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To state the obvious, this has been a stressful, challenging and trying time for all of us. We are all dealing with the pandemic, racial injustice and increasing polarization. All of us are a bit more on edge. The past few months have heightened our awareness around disparities and gaps that exist in our country and our world. However, times of uncertainty and challenge bring the most opportunity for real and systemic change.

We are concerned about the increased polarization in our country and across the globe. Going to one's corner and throwing grenades over an artificial barrier is not the answer. Too often and too easily we label people as left or right, capitalist or socialist, good or bad, right or wrong. Certainly, there are times when some labels fit, but far more often, the reality is more complex and nuanced. Education can help lead us to the conversations we need to have. Sharing perspectives, listening, hearing stories, learning about different lived experiences are not only healthy, they are also necessary if we are to continue to aspire to be a country and world in which we all have inalienable rights and opportunities as humans. We cannot live in fear of dialogue. Civility has become a negative trait in some circles, but it must be a guidepost to a way forward. The alternative to civility – who can shout the loudest, who can intimidate the most, who can perpetuate fear and hate – is not a way forward.

It is difficult, but courageous, to come out of one's comfort zone. But become uncomfortable we must if we want to advance the conversation. Sitting down and truly listening with empathy, humility and a desire to learn and grow should not be terrifying. Education has always been a place where this kind of dialogue and exchange of ideas has taken place. It is a place where science and research have led us to a world where diseases have been eradicated. Higher education has been a catalyst for innovation. It is the spawning ground for transformational leadership. It is still the ticket to the dream of a better life – both economically and in terms of bringing meaning and purpose to life. College is not the only answer but is an important piece of it. We are prepared to double down on our efforts to be a part of the solutions.

We will come through this pandemic. We will need your help in the way of counsel and providing opportunities for our students in the form of internships and service opportunities, and eventually, jobs for which they are well-prepared. We will need your continued generosity. Your gifts over the past few months have overwhelmed us and are critical to helping us remain financially sound. Do not underestimate the message your generosity sends to our students. In a time when a small minority sent a message to our students that some are not welcome here, your actions of kindness and love have drowned out those hateful voices. We can't thank you enough, but trust that our students will pay it forward by making it a better world for all.

Doug Brigham *Jim Everett*

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Co-Presidents

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The annals of time are likely to mark the recent period as the world before COVID-19 and the world after COVID-19. The pandemic has touched virtually every aspect of life on the planet in some way. And the way the narrative has played out so far, days feel like weeks and weeks feel like years.

It almost seems like a year's worth of events occurred between a record-setting Scholarship Gala (see page 19) on the evening of Friday, February 28 and the day the College became the first higher education institution in Idaho to announce it would go online-only for the rest of the

semester on March 13th. Just a two-week period between those two events. "I'll never forget that day," Co-President Jim Everett said. "It was March 13th. A Friday the 13th."

The College had communicated to campus that following spring break, all classes would be completed online, students were encouraged to move off-campus as soon as they could, and all in-person events (including athletics and commencement) were canceled. Tears and shock flowed throughout campus as the realization set in that many of the in-person relationships and interactions were coming to a close in a matter of hours rather than months later at the end of the school year.

But as difficult as the decision was to make, it was made by a unified administrative group. The senior leadership team had been meeting every morning to discuss the rapidly changing circumstances and spread of the coronavirus. Biomedical data from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and advice from some of the top medical professionals in Southern Idaho were being discussed and evaluated, played out scenarios and assessed how they could affect the campus community.

"We were doing our best to render what we thought was a prudent course of action that would be the best balance between health and safety on the one hand and our institutional mission on the other hand, which is

transformative education," said Vice President of Academic Affairs David Douglass. "We felt it was really important to err on the side of caution."

Simultaneously with the decision to close campus, College administrators set up processes for room and board funds to be either refunded (for graduating seniors) or credited (for continuing students). Unlike at many schools across the nation, arrangements were also made for international (and some domestic) students who could not return home safely to remain on campus, and many of those arrangements have been extended throughout the summer. "Those students need to stay in a stable place," Everett said, "and we're glad to be able to do it."

