The University of Idaho provides incredible value to our students and our state. We produce graduates ready to contribute to industry and the economy, and our research helps Idaho’s communities thrive.

It’s our mission to build on our rich traditions of access and outreach as Idaho’s land grant institution. We educate Idaho’s future leaders and disseminate our research to support residents in each of the state’s 44 counties.

This 2022 edition of Idaho Impact articulates how we are delivering on our mission. It includes progress on our 10-year strategic plan implemented in 2016. While we continue to monitor the metrics identified in the strategic plan, we are more focused on certain elements. The result is the implementation of our Vandal Hybrid Financial Model and progressing on our three pillars: Supporting student success, prioritizing research and telling our story.

The pandemic greatly affected our 2020-21 strategic plan metrics included in this report. However, we are seeing positive outcomes driven by our financial model and our three pillars. We are more financially sound, are experiencing better enrollment outcomes, have an impressive pipeline of new research awards and are setting new annual philanthropy records. Our positive momentum during this challenging time leads us to believe our most aspirational vision will be fully realized in a non-pandemic setting.

We are a university on the rise. Our collective efforts demonstrate U of I’s continued dedication to support a thriving Gem State.

President Scott Green
MISSION
The University of Idaho shapes the future through innovative thinking, community engagement and transformative education.

VISION
The University of Idaho will expand the institution’s intellectual and economic impact and make higher education relevant and accessible to qualified students of all backgrounds.

VALUES
Excellence
Respect
Integrity
Perseverance
Sustainability
**TELLING OUR STORY**

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

**U OF I IN ACTION**
- $50 million in scholarships and waivers are offered to U of I students.
- Nearly 5,000 course sections were held in person in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 with no cases of COVID-19 traced to the classroom.

**CYBERSECURITY**
- 45 students are now enrolled in Idaho’s first bachelor’s degree in cybersecurity, and 5 students are enrolled in the master’s degree program, elevating decades of producing students who found careers in the field.

**VANDAL PROMISE**
- The need-based Vandal Promise Scholarship helps bridge the $5,000 gap many students face after Pell grants and available scholarships – and the cost to attend college – are considered. The program grew to more than 50 students in Fall 2021.

**ENROLL IDAHO**
- Improving Idaho’s go-on rate is a top priority for the University of Idaho and our partners in higher education across the state. Idaho’s four-year schools are teaming up on the “Education for Idaho” marketing campaign, emphasizing the value of higher education in Idaho and the array of opportunities that college can unlock for Idaho students. This marketing campaign includes television and radio ads, social media, digital signage and billboards. Powerful stories from students explain how higher ed has changed the trajectories of their lives.

**BEST VALUE IN THE WEST**
- The University of Idaho was ranked the No. 1 Best Value in the West among public universities by U.S. News & World Report, and No. 2 nationally, behind only North Carolina. The “Best Value” rankings compare overall quality of the institution related to its price and any need-based aid or discounts given.

**ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION: FALL 2021**
- Enrollment: 11,303 – an increase of 4.7% over the prior year
- Largest entering freshmen class since 2015 – up 16.7% over the prior year
- Transfer enrollment up 11.7% over the prior year
- Western Undergraduate Exchange enrollment up 15% over the prior year
- The WUE program provides a tuition discount to students from all 16 Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) states
- New graduate student enrollment up 8.2% over the prior year
- Non-resident enrollment up 20.7% over the prior year

**RETENTION AND GRADUATION**
- 2020-21 first-year student retention was 76.7%, down from 77.8% in 2020-21.
- Six-year graduation rate: 59.1% in FY21, slightly down from 59.5% in FY20.

**DEGREES**
- 2,284 students earned 2,458 degrees/certificates in 2020-21

**LEADING IDAHO**
- The University of Idaho is providing remarkable value for students and the state. The Bipartisan Policy Center used data from the U.S. Department of Education to calculate the return on investment for students and taxpayers at colleges across the country.
- According to the research, the average student’s ROI of enrollment at U of I is $573,297, far outpacing the other four-year public universities in the state.

