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Weekly Update

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Scholarship Season

A letter from UHP Acting Director Alex Bolinger

This seems like we are currently in one of those seasons of the year when there is a focus on planning ahead. I know that several of you who are planning to graduate are applying (or interviewing) for jobs or eagerly awaiting responses from graduate programs to which you have applied. Others are beginning to look for jobs, internships, or other things to do this summer. Even our university is already in the process of scheduling classes for the fall semester.

With all of this planning, it is easy to overlook deadlines coming up in just the next couple of weeks. I want to draw your attention to February 15, which is the deadline for scholarships for continuing Honors students. One of the (many) benefits of being an active part of the Honors Program is the opportunity to apply for scholarships that help to offset the costs of completing your program of study.

A full list of scholarships and their descriptions is available online at <https://www.isu.edu/honors/current-students/scholarship-information/>. One thing that you will notice is that there are scholarships targeted to Honors students with different strengths:

- The SDS Scholarship is a great way to be rewarded for extensive involvement in the Honors Program beyond simply fulfilling attendance and program requirements.
- The Heithoff Scholarship is seeking Honors applicants who volunteer, mentor, or otherwise give back to their community while attending school and working part-time.
- The Lookout Credit Union Scholarship for Community Service also recognizes Honors students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the community in Southeast Idaho.
- The Lookout Credit Union Scholarship for Excellence in Business is designed for Honors students who are majoring or minoring in Business.
- The Idaho Central Credit Union Perseverance Scholarship focuses on Honors students who have persisted toward their academic goals despite adversity.

Then, there are Owlportunity Scholarships, which will be funded this year in connection with the triumphant return of Opportuni-Tea on Saturday, April 2. (There will also be an online portal for individuals to donate to these scholarships even if they cannot attend the Tea.)

Honors students who apply for Owlportunity Scholarships will create an "Owl" with a short bio and specific request for funding to offset a particular expense (e.g., to help with the costs of applying to graduate schools, buying books for your classes, taking the MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, GRE, or many other possibilities). Donors who attend the Opportuni-Tea have the opportunity to choose which "Owl" requests to fund (partially or fully).

I have to admit to you, the number of scholarship opportunities that it provides for continuing students (on top of the scholarships that many of you earned as incoming students) are among the many things that impress me about the University Honors Program here at ISU. But of course scholarships require the generosity of donors, and they also require students to apply. Thus, I want to conclude by emphasizing two points:

#1 – There are many generous members of our community who are invested in your success. From Professor Dienstfrey-Swanson,

Dr. Hill, the Heithoff family, the Bennion family, and the many, many individuals at ISU and in our community who participate in and donate to Opportuni-Tea, to organizational sponsors such as Lookout Credit Union and Idaho Central Credit Union, there are many people who care deeply about your success and back that up with their financial support. I hope that you find that to be encouraging. Whether or not you get a chance to interact with any of these donors directly, you should know that this is a community of people who know that earning a college degree is not always easy and are investing in ways to make your journey more manageable.

#2 – Don't forget to apply by February 15th!

This might seem obvious, but when life gets busy, it is easy to overlook upcoming deadlines. I encourage you to take the time to apply for one of these scholarships – and please let Dawn, Miriam, Lori, or me know if you have any questions.

– Dr. B.

Be a Published Writer

Aisthesis

I am the faculty co-editor of Aisthesis, a student-run annual honors journal published at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Like last year, we are seeking academic and creative submissions from honors students nationwide and would be thrilled to receive work from Idaho State University's Honors Program. The submission deadline is March 7, 2022. Aisthesis homepage:

<https://pubs.lib.umn.edu/index.php/aisthesis/index>

Best, Rebecca Boyle
Asst. Professor of English, Linguistics, and Writing Studies, University of Minnesota Duluth

Black Rock and Sage

ISU's student journal, Black Rock and Sage, is now open for submissions. Submit your fiction, nonfiction, poetry, photography, maps, paintings, drawings, comics, plays, musical recordings, novels, music compositions, costume sketches, dances, dramas, and more. The deadline for submissions is February 14. To learn how to submit or more about the journal, visit blackrockandsage.org.