In the late spring, six task forces were formed to focus on details related to educational and operational functions of the College, including academics, health and safety, student life, athletics, summer employment, and financial stewardship. The College plans a phased reopening approach for August 2020, beginning with online-only instruction and an elective residence option for students prioritized by need. Should public health and safety conditions improve, the College will advance through phases of re-opening in-person activities and instruction.

With the March 13 announcement, the faculty had two weeks to prepare for online instruction. Of note, the College has had two successive task forces over the past two years that produced white papers about how distance learning fits in with the traditional, in-person characteristic of the College. It's likely it would have taken years to implement the type of online-learning delivery that COVID-19 forced the College to adopt in just two weeks' time.

"It would not have been surprising to anybody if it had been a complete disaster," said David Douglass, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. "I was just deeply impressed at how agile, how resilient, how graceful this community was in adjusting to an astonishing, unprecedented change for everybody. Folks managed it, by and large, as well as it could have been managed."

Assistant Director of Information Technology Alan Price '10, who is credited with leading as smooth a technical transition as possible, quickly pulled together lab sessions for the faculty to learn the technology that would deliver their previously in-person instruction.

Faculty changed their "office" hours to "student" hours, actively

reaching out to students for individual virtual meetings to find out how they were doing, not only in the class, but overall.

One of the most challenging areas of the educational endeavor to reproduce online is lab work across the sciences. Chemistry Associate Professor Carolyn Dadabay had just sent home 14 students in a 400-level biochemistry class and wanted a way to preserve some of the lab work they would now be missing, even if some students didn't even have access to a kitchen. "I was trying to think of some simple experiments that they could do if they had nothing but a bathroom and could only use the stuff that I sent them," she said. So she purchased various items such as enzymes, plastic test tubes, pH paper (all items that are safe to use in a home environment) from Amazon and had them delivered to each student. "I had all the stuff sent to me, because I also wasn't going anywhere at the time, so I was home, taking pictures of me (showing) 'here's what it should look like.' " All this to give them the tools for the hands-on testing and learning that is critical in the sciences.

Fellow Chemistry Professor Caleb Tormey had a similar approach through a different medium. His experiments required being in a lab. It

ABOVE PHOTO:
Rob Dayley and Amy Truksa prepare for online instruction

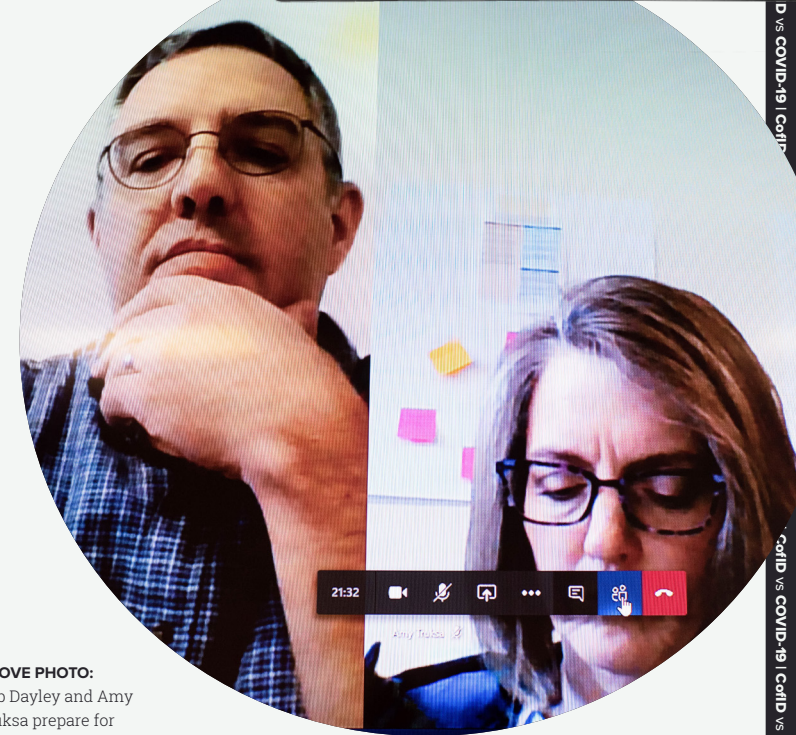
wasn't critical for general chemistry students to do the actual experiments, but it was important for them to get the data. He still wanted them to see how the data was gathered, so he created his own videos of the experiments. "I looked up YouTube creators to find out how to keep people watching. They said two key things are lighting and audio. If you get those two down, people are a lot less likely

