Students Return from Research Experiences at Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, South Africa

A pair of paleontology students are back on the Idaho State University campus after their world-class research experiences.

Recently, Maya Elliott, a senior biology honors student from Nampa, returned from a summer internship at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

Meanwhile, Xavier Jenkins, a doctoral student studying biology from Buckeye, Arizona, spent four weeks in South Africa.

Haunted Science Lab Opens to the Public Saturday, Oct. 29 from 4 to 9 p.m.

A haunted attraction that showcases the not-so-spooky side of science returns this month.

Idaho State University Department of Physics and Kiwanis Club of Pocatello’s Haunted Science Laboratory will be open to the public Saturday, October 29, from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Bannock County Event Center, Commercial Building B, just north of the Pocatello Downs Grandstand.
Mustafa Mashal, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, was featured on the U.S. Embassy Doha's Facebook and Instagram pages!

Mashal is spending ten months in Qatar as part of his Fulbright U.S. Scholar award.

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**Proposals Sought for Honors Seminar Course**

The Honors Advisory Committee is seeking course proposals for HONS 3391, Honors Seminar.

Proposals only need to be about a paragraph in length and should cover engaging content outside the scope of existing courses offered at Idaho State. The committee is particularly interested in courses that span disciplinary boundaries and encourage faculty to consider co-teaching with someone from outside of their department or college.

Honors Seminar is a 1-credit course offered in 8-week blocks and cannot have prerequisites.

Faculty can submit their course proposals at [https://forms.gle/RNZqABZ3sEjXvzPU8](https://forms.gle/RNZqABZ3sEjXvzPU8). Proposals are due November 15. If you have questions about submitting a proposal, contact Shannon Kobs Nawotniak, University Honors Program Director, at shannonkobs@isu.edu.

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**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](https://forms.gle/RNZqABZ3sEjXvzPU8).

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.

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**Ideas Needed for CoSE's Strategic Investment Fund**

The College of Science and Engineering invites concept papers for allocations from CoSE's Strategic Investment Fund. This fund allows the college to invest in interdisciplinary, collaborative, innovative and sustainable projects that support enrollment as well as faculty, staff and student success. Funded projects will support those aims and may be focused on one or a combination of activities relating to curriculum, pedagogy, research and/or mentoring.
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 (logancdougall@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.

From Around ISU

College of Education to Host Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Virtual Conference Oct. 28

The College of Education invites teachers, researchers, professionals and practitioners to share their research and experiences related to this year’s conference theme, "Nurturing Belonging Among Diverse People and Spaces," or any other area of educational research related to equity and inclusion. Registration is open to attend this FREE virtual conference.

Students Affairs Welcomes New Associate Dean of Students

The Division of Student Affairs invites their campus partners and colleagues to join them in welcoming Felice Otero, our new Associate Dean of Students.

Her areas of responsibility will include coordinating services for student care and assistance, student conduct, and students of concern, and overseeing the Bengal Newspaper. Felice came to ISU from United Way of Southeastern Idaho, where she directed all cradle-to-career educational outcome efforts.

Idaho State-Civic Symphony One of 30 Orchestras Selected to Join League of American Orchestras’ New Consortium

Idaho State-Civic Symphony is one of 30 orchestras taking part in the League of American Orchestras’ Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Orchestral Commissions Program.

The unprecedented national consortium ensures that new works by women composers, each commissioned by the League, will be infused in orchestra seasons to come, with multiple performances throughout the country.

ISU Debaters Find Success at Hunt Classic Invitational Tournament

Idaho State University’s Rupp Debate Squad continued their

Trio Veterans Program to Host Military Expo

The TRIO Veterans Program will be hosting a Military Resource Expo with local veteran organizations and

Fall Enrollment Continues Improving Trend

Idaho State University is celebrating an increase in
Bengal debaters reached the semi-final round in Junior Varsity International Public Debate and the quarter-final round in Varsity IPDA. ISU campus resources on Oct. 25 in the Pond Student Union (Salmon River Suites) from 3-7 p.m.

This event is for veterans, members of the armed forces, and military connected individuals. Food and refreshments will be provided to attendees. David Snow, an international adventurer and entrepreneur, will be a keynote speaker.

The University is reporting an overall fall enrollment of 12,319 students, an increase of 1.3 percent over Fall 2021. Total undergraduate enrollment increased by 2 percent, or 195 students.

**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
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Event
Special Colloquium: Dry Wash Terrace Deposits in the Mancos Badlands, Western Grand County Utah
Charlie Blount
Details
Mon, Oct 31
Noon

Department/Program
Physics
Event
Colloquium: Why should we study black holes and how to take a picture of a black hole
Yong-Shi Wu
University of Utah
Details
Mon, Oct 31
4 - 5 p.m.
PS 108
https://isu.zoom.us/j/81683044654

Department/Program
Geosciences
Event
Colloquium: Undergraduate Advising
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Wed, Nov 2
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PS 108
https://isu.zoom.us/skype/84302306257

Department/Program
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Event
Seminar: Kathryn Turner
Details
Thurs, Nov 3
4 - 5 p.m.
LC 10

Department/Program
Chemistry
Event
Seminar: Austin Robison
Details
Fri, Nov 4
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Location TBD

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Zach Lifton
Idaho Geological Survey
Details
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Chemistry
Event
Seminar: Kendoe Olson
Details
Fri, Nov 11
1 - 2 p.m.
Location TBD

Department/Program
Geosciences
Event
Thanksgiving Dinner
Details
Wed, Nov 16
5 - 8 p.m.

Department/Program
Biological Sciences
Event
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Details
Alessandro Venosa
University of Utah
Thurs, Nov 17
4 - 5 p.m.
LC 10

Department/Program
Biological Sciences
Event
Seminar: TBD
Katelynn Miller
Details
Fri, Nov 18
1 - 2 p.m.
Location TBD