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Weekly Update

October 4, 2021

Telling the Stories

A letter from UHP Acting Director Alex Bolinger

Honors students have taken part in some pretty impressive projects over the years. One of my personal favorites (for obvious reasons, I suppose), was a course on Collaborative Creativity in which a group of Honors students wrote a book (in one semester!) about Idaho's contributions to the war effort during World War II. The book has been published by Arcadia Publishing and is available at local bookstores and on Amazon, among other sources. Even more amazing, a documentary filmmaker from Idaho Public Television, Forrest Burger, was so intrigued by the project that he made an Emmy-nominated documentary about our class. You can watch it for free online at <https://www.pbs.org/video/through-youthful-eyes-naphss/>

That might sound all and well, but you might be asking: How could a small landlocked state like Idaho, nowhere near the coasts or the big cities, have possibly played an import role in the war effort? The question is especially relevant as this year marks the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the United States' entry into World War II.

Consider the following:

- The discovery of the element tungsten (which is one of the hardest substances on earth) in the mountains east of McCall, Idaho was essential, because the Axis powers were using tungsten-covered bullets to pierce the shields of the Allied soldiers. By one estimate, the discovery of tungsten in the United States may have shortened World War II by a full year.
- Farragut Naval Base, in northern Idaho on Lake Pend Oreille between Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint, grew into the second-largest naval training facility in the world. Nearly 300,000 sailors received training at Farragut in just 30 months.
- Air bases sprung up throughout southern Idaho to support the Army Air Corps (now the Air Force). These locations included Gowen Field in Boise, Mountain Home Air Base, and what is now the Pocatello Airport.
- Idaho State University served as an officer training school for the U.S. Navy during World War II. Graveley Hall was reconfigured to simulate a submarine and was used for training naval officers before they shipped out to the Pacific Theatre of the war.
- The Naval Ordnance Plant (next to what is now N.O.P. Park in Pocatello) produced artillery that equipped Allied naval battleships. The artillery produced in Pocatello was tested in the desert near Arco, on the site of what is now the Idaho National Laboratories.

- The Sun Valley ski resort closed during the war and lodge was converted into a military hospital to aid in the recovery of American soldiers wounded during the war.

Again and again, the stories that struck us the most were how ordinary Idahoans found valuable ways of contributing to the war effort without leaving the confines of this state. One of my favorite stories involved members of the United Service Organization of eastern Idaho. The USO leaders somehow talked local officials into sharing classified information about the times that trains carrying troops to and from the U.S. West Coast would be arriving at the train station in Pocatello. The USO members, primarily women from Pocatello and surrounding communities up to 100 miles away, organized a program of baking cookies and brewing hot coffee to refresh the soldiers during their layover in Pocatello. Years later, many of the troops wrote letters of gratitude for the kindness of the Pocatello USO (you can even see some of these letters on display at the Pocatello Airport).

These kinds of stories from eight decades ago are important to remember because they are a reminder that, no matter what is happening in your life or successful you are feeling, you are an integral part of a bigger story. And there is no telling how even mundane, apparently unimportant tasks can make a difference to others.

By the way, if you would like to meet some of the Honors students who wrote the Idaho in World War II book and learn more about the stories they got to tell, they will be at the Family Weekend dinner this Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the Wood River Room of the Pond Student Union. During that meal, we will have the "live premiere" of the Emmy-nominated documentary, as well as an introduction from the documentary producer. I encourage you to consider taking part in the great ISU Family Weekend tradition and joining us for that one-of-a-kind event.

Family Weekend

This weekend (October 8-9), invite your family to the ISU campus to participate in events just for you and your family. Attend games, see a movie in the Bengal Theater and walk your family around campus so they can see what your week is like!

There is a Bengal Family Dinner Friday night from 5:30-7 p.m. Dr. Alex Bollinger is speaking and a few honors students who contributed to the Idaho in World War II book will be recognized. Go support them and enjoy a night with your family! isu.edu/family



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Help Select the Student Speaker for Commencement

Each semester, a graduating student is selected as the student speaker for Commencement. The selection committee would like to invite one student to be a part of the selection process for Winter Commencement. The committee meets near the end of November. To make the speaker selection, the committee reviews student applications and submitted videos. If interested, please contact Miriam Dance at miriamdance@isu.edu.

If you are graduating in December and would like to apply to be the student Commencement speaker, keep an eye out for an upcoming call for applications.

Call for Scribendi Submissions

Hello Honors Students!

It is Scribendi submission time! Scribendi is a literary magazine that is conceptualized, designed, edited, and produced by honors students just like you! It includes works of short fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, visual art, open media, photography, and foreign language created by honors students from across the country. Our submission deadline for this year is Friday October 13, so make sure you get your submissions in! Also, by submitting you will have a chance to win a \$250 cash prize.

Submit here: scribendi.unm.edu/submit/

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We look forward to receiving all of your submissions!

Scribendi Staff

BAHM!

It is time for the Fall 2021 BAHM (Bi-Annual Honors Meeting)! All honors students are required to attend one BAHM session each semester.

Watch for the BAHM RSVP email later this week. Be sure to reserve your seats for the session appropriate for you. We are required to limit each session according to the fire code seating capacity of the rooms. **IN 50 MINUTES, YOU WILL LEARN THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM (UHP):**

- Fall 2021 semester's UHP Course options
- Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar (HONS 3391) options
- Honors Scholarship opportunities
- Honors Leadership opportunities

Is It Time to Get Your Teeth Cleaned?

By making an appointment to get your teeth cleaned, you can help a Dental Hygiene major gain clinical experience and complete the requirements of the program.

The dental hygiene clinic has appointments open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All treatment is priced significantly less than a regular office, making it very affordable! The clinic takes most insurances and Medicaid! Starting in October, they are also able to restore cavities and place fillings on Wednesdays.

