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The Talkin’ Broncos dominate speech and debate and bring home another national championship.

Boise State is the school of choice for a growing number of degree seekers and an academically talented freshman class.

As the number of veterans on campus grows, Boise State reaches out in some innovative ways.

New scholarships, buildings and academic programs attest to the generosity of more than 23,000 donors to Boise State’s first-ever comprehensive campaign. Idaho’s largest higher-education effort of its kind raised more than $185 million.

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IT IS RARE TO BE PART OF SOMETHING TRULY TRANSFORMATIONAL – TO FEEL THE SATISFACTION OF JOINING OTHERS IN PUTTING A SHOULDER TO A CHALLENGE SO LARGE THAT GENERATIONS WILL BENEFIT.

That is exactly the kind of extraordinary effort that went into the success of Destination Distinction: The Campaign for Boise State, our recently completed comprehensive campaign (see page 12).

The success belongs wholly to you – the more than 23,000 friends, alumni, community partners, faculty, staff and others who contributed more than $185 million to the people, places and programs of Boise State University, allowing us not only to meet, but also to exceed the goal laid out for our first-ever campaign.

I am deeply grateful to each of you for your gift – whether large or small. By giving through Boise State, you provide the essential tools our students need to be tomorrow’s innovators, the resources our researchers need as they work to make the world a better place and a point of pride that prompts so many to consider Bronco Nation their home.

Comprehensive campaigns have an end point, but the positive effect of a campaign lives on in an enhanced culture of philanthropy within the university and among its supporters. There can be no better example of this than the recently announced and exceedingly generous gift from Catherine and Keith Stein, longtime supporters of the Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band. After Destination Distinction ended, Keith and Catherine came forward with a $1 million gift to assure that Boise State will realize its dream of becoming an All-Steinway School, putting our music program in the company of the finest in the nation (see page 6).

Campaigns also provide a platform for ongoing fundraising. Yes, alas, there will be future campaigns. Our growth and needs continue to outstrip the resources currently provided, necessitating more than ever a continuing commitment to giving.

Decades from today, your contribution through Destination Distinction will stand out as a key benchmark on the path we are traveling as an emerging metropolitan research university. On behalf of the students and faculty at Boise State, thank you again for your generosity.

— Dr. Bob Kustra, President
Boise State athletes earn accolades for their many physical accomplishments. But they also score big in the world of academics.

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“To have a championship effort, it’s important to perform at high levels across all areas,” says Gabe Rosenvall, assistant athletic director and academic counselor.

“That certainly includes academics. We have a lot of championship caliber teams at Boise State. We work hard to be sure they perform at that level in the classroom, with graduation being the ultimate goal.”

Along with Boise State leading the WAC’s APR efforts in football and men’s basketball, the Broncos ranked second among league schools in seven other sports — women’s golf, gymnastics, women’s tennis, men’s outdoor track and field, men’s indoor track and field, men’s cross country and women’s outdoor track and field.

Football came within three points of recording back-to-back perfect scores of 1,000 with a single-year score of 997. In 2009-10, the Bronco men’s golf and women’s outdoor track and field teams posted a perfect score of 1,000 points.

Boise State is home to the CAES Energy Efficiency Research Institute (CEERI), an initiative by the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES) to create a research focus on conserving energy, lowering energy costs and creating new professional opportunities.

CEERI’s goals include developing energy efficiency concepts through research in applied technology and consumer behavior; providing specialized education for energy efficiency technicians, engineers and architects; evaluating existing energy-saving technologies; and creating infrastructure for the accelerated transfer of ideas from the institute to the marketplace.

John Gardner, a sustainability expert and professor of mechanical engineering at Boise State, will lead development of CEERI as director. CAES is a research and education partnership between Idaho National Lab, Boise State, University of Idaho and Idaho State University.

An early success for CEERI was a $1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy this fall to train engineering students in energy efficiency and to provide energy audits to mid-sized industrial facilities in the Northwest.

Boise State University has become Idaho’s first All-Steinway School.

Benefactors Keith and Catherine Stein gave an unsolicited $1 million gift earlier this fall to complete the All-Steinway School Initiative, launched in April 2008.

“We have achieved a remarkable goal to upgrade all our aging pianos to instruments produced exclusively by Steinway and Sons, which is the preferred choice of musicians worldwide,” says Dr. Mark Hansen, chair of the music department. “This is a transformative gift.”

Boise State joins more than 130 all-Steinway colleges, universities and conservatories worldwide, joining the company of Yale University, The Juilliard School, Carnegie-Mellon University, Cleveland Institute of Music, the Oberlin College Conservatory and others.

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“Catherine and I have a great deal of confidence in Boise State’s dynamic future,” says Keith Stein, “and we wanted to express that confidence by supporting two programs that are very meaningful to the university and our family.”
An inexpensive, portable system could soon save lives around the world by diagnosing serious medical problems through a simple blood test. Early-stage diagnosis could lead to the successful treatment of hundreds of diseases.

The innovative research is being funded by a $1 million, three-year grant from the prestigious W.M. Keck Foundation. It is Boise State’s first Keck grant and puts the university in the company of other recent awardees, including Arizona State University, UCLA, Boston College, University of Texas and Columbia University.

“By using engineered biochemical tools, disease-specific markers could be identified through a portable DNA-based device that is analogous to a disposable pregnancy test,” says Dr. Will Hughes (above, center), principal investigator. “We believe the system could potentially become the gold standard in diagnosing diseases, especially where medical equipment and resources are scarce.”

Hughes, assistant professor of materials science and engineering, is leading an interdisciplinary team of faculty in chemistry, biology and engineering and is collaborating with outside organizations on the project.

The Keck Foundation is known for funding high-risk, high-return projects in science, engineering and medical research. The program’s initial target will be the detection of lung cancer.

Students returning to classes this fall were once again met with a changed landscape as the university opened the five-story, 97,000-square-foot Environmental Research Building (ERB) across from Bronco Stadium along University Drive.

With modern laboratories and study space, the building enhances research aimed at the pressing issues of the West, including the environment, energy, transportation, water, land use and community planning. Boise State’s first building dedicated solely to research, the ERB is home to the departments of Geosciences, Civil Engineering, Public Policy and Administration and Political Science, as well as a community and regional planning program, the Environmental Finance Office, the Public Policy Center and the Frank Church Institute.

The ERB is one of 11 new major building projects on campus in the past four years. In total, the projects encompass more than 600,000 square feet of classroom, laboratory, office and common areas and represent an overall 25 percent increase in campus building space. Each project addresses very specific needs of the campus community and is designed, built and used in ways that set the foundation for the university’s future success.
Boise State attained record amounts of funding from both the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the 2010-2011 academic year. NSF award totals jumped 50 percent from the previous year to $9.9 million, while NASA funding nearly doubled to $1.8 million.

“Our ability to capture National Science Foundation and NASA funding is particularly strong evidence of the quality and relevance of research being undertaken at Boise State,” says Dr. Mark Rudin, vice president for research and economic development. “Our faculty compete for federal grants with faculty from the nation’s most prestigious research universities and they had a very successful year.”

The resulting research projects address needs that are vital to the health and economy of Idaho and beyond. Boise State’s undergraduate and graduate students also gain invaluable hands-on experience conducting research with faculty that strengthens their overall education and gives them skills and contacts for future careers.

In addition to new levels of NSF and NASA funding, the university also set a new record for patents issued by the U.S. Patent Office in 2010-11, with seven new technologies and inventions that show promise for commercialization. The university’s patent portfolio could lead to advances ranging from faster and smaller computers and new types of sensors to more effective treatments for cancer.

