

Mugs of the Quarter

Cole Elquist - Project Manager

Cole has worked at ISU for two years as a Project Manager in the Planning, Design and Construction team. His favorite things about ISU are the great people, and being able to be part of a team that makes improvements to the campus and seeing it get better.

Cole's favorite vacations were his trip to the Oregon Coast

with his lovely wife Judy (and yes, he made sure I used those exact words) and going to Wickenburg, Arizona, which is the team roping capital. Speaking of roping, Cole spends all his free time team roping with his daughter. He currently has 8 horses, but plans on getting 2 more in the next couple years.



Lonny McCurdy - Custodial

Lonny has always lived in Idaho. He has worked at ISU for two years and enjoys meeting the staff. He has been married to his wife, Tami, for 22 years. They have four children, three grandchildren, and a miniature Schnauzer named Gracie.

Lonny enjoys fishing, camping and spending time with his kids and grandkids. He also

plays Frisbee golf, reads a little Louis L'aMour, and watches NCIS in his spare time. His bucket list includes vacationing in Ireland and Hawaii. If you treat Lonny to lunch, take him to Senior Iguanas or El Herradero for some great Mexican food!

Greg Sinclair - M&O

Greg has worked at ISU as an electrician for almost three years now. When asked what his favorite thing about working at ISU was, Greg responded with "the people for sure!"

When it comes to hobbies, Greg's favorite activities are anything and everything outdoorsy, but some of his favorite include hunting, fishing, and camping. Greg takes Buddy, a yellow lab mix, and River, pointador, on his outdoor

family adventures. He also enjoys watching TV with his family. Greg said that is family uses pretty much every streaming service known to man.

Greg's favorite vacation spot is the Oregon Coast. He has been there times so far. He enjoys exploring, combing the beach and whale watching. One time he even chartered a deep-sea fishing expedition.



Kathryn Wilson - Custodial



Kathryn's favorite thing to do at work is to check out the latest display being built for the Idaho Museum of Natural History. It sounds like her most memorable event was vacuuming around eight enormous, hairy, 3-D printed spider legs. Ewwwww! She has worked at ISU for almost two years now. When she is not working she enjoys reading and gardening. She is living in an apartment, so no pets, but if she could have a pet it would be a

Burmese Mountain Dog or a cat with the attitude of an old man.

Kathryn and her boyfriend enjoy spending time in the kitchen experimenting with different dishes and then perfecting them. A few years ago, Kathryn went to Hawaii to see a friend. It was her favorite vacation because she went by herself and got to stay in a little shack by the beach and do whatever she wanted, which as a kid from a large family, felt amazing!

Charelle Walker - Grounds

Charelle started in the Grounds Department as a student worker in 2017, and transitioned into a full time Landscape Technician Sr. in 2019. Charelle's favorite seasons to work in are the transition seasons, spring and fall. Her favorite part about working at Idaho State University is being a part of the University community. She has appreciated the opportunity to create friendships throughout campus.

Charelle has a number of hobbies that she loves to participate in when she has time. She recently took a fiber arts class and has begun to enjoy weaving and embroidery. She has experimented in making her own fabric dye, and has grown her own plants to make the dye. Charelle has a love of learning and has recently learned how to develop film.

Exploring nature is one of her favorite pastimes. She enjoys rock climbing, birding, and learning about plants. She

had the opportunity to go to northern California and made a stop at the Redwoods. She had a blast seeing the variety of plant life.



Jason Johnson - Custodial

Jason Lewis Johnson has worked at ISU as a Custodian for two years. His favorite thing about working at ISU is meeting the people. Jason likes hunting, fishing and eating. What does he like to eat, you might wonder? Everything and anywhere. He

says his favorite restaurant is "an open one".

Jason has a sweet collie named Zoey. He likes to watch the comedy/fantasy movie, Escanaba in da Moonlight and enjoys the writings of the fantasy/fiction writer Raymond E. Feist.

Brandon Stephenson - Idaho Falls

Brandon is a Maintenance Craftsman Senior on the Idaho Falls campus. Brandon started his position in November 2019. During his time with the University he has especially enjoyed his schedule and hours.

Brandon was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and has been able to go back and visit. In 2019 Brandon traveled to Hawaii and spent lots of time on the beach. He also had the opportunity to go snorkeling. Brandon plans to go to Hawaii again this summer.

