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Homecoming

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

October 5th - 10th

**Sign-Up HERE to attend HoCo
Events with the UHP Club!**

*Sign up by Weds, Sept 30
Counts as UHP Event*

Visit isu.edu/homecoming to learn more!

2026/27 UHP Club Officers

President | Olivia Burnside

Hi! My name is Olivia! I am super excited to serve as President of the Honors Club this year. I am originally from the great city of Pocatello. I'm majoring in Health Sciences and Spanish for Health Professions. I plan to apply to medical school upon graduating from ISU.

Some of my favorite things include hiking, camping, skiing, live music, and traveling! As Honors Club President, I preside over meetings and direct many of the club activities.

One of my goals as president is to deepen the connection between Honors and the community through service. I am here to support and be a resource for all of the students in the Honors Program. Feel free to reach out!



Vice President | Moheet Suthar



Hello! I'm Moheet Suthar, and I am a second-year student pursuing an Honors Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry with a minor in Business. I'm originally from North Carolina, and currently live in Idaho Falls.

My goal is to continue on to graduate school and conduct research involving proteins and microorganisms. Outside of academics, I enjoy snowboarding in the winter, golfing in the summer, playing the piano, watching NASCAR, and sitting down with a good history book.

I serve as Vice President of the UHPC, where I oversee club activities and fill in for the President in her absence. One of my goals is to increase awareness of the UHPC and engagement among underclassmen.

Feel free to reach out anytime; I'd be glad to hear from you!



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Treasurer | Brycen Talbot

Hey Guys! I'm Brycen Talbot, and I'm excited to serve as Treasurer of the University Honors Program Club this year. I am a second-year pre-dental student pursuing an Honors Bachelor of Science in Health Science and a certificate in Civic Engagement. Outside of academics, I enjoy hiking, camping, road-tripping, and exploring nature.



As Treasurer, I help manage the club's finances by maintaining accurate financial records, handling deposits and expenditures, and completing the necessary funding paperwork. This year I want to focus on putting on engaging events that encourage greater participation within the University Honors Program Club.



Secretary | Daniel Enriquez



I'm Daniel Enriquez, your UHPC Secretary this year! I'm double majoring in Health Sciences and Spanish for Health Professions. I hope to go to medical school and become a surgeon in the future. This summer, I went to Columbia University's medical school on an internship

and learned what the curriculum and requirements of a medical student are. On top of the honors program, I am also involved with the Ambassadors, Lambda Theta Phi, SACNAS, LED, along with other organizations.

If you don't find me studying in rendezvous or at the gym, I'm probably working at Portneuf Hospital or at the free clinic. My hopes for this year are to involve people more with the honors program and create a space where everyone feels welcome. If you ever see me around, feel free to say hi!



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Historian | Noelia Juarez

I am a pre-nursing major from Twin Falls, Idaho. In my free time, I love baking sourdough bread for friends and family, spending time outdoors, and getting to know the people around me. Throughout high school, I was involved in Key Club, Student Council, Business

Professionals of America, and Speed and Speech and Debate. Being in these clubs gave me experience in almost everything club-related—from strong communication to showcasing events—and taught me that advocating for our club and making everyone feel welcome is my number one priority.

As UHPC Historian, my position centers on promoting our events, showcasing what our club does, and highlighting what a great experience the Honors Program is for everyone involved.

This year, I hope to improve the way we reach out to members through social media and in person to increase interest and attendance at every event. I truly want to create a great, welcoming environment for both returning and new members while spotlighting all the wonderful opportunities our program has to offer!



F26 BAHM

F26 BAHM will be held on the following days:

Tuesday, October 13 at 5pm

Thursday, October 15 at 8am

Friday, October 16 at 12:30pm

RSVP HERE

UHP Work Study Job Opportunity

Do you have work study funds? Are you looking for a part-time (19 hours per week or less) job? Would you like to learn how to update the UHP website? Are you an independent, self-motivated worker? If you answered yes to all of those questions, you should apply for this job!



Details:

\$13/hour

Flexible Hours

Supervisor: Lori Tapanila

Paid Training: <https://www.isu.edu/cms/>

Apply Now!



THE IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY FINE ARTS CLUB PRESENTS

VISIBILITY

SEPT. 28TH THROUGH OCT. 16TH
IN THE JOHN B. DAVIS GALLERY

GALLERY RECEPTION: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER
29TH FROM 6 UNTIL 7:00PM

The John B. Davis Gallery is located on the main floor of the Fine Arts Building room 105.
The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from noon until 6:00pm.



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Volunteers Needed for 2026 Haunted Science Laboratory

THE HAUNTED SCIENCE LABORATORY



The ISU physics program and Kiwanis Club of Pocatello's Haunted Science Laboratory will return to the Bannock County Event Center in October. Volunteers are needed to help set up and prepare for the hundreds of local students who attend. The Haunted Science Lab features more than 50 educational and interactive science exhibits designed to delight, fright, and educate kids of all ages. Some exhibits use the same principles as Disneyland's Haunted Science Mansion, except they are explained.

Set-up for the event will take place from September 30 through October 14, with field trips scheduled for October 15 through 22. The public day will be October 24, and take-down sessions will be from October 25 through 31.

For more information on volunteering and to sign up, contact Steve Shropshire at (208) 282-2212 or shrosteve@isu.edu.

UHPC RAFFLE



**ATTEND EVERY
EVENT TO INCREASE
YOUR CHANCES OF
WINNING BIG!**

**HUGE
PRIZES!**

END OF THE YEAR RAFFLE DRAWING

EVERY TIME YOU ATTEND AN HONORS EVENT AND SCAN THE QR CODE YOU WILL GET ONE ENTRY INTO THE END-OF-YEAR RAFFLE

PRIZES WILL BE REVEALED DURING BAHM SESSIONS

STEM and Business Career Fair

September 30, 2026

10am - 2pm

Pond Student Union Building Ballroom

Great opportunity for STEM (Engineering, Computer Science, Science majors etc.) and Business majors to meet with local and regional employers

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.

Scribendi

Details and submit links at

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

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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 by December 1st at:
<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 the website for more information and to
submit a proposal**

www.msudenver.edu/honors-program/western-regional-honors-council-conference-2027/

ISU Events & Activities

Teaching Kitchen: Sushi Making

Tuesday, Sept 29, 6 - 7 pm in Albion Hall 102

Pawp Shop Soda Bar Pop Up Event

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 11 am - 1:30 pm, in PSUB

Rupp Debate

Wednesday, Sept 30, 1 - 3 pm, Frazier 410

Idaho State-Civic Symphony Concert

**Friday, Oct 2, 7:30 - 9:30 pm at
Stephens Performing Arts Center**



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