

Dates to Know

May 10, Coeur d'Alene
Commencement Ceremony
7:30 p.m., Schuler
Auditorium at NIC

May 10, Spring textbook buy
back, UI Harbor Center
Lobby, 9:00-4:00

May 14, Last day to file
applications for graduation
(Summer & Fall 2010 gradu-
ates) without a late fee

May 15, Moscow Commence-
ment Ceremony

May 17, Early summer ses-
sion begins

May 18, Spring Grades are
Due

May 31 Memorial Day, UI
Closed, no classes

June 14, Beginning of 4-8
week summer session

June 28, Beginning of 4-6
week summer courses

July 5th, UI Closed, no
classes for holiday

August 23, Fall semester
begins

End of the Year Edition

We hope you had a great year at UI Coeur d'Alene! For those of you taking courses this summer, try to find at least *some* time to rest and relax too! This newsletter contains information that matters to you as students on the *Coeur d'Alene* Campus. It is brought to you by the members of the UI Coeur d'Alene Student Advisory Group (SAG).

Our goal is to bring attention to the great students we have in our various programs and majors through the **Student Spotlight**, let you know how you can **Get Involved**, inform you of what you **Need to Know**, and remind you of important **Events**.

The UI Coeur d'Alene Student Advisory Group represents all majors and programs at UI Coeur d'Alene. For more information on the SAG Mission and Goals, see our website at www.uidaho.edu/sag



Student Spotlight

The Student Spotlight is where we introduce you to UI Coeur d'Alene students that are making a difference. These students may be high achieving, active in their UI Coeur d'Alene program or the community, or just have an interesting story to share. In this edition, we will introduce you to Deanna DeTemple:

I am not your traditional student. My name is Deanna, I am 37, I have 3 children and have been married for over 16 years. I have also lived in this area my whole life and really didn't plan on going to college, because I really enjoyed being a waitress. I loved my job that is until I started having severe allergic reactions to the food I was serving. The company I worked for decided it was not safe for me to work there so I was let go. So for the next 2 years I struggled in the "real world". I had absolutely no real skills, not even typing. I somehow stumble upon vocational Rehab and they helped me get accepted to college. My family laughed at me. Here I was 32 and now a college student with a family. They offered me no support and told me to find a real job.

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Deanna Continued...

Going back to school was the hardest thing I have ever done. I had to learn to balance my schedule with the needs of my children and husband. In 2000 my husband was diagnosed Bi-Polar II and we have struggled with his medication and his moods now for 10 years. Also around the time I started school in 2004 we found out my oldest son had a form of Autism called ASPERGERS SYNDROME. His thinking is like black and white with no grey in the middle and he is very socially awkward. So between all the appointments for my husband's medication and the trips made to my son's school to "help" the staff when he was stuck on an idea, I had a hard time in school and almost gave up before I ever really got started.



To read the rest of Deanna's story, go to our website
www.uidaho.edu/cda

Do you know a UI CDA student that should be spotlighted in our next newsletter?
If so, email sag@uidaho.edu

Get Involved

If you want to get more involved at UI Coeur d'Alene, here are some great opportunities:

Student Advisory Group—We are actively seeking students to join SAG. We meet once a month from August to May. If you'd like to make connections with your fellow students and promote positive change, please fill out the attached application on the last page of this newsletter and send it in!



2010 UI SAG members—Charo Wohlsen, Cindy Rogers, Becky Byers (staff adviser) and Amanda Olson.

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CASPUS—Counseling and School Psychology Associated Students—The Counseling and School Psychology Associated Students was organized for graduate students in the School Psychology and Vocational Rehabilitation programs on the Coeur d'Alene campus. It can provide group support and social interaction for students in the programs as well as be a liaison between students and faculty. The organization seeks to support communication with the Moscow campus and provide a voice for Coeur d'Alene students to bring positive change where needed. Students interested in membership should contact Sachin Jain (sjain@uidaho.edu or 667-2588) for more information.

NIC/UI Education Club—This club for education majors meets once per month, Mondays, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in Room 258 of the Molstead Library. Their mission is to recruit, retain, and engage a larger, more active association membership in order to achieve A Great Public School For Every Child! On **May 3rd** they will plant a tree and have an election officers. For more information, email cmajor@uidaho.edu

Need to Know

Summer Financial Aid

Summer financial aid is extremely limited. Generally, if a student enrolls at least half-time in the summer and was eligible for Federal Pell Grant in 2009-10 academic year, they are probably eligible for Pell Grant in the summer. In addition, some students may have eligibility for Direct Stafford Loans in the summer and parents and graduate students have the option to apply for Federal Direct PLUS Loans.