**FOR YOU. FOR US. FOR IDAHO.**

**BEST COLLEGES**

**BEST VALUE SCHOOLS 2022**

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PRIORITYING RESEARCH

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT IN PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH STAFF AND GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

U of I is investing in its research in capability and doctoral students in support of the university goals to grow research impact and attain a Carnegie R1 classification in 2025. In support of this goal investments from the P3 strategic research fund are increasing institutional support for postdoctoral research fellows and doctoral students by $3 million per year and additionally are supporting the expansion of professional research staff at U of I by up to 25 positions focused on mission-critical areas such as artificial intelligence, data sciences and high-performance computing.

PIONEERING DIGITAL FOREST TECHNOLOGY

The College of Natural Resources is pioneering the use LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) technologies to produce highly accurate digital single-tree inventories of forest and wildlife habitat on the U of I Experimental Forest, the first such application in the country. These innovative approaches allow for a complete census of tree structure and function across thousands of acres to be completed more accurately and rapidly than traditional field-based sampling methods and extrapolation. U of I researchers are working closely with forest industry partners for what will transform the way forests are measured worldwide.

CYBERSECURITY PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHWEITZER ENGINEERING LABORATORIES

U of I and SEL continue to grow their partnership in cybersecurity education and research. The College of Engineering commissioned new laboratories in the U of I Integrated Research Innovation Center (IRIC) focused on developing secure industrial control systems. Recently funded by an additional $2.5 million infusion from SEL, this partnership continues to support students and fund undergraduate, graduate and faculty research.

IDAHO UNIVERSITIES GAIN EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO FALCON SUPERCOMPUTER

U of I will assume management of the Falcon supercomputer from Idaho National Laboratory as lead university for the Idaho university consortium. Falcon, which is housed at the new Collaborative Computing Center in Idaho Falls, is one of the 25 fastest academic computers in the nation and provides a profound increase in the high-performance computing power available to Idaho’s universities.

NIH GRANT ENABLES FACULTY CLUSTER HIRE FOR MODELING TO ADDRESS PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES

A $11 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to Principal Investigator Holly Wichman, professor of Biological Sciences and director of the Institute for Modeling Collaboration and Innovation, has enabled U of I to add six faculty positions to increase our strength in the use of mathematical, statistical and computational modeling for biomedical and public health projects. This interdisciplinary cluster will involve appointments in multiple departments and colleges and will leverage critical new assets like the Falcon supercomputer.

WOOD WASTE & 3D PRINTING FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION

The National Science Foundation awarded $4 million to College of Engineering Professor Michael Maughan and co-workers to further develop and test a process for a 3D printer capable of producing housing from a 100% bio-based wood composite material. This work is attracting diverse industry interest and forms the basis for U of I’s first membership-based Industrial Affiliates program, the PrintTimber Industrial Affiliates.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY AND EXPENDITURES

Pending Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) approval

$105.9 MILLION IN EXPENDITURES

A university working group focusing on the steps to achieve R-1 status under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education developed a roadmap in 2020. U of I will invest in post-doctoral researchers and graduate students to help faculty accomplish research objectives. The benefit to the university will be a larger share of federal research dollars, higher quality research programs and a greater ability to attract quality faculty and students.
INNOVATE

SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE WORK WITH IMPACT

Objective A:
Build a culture of collaboration that increases scholarly and creative productivity through interdisciplinary, regional, national and global partnerships.
Indicators: Increases in research expenditures and scholarly/creative works derived from collaborative partnerships.

Objective B:
Create, validate and apply knowledge through the co-production of scholarly and creative works by students, staff, faculty and diverse external partners.
Indicators: Increased number of terminal degrees and non-faculty scholars (e.g. post-doctoral researchers), increased number of undergraduate and graduate students supported on extramural funds and increased percentage of undergraduates participating in research.