**NSF, NASA Research Funding Hits Record Levels**

The new issue of the Idahoreview — the annual literary journal of Boise State’s MFA Program in Creative Writing — is now available. The 400-page double issue includes stories by Ann Beattie, Pam Houston, Rick Bass and many others. Visit [http://idahoreview.org/](http://idahoreview.org/).

Longtime J.R. Simplot Company vice president Kent Ernest has joined the college as executive in residence. He will help develop a distinguished student mentorship program for international business students, present guest lectures and collaborate on COBE projects.

A new website helps match business needs with university expertise. Business leaders may request help, describe challenges they face and even suggest academic project ideas by visiting [http://cobe.boisestate.edu/businessresources/](http://cobe.boisestate.edu/businessresources/).

The College of Engineering again was ranked among the top 15 public undergraduate engineering programs in the nation by U.S. News and World Report in its 2012 “America’s Best Colleges” issue.

The National League for Nursing honored Dr. Cynthia Clark with an Excellence in Nursing Education Research award for her path-breaking research on creating civility in nursing education and practice. The office of Dr. Tim Dunnagan, dean of the College of Health Sciences, has moved from the Health Sciences Riverside building.
Two New Advanced Degrees Target STEM and EdTech

An online doctorate in educational technology and a master’s degree in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education are two new advanced education degrees available at Boise State.

Building on the College of Education’s successful thesis-based and professional online master’s programs, the new online doctorate in educational technology will examine the use of current and emerging technologies for effective and efficient teaching and learning in a dynamic, global society. Particular areas of focus include online teaching and learning, technology integration, academic technology leadership, innovative teaching in K-12 and higher education, educational web software or mobile applications development, and educational games and simulations.

Offered totally online, the first full cohort of doctoral candidates is expected to start their studies in fall 2012.

The new master’s degree in STEM is offered through the university’s Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Foundational Studies in the College of Education to address a growing national emphasis on student improvement in STEM subjects and to meet growing demand for qualified high school STEM teachers.

It is part of a larger and wide-ranging interdisciplinary initiative at Boise State to conduct research, leverage resources and create opportunities for overcoming a shortage of teachers qualified to teach STEM subjects.

The Idaho Regional Alcohol Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Center marked 20 years of service to Idahoans working to reduce substance abuse. RADAR is a statewide clearinghouse for information about the prevention and treatment of substance abuse disorders.

College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, http://sspa.boisestate.edu/

A Boise State publication, “Growing Closer: Density and Sprawl in the Boise Valley,” was awarded a 2011 Grow Smart award from Idaho Smart Growth. The publication is an illustrated 10-chapter anthology of essays that explains how Boise is a leading example of unsustainable suburban growth.

Several SSPA departments moved from their location in the Education and Public Affairs and Art West buildings to new locations in the Environmental Research Building: Public Policy and Administration, Room 5146; Political Science, Room 5146; Community and Regional Planning, Room 1139; Environmental Finance Office, Suite 2137; Public Policy Center, Room 2141; and Frank Church Institute, Room 2145.

College of Education, http://education.boise state.edu/

Alan and Wendy Pesky and Boise State’s College of Education will honor four distinguished Idaho K-12 teachers and their schools with $10,000 in awards at Winter Commencement on Dec. 16. The four teachers will receive $2,000 each and their schools will receive $500 each. Ardent supporters of improved education, the Peskys funded the Pesky Award for Inspirational Teaching (PAIT) to recognize K-12 teachers in Idaho who make a major difference in the lives of their students.

Graduate College, boisestate.edu/gradcoll

Administrative offices for Graduate Admissions and Degree Services have moved from the Math/Geosciences Building to Rooms 304 and 305 in the Business Building. The phone number, (208) 426-3903, remains the same.

Administration

Boise State welcomed two new vice presidents over the summer. Dr. Lisa Harris is vice president for student affairs. She comes to Boise State from Mississippi State University. Dr. Martin Schimpf is provost and vice president for academic affairs. Previously, he was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Boise State.
“Boise State Doesn’t Let Any Other Teams Have Trophies.”

Written a few years back, this headline topped a press summary about a weekend tournament dominated by the Talkin’ Broncos, Boise State’s defending national champion speech and debate team.

Things have not changed much since then. Since 2005, the team has claimed two biennial Pi Kappa Delta national championships and finished as runners-up twice, making them one of the top two teams at each of the last four national championship tournaments. It is a legacy of dedication, hard work, intelligence and tradition built by class after class of brainy, über-competitive mental athletes.

“It’s a place to be competitive with skills that very few people have,” says Dr. Manda Hicks, the newly installed director of forensics at Boise State. It was she who wrote the headline a few years back when she was assistant director for the program. Hicks was drawn back this fall to lead this tradition-rich powerhouse after earning her Ph.D. at Bowling Green State University.

“Anyone who has been on this team has a strong connection to it and the university,” she says. Forensics is the technical moniker for making prepared speeches of all types, speaking off-the-cuff on randomly assigned topics and arguing unexpected points of view on short notice. The program is nearly as old as Boise State. Eugene B. Chaffee, the first president of Boise Junior College and later Boise College, founded and coached the school's first debate team in 1937.

“What I like best is the ability to interact with such a large and diverse group of people,” says Josh Watkins, a junior political science major from Boise and this year’s club president. He and his teammates have a collective 3.5 GPA, despite the hundreds of hours they dedicate to honing their speeches and traveling to tournaments each year. “All of these people from different cultures come together with open minds. To do this, to argue a topic from any point of view, you have to be open minded and ready to see the value in another’s perspective.”

It is that mentality that makes the team a home for people who might otherwise leave college, says Hicks. She speaks from experience. In high school, she had little motivation or direction until she discovered forensics.

“I didn’t have a path,” says Hicks. “Every team always has one or two who probably wouldn’t be in college if not for this team. Forensics saves academic lives.”

What is Forensics?

Participants can compete in four different types of events at either the novice, junior varsity or varsity levels:

- **Debate** – Building an affirmative or oppositional case around an issue or resolution. Debate involves constructing, defending and critiquing arguments. Formats include parliamentary, public or international debate.

- **Limited Prep** – Offering a philosophical viewpoint or analysis on an issue or problem with limited preparation time. Events include impromptu and extemporaneous speaking.

- **Platform** – Preparing and performing traditional speeches. Events include persuasive speaking, informative speaking, communication analysis and speaking to entertain.

- **Interpretation** – Editing and performing brief versions of existing literature, including an introduction explaining the significance of the content. Events include poetry, dramatic interpretation, prose, program oral interpretation and duo.
Could a flu vaccine help prevent Parkinson’s or Alzheimer’s disease?

Research by Dr. Troy Rohn in the Department of Biological Sciences is the first to show the presence of the influenza A virus in brains of individuals who died of Parkinson’s, offering new scientific data to support theories that a virus might trigger the disease.

“If I told you catching a common illness may increase your risk for Parkinson’s disease, you probably would say I am crazy,” Rohn said. “But it’s definitely a possibility.”

While the cause of Parkinson’s is unknown, scientists long have suspected that infection may play a role and there has been a good deal of anecdotal data to support the theory. But no previous scientific study has shown actual evidence of the influenza A virus in post-mortem brain tissue.

Rohn, whose primary research interest is Alzheimer’s disease, discovered the Parkinson’s disease connection earlier this year while studying proteins in the brains of Alzheimer’s patients. He became curious if the same proteins existed in the brains of those who died from Parkinson’s disease.

“We were looking for something totally different when we came across immune cells that you don’t usually find in the brain,” said Rohn. “The cells are only present when there is an infection to fight off. We began to look more closely and found influenza A virus.”

The virus was found in the area of the brain where Parkinson’s disease originates. The study will have to be replicated with larger sample sizes, but it is an important first link to studies that have correlated a possible viral infection with contracting Parkinson’s disease later in life.

