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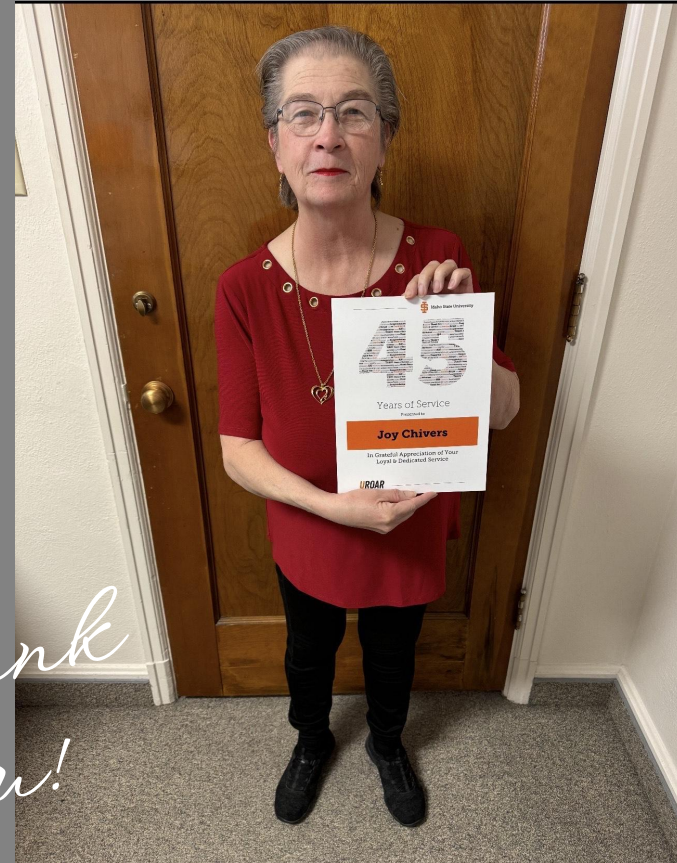
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HIGHLIGHTS

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- ➔ Amy Hardy Named One of Idaho's Women of the Year by Idaho Business Review
- ➔ KDHS continues to respond to Idaho's workforce needs through strategic growth. Health sciences programs remain among the University's most in-demand offerings, with four of the top ten undergraduate majors in health fields.

➔ ISU has numerous partnerships with healthcare providers and industry leaders, offering hands-on training, clinical placements, and professional development for students. Collaborative Training and Clinical Sites: ISU partners with local hospitals and clinics, such as St. Alphonsus, St. Luke's, Kootenai Health, Portneuf Medical Center, and others, to provide clinical rotation sites for nearly 2,000 students annually. These partnerships offer practical experience for Bengal students and ensure they're prepared to enter the workforce. Through rural training tracks throughout the state, ISU works with community physicians who are dedicated to training the next generation of healthcare professionals. This benefits our students while also strengthening healthcare in underserved areas.

➔ The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program Office at Idaho State's School of Nursing coordinates a statewide network to strengthen the healthcare workforce pipeline.

North Idaho AHEC (University of Idaho), established in 2017, partners with the WWAMI Medical Education Program, University of Idaho, and Lewis-Clark State College. Southwest Idaho AHEC (Jannus, Inc.), established in the 1980s, serves ISU's Meridian campus, the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Boise State University. Southeast Idaho AHEC (Southeastern Idaho Public Health), established in 2017, supports ISU health professions students. Southcentral Idaho AHEC (Family Health Services), established in 2024, extends services to the Twin Falls region and the College of Southern Idaho.

- ➔ Nearly 65% of the graduates of our Family Medicine Residency Program are practicing in Idaho.
- ➔ AHEC Scholars participate in interprofessional education and workforce development programs for students in grades 9–12, with additional middle school outreach supported by the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health. Stipends support students completing rural clinical training. Initiatives such as Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School further strengthen early exposure to health careers. Collectively, these efforts advance the mission to recruit, train, and retain healthcare professionals in Idaho.

- ➔ In Fall 2025, 12 additional counseling students were admitted to address the increasing demand for mental health services. Medical laboratory science, radiographic sciences, public health, and dental hygiene programs continue steady expansion.
- ➔ ISU maintains a close partnership with the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM), established in 2016 and located on leased ground at ISU's Meridian Health Science Center. ISU holds two seats on ICOM's Board of Directors. This year, an \$8 million expansion of the Treasure Valley Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory will support growth for both institutions.

- ➔ Collaboration includes interprofessional education, joint degree programs such as DO-MBA and DO-MHA, and shared faculty appointments that enhance research and teaching.
- ➔ A 3+4 BS-DO pathway is scheduled to roll out in Fall 2026 to further align educational programs and workforce development goals.

- ➔ The Idaho Dental Education Program received additional funding for another (ninth) dental student. This will increase the pipeline of dentists for Idaho. This program is a collaboration with Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.
- ➔ Healthy Idaho Clinical & Translational Research Development (CTR-D) Program was funded by NIH and will present opportunities for research funds to members of the college. Similar to previous Mountain West CTR-IN opportunities, Idaho now has its own mechanism to bolster clinical and translational collaborations, community engagement, and research infrastructure and workforce.

