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## ISU Accepting Applications for PhD and DNP Doctoral Nursing Programs

Idaho State University will now offer a second doctoral degree in nursing after the Idaho State Board of Education recently approved of a doctoral degree in advanced nursing practice.

ISU now offers two doctoral-level nursing programs. The first to be offered was a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree in nursing that will begin this summer. The ISU nursing Ph.D. program was the state's first nursing doctoral degree program and is the only nursing Ph.D. program in the state.

The Idaho State Board of Education approved the new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) practice degree at its February meeting. The new program will start this fall.

ISU has a Memorandum of Understanding with Boise State University to ensure the delivery of practice doctorates that can benefit the state of Idaho. BSU's DNP practice doctorate will focus on indirect care, with emphasis in nursing care of populations. ISU's DNP program will focus on direct care advanced practice nursing.

"We look forward to working with BSU to bring practice doctoral education to the state of Ida-

ho," said Mary Nies, Associate Dean of the Division of Health Sciences and the Director of the ISU School of Nursing.

The ISU DNP will prepare clinical leaders for comprehensive clinical nursing practice that influences health outcomes for individuals, families, communities, or populations. The DNP is the terminal practice doctoral degree in nursing consistent with other health professions practice doctorates in audiology (Aud.D.), pharmacy (Pharm.D.) and physical therapy (DPT),

The Ph.D. in nursing, on the other hand, will prepare students to conduct independent research, collaborate as scholars and leaders, and educate nurses for improving health and health care globally. The Ph.D. in nursing is designed with a research emphasis dedicated to extending nursing science and improving the delivery of health care for rural and vulnerable individuals, families and communities within existing cultural, geographical, and health care contexts.

"ISU is well positioned as a Carnegie-classified research high and teaching institution to offer the Ph.D. in nursing and the DNP practice doctorate in the School of Nursing, meeting nation-

al trends for nursing education in accredited nursing programs," Nies said "This is an exciting time for the School of Nursing as we move forward."

These doctoral programs will expand ISU School of Nursing post-baccalaureate graduate options, which also include the master's programs in nursing leadership and nursing education.

*"I am very pleased that our School of Nursing is taking a lead with national trends in post-baccalaureate nursing education by upgrading the credential of our nurse practitioners to a doctoral level."*

*-Linda Hatzenbuehler, PhD  
Associate Vice President and  
Executive Dean, Division of*

For more information on the two ISU nursing doctoral programs contact the ISU School of Nursing, 208-282-2132 or [profnurs@isu.edu](mailto:profnurs@isu.edu).

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### ISU 33rd Annual Health Fair Attracts Hundreds

Hundreds of participants turned out for the Idaho State University Health Fair 2013. The event featured more than 90 learning centers on a variety of health issues, and participants were able to get blood draws and interpretation of their blood draw results.  
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## School of Nursing: Featured People

### Meet our 2013 Outstanding Student Award Recipient: Gregory Fenchel

Greg Fenchel is a senior at Idaho State University School of Nursing. He has attended Idaho State University since fall of 2008, when he moved from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Pocatello to go to school.

Outside of nursing Fenchel is completing a Spanish minor as well as a thesis project regarding access to healthcare in the University Honors Program. He also volunteers for the Pocatello Free Clinic. In past years, his volunteer experiences have included the Pocatello Homeless Stand Down, Idaho State University Homecoming Parade, and University of New Mexico Hospital.



Gregory Fenchel, 2013 Outstanding Student Awardee

Fenchel currently works at Portneuf Medical Center as a CNA and a Unit Clerk on a variety of floors and actively participates in shared governance for the Medical and Surgical Floors.

Outside of school and work, Fenchel enjoys playing racquetball with the Idaho State University club team. In past years, he served as president of the Idaho State University Chess Club.

Fenchel commented, "Since coming to Idaho, I have learned to love the outdoors including all the rock climbing, hiking and mountain biking opportunities that this spectacular area provides. I feel that I have had an exceptional experience at Idaho State University in the School of Nursing and am excited about moving forward and entering the professional world."

Fenchel and other students in the Division of Health Sciences receiving the 2013 Outstanding Student Award, will be honored at a reception on May 10, 2013 at the Stephen's Performing Arts Center.

### ISU Health Fair 2013

*(cont. from Pg 1)* Steve Wright, event coordinator commented, "Our turnout was great and we had the largest numbers and greatest variety of learning centers that the fair has ever featured."

Body-fat screenings, tests of grip strength, nervous system evaluations, and home health and hospice information were among the services offered.

The ABCs of Diabetes Community Health checks were also available at the Health Fair.

If you are interested in participating in ISU Health Fair 2014, please contact the School of Nursing at 208-282-2325 or by email [prof-nurs@isu.edu](mailto:prof-nurs@isu.edu).



# School of Nursing: Featured Faces

## First Annual Barn Dance Fundraiser a Success

On Friday, March 15, 2013 the School of Nursing hosted it's first annual Barn Dance Fundraiser at the Lovejoy Barn in Idaho Falls. Participants enjoyed local food and live music from Mike Banks Quartet Band. Silent auction items were donated from the community. The event was the first of annual fundraisers that SON will continually hold on an annual basis. Funds will go towards students, faculty and staff development at the SON.

Scholarships and endowments are becoming more crucial to the success of Idaho State University and its students. Our many benefactors who support this fine institution help open the door to success for many deserving students attending Idaho State University and their thoughtfulness is demonstrated in the caliber of students graduating from ISU. If you are interested in donating to the SON, please contact us at 208-282-2132 or visit our website at: [isu.edu/nursing](http://isu.edu/nursing).

## Meet the 2013 Professional Achievement Award Recipient: LuAnn Storm Meurer Howe

Mrs. LuAnn Howe has been granted the prestigious honor of becoming Idaho State University School of Nursing's Professional Achievement Award recipient for 2013.

Howe graduated from Detroit Lakes High School in 1957 and went on to obtain a baccalaureate in Nursing from Idaho State University in 1961.

While at Idaho State University Howe was an active student, participating and holding offices in the ISU and State Student Nurses Organization. She was also an active member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Howe has had an expansive work history ranging from large hospitals to home health care. She and her husband owned Personalized Home Care and Home Maker agency, which provided care for patients 60 years and older wishing to remain safely at home

with custodial care. They sold the company in 2007 and retired. Howe feels her best achievements were endeavors to advocate for the middle income senior who is attempting to maintain a safe, independent, productive life at home.

The School of Nursing is honored to present LuAnn Howe with the 2013 School of Nursing Professional Achievement Award and to welcome her back to campus in May, 2013 for a reception in her honor.



LuAnn Storm Meurer Howe, 2013 Professional Achievement Awardee



SON Class of 1961: LuAnn Storm, Carlene Peterson, Ruth Jones, Linda Weiser, Andrea Nielson, Beverly Murdock (names clockwise from upper left)

# Division of Health Sciences Research Day 2013

The School of Nursing had several participants in Pocatello and Meridian at this year's Division of Health Sciences' Research Day. Topics included: *Enhancing and Measuring Practice Competence in Distance Audiences*, *Genetics for Health Care Professionals*, *Living the Patient's Perspective: Diabetes*, and *Student Involvement in an Interdisciplinary Team Delivering Health Check Services to Rural Southeastern Idaho Communities*.



Dr. Mary Nies with students, Dr. Tina Mladenka and Dr. Mary Nies, Paula Molina-Shaver and Betzi Quiroz (clockwise from top) at Research Day 2013 in both Pocatello and Meridian.

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