Mustafa Mashal Selected as Center for Advanced Energy Studies Associate Director

Idaho State University Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Mustafa Mashal has been named ISU's associate director at the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES).

As associate director, Mashal is responsible for advancing ISU’s CAES-related research projects, serving on the center’s Executive Board, helping to direct resources and support for collaborative research – both interdisciplinary and inter-institutional, and more.

Last week, things got a little exciting for students in Biochemistry Professor Caryn Evilia’s Experimental Biochemistry lab class.

One of their tasks in the course is purifying lysozyme, an enzyme found in egg whites. To get the lysozyme, they break a few eggs, and this semester, they got the chance to crack open an emu egg to get the enzyme!

Nominations Sought for Distinguished Faculty

Nominations are being sought for three of the annual awards for Idaho State University faculty members. Those recognized will be honored during a reception in April and during the 2023 Commencement exercises.

Nominations for the Distinguished Teacher, Service, and Researcher are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 3.
CAES Accepting Applications for CAES Collaboration Funds Through Feb. 28

The Collaboration Funds are available to assist Idaho National Laboratory researchers in establishing collaborative relationships with CAES entities – Boise State University, Idaho State University, and the University of Idaho.

The three focus areas at CAES are related to the broad interdisciplinary field of nuclear engineering: Advanced Manufacturing, Critical Materials/Geothermal, and Energy Storage/Transfer.

Dean's Excellence Fund Accepting Requests from Students

The College of Science and Engineering Dean's Excellence Fund is intended to support students in their journey through ISU. The Dean's Office is particularly interested in providing financial assistance to students who might not be able to enroll in or complete the semester because of short-term financial hardships. Students seeking such support should be in good academic standing.

If you know of a student who is in need of short-term support, please have them complete this form.

If you have questions about the Dean's Excellence Fund, contact Cam Brooks, Senior Director of Development, at cameronbrooks@isu.edu or (435) 592-2423.

From Around ISU

Diversity Resource Center to Host Blood Drive

The ISU Diversity Resource Center is hosting a blood drive with the Red Cross Monday, Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pond Student Union. Please visit the Red Cross Blood Drive's website to schedule a donation appointment.

New Procurement, Accounts Payable and Contract System

On February 6, 2023, ISU will go live with the implementation of Jaggaer, a new procurement system that will replace our current Procurement, Accounts Payable, and Contract Management systems and processes.

A History Lecture Series: Resistance and Revolution

In this free and public lecture series, scholars will discuss diverse histories of struggle and survival across Russia, Iran, Italy, and the United States. With support from the ISU Cultural Events Committee, the ISU History Department will be hosting talks by Ryan Tucker Jones (University of Oregon), Negar Mottahedeh (Duke University), Jacopo Galimberti (Università Iuav di Venezia), and Amanda
Faculty Senate Notes: January 26

The Faculty Senate had a busy end to the fall semester, and are off and running in 2023! Click here for highlights of their activities, as well as announcements, opportunities and requests for faculty input or participation.

University Mourns the Loss of Tammie Fletcher

Tammie Fletcher, custodian at Idaho State University's Idaho Falls campus for 20 years, passed away January 14.

The news of Tammie’s passing may be difficult to process. The ISU Counseling and Testing Center has put together a resource guide to help those coping with this loss. To receive additional mental health support in dealing with this loss, please remember that all benefit-eligible employees have up to five free counseling sessions during each benefit year through our Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Prof.’s research Shows Improvements to Concussion Education and Management in Idaho High Schools

A new study of Idaho high schools compliance levels in relation to the Idaho Youth Sports Concussion Law sheds light on the importance of continued concussion education and management in secondary schools.

Dates to Remember

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## Upcoming Events in the College of Science and Engineering

For a complete list of CoSE events, check out the [College Event Calendar](#) and click an event to get more details. Updates can also be found on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#). To add events to the calendar, please contact the Administrative Assistants in your department. The university-wide calendar of events is available [here](#).

