Mugs of the Quarter

Jessica Johnson - Custodial

Jessica Johnson is a Custodian who works in the ISU Library. Jessica is a mom of two children with four dogs and two huge fish tanks. She is happiest when she is outdoors camping, fishing, hiking or gardening. She also loves spending time in her kitchen baking and cooking.

Jessica has 40 pen pals that she corresponds with regularly. She is an avid reader and a fan of the author Dean Koontz.

Jessica ended the conversation by saying, “thank you for selecting me for this recognition.” We would like to say to you Jessica, thank you for all that you do for ISU!

Thomas Janzen - Meridian

Thomas Janzen is the Utility Craftsman Senior on the Meridian campus. Thomas has worked at Idaho State University for three years on February 14th. The favorite part about his job is working with the team to support students. He enjoys providing an atmosphere where students can learn.

Thomas is an Idaho sportsman and enjoys fishing, camping, and hunting. His favorite vacation was when he went deep sea fishing at Kachemak Bay in Alaska. He is an experienced wine maker and has a vineyard in Caldwell. He enjoys being active and spending time with his family.

Thomas’ favorite color is butternut, which he explained as buff/amber. It is his favorite color because it is the color of fall, his favorite season.

Chris Baker - PDC

Chris Baker has worked in Facilities for almost two years as a Project Manager. His favorite thing about ISU is the people he gets to work with. Chris enjoys fishing, listening to sports radio, and watching sports. His favorite sports include football, basketball, and mixed martial arts.

Chris misses the restaurants from when he lived in California. Two of his favorite restaurants are Roma’s Pizzeria and Kru Contemporary Japanese Cuisine, a sushi bar.

Chris’ heroes are his daughter (Reese) who beat cancer after 3 years and is 3 years cancer free and his son (Dylan) who is battling a degenerative eyesight disease that currently does not have a cure. Both of them always have the best positive attitudes.
Eric Nielson - Custodial

Eric Nielson likes fishing, hiking, rocks, Geology, and Norse Mythology. If you like hiking, Eric recommends a nice 9-mile hike to the Sterling Justice Overlook. Eric’s favorite picks off the menu are pizza and tacos. If Eric could pick any animal for a pet, he would choose a grizzly bear. Why? Because nobody would mess with a man who has a grizzly for a pet. Eric has worked at ISU for two and a half years in the Custodial department and thoroughly enjoys engaging in conversation with his co-workers, the students, ISU faculty and staff.

Adam Settell - Grounds

Adam Settell has worked at ISU for one and half years. He works as a Landscape Tech Sr and loves being able to see the results of his hard work on campus.

Adam’s hobbies include hiking, fishing, and looking for gold. He also enjoys watching sports, his favorite being football. He also enjoys reading. His favorite book is Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry. Adam used to live in Costa Rica. He loved the culture and natural beauty of the country.

Adam’s favorite food is Mexican from Taco Trucks. His favorite animal is the Belgian Malinois, which is breed of dog that is very similar to the German Shepard.

Daniel Wick - Meridian

Daniel Wick has been a Custodian Leadworker on the Meridian campus for three years in February. Dan enjoys working with the people on his crew.

The hobby that takes up a lot of Dan’s time is restoring cars. Dan has two boys that he assists in restoring cars. Dan’s two projects that he is currently working on are restoring a 73’ international pick-up, and an 81’ Chevy Blazer.

Dan could not pick just on favorite food and settled on three of his favorites. Pizza from the Flying Pie, hamburgers from Big Juds, and gyros.

Dan’s favorite vacation was to Holter Lake in Montana. He spent his time relaxing and boating. In his spare time, Dan enjoys reading books by his favorite author, J. R. R. Tolkien.
Congratulations to all our Mugs of the Quarter Recipients!

Amy Salmore - Planning

Amy started as the University Planner for Facilities Services a little over a year ago. Amy loves walking around campus and meeting new people.

Amy loves the Idaho outdoors and enjoys taking hikes with family. While hiking she enjoys finding insects with her son. After being asked about her comfort level with bugs, she responded that she has not found any bugs that she is afraid of.

Amy’s favorite getaway place is Hawaii, and tries to make it there every 5 years if possible. While in Hawaii she enjoys snorkeling and paddle boarding.

To relax Amy picks up a good book. Her favorite genre is fantasy, especially the ones that include dragons and magic.

Amy has a sweet tooth and enjoys any place that serves good pastries. Amy is a frequent customer to the Amazing Glaze donut shop on campus.

Jim Sant - M&O

Jim Sant has worked as a Plumber at ISU for two years. He really enjoys working with his coworkers. Jim loves motorcycles, he even has a couple Harleys. His favorite vacation was when he rode his Harley to California. His favorite part of the trip was the ride, but he also enjoyed the food and did some sightseeing.

Jim’s favorite books are the Joe Picket Series, written by C. J. Box.

When it comes to food, Jim likes smoking briskets and cooking Dutch Oven style.

Jordan Peterson - Cusodial

Jordan Peterson is a true-blue outdoorsman and he gets that from his hero, his dad! He loves year-round outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain biking and snowmobiling. In high school Jordan was a semi-pro mountain biker. Go Jordan!

For movie night, he likes to kick back with a pizza or Chinese food and a great comedy movie starring either Jim Carrey or Will Ferrell.

Jordan’s favorite vacation was taking his wife to visit friends in New Zealand.
Isabelle Monroe - Idaho Falls

Isabelle is a Custodian on the Idaho Falls campus and has worked full time for a year and a couple months. She enjoys associating with her co-workers and the work environment on the Idaho Falls campus.

One of Isabelle’s favorite hobbies is art. She loves to paint, draw, and sew. She has also picked up digital art. She can often be found crafting and is continuously finding ways to use her creativity. Art is the degree that she is pursuing and she has a goal to become an art teacher.

Chuck Snowden - HVAC

Chuck Snowden has worked at ISU for eight years. He started out as an intern up at ESTEC and worked there for five years. He then got a job in Facilities as an HVAC Technician where he has worked for the last three years.

Chuck’s hobbies include fixing cars and coaching youth sports. He also enjoys a bit of reading now then. His two favorite authors are Nelson DeMille and Nicholas Sparks. Chuck’s favorite vacation was a trip to California where he surfed, wind surfed, and spent time on the beaches. He also really enjoyed the beautiful redwoods in Yosemite National Park.

Chuck has a busy household with 7 kids and 2 Saint Berdoodles, which are 130-pound dogs. When asked if there was anything else he would like people to know about him, he replied that he was a very patriotic person.

Isabelle likes to be active and spends time working out and weightlifting. Isabelle’s favorite vacation was to the Oregon Coast. She spent time in the coastal cities and especially enjoyed Newport. She also spent time on the Oregon beaches. It did rain while Isabelle was there, but Isabelle loves the rain, so it was a perfect vacation.

Isabelle’s favorite foods are raspberry sorbet, sourdough toast, and parmesan chicken. When Isabelle comes to Pocatello she enjoys going to the Grecian Key.

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