to click off." Before long, Tormey used his webcam, a little tripod, and a microphone to produce quality videos, with a bit of his own unique creativity mixed in to keep his students' attention when he couldn't be in the same room with them.

"I think students can tell if you are not trying to engage them," Tormey added, "or doing your best for them."

The Faculty

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The Students



classes that had her up at 4:30 a.m. to make up for the time difference.

"It was just stress after that," Suzuki remembered. "Having to pack up all my stuff in a matter of days to come home and then start (online) classes again."

Suzuki plans to go to medical school and is studying for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) this summer. She says that even though it was rough at the beginning, she was able to adjust to her schedule and gives credit to the faculty for making it work.

"I was really surprised at how well my professors handled everything," she said. "I expected, since things were so last-minute, everything was going to be so chaotic. But my professors have been really supportive. They were very structured in what they expected from us with online classes. I'm really happy with the way things turned out."

Over 180 students needed to stay on campus because they couldn't return home due to international travel restrictions, a lack of another place to go, or financial hardships imposed by travel expenses. Some of these students were also domestic students who did not have a safe home to which to return.

Among the international students who stayed on campus, sophomore Christian Garcia from Venezuela heard from other international students he knew at other schools across the country and was thankful for the support

he received at the College. "Oftentimes, people forget to appreciate the value of having something to eat or just a place to sleep," he said. "I have talked to many of my friends in other places about how their colleges have helped them during this time, and the support we are receiving here at the C of I has no point of comparison. This makes me proud of being part of this community and makes me confident and hopeful about the future."

Parents of those students also expressed gratitude for the College continuing to support its students on campus through the spring and summer. One international parent wrote, "Many thanks for all the donors and corporate friends of the College who have decided, so generously, to sustain the international students during this atypical summer of 2020. I truly believe that all parents feel the same and are grateful for your permanent support."

For senior students, the unexpected cessation of in-person classes was a shock and a roadblock to what was supposed to be a celebration of their accomplishments at the College.

"That was like a punch in the gut," said recent graduate Hannah DalSoglio. "I had my last in-person class and I didn't even know that I had it. It felt like all of the sad parts of your senior year got squished into this one weekend."

DalSoglio and fellow recent-graduate Ashlyn Pistey knew the entirety of campus would need a virtual support system to get through the last few months of the school year. Both students were tapped to lead two major virtual efforts to keep the campus community connected and to give the senior class a special sendoff, since in-person commencement had been canceled. Pistey led the "A Coyote A Day" video project, and DalSoglio was the lead for the "Virtual Commencement" project.

For "A Coyote A Day," students, staff and faculty were encouraged to record a brief video to show others what they were doing to survive the quarantine, perhaps through reciting a poem, singing a song, dancing, or just sharing some

words of encouragement. The videos were then published on the College's social media channels, at least one a day, through the rest of the semester. The project was designed to help keep the community connected even when physically distant. "I feel like it gave us a piece of that back," said Pistey. "Even though we weren't physically together, it felt almost like we had more support through 'A Coyote A Day' than I've ever felt before." In all, over 50 videos were submitted, all of which are archived on the College's YouTube channel GoYotes.

