



Weekly Update

August 21, 2023

A Letter from the Director

Dear Honors Family,

Welcome!!! We've got big things coming this year. The UHP Club officers have already planned out a variety of events, from cookie baking to rock climbing, and may have set a record participation number with their Coffee with the Club. Similarly, anyone who saw the Mentors at their wonderful Welcome Celebration event last week knows that they're only just getting started! My husband (Bart) and I are planning on hosting our own event series this year featuring home cooked meals and guest speakers at our house. We should even get the final decision this year whether the Honors Program will be getting a new facility, complete with multiple student lounge spaces and a kitchen!

I've already heard amazing things from many of you about what you've done this summer: internships, travel, research, camping, etc. Swing by the Honors offices to tell us what you've been up to; we're always on board to celebrate your wins and offer support when things don't go well. The more we know you, your strengths, and your goals, the better we can help you help you succeed.

This year is a little bittersweet for me as it will be my last year leading the Honors Program; I'll be finishing my second term this year and returning to Geosciences, where I will be the new department chair. We'll be running a search this fall to find the new Honors Director for the next academic year, so please nominate a faculty member below and keep your eyes peeled for announcements about how you can participate in this important process.

Best of luck with all of your classes, clubs, jobs, and various adventures this term!

Cheers,

Shannon

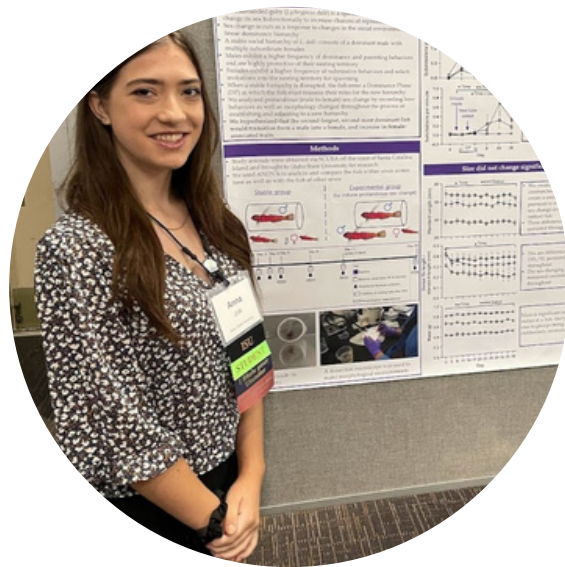
Honors Director Nomination

During this fall, we will begin the process of selecting a new director for the University Honors Program. We deeply value student feedback and would appreciate nominations of faculty who you believe would be an excellent director. The new UHP director will start their position in the Fall of 2024. To submit a nomination use this [link!](#)

Student Spotlight

Anna Jirik

I am going into the senior year of my Honors BS in Biology-biomedical science. I do research on the bluebanded goby fish in Dr Devaleena Pradhan's lab, which I joined my second semester. I was awarded an INBRE fellowship from the National Institutes of Health during summer 2022. I have received two research conference awards- an Undergraduate Poster Award at the Society of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology 2021 conference, and most recently the 2nd place Genesis Award Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Presentation at the Animal Behavior Society 2023 conference. After graduation, I plan to pursue a PhD to continue studying hormones and sex differences.



Important Deadlines

Add/Drop Deadline

- Friday, August 25th - Last day to add/drop early 8-week courses
- Friday, September 1st - Last day to register, add/drop, change section, or audit full semester courses

Apply for Fall Graduation

Instructions to apply:

- Log into your BengalWeb account
- Click on Academic Tools
- In the Graduation Planning channel, click Apply to Graduate

All students must formally apply for a graduation date

Application Deadline: Monday, September 11th – Fall deadline (December 2023)

Call for UreCA Submissions

UReCA, the NCHC Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, is seeking submissions from all currently enrolled undergraduate students. The deadline to submit is September 15.

Works submitted may be works produced for classes or works produced outside of a classroom environment. Undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in any college or university are eligible to submit. Do not include any identifying information (name, address, institution) within your document as we follow a double-blind review process.

The next issue will be released in November 2023.

Submit works here:

<https://ureca.submittable.com>

AmeriCorps Program Assistant

Program Description: The Idaho Gem State Public Health AmeriCorps program partners community members with public health non-profits across the state in an effort to help expand their partnership capacity and outreach services to underserved and rural populations. This program focuses on mental health and suicide intervention and prevention services. (See flyer attached for more details)

- \$15/hour
- 9.5-25 hours per week during academic year/
- Flexible schedule
- Please include available times to work and interview with your application

Honors Contracts

If you are planning to contract a course this fall, now is the time to reach out to your professor about the contract. A few reminders when preparing for your Honors contract:

- Double-check the policies and guidelines for contracting [here](#)
- If this is a your first contract, consider scheduling an appointment with your Honors Advisor about the process
- Create a contract that is enriching to your learning experience. Please avoid busy work or an additional term paper
- **Submit your official contract [here](#) by Friday, September 1st**

Honors Moodle

Based off of student feedback last year, we will be launching an [Honors Moodle page](#). The Moodle page will be a location for key announcements, deadlines, and information for the Honors Program. It is currently available for you to see!

UHPC Events

All UHPC Events count toward your Civic Engagement requirement each semester

Movie Night Friday 8/25 8pm Planetarium	SAB Paint Party Saturday 8/26 7pm Quad	SAB Bingo Night Thursday 8/31 7pm Student Union Building
Cookie Baking Night Friday 9/8 7pm Albion Hall	Rock Climbing Night Tuesday 9/12 8pm Reed Gym	Follow Us! Instagram: @idahostatehonors X: @Idaho_Honor Facebook: @isuhonor

Campus Events

Other events on campus that are ways to get involved (does not count as Civic Engagement)

<p>Welcome Back Orange & Black Monday 8/21 4-7pm Lookout Point - Old Town</p>	<p>Student Union BBQ & Involvement Fair Wednesday 8/23 11:30am-1pm Quad</p>	<p>Part-Time Job & Internship Fair Thursday 8/24 10am-2pm Student Union Building <i>Please dress professionally and bring copies of your resume</i></p>
<p>Cultural Cookout Thursday 9/7 4:30-6pm REND A,B,C Suites</p>	<p>AFSP Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Campus Walk Saturday 9/9 8-11am Quad Reach out to Aubree Denker if interested in volunteering</p>	<p>For more campus activities check out the calendar here!</p>