Rohn’s work at Boise State also has led to the development of an antibody that will help other researchers who are trying to determine triggers for a number of degenerative diseases. The university signed a licensing agreement this summer to make the antibody — the first developed at Boise State to be licensed — to biomedical researchers around the globe.

Rohn came to Boise State in 2000. His research focuses on neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s and the process by which apoptosis, or programmed cell death, occurs.
Boise State is defined by its “heart,” and at that heart is its people.

As Boise State’s faculty, staff, administration and supporters responded to the call to be extraordinary, the result was nothing short of inspiring.

PEOPLE

The campaign provided funds for assistantships, graduate fellowships and 376 new student scholarships across all disciplines. For many students, scholarships make a world of difference in their academic experiences.

“My scholarships really matter,” says Jacob Norris, a sophomore civil engineering major from Hayden with awards from the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation as well as the National Science Foundation and Albertson Foundation.

“I don’t really have the money, so I would have had to take out loans or find other ways to pay for school,” he says. “This allows me to focus on my schoolwork and get better grades.”

“Endowed scholarships are the gifts that keep on giving, year after year,” says campaign co-chair Allen Dykman (BA, business economics, ’74), owner and president of Dykman Electrical Inc. “They are building blocks for future students. They influence their lives and careers and whether or not they are going to contribute to society. Scholarships are the future.”

A scholarship also can provide incentive to persevere in the face of hardships, a lesson learned by student gymnast Amy Glass. After fracturing her vertebrae she was told her gymnastics career was over.

“But I loved gymnastics too much to give it up,” she says. “I think it would have been a lot easier to quit if I had been a walk-on. Being a scholarship athlete is my life, and that’s what kept me going.”

In the end, Glass came back to win the Western Athletic Conference gymnast of the year. She plans to graduate this spring.

IN AUGUST 2007, A DEDICATED GROUP OF BOISE STATE SUPPORTERS KICKED OFF THE PUBLIC PHASE OF DESTINATION DISTINCTION: THE CAMPAIGN FOR BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY AT A FESTIVE GALA OUTSIDE THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING.

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By Kathleen Tuck

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Jacob Norris, left, and Amy Glass benefit from student scholarships. Cover: Illustration created by Ward Hooper (BA, ’87).
Boise State earned a 2011 Educational Fundraising Award from the national Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for its efforts to advance the university during the past three years. The award honors superior fundraising programs across the country and is a component of CASE’s Circle of Excellence program.

The Norco Building, Ron and Linda Yanke Family Research Park (left), Micron Business and Economics Building (above), Caven-Williams Sports Complex and Arquinchona Basketball Complex are examples of the new and planned facilities made possible by this campaign.

Vice President for Research and Economic Development Dr. Mark Rudin notes that top-notch facilities give the university an edge when applying for grants and strengthen the exciting research being conducted across campus.

Campaign co-chair Steve Appleton (BA, business management, ’82), CEO of Micron Technology Inc., agrees. “It’s critical to the success of Idaho business that the university has the kind of facilities and programs needed to drive the entrepreneurial spirit that has made this country so great,” he says.

Strong facilities help attract the best students and faculty to campus, thus strengthening programs and the university’s reputational currency. Some of these buildings also have raised the visibility of the university and its programs by making specific equipment, lab and meeting spaces available to local businesses, thus providing what co-chair Dykman calls “a “window into the university from the community.”
A $13 million gift from Micron in support of a Ph.D. program in materials science and engineering is just one example of new and improved programs that are feeding the fire of innovation at Boise State. Others include new master’s programs, community partnerships, the Boise State Idaho Bird Observatory (IBO), the Basque Studies program and the Department of Music’s All-Steinway initiative that is replacing all department pianos with Steinway instruments.

Support for these and similar academic programs have contributed to the ongoing success of the city and region as researchers tackle community and global concerns and students are educated to meet ever-advancing industry needs.

“The new Ph.D. program is important not only for the university but for Micron as well,” says Appleton. “It adds another level in terms of attracting the kind of professors who want to teach in that environment and attracting the kinds of students who go on to do great things.”

Strong programming also allows the university to influence future generations, as with the Boise State IBO and its presentations aimed at children and families.

“Boise State’s IBO is kind of an undiscovered treasure in this area,” says Winston Moore, who established an endowed chair for the center he believes is so vital to helping connect kids with nature. “Setting the science aside, one of the primary benefits of the IBO can be, and should be, the impact it can have on our youngsters.”

Programs like the Basque Studies Program also raise awareness and soften cultural boundaries. Associate history professor John Bieter (MA, history, ‘94) is co-director of the program, made possible through funds from the Elorriaga Family Basque Studies Endowment Program. Idaho is home to a large concentration of people of Basque descent.

“The Basque block has become a Boise, and an Idaho, spot,” he says. “The richness of that cultural exchange spreads to the university and the university gives it a microphone and an amplification that it wouldn’t have any other way.”

From its students to its accomplishments, Boise State is a university transformed by the generosity of its many donors.

“The destiny of Boise State University requires each and every one of us to recognize our roles as stewards of this university,” says Boise State President Dr. Bob Kustra in a video celebrating the campaign’s accomplishments. “I thank you for answering this call to action.”
Freshmen Krista Klebenow and Kenny Mayer represent a new class of incoming students.
Eighteen-year-old Krista Klebenow looked at Boise State and searched no more.

“It just felt right when I visited campus,” says the Spring Creek, Nev., native. “Boise is a beautiful place with a lot of artistic culture, and for being so large it has a really small feel. I see people outside being active every day. Aside from academics, it was just a really good fit for the person that I am.”

She is among 19,664 Broncos enrolled this fall, including an all-time high number of degree-seeking students. The incoming freshman class, to which Klebenow belongs, is 2,243 strong and is one of the most academically talented classes in school history.

“We are fast becoming known as an institution of excellence ‘beyond the blue’ for our program offerings, our undergraduate research opportunities, a thriving Honors College and a beautiful location,” says Dr. Lisa Harris, vice president for student affairs. “We can expect a high level of preparation from today’s students and they are delivering. Being well prepared for a challenging academic environment makes for a more meaningful educational experience at Boise State and enhances their futures.”

Attracting so many high-achieving students is no accident. Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Services Mara Affre and Admissions Director Jenny Cerda both arrived at Boise State in 2007, and have led an effort to draw interest from the best and brightest students.

Campus tours and orientation are focused on giving students the best glimpse into all that is Boise State.

“We have a lot to offer,” Affre says. “Our priority is sharing information on our outstanding academic programs and comprehensive student life. Finding students who are a good fit with Boise State is our ultimate goal.”

Personal Connections

Enrollment counselors, most of whom are alumni, take their Boise State stories to potential students in the region. They talk about undergraduate research opportunities, nationally recognized faculty, internships, access to the outdoors and limitless opportunities for campus involvement.

Once students select Boise State, alums often host send-off barbecues in their hometowns to strengthen connections. Orientation offers new students an experience to ease their transition, develop new relationships with fellow classmates, faculty and staff, and become more comfortable with university life. And when they arrive for the new year, Convocation and Welcome Week activities focus on campus life and graduating in four years.
Armed with a perfect 4.0 high school grade point average, Klebenow was thorough in her college search. She visited campus a few times, talked with an advisor and delved into academic offerings in art education.

"I knew the art program was a great one," she says. "But they made things really personal for me when I came for a campus tour with my family, and Orientation was a blast. They didn’t offer that when I toured other places. Boise State won me over."

The university hosted an unprecedented 10,000 potential students and their family members for campus tours in the past year, up from 3,300 two years earlier.

**RAISING THE BAR**

With College of Western Idaho firmly established in the valley, Boise State has raised admissions standards, aiming for the students most likely to succeed in the classroom. The average high school GPA for incoming freshmen has risen from 3.3 five years ago to 3.41.