### Department/Program: Biological Sciences

**Event**

Biology Social

**Details**

Mon, Jan 30  
3:30 - 4 p.m.  
Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

### Department/Program: Geosciences

**Event**

Colloquium: A microbial conveyor belt beneath the seafloor: Circulation of dormant bacteria by geological processes in the deep biosphere

Anirban Chakraborty  
ISU Dept. of Biological Sciences

**Details**

Wed, Feb 1  
4 - 5 p.m.  
PS 108  
[https://isu.zoom.us/j/81297633983?pwd=L3IwWXVDVjE0emJaTk8zem5kZkc0Zz09](https://isu.zoom.us/j/81297633983?pwd=L3IwWXVDVjE0emJaTk8zem5kZkc0Zz09)

### Department/Program: Nuclear Engineering

**Event**

Nuclear Science Seminar
**Department/Program**

Biological Sciences

**Event**

Biology Social

**Details**

Thu, Feb 2
3:30 - 4 p.m.

Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

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**Department/Program**

Geosciences

**Event**

Colloquium: Title TBD

Nathan Hopkins
Idaho Geological Survey
GIS Lab Manager

**Details**

Wed, Feb 8
4 - 5 p.m.

PS 108

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**Department/Program**

Biological Sciences

**Event**

Biology Social

**Details**

Mon, Feb 6
3:30 - 4 p.m.

Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

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**Department/Program**

Nuclear Engineering

**Event**

Nuclear Science Seminar

**Details**

Wed, Feb 8
4 - 5 p.m.

Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

Meets simultaneously:
Pocatello (LIBR 32)
Idaho Falls (CHE 314)
Biological Sciences
Event
Biology Social
Details
Thu, Feb 9
3:30 - 4 p.m.
Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

Department/Program
Geosciences
Event
Colloquium: Title TBD
Tomas Capaldi
University of Nevada Las Vegas
Details
Wed, Feb 15
4 - 5 p.m.
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Department/Program
Nuclear Engineering
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Details
Wed, Feb 15
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Gale Life Sciences Building lobby
Meets simultaneously:
Pocatello (LIBR 32)
Idaho Falls (CHE 314)

Department/Program
Biological Sciences
Event
Biology Social
Details
Thu, Feb 16
3:30 - 4 p.m.
Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

Department/Program
Biological Sciences
Event
Seminar: Repurposing Petroleum Waste to Create Sustainable Adhesive and Metal Capture Materials
Courtney Jenkins
Assistant Professor
Idaho State University
Details
Thu, Feb 16
4 - 5 p.m.

Department/Program
Geosciences
Department/Program
Nuclear Engineering
Event

Colloquium: ISU Geoscience Grad Student Talks

Jon Lever

Details

Wed, Feb 22
4 - 5 p.m.
PS 108

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Event

Nuclear Science Seminar

Details

Wed, Feb 22
4 - 5 p.m.
Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

Meets simultaneously:
Pocatello (LIBR 32)
Idaho Falls (CHE 314)

Department/Program

Biological Sciences

Event

Biology Social

Details

Thu, Feb 23
3:30 - 4 p.m.
Gale Life Sciences Building lobby

Help Us Share Your Accomplishments!

Our College’s outstanding faculty, staff, and students achieve many notable research and professional accomplishments. In addition, our departments regularly have newsworthy advancements. We want to make sure those stories are shared publicly. Here are a few ways you can provide a news tip to help get the word out:

Use this Story Submission Form to send your news tip to the Office of Marketing and Communications.

Send an email to Logan McDougall (loganmcdougall@isu.edu) with a brief description of the news to be shared.

You are always welcome to create a draft story, submit it via the Story Submission Form, or send it to Logan. The Office of Marketing and Communications and Logan will coordinate to get the story finalized and distributed to the media outlets/platforms that best tell the story.