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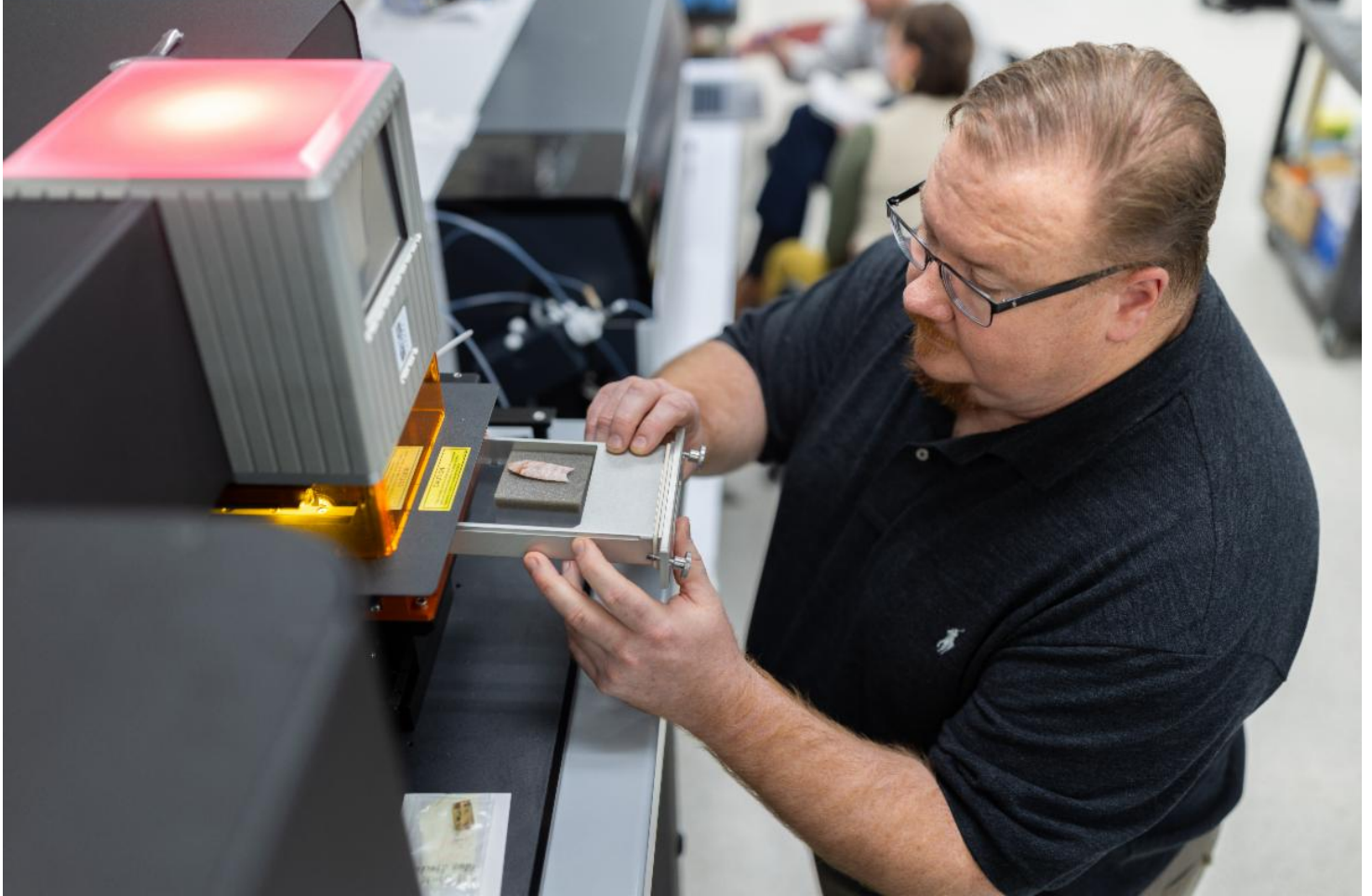
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News

Revolutionizing Research: Idaho State's Rare Instrument Opens New Frontiers in Science

Discover how Idaho State University's newly installed state-of-the-art mass spectrometer, one of only three in the world, is revolutionizing research across multiple fields—from archaeology to forensic science—while providing unprecedented training opportunities for students and fostering collaboration in groundbreaking scientific exploration.



Groundbreaking Scientific Research

Upcoming Theater Season Announced as Farm Bureau and ISU Celebrate Continued Partnership

The full schedule for the upcoming theater season, as well as the 2025 Farm Bureau Summer Theatre production, was announced at an event celebrating Farm Bureau's continued sponsorship of the university theater program for another five years.

FARM BUREAU INSURANCE PRESENTS SUMMER COMMUNITY THEATRE



Summer Theatre



A Testament to Student Dedication

Through the unwavering dedication of the ISU Philosophy Club and alumnus Tom Neel, students will enjoy support in the philosophy program through the establishment of the William McCurdy Memorial Scholarship Fund.



McCurdy Endowment

Feeding Both Mind and Body

“There was an old Roman poet, Juvenal, who came up with the phrase *‘mens sana in corpore sano,’* which means, *‘a healthy mind in a healthy body.’* That’s what so many people are trying to help the pantry accomplish.”