Call (208) 282-3282 and ask for a dental hygienist in the Honors Program!

Rake-A-Difference: Save the Date

Every year, honors students participate in Rake-a-Difference, a service project raking leaves for those who can't, to help raise money for the Pocatello Free Clinic. This year, the service project will be on **November 5-6 and 12-13**. Mark those dates on your calendar and come make a difference! We'd love to see you there!



Volunteer Opportunity

The Idaho Commission on Hispanic affairs needs volunteers for the Hispanic Youth Leadership Summit that will take place on October 19 on the Pocatello ISU campus. Volunteers need to be available for training, and they'll receive a free t-shirt and lunch during the event. It's a great opportunity to empower youth and enhance their leadership skills.

To volunteer, contact Sonia Martinez at soniamartinez@isu.edu.

Honors Research Funding Award

Applications for the Honors Research Funding Award are currently being accepted for Fall 2021 awards.

Application Deadline: November 12, 2021

This funding is awarded to Honors students who are completing research in pursuit of an Honors Degree. Awards are given every Fall and Spring semester. This award is funded through the Hill Honors Program Endowment.

The scholarship can be used for expenses related to their research (e.g., research materials, supplies, books, and conference fees for conference presentations and attendance). Students must be in active UHP status (have a GPA of 3.2 or greater, and have fulfilled the credit progress, civic engagement, and BAHM requirements).

Apply for the Research Funding Award through the Bengal Online Scholarship System (BOSS).

Service-Learning Opportunity with the Pocatello Free Clinic

The Pocatello Free Clinic contacted is looking for volunteers to help market the fall Rake-A-Thon. Student volunteers will build experience in communications outreach as they develop PSA copy, social media posts, and graphic posters. In addition to supporting an important community resource, this is an opportunity to build a portfolio that can be shown to future employers.

To express your interest in this opportunity, please contact Kathleen Olsen at kathleenolsen@isu.edu.

Honors Leadership Opportunities

We are currently accepting Applications for Spring 2022 Honors Envoy and 2022 Peer Mentor positions! Applications are due by Friday, November 12, 2021.

Honors Envoy

Envoy members support Honors Leadership, are deeply involved in UHP work and recruitment, and become the face and representative of the UHP and its student members. There are typically five Envoy positions available every Fall and Spring semester.

As an internship position, Envoy positions are semester-long terms (available each Fall and Spring semester) and include a \$300 scholarship and a stipend of approximately \$300 (at \$9 per hour, paid over the semester).

Honors Peer Mentor

Honors Mentors provide Honors students a resource on campus that they can rely upon to answer questions related to their education, the university, and even personal matters. Their knowledge of ISU campus resources and professional training offer new Honors students with a reliable advocate for a successful college experience.

To apply for an Envoy or Peer Mentor position, visit isu.edu/honors/current-students/honors-student-leaders/

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Webinar

Thursday, October 7 | 3:00p.m.

If you are considering a graduate program, this webinar is a great start to learning about opportunities to receive financial support as you pursue a master's or doctoral degree.

The five-year fellowship includes three years of financial support, including an annual stipend of \$34,000 and a cost of education allowance of \$12,000 to the institution.

Check out the flyer attached to Weekly Update email for details.

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Updated Peer-Advising Hours

To supplement the advising you receive from your Honors advisor, the Honors Program is happy to offer walk-in peer advising for all Honors students. Third-year Honors student, Exko Ramey, is available to meet with you in REND 306A during the following times:

Mondays	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fridays	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Activites Hosted by the Student Activities Board

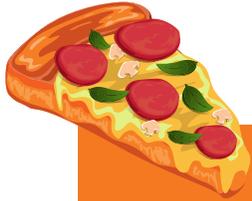
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- 5** *Oktober Fest | 5:00 PM | PSUB Little Wood River Room*
You'll have the chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card and listen to Bobby Gordon speak on making informed decisions about drugs and alcohol. Come mingle with fellow students and try some delicious mocktails!
- 8-9** *Family Weekend*
Invite your family to the ISU campus and participate in the events planned just for you and your family. isu.edu/family/family-weekend

First-Year House Competition Results

The Honors mentors have put together an awesome party to celebrate the winners of the House Competition that will be held on Friday, October 22 at 7pm in the Quad Lounge in the SUB. There will be pizza and bowling down in the Game Center.

Keep working hard and stay tuned for when we announce the winners on October 18th!



Benny	913
Panthera	964
Night	991
Stripes	716

The competition continues for two more weeks. There is still ample time and opportunities for any house to gain the lead and become the Fall 2021 Champions. Remember you are working to earn your house's name on the Recognition Plaque and the opportunity to participate in the House Competition celebration.

The mentors established two more additional ways to earn House points. See the new ways in the list below:

1. Meet with your Honors advisor either in person or over zoom. Let your UHP mentor know when you meet. These meetings with your advisors are worth **10 points**.
2. Meet with your mentor. These meetings can be in person or over zoom and can range from questions about classes or life at ISU, study sessions for homework, or just plain hanging out and having fun. These meetings are worth **10 points**.
3. Text or email your mentor. These conversations with your mentor are worth **5 points**.
4. Attend Honors events with your mentor. This will earn your House **10 points** for each Honors event attended. There will be a sign-in sheet at each Honors event so that the club can keep track of how many students.
5. Report a written letter of Gratitude or a verbal expression of gratitude to your mentor. **5 points**.
6. Follow and Tag pictures you have taken at any Honors Program events on Twitter (@Idaho_Honor), Facebook (Idaho State University Honors), and/or Instagram (@idahostatehonors) to earn bonus points. **1 point per Follow or Tag**.