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UI Names New Dean for College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences

The University of Idaho has appointed Andrew Kersten as dean for the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences following a national search. Kersten will begin his role effective June 29, 2014. "Andrew Kersten brings a strong record of scholarship, teaching and engagement to the University of Idaho. I know he will be a terrific advocate for the liberal arts both with the university and the wider

community,” said Katherine Aiken, interim provost and executive vice president. [Read more.](#)

Jazz Choirs Holiday Concert Warms Up the Season

The temperature outside has plunged past comfortable, but holiday cheer will warm thousands of concertgoers Friday, Dec. 13 inside the ASUI-Kibbie Activity Center during the Jazz Choirs Holiday Concert. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and is free, though donations of cash to benefit area Sojourner’s Alliance will be accepted at the door. [Read more.](#)

UI Taps Salant to Lead McClure Center

The University of Idaho has appointed Priscilla Salant as the interim director of the James A. and Louise McClure Center, beginning in January 2014. Based at the university’s Boise Center, Salant is the founding director of the Office of Community Partnerships, which supports Idaho communities through research and student projects focused on local priorities. She has led the university’s outreach and engagement efforts since 2006. Darin Saul, currently associate director of the Office of Community Partnerships, will serve as interim director. [Read more.](#)

A Place to Call Home: Native American Student Center Creates a Connection to Campus

When Tuba City, Ariz. native Josh Begay took his campus tour at the University of Idaho, the electrical engineering junior’s mother wasn’t so sure about her son being so far away. It was the campus tour that included the [Native American Student Center, or NASC](#), that changed her mind. [Read more.](#)

University of Idaho Receives Grant for Suicide Prevention

To help curb a statewide issue, the University of Idaho is working to reduce the number of student suicides with the help of the Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Grant, a national grant that aims to educate the public on suicide prevention and bystander intervention. [Read more.](#)

Deadline for Staff Job Descriptions Jan. 15

The University of Idaho Job Description (UIJD) portal in VandalWeb is still open but not for much longer. Thank you to everyone who have completed these already. There is absolutely no connection between completing these job descriptions and the calibration or appeals process associated with the classification study. If a job level or class title change, HR will update the job descriptions. Given this, there is no reason to wait to submit the job descriptions. [Read more.](#)

Retirement Open House: Cathy Merickel

After 33 years at the University of Idaho, Cathy Merickel is retiring at the end of the year. There will be an open house Friday, Dec. 20 from 2:30-4 p.m. in the library administrative office room 402 to say good-bye and wish her well. Please feel free to stop by. Contact Julie Davaz at jdavaz@uidaho.edu with questions.

Faculty and Staff Make Impact During Giving Season

With the season for giving upon us, faculty and staff still have an opportunity to include the university in their annual giving. Now faculty and staff giving is easier than ever, with convenient [payroll deduction](#) available. You can also choose to make an annual one-time [donation](#). Through either method, you can support programs and funds at the university that are meaningful to you. Giving to the university also comes with generous tax [incentives](#) to take advantage of before filing deadlines next April. Faculty and staff giving is a critical part of the university's Inspiring Futures [campaign](#) – at any level of giving, we share in the investment in the next generations of Vandal greatness, and demonstrate pride in our role in the University community.

Volunteers Needed for the North Idaho LEGO Robotics Championship

Idaho 4-H is looking for volunteers to help Judge and Referee the North Idaho FIRST LEGO League State Championship in Memorial Gym at the UI Saturday, Jan. 11. Thirty-six FIRST LEGO league teams, comprised of up to ten 9-14 year old students will be competing in an exciting table-top game and presenting their team's ideas and solutions to this year's challenge. Each year teams are tasked to build and program a robot from LEGO components, investigate a real world problem, and develop an innovative solution to that problem using scientific information and engineering principles. Judges will interview teams to determine how well they have accomplished these goals. Referees will oversee the robot game and compile team scores. If you'd like to volunteer for this dynamic, hands-on, problem-solving extravaganza register here:

www.extension.uidaho.edu/4h/robotics/volunteer.asp

Year-end Reminders From Payroll

1. W-2 forms are mailed out to the W-2 Address on file. a. This address may be updated in VandalWeb using the link located by the yellow caution sign under the Personal Information/Address Menu. b. On-campus faculty and staff receive their W-2 forms at their departmental address. 2. Paper W-2's will be mailed out by the end of January 2014. 3. You may select an "Electronic W-2 Consent Form" listed in VandalWeb under the Employee Menu at the bottom of the Payroll section if you would prefer an electronic copy only. ***To avoid delay, please keep your W-2 address current through VandalWeb.***