"That number is really hard to move," says Affre. "It is rare to see an institution completely change its persona so positively in the time frame Boise State has."

Boise State has attracted more full-time students and more who come directly from high school. There also are better retention rates from the freshman to the sophomore year," says Cerda. "These improvements to our academic profile make Boise State a more vibrant place and increase the value of the Boise State diploma."

The notoriety of the football program certainly has helped boost interest in Boise State. Potential students, at the same time, have taken notice of Boise State’s academic achievements.

Freshman Honors College student Kenny Mayer is well versed in Bronco football — his dad, Ken Mayer, was a walk-on center for the Broncos. But it wasn’t until his brother, a 2008 Boise State chemistry graduate, received a full scholarship to Boston College to pursue his Ph.D. that he began seriously to look at Boise State.

"Boise State's science and engineering programs are growing more prestigious and that is exciting," says Mayer, who is studying materials science and engineering.

He also chose to live on campus to take full advantage of college life. He is used to a full slate of activities — in high school he participated in football, basketball, track, golf, National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America and the scholastic team. He already has found

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**All-time high degree-seeking students with 16,835 undergraduates and 2,057 graduates**

82.3 percent of the freshman class came to Boise State straight from high school, compared with 78.3 percent five years ago.

92.5 percent of new freshmen are full-time, compared with 83.5 in 2007.

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a number of ways to get plugged in to campus and, at this point in his collegiate career, he believes that is Boise State’s greatest strength.

“I love being involved in the community and I have so many options here,” he says.

Students like Klebenow and Mayer will play a central role in Boise State’s future.

“So many people are shaping who Boise State is, from our administrators and faculty to our students and alums,” says Cerda. “We are always talking about the importance of undergraduate academic opportunities here, about being located in the state capital and the headquarters for business, and about easy access to the outdoors. Students are coming here and finding that to be true.”
They include John Chambers, who knows first hand how intimidating arriving on a sprawling college campus is for a recently discharged veteran. That’s why the Army veteran created a student club for veterans two years ago.

“I didn’t have a clue,” says Chambers, a senior history major looking to be a teacher. “But my advisor told me about the Veterans Services Office. It showed me how important it is to get them help from the moment they step on campus.”

An estimated 1,700 students on campus have served their country in uniform, giving Boise State one of the highest ratios of former or active soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines in the nation – and it’s growing every semester as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan wind down. Additionally, Boise State serves several hundred dependents and spouses of veterans who are eligible for federal benefits under recent versions of the G.I. Bill. Those facts have given the university’s efforts to support veterans on campus added emphasis in recent months.

This deeper focus will build on an already solid foundation, which includes the student club started by Chambers, that has earned the university a “military friendly” designation from G.I. Jobs magazine three years running.

Another of the reasons for Boise State’s success with veterans is R.K. Williams, the administrator of the Veterans Services Office. Himself a 20-year veteran of the Air Force and a Boise State alumnus (theatre arts, ’93), Williams is Boise State’s expert on federal G.I. Bill benefits and usually among the first university officials veterans meet face to face when they come to campus.

“My goal is to make their experience at Boise State as stress free as possible to give them the best chance possible to succeed,” says Williams, a national leader among his peers through his leadership of the National Association of Veterans Program Administrators. This fall, he helped more than 1,100 veterans take advantage of G.I. Bill programs at Boise State.

“The G.I. Bill benefits are at the center of what we do,” says Steve Woods an associate registrar who coordinates a working group of administrators, faculty members, students and veteran support groups on campus. “But the times are telling us that we’ll need to do a lot more than that.”

The group coordinated by Woods, which includes many veterans, is a growing cadre of professionals looking for ways to improve the academic, campus and private lives of student vets or their benefit-eligible family members. For example, Woods teaches a new class specifically designed to provide veterans with insight into campus life and culture.

Depending on their needs, vets
can tap into a variety of programs to help navigate the red tape of federal benefits, locate services like academic counseling and tutoring, tap into community resources geared toward ex-military personnel, find medical or mental health support, if their situation warrants it, or simply provide a social network of other veterans to hang out with.

Veterans Upward Bound, a federally funded outreach program, helps vets with tutoring in basic math, English and computer skills, as well as academic counseling, career interest inventories and development of typical college skills, like how to study and deal with exam anxiety.

The Wyakin Warrior Foundation, a growing non-profit group that provides four-year scholarships, business-focused interpersonal skills training and peer mentoring from student and off-campus volunteers to severely wounded soldiers, is building its presence at Boise State as a pilot program for offering its services on college campuses across the country.

New office space in the Boise State Alumni Association building on University Drive will allow the Veterans Services Office and the Wyakin Warrior Foundation to share space and give veterans a place on campus to gather informally. And an agreement currently under negotiation with the Veterans Administration could bring a federal program called VetSuccess to campus as well, providing on-campus counseling support to student veterans.

It is all a part of an increasing understanding at Boise State that veterans – already a significant part of our student body – are a huge part of the university’s campus life.

“We see these students in class every day,” says Steve Woods. “It’s part of our culture.”
Gregory, ’74, and Helen, ’74, Brown get an orange carpet reception.

Jim Kissler with daughter, Nicole, and Lori, ’59, and Duane Stueckle.

Campaign co-chair Allen Dykman, ’74, with daughter, Allison, and wife, Dixie.

Campaign co-chair Steve Appleton, ’82.

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Our third concern – and this is why we are writing this letter – pertains to our involvement with Boise State University. As you know, we have supported Boise State for many years. We believe in education and we want to make a positive impact in our community and state – and create a lasting legacy.

An endowment will be established after we are gone with the assets we’ve designated for Boise State. It is our greatest hope that someday you also will have the opportunity and inclination to do something similar with a portion of your own estate, as making these decisions has been a wonderful experience for us.

Mom and Dad

For information on how you can create a lasting legacy through your estate planning, please visit universityadvancement.org/gifts or contact Jennifer Neil, Office of Gift Planning, at (208) 426-2927.
What is virtual space at its essence? Is it simply electronic signals moving between circuits and microchips? Or is it an actual place where ingenuity, creativity and beauty can be explored, created and expressed?

Sculptor Francis Fox, an associate professor of art, is exploring this relationship between the virtual and physical worlds as one of three Arts and Humanities Research Fellows for the 2011-2012 academic year. Fox is working on integrating the fairly new technologies of 3D scanning and 3D printing, also known as rapid prototyping, into his own art to explore that nexus between the virtual and physical, and its impact on how he approaches his sculpture.

“It’s fascinating to create something physical, scan it into a machine and virtual world with its own rules, watch the machine try to rationalize it on its own terms and come up with something completely different,” says Fox, looking at a 3x4-foot computer rendering of a dry bean over his desk that looks more like a map of some far-away world. “It’s like a collaboration between man and machine.”

In addition to Fox, English professor Mitch Wieland and art professor Mike Samball were given fellowships for the 2011-2012 academic year. Wieland will complete a major restructuring of a 450-page novel draft called “Enka Men.” Samball, director of the Boise Jazz Society and a lead organizer of the annual Gene Harris Jazz Festival, plans to connect world-class artists to a new series of residencies that will enrich the jazz curriculum within the Department of Music.

As part of his fellowship, Fox will create a new exhibit based on his work for the Boise Art Museum in 2012 and also introduce what he learns to the faculty and students of the Department of Art.

The technology he uses was developed by industries interested in additive manufacturing – creating an object by building it up rather than machining it out of a larger piece of material or carving a mold to forge the item. While seen as having great potential, the technology is still in its infancy and unproven.

