LETTER FROM LYN

After the furious and energy consuming pace of the spring semester followed by the excitement and energy of celebrating commencement, the weeks that follow are a welcome change of pace. Months of operating at full capacity are rewarded by watching what our students have achieved as they walk across the stage and collect their diplomas, dart off to summer jobs and internships, or remain with us to help shape programs for the fall. Summer provides us with the time to work on projects, plan for the new year, and enjoy some fun in the sun with our colleagues and friends.

At our April all-staff meeting, I asked you to get to know each other by asking why we do what we do. During the very lively discussions, I repeatedly heard our staff share their “why” is for and because of students. It is so gratifying to hear you, in your own words, embody the mission of the Division of Student Affairs.

With this commitment to serve our students, please don’t overlook taking care of your own personal and professional needs. Summer is an opportune time to engage in program and self-development. I encourage each of you to look for opportunities to enhance your own professional development. Perhaps you want to connect with peers at our sister institutions; develop or participate in a book club; or join friends and colleagues in some brown bag discussions.

I have mentioned how much I enjoy the respite of summer and how it provides us opportunities to refocus on our departments, but we should not forget ourselves. Summer is an ideal time to take lunch breaks by the bronze Bengal, enjoy Thursday night concerts on the quad, participate in a river trip with the OAC, or go on a vacation/staycation. Remember—this is an ideal time to reflect, renew, and recharge.
If you have been in the Student Union recently, there is no doubt that you have encountered a relatively new face to the Bengal family, Zach McMurtry. When I was conducting random sample polls of who should be featured next in our staff spotlight Zach’s name was mentioned several times. This was not unsurprising to me, because if you have had the opportunity to work with Zach you know it’s a true pleasure. Minutes spent in the company of Zach confirm that he is a positive, helpful, committed, and driven person. I asked Zach to answer a few questions so we could all get to know a little more about him and his infectious personality!

**What do you do on campus?** I am the craftsman senior for student affairs. Sometimes you might find me at the Rendezvous or the ELC, but my duties at the Student Union building keep me very busy.

**How long have you worked for ISU?** One year and two months.

**What has been your favorite experience at ISU?** Good question. So far there have been so many great experiences, but I would have to say the first day I started pursuing a degree. It was a very exciting time for myself and my family.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** I love to rock hound, paint, draw and collect gemstones of all varieties.

**If you could do or be anything for day, what would you choose?** Only a day? Well, I would be the hand of peace for mankind, or something to that effect.

**What is your favorite thing about the Student Union?** Without a doubt my favorite thing about the Student Union would be the many awesome people I get to work with and the students I have the honor to serve.

**Who is your leadership inspiration/why?** Mahatma Gandhi. “Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.” Need I say more? :)

**What is something people might be surprised to know about you?** I am a Life Scout and a Cub Scout leader for Pack 363 Wolf Den here in Pocatello. I believe scouting can be a great experience for boys and girls looking for activities that enrich their lives while growing up.

**What are you most excited or passionate about?** So many things I am passionate about. But the thing that I am excited about the most would be the future I get to experience with my wife even though I am hard to deal with some times. Sorry honey love ya!

**What would you like people to know about you** It’s been a hard knocks life but no matter what is going on in your life you and only you have the power within yourself to rise above it and march forth. Been there. Huge thanks to you all.
HAPPENING IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

Career Center

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Jeff Christensen recently received the Idaho Career Development Association "Leader of the Year" award.

Emily Jahsman presented about the CPI program at the Western Academic Leadership Academy's "Great Ideas for Inclusive Practices in Higher Education" in Boulder, Colorado. She also presented on the CPI program at the Elevate Leadership Summit on May 16th, 2019. The Elevate Leadership Summit (ELS) is an annual non-profit conference dedicated to developing effective and engaged leaders at all levels.

NEW STAFF

Vianca Morales was hired as the Career Center’s Administrative Assistant II to replace Pat Harris, who retired on May 15.

Jared Anderson was hired as the Job Location and Development Coordinator and began on May 6.

Central Academic Advising

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Steve Coburn was selected as CPI for the month of April and won third place for CPI of the Year
Erika Rueda (CPI student) received the Cesar Chavez Student Leadership Award
Kellie Gilmore (CPI student) received the Economics Student of the Year

Counseling and Testing

EVENTS
April 30-June 18, Tuesday mornings 9 AM-12 PM: Mindful Self-Compassion training for student affairs staff. Contact Jen Miesch miesjenn@isu.edu for more information.

June 5-July 24, Wednesday mornings 9 AM-12 PM: Biofeedback Training. This training is full. Contact Matt Ashton ashtmatt@isu.edu for more information.

The Mindfulness Meditation Group is open to students, staff, faculty, and community it is free of charge and no experience is necessary. Sessions are held Thursday and Friday through August 2nd at 12:15-12:45 PM. To learn more about Thursday meditations please contact Nisha or Samantha at calmcats@isu.edu. For more information on Friday meditation please contact Jen Miesch at 208-282-2130 or email miesjenn@isu.edu
Outdoor Adventure Center

NEW STAFF

Taylor Cole has been hired as the new Outdoor Recreation Coordinator for the Outdoor Adventure Center. She grew up in East Aurora, New York, and relocated to Pocatello to attend ISU. Taylor graduated from ISU with degrees in Sociology and Outdoor Education in the spring of 2016. While at ISU, Taylor was a member of the women’s tennis team and worked as a student programmer at the Outdoor Adventure Center. Following graduation, Taylor moved to Missoula, Montana to pursue a Masters in Recreation Management. Her work at the University of Montana focused on the thru-hiker experience on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, including both extensive qualitative research and field research focused on visitor use management. She continued working in outdoor programming while attending UM, filling the role of student rental coordinator at the Outdoor Program on campus. Taylor loves to backpack, trail run, and cross-country ski with her dog, Banjo, and is thrilled to be back among friends at Idaho State University.

EVENTS

Please see the OAC Calendar for complete details on these events including information on activity level, cost, and pre-trip meetings.

**River Rescue Workshop**
Friday, May 31: 6:00 – 8:00PM Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

**Open Horseback Riding**
Tuesdays through August 28, 5:30-7:30 PM

**Open Climb Thursday**
Thursday’s through October 18, 5:00-8:00 PM

**Caving Saturday**
June 8

**Salmon River Whitewater Rafting**
June 10-16, 2019

**Kayaking Blackfoot Canal**
Tuesday, June 18 & July 16, 5:00-8:00 PM

**Beginning Kayak Workshop**
Thursday, June 20: 5:00-8:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23

**Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) the Snake Saturday**
June 29, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
HAPPENING IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

Scheduling and Facility Services

UPDATES
The Office of the Student Union Facilities is now located in the Scheduling and Event Services office. In addition to their new office mates, the Scheduling and Facility Services offices are sporting the new ISU colors. Feel free to stop by and check them out!

Scholarship Office

HIGHLIGHTS
The ISU Scholarship Office provided the highest amount of "4-year recruitment" scholarship offers to Idaho resident (first year students), graduates of an Idaho High School admitted fall 2019 (compared to previous years). In total over $16 million in 4 year offers were made to Idaho high school graduates who will be first year students.

The new Bengal Alumni Legacy Scholarship (one-time initiative for new incoming first year/transfer students starting fall 2019) has been offered to 177 children/grandchildren of ISU Alumni.

TRIO

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Idaho Business Review named Dr. Sari Byerly as an Accomplished Under 40 Honoree for 2019. The under 40 program honors young professionals who represent the next generation of leaders in business, health care, nonprofit work, government and academia. These professionals contribute to their communities both on and off the clock, and they show great promise for the future.