Brandon is drawn to the

outdoors, and has many hobbies related to the outdoors. Brandon collects pocket knives, and he enjoys hunting and fishing. One of Brandon's favorite fishing spots is Fish Lake in Utah. Brandon recently purchased a smoker and his favorite thing to smoke/eat is brisket. Brandon is a supporter of Texas Roadhouse and never gets tired of their ribeye steak.

Brandon is a huge fan of the New York Yankees. The season began on April 1st, and he is looking forward to cheering them on this year.



Cedar Hulet - Painter

Cedar has worked at ISU for almost years now as a Painter. His favorite thing about ISU is getting to learn more about painting and improving his skills, especially with the paint booth.

Some of Cedar's hobbies include fishing, hunting and camping. He also enjoys watching Star Wars, especially the original trilogy. His favorite

one is Empire Strikes Back. Cedar's favorite author is Terry Pratchett. His Discworld series is a must read!

A fun fact about Cedar is that he teaches fly fishing classes at Continuing Ed. Cedar's favorite vacation was when he went to Northern Idaho and spent a couple weeks fishing, hiking, and spending time in the woods.



Nikki Nelson - Custodial

Nikki Nelson describes herself as a happy-go-lucky person who tries to keep other people happy too. She has enjoyed working the Custodial graveyard shift at ISU for the past two years. She works with some wonderful people who are like family. If you need anything they are there to help you.

Nikki likes camping, motorcycle riding, 4 wheeling, horseback riding, hunting and sitting around the campfire with family. Her favorite restaurant is Texas

Roadhouse and she loves eating prime rib steak, hamburgers, and hot dogs.

For her favorite vacation she went to San Diego, California where she visited the zoo, the USS Midway Museum and went whale watching. Their visit to SeaWorld was a big first for Nikki and she loved going to the beach to watch the sunset. It was Awesome! Nikki is a cheerful, fun person to get to know.



Congratulations to all our Mugs of the Quarter Recipients!

Travis Sommers - Project Manager

Travis has worked at ISU for a year and half. He started out as the Asbestos Services Manager, and has recently moved up to a Project Manager role. His favorite thing about ISU is the people. He loves getting to know everyone here and seeing the quality work they provide.

Travis doesn't have a favorite food, because he loves ALL food. However, he does enjoy eating at Pitmaster BBQ and having hamburgers at Culver's, both of which are located in Idaho Falls.

Travis' two favorite vacations

where his trip to New York with his wife, and his family vacation to Cape Lookout on the Oregon Coast.

Some of his favorite movies include James Bond, Inception, and anything from the Marvel and DC Universes. His favorite superhero is Superman. When Travis gets a chance to read, he enjoys reading Clive Cussler. His favorite books are The Dirk Pitt Adventures series. Some of Travis' other past-times include fishing, hunting, camping, and attending his kid's sporting events.



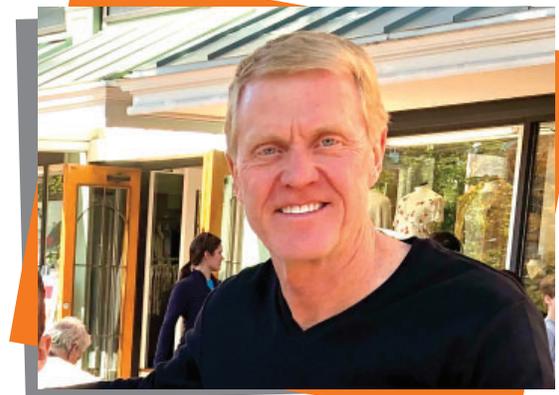
Laurence Rose - Meridian Project Manager

Laurence Rose has been working as the Senior Project Manager on the Meridian Campus for three years. Before coming to Idaho State University Laurence worked as a principal architect in private practice, specializing in architecture for education. He now enjoys using his knowledge and experience at Idaho State University. Laurence especially enjoys learning more about/working on health care spaces, and getting to work with members of the Idaho State Community. In addition to working on all of the Meridian projects, Laurence has taken on the Project

Manager role for the new Idaho Central Credit Union Bengal Alumni Center in Pocatello, and is excited as it nears construction.

Laurence is an outdoorsman and can often be found hiking, fly fishing, camping, dirt bike riding, and RV traveling. Laurence always looks forward to traveling and spending time with his wife and three sons. He is an experienced homebrewer and has received awards and recognitions for a number of his specialty homemade beers. Laurence has a love for classic muscle cars and

is currently restoring a 1971 Camaro Z28, a three-year project which is nearing completion.



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