“It’s been developed and used only by engineers up to now,” Fox says. “The industry is eager for artists to explore its potential in hope that they might expand the horizons of how it is used.”

As he talks, Fox suspends a simple small metal C-clamp in his 3D scanner. It takes just a few minutes for the scanner to run a laser over the clamp from multiple angles to get a full three-dimensional digital rendering. Once the digital image of the clamp is complete, his “printer” begins arranging thin strands of melted plastic on top of one another in a very deliberate fashion. Over a period of 90 minutes, a near perfect plastic replica of the clamp materializes on the printer.

While the ultimate focus of his work is unclear, Fox’s eyes twinkle with the unseen possibilities of moving his work between the physical and virtual realms, and how those transformations may manifest themselves.

“I know something will happen,” Fox says. “I’m just not sure what.”
Homecoming 2011: Bigger than Blue

Boise State Homecoming is always festive, and this year’s theme, “Bigger than Blue,” helped set the stage for the annual Presidential Alumni Recognition Gala held Friday night, Oct. 21. The Alumni Association, with event sponsor Liberty Mutual, honored the 2011 Distinguished Alumni, Alumni Service and Honorary Alumni award recipients. All honorees also were recognized during halftime at the Saturday football game.

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Steve Decker
Decker recently retired from the Boise School District, where he taught fifth grade at Highlands Elementary School. In his final year, he earned a Red Apple Award from the Boise School District for outstanding teaching. Throughout his 34-year career, he was known for his commitment to students both in and out of the classroom. He volunteered with his students at Giraffe Laugh, the Women’s and Children’s Alliance and at Interfaith Sanctuary. The project earned a Seven’s Heroes award from KTVB Channel 7. Decker earned a master’s in educational administration from Boise State in 1981 and another master’s in education in 1987.

Deb Riedel
Riedel is first vice president and wealth management portfolio manager at Smith Barney. She is a Barron’s Winner Circle honoree, recognizing the most outstanding financial advisers in the business. She earned two music degrees at Boise State – her bachelor’s in 1977 and her master’s in 1999 – and in addition to playing the piano sang in all the university vocal ensembles. Riedel has served on the Boise State Foundation Board since 2000, including a term as president from 2004-2006, is former board chairman of Treasure Valley United Way and past recipient of the Tribute to Women in Industry (TWIN) and Idaho Business Review Women of the Year awards.

Alumni Service Awards

Ryan Merz
Originally from Yakima, Wash., Merz has lived in San Diego for the last two and a half years. After three years of service in the U.S. Army, he earned bachelor’s degrees in political science from the University of Washington and in law and justice from Central Washington University. In 2002, he completed a master’s degree in criminal justice administration from Boise State. After five years with Coca-Cola, Merz returned to school and is currently working on his MBA in sports business management at San Diego State University. Merz is recognized for his volunteerism as a Bronco Contact for the Alumni Association.

Honorary Alumni Award

Kathy Kustra
Kustra, wife of Boise State President Bob Kustra, is a true blue Bronco and supports the campus and community at every turn. Her Honorary Alumna award, bestowed by the Boise State Alumni Association, was a complete surprise to Kustra, who was recognized for her extraordinary passion and commitment. Before moving to Boise, Kustra had an extensive career in government and healthcare consulting. She received her bachelor’s degree in speech communications from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. In Boise, she serves on the boards of the Idaho Humane Society and Idaho Shakespeare Festival and chairs Boise State’s Greek taskforce.

Michael Knopp
Knopp is president of Remotec/Northrop Grumman, based in east Tennessee. After earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1979, he began his career with Boise Cascade Corporation as a manager trainee. Over the years he has served as controller, COO, CFO and vice president of various divisions of Fortune 500 companies, including Morrison-Knudsen Corp., ALCOA and Manufacturing Sciences Corp. He has served on a number of community boards, including United Way, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary International. Knopp also has an MBA from Bristol University.

Ronald Wilper
A native of Boise’s Central Bench neighborhood, in 1977 Wilper was the first member of his family to graduate from a four-year university when he earned a bachelor’s degree in communication from Boise State. He later earned his law degree at University of Idaho and is an Idaho Fourth District Judge. During his undergraduate years, he was an active member of Intercollegiate Knights and in 1974 participated in the university’s first Basque Studies experience in Onati, Spain. Wilper was appointed to the bench by Gov. Phil Batt in 1998. He served as president of the Idaho State Bar Association.

Tyree earned a law degree at Willamette University in 1997. He practices real estate and business law, with an emphasis on commercial transactions, at Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP in Boise. Tyree is a volunteer with the American Cancer Society and serves on the board of the City Club of Boise. He has twice served on the Boise State Alumni Association board and was secretary for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho board. Tyree is recognized for his legal assistance with the Alumni Center campaign.

Tim Tyree
Tyree earned his bachelor’s degree in English from Boise State in 1993, and went on to earn a law degree at Willamette University in 1997. He practices real estate and business law, with an emphasis on commercial transactions, at Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP in Boise. Tyree is a volunteer with the American Cancer Society and serves on the board of the City Club of Boise. He has twice served on the Boise State Alumni Association board and was secretary for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho board. Tyree is recognized for his legal assistance with the Alumni Center campaign.
High school seniors interested in applying for an Alumni Legacy Scholarship need to start preparing their material. The 2012 deadline to hand in the completed application to the Alumni Center is Feb. 15, 2012.

The four-year renewable scholarship pays recipients the equivalent of in-state fees for fall and spring semesters. Incoming freshmen who are relatives of Boise State alumni are eligible. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 or greater and an ACT score of 24 and/or an SAT score of 1090 or higher. An essay also is required from all applicants. Priority consideration will be given to applicants whose Boise State relative is a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association.

Frances May, Moses Lake, Wash.; Molly Hezeltine, Meridian; Spencer Berg, Meridian; Alex Ridgeway, Twin Falls; and Candace Claiborne, Eagle, are the 2011 recipients. They join seven other Boise State students currently attending school with the help of the Alumni Legacy Scholarship. Attending this year on Legacy Stipends are Mallory Jund, Twin Falls; Mayce Somerville, Idaho Falls; and Kenneth Mayer, Pinehurst.

A printable version of the form can be found on the Alumni Center’s website at alumni.boisestate.edu/programs/scholarships.asp. Donations can be made to the Alumni Legacy Scholarship by calling the Alumni Association at (208) 426-1698.
The vision for the new Alumni Center began in 2004, sparked by the leadership and generosity of Allen, ’74, and Dixie Dykman.

Since that time tremendous progress has been made thanks to exceptional volunteer leadership and collaboration between the Alumni Association and the Foundation, and the generosity of many donors.

The new Alumni Center will occupy the space between Grant and Denver streets along University Drive across from Bronco Stadium. The building will be independently owned by the Alumni Association and the Boise State Foundation boards of directors for the benefit of Boise State University. Over the past 18 months the leadership of each board has worked diligently to build the framework of a lasting partnership that will profoundly impact alumni, donors, students and the community for many years to come. This signature building will be the quintessential tool for advancing Boise State University and will welcome all who enter campus from the west.

“We are fortunate to have such dedicated leadership from both boards working to make this dream a reality,” says Alumni Association Executive Director Mark Arstein, ’90.

Representatives from the Foundation board include Candi Allphin, ’89, president, and Mark Lliteras, ’72, past president. Volunteers from the Alumni Association board include Jess Byrne, ’99, ’04, president; Travis Burgess, ’98, past president; Greg Chavez, ’85, second vice president; and Tim Tyree, ’93, who has provided valuable legal guidance.
“These volunteers have met dozens of times, and we are grateful for their service and leadership,” says Arstein. “Their collaborative work focused on creating a building aimed at engaging alumni, donors and the community will have a lasting impact on our dynamic and growing university. Additionally, it is ultimately the contributions of hundreds of donors that have brought us closer to our goal.”

