was hired. She opens the library during the week, manages all of the student workers under Circulation, and is constantly working on projects to improve access and use for the library. This past year (2022) she moved into the position of Access Services Manager and she has spent this short time putting so much time and effort into reorganizing and updating the department as a whole, and is working to create new training materials for the students employed in part-time positions.

Crystal Callahan - Operations Director/Staff Council Vice Chair

25 March 2023

As Faculty Senate Leadership, Crystal has been a pleasure to work with. She reflects such integrity and generosity. She is always advocating for her staff as well as the faculty. This has been a tough year for all of us so anytime you are met with kindness and calm, it is a real gift. Crystal does this. I wish to thank her so very much!

Cari Espenschade - Executive Assistant II

25 March 2023

Cari has been instrumental to all the work Faculty Senate accomplishes and takes on. Cari is the reason all things run smoothly and is also the reason why Faculty Senate Leadership stays organized and honestly, stays sane. She is our calming force, our light and her grace and compassion makes us feel like somehow we are doing good for the Vandal Family. She is the heart of our FSL family. I could not have gotten through this without her. Love her so much! She is more than deserving of being recognized!

Lillie Carnell - 4-H coordinator

27 March 2023

Put together the think make create kits to be sent to kids around Idaho. Always willing to help and goes above and beyond what's asked.

Melinda Lent - Research Specialist

27 March 2023

Melinda goes out of her way to help those she supervises to feel they are part of a team. She motivates them to do their best work and keeps them on track, with a positive, supportive attitude. Her 27-year institutional knowledge provides her with the tools to be a valuable trainer and mentor. She has served on staff council, and she volunteers at STEM events that help promote the University of Idaho and introduce elementary, middle and high school students to agricultural sciences, planting the seeds for future Vandals.

Teresa Daily - Program Coordinator

27 March 2023

Teresa is simply phenomenal. She coordinated the recent Track and Feild reunion, which was an incredible success! The feedback from attendees was nothing short of amazing. This is certainly not the first event that she has helped make a success - or the last!

Marie Duncan - Director, Office of Alumni Relations

27 March 2023

Marie is an incredible asset to not just the Office of Alumni Relations team, but the University of Idaho as a whole. Thank you for everything that you do for our alma matter, Marie!

Brandon Seiler - Digital Media and Communications Specialist

27 March 2023

Brandon is an incredible asset to the Alumni Office team! He has made a huge difference in both the look and feel of our external communications. He is a team player, who is constantly striving to put the both the alumni office and university's best foot forward. Thank you, Brandon!

Nancy Anderson - Administrative Coordinator

28 March 2023

While Nancy is fairly new to our FCS crew, she has hit the ground running! She is always willing to learn a new process or procedure, help organize and update our "old ways" of doing things, and she does so with a smile. Nancy is a wonderful "upfront person" for FCS as she is so warm and welcoming to students, parents, and visitors to the Nicolls Building. Thank you, Nancy, for all you do to keep FCS running smoothly and helping to create a comfortable, supportive, and welcoming work/learning environment for FCS faculty, staff, and students!

Trevor White - Academic Advisor and Peer Leader Liason

28 March 2023

Trevor is a jack-of-all-trades when it comes to making FCS run smoothly! He advises students with patience and positive energy. He supports faculty in a billion ways, but especially with curriculum/class changes, and sits on our college curriculum committee because it falls during a heavy teaching time for the majority of our instructors. He represents our School and all of our diverse majors/programs with keen knowledge and enthusiasm at recruiting events. He supports the administrative work required to help keep any department up and running. He is always positive, realistic, and willing to lend a hand. Students feel comfortable reaching out to him for help and advice and he also knows when to direct them to other resources or to faculty for further assistance. ...And he juggles all of this while working toward his M.S. He really does go above-and-beyond his job description(s). Overall, he's a GEM and I am so grateful he is part of FCS and the Vandal Family!!!

Kathryn Colvin - Assistant Director Alumni Relations

29 March 2023

Kate was hired to lead alumni engagement in key regional areas where there are significant alumni present. She had three focus areas for fiscal year 2023: Puget Sound, Portland, and Spokane/CDA. Kate has blown away all goals set to re-engage alumni in not only those three areas but also launched our first Virtual Alumni Peleton competition with WSU where alumni across the globe can participate, created partnerships with Colleges to support alumni-student-young alumni networking opportunities, and has create a large following of Vandals in Washington DC. Her enthusiasm and strategic thinking are infectious.

Renee Jensen-Hasfurther - Department Manager

30 March 2023

Renee makes sure that I don't break university rules about spending grant money appropriately. It's a task that requires constant vigilance, apparently! Thanks, Renee!

Jennifer Kay - Adminstrative Coordinator

30 March 2023

Jennifer Kay did a fabulous job leading events, coordinating activities, and serving the CDA Harbor Center with her infectious smile and wonderfully sunny attitude.

Jennie Valkovic - Executive Assistant

31 March 2023

Jennie is so very helpful, professional and customer service oriented. She is managing so many different projects in the Provost office, and does with grace, efficiency and kindness!!!! Thank you Jennie for all you do all the time. You are appreciated!!!!