Objective C:
Grow reputation by increasing the range, number, type and size of external awards, exhibitions, publications, presentations, performances, contracts, commissions and grants.
Indicators: Increase in above measures as well as invention disclosures.

ENGAGE

OUTREACH THAT INSPIRES INNOVATION AND CULTURE

Objective A:
Suggest and influence change that addresses societal needs and global issues, and advances economic development and culture.

Objective C:
Engage individuals (alumni, friends, stakeholders and collaborators), businesses, industries, agencies and communities in meaningful and beneficial ways that support the University of Idaho’s mission.
Indicators: National Survey on Student Engagement (NSSE) service learning metric, alumni participation rate and dual-credit engagement.
GOAL 3: Increase our educational impact.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES THAT IMPROVE LIVES

Objective A: Provide greater access to educational opportunities to meet the evolving needs of society.
Indicators: Total number of enrolled students and conferred degrees (both undergraduate and graduate).

Objective B: Foster educational excellence via curricular innovation and evolution.
Indicators: Increased retention, numbers of graduates, National Survey on Student Engagement High-Impact Practices score and reductions in remediation via curricular innovation.

Objective C: Create an inclusive learning environment that encourages students to take an active role in their student experience.
Indicators: Measures educational parity and retention rates (for new and for transfer students).

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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<td>2018-19 a. 142 b. 12%</td>
<td>2019-20 a. 142 b. 12%</td>
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<td>XII. Percentage of first time UG degree seeking students completing a gateway math course within two years of enrollment.</td>
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<td>X. Percentage of first-time UG degree seeking students completing 30 or more credits per academic year.</td>
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<td>IX. Percentage of students completing 30 or more credits per year.</td>
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<td>VII. Number of UG unduplicated degree/certificate graduates.</td>
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A VALUED AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Objective A: Build an inclusive, diverse community that welcomes multicultural and international perspectives.
Indicators: Increased multicultural student enrollment, international student enrollment, percent of multicultural faculty and staff.

Objective B: Enhance the University of Idaho’s ability to compete for and retain outstanding scholars and skilled staff.
Indicators: Improved job satisfaction scores and reduced staff turnover rate.

Objective C: Improve efficiency, transparency and communication.
Indicators: Invest resources wisely to enhance end-user experiences (e.g., more customer service-oriented) and maintain affordability for students (cost per credit hour and SBOE efficiency measure).

GAME CHANGERS

The University of Idaho has taken several steps to meet the four metrics of Complete College America’s “Game Changers” initiative aimed at closing institutional performance gaps.

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GOAL 4:

Foster an inclusive, diverse community of students, faculty and staff and improve cohesion and morale.

PURPOSE

Aligning the college experience to each student’s goals for the future

- Degree Finder – Explore more than 220 U of I majors via an online database
- Career Finder – Discover majors and in-demand careers with the EMSI-powered database
- Student Life – Students can pick from more than 200 student clubs, 34 Greek chapters and countless other opportunities for engagement

MOMENTUM

Helping students meet critical early milestones that put them on track to graduate

- VandalStar Program – Collaborative Advising provides real-time grade updates and regular communication to help students access support resources
- Multiple Measures
- Credit for Competency
- Momentum Pathways
- 15 to finish / 30 credits per year
- Math and English co-requisite courses
- Momentum year (in the first year, complete gateway Math and English + 9 credits in the major)
- Free Online English Placement Tool

SUPPORT

Addressing student needs and removing barriers to academic success through various programs

- Centralized Advising
- Proactive Advising Services
- Career Services
- Career Specific Career Liaisons
- Career Readiness Competencies with Hiretion & GoiGlobal
- Vandal Mentor Network
- Academic Coaching
- Degree Mapping
- Student Support Services
- Vandal Care/ Case Management

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Build Our Future

**FY21 SIGNATURE GIFTS**

- **Jeffry ’75 and Kristine ’76 Stoddard**
  - $9.75 million in gifts in kind of furniture, fixtures, computers and servers, and complete library for the new College of Law building in Boise.

