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TO: University of Idaho Faculty and Staff
FROM: Chuck Staben, President
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SUBJECT: U of I Again Sees Enrollment Rise

I am pleased to announce that the University of Idaho has reached a milestone in our enrollment efforts.

For the first time in five years, our official overall student enrollment has exceeded 12,000. Our total enrollment rose 2.4 percent for the 2017-18 academic year, to 12,072. Idaho resident enrollment is up 3.9 percent – a testament to our dedication to fulfilling our land-grant mission.

We are also making a difference in providing a great experience for our students as shown through an increase in retention. Our retention rate this fall is 82 percent and is proof of the hard work you have put in.

We also increased diversity at U of I: Hispanic undergraduate

enrollment increased 9.1 percent, and Native American undergraduate enrollment increased 2 percent. Our population of international students also grew, thanks in part to the creation of the [Global Student Success Program through Navitas](#). Total international enrollment is up 7.3 percent.

Reaching this point has been no small task. You have all worked diligently to support our enrollment and retention efforts. Enrollment growth this year is a shared accomplishment, a university-wide effort, from those working on Vandal Ideas Project: Engage grants to improve Idaho's go-on rate, to our staff members participating in the Student Success Initiative. I appreciate the efforts of faculty and staff who show up every day and put in the effort to help our students succeed. We could not have done this without you.

I offer my heartfelt thanks to Vice Provost Dean Kahler and the team in the Division of Strategic Enrollment Management. Dean and his team have brought energetic new ideas to our university, and I am confident we will continue to see growth as a result of their dedication.

While there is always more work to be done, please take a moment to celebrate this success. You are making a difference to our university, our state and our nation.

Go Vandals!
