Student Emergency Fund:
The Student Emergency Fund provides emergency financial support to ISU students who are unable to meet essential expenses due to temporary or unforeseen hardships. These funds are not intended for routine expenses or to replace existing financial aid, but instead are used to help full-time students in crisis situations make progress toward degree completion. Last year 29 students were assisted using these funds totaling around $5,610. So far this semester the fund has provided $1,365 in assistance.

Of students who accessed the fund last year, over 80% returned for classes at ISU this year. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Before people can pull themselves up by the bootstraps, they need a pair of boots."

Spring 2019 Class Registration:
Please be aware of the upcoming class registrations, all of which begin at midnight on each date. Direct students to meet with their advisors and register on the correct date!
- November 5th: Seniors & Graduate Students
- November 7th: Juniors
- November 9th: Sophomores
- November 12th: Freshman & Non-Degree Seeking Students

ISU Women's Club Holiday Fair:
Come support the ISU Women's Club Scholarship Fund on November 9th (10am-6pm) and 10th (10am-4pm) in the Ballroom! 20% of vendor proceeds and 100% of raffle and silent auction sales go toward the fund.
Bengal & Parent Family Network:
Lowell Richards and Heidi Oliver have been developing The Bengal and Parent Family Network over the past year. This incredible program invites parents, siblings, grandparents, spouses, and/or partners to join in and be a part of the Bengal family. There are no membership fees to join and all are encouraged to participate.

Members in the Network receive a quarterly Parent and Family e-newsletter, communication about upcoming events, and access to a network of professional staff and student liaisons to support their family. Families can also utilize the network to identify campus and community resources as well as find answers to questions their students or they themselves may have. The Network kicked off its membership drive on Friday, August 17, 2018. There are currently 250 members enrolled!

Ultimately, the Bengal Parent and Family Network allows us to provide support for families as they go through their own transitions with a student away at college. All of this information, along with links to important resources for students and parents, is available on the Network website (http://www.isu.edu/parents). Please check it out!

Staff Spotlight - Craig Thompson:
What do you do on campus?
I serve as the Director of University Housing and have the pleasure of working with a tremendous team that strives to provide the best residential experiences possible! I also participate on the University's Strategic Marketing Team, as well as the Student Affairs Marketing Team.

How long have you worked for ISU?
I have been with Idaho State University Housing for just over nine years, but am a loyal alum who graduated as a Bengal and bleeds orange and black going back to the 1970s.

What is your favorite thing about working in Student Affairs?
Working in Student Affairs is the best of both worlds. We are able to assist and work with our wonderful students, as well as work side-by-side with some of the best staff members at the University.

What do you wish people knew about you or your position?
About me: I’m gregarious, outgoing and approachable! I thrive in a social setting and really like meeting new people. I love looking at creative solutions to problems. I truly believe we are all members of the same team... we just play different positions!

About my job: I believe that I have the best job on campus. I work with our great Housing Staff, work with the amazing faculty/staff throughout ISU, participate across campus on various committees and teams, and really feel like I am making a difference on campus.

What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?
Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Gathering with family and friends to celebrate is the most important thing, the food is just a bonus! I can narrow my favorites to three: Ginger Sweet Potatoes, Chestnut and Sausage Stuffing, and my annual contribution, Pecan Pie Cheesecake.

November Fun Facts:
- The first Thanksgiving was held in Autumn of 1621. Fifty Pilgrims & 90 Wampanoag Indians attended.
- The Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 & included live animals from Central Park Zoo.
- Americans eat roughly 46 million turkeys every Thanksgiving.