Shopping for Benny's Pantry

STRATA



Pedro Giraudó
Tango Quartet
Idaho State-Civic Symphony

Idaho State Civic Symphony Debut Album and Release Concert

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The Idaho State Civic Symphony released its first album, *Strata*, on the ISCS Commercial Music Department's City Creek Records label today! This collaboration with the Grammy Award winning Pedro Giraudo Tango Quartet is available on all major streaming platforms.

Idaho State-Civic Symphony Debut Album Release Concert

November 9 | 7:30 PM | Jensen Concert Hall

Latin GRAMMY Award-winning bassist and composer Pedro Giraudo, brings the passionate music of his native Argentina to life with his compelling Tango Orchestra in an exciting collaboration with the Idaho State-Civic Symphony and the Idaho State University Department of Music.

ISCS Album

From Benny the Bengal to AI Innovator: Todd Takashi Itami's Journey Through Learning, Tech, and Law

Discover how an Idaho State alumnus combined his love for tech and law, going from Benny the Bengal mascot to leading AI-driven legal solutions for global companies.

TODD

*"Whatever your interests are,
really aggressively
pursue those."*

Sociology, 2008
Director of AI, Covington & Burling



ROAR

Alumnus Todd Takashi Itami's Story

Idaho State University and Umpqua Community College Join Forces to Address Rural Mental Health Crisis

"As the lead institution in Idaho for health care education, ISU is committed to expanding our reach to neighboring states to meet critical health care needs through strategic and collaborative partnerships.

We are proud to add Umpqua Community College, a leader in health education in Oregon, as a partner in meeting the workforce needs of our area." ISU President Robert W. Wagner

UCC and ISU Partnership

ISU Introduces New Advisory Board to Foster Excellence in Social Work Education

Idaho State University has formed a Social Work Programs Advisory Board (SWPAB) to enhance its Bachelor of Arts and Master of Social Work programs by providing curriculum feedback, addressing contemporary community challenges, and supporting fundraising initiatives.

SWPAB

Student Achievements



ISU October Career Path Intern of the Month

Vic Thomas, a sophomore marketing major and promotions intern at ISU's School of Performing Arts, excels in design, social media, and communication, with a strong drive and that has positively impacted her team.

CPI Recognition



Graduate Student Earns Literary Award

Dr. Amanda Zink and ISU English graduate students recently traveled to the Western Literature Association conference, where PhD student Aniqah Jahangeer won the prestigious J. Golden Taylor Award.

Graduate Students at Conference

Events



Art à la Carte

November 1 | 5-8 PM | Pocatello Art Center- 444 N Main St.

We invite the community to join us for an evening of art, culture, and camaraderie, while supporting our dedicated art students. Take home a unique piece of art and celebrate our ISU artists!



TEDx ISU

Nov. 2 | 2-7 PM | Frazier Hall, E Carter St, Pocatello

Join us for TEDx ISU as we explore the theme "Navigating the Unknown" with inspiring talks from ISU students and faculty. Reserve your spot to connect with ideas that challenge, enlighten, and spark new perspectives!



Neurodivergent Social Support Group

November 4 | December 2 | 6-8 PM | 501 Garrison Hall

This group supports neurodivergent individuals by hosting regular meetings focused on community, collaboration, and shared experiences. Free and open to all Neurodivergent adults (18+) in the Pocatello community.



Election Night Watch Party

November 5 | 6 PM | Pond Student Union Ballroom

This event offers students a chance to engage with the electoral process in an inclusive, non-partisan setting. Join us for trivia, election updates, discussions, and refreshments, including pizza, sandwiches, cupcakes, and more!



Alan Johnson Pilgrimage Talk

November 13 | 7 PM | Little Wood River in the Pond Student Union Building

Dr. Johnson will present the ISU Phi Kappa Phi Chapters Scholarly Lecture: "Pilgrimage Landscape and Literary Imagination."



Humanities Café

November 14 | 6-8 PM | Union Taproom, 230 W Bonneville St.

Join us for *Finding the Seams: Baseball in History and Literature*, where Kevin Marsh and Matthew VanWinkle will explore baseball's cultural impact through history and poetry—complete with free food and a no-host bar.



The Little Prince

November 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 | 7:30 PM | Bistline Theatre

The Little Prince is a timeless tale of a young prince's journey through different planets, discovering profound lessons about love, friendship, and the human experience.

Frank Church Symposium 2025



April 3-4, 2025 | Pocatello Campus and Online (Hybrid)

Save the date for *Women Today: Politics, Perceptions, and Power* to engage with leading voices on topics like media framing, bodily autonomy, healthcare, and global



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Announcements

Research Participants Needed

Participants of a study on cognitive behavior treatment for insomnia will receive \$100 and free therapy.

[Access study details here.](#)

Proposals for Undergraduate Travel Funds

The College of Arts and Letters is [accepting proposals for travel funds](#) from full-time undergraduate students in the college. See the attached proposal for more information.

Want to share your ROAR?

[Apply to speak at commencement](#) as a challenging and rewarding capstone to your college experience! Deadline to Apply is Nov. 8.



Dean Kandi Turley Ames talks to ISU alumnus Tom Neel about his 30+ years of federal service in intelligence, cybersecurity, and emerging technologies, and how his ISU education laid the foundation for his global career.



Mark and Becky discuss the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program and Becky's work as a Project Manager for the Engineering Department for the City of Pocatello.

Contact us. We'd love to hear from you!

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