

Kudos 2017-2018

Aaron Hansarling, Event and Support Services

07 Mar 2018

Aaron is the glue that holds campus events together. From scheduling, to set up, followups and extra help on event day, Aaron is our go-to person to get things done. The Department of Student Involvement staff are so very thankful for his ability to infer student's needs, and reassure in times of stress. He is an asset to our community. Katie Dahlinger - Assistant Director of Student Involvement

Krysta Madrigal, Administrative Assistant, Idaho Falls Student Services

06 Mar 2018

Thanks to Krysta for helping with the University Place Career Fair this year. She is a team player and her efforts were very much appreciated! Debbie Caudle - Undergraduate Academic Advisor

Thanks to VandalStore Employees for Stopping the Hate

05 Mar 2018

The University of Idaho Bias Response Team would like to acknowledge and thank VandalStore employees Chris Price and Keith McIvor for their outstanding efforts to support one of our community members in need. Great job!

Rob Hampton, Custodian Foreperson, Administrative Operations

05 Mar 2018

Rob joined the Pitman Center Vandal Family in December 2017, and what a difference he has made. He takes his job seriously, and his attention to detail makes every corner of our building shine! Rob is always cheerful and, helpful. He occasionally stops by our office just to see if there is anything he can do better or differently for us. His positive can-do attitude is so appreciated. Thanks, Rob for making a difference! Elissa Keim - Director, Employee Development & Workforce Diversity

Aaron Mayhugh & the Lionel Jazz Festival Crew

26 Feb 2018

Another amazingly successful Jazz Festival! Aaron & his crew work together under time deadlines, multiple demands, and with a myriad of moving parts to coordinate the Jazz Fest--often, like this year, contending with inclement weather conditions. Their dedication and passion for the Festival and keeping it truthful to Doc & Lionel's vision is a wonderful, delightful thing to behold. I look forward to it every year. Their efforts make it something the University of Idaho can be justifiably proud of. Ariana Burns - Printing Tech, Creative Services

Ashleigh Bright, Academic Advisor, international Programs Office
22 Feb 2018

As co-coordinator for the ALCP CEA reaccreditation, Ashleigh Bright was an incredible inspiration and team lead! Ashleigh's preparation in creating a first draft report made the self-study process efficient and streamlined. She prepared all the required reports, collaborated with faculty sub-committees, and organized the 3-day site visit. This yearlong reaccreditation process was a great success due to her strong leadership and work ethic! We are so blessed to have you on our team! Thank you, Ashleigh! Katie Schiffelbein - Director, American Language and Culture Program

Chuck Hatfield, Customer Service Rep 2, Facilities
11 Jan 2018

I work off the Moscow campus and get to call the Facilities department at least every month. Chuck usually answers the phone and is the most cheerful, pleasant, helpful and kind person. He recognizes voices and always has something nice to say to the caller. He is the exact same way in person. He is appreciated! Stephanie Fox - Facilities & Operations Manager, Boise Center

Delora Shoop, Chris Menter, Karee Head
05 Jan 2018

A big thank you to Delora Shoop (Student Accounts) and Chris Menter (Registrar's)! Also to Karee Head (Admissions.) A new method of fee assessment caused problems with the charges for our American Language & Culture Program students. Delora and Chris not only solved the problem within a few hours, they both looked at each individual record of approx. 50 ALCP students to make sure each one was corrected. Karee helped investigate the mystery with her expertise. We are impressed with their eagerness & speed at finding a solution, and grateful for the time and care they invested into making it all right. Thank you so much! Ashleigh Bright - Program Coordinator, American Language & Culture Program

Mark Spellmire, SRC Operations Coordinator, Campus Recreation
04 Dec 2017

Mark did an outstanding job preparing the Student Recreation Center's Winter Staff Party. He did an awesome job getting all the games and prizes ready for everyone. Overall we greatly appreciate all that he does for us. Illisha Badua - Facility Operations Intern

Max Stillwell, Student Affairs IT Support - Computer Technician
01 Dec 2017

Max is a great asset to our team! We are very fortunate to have him as one of our IT support people. He is polite, prompt, and patient, even when the issue we're working on is something I know little to nothing about. Emily Tuschhoff - Health Promotion Director, Vandal Health Education