“I want to thank Allen and Dixie Dykman, and all the donors who have contributed to the Alumni Center campaign thus far,” says Alumni Association Board President Jess Byrne. “Your generosity has made the difference. We are now more than halfway to our fundraising goal of $9 million. We will soon unveil the final rendering and plans for the new Alumni Center and will share them with you. While we have made great progress and momentum is on our side, more help is needed to make this dream a reality.”

To learn how you can be part of this historic project or to make a contribution, please go to alumni.boisestate.edu or call Arstein at (208) 426-3277. All contributions made before the end of the year will be matched.
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RAY WOLFE, BA, history, '72, of Caldwell, was named to the Idaho Community Foundation board of directors.

JERRY ALDAPE, BBA, accounting, '73, a former president and CEO of Boise's Syringa Bancorp, joined D.L. Evans Bank in Boise as vice president and commercial loan officer at the Cole Road and Emerald Street office.

KEITH BORUP, BBA, business, '73, was hired by Coldwell Banker Tomlinson Group for its Eagle office. Borup will focus on residential resale properties, new construction and first-time homebuyers.

DIANE HITE, AS, nursing, '73, a nurse at Weiser Memorial Hospital, was nominated by the Nurse Leaders of Idaho as an aspiring nurse leader.

RON BARKER, BA, social work, '74, placed first in the non-expert division at the WGPO Word Cup Scrabble nationals in Reno, Nev., with a record of 25-10. Barker also placed 50th at the national Scrabble Association nationals in Dallas, Texas. The Boise resident played 103 bingos (using all seven of his tiles in one play) in a total of 66 tournament games.

ROSEMARY MCCLENAHAN, BA, sociology, '74, was elected secretary of the Idaho Centennial Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants for 2011-2012. McClenahan lives in Boise and works with the Idaho State Historical Society.

JOHN “RIC” GALE, BBA, marketing, '75; MBA, '81, retired as IdahoCorp senior vice president of corporate responsibility. For 28 years, Gale was employed by Idaho Power in Boise, where he had responsibility for the company’s sustainability activities.

MARY MUGUIRA, AS, business technology, '77, joined D.A. Davidson & Co. in Boise as a senior vice president and financial consultant. Muguira is a chartered retirement planning counselor.

TIM MATTHEWS, BS, physical education, '78, retired Jerome High School wrestling coach, was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Idaho Chapter, for his dedication and lifetime service to the sport. Matthews wrestled for Boise State from 1973 to 1977 and won the Big Sky Conference Outstanding Wrestler award in his senior year.

STEVE SIMMONS, AAS, drafting, '78, a principle with Lombard-Comrad Architects, was elected to the board of directors for First Tee of Idaho, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

1980s

ROBERT YERZY, BA, elementary education, '80, launched the Multicultural Awareness Seed of the Global Neighborhood Student Ambassador program in Guangzhou, China. Yerzy has a small shop that teaches English skills through music, art and literature.

WALLY LEE, BBA, accounting, '81, joined Business Lending Solutions as vice president and commercial loan officer for the Southwest Idaho Division office.

TED SHARP, BBA, accountancy, '84, has been named interim chief financial officer for Grynpho Gold Corporation. Sharp is president of Sharp Executives in Nampa.

JIM KERNS, BS, criminal justice, '82, retired from his position as Boise deputy police chief. Kerns was employed by the Boise Police Department for more than 29 years and, in retirement, plans to work toward a master's degree in criminal justice so he can teach at the college level.

JULIE EDGAR, BBA, marketing/finance, '83, was named secretary/treasurer for the Idaho Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators board of directors. Edgar is the manager of law and administration for Boise Inc.

BILL MARTIN, BBA, marketing, '83, founder of Metro Express Car Wash, is chair of the Small Business Advisory Council for the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce.

MARK HOUSTON, BBA, finance, '84, Bank of the West vice president and regional manager for commercial banking in Idaho, was recognized as a top performer by the bank. The Boise resident was given a President’s Club award for his outstanding leadership and contribution to the bank’s success.

BRENDA SANFORD, BBA, marketing/finance, '84, of Heyburn, was named to the Idaho Community Foundation board of directors.

CLAY YOUNG, BBA, marketing, '84; MBA, '85, president and CEO of Inovus Solar in Boise, was selected as a 2011 Pivotal Leader. Pivotal Leaders are entrepreneurs who have the talent and business acumen to lead successful clean tech companies in the Pacific Northwest.

CONNIE STURDAVANT, BBA, management, '85, of Boise, joined Business Psychology Associates as the provider network manager.

MARILYN WHITNEY, BBA, business education, '85; MA education/curriculum & instruction, '87, chairs the Education/Work

RICHARD MOLLERUP, BBA, management '89, was recognized by Mountain States Super Lawyers for his work in real estate law, construction law and litigation. Mollerup is a founding partner of the Boise firm of Muleman Mollerup LLP and serves as chairman of the legislative committee for the Idaho Land Title Association.
FRITZ SCHAUDIES, MBA, ’89, was appointed chief financial officer of Midway Gold Corp, in Englewood, Colo. Previously, Schaudies served as a consultant for gold mining operations in Mexico.

1990s

KATHLEEN HILL, BBA, finance, ’90, was recognized by U.S. Bank with the Pinnacle Award. Hill is an assistant vice president and relationship manager for the Caldwell office and has received this award three other times.

MIKE REYNOLDS, BBA, marketing, ’90, is the policy committee vice chair for the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce.

LAURI DAHLBERG, BBA, management, ’91, manager of Firmwide Recruitment for Eide Bailly LLP, was honored by the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management as one of five recruiters of the year. Dahlberg lives in Shakopee, Minn.

FRANK W. LOMBARDI, BA, history, ’93; BS, political science, ’99, joined the Boise law firm of Moffatt Thomas as a new associate. Lombardi’s areas of practice include commercial litigation, employment and labor law, government affairs, insurance defense and professional malpractice. She previously worked for Bancroft, McGavin, Horvath and Juddkins, P.C.

DARLA RANKIN, BBA, accounting, ’93; MPA, ’01, was appointed to the position of principal accountant for the Idaho state controller’s office. Rankin, a certified public accountant, formerly served as administrator over the office’s division of statewide accounting.

LARRY CHARITON, BBA, computer information systems, ’94; MBA, ’02, was hired by MetLife Bank in Boise as a reverse mortgage consultant for Southwest Idaho. Chariton held the same position with Wells Fargo Home Loans before joining MetLife.

PETER JONES, BS, criminal justice, ’94, was hired by Boise’s IBF as an account representative. Previously, he was with Colgate-Palmolive as a sales consultant.

SUE LATTU, BFA, visual art, ’94; MFA visual art, ’07, has been contracted by the City of Boise to create public art. Latta is one of six artists who will create art in the coming year. She owns The Sculpture Studio in Garden City.

JARED AFFLECK, MBA, accounting, ’95; MS, accounting, ’95, was hired by Great American Appelizers as its controller. Affleck has held management positions with Boise-based companies including System Tech and U.S. Ecology.

MELONIC BARTOLOME, BBA, accounting, ’95, was elected president of the Idaho Centennial Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants. Bartolome works for the Idaho Department of Commerce.

BRADLEY DIXON, BS, political science, ’97, was appointed to the Learning Lab board of directors for a three-year term. Dixon is a attorney for the Boise office of Stoel Rives LLP.

