

TODAY'S REGISTER

July 30 - Aug. 5, 2012

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Researcher Breaking Down Barriers for Amputees

One leg, two legs or no legs, it's all about living a normal life. Unless you're South

Africa's Oscar Pistorius, a double amputee who will be the first ever amputee to compete in the Olympics on the track -- thanks in part to a team of researchers, including University of Idaho's Craig McGowan. [Read more.](#)

U-Idaho Grads Go For Gold: A Look at Olympians Present and Past

University of Idaho alumna Kristin Armstrong will seek her second Olympic medal at the summer games opening tonight in London. The Boise cyclist – who's making a comeback after the birth of a son and a broken collar bone sustained in a recent fall during qualifying competitions – snared Olympic gold in 2008. [Read more.](#)

Legendary University of Idaho Broadcaster Dies

The University of Idaho community is deeply saddened by the loss of legendary broadcaster Bob Curtis, who served as the voice of the Vandals. He was 87. "Today the University of Idaho suffered a great loss with the death of Bob Curtis," said University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis. "Bob was the voice of the Vandals for more than 50 years. He brought the Vandal spirit to more than 500 football games and hundreds of basketball games. Bob is a Vandal icon that will be missed dearly. Our hearts go out to the Curtis family." [Read more.](#)

Prepping for Law School, Preparing for the LSAT

Anyone interested in applying to law school can prepare for the demanding Law School Admission Test (LSAT) by enrolling in a preparatory course sponsored by the University of Idaho College of Law. [Read more.](#)

Serving Students and the State: U-Idaho Helps Build the Future Idaho Law Learning Center

The University of Idaho is looking to the future and, with the support of generous donors, the university is collaborating with the Idaho Supreme Court to establish a unique venue for legal education, service to state government, and law-related civic education in the heart of the capital city. [Read more.](#)

Benefits Orientation

Benefit Services will host a benefits orientation providing an overview of medical, dental, vision, life and disability coverage, as well as retirement programs and other perks that come with working for the University of Idaho on July 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the HR Conference Room. This orientation is designed to help employees make educated decisions about their benefit options. Benefits orientation will routinely be scheduled twice a month, alternating mornings and afternoons, and last approximately two hours.

Dissertation Defense: Guillermo Conde-Guarra

Doctoral student in Electrical Engineering, Guillermo Conde-Guarra, will defend his dissertation entitled, "Multi-context Dynamically Reconfigurable Block Floating Point Processing Elements in Xilinx Virtex FPGA Platforms" on July 30 at 9 a.m. in JEB 326. The event is free and open to the public.

Summer Noontime featuring Eyes Light Up

Come enjoy lunch and some great music in the summer sun. All concerts are sponsored by the Idaho Commons and Student Union and ASUI Student Engagement. Concerts are held on the Commons Green from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays. Inclement weather site: Commons Food Court.

Zimfest 2012

Zimfest, the Zimbabwean Music Festival is the largest annual 4-day celebration of Zimbabwean music and culture in North America. Zimfest 2012 will be held on the University of Idaho campus Aug. 2 - 5 sponsored in part by the International Programs Office, the dance program and the Lionel Hampton School of Music. Zimfest offers more than 100 workshops including many for children and teens. Professional development credit is available for music educators. Free daily concerts featuring 16 groups, an African Marketplace, an authentic Zimbabwean meal and ticketed evening concerts round out the available activities. Zimfest features musicians and teachers from Zimbabwe, Zimbabwean musicians living in the United States and Canada and a dynamic group of North American performers and musicians. Visit <http://2012.zimfest.org> for more information.

Screen on the Green Presents: Men in Black

ASUI Summer Programs presents the film "Men In Black" as part of their summer movie series Screen on the Green. All movies are free and start at dusk every Thursday from June 14- Aug. 2 (excluding July 5th). Visit their [facebook](#) page for more information.

Susan Bender Named New IPO Executive Director for International Engagement and Programs

Susan Bender started her role as the new executive director for International Engagement and Programs at the University of Idaho this past Monday. She comes to Idaho from the University of Nevada, Reno where she was the director in the Office of International Students and Scholars since 1996, and their interim director the previous year. Prior to Nevada, she worked at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, the University of Portland in Oregon and Colorado State University. [Read more](#).

Weightwatchers At Work

It's a great time to join our U-Idaho Weightwatchers at work. The cost of our new monthly pass meetings are \$39.95 a month. The ATWORK monthly pass gives you access to e-tools, phone apps, bar code scanner and meeting privileges at any Weightwatchers meeting. You may join or cancel at any time. Come and check us out, get in on some healthy recipes, motivational stories, helpful weight loss tips and encouragement to live a healthy lifestyle. We would love to be a part of your weight loss team. We meet Thursdays from 12-1 p.m. in the meeting room at the SRC. If you have questions email Jeannie at Sapp@potlatch.com.

University Housing Volunteer Request for Fall Check-in 2012

University Housing would like to invite all University faculty and staff to become Fall 2012 Check-in volunteers.

University Housing officials request the help of University members who are interested

in donating their time to join us in welcoming new and returning residence hall students to the 2012-2013 academic year. Help our students 'Live More and Learn More' on Aug. 16 and 17. [Read more.](#)

Annual Fire Sprinkler Inspection & Testing -- Summer 2012

Western States Fire Protection has scheduled the following dates to be on campus to complete our annual inspection/testing of the wet and dry sprinkler systems: Aug. 13-16, 2012. No disruption to normal services is expected. Any questions can be directed to Facilities: (208) 885-6246

Registration for Palousafest

[Registration](#) for Palousafest has opened. Registration forms are due by Aug. 10. The date of Palousafest is Aug. 18. ASUI Registered Organizations, campus offices and campus organizations get one free table with registration and \$20 for each additional table requested. Non-U-Idaho affiliated businesses or organizations will pay a \$30 fee for a table and \$20 for each additional table. For questions, please email palousafest@uidaho.edu or call the ASUI Student Engagement office at 208-885-6331

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