



## The Update in Brief

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## UHP FUN FIND WINNER!



**Congratulations to Chloe Barron '27 for solving the puzzle and sending the first complete and correct solution! When Chloe isn't solving puzzles and working on her Nuclear Engineering degree and Mathematics minor, she likes to read and swim, and is a member of the Chi Alpha Club.**



**"Memorial Tree #18" is the solution and is located between the Business Administration building and Fraiser Hall. Idaho State University plants memorial trees to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the university or the community. These trees serve as living memorials, symbolizing remembrance and recognition of the impact these individuals had. Tree #18 was planted for Dr. Sheelwant B. Pawar, who was a professor of Management from 1967 to 1999, and died in 2023.**

**[View a map of of the ISU Memorial and Retirement Trees](#)**

# Announcements & Opportunities

## Rake-A-Difference Volunteer Opportunity

Rake-A-Difference is an annual community event that raises funds to support the [Pocatello Free Clinic](#). Volunteers are needed to rake and transport leaves. This year's raking days will be Friday, Nov 1st and 8th (2:00pm to dusk) and Saturdays, Nov 2nd and 9th (10am - 2pm).

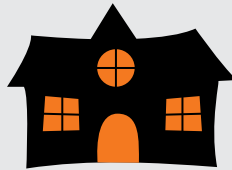
More information and sign-up forms are at:

[isu.edu/honors/rake](https://isu.edu/honors/rake)

## Volunteer for the Haunted Halls of Graveley

The Student Anthropology Society is looking for scare actors and volunteers to help set up in their "Haunted Halls of Graveley" Haunted House. Weds, Oct 23, 6-8pm.

[Fill out this form if you want to volunteer.](#)



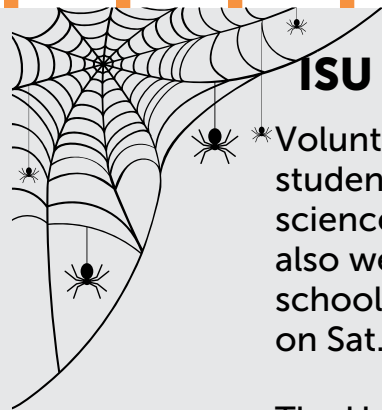
## ISU Physics' Haunted Science Laboratory Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help set up and prepare for the hundreds of local students attending the event. The ISU Haunted Science Lab is a set of interactive science exhibits targeted at grades 5 - 12, though 3rd and 4th grade students are also welcome. Field trip sessions are offered free of charge to public and private schools, and to youth groups from Oct. 17 - 25. We will also open it to the public on Sat. Oct, 26.

The Haunted Lab will be in Building B at the Bannock County Event Center, and will feature more than 50 educational and interactive science exhibits designed to delight, fright, and educate visiting students. Some exhibits use the same principles as Disneyland's Haunted Science Mansion, except they are explained.

Set up for the event will take place from October 2 through October 16, field trips are scheduled for October 17 - 25, the public day will be October 26, and take down sessions will be on October 27 through November 2.

For more information on volunteering and to sign up, contact Steve Shropshire at (208) 282-2212 or [shrostev@isu.edu](mailto:shrostev@isu.edu).



## Belonging, Equity, and Inclusion Conference

The College of Education (CoE) is hosting the 5th Annual annual [CoE Belonging, Equity, and Inclusion \(BEI\) Conference](#) on Friday November 1, 2024 from 2:00 - 7:00 PM MST at the ICCU Bengal Alumni Center. This conference is open to students, faculty, staff, and community members. There will a poster session to celebrate the great work that our campus community is doing related to BEI.



# MORE Announcements & Opportunities



Idaho National Laboratory

## Intern in Mechanical Engineering Opportunity

Reporting to the Engineering Process Design and Realization group, the intern will enhance the system design and integration capabilities for bioenergy, advanced manufacturing, and robotics work. The candidate must have strong applied computer aided drafting (CAD) skills. The candidate must have a foundational education in engineering principles related to dynamics of mechanisms, heat transfer, fluids, and solid mechanics. The intern will work in a team environment and must be an individual with an open mindset and a willingness to learn and advance their engineering skillset.