Creating a video that replicated an in-person commencement ceremony was not the plan for Virtual Commencement. Instead, the seniors were to shape the event to make it personal to the Class of 2020, while also being enjoyable to watch. "I feel like we had no idea what to expect, so that made it really open to all of the fun interpretations that we could bring to the actual ceremony," DalSoglio said. That led to creative elements such as having two senior speakers being recorded in different locales all over campus and even the awarding of an honorary "dogree" to Boone, the presidential pooch.

One element that truly allowed the event to take on the flavor of this class was the

BELOW PHOTO:
Adam Eschbach records Hannah DalSoglio for Virtual Commencement



submitted videos. Each senior was encouraged to send in a 20-second video clip that would follow a graphic displaying that individual's name and degree. Over 100 videos were submitted, ranging from students playing musical instruments to a student saying "thank you" from a motorcycle. "You don't see that at a regular commencement where they're just walking across the stage," DalSoglio said. "I thought

it made it even more personal in a lot of ways. It turned out 10-times better than I thought it was going to."

Virtual Commencement can be found on the College's YouTube channel: GoYotes.

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Virtual Views

THERE'S A WAY.

TOP PHOTO:
International students on the steps of Voorhees

BOTTOM PHOTO:
Reannon Suzuki and her laptop in Hawai'i

Reannon Suzuki never expected her sophomore year to be interrupted by a pandemic, but by March, she found herself back at her home in Mililani, Hawai'i, finishing her semester with online

ANSWERING THE CALL

IN THE HEART OF THE PANDEMIC

In early June, after two months apart, Montana Patton '13 reunited with his wife Adrian Richey '15 at their new home in Vermont as each prepared for the next step in life.

"I am lucky to have a supportive and understanding partner," Patton said. "The light at the end of the tunnel was better than expected."

The tunnel, to say the least, was unusual.

The two first met at the College in 2012. First, in a chemistry class. Then, at Fall Fling on the Quad in the middle of campus.

"We actually have a photo from Program Council of us dancing in the crowd that night," Richey said with a laugh.

That's where the journey began. The two, it seemed, were often on the move. After graduation, Patton went to work at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise before moving on to Lewis-Clark State College to get his nursing degree. Richey graduated from the College and moved to Moscow to attend WWAMI, a branch of the University of Washington's medical school, before moving to Seattle. After marrying in 2016, the pair worked diligently to make sure they saw each other while she was on her med-school rotations in cities like Spokane, Denver, Kansas City, and Boise.

After finishing his nursing degree in 2019, Patton landed a job at the University of Washington Medical Center while Richey finished her schooling in Seattle. At last, they hoped, they could be a normal married couple.

And then ... COVID-19.

Seattle was the first known epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak in the United States. Richey was in her final semester of medical school, while Patton was helping to care for one of the first big rushes of COVID-19 patients in the United States. The two leaned on each other (and their new puppy) to get through the tough times together. As the curve began to flatten in the Pacific Northwest, Patton was approached by a recruiter about leaving one epicenter and going straight to another one.

"I got in touch with the recruiter working with New York-Presbyterian Hospital system in New York City," Patton explained. "(I) slept on the details a few days

and discussed with my wife, and ultimately decided that I was in a perfect position and time in my life and career to help out."

It was an eerie arrival. His flight into John F. Kennedy International Airport had about 30 people on board, each of whom was a health care worker traveling to New York to help. The airport was virtually empty. He visited Times Square shortly after his arrival and saw one other person. Stores that were still open had security guards to ensure customers were wearing masks. He lived in a hotel room by himself. The entire situation would be difficult for most to truly understand.

He explained that, traditionally, people who are sick enough to be in an intensive care

unit in a situation such as the COVID-19 pandemic have their own nurse, a one-to-one ratio. When he arrived, the ratio was four patients for each nurse. Compounding the problem, he said, was that many nurses were calling out sick each shift, which made the patient/nurse ratio even harder to maintain. The hospital had to get creative with its space due to the huge number of patients, turning the cafeteria into an emergency room holding area for patients not sick enough to get admitted into intensive care. The pharmacy was completely overwhelmed, so he often had to mix medication himself since his patients couldn't wait for the pharmacy to catch up.