If all you wish to be considered for is Pell Grant and DO NOT wish to borrow you do not need to apply for summer financial aid. Eligibility for Pell Grant is automatically determined for those undergraduates who are eligible for Pell. Half-time enrollment (6 credits or more) is generally required. Some students might be eligible for Pell Grant at less than half-time status. *Eligibility for Pell Grant will be evaluated before loan eligibility.*

To apply for summer student loans:

1. Complete the application for summer aid online via vandalweb OR print off and complete the paper application at www.uidaho.edu/finaid and return to Student Financial Aid Services.
2. Have a 2009-2010 FAFSA on file with Student Financial Aid Services.
3. Enroll or plan on enrolling at least on a half-time basis during the summer session, as loan eligibility is contingent upon half-time status (six credits for undergraduates, five credits for graduate students).

For more info, visit www.uidaho.edu/finaid

Meet Dr. Laurel Branen, Family and Consumer Sciences, Coeur d'Alene by Charo Wohlsen



Dr. Laurel Branen, Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences, is one of the most outstanding faculty members of the University of Idaho and we are fortunate enough to have her here in the Coeur d'Alene Campus. Her area of specialization is on Food and Nutrition, but her knowledge and skills are not limited to that.

Laurel Jean Branen, PhD, RD, LD, received her doctoral degree at the University of Idaho in 1989, but she had already been teaching at the then School of Home Economics of the University of Idaho for a year. Dr. Branen's services to the University of Idaho range from advising undergraduate and graduate students, developing and teaching courses, and conducting research, to representing the University across the nation as a recognized speaker in workshops, seminars, lectures, and conferences about issues related with feeding young children and preventing childhood obesity and other eating disorders.

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Thinking about Grad School?

UI offers the following graduate programs in Coeur d'Alene:

- Adult and Organizational Learning & Leadership
- Counseling and School Psychology
track 1: Community Rehabilitation Counseling
track 2: School Counseling/Psychology
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Educational Leadership
- Executive MBA
- Environmental Science
- Professional Technical & Technology Education
- Special Education

More information and a list of major professors who advise for these graduate programs are on the UI CDA website www.uidaho.edu/cda or call 208-667-2588 to set up an advising appointment.

Show Your Vandal Pride!

There are UI shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, gloves, hats, bumper stickers, key chains, and just about everything else you can imagine available for purchase! Visit the vandalgear closet at UI CDA on your next visit.

Dr. Laurel Branen continued...

Dr. Branen's research is not confined to her own area of specialization and it is one of the best examples of interdisciplinary research we can find. Her interest on preventing obesity and other eating disorders led her to where the roots of these disorders are, early childhood. An accidental conversation with a fellow Family and Consumer Sciences professor from another discipline originated a lifelong partnership and friendship whose focus has been to increase the quality of life of children and their families. Dr. Branen has worked in partnership with Dr. Janice Fletcher, Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences in the area of Early Childhood Education and Development, for more than 20 years. Together, they have created classes such as Feeding Young Children in Group settings and an assessment tool for meal environments quality in childcare centers. Dr. Branen's analytic skills and knowledge of food and nutrition, combined with Dr Fletcher's qualitative approach and knowledge of child development were a perfect match and have created an example of what interdisciplinary research should be.

In spite of all her busy schedule, Dr. Branen was gracious enough to participate in an interview for our SAG Spring Newsletter. When I asked her what made her focus her research in the early years, her response reflected her down to earth nature:

"It was just a casual conversation with Dr. Fletcher after I heard a conference speaker say that the roots of eating disorders are in early childhood; accidentally, really. That is the beauty of our field! It combines so many disciplines and areas of study and it just created the opportunity to formulate research questions that have kept coming for 20 years."

When I asked Dr. Branen what did she like the best about working with Coeur d'Alene students, she answered with her characteristic enthusiasm and vivacity:

"The diversity! We have students who just came out of high school; as well as young adults and professionals who want to further their education; all the way to people who are coming back to college after many years of working because they want something different. The life experiences and learning opportunities that this diversity creates in the classrooms are very powerful and enriching and generate incredibly interesting conversations and exchanges of ideas and opinions. Students learn so much from each other! I love it!"



Thank you to all the UI CDA students who helped make Valentine's cards for the elderly in Kellogg!