- ➔ ISU established the Community Psychiatric Center - an interdisciplinary psychiatric and counseling clinic on the Pocatello Campus. This clinic provides the only outpatient clinic with full-time board-certified psychiatrists in Pocatello.
- ➔ The Community Health Worker (CHW) Academy expanded under a \$3M HRSA grant:
 - Trained over 330 CHWs; 55% from rural areas.
 - Tiered CHW training programs now include an apprenticeship leading to a national credential.

- ➔ Simulation Lab: \$2 million upgrade with Workforce Development grant funds and match from Portneuf Health Trust
- ➔ The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program has increased enrollment for several consecutive years and operates Idaho's only accelerated BSN program, offered in Twin Falls, Meridian, Pocatello and recently doubled the cohort size in Coeur d'Alene. Nurse practitioner education is also growing, with emphasis on primary care and mental health tracks.

- ➔ The Doctor of Physical Therapy program doubled its Meridian cohort four years ago, and the Master of Occupational Therapy program doubled its Meridian cohort two years ago.
- ➔ The Physician Assistant Studies program continues to expand, including in North Idaho where plans are finalizing for adding clinical year rotations dedicated to expanding rural health presence.
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- ➔ The Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) program enrolled its first cohort of 25 students in Fall 2025, with plans for expansion within three years.
- ➔ School of Nursing - The SON is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, its legacy of innovation in BSN and nurse practitioner education, and the launch of a new nurse anesthetist program in Fall 2025 to help meet the growing demand for healthcare professionals.
- ➔ Successfully planned and implemented the transition from the College of Health to the new College of Nursing, Rehabilitation, and Human Health with a focus on Health Science programs within the School of Rehabilitation and Human Health and the School of Nursing. This restructure welcomed the Sports and Exercise Science program into the college.

➔ The AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language has formally approved an innovative pilot initiative, LSLS LaunchPad, designed to transform how future professionals prepare to support children who are deaf or hard of hearing (DHH) using Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) and their families. The pilot will launch in Fall 2026 through a partnership among three leading universities: Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., Idaho State University's Meridian, Idaho campus, and Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Together, these institutions will pioneer a new model of graduate education that integrates Listening and Spoken Language Specialist (LSLS) certification requirements into degree programs in speech-language pathology, deaf education, and audiology. ISU's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders will support the LSLS LaunchPad with the guidance of Dr. Kristina Blaiser.

- ➔ Students in the Radiographic Sciences program swept the Royal Domingo Student Essay Competition at the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiographic Science Technology (ACERT) annual conference in Spring 2025 with students securing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the first time ever.
- ➔ Continued ACPE Accreditation Through 2033 – Successfully completed the comprehensive ACPE accreditation review and earned continued accreditation of the Doctor of Pharmacy program through 2033. The College received no areas of Partial Compliance, with all standards meeting accreditation expectations.

- ➔ Exceptional Student Success – Doctor of Pharmacy Graduates achieved a 98% first-time NAPLEX pass rate (national licensing exam), placing the College among the #5 pharmacy programs nationally and #1 in the West. This achievement reflects sustained curricular innovation, expanded student success initiatives, and outstanding faculty commitment to student learning.
- ➔ Completion of the Budget Optimization Plan – Successfully completed the College's multi-year Budget Optimization Plan, eliminating the structural operating deficit while preserving academic quality. Careful financial stewardship positioned the College for long-term fiscal sustainability.

- ➔ Completion of the Leonard Hall Renovation – Celebrated the completion of the \$21 million Leonard Hall renovation made possible by the ALSAM foundations gift of \$14 million. Providing students and faculty with modern classrooms, laboratories, collaborative learning spaces, and research facilities that significantly enhance the research and educational environment
- ➔ Creation of the L.S. Skaggs College of Pharmacy and Health Professions – Successfully planned and implemented the historic transition to the L.S. Skaggs College of Pharmacy and Health Professions, integrating multiple health professions programs under a unified organizational structure while preserving each programs longstanding culture of excellence.

- ➔ Strategic Priorities 2030 – Developed and launched the College's Strategic Priorities 2030, establishing a clear vision and measurable goals focused on academic excellence, research and scholarship, organizational health, and external influence.
- ➔ Alaska State Legislative Recognition – The Alaska Legislature honored the Idaho State University Anchorage Campus with a formal legislative citation recognizing a decade of service in educating Alaska's healthcare workforce and improving access to healthcare throughout the state.

- ➔ \$1.5 Million L.S. Skaggs Scholarship Endowment – Received a transformational \$1.5 million scholarship endowment from the L.S. Skaggs family, significantly expanding scholarship opportunities for future students and strengthening the College's ability to recruit and support outstanding learners.
- ➔ Four NIH R16 Research Awards – Faculty within the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences secured four NIH R16 research awards, representing one of the strongest periods of externally funded research in the department's history and substantially expanding research capacity and student scholarship opportunities.

➔ Healthy Idaho Clinical and Translational Research Development (CTR-D) Program – Idaho State University was selected as a co-lead institution for the \$10.7 million NIH-funded Healthy Idaho Clinical and Translational Research Development (CTR-D) Program, a landmark statewide initiative designed to expand clinical and translational research across Idaho. As the state's lead health sciences university, ISU received a \$1.35 million subcontract and more than \$400,000 to support faculty pilot grants over the next five years. College of Pharmacy faculty serve in key statewide leadership roles directing research infrastructure, professional development, research design, and health research cores, positioning the College as a driving force in building Idaho's clinical research capacity, strengthening interdisciplinary collaborations, and increasing competitiveness for future NIH funding.