This Newsletter:
Welcome to the Division of Student Affairs Newsletter! This newsletter will serve as a form of interdepartmental communication. Upcoming events, important meeting information, & various department updates will be highlighted each and every month! If you would like an item added to next month's newsletter, email sargjess@isu.edu.

RESPOND Training:
In-depth workshop to help faculty & staff feel comfortable & prepared to offer support to students experiencing emotional distress & know when to refer to a professional counselor. Training takes place from 8:30am-3:30pm at the following locations/dates:

**Meridian:** Nov. 9, Health Science Center, Rm 681/682, RSVP myersoni@isu.edu

**Idaho Falls:** Nov. 9, Bennion SUB, Rm 109, RSVP hanvblan@isu.edu

**Pocatello:** Nov. 2, SUB Middle Fork Room, RSVP nelsrobi@isu.edu

Winter Coat Drive:
Help Bengal students stay warm this winter by donating new/gently used coats, hats, & gloves (all sizes). Drop off is available Oct. 22-31 from 9am-5pm at the Office of Student Involvement & Orientation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Oct. 22:** Winter Coat Drive Begins
- **Oct. 26-28:** Family Weekend
- **Oct. 27:** Home Football Game
- **Oct. 29-Nov. 1:** Diversity Week
- **Nov. 1:** *Ivory Tower* Showing & Discussion (Bengal Theater, 3-5pm)
- **Nov. 2-3:** Ski Swap (Ballroom)
A Letter from Lyn:

It is always around this time of year that I reflect on the beauty of change. As the air chills and as dusk appears a little sooner each day, I can't help but appreciate how Mother Nature so gracefully and naturally adjusts to the changing season. Leaves turn from summer green to sunny yellow, vibrant red, and even Bengal orange. Usually change is difficult, but it seems effortless for the leaves who silently and neatly fall to the ground.

This year is a transition year with my arrival to this Division as well as the arrival of President Satterlee to this University. Perhaps this campus could have stood stubborn and unchanging like a large pine tree. We could have bristled at the new ideas, the new people, and the new approaches. We could have resisted the new season in Idaho State's history by refusing to drop our leaves and adjust to the coming winter cold. In short, we could have refused to grow, but instead we, the administrators, faculty, staff, and students, have allowed and encouraged positive change to occur amid exquisite colors of yellow, red, and orange.

As a new Bengal, I feel unbelievably blessed to have found a home at Idaho State and more specifically within the Division of Student Affairs. I have been absolutely amazed at how much time, effort, and heart each of you consistently give in order to assist, encourage, and empower our students as they reach for their goals and accomplish their dreams. It is a genuine pleasure to work alongside so many fun, caring, hard-working, and sincere individuals. Thank you for the work you have done, the work you are doing, and the work you will undoubtedly do in the future.

This newsletter will serve as a major form of communication for the Division. My purpose in creating this newsletter is threefold. First, this newsletter will allow for the sharing of important information such as upcoming events and dates to keep in mind. Second, this newsletter will allow each area of the Division to learn about and feel connected to every other area of the Division. Third, and perhaps most importantly, this newsletter is a forum by which we can acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of this Division from big projects to people who deserve extra recognition.

Ultimately, it is my hope that the Division of Student Affairs can continue to adjust and transform as the many seasons come and go, both the sunny and joyful as well as the chilly and crisp. I hope each of us can continue through this busy time together by appreciating those colorful, crunchy, and changing leaves.

October Fun Facts:

- The record low temperature for Pocatello on October 31st is 7 degrees, which was set in 2003.
- The record high temperature for Pocatello on October 31st is 71 degrees, which was set in 1988.
- The United States spends roughly $9.1 Billion on Halloween (decor, candy, costumes) each year!