

ISU Academic Advisor Campus Updates
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Steven Anderson - Director, University Housing

- University Housing believes in a “Students First” philosophy with a focus to develop and provide a Residence Life curriculum which integrates with ISU academic and other campus departments and offices.
- Experiencing highest campus residence occupancy since 1977.
- In cooperation with ISU’s Center for Teaching & Learning, Housing provides an Academic Resource Center 3 nights a week and a 24-hour quiet area.
- Presently there are four Learning Communities (LC) in the Residence Halls, with another being planned. Information on these LC is available at <http://www.isu.edu/housing/community.shtml>.
 - Health Professions
 - College of Education
 - Outdoor Learning
 - University Honors
 - WILL-Women in Leadership Learning (in development)
- Housing is updating technology in living units, and wireless service is now available to all apartment complexes and to the Rendezvous Center & Turner halls; as of Fall 2009, housing deposits will be made online; by January 2009 Virtual Tours of all living units will be available online; Housing’s goal is to provide wireless service in all living units as resources become available.
- New policies:
 - + unused Flex dollars can carry over from fall to spring semesters
 - + residence hall juniors & seniors are not required to purchase a meal plan
- New developments:
 - + Overnight Orientation program introduces students to campus living
 - + “Amp It Up” - Fall 2008, Housing created planned residence activities between move-in & the beginning of the official Week of Welcome (WOW)
 - + Currently before the State Board of Education is a proposal to address the gap between move-in-day and WOW by allowing students to move into the residence halls on a Friday, get involved in group activities/workshops Saturday-Monday, & allow semester classes to begin on Tuesday rather than Monday.

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Mike Echanis - Director, ISU TRiO Student Services

- TRiO is a federally-funded support program which began on the ISU campus in 1970. ISU TRiO serves 10 outreach counties in Southeast Idaho and has been successful in placing 70% of the college-ready students they work with in post-secondary institutions, as compared with 47% placement of Idaho graduating seniors overall.
- Website: <http://www.isu.edu/trio/index.html>
- The program identifies low-income, first generation-college students beginning in the 8th grade, and focuses on success and obtaining a high school diploma as well as succeeding in higher education (college or university studies). Higher education students with documented disabilities may also qualify for TRiO assistance. TRiO outreach is composed of three programs:
 1. **Educational Talent Search** (support & information for 8th through 12th grade students). Six staff located in Burley, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Twin Falls work with approximately 1050 students.
 2. **Upward Bound** (summer & academic year instruction for 9-12 grade high school students). Two staff located in Pocatello work with 75 high school students.
 3. **Student Support Services** (tutoring, advising and support for college and university students). Two staff located in Pocatello work with 250 college students.
- TRiO employs students as tutors/mentors in middle schools, high schools and for ISU students.
- ISU and TRiO Student Instructors (SI) for specific ISU classes each semester are coordinated through TRiO, and listed at <http://www.isu.edu/trio/sileaders.html> Contact ISU Student Support Services regarding eligibility for tutoring & support services.