Dwaine Hubbard, Associate Registrar, Registrar's Office

01 Dec 2017

Dwaine is always happy to help out with any questions or issues that may arise. He has a lot of knowledge about University policies and even if he is not sure about an issue, he will look it up and find the solution. I really appreciate his help and good attitude. Mikyla Wood - Management Assistant, College of Graduate Studies

General Technicians - Building Services, Facilities

06 Nov 2017

There are six individuals at Facilities that make up the General Technician team. They are willing and able to assist any of our shops whenever extra help is needed. All have helped us with numerous landscaping projects this past year including large tree removals, winter gravel cleanup, mowing, tree planting, and irrigation installation, among others. Scheduling and requesting their assistance is efficient and always customer-first driven. And it's not just that they show up for work and get the job done, it's their approach they take that is as much appreciated as anything else. A can-do attitude pervades them. It's apparent that they take pride in what they do no matter the task at hand. We call them the "A Team" for good reason and thought some well-deserved kudos should come their way. Thank you Gen Techs for all your assistance this past season! David Rauk and Craig Carson - Campus Horticulturist and Campus Landscape Manager, respectively, Landscape Shop - Facilities

Landscape and Grounds

20 Oct 2017

On a cold, wet, windy morning, you can't help but notice the care taken with the landscape/sidewalks around the Lionel Hampton School of Music. The clean steps and sidewalk stuck out like a gleaming diamond this morning. The University of Idaho is very lucky to have such carrying employees who take pride in their work and make our campus one of the most beautiful places in the northwest. Thank you for all you do! Patti Heath - Administrative Coordinator, Lionel Hampton School of Music

Lori Smith, Catering Coordinator, Sodexo

09 Oct 2017

Last week I organized a busy week of activities surrounding the Career Fair and Lori did an impressive job handling the plethora of questions I had as well as offered insightful input when my original guest estimates increased. Lori's level of customer service is outstanding and even more impressive considering the short time she's been on campus. She performs her job exceedingly well. Thank you, Lori for all you do! Jamie Garlinghouse - Employer Relations Specialist, Career Services

Career Services Staff and Interns

06 Oct 2017

Career Fair weeks are the busiest time of year for our office and the fall Fair is the biggest of the two. We just held an event for over 1,200 students and over 150 employers and the feedback from both students and staff is telling us that the event was a huge success. Every event this large has its problems, but because of our great staff and interns, the students and employers knew about none of them. I think I work on the best team to be found. I want to thank each and every staff member and intern from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for caring about our students and employers. It is obvious that you care about your work and the people you do it for. I want you to know that I care deeply and am thankful for each one of you. John Mangiantini - Assistant Director for Internships & Employer Relations, Career Services

Jamie Garlinghouse, Employer Relations Specialist, Career Services

06 Oct 2017

Jamie has been with us for two years now. In that two years, she has become the consummate event planner. A Career Fair is a very complex event with several stakeholders including students, employers, faculty, and staff. Over 1,800 people interacted with our event over its 4 hour time slot. I have ran these myself so I know what it takes. Every detail was taken care of, every person was taken care of, and in the end, the event was a success because our students interacted with 150+ employers and a large number of them got interviews. Jamie is here for our students, our employers, and our faculty and staff. I am very proud of and thankful for her as a colleague, friend, and staff member. Thank you Jamie. John Mangiantini - Assistant Director for Internships & Employer Relations, Career Services

Jeff Robbins, Technology Solution Partner, Information Technology Services

06 Oct 2017

I am very thankful for the hard work of Jeff Robbins. He helped us with many things for our busy Career Fair week. The two biggest were his initiation of talks with the network folks to make the employer experience better at our Career Fairs. They established an SSID called UIConference that they will turn on and off based on what is going on around campus. We had over 350 employer reps on the floor of the Kibbie Dome. We have always had a hassle with AirVandalGuest after a few people logged onto it. Not one complaint yesterday out of all of those people. What a huge benefit for our employers, therefore our students that we can bring to bear each time we have a large event. Second, he helped us get set up with the video conferencing cart for our employer advisory council meeting today. It worked flawlessly for the remote users and those of us here on campus. Thank you Jeff! John Mangiantini - Assistant Director for Internships & Employer Relations, Career Services