**Learn more and [Apply by Oct 11](#)**

## ISU Conduct Hearing Board Student Representatives Needed

The Dean of Students Office is seeking student volunteers to sit on the Conduct Hearing Board. This volunteer board is made up of students, staff, and faculty from across campus with diverse backgrounds, majors, career paths, etc. There are a handful of conduct cases each semester that come through the Dean of Students Office that are unique, have a potential for removing the student(s) involved from the ISU community, and may have significant consequences to their student status. It can be very meaningful and educational for those going through a conduct hearing to have some fellow students be a part of the decision making process.



Student volunteers who participate on the board will get training, receive resume building experience, and get to engage as an ISU community member in a unique way. Some of the qualities we are looking for include:

- Critical thinkers- students who can sort through a plethora of information and glean essential information.
- Detail oriented- students who notice small details but also can see the bigger picture.
- Empathetic- Students who are kind and can look at multiple sides of a situation and see each side objectively.
- Strong communicators- students who are confident and articulate while also being appropriate and thoughtful in their interactions.
- Must be in good standing with ISU

**If you have any questions, contact Associate Dean of Students, Felice B. Otero at [feliceotero@isu.edu](mailto:feliceotero@isu.edu).**

**[Conduct Board Student Representation Application](#)**

## Sustainability Student Fund Grant

The ISU Sustainability Student Fund Grant was developed to empower students to drive sustainability initiatives on campus. The grant offers students the support to strengthen professional development skills, foster innovation, and enhance future opportunities while contributing to greener ISU campuses. Deadline to apply is October 14.

**More information and a link to the application at:**

**[www.isu.edu/sustainability/involvement/student-fund-grant](http://www.isu.edu/sustainability/involvement/student-fund-grant)**



# OCTOBER

## UHP EVENTS



### BALLOTS & BROWNIES

Thursday, October 17  
5-7 pm | SUB



### COMEDY NIGHT

Friday, October 25  
7-9:30 pm | REND ABC Suites



### HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, October 30  
7 pm | Planetarium (REND 203)

[Take this survey to vote on the movie.](#)



### PUMPKIN PAINTING

Thursday, October 31  
5-7 pm | REND ABC Suites

## LGBT+ History Month Event: Screening of The Lavender Scare

The Lavender Scare is a documentary about the federal government's attacks on LGBTQ people. The screening will be followed by a discussion led by Honors Director Dr. Robey and Honors student Logan Bowman. The talk will begin at 7:30 pm and can be accessed by this [Zoom link](#) for those who can't attend in person.

Sponsored by: The Department of History

[Online Screening Option](#): Streaming is available from 10/5-10/11. Password is: isu

**Wednesday, October 9 | 6:00 PM | Liberal Arts Building Room 324**



### Register for the Fall 24 BAHM!

We are offering three BAHM sessions. Choose the one that fits your schedule:

Monday, Oct 21 | 5pm - 6pm

Tuesday, Oct 22 | 8am - 9am

Wednesday, Oct 23 | noon - 1pm

Then select one of the five topics being offered, which vary based on the attendance date chosen.

**RSVP today using the online BAHM RSVP form!**



### Idaho Foodbank Volunteer Opportunity

The UHPC is planning to volunteer at the local Idaho Food Bank later this month. Date is TBD based on survey responses.

Fill out [this survey](#) if you are interested in participating.

### Indigenous Peoples Day

**"We are still here: Tradition and Transformation"**

**October 14 | POND Student Union**

For the full schedule of events, registration details, and volunteer information visit the Indigenous Peoples Day page.

