



## LETTER FROM LYN

I recently marked the end of my first year at ISU. As I reflect on this year I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude and appreciation. I have you to thank for helping me learn about and connect with the culture of Idaho State. ISU experienced many changes this year and I was one of them.

Like the university as whole, our division has experienced some changes. Some of them are big and some are small—all are important. I want to highlight a few:

- Kris Clarkson's title has changed to Dean of Students
- Dr. Kelly Moor is serving as the Assistant Director of Strategic Initiatives. She is developing a comprehensive curriculum and program for our first year students.
- Lethaniel Loley and the Native American Student Services is now working with, and reporting to, the Office of Equity and Inclusion. This alignment better supports their education and outreach efforts as well as the support services they provide.
- As of this fall, Reed Gym will offer extended hours throughout the week:
  - Monday-Thursday: 6 a.m.-11 p.m.
  - Friday: 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
  - Saturday: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
  - Sunday: Noon-9 p.m.
- Brooke Barber's new title is Director of Orientation and New Student Programs. She and her team are now located on the third floor of the Pond Student Union in room 306 directly across from the Salmon River Suite.
- Craig Joseph is serving as the Director of Student Leadership and Engagement.



We are less than two weeks away from the start of school and while the weather does not show any signs of it, there is no doubt that fall is in the air. The uptick in traffic at the Union, the bustling of students, and the glimmer of excitement in the eyes of staff (yes, I am calling that excitement) are far better indicators that fall is only moments away.

For many of us in the division we are approaching one of our busiest times of year. Know that I appreciate your support of each other as we work to volunteer at New Student Orientation events or escort students to Financial Aid. Our small efforts of support for one another can create the biggest impacts for our students.

I am incredibly excited to begin my second year at ISU and see what the future holds for us and our students. It is an honor to be a member of the Bengal family!

## STUDENT STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Student Affairs has a strong and diverse workforce which encourages us to accomplish our goals. This workforce is made up of full time, temporary, and student staff. All of whom contribute in meaningful ways. As we approach the start of the semester, I would like to highlight two students: Maren Hunter and Trisha Brinkley. First up is Maren Hunter who works for the Outdoor Adventure Center. Maren just competed in the Palisades Ultra Trail Run where she ran 50 kilometers. Maren's commitment and passion for the outdoors is what has made her such a wonderful contributor to the OAC.



**What do you do on campus?** I am a graduate student in the Master's of Physical Education - Athletic Administration program and I work for the OAC. At the OAC I mostly teach outdoor activity classes, facilitate trips through the OAC, help facilitate programs such as Open Climb, help facilitate the Alpine Tower activities, assist in yurt maintenance, represent and market the OAC and ISU at events throughout the area as well as on campus, and help with the rental center and the gear. As a CPI, I have also had the opportunity to do things like conduct interviews, serve on a search committee, review risk management documents for other entities, and many other projects. This coming semester I will be transitioning to be a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Sport Science and Physical Education

Department and will be getting to teach some classes there.

**How long have you worked for ISU?** I have worked for ISU and the OAC for 4 years.

**If you could do or be anything for a day, what would you choose?** Well, I just got done running for a day so if I could do anything, I would go whitewater rafting.

**What is your favorite thing about the OAC and Student Affairs?** My favorite thing about the OAC and Student Affairs is that we all get to really connect to students. Over the last four years, I have had the opportunity to introduce activities and concepts to fellow students that have the potential to change their life whether they know it or not. I love teaching students outdoor activities because it gets them out of their comfort zone and pushes them to the next level. The best part of that is when they realize that they can do that in other areas of their life as well. That's a true connection to the students, and it's what we strive to do.



**Who is your leadership inspiration and why?** I get a lot of leadership inspiration from my parents. They are both teachers and coaches and I have learned from them and am still learning from their example. I also find myself getting a lot of leadership inspiration from everyone that I get to work for or with. Everyone has a different style and I like to pull inspiration from each and every one of them.

**What is something people might be surprised to know about you?** I love ladybugs and hate donuts.

**What are you most excited or passionate about?** My future. I'm really excited to work on my Master's and learn more through those classes so that I can pursue my passion for teaching and connecting with others through outdoor activities.

**What would you like people to know about you?** I mostly like people to know that I love helping others learn and grow. I also really like people to know that I'm not afraid of a challenge. Or, I am afraid of a challenge, but I'm not going to turn it down.

