



# BENGAL ALUMNI NEWS

The entire USA is Bengal Country!

ISU-UTK



## ALUMNI MOMENT

Jessica Sargent

I had a fun visit at the Baker School in March when President Wagner stopped by for a tour while visiting family in Knoxville. We enjoyed catching up and swapping stories about the University of Tennessee, Idaho State, and beyond, and he also connected with our Associate Dean, Dr. Edmund Stazyk, over shared ties to SUNY Albany. I even snapped a photo of us in Senator Howard Baker's office, where President Wagner appreciated the rich history as a fellow political science enthusiast. A great alumni moment—and maybe the start of a wonderful ISU-UTK connection!



## BENGAL SPIRIT (WALL)

Need more Bengal Gear for your spirit wall? During our Board Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> we want to add a little fun so bring Bengal gear or swag you're ready to part with for a casual Bengal Swap. Rehome items you're no longer using and see if a new-to-you Bengal treasure catches your eye. It's a simple, sustainable way to share the spirit and keep our Bengal pride circulating!





## BENGAL PRIDE

Mike Keckler, a resident of Boise, joined the Bengal Alumni Board in summer 2025.

The second of three generations of Bengals, Mike graduated from Idaho State in 1987 with a bachelors degree in Mass Communications. His son Kyle graduated from ISU last year and is now attending graduate school in Chicago.

Mike recently retired after working more than 40 years in broadcasting and in public affairs, most recently as the communications and legislative affairs officer at the Idaho State Board of Education.

"I care deeply about Idaho State University and am honored to be a member of the Bengal Alumni Board. These are exciting times at ISU and the board is poised to do important work to benefit the university and its students. I look forward to contributing to help further ISU's momentum."

## FUTURE BENGALS

Shawnee Burt's Babies on Campus!



## BENGAL FAN

Cindy Brewer

Just another Bengal Wednesday! I'm 'enjoying the Spring like weather and playing with my granddaughter. I am ready to tailgate for the football games with the Pocatello Elks Lodge, my fellow Alumni, and Bengal fans. GO BENGALS!!!



## BENGAL COMMUNITY

Colton Walker

Serving on the Idaho State Alumni Association Executive Board offers a unique perspective on what it means to stay connected and show up for the university. That importance came into focus at a recent women's softball game, where alumni, families, and fans created an energetic, supportive atmosphere for our student-athletes. The pride in the stands reflected something deeper—an ongoing investment in ISU and its success. Moments like these are a powerful reminder that alumni engagement lives beyond meetings, in shared experiences and collective support. As the team prepares to host the conference championship, that same spirit will be key in showcasing the strength of our Bengal community.