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Honors Scholarships Now Open in BOSS

There are currently several scholarships open on BOSS available exclusively to ISU honors students. The application deadline is February 15th, so apply quickly! Here is a list of the honors scholarships currently open:

- **Heitoff Scholarship**
- **SDS Scholarship**
- **Lookout Credit Union Scholarship for Community Service**
- **Lookout Credit Union Scholarship for Excellence in Business**
- **ICCU Perseverance Scholarship**

Honors Owl-portunity Scholarships

Open to full-time Honors students with a 3.20 GPA or higher. This scholarship is intended to help students with expenses related to their education. Applicants may request a specific scholarship amount to be used for a specific need and must provide a short bio that will be made available to donors to the University Honors Program. Donors will have the opportunity to select and sponsor individual Owl-portunity Scholarships online and during the UHP annual fundraiser, An Opportuni-Tea.

When applying for this scholarship, you'll be asked to provide:

1. How much money you are requesting and what you need it for. Examples of acceptable funding reasons are book costs, lab fees, specialized equipment for your major, or MCAT/LSAT/GRE fees. Your reason can be outside this list, but please be specific when making your request.
2. A short bio. Include your major, class, a few words about yourself, and what you are requesting support of. Scholarship sponsors will be reading your bio during UHP fundraising. Do your best to keep your bio to 108 characters or less. If your bio is longer it will be edited by Honors staff.

Example Bio – I'm Lily, a 2nd year Geology major. Many of the courses I take include field trips & high course fees. I need \$250 for fees. Thanks! (107 characters without spaces)

Student Guest Writer for the Weekly Updates

Every week, Dr. Bolinger shares his thoughts in the weekly letter he writes as the opening for the Weekly Updates. We'd love to hear your perspective and thoughts, too! If you would like to write the introductory letter for an issue of the Weekly Update, email Dr. Bolinger (alexbolinger@isu.edu). Even if you're not sure what to write about, Dr. Bolinger can help you sort out some ideas.

Bengal Business Movie Night

Wall Street
February 2
7:00 PM
Bengal Theater

Free show, great giveaways, and an interesting discussion with business professors about the show.





Call for Volunteers



An Opportuni-Tea is the premier fundraiser for the University Honors Program. This annual fundraiser grows funds used to support students in the Honors Program through scholarships. The event is made possible with the help of many student volunteers from the honors Program.

An Opportuni-Tea is scheduled for April 2 and we are looking for volunteers from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. to set up, operate and clean up the tea. Volunteer assistance is also needed to prepare for the tea on April 1.

There are several options for volunteering and you can see a list in the sign-up form:

<https://forms.gle/ihuMxSHq4MvkDyYB8>

We appreciate your help! This hallmark fundraising event couldn't happen with you!!

Graduation Deadlines

February 1 - last day to file for May 2022 graduation

March 28 - last day to file for August 2022 graduation

Please get your applications in before the deadlines!

University Career Fair

Wednesday, February 16 | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
PSUB Ballroom

The University's Career Center is hosting their spring Career Fair in the SUB Ballroom from 10 am - 1 pm. Dress professionally and come meet with employers. Make sure to bring copies of your resume.

Interview With Confidence

Presentation by Ben Smalley, CEO/Administrator at Intermountain Healthcare in Burley. The presentation will take place on February 2 at 12:00 in BA 506.

INL Early Career Days

INL is hosting their first-ever Early Career days this month. These informative, interactive events are designed to help university students learn about the broad range of research being conducted at INL and the various early-career programs available at the lab.

Nuclear Research - Tuesday, January 25
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

National Security - Wednesday, January 26
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Energy & Environment - Thursday, January 27
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

If you're interested in attending, please RSVP through the form found at this link:

https://inlfedramp.gov1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0vOtEgnxNxobj4a

Enterprise Rent-A-Car Info Session

Tuesday, February 15 | 12:15 PM | BA 506
Learn about career opportunities at Enterprise.

UHP Club Events

February

- 2** Game Night | 7:00 PM | Rendezvous, 3rd floor - Honors Lobby
- 4** Snow Ball | Check out flyers in Housing for more details
- 7** Pre-Valentine's Day Party at Delta | 7:00 PM | Delta Skating Rink
Skate into Valentine's Day with fellow Honors Students. Free for all Honors students.
- 10** Women's Basketball: Bengals vs. U of I Vandals | 6:45 PM | Reed Gym
Cheer our Bengals on to victory over the U of I Vandals! Meet by the computer lab in the Rendezvous (2nd floor) to check in with Beckett Bodell and walk to Reed Gym.

March

- 1** UNO Night | 7:00 PM | TBA
Join in the UNO tournament to win awesome prizes!
- 7** Owl Activity | 7:00 PM | Rendezvous, 3rd floor - Honors Lobby
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