He called his first two weeks at New York-Presbyterian, "probably the hardest I have ever worked."

His two-month stint was in the ICU unit, so victories were hard to gauge. He didn't see patients going home; he saw them transferred to other spaces in the hospital. But something he heard served to buoy up spirits.

"They played Journey's 'Don't Stop Believing' on the hospital overhead speakers

every time a patient was sent home," Patton said. "It was an amazing change of pace for the psyche from the constant calls for help. There was a collective whisper of 'yes' from each of us when the song was played."

The experience was rough. Husband and wife, nearly 3,000 miles apart. One finishing medical school, one serving an overloaded area in the midst of a pandemic.

"Overwhelming, emotional, sad, frustrating," Richey said when asked to describe the time. "I didn't have my person to lean on, he's a million miles away just trying to keep afloat too. But he continued to be the supportive, loving, amazing husband and supported me when it was all too much."

Patton worked the night shift and, due to the infrequency of days off, kept himself on a schedule that meant being up at night, even if he wasn't working.

"FaceTime (calls) was a savior," he said. "Otherwise, it was extremely lonely."

The pair put their heads down and pushed through the tough times. Richey graduated

from medical school and moved to Vermont to begin her professional residency in urology at the University of Vermont. Her assignment there will last five years. Patton finished his temporary assignment at New York-Presbyterian in early June and immediately traveled to Vermont to reunite with his and their dog and to prepare for his next step at the University of Vermont Medical Center. He had to quarantine after his experience in New York. After two weeks of projects around the house, the couple had reached the end of that tunnel.

"We are so thrilled to be home," Patton said. "Our new house really feels like

home. The pets and humans alike are glad to have some nice space and for us to be together and healthy."

Richey agreed. The journey from Fall Fling in 2012 to Vermont has been unorthodox but worth it.

"I know I won't remember how hard it was," she said. "I hope I just remember that #MTismyhero, that Montana continues to be the best person I know."

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New York-Presbyterian
Queens



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COVID-19 AND RURAL MEDICINE

JUNE 25, 2020

Life appears normal on the Idaho frontier. Nestled at the foot of the towering Sawtooth Mountains, the small town of Stanley is preparing for the summer tourist season. Rafting guides are setting out on the Salmon River. Campers pull into the Mountain Village to fill up on gas. Locals and visitors alike grab a slice at the only pizzeria in town. Stanley is where people go to escape. The concern this year is that Stanley may be where people are going to escape COVID-19. With only one health clinic in town, two College of Idaho interns are learning firsthand about rural medicine during a global pandemic.

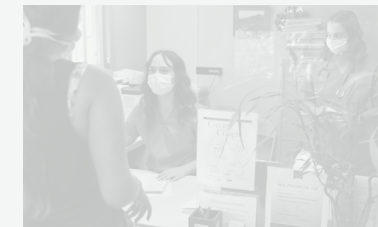
Each year, two students from the College intern at the Salmon River Clinic. This summer, biomedical science majors Caly Thurston and Zoe Young were selected for the internship. Both students have learned about pandemics in the classroom. But it's different experiencing one while on the job. Thurston and Young have been assisting in testing patients with symptoms, and they suit up with personal protective equipment, commonly referred to as PPE.



"When you put the outfit on, you realize it's not just a story or something you see on the news; it feels real," Young said. "There's a constant list that runs in the back of your head, and so it's scary because you have to put the patient first, but at the same time, if you mess up, you could be potentially at risk too." By this day in late June, around 500 Idaho health care workers had been infected with COVID-19.

Every time a patient comes into the clinic to be tested, the medical providers take the necessary precautions. "There are only five workers at the clinic, so if one of us gets sick and spreads it to our coworkers, it could shut down the clinic, which would be bad for the community," Thurston said.

