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S26 BAHM!

It's that time of semester again!

BAHM 1: Tuesday, March 17th (5:00PM - 6:00PM)

BAHM 2: Wednesday, March 18th (8:00AM - 9:00AM)

BAHM 3: Thursday, March 19th (11:00am - 12:00PM)

This semester, instead of breakout sessions, we will have open advising for help with your schedules for the second half of the meeting. Graduating seniors are not required to attend.

RSVP here by March 13

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT?

HONORS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships, **up to \$250**, are intended to help UHP students with specific academic costs that are not covered by tuition. Requests include, but can extend beyond, course textbooks, materials, supplies, and fees; test fees (e.g., GRE, MCAT, Praxis); graduate school application fees; musical instrument maintenance; commuting costs; or research materials. The Opportunity Scholarships will be presented to potential donors online and on handmade flower ornaments (see below) at the **Opportuni-Tea on April 4th!**

First step: Check out the application criteria in [BOSS](#).

Then, consider the following tips:

1. The **more specific** your request, **the better!** Potential donors like to know what specific items (and their costs) you're hoping to fund.
2. Your request can be **any amount up to \$250**. In fact, many donors like to have a variety of cost options to choose from.
3. Your personal statement should be brief and concise. Make sure you're telling potential donors **what you need AND how it will help you** achieve your educational or professional goals.

Applications close at the end of the day on Saturday, February 28!

Opportunity Scholarship Flower Making Sessions

At the **Opportuni-Tea on April 4th**, your Opportunity Scholarship request will be featured on a handmade, by you, flower ornament. We've found that donors are significantly more likely to give when they receive these handcrafted flowers.

We are holding **three flower making sessions** for you to craft your flower and handwrite a thank you card!

Wednesday, February 25 | 4-5pm | Honors Lounge

Thursday, March 5 | 1-2pm | REND 228

Monday, March 9 | 4-6pm | Honors Lounge

(The Honors Lounge is outside REND 305)

Please [RSVP HERE](#)

Stress Management

and Biofeedback

Workshop

**Monday,
March 2**

4:00pm

REND 313



Presented by Dr. Matt Ashton, psychologist and Biofeedback Coordinator at ISU's Counseling and Mental Health Center.

Come learn about stress and how to see it in a productive and helpful way. Hear some tips about biofeedback and simple ways to manage stress every day. Start your midterm week off right and meet your Honors event requirement for the semester!

February UHP Club Events

BINGO

Tuesday, February 17th | 7:00PM | PSUB Ballroom
Join UHPC in attending this week's bingo!

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, February 24th | 5-7:00PM | Location TBA



Game on, honors students! Honors Board Game Night is your chance to relax, laugh, and challenge friends over a variety of board games. A prize will be given to the reigning champion!

Apply for Honors Scholarships in BOSS by February 28

SDS Scholarship

For 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year continuing, full-time, active status Honors students who have a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.2. Applicants will be asked to describe ways in which they are involved in the Honors Program beyond fulfilling regular Honors attendance and program requirements.

Heithoff Scholarship

For 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year continuing, full-time, active status Honors students who have a cumulative GPA between 2.90 and 3.90; working a part-time job; volunteering, mentoring, or assisting others; and have scholarships or grants that total to less than 75% of the costs of ISU's tuition and room and board.

Bobette Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship

Available to full-time continuing, active status Honors students with a minimum GPA of 3.2. A 1-2 page essay explaining how you are using your academic, extracurricular, and professional experiences to address an issue (e.g. economic, social, political, education, health, environmental, etc.).

Lookout Credit Union Scholarship for Community Service

Available to full-time continuing, active status Honors students with a minimum GPA of 3.2. A 1-3 page personal statement describing your commitment to serving the Southeast Idaho community is required.

Lookout Credit Union Scholarship for Excellence in Business

Available to full-time continuing, active status Honors students with a minimum GPA of 3.2 and majoring or minoring in Business. A 1-3 page personal statement describing your career goals in the field of Business and how you are working to achieve these goals is required.

Idaho Central Credit Union Perseverance Scholarship

Available to full-time continuing, active status Honors students with a minimum GPA of 3.2. Applicants must submit a one page personal statement describing a specific adversity or challenge that you are currently struggling with or have recently overcome.

