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Idaho State University
Laura Gleason, Student Success Librarian and Assistant Professor at Idaho State University’s Eli M. Oboler Library, was nominated by Najmeh Dehghanitafti, a doctoral student in English and the teaching of English. Gleason was recognized for her impactful mentorship, which included guiding Dehghanitafti in updating multimedia tutorials on information literacy. Dehghanitafti praised Gleason for creating a supportive environment and providing valuable feedback. The CPI office received numerous nominations this semester, highlighting the significant influence of dedicated mentors like Gleason on student professional growth.
Mark Baker, Chief Administrative Officer at Bingham Healthcare in Blackfoot, Idaho, was nominated by Raquel Reese, a Healthcare Administration student at ISU’s College of Business. Baker was recognized for his comprehensive mentorship, which included introducing Reese to various hospital operations such as physician recruitment, facilities management, and executive administration. Reese praised Baker for his knowledge, patience, and supportive guidance. The CPI office received more than 70 nominations in Fall 2023, showcasing the impact of dedicated mentors like Baker on student professional development.
Ed Isla, an Architectural Drafter for Facilities Services at Idaho State University, was nominated by his CPI intern Jaden Armstrong from the Computer Aided Design Drafting Technology program, was recognized for his dedication to mentoring students. During Armstrong’s internship, Isla involved him in a comprehensive University-wide project, updating ISU’s building plans for integration into a GIS program. Isla’s career, rooted in a passion for visualizing objects, spans roles at NOAA, an engineering firm in Kirkland, and major construction projects in Boise. Joining ISU in 2018, Isla continues to inspire and guide students. This semester, the CPI office received more than 40 nominations, highlighting the significant impact of mentors like Isla on student development.
Jessy Sears, the Emergency Manager for Idaho State University under the Department of Public Safety, was nominated by ISU student Parker Williams, a Homeland Security and Emergency Management major. Sears was recognized for her outstanding mentorship. Williams gained hands-on experience in emergency management, including networking with other agencies and completing FEMA courses. Originally from Preston, Idaho, Sears worked for the TSA and in Emergency Management for the Health Department before joining ISU two years ago. Her students have contributed significantly, including completing the COVID after-action report. The CPI office received more than 80 nominations this semester, highlighting the impact of exceptional supervisors like Sears on student development.
Elizabeth Bowers, a Management Assistant for the College of Arts and Letters at Idaho State University, was nominated by ISU student Kaylee McKay. Bowers was recognized for her exceptional mentorship and support. McKay, a Communication, Media, and Persuasion major, gained valuable experience in marketing, writing press releases, and designing graphics under Bowers' guidance. Bowers also supervised Beth Curtis, an English and Philosophy major, who contributed articles to various publications. Originally from American Falls, Idaho, Bowers was a CPI intern herself before becoming a full-time staff member at ISU in 2017. Her dedication to the CPI program and student development has made a significant impact. In the Spring 2022 semester, the CPI office received more than 40 nominations for the award, highlighting the outstanding contributions of supervisors like Bowers.
Jared Anderson, the Job Location and Development Coordinator in the ISU Career Center, was celebrated for his commitment to mentoring students, particularly highlighted by ISU student and Career Center marketing intern, Ardie Fogelsong. Over the past two semesters, Fogelsong helped enhance the Career Center’s marketing efforts and redesign promotional materials under Anderson’s guidance. Originally from Provo, Utah, Anderson brought a wealth of experience from his seventeen years in the military as an interrogator and linguist, which sparked his passion for teaching. Joining the ISU Career Center in May 2019, Anderson has been instrumental in supporting student growth and development. The CPI office received more than 40 nominations for this award, showcasing the exceptional supervisors within the program.
Johnson and Liimakka have been provided exceptional hands-on experiences to students at the Idaho Transportation Department. Their commitment to mentorship not only helped students gain practical skills in projects ranging from bridge replacement surveying to deer fence adaptation. Both Johnson and Liimakka, natives of Southeast Idaho, expressed their passion for teaching and the joy of making a positive impact on student careers. The CPI program, in its 11th year, continued to offer invaluable career-related experiences, preparing students for successful futures.