Recognized by Washington Monthly magazine’s 2012 College Guide as 65th in the nation and 2nd in the Pacific Northwest among universities that are America’s best in social mobility, research, service and the value of the educational experience.

Named to the Presidential Honor Role for Community Service for the fifth consecutive year and was one of only five institutions in the Pacific Northwest awarded “with distinction” status. In 2010, more than 3,800 students participated in international and local community service projects.

Recognized by The Princeton Review as one of the “Best Colleges,” the top 15% in America, and one of the top “121 Best Western Colleges” in its 2012 edition.

The University of Idaho accounted for 73 percent of all research dollars generated by Idaho public universities – nearly $100 million and an important measure of its strength and national competitiveness.

Ranked by Forbes magazine’s America’s 2012 Top Colleges as 143rd among national research universities and 5th in the Pacific Northwest.

Classified by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation distinction for “high research activity” among national Research Universities.

Leads a network of nine Idaho colleges and Universities in the largest bio-medical research project in Idaho’s history. The Idea Network of Biomedical and Research Excellence – INBRE – creates new, state-of-the-art research facilities and greater research opportunities for faculty and students statewide.

Maintains an 18-to-1 faculty-to-student ratio to ensure students receive the personal attention and support they need to have a transformational learning experience.

The University of Idaho has more than 250 sponsored-research contracts with the private sector that support research. Nearly 70 percent of Idaho’s undergraduate students actively engage in research and scholarly or creative activities.
Inspiring Futures: Campaign Goals

Inspiring Futures: Invest in the University of Idaho is a comprehensive, $225 million capital campaign. Initiated in 2007, it runs through 2014, the year the University celebrates its 125th birthday.

Why Inspiring Futures?

For more than 123 years, we’ve “Inspired Futures.” From the entering class of 40 students, to the more than 12,000 enrolled today, the future of each member of the Vandal family has been transformed by their relationship with the University of Idaho, and each other; inspiring, challenging and ultimately contributing to our legacy of success and leadership. And as Idaho’s flagship, land-grant research university, we’re charged with leading the state of Idaho in discovery and innovation — supporting the future of our state and the progress of our greater world.

A bright and prosperous future – for our students, Idaho, and the world – that is the focus of Inspiring Futures. Together we will accelerate our impact by attracting private support in areas of strategic importance. Through these investments, the ultimate measure of our efforts will be found in our deeply held commitment and demonstrated progress as the leader in student success and statewide impact.

A quick rundown on each cornerstone:

Catalyzing Student Success - $54.1 Million

New endowments will draw more of the nation’s brightest students, at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Additionally, top graduate student scholars will be attracted by new graduate research fellowships.

Such support will significantly enhance our existing portfolio of merit- and need-based scholarships, ensuring our continuation as Idaho’s leading provider of student financial aid.

Leading Innovation and Discovery - $62.8 Million

New faculty endowments and fellowships will level the playing field, making the University more competitive in attracting the finest teachers and scholars and will help us retain the very best of our current faculty.

Endowed faculty support will bring prized teachers and scholars to our state and region, benefiting students, the advancement of knowledge in our region, and Idaho industries and communities through their research and expertise. Supporting talented, productive faculty ensures our position as the state’s foremost research and teaching university.

Creating Distinction and Impact through Enterprise Partnerships - $46.2 Million

Our land-grant mission is built on a foundation of collaboration and entrepreneurialism. Multi-disciplinary programs across the University, across the state with agencies, industry, and business, and even worldwide research collaborations are critical to advancing knowledge for our region and for providing our students with the best possible education for their future. Rapid advancements in every field imaginable necessitate continual and across-the-board enhancements to academic offerings.

These program partnerships leverage our ability to focus on areas where progress and impact requires collaboration across disciplines, including sustainable agriculture, clean energy, natural resources, and social problems — while simultaneously sparking economic vitality across the state. Investments in strategic, priority initiatives will position the University for leadership in these critical areas now and in the future.

Building a World-Class Learning Environment - $61.9 Million

Several new facilities and renovation/retrofit projects are necessary to increase the hands-on research opportunities of our students and support the work of our world-class scientists. The new Integrated Research and Innovations Center, along with recent campus renovations and retrofits to existing buildings such as the Haddock Performance Hall in the Lionel Hampton School of Music, will allow us to attract the best researchers, scientists and humanities faculty while creating a state-of-the-art learning environment for our students.