Opportunity Scholarship

Available to full-time, active status Honors students with a minimum GPA of 3.2. Applicants may request a specific scholarship amount of \$250 or less to be used for a specific academic need and provide a short bio that will be available to donors online and during the UHP annual fundraiser, An Opportuni-Tea.

Announcements & Opportunities

Volunteer for Bengal Visit Day

Saturday, April 11

As the largest event we host on campus, this open-house style event allows students and guests to explore campus completely at their own pace. During the event, they have the opportunity to visit departments, hear about our different student resources available, chat with our student clubs/organizations, take a campus or housing tour, and so much more! We will need volunteers in all of these areas along with general volunteers (current students or faculty/staff) that can assist with information tables, distribution of materials, bus guides, set up/clean up, etc.

Register Here: [Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Partners in the Parks® Registration

Registration is now open for Partners in the Parks®, NCHC's immersive summer projects designed for honors students seeking hands-on learning, service, and adventure in national parks across the country. These are a great opportunity for those interested in experiential learning, environmental studies, civic engagement, outdoor leadership, or capstone development. These small-cohort programs offer meaningful academic and personal growth experiences beyond the classroom.

Summer 2026 Partners in the Parks® Projects

- *Capitol Reef National Park (May 15–22)*
- *Acadia National Park (May 18–23)*
- *Shenandoah National Park and Appalachian Trail (May 29–June 5)*
- *Indiana Dunes National Park (August 4-7)*

Across all projects, students will:

- Engage in place-based learning and conservation work
- Collaborate with peers from honors programs nationwide
- Learn from faculty leaders and local experts
- Gain experiences that often inform capstones, research, or career pathways

Space is limited for each project and registration deadlines vary. Full details, eligibility information, and registration links are available at nchchonors.org

Sustainable Idaho Radio Show Host GPI

Sustainable Idaho, an award-winning weekly radio show on KISU, will be seeking new student host interns starting this summer. The program interviews a wide variety of sustainability experts on topics that are of current interest to ISU students, faculty, and community members. The show's aim is to provide eastern Idaho with a quality radio show that brings environmental and sustainability issues into everyday conversations. Hosts work every week with professionals from the Portneuf Resource Council to decide on topics, write questions, arrange and hold interviews, edit the recorded interview with professional equipment, and revise their drafts after feedback. No experience necessary--student hosts will receive training--but an interest in sustainable topics is a must.

This position is funded through the Career Path Internship program at **\$13/hour**. To be eligible, students should be prepared to train over the summer and then be available for a **10 hour per week** commitment during the academic year. Interested students should send a cover email explaining their interest in the position, along with a resume, to Linda Engle at LindaRSEngle@gmail.com



Summer Authentic Research Experiences (SARE)

Summer Authentic Research Experiences (SARE) is designed to engage Idaho undergraduates in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields related to I-CREWS research and increase the number and preparation of skilled scientists and engineers in I-CREWS fields (geosciences, biological sciences, social sciences, and resilience science, computational modeling, machine learning and artificial intelligence) to provide analytical outcomes to proactively address the impacts of meteorological, population, and technological change on energy-water (E-W) systems.

Each student receives hands-on, paid (up to \$6,000) summer research experiences (full-time or part-time educational opportunities available), where they study topics broadly related to the I-CREWS project. Each SARE educational opportunity is designed as a learning experience and not employment.

Students participating in SARE will be expected to present research results at the Idaho Conference on Undergraduate Research (ICUR) in July 2026, as well as the Idaho NSF EPSCoR Annual Meeting. Students will be expected to participate in a virtual Summer Research Community, hosted by Boise State University, and network with other students in the SARE program. Students will also be required to submit a research profile to the Idaho EPSCoR website.

