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U-Idaho Releases Latest Faculty Compensation Peer Comparison

The overall faculty compensation at the University of Idaho is 92.6 percent of our peer average thanks to benefits that tend to be more generous than many of our peers. Faculty salaries average 89.1 percent of our peer average that includes schools like Colorado State, Kansas State, Montana State, Utah State and Washington State Universities, according to 2011-12 data collected by the American Association of University Professors and published in a special edition of Academe. [Read more.](#)

Tickets for Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Available Dec. 3

The University of Idaho Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival will celebrate its 46th year with a stellar lineup of artists at the four-day winter festival in Moscow, Idaho, Feb. 20-23, 2013. Festival tickets go on sale to the general public Monday, Dec. 3. [Read more.](#)

Engineering Student Receives President's Award for Minority Doctoral Candidates

In an effort to promote diversity within graduate education and recruit the best and brightest in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, the University of Idaho's President's Doctoral Scholars Award helps minority students continue their studies and research. President M. Duane Nellis has named mechanical engineering student Anthony Rey DeLeon the recipient of this year's award. DeLeon will receive \$50,000 annually for three years, which will cover his tuition and fees and provide him a stipend. The scholarship may be renewed for a fourth year. [Read more.](#)

Nominations for 2013-14 Common Read Now Being Accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for the University of Idaho's 2013-14 Common Read. Each year, the University of Idaho engages its students in the Common Read and invites you to submit a title you feel worthy. [Read more.](#)

Application Period Open Now for the Employee Dependent Tuition Waiver Program

Faculty and staff who participate in the Employee Dependent Tuition Waiver Program are reminded that a new application must be submitted each semester. For application and program information go to the U-Idaho Student Accounts website at www.uidaho.edu/controller/studentaccounts and click on the Employee Dependent Tuition Waiver link on the left. Submit the application now for spring to beat the semester start-up rush. Applications are due no later than the first day of classes, Jan. 9.

Save this Training Snapshot: PDL Class Registrations or Next Week

Interested in learning about A Snapshot of Student and Temporary Employment — Understanding the Basics, Benefits Orientation, NEW Employee Welcome, Public Speaking Without Fear or How to Avoid the Worst PowerPoint Mistakes People Make? Register for these classes being offered next week and more from Professional Development and Learning. [Read more.](#)

Insect Collection Aflutter with Butterflies - Late professor's specimens fill out William F. Barr Entomological Museum

"While most people take vacations to Disneyland, we took vacations to remote areas of the Pacific Northwest to collect butterflies and document their occurrence."
- Ann Curtis. The average butterfly lives for only a few, fleeting days. But at the William F. Barr Entomological Museum at the University of Idaho, tens of thousands of the ephemeral creatures have achieved something akin to immortality, perfectly preserved in drawer upon drawer of pinned and labeled precision. [Read more.](#)

Spreading the word about climate change

A team of U-Idaho faculty and graduate students have been traveling around Montana and Idaho for the past two weeks, conducting workshops about climate change. Their goal is not only to provide complex information about climate change to land and resource managers, but also to explore the best ways to communicate complex scientific information to generalist audiences. [Read more.](#)

University of Idaho Fall Commencement Takes Center Stage Dec. 8

As the fall semester draws to a close, 831 graduates will celebrate their eligibility to walk across the stage and receive University of Idaho diplomas during the 2012 fall commencement ceremony. The event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 12:30 p.m., in the ASUI-Kibbie Activity Center. [Read more.](#)

U-Idaho Library Partners with Moscow Public Library for "Let's Talk About It, Idaho!" Series

The University of Idaho Library and the Moscow Public Library are joining forces to provide the educational and entertaining series, "Let's Talk About It, Idaho!" to residents of Moscow and the surrounding area. The five-part series of book discussions brings adult reading groups together with humanities scholars to discuss fine literature. [Read more.](#)

Red Carpet Ag Economist: Ben Affleck's Movie 'Argo' Recalls 1980 Joint Canada-CIA Rescue of Lee Schatz from Iran

Lee Schatz arrives at the premiere of Warner Bros. Pictures' 'Argo' at AMPAS Samuel Goldwyn Theater on October 4, 2012 in Beverly Hills, California. He lists Iran, Iraq, India and more than two dozen other nations among the places he's worked. H. Lee Schatz' 31 years with the Foreign Agricultural Service shows the University of Idaho agricultural economics graduate is brave, resourceful and committed to making the world a better place. He's also the only agricultural economist to trod the red carpet in October's Beverly Hills premier of Ben Affleck's new movie "Argo." It portrays a 1980 U.S.-Canada covert operation to extract six Americans from Iran during the hostage crisis. Lee Schatz was one of the six. [Read more.](#)

U-Idaho Receives \$3 million Grant to Develop Teaching Methods, Classroom Technology

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation is seeking to equip and train the next generation of teachers to help improve student achievement by creating a \$5 million grant to establish a pair of Doceñ Centers for Innovation and Learning at two Idaho universities, one public and one private. [Read more.](#)

University of Idaho Events for Nov. 26 – Dec. 2

The following is a list of University of Idaho sponsored events for the week of Nov. 26 – Dec. 2. Events will take place in Moscow and are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. [Read more.](#)

A Tale of Two Vandals - Alums Steve Schmidt and Kevin Sirucek serve in the same battalion years after graduation

Alums Steve Schmidt and Kevin Sirucek both attended University of Idaho, but graduated at different times (Schmidt '99 and '01, Sirucek '06) and pursued different paths in the Army. However, both found themselves as company commanders in the same Aviation Battalion, currently stationed in Afghanistan. Although both have made different, but huge, contributions, they each credit much of their success to their educational foundation from the University of Idaho. [Read more](#)

News Faces, New Expertise: University of Idaho Foundation Announces New Leaders

The University of Idaho Foundation Inc. has elected two new members to its board of directors. The new directors will add to the current board comprised of leaders from Idaho and around the nation. Their terms run for three years. [Read more.](#)

Internal Audit Wants Your Input

During the week of Nov. 26-30, Internal Audit will be randomly selecting employees to complete a short survey about their awareness of the university's confidential hotline and seeking their opinion about the effectiveness of the university's process for resolving reports of unethical, illegal and unsafe acts occurring on our Moscow campus and statewide locations. All responses to the survey will be provided anonymously. Internal Audit appreciates your help with this important project.

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

Applications are being sought for the fifteenth 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. 22, 2013. Application information is available on the UI Extension website at www.extension.uidaho.edu/awards.

Harris Named Lab Technician Of The Year

Audrey Harris, manager of the Lab Animal Research Facility, has been named Technician Branch Representative of the Year by the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science. The award includes a \$2,000 honorarium. [Read more.](#)

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