**What is currently your favorite show on Netflix?** Grace and Frankie

## STUDENT STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Our student staff achieve some amazing things while here and we are happy to have them share their talents with us. Our next student is no exception. Trisha Brinkley has been actively engaged on campus and has worked in several integral roles while at ISU. In her newest position she is the student manager for Benny's Pantry. We are excited to have such an experienced and motivated student assisting with this important program.



**What do you do on campus?** I am the student manager for Benny's pantry, as well as a coordinator for the New Student Orientation program.

**How long have you worked for ISU?** Two and a half years! I have worked for ISU in a variety of capacities since my first semester here. During my first year on campus, I worked as a Career Path Intern for the Public Health Department on campus. After, I was a student manager for the ISU Volleyball Program, and I am now a coordinator for the New Student Orientation program and the manager of Benny's Pantry.

**What has been your favorite experience at ISU?** I think that getting involved in clubs and organizations on campus have created some of my favorite experiences at ISU. Getting to know and spend time with students who are interested in the same things that I am is an invaluable experience.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** I have grown up in a family of outdoor lovers, and enjoy activities such as camping and fishing. I also love crafting and DIY projects!

**If you could do or be anything for a day, what would you choose?** That's a tough one! I think that I would go on a 24 hour trip to New Zealand! That's my dream travel destination.

**What is your favorite thing about Student Affairs?** My favorite thing about Student Affairs is the support that it provides to students. The department offers so many services to members of ISU and, provides

indispensable tools needed for success.

**Who is your leadership inspiration and why?** I have had too many great leaders in my life to pick just one. That being said, though, I think that the qualities that all of those people shared were those of servant leadership. The best way to lead is to ensure that others are heard and their best interests are kept in mind.

**What is something people might be surprised to know about you?** I was a dancer for many years when I was young, and even opened for the Jonas Brothers at the Stadium of Fire in 2009!

**What are you most excited or passionate about?** As a social work student here at ISU, I am most passionate about helping individuals and providing them the resources necessary for success. I truly believe that each person should have equal access to the tools needed, and I hope to help them achieve that.

**What would you like people to know about you?** In reference to the pantry, I would like people to know that I am here to help! We are open three days per week, and are available to provide food to any ISU students!

**What is currently your favorite show on Netflix?** I am currently watching the newest season of Grey's Anatomy on Netflix!

## HAPPENING IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

### Career Center

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Student Opportunity Development Coordinators, Mark Beaver and Amber Greening, applied for and received a \$30,000 NSF EPSCoR WorkForce Development grant from Idaho's GEM3 research program. The grant will be used to develop a Pathways to Conservation Careers (PC2) experiential course that will promote first year students' integration into the conservation science and natural resource management communities through partnered service projects with state and federal agencies, local non-profits, and other environmental organizations. The course is set to be implemented in Fall 2020.

#### EVENT

Part Time Job and Internship Fair August 22nd 9:00 am-1:00 pm in the Pond Student Union Ballroom

### Central Academic Advising

#### STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Susanne Forrest will be back in the office on Monday, August 12.

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

With the beginning of the semester approaching, it's important to inform and remind students to **Be Advised**. Advisors help students review their progress toward graduation, assist in academic plans for the next semester, and help them prepare for the start of this semester. Please help us by reminding students about our program and services.

### New Student Orientation

#### EVENTS

We are pleased to once again bring New Student Orientation to all four ISU campuses in the month of August! We will also be hosting ISU's annual Week of Welcome for all Bengals during the first week of fall classes. For faculty and staff who are interested in learning about New Student Orientation and Week of Welcome, please visit [isu.edu/nso](http://isu.edu/nso).

### Outdoor Adventure Center

#### STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Student staff member, Kalyse Winegar married ISU student, Tanner Cordingley on July 12, 2019.

Student staff member Daniel Todd joined the ranks of parenthood on July 19 with the birth of his son Oliver at 6lbs. 9oz.

## HAPPENING IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

### TRIO

#### STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Maria Garica will be the Talent Search Advisor/Planner for Burley/Minico/Twin Falls H.S.



Austyn Richards will be part time Talent Search Advisor, along with TRIO Upward Bound/Upward Bound Math and Science.



Storm Jansson (Talent Search Advisor-Magic Valley) was recognized by one of her students as a person who truly cares about them and their goals-so, that they felt like somebody believed in them for once.

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

TRIO Talent Search has exceeded their grant student application numbers (SE Idaho 1,060, Magic Valley 515).