Student Applications are due on May 1, 2026

Find more information at idahocrewws.org/sare/
or contact ISU SARE lead Emma Fox-Fogle (emmafoxfogle@isu.edu)

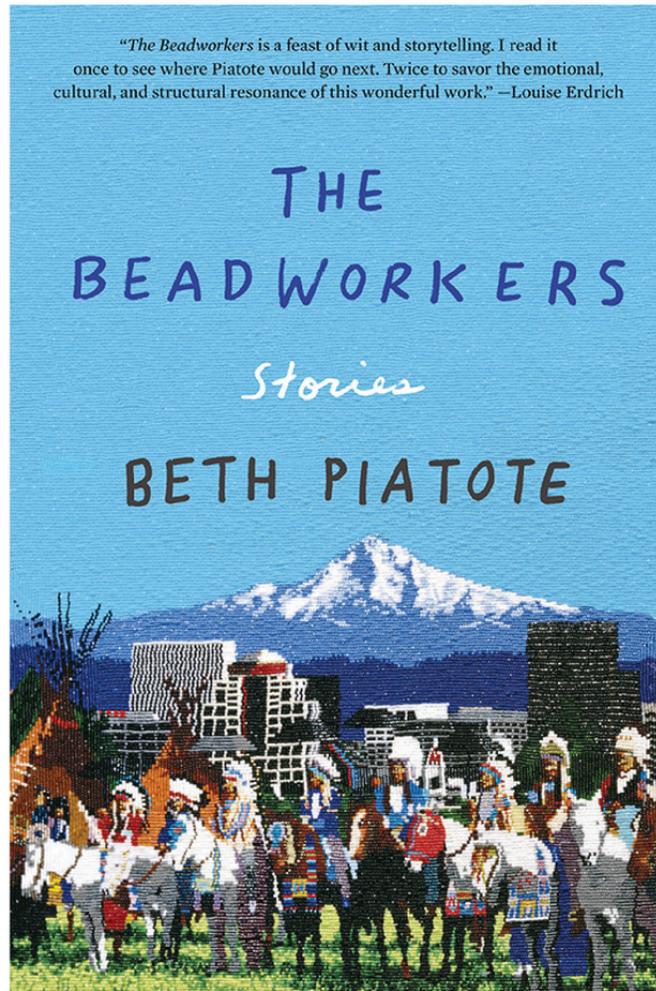


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VISITING WRITER

Beth Piatote



Creative Writing Class | Monday, February 23
11 a.m. | Rendezvous Suites

Reading | Tuesday, February 24
5 p.m. | Black Box Theatre (Stephens Performing Arts Center)

*This event is sponsored in part by the Department of English and Philosophy
and the Department of Theatre and Dance*

BLOOM, DISCOVER & ROAM IN THE SAGEBRUSH STEPPE

**FREE
INTERACTIVE
LEARNING!**

When: February 28, 1–3 p.m. (drop in anytime)

Where: Idaho Museum of Natural History

Who: Kids, families, and curious learners of all ages

art & gardening

PLANT A
SUNFLOWER TO
TAKE HOME



Sagebrush
Steppe Land Trust

life-sized board game

EXPLORE
WILDLIFE
MIGRATION
ROUTES



'critter catcher' craft

LEARN ABOUT
WILDLIFE



**Idaho Museum of
Natural History**



THE PALOUSE REVIEW

ARE YOU AN HONORS STUDENT?

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO SUBMIT YOUR WORK TO A
LITERARY ARTS JOURNAL? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

Submit Your Work By March 22nd, 2026

SUBMIT YOUR WORK TO
PALOUSEREVIEW.WSU.EDU

SCHOLARSHIP | POETRY | ART
PHOTOGRAPHY | MUSIC
FICTION | NONFICTION

2026 Research and Creative Works Symposium

This event is an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students, in all disciplines and degree levels, to present their in-progress or completed scholarly or creative works for a chance to win big \$\$!

The 2026 Symposium will be on
Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Submissions opened on **January 28**
and are due by **February 25, 2026.**

Find more information at
isu.edu/researchsymposium

Call For Creative Submissions

An Opportuni-Tea is the premier fundraiser for the University Honors Program and an opportunity to spotlight the diverse skills of Honors students.

A main feature of the event is a silent auction. We would like to invite Honors students to donate original creative work to be auctioned. Donated work can be anything you've created—a painting, yarn art, woodworking, ceramics, sculpture, etc. The options are endless.

Your creative work doesn't have to be fully complete in order to let us know that you are interested in donating, as long as the item is complete and submitted by **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

If you'd like to donate creative work, please complete [this form](#).



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