



**Idaho State  
University**

**College of  
Education**

**Education Appreciation Week Scholarship Recipient  
Ryan Rosenfeld**

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

Masters in Education

**2. What does receiving this award mean to you?**

This year brings a lot of challenges. For me, teaching is about making a difference in the lives of my students. Letting them know they matter, letting them know they are important is why I teach. This award feels like a pat on the back for making those efforts and dealing with the other challenges of this year.

**3. How do you plan on utilizing the award?**

I plan on applying it to the bills!

**4. Why did you choose Idaho State University?**

Jamie Webster. We visited a few western schools and made appointments with the schools to learn more about them. We met with Boise State University, Montana State University, and Idaho State University. Jamie Webster was the nicest and most knowledgeable among those three universities' representatives. There is also really good fly fishing around here.

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

The coursework and dedication of the teachers here are phenomenal. Dr. Ntuli, Dr. Ray, Dr. Ruchti, Dr. Gallup, and Dr. Bennet are all fantastic teachers. They prepared us for the classrooms of tomorrow and today. Dr. Eller did a great job helping out the final journey of student teaching.

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

The importance of diversity in teaching and learning. America has a long way to go to make ALL students feel safe and respected. The learning process won't go

well if diverse, exceptional students, all students don't feel respected, needed and cared for in the curriculum and classroom. Teachers are here to provide that environment and fight for all our students.

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

I really enjoyed the effort and care put in by our professors in making the coursework meaningful. The topics and viewpoints covered by Dr. Ntuli. The exciting and varied assignments Dr. Ruchti makes (so organized). Dr. Gallup's enthusiasm for research. Also, Dr. Ray and Dr. Bennet's commitment to gameful learning made my learning experience more enjoyable.

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

Become comfortable with being uncomfortable. Every effort you make will result in a better learning experience for your students. Make yourself fail, so you can build yourself up stronger. Figure out how to use Taskstream and don't put it off.

**9. Do you have anything else you would like to share or add?**

The students of Fort Hall Elementary are so rewarding to work with. I want to thank them for making me a better teacher. If you want to work with some really great kids you will find them at Fort Hall. I am excited to go to work and teach my students every day. That is my shoutout to my 5th-grade class!