The clinic is equipped with an Abbott ID Now COVID-19 test, which can produce results in under 15 minutes. "There are only 15 in the state of Idaho currently, so we were lucky to receive one of those, because we are pretty isolated," Thurston said. The test involves collecting samples with nose swabs. The clinic also offers an antibody test that confirms if a person was previously infected.



Along with testing patients for COVID-19, the students help with routine checkups, assist with search and rescue, scribe during ambulance runs, and receive an EMT (emergency medical technician) license. They both plan to attend medical school or a physician assistant program and envision practicing rural medicine in the future. For that reason, the Salmon River Clinic is a valuable experience. The next closest health care facility is just over an hour away in Ketchum. The Sawtooth Valley is an isolated place. And the close-knit community makes it an appealing location to practice rural medicine.

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"This is my dream place; it's my dream job," said Amy Klingler, MS, PA-C. Klingler is the physician assistant at the clinic and helps oversee the College interns. Though the community is far from a large regional medical center, Klingler is happy to be able to provide quality health care to locals and visitors.

The remoteness is also a reason people travel to Stanley during the summer. And because of COVID-19

and rising cases in surrounding communities, there's cause for concern. "What I have seen play out is that people come to Stanley to escape COVID," Klingler said.

In the spring, there was some question as to whether Thurston and Young would be able to do the internship. "I actually had to think about it for a minute and wonder, do I want that extra exposure for us and for them," Klingler said. But in the end, the help the students from the College provide is essential. "I always look forward to it, and it's great having them."

Thurston and Young are thrilled to have this opportunity. And they have learned a lot about the virus since the internship began. They participate in weekly interviews with Crush the Curve Idaho via Zoom and learn about how Idaho has been impacted through conversations with medical experts. "I think it's very important that everyone works together to raise awareness to COVID, because we are dealing with testing shortages," Thurston said. The clinic will only test patients who have had direct exposure or are symptomatic. "It makes it hard, because there are a lot of people walking around without symptoms that have it but can't get tested." When it comes to prevention, "masks really do make a big difference," Thurston said.

Young added, "Being able to see how the health care system works in person and how it works in response to a global pandemic is something I've learned a lot from. We always have to remind patients that even if you get a negative test, it doesn't mean you are negative for COVID." Pre-symptomatic people are more likely to get a false-negative test result before the onset of symptoms.

"We all need to be on the same page looking out for each other," Thurston said. "I think if everyone wears masks, washes their hands, we can help each other as a community. Whether it's up in rural Stanley or the community at the C of I."

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LARGE PHOTO:
Zoe Young (left) and Caly Thurston (right)



On the night of June 22, students organized the first-ever Gay Pride event on campus, and several pride flags were hung on buildings across campus as part of the event. During the night of June 23, an unidentified vandal pulled down several of the flags, desecrated them and spray-painted "not in my town" on the sidewalk near Sterry Hall. The campus

responded by washing away the hate speech and replacing it with chalk art with expressions of love and tolerance. The students also organized a Pride 2.0 event on Thursday, June 25 to show support of the College's LGBTQ+ family and to rehang the flags. More than 200 people attended the event to loudly voice that Love Triumphs Over Hate.

ON THE FRONT LINE

Alumni Battle the COVID-19 Pandemic

The New York Times



Remote and Ready to Fight Coronavirus's Next Wave

An island community in Washington State has developed a testing and tracing strategy it hopes will be a model for rural and tribal communities.

Dr. Bristow teamed up with Dr. John Osborn, who works in Seattle as an E.R. physician and helps lead Vashon's medical reserve corps, which was established after the Sept. 11 attacks. Ruth Fremson/The New York Times

Testing stations in Washington's Puget Sound region. Engineering stations in Houston, Texas. A biotechnical firm in Galveston, Texas. Inquiries from newsrooms across the country. The fight against the COVID-19 pandemic is taking place in battlefields of many forms, and College of Idaho alumni around the United States have found themselves on the front line against the disease, using their talents and skills to help inform the public and keep their friends and families safe.