"It went wonderful! We had a retired postmaster deliver the Valentines. The cards were all really cute!" -Emilee Kulin, Facility Activity Director

Meet our Student Advisory Group Members

Amanda Olson:

Hello fellow vandals! My name is Amanda Olson and I am so happy to be part of the University of Idaho's Student Advisory Group! I grew up in Kellogg, Idaho. I am majoring in Family Consumer Sciences with an emphasis in Family Relations. I will graduate this next Spring, when I hope to go on to graduate school. I love playing volleyball and working at Java

Becky Byers—Staff Adviser:

It's a privilege for me to work closely with the students of the UI SAG! I completed a bachelor's degree from UI in English in 1999, and a master's degree in Adult & Organizational Learning in 2004. Advising and recruiting students are my passion!

I enjoy spending time with my husband and two kids (third one due in August!), and reading, writing fiction, and playing golf when I have the time!

Cindy Rogers

Hi! My name is Cindy Rogers and I am your non-traditional student. I will get my masters in rehab counseling. My husband is my biggest fan club and is the one that encouraged me to go back to school because of his health issues. Being able to support myself is his major concern for me. I am working part time at a counseling and rehab office in Priest River, where I live along with school part time. This May the graduate program starts and I will see how that goes with work. My grades are my number one objective. The University of Idaho has been such a wonderful experiences for me. I have grown so much in knowing that I can accomplish any obstacle in my life. I would encourage anyone to get involved in your university. Join the Student Advisory Group (SAG) and have some fun and input.

Charo Wohlsen

My name is Rosario Wohlsen, but everyone calls me Charo. I am from Peru, and I obtained there a BA in

Early Childhood Education. When I moved to the US in 1996, I tried to further my education by pursuing a graduate degree, but I was told my degree didn't count and I had to start my education again from scratch. The University of Idaho validated many of my credits though, and I was able to obtain a BS in Psychology and apply for graduate studies. Currently, I am working on my thesis research and hoping to graduate soon with a Masters in Family and Consumer Sciences. I have three kids who are all young adults now. My oldest, my only daughter, is an Army Iraq veteran, is married and has given me the two most precious and wonderful grandchildren in the world. My two sons are engaged. One graduated from the University of Idaho last semester with a BA in Spanish and Romance languages. His fiancé will graduate this May with a BA in Psychology. They live in Moscow My youngest son is planning a career in drama as an actor. I live with my husband, my 80 year old mother, and my youngest son. I like reading, dancing, cooking Peruvian food, and sharing my culture with everyone interested.

115th UI Commencement – WOW!

May 2010 marks the one hundred fifteenth commencement at the University of Idaho! The Moscow commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 15th, and the Coeur d'Alene commencement will be held on Monday, May 10th. In Coeur d'Alene we invite all Fall 2009, Spring 2010 and Summer 2010 students to participate in commencement. Students are required to apply for their degree and those not graduating until Summer 2010 must fill out a "request to walk through" commencement form. Here are details on the Coeur d'Alene Commencement for those of you graduating!

Date: Monday, May 10th, 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m., graduating students should be there by 6:45 p.m.

Reception to follow in foyer

Location: NIC's Schuler Auditorium

Graduating students order caps and gowns through Jostens—www.jostens.com or call 1-800-854-7464
Graduating students should RSVP to 667-2588 with the number of guests they are bringing.

Here's a brief summary of the evening:

- Entrance of the platform party (President Nellis, participating faculty/staff) as well as students in full graduation regalia.
- Opening remarks by President Nellis.
- Commencement address given by Chief James Allan, Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.
- Conferring and Presentation of Graduate and Baccalaureate degrees by President Nellis.
- Graduating students walk across the stage as their names are read.
- Alma Mater, "Here We Have Idaho" and Recessional.
- Reception in the foyer!

Questions? Call 208-667-2588 or email cdactr@uidaho.edu

Want to help us with future newsletters, student projects or events! Consider joining the University of Idaho Student Advisory Group in Coeur d'Alene! Print off this application and turn it in before May 1st!

**Application to Join SAG—Student Advisory Group
Applications due by May 14th, 2010 for Fall membership**

If you are interested in joining SAG, please fill out this one page application and provide a resume. You can drop it by 1031 N. Academic Way, fax it to 769-2026 or email it to sag@uidaho.edu

Applicant Name _____

Student ID _____

Email _____

Daytime phone _____

Academic Program/Major _____

How many semesters have you attended UI? _____

Previous Educational Institutions Attended:

Why would you like to join SAG?

Please attach a brief resume or email it to sag@uidaho.edu

Thanks for your application!