LAWRIE LATTU, BFA, visual art, ’94; MFA visual art, ’07, has been contracted by the City of Boise to create public art. Latta is one of six artists who will create art in the coming year. She owns The Sculpture Studio in Garden City.
THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI-RAILERS, a model railroad club based in Boise, represented Idaho at the National Train Show in Sacramento in July. The group constructed a 550-square-foot portable S-gauge (1/64 scale) model railroad layout, dubbed “Lookout Junction.” One club member, Glenn Haiden, painted an S-scale passenger train in Boise State livery. Boise State graduates in the group include JOHN EICHMANN, BA, theatre arts, ’74; BARB JIBBEN, BA, communication, ’09; JOE KOWALCZYK, BBA, management, ’00; and JOANNE LANGILLE, AA, arts and sciences, ’55. Other Boise State alumni in the club include RICH GILLETT, RICK EMERSON and STEVE BLACKBURN. Boise State employee MERLA LLOYD also participates.

THE SUMMERWIND SKIPPERS, featuring several Boise State alumni, competed on “America’s Got Talent!” in August. Graduates LEE RESIG, BSM, mechanical engineering, ’07; and KELSY MOE PORTER, BS, kinesiology, ’07; and alumni CALLI WOLD and SHANE WINSOR were part of the six-person team that reached the semi-final round of competition.

2000s

BRANDON COATES, BA, communication, ’00, joined POWER ENGINEER’s Public Outreach and Communications group as a senior public involvement specialist. Coates will work out of the Boise office developing and managing public involvement and outreach on energy, transportation and environmental projects on a national level.

CAROL BEARCE, AS, arts and sciences, ’01; BBA, accountancy, ’03, a Boise resident, was named Service Award recipient by the Idaho Centennial Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants.

LAURA DELANEY, MA, English, ’01, founded downtown Boise’s Rediscovered Bookshop with her husband, Bruce. The store hosts readings and release parties and serves as a gallery for local artists.

ELAINE LADD, BS, biology, ’01, owner of Ladd Family Pharmacy, received a Small Business of the Year award from the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce.

MATTHEW SHRIVER, BS, criminal justice, ’01, joined the law firm of Foley Freeman in Meridian as an associate attorney. Shriver practices in the areas of bankruptcy and civil litigation.

MARK STIMPSON, BBA, management, ’01, was promoted to director of corporate services for Thornton Oliver Keller in Boise. He oversees the company’s marketing, research and support services. Stimpson also serves on the company’s leadership team that is responsible for the company’s vision and corporate goals.

SELENA GRACE, BA, English, ’02, was hired by the Idaho State Board of Education as chief academic officer. Grace, a Meridian resident, had been serving as the interim chief academic officer since November 2010.

LAUREN MCLEAN, MPA, environmental policy, ’02, was appointed by Boise Mayor David Bieter to the city’s urban renewal agency, Capital City Development Corporation. McLean is president of the Confluence Group, a consulting firm that advises clients on philanthropic donations.

LENNY NELSON, BBA, management, ’02, was hired by Thornton Oliver Keller Commercial Real Estate as a land brokerage specialist in Boise. Nelson previously worked for Arthur Berry and Co.

BEAU WARD, BBA, accountancy, ’02, is president of Premier Alliance Business Solutions. Ward had been working as an outsourced chief financial officer for small to mid-sized businesses. He lives in Boise.

NANETTE BYERLY, AS, arts and sciences, ’03; BS, nursing, ’05; BBA, nursing, ’07, a Greenleaf resident, was promoted to women’s unit director at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell. Byerly is a registered nurse and has been the bariatric service and general surgery line coordinator at WMC.

CODY HARRIS, AAS, computer network, ’03; BAS, applied technology, ’07, and entrepreneur partner Brock Holzer won first prize for their SnapAppointments software during the King of the Apps competition at the South by Southwest Interactive Conference in Austin, Texas. Harris lives in San Francisco.

MATT COMPTON, BS, sociology, ’04, joined Red Sky Public Relations in Boise as an account executive specializing in public affairs, community outreach, issues campaign strategy, and public involvement. Compton was the community director of the March of Dimes.

GABRIEL KRISTAL, BA, communication, ’04, was hired as labor director for the Montana Nurses Association. Kristal has extensive experience in labor relations for health care workers in California.

CHRISTINA MOORE WARD, BS, health promotions, ’05, joined Keller Williams Realty Boise as an associate broker. She also received the Ada County Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence award.

CRAIG BRASHER, BSM, mechanical engineering, ’06, passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination in the discipline of civil engineering. Brasher is an employee of AHJ Engineers in Boise.

MANDA HICKS, MA, communication, ’06, was hired as an assistant professor and named director of forensics for Boise State. She is the new head coach of the Talkin’ Broncos speech and debate team.

MANUEL VILLEGAS, BBA, international business, ’06, was named branch manager of the Parma Wells Fargo Bank branch. Villegas joined Wells Fargo in 2002 as a teller and has been promoted several times.

SCOTT WILSON, BCM, construction management, ’06, works for Jennings Pacific LLC and leads construction management on several projects for the Corps of Engineers,
the State of Hawaii and the City & County of Honolulu.

KATHLEEN WOLD, MBA, '06, was hired as the fund development manger of the Boise Art Museum. Most recently she was vice president of resource development for United Way of Treasure Valley.

WHITNEY JOHNSON, BS, sociology, '07, was named assistant director of community partnerships for Virginia Tech’s Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships in Blacksburg, Va. Johnson recently worked for the Roanoke City Department of Social Services.

BRIAN SCHRAGE, MENG, civil engineering, '07, joined Terracon’s Great Falls office as project manager for environmental services. Schrage has 18 years experience managing mining and environmental projects involving planning/permitting, water quality, remediation/reclamation, environmental auditing and risk assessment/reduction.

HOLLI HIGH WOODINGS, BA, English, '07, started her own company, Woodings Group LLC. Woodings was the director of community affairs for Exergy Development Group.

NICHOLAS CUNNINGHAM, BA, communication, '08, a member of the U.S. Olympic Bobbed Team in 2010, serves as a national guardsmen for the 115th Engineer Company in Kingston, N.Y. Cunningham plans to continue to train for the next Olympics as part of the Army World Class Athlete Program during his military service.

LISA GROW, MBA, '08, is the new IdaCorp senior vice president of corporate responsibility. Grow, a resident of Eagle, was formerly senior vice president of power supply.

DENISE LAUERMAN, BFA, art, '08, joined the Boise office of Tait & Associates as part of its Architectural Planning Group. Lauerman recently served as the site designer and liaison for EHM Engineers.

SARA HOGUE, BS, accountancy, '08, MS, accountancy, '09, joined the Tacoma, Wash. firm of Doty, Beardsley, Rosengren & Co. as a staff accountant.

KANDI JAMIESON, BFA, visual arts, '08, and WILLIAM JAMIESON, MFA, visual arts, '08, opened an art studio for children in their home in Noblesville, Ind. The couple hosted an artist reception for their youthful students at their studio, named Arthouse.

KELSEY BATES, BA, communication, '09; CERT, public relations, '09, was promoted to Web marketing strategist with the Boise-based web consulting firm Tribute Media. Bates has been employed by Tribute Media for 10 months.

MOLLY SMITH, BBA, marketing, '09, was hired by Boise’s IBF as an account representative. Smith previously was with IKON.

MATT WADE, BBA, marketing, '09, was named assistant vice president and branch manager at Home Federal Bank’s Karcher branch in Nampa.

JOHN BRIGGS, BFA, art, '10, was hired by Boise’s Rizen Creative as an interactive designer. Briggs also serves as a board member for the Idaho chapter of AIGA.

JIN YOU, BFA, art, '10, joined Boise-based Rizen Creative as a graphic designer. You, of Boise, brings experience in both print and digital media.

