



**Idaho State
University**

**College of
Education**

**Education Appreciation Week Scholarship Recipient
Alexis Orr**

1. What is your degree and emphasis area within teaching?

Elementary Education with an emphasis in Mathematics

2. What does receiving this award mean to you?

This reward means a lot to me. As I finish up my last couple weeks at ISU it's a great ending to a great couple of years. It shows that all my hard work is starting to pay off.

3. How do you plan on utilizing the award?

I can't express how much this reward is going to help me out. I plan on using it towards the completion of my college expenses. It gives me relief to have that much less to worry about now that I can finally start my dream job.

4. Why did you choose Idaho State University?

I chose ISU because the cost was unbeatable even coming from out of state. I also fell in love with the town of Pocatello and all that it has to offer. The trails that surround the town are incomparable to what I grew up around. ISU is a great school and I have loved every second of my time being here and all the incredible friends I have made here.

5. How did ISU and the COE prepare you for your current role?

ISU and the COE prepared me for my future job by supplying me with so many various, amazing opportunities. I was able to learn so much within all of my classes as well as getting meaningful experiences within the classrooms with my Career Path Internship and student teaching. Having the real-life experiences and getting time to get to know each student in the 1st-grade class I worked in really solidified my love for teaching. When I moved to student teaching I felt comfortable within the classroom and loved being able to teach on my own. Without these opportunities and knowledge, I would have never known just how much teaching would eventually mean to me. I could have ended up on a

different path that I would have never enjoyed as much as the path I am on now to becoming a teacher of my own classroom. I'm so thankful for these opportunities.

6. What is one takeaway you have learned from your experience with the COE and ISU?

The one takeaway that I have learned from my experience with the COE and ISU is just how important teachers are to the students in the classroom and the impact that they have on each student. In all the classes you take in the COE they express how much you'll one day mean to these students and how much you affect their lives. I never realized how true that could be. I loved spending time in the classroom with all the students and feeling like I'm making a positive difference in their lives and giving them another person to be able to rely on.

7. What has been your favorite part about your experience in the College of Education?

My favorite parts about my experience in the College of Education is the Career Path Internship I had the opportunity to participate in and student teaching. I loved being able to go to school each week and get quality time with all the students and teachers. I learned so much during my time having the internship. I also loved student teaching. Being able to make decisions and be the teacher in a classroom was so much fun! I loved spending every day with the same 3rd-grade students and truly getting to know them. I also learned so much from my cooperating teacher that I know I will use in my future. I was so lucky to get the class and help I did. I was so sad when student teaching ended because I truly loved every second of it.

8. What advice do you have for current students in the COE?

My advice to the current students in the COE is to spend as much time as possible in the schools. It's truly worth it and you'll make so many relationships with students and potential future colleagues that you won't regret it. Experiences are so important, seek them out!