Ryan Watson and Event Support Services

06 Oct 2017

Ryan and the Event Support Services Team have to work with us on every one of our Career Fairs. Each one is different based on the number of employers and whether or not the Cowan Spectrum is in place or not. Every time, Ryan is there before the event helping us plan, and during setup, always being flexible to make the event work as best as the physical constraints of the facility will allow. This one was no exception. I firmly believe that without Ryan and the ESS team, our event would not have been the success it was. Thanks to each member of the team that helped us. We appreciate all of you very much. John Mangiantini - Assistant Director for Internships & Employer Relations, Career Services

Patricia Cady, Office Support 2, Independent Study in Idaho

20 Sep 2017

Patty helps everyone in the office with English composition and grammar. She works hard and intelligently to streamline office procedures, verify proctors, answer emails, and process student exams. Thank you Patty for all you do. Sherrie Metlen - Program Manager, Independent Study in Idaho

Agricultural Sciences Team Cleaning Specialists

20 Sep 2017

The Team Cleaning Specialists Team for the Agricultural Science Building Larry Cann, Calvin Annis, and their supervisor Peter Haworth work hard to keep our office and the rest of the building clean along with other members of their team. With the cool weather a mouse took up residence in our office and Calvin immediately and diligently has been trying to resolve this issue. Since we our office was relocated to the building in 2014 they have always been extremely helpful. This team always has a great attitude, brightening everyone's day with their kind words, smile and laughter. Sherrie Metlen - Program Manager, Independent Study in Idaho

Paula Heaton, Administrator Coordinator, Animal and Veterinary Sciences

20 Sep 2017

Paula always has a smile and kind word. She is fun with a great sense of humor. Paula is knowledgeable with Travel Web and other UI polices. Thank you Paula! Sherrie Metlen - Program Manager, Independent Study in Idaho

Kimberly Salisbury, Academic Budget Officer, Budget Office

20 Sep 2017

Kim is enthused with Vandal fever and it is contagious. She is kind and brings out the best in her coworkers. Kim is a problem solver. She helps others to do their tasks effectively. Go Kim. You're awesome! Sherrie Metlen - Program Manager, Independent Study in Idaho

Sean Williams, Web Technician, College of Engineering

15 Sep 2017

Just wanted to let you know that Sean Williams is very much appreciated. His daily work is top notch, of course, but he goes above and beyond with his explanations that help me understand how to do my job better in Sitecore, his patience with my mistakes and his help with fire drills like the one we encountered today in which all the SurveyGizmo forms with more than one column stopped working without warning. We began getting frustrated inquiries from customers regarding one form, then another, then another. Sean assisted even though we suspect the root cause is a change on Surveygizmo's side and he managed to get us operational again. We here in parking appreciate Mr. Williams. Robert Mitchell - Information Specialist, Parking and Transportation Services

Christopher Doman, Assistant Director, Admissions

23 Aug 2017

Chris reached out to the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action volunteering to give up part of his Saturday to assist in any way he could for the Serving Your New Community (SYNC). He drove a group of new students to and from service at Goodwill and saved the department staff from a more stressful day. Sacrificing his time on a very busy weekend was so helpful. Thank you Chris! Natalie Magnus - Program Coordinator, Department of Student Involvement

Katie Dahlinger, Assistant Director, Department of Student Involvement

23 Aug 2017

Kudos are due to Katie Dahlinger and the crew at the Department of Student Involvement for the effort that was put in to the Eclipse Watch Party. Katie and team pulled off a fantastic event that drew more than 2,00 participants, despite being during their busiest time of year and immediately following SYNC/Palousafest, DSI's biggest events. Congratulations for a fabulous party. Savannah Tranchell - Internal Communications Manager, University Communications and Marketing

Ashley Morehouse, Director of New Student Orientation, Strategic Enrollment Management

22 Aug 2017

Among the blissful chaos that is New Student Orientation, Ashley volunteered her time to assist with Palousafest 2017. With a smile she jumped in to strike the staging set-up for the concert. She's a star and I'm so thankful to have a great colleague like her. Katie Dahlinger - Assistant Director, Student Involvement

Eric Matson, Financial Technician, Student Benefits, Health, and Wellness

04 Aug 2017

Eric Matson is so helpful for all our department's travel needs! He is like a personal travel assistant. Vandal Health Ed has had several trips in the last few weeks and he has processed our mess of receipts with ease and without complaint ... all while moving offices! We appreciate him!