DEAN CARDWELL, BSC, civil engineering, '11, joined the Land Development Group of J-U-B Engineers Inc. as an engineering designer in Boise.
PHILLIP BUTIKOFER, AAS, electronics technology, ’74, Salt Lake City, Utah
VICKI CADWELL, AS, health information technology, ’95, Boise
IRAN CHERSHIE, alumnus non-degreed, Boise
ROBERT CHIVERS, alumnus non-degreed, Boise
MARY CLEMENTS, BA, elementary education, ’70, Mesa, Ariz.
RICHARD CLEMENTS, DIP, arts and sciences, ’48, Boise
CHESTER CLEMMENS, alumnus non-degreed, Garden Valley
JAMES “JIM” COUNTRYMAN, AA, arts and sciences, ’56, Coeur d’Alene
Marilyn cunningham, AA, arts and sciences, ’56, Boise
Chester CLemmaNS, arts and sciences, ’38; AA, education, ’39, Stockton, Calif.
LoreNe dAhLBerg, BA, arts and sciences, ’47, Sweet
Mary Eubanks, DIP, arts and sciences, ’70, Crain, Idaho Falls
Dwayne Curtis, AA, arts and sciences, ’47, Sweet
LoreN Dahlberg, MA, education reading, ’78, Salem, Ore.
Donna egurroLA, BA, elementary education, ’75, Pueblo, Colo.
Marylin Fanch, BA, arts education, ’68, Boise
Larry Fe, CERT, auto body, ’79, Meridian
Rudy Fisch, AA, arts and sciences, ’42, Idaho Falls
Carol Frazier, BBA, marketing, ’75, Arlington, Texas
Rebecca Freeman, DIP, arts and sciences, ’38; AA, education, ’39, Stockton, Calif.
Marcus frisk, BA, history, ’07; MAHR, ’09, Boise
Joseph Fuller, AA, arts and sciences, ’48, Boise
David Gillespie, CERT, parts counterperson, ’82, Bell, Fla.
Joseph “Joe” GrattoN, AA, arts and sciences, ’65, Boise
Dwain Griggs, BBA, accounting, ’70, Boise
Roland Gross, alumnus non-degreed, Meridian
Gladys GrothauS, AS, nursing, ’67, Kuna
DougLas Haight, AS, arts and sciences, ’65, Boise
Diane hall, AS, health information technology, ’92, Emmett
Wesley hall, CERT, automotive technology, ’92, Owyhee, Nev.
Leland hammer, BA, advertising design, ’75, Boise
Robert Hamilton, DIP, arts and sciences, ’48; BBA real estate, ’77, Boise
Charlene Hankammer, MSW, social work, ’99, Artesia, N.M.
Barbara Hansen, BA, English literature, ’76, Grangeville
Debra hall, BA, elementary education, ’78, Boise
Pauline Hill, alumnus non-degreed, Nutrioso, Ariz.
Larry iriondo, BA, social work, ’79, Boise
Robert JENNINGS, AA, arts and sciences, ’42, Lewiston
Roger John, BS, environmental health, ’74, Bonners Ferry
Dennis Jonas, BBA, real estate, ’77, Boise
Joseph KETO, BS, nursing, ’90, McCall
Walter Kirby, AA, arts and sciences, ’49, Boise
Barbara Koelsch, DIP, arts and sciences, ’58, Boise
Marian Kozak, AA, arts and sciences, ’53, Milwaukee, Ore.
Margaret Lewis, BA, elementary education, ’71, Caldwell
William Lopez, BBA, accounting, ’72, Nampa
Miles Lund, alumnus non-degreed, Meridian
Thomas Manning, AAS, drafting technology, ’77, Boise
Sandra “Sandy” Marostica, BFA, visual art, ’85, Boise
Mary Matlock, alumnus non-degreed, Middleton
David McFadden, AA, arts and sciences, ’55, Meridian
Frank Mccarvey, alumnus non-degreed, Bend, Ore.
Donald Migliuri, MBA, ’73, Spokane, Wash.
Fred Miklancic, alumnus non-degreed, ’53, Pasco, Wash.
Joshua Miller, AAS, marketing, ’97, Boise
Jack Moore, BBA, accounting, ’78, Carson City, Nev.
Rochelle Moore, BBA, administrative services, ’84, Boise
Alfred Moulton, AA, arts and sciences, ’52, Meridian
William Moulton, BS, construction management, ’97, Meridian
William Moynihan, BA, communication, ’10, Boise
Madeleine Naser, alumnus non-degreed, Easton, Conn.
James Nord, alumnus non-degreed, Boise
Ron Ostermeier, alumnus non-degreed, ’58, Jerome
Betty Perkins, AA, arts and sciences, ’43, Boise
Edward Peterson, CERT, welding and metals fabrication, ’70, Logan, Utah
Gregory “Greg” Poe, AAS, electronics technology, ’85, Eagle
Evonne Pudelko, DIP, arts and sciences, ’38; AA, education, ’39, Boise
John Rasmussen, BBA, finance, ’79, Boise
Helena CaIne SchlofMAN, AA, arts and sciences, ’41, Boise
Donald Scott, BA, English/ liberal arts, ’69, Boise
Karen Seibert, CERT, business technology, ’84, Boise
Daniel Sharp, alumnus non-degreed, ’47, Boise
Robert SharpleS, AA, arts and sciences, ’56, MBA, ’74, Boise
Arline Shaul, alumnus non-degreed, Boise
James Shepard, BS, social science, ’03; MS, instructional and performance technology, ’07, Nampa
Michael “Mike” Small, BA, political science, ’04, Brigham City, Utah
Jerry Squires, AAS, computer service technology, ’93; CERT, computer peripheral service, ’93, Boise
Ron Stephenson, alumnus non-degreed, ’61, Boise
Betty Stevens, BFA, visual art, ’92, Boise
Sprague Stevens, AA, arts and sciences, ’56
La Forrest Twitchell, AA, arts and sciences, ’53, Nampa
Helena Ulmschneider, MS, raptor biology, ’90, Boise
Irene Victory, alumnus non-degreed, Boise
Kay Walston, BA, social sciences, ’89, Boise
Margaret Watson, CERT, practical nursing, ’72, Boise
Nancy Williams, MBA, ’84, Stanley
Lois Wythe, AA, arts and sciences, ’41, Sandpoint
Kari Yanks, BS, biology, ’82, Meridian
Paulino Zatich, DIP, arts and sciences, ’48, Homedale
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Dec. 4: Family Holiday Concert

Dec. 16: Winter Commencement

January 17: Beginning of Spring Semester

January 23: MLK Human Rights Celebration Speaker Tim Wise

January 28: Discover Engineering Day

January 28: Bald Eagle Days Public Event

March 6: Distinguished Lecture Series Speaker Susan Solomon

March 17: International Food, Song and Dance Festival

March 20-22: Gene Harris Jazz Festival

Judge Ronald Wilper, ’77.

In 1974 Judge Ron Wilper decided to jump into a brand new Boise State program. He, along with a group of other young Boise State students, headed to Spain’s Basque region where he learned some Spanish and fell in love with the culture. He keeps a group photo from the trip displayed in his office to this day.

At the time, the study abroad program at Boise State was very small and based out of Nevada; now, the International Learning Opportunities Office has grown into its own key department. For Wilper, this kind of positive growth within the university is encouraging.

Wilper earned his B.A. in communication and English, with a journalism emphasis. Relationships he built in school helped him find jobs early in his career, including one as press secretary for a U.S. congressional campaign. He then worked for a credit and collections company and eventually started his own collections business. This experience whetted an interest in law, so he decided to head north for law school.

Wilper continues to have strong ties to the university. He enjoys attending Intercollegiate Knight reunions and reconnecting with old friends from school. No matter where he received his law degree, he and his family are die-hard Bronco fans and he recommends his alma mater, Boise State, to everyone.

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