- **Duvard and Susan Huckabay Foundation**
  - $5 million in scholarship support for students in the Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program. The Huckabay Foundation has given a total of $12 million to Idaho WWAMI, establishing U of I’s largest single endowment.

- **David ’70 and M.A. ’69 Poe**
  - $2.1 million in blended giving (current and bequest) to support student success through scholarships for music, athletics and general financial need, as well as study abroad experiences.

- **J.R. Simplot Company Foundation**
  - $1 million to support the Saad Hafez endowed chair of nematology at U of I’s Parma Research & Extension Center.

- **Clint ’97 and Kim ’97 Marshall**
  - $1 million to provide funding for the ICCU Arena and the President’s Scholarship Fund.

- **Micron Technology, Inc. and the Micron Foundation**
  - $500,000 in grants to expand equitable access to education, diversify enrollment and prepare students for productive and fulfilling engineering careers.

- **Redox Chemicals, LLC**
  - $500,000 to support the Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (CAFE) project.

- **Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health, Inc. and Optum Idaho**
  - $500,000 for support of Idaho WWAMI Project ECHO behavioral health programming to create a dialogue among clinicians about best practices and resources.

**Idaho Center for Plant and Soil Health**

Located at the Parma Research and Extension Center, this $5.5 million project will provide increased research space to better equip faculty to address grower concerns and issues facing industry. Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2022.

**J.W. Martin Laboratory Deep Soil Ecotron Project**

Construction of the NSF-funded Deep Soil Ecotron will begin this year. The $18.9 million facility will be the first of its kind in the world and will allow unprecedented research aimed at exploring deep soils. Construction will continue through Fall 2026.

**Seed Potato Germplasm Laboratory**

Construction of the new Seed Potato Germplasm Laboratory was completed in November 2021. The $5.2 million project improves facilities where 90% of the state’s 300-plus potato varieties trace their roots. The state-of-the-art facility will allow for increased research and production to meet growing demand for plantlets and mini-tubers – a mainstay in Idaho’s agricultural economy. Production will increase by three times in the next five years. The revenue will allow the university to invest in technology and research to support student training and education.

**ICCU Arena**

Idaho Central Credit Union (ICCU) Arena opened its doors in October 2021 as the home of Vandal Basketball and the University of Idaho Alumni Center. This building shines a light on Idaho’s valuable wood products industry and will be a showcase of mass-timber construction.

**Steam Micro-Turbines and Energy Independence**

With the installation of three steam micro-turbines, U of I is on its way to energy independence and carbon-neutrality. The steam micro-turbines convert excess steam produced to heat our campus into electricity that powers our buildings. By harnessing this power, the turbines will reduce annual campus energy costs by up to 10%.
A KEY COMPONENT OF THE SUCCESS OF OUR REGIONAL AIRPORT

U of I’s long standing collaboration with and support for Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport (PUW) benefits the university and the community. In addition to supplying representation on the PUW board of directors, the university has provided $500,000 in financial support of the PUW’s recently-completed $150,000,000 runway realignment project and has committed $400,000 to the construction of a new terminal building. The new facilities allow improved air service for students, employees and the wider community and open many possibilities for new direct routes and connections with existing and new airline partners. The university also negotiated with Alaska Airlines for a successful return of service from PUW to Boise, supporting statewide goals for intrastate aviation and benefiting students, employees and the entire community with improved air service to the state capital.

GRITMAN MEDICAL CENTER

Our relationship with Gritman Medical Center in Moscow and throughout Latah County spans from Gritman’s support of university events to our collaboration on Student Health services to shared facilities and programs with the WWAMI medical education program. When times were particularly challenging, Gritman was instrumental in our response to the pandemic, partnering on education, COVID testing on campus and at the hospital, vaccinations and helping us with data and expertise in defining our overall response.