[www.isu.edu/ipd/](http://www.isu.edu/ipd/)



## Join the Department of Biological Sciences for Resources for Success – a Conversation with Dr. Alvarez



Dr. Evelyn N. Alvarez is an environmental health scientist and assistant professor at California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA). Her research largely focuses on environmental smartphone applications and wearable technology to promote environmental justice. Her research interests also include examining underrepresented narratives in the climate change dialogue and demystifying sustainable living

Where and how do you find **resources** to help you achieve your academic and career goals? How do you define **success**? Dr. Alvarez will share her own experiences and answer student questions in this informal conversation

Pre-submit your questions for Dr. Alvarez through the QR code

Date/time: Wednesday October 9, 4-5pm

Location: Lecture Center 17

Reception in Gale Life Sciences Lobby  
immediately following

For more information, please contact:


Dr. Devaleena Pradhan ([devaleenapradhan@isu.edu](mailto:devaleenapradhan@isu.edu)) or Dr. Heather Ray ([heatherray2@isu.edu](mailto:heatherray2@isu.edu))

Department of Biological Sciences



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# Voting in the 2024 General Election: A Recap

BANNOCK COUNTY	STATE OF IDAHO	NOVEMBER 5, 2024
OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT		26 Pocatello
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER</b>                  To vote, completely fill in the oval (●) next to the candidate or measure of your choice with black or blue pen. Write-ins are allowed when there is a qualified write-in candidate. Fill in the oval next to "Write-in" space and print the full name of the candidate.                  If you make a mistake, request a new ballot from an election worker.</p> 		
CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES OFFICES	CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES OFFICES	CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES
President	United States Representative District 2	County Sheriff

1. Determine your state of residence. This is not automatically Idaho, just because you are currently living in Idaho. Your driver's license is a good starting point.
2. Got to [vote.gov](https://vote.gov), enter your state of residence and check to see if you are already registered. If Idaho is your state of residence, go to [voteidaho.gov](https://voteidaho.gov).
3. If you're not registered, get registered!
4. If you currently don't live in your place of residence, request an absentee (by mail) ballot from your state. Deadlines vary by state (Idaho deadline is Oct 25)
5. Preview your sample ballot. You can get it from your state election website or got to [vote411.org/ballot](https://vote411.org/ballot)
6. Learn about your state and local ballot measures (e.g., initiatives, propositions, amendments, bonds and levys)

## Bonds and Levies

Bonds and Levies are ways for entities to ask for additional funding from taxpayers, typically homeowners, for building projects (bonds) and maintenance and operations (levy).

School districts most often making bond and levy requests, but cities will sometimes ask for funding for public structures such as sports arenas and performing art centers.

The example to the right is from the [Bannock County sample ballot](#) for Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25. It's hard to read and doesn't explain much, so check out the document on the next page.

**POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT 25**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25**  
**BANNOCK COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION**  
**November 5, 2024**

The purposes for which the proposed levy revenues will be utilized and the approximate amount of levy funds to be allocated for each use are as follows:

Purpose	Approximate Amount Allocated
Salaries and Benefits	\$4,725,000
Textbook and Supplies	\$925,000
Instructional Technology Software and Staffing	\$750,000
Extracurricular Transportation/Travel Expenses	\$600,000
Custodial Services	\$575,000
Extracurricular Salaries	\$475,000
School Resource Officers	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL LEVY AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$8,250,000/per year</b>

Per Idaho Code 34-914 (1)(a): The proposed levy replaces an existing levy that is set to expire on June 30, 2025, and that currently costs \$113.07 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions, and is not expected to change.

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25, Bannock County, State of Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a two year Supplemental Levy, as permitted by law, in the amount of eight million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$8,250,000.00) per year for the purpose of paying lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the schools of the District as stated above for the fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027?

IN FAVOR OF AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY AMOUNT OF \$8,250,000 PER YEAR FOR TWO (2) YEARS

AGAINST AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY AMOUNT OF \$8,250,000 PER YEAR FOR TWO (2) YEARS

**Learn More about the PCSD 25 Supplemental Levy and Idaho Proposition 1 on the following pages.**

# VOTE NOVEMBER 5

## FACTS & INFORMATION

### WHAT IS THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY RENEWAL?

The Supplemental Levy is a renewable, voter-approved levy that helps Idaho school districts cover local operating costs. For the 2023-2024 school year, the supplemental levy funded about 7% of PCSD 25's operating costs, supporting high-quality education and services for nearly 12,000 students in the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25.

### PROPOSED LEVY

- ✓ If passed, the Supplemental Levy will renew \$8.25 million in funding per year for two years.
- ✓ **The levy amount requested by PCSD 25 remains unchanged from the last renewal, maintaining the current level of funding for educational services.**
- ✓ If passed, PCSD 25 will receive a fixed amount of funding as approved, regardless of any increases or decreases in property values across Bannock County.

