What's Happening in CoSE

**Biology Professor Earns Prestigious NSF CAREER Grant**

Recently, the NSF announced that Devaleena Pradhan, assistant professor of biological sciences, is one of the 2022 recipients of their Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) award. The grants are awarded “in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization.”

**Robert Fisher to Retire after 33 Years at Idaho State University**

At the end of June, Professor and College of Science and Engineering Associate Dean Robert Fisher will hang it up after 33 years as a Bengal and 47 years of teaching students.

**Song Written by Professor's AI System Named Finalist in Global Contest**

Recently, organizers of the AI Song Contest announced the 15 finalists for the 2022 edition, and in the running is “And I Think I,” a song written by Pop* - pronounced pop star - an AI developed by Paul Bodily, assistant professor of computer science.

Right now, the public can cast their vote for “And I Think I.” Voting wraps up on June 30.

**Read more**
Kudos to Dylan Koenig, CoSE’s Academic Advisor!

Last week, he was honored by the Advising Community at Idaho State with the group’s Outstanding New Advisor Award.

The Annual Advising Awards recognize individuals who work with, for, and in favor of students in an academic advising capacity, and those who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the profession of academic advising.

Local kids are invited to get a hands-on lesson in rocket science.

Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, from 10 a.m. to noon, Idaho State University’s Department of Physics will host a Water Rocket Festival at Pocatello’s Tydeman Park, N. 8th Avenue and E. Young Street. Each day, the first 100 youth ages 16-years-old and younger will receive the materials needed to construct a water rocket. From there, ISU students will explain the physics involved in making a good rocket and help the newly-minted water rocket scientists build and launch their handmade projectiles.

Wednesday, the Chemistry Department hosted their annual Summer Research BBQ for the students who are conducting research over the summer.

About 40 students are working on various projects with faculty advisors, including the development of ionic liquids for recovering rare earth elements from electronic waste, studying extremophiles living in the Great Salt Lake, developing sustainable ways to produce materials that are widely used by the chemical industry, and more.

Help Us Share Your Accomplishments!

Our College’s outstanding faculty, staff, and students achieve many notable research and award-winning experiences.
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 (logannmcdougall@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

First Day for New Provost and VP for Academic Affairs

On June 13, Valerie Martin Conley officially started in her role as Idaho State University’s Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Idaho State first announced Martin Conley’s appointment six months ago, following an extensive national search process.

Academic Affairs is announcing changes to its leadership team with the arrival of Martin Conley.

New to ISU and using Moodle ISU? This Workshop is for You

An online workshop for faculty new to using Moodle ISU to teach online is being offered through the Instructional Technology Resource Center.

The “Setting Sail with Moodle ISU” workshop is a completely online, self-paced course that gives faculty the opportunity to learn about navigating Moodle ISU and a space to practice identifying and adding course components to their online course using Moodle tools. New faculty who will need to use Moodle ISU are encouraged to participate.

New Bengal Pharmacy Manager Announced

Idaho State University is excited to announce the new Bengal Pharmacy Manager is Rikki Trussel, a 2012 ISU alumnus from the Pharmacy program.

Trussel was previously with Kroger, first as the pharmacy manager for Fred Meyer and then as the pharmacy district manager for Smith’s Food and Drugs. She said she looked into the Bengal Pharmacy and was excited to see how it has grown and changed.

Faculty Success Enterprise Program Discontinued

The decision comes after months of discussions amongst Academic Affairs, Deans, Faculty Senate representatives, Human Resources, and faculty members.

The faculty evaluation process will change to a small extent due to the discontinuation of the Faculty Success enterprise.

Idaho State Names New Registrar

The Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management is welcoming their new Registrar, Dr. Hala Abou Arraj, to Idaho State University.

Abou Arraj earned her Ph.D. in political studies from the Lebanese University, and her Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees in Public Administration from the American University of Beirut.

Student Affairs and the Office of Academic Advising Welcomes New Athletic Advisor

Idaho State University welcomes new student-athletic advisor, Anna (Liz) Geyer.

Geyer joins Idaho State most recently from Bethany College, where she served as inaugural head coach of the women’s lacrosse team.
Faculty will now utilize a Microsoft Word template for their annual self evaluation. Faculty and staff will receive additional detailed information throughout the summer with regard to this new Microsoft Word template, which will be published in July.

She has worked for 17 years in the registrar’s office at the American University of Beirut in multiple roles, including serving as interim registrar and associate registrar and has experience in producing catalogs, registration, managing the university’s academic calendar, and working closely with faculty on academic matters.

### 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.

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| Water Rocket Festival        | June 25 and 26
10 am – noon
Tydeman Park, N. 8th Avenue and E. Young Street (Pocatello) |
| CoSE Camping Trip            | Aug. 26 - 28
RSVP at: forms.gle/fEmDkiPx4i987Rpv9                                     |