Universal Waste Lamp Disposal

In case you missed it, Environmental Health & Safety has implemented a new procedure for the collection of spent fluorescent lamps. If you generate

fluorescent lamps and are not aware of the new procedure, please call EHS for a collection container for your lamps today. For more detailed information, access the EHS website at: www.uidaho.edu/public-safety-and-security/environmental-health-and-safety. The new universal waste lamp collection procedure differs from the old procedure in that EHS will supply generators of lamps with properly labeled and dated containers to accumulate fluorescent tubes. Lamps will automatically be collected campus wide by EHS every six months; so there no need to notify EHS to collect your container (unless it fills up before six months). If your container fills up before six months, call EHS at 885-6524 to schedule a collection and receive an empty container.

Student Employee of the Year Nomination Period is Open

Do you have an outstanding undergraduate University of Idaho student employee? One who goes above and beyond your expectations? Nominate your exceptional student employees for the 18th Annual Student Employee of the Year. Through part-time and temporary employment working in virtually all departments, University of Idaho students are a vital part of the local work force. They contribute much in the way of ideas, enthusiasm and overall support for our hardworking businesses. [Read more.](#)

Office of Multicultural Affairs Announces Leadership Changes

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is announcing leadership changes: "It was with regret that I accepted the resignation of Mr. Eddy Ruiz, our outgoing director. His tenure included the expansion of our retention initiatives and most important, he made a difference in the lives of many students. We wish him the best as he moves to WSU and continues his student-centered work," said Carmen Suarez, of diversity and human rights. Jesse Martinez has accepted the position of interim director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. A search for a new director will be underway during the Spring 2014 semester. [Read more.](#)

Teaching/Advising Excellence Nominations Due Friday, Dec. 13, 2013

The deadline for submitting your nominations for Teaching, Hoffman, and Advising Excellence Awards is this Friday, Dec. 13, 2013. Please send the name of an outstanding teacher or adviser and a short paragraph on why they deserve to be recognized to excellence@uidaho.edu. [Read more.](#)

Free Student, Staff and Faculty Flu Shots

The University of Idaho announces free flu shots for students, staff and faculty to help keep the campus healthy. There is one more flu clinic left this semester, occurring today, Dec. 11 from 6-8 p.m. in the Wallace Basement. For questions or more information contact Vandal Health Education at 885-4146.

Register for a Cash Course in Business Grammar Register now for Professional Development and Learning's "The Business Grammar Crash

Course.” Other opportunities include “Benefits Orientation” and “Cyber Security and You-Securing the Human.” Go to the PDL training [portal](#) to register for these classes and more.

Idaho EPSCoR Accepting Applications for MURI Program

Idaho Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) is accepting applications for the MILES Undergraduate Research and Internships (MURI) program. Opportunities available for undergraduates, faculty mentors, and MILES project partner researchers or stakeholders. Priority application consideration deadlines: Jan. 15, 2014 for Spring 2014 and March 30, 2014 for Summer 2014. [Read more.](#)

Faculty/Staff Advisers Needed for Spring Alternative Service Break Program

The Alternative Service Break program (ASB) will be sending student groups throughout the nation during spring break to perform service with various communities. A faculty/staff adviser is needed for each team. If interested, please apply at <https://orgsync.com/53874/forms/89193>, and review the application for more details.

2014 Innovation Showcase Judges Needed

Faculty and staff are encouraged to register to become judges for the University of Idaho and College of Graduate Studies 2014 Innovation Showcase, to be held April 16, 2014 in the Commons. Faculty and staff are also asked to encourage their students to register a poster or technical presentation for the student based event designed to highlight the research and creative successes of graduate and undergraduate students in all disciplines at the University of Idaho. Additional information can be found at: www.uidaho.edu/cogs/research/innovation-showcase.

