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Do You Know?

ISU Health Center

ISU's Health Center has Free Office Visits for Students!

They provide comprehensive medical services encompass a wide spectrum of care, comprising acute/urgent care, primary care, orthopedics, and mental health care. The University Health Center offers advanced or same day appointments!

Bengal Pharmacy is right above the Health Center.

Visit isu.edu/healthcenter/ for more information and to make an appointment

Now You Know!

Fall 2026 UHP Envoys

Instructional Assistant | Gavin Kramer

Hello everyone! I am currently in my fourth year at ISU. I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in Earth & Environmental Science, and a master's degree in Geographical Information Systems.

I serve as one of the Instructional Assistant Envoys, in which I assist Dr. Holt and Dr. Musquez where I help design, evaluate and facilitate the HONS1100 classes in the fall. I chose to apply for the Envoy position because I wanted to become more involved in the Honors Program and connect with other students. I also saw it as a good opportunity to develop my leadership and communication skills while simultaneously helping promote the Honors community.

Outside of academics, I enjoy the outdoors, where I can go skiing, rafting, biking, and enjoy the many other activities Idaho has to offer.



Directors Assitant | Abigail Millington

Hello! I am a second-year student studying Health Sciences with a Pre-Physician Assistant minor while also earning a certificate in Civic Engagement!

As an Envoy, I will be serving as the Director's Assistant where I will be working with Dr. Johnson to review honors contracts and assist with other various tasks. I am very excited for this opportunity to represent the Honors Program while getting a better understanding of the behind the scenes operations and working with the Honor's staff.

In my spare time, I enjoy going on hikes, hunting, getting way too involved in fantasy novels, and playing games with my friends and family.





Instructional Assistant | Jodi Zieglmeier

I am a 2nd-year student studying Biology with an emphasis in Biomedical Sciences as well as pursuing an academic certificate in Civic Engagement as a Bobette Wilhelm Civic Scholar, and an academic certificate in Biomedical Ethics.

This semester I have the opportunity to serve as one of the Instructional Assistant Envoys where I work under Dr. Holt and Dr. Musquez in the HONS 1100 classes. I help facilitate class discussions, supply insight from a student perspective, lend a hand wherever I can, and provide overall support for our incoming honors students.

This semester I am also excited to work in a kindergarten classroom supporting students' reading, begin giving back to my community by volunteering at a homeless shelter, and collaborating in a Vertically-Integrated research class. I love Pocatello, because there are so many ways to get involved!

Outside of school you will find me trying out local coffee shops, cooking meals in my apartment, hanging out with my roommates, or sniffing out the nearest live music. I love concerts, and am open to any music suggestions! So far some of my favorite live music has been The Lumineers, Noah Kahan, Ole 60, The Red Clay Strays, and Buffalo Traffic Jam.



Communications Envoy | Alivia Wright

Hi! I am a second-year student pursuing a Bachelor's in Radiographic Science with an Honors Distinction, an emphasis in Health Care Administration, and an Academic Certificate in Human Resources. Once I graduate with my bachelor's, I hope to continue my education to earn a certification in MRI and other modalities.

This semester, I have the opportunity to be a Communications Envoy. As a Communications Envoy, I help make the University Honors Program Weekly Update newsletters alongside Lori Tapanila. I wanted to apply for this position to become more involved and help represent the honors program here at ISU.

Outside of school, I love to ski, do random crafts, hike, go camping, and hang out with friends and family.



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Arches, Canyons, and Hoodoos

Dead Horse Point State Park • Jan. 3 – 9

Partners in the Parks Winter Break Trip January 3-9, 2027

Join facilitators, Natasha Kohl and Geoff Buckley in the American Southwest to explore beautiful canyon country in Dead Horse Point State Park, Arches National Park, and Canyonlands National Park. Timed for the parks' off season, this trip allows you to experience the region's parks when temperatures are cooler, tourists are fewer, and park rangers have more time to share their knowledge. You'll spend four nights in heated yurts at Dead Horse Point State Park, so no winter camping gear required. However, you will still want to bring a sleeping bag, comfortable hiking shoes, and warm layers.

Learn more and register here:

<https://www.nchchonors.org>

Western Regional Honors Council Conference

April 1-3, 2027

Metropolitan State University of Denver in Denver, CO.

This year's theme: Water and the American West

The WRHC Conference seeks to provide a platform for students, faculty, and staff from across the Western Region to engage in enriching conversations and community building.

Undergraduate honors students are invited to present their research and creative projects in the form of 10-minute talks or poster presentations.

Students who wish to participate in the 2027 WRHC Conference must submit a proposal by December 20, 2026

Visit www.msudenver.edu/honors-program/western-regional-honors-council-conference-2027/ for more information and to submit a proposal.

Contact Honors Director, Dr. Margaret Johnson, for information about possible funding and travel.

Black Rock & Sage **2026 Launch Party**

Thursday, September 24 | 4:30 PM
Wood River Room | Pond Student Union



Free food and contributor preformances.
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Announcements & Opportunities

ISU's 9/11 Day of Service Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed for multiple events scheduled throughout September

Benny's Pantry Meal Kit Assembly

Volunteers will assemble meal and birthday kits for families and students in need.

Tuesday, Sept 15, 11am-1pm
Heritage Room in the PSUB.

Community Preparedness Fair Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with setup on Friday, Sept 18. And, volunteers are needed at the event on Saturday, Sept 19 to help direct and educate participants as well as help organize supplies and handouts. September 19, 2026

Learn more about the program
and other events:

isu.edu/serviceday/911-events/



Scribendi - Call for Submissions



**Submissions for Scribendi Vol. 41 are
OPEN**

Deadline: October 9, 2026

**Scribendi is a national collegiate honors
publication made by and for honors
students. They are accepting
submissions for the 2027 edition.**

Details and submit links at

<https://scribendi.submittable.com/submit>

NCHC Student Workshop - Introduction to Nationally Competitive Awards

Sept 16th | 1:00 - 2:30 pm (MDT)

Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

Requires an NCHC student member account

[Create a Free NCHC Student Account](#)

**This workshop will help you learn how to
identify scholarship and fellowship opportunities,
how to find and use resources at your home campus,
and learn how to access NCHC resources**

Register for the Workshop at

www.nchchonors.org/Login.aspx



Important Deadline

The last day to file an
application for December
2026 Graduation is
Monday, September 21st.

isu.edu/graduation/apply/



ISU Events & Activities

- Bingo: Tuesday, Sept 15, 7-9 pm in the PSUB Ballroom
- Fresh Fruit Fridays: Friday, Sept 18, 8 am- 12 pm at the Reed Gymnasium and Student Recreation Center
- Outdoor Movie: Friday, Sept 18, 8:30-10 pm on the Quad
- Be the Light Suicide Prevention Walk: Saturday, Sept 19, 9-11 am on the Quad



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