### Supplemental Levy funds will be allocated each year as follows to maintain PCSD 25's educational services:



**Salaries and benefits** to recruit and retain qualified teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, and support staff to maintain class sizes.  
**\$4,725,000**



**Textbooks & supplies** for access to up-to-date instructional materials that support learning and align with curriculum standards.  
**\$925,000**



**Instructional technology software & staffing** to support curriculum, including training and support for teachers and learners.  
**\$750,000**



**Extracurricular transportation/travel expenses** for participation in events and competitions beyond the local area.  
**\$600,000**



**Custodial Services** to maintain safe and clean schools.  
**\$575,000**



**Extracurricular salaries** for qualified staff to provide learning opportunities outside of the classroom.  
**\$475,000**



**School Resource Officers** to maintain safe and secure public schools.  
**\$200,000**

### LOCAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL LEARNERS

PCSD 25 uses a supplemental levy to bridge the gap between state/federal funding and local needs. Despite increased state funding, **nearly 80% of Idaho's school districts rely on supplemental levies to operate.**



[www.sd25.us](http://www.sd25.us)



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# SCHOOL DISTRICT 25'S SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY

## HOW WILL IT IMPACT ME?

### APPROXIMATE COST TO HOMEOWNERS

If passed, the Supplemental Levy will renew \$8.25 million in funding per year for two years. The estimated annual cost to taxpayers reflects the total per \$100,000 taxable value based on the estimated levy rate.



FISCAL YEAR	LEVY RATE	MONTHLY PAYMENT	ANNUAL PAYMENT	PERCENT DECREASE
2020	0.002043	\$17.03	\$204.30	-17.8%
2021	0.001922	\$16.02	\$192.20	-5.92%
2022	0.001727	\$14.40	\$172.74	-10.14%
2023	0.001267	\$10.57	\$126.78	-26.64%
2024	0.001130	\$9.42	\$113.07	-10.81%
2025	0.001130	\$9.42	\$113.07	-0%

\*All estimates exclude the property tax relief from the School District Facilities Fund, Idaho Statute 33-911, enacted by the Idaho State Legislature in 2023.



## VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

VOTE IN FAVOR OR AGAINST RENEWING THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY.

**Polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Early walk-in voting begins Tuesday, October 1 through Friday, November 1.

### LEVY FACTS

- ✓ This is not a new tax. This is a renewal of the existing levy that has been community-supported for more than sixty years.
- ✓ A supplemental levy asks citizens for additional property tax dollars to support the operation of local schools.
- ✓ **The levy requires a simple majority to pass.**

### ABOUT PCSD 25

Founded in 1887, the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25 is Idaho's 5<sup>th</sup> largest school district, serving:

11,700 LEARNERS

1,700 STAFF MEMBERS

13 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

4 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

3 HIGH SCHOOLS

1 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

1 EARLY LEARNING CENTER

1 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION & CAREER CAMPUS





# Open Primaries Initiative

## How it works



**Ends Idaho's closed primary election**

**Creates an open, non-partisan primary**

Primary Election Ballot	
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**Open to all voters regardless of party affiliation**

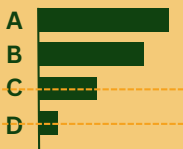
**The top four candidates advance to the general election**



**You have the freedom to pick your top candidate and also to rank additional candidates in order of preference**

General Election Ballot				
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**Instant Runoff Voting**



**To make sure the winner enjoys support from a broad coalition of voters**

**The last-place candidate is eliminated. If you ranked that candidate first, your vote will count for your next choice instead. This process repeats until only two candidates remain**



**The candidate with the most votes is declared the winner!**



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## In Next Week's Edition.....

### On The Ballot: Issues and Candidates

What issues are important to you? How can you decide which candidate to vote for?

### Dispelling Honors Degree Myths & Misinformation

Considering pursuing the Honors Degree, but heard some things that make it sound impossible? Let us give you the most up-to-date and correct information you need to know to make an informed decision.

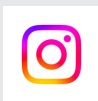


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