Winter Pedestrian Safety on Campus

Facilities staff wishes to remind everyone that winter conditions are here again. As usual we will be performing ice and snow mitigation efforts across campus during the winter months. For winter bicycle riders, please keep your bikes parked in open bike parking areas only, and not on rails, poles, trees or any other building fixture. Sand containers are placed around campus, at various problematic sites to be used by anyone having a need for additional traction. UI staff and students are strongly encouraged to wear proper footwear for snowy and icy conditions, and to plan on taking extra time to reach destinations because of weather conditions. Ice and snow mitigation treatments on walks, steps, and streets are repeated throughout the day as conditions warrant, but proper care and concern by everyone traveling across campus is still the best defense for a safe journey. Remember, primary responsibility for your safety resides with you... please be careful.

Idaho INBRE Program Accepting Applications for 2014 Summer Research Program

The Idaho INBRE Program is offering a 10-week fellowship for undergraduate students interested in biomedical research. The program pays \$6,000 to each awarded student to work full-time in an established faculty laboratory for the summer. In addition to doing guided research, students will attend weekly training and seminar presentations and attend the Annual INBRE Research Conference to present their work in a professional setting. For more information visit http://inbre.uidaho.edu/student_programs/fellows/.

Retirement Celebration: Donna Germer

Donna Germer is retiring on Dec.31, after serving the University of Idaho for nearly 30 years. Donna has worked for various university departments including parking services, conference services, and the College of Engineering's dean's office, before finishing her career in the Office of the Registrar. Donna is known to many for her caring attention to students as she reviews their degree progress and awards degrees. Please join the Office of the Registrar in celebrating Donna and her years of service to the University of Idaho on Dec. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the SUB's Fireside Lounge outside the Office of the Registrar.

Notice to All Colleges and Departments

Tuition and fees for the 2014 spring term will post after Jan. 1, 2014. The Student Accounts office and Cashier Windows will be closed Dec. 23 – Jan. 1. No one will be in the office to process campus deposits.

Stress Relief for Finals

Work out your finals week stress. Free yoga classes for students, faculty and staff during finals week at the SRC. Please visit the SRC website for class schedules, uidaho.edu/wellness<<http://uidaho.edu/wellness>>.

Annual Award for Excellence in Outreach and Engagement - Call for Nominations.

Applications are being sought for the 16th annual Excellence in Outreach and Engagement Award. The award recognizes and encourages outstanding accomplishments in outreach and engagement with clientele. Award recipients will receive an honorarium of up to \$5,000, recognition at a formal ceremony, and a plaque. Application packets must be complete with the appropriate number of support letters from colleagues and practitioners and submitted to the selection committee by Jan. 27, 2014. Application information is available on the Outreach [website](#) or on the UI Extension [website](#).

UI Researchers Teach and Collaborate in Haiti

Louise-Marie Dandurand, director of UI's Pale Cyst Nematode Project, and Guy Knudsen, professor, spent three weeks last month in Jérémie and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, as part of UI's Haiti Initiative. At the Université de la Nouvelle Grand'Anse, Dandurand taught an intensive laboratory and field course on 'Santé Végétale' (plant pathology, nematology), developed a distance-mentoring program with five teams of agronomy students, and visited with community farming groups. Knudsen taught the course "Microbiologie en Santé et l'Agriculture", and both researchers worked with Haitian agronomists and government representatives towards development of collaborative research efforts. They also published two online e-books in French, for their respective courses, for use in tropical agriculture for French-speaking countries. The work in Haiti was funded by a grant to Dandurand from the American Phytopathological Society's Office of International Programs, and by the University of Idaho's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

In Memoriam: Jasper Avery

Professor Emeritus Jasper Avery of mechanical engineering passed away Nov. 27, 2013. He taught at UI for 40 years from 1959 to 1999 on a variety of subjects in the areas of design and mechanics. Avery was a cheerful professor with a great student following. Dean Larry Stauffer fondly remembers Avery always being helpful and supportive of junior faculty. A link to professor Avery's obituary: http://dnews.com/obituaries/article_2130b880-0347-55fa-b20a-851109880386.html. The family suggests memorials be made to the Jasper R. Avery Mechanical Engineering Scholarship Fund, 875 Perimeter Drive, MS 3147, Moscow, ID 83843, or to the Moscow Food Bank, P.O. Box 9106, Moscow, ID 83843.

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