"This is a disaster that just keeps on going," said Dr. John Osborn '79, an emergency room physician in Seattle and leader of the Vashon Medical Reserve Corps. "I've encouraged the volunteers I work with to think of this as a marathon, not a 100-yard dash. We need to pace ourselves for what could be a very long, essential effort."

AND THEN CAME COVID

After he retired from full-time practice in Spokane, Washington, Osborn and his wife relocated to Vashon Island, a community of just over 10,000 people between Seattle and Tacoma. A specialist in internal medicine, Osborn was recruited to lead the Vashon Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), an all-volunteer force of health care professionals who are organized to support their communities in times of disaster. Osborn's efforts with

the MRC included preparing for disasters like earthquakes and forest fires.

"And then came COVID," Osborn reflected.

Osborn saw his first suspected COVID-positive patient in a Seattle emergency room near the end of February and was immediately struck with thoughts of how much trouble Americans would soon face. There were few immediate resources for testing, limiting his abilities to accurately diagnose the respiratory ailments he began to see daily.

"A wisdom in medicine that guides my work: diagnosis is the first step to treatment," Osborn said. "If you cannot diagnose, then you cannot intervene to treat."

Osborn used this wisdom to help mobilize the Vashon MRC in establishing the Rural Test & Trace Toolkit, a coronavirus response plan that can be replicated as a guideline for testing and treatment in similar rural and tribal communities across the United States. Initially performing a few tests each week in Vashon, Osborn's MRC has since increased its test load to nearly 30 tests each day.

Osborn is also quick to sound the alarm about the mental health ramifications COVID will have on similarly sized communities, noting the increased challenges smaller communities have in receiving

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adequate resources for suicide prevention and substance abuse at a time when isolation brings renewed challenges to mental health care. Along with the Rural Test & Trace Toolkit, he also helped establish a Community Care Team Toolkit that can be utilized by smaller communities in the same way to help treat mental health as well as physical health.

A SENSE OF URGENCY

Beth Zborowski '02, Senior Vice President of Membership Engagement and Communications for the Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA), was visiting her in-laws in Meridian, Idaho, when she received a call about the first two confirmed COVID-19 cases in Seattle. It was the start of what she now calls the most important work she'll ever do: keeping the public informed about Washington's COVID response.

"There was a huge sense of urgency," Zborowski said. "It wasn't like a hurricane or an earthquake – we could see it coming and had been keeping track of how it was developing – but I don't think we had ever been faced with such a demand before."

Zborowski served as a regular spokesperson for WSHA, and she said she knew the nation's eyes were on Washington in the initial days of the pandemic as the state became America's first hot spot for the virus. She fielded dozens of news inquiries each day, including some from national media

representatives, and worked for weeks without any substantial time off.

"At the beginning, we were the first," Zborowski said. "Everybody was looking to us for what the experience was, what the impact was on all kinds of things."

As the pandemic has gone on, Zborowski and her team have begun taking a more proactive approach to covering the pandemic, continuing to advocate for government support of Washington hospitals while undertaking a statewide media

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campaign informing Washington locals about hospital responses to the virus and their capabilities to continue treating non-COVID illnesses.

Drug developed by Galveston scientist to be tested for COVID-19 use

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Darrell Carney, chief executive officer of Chrysalis Biotherapeutics, holds a vial of the experimental drug Chrysalin that will be used in clinical trials for COVID-19 patients. STUART VILLANUEVA/The Daily News

"As this crisis has continued and grown and become national with huge waves of cases, our priority too is that Washington isn't forgotten," she said.

CONTINUE THE EFFORT

Meanwhile, in Texas two College of Idaho alumni are providing potential lab-based solutions to help aid in the fight against COVID-19.

Alexander Wirtz '17 began working for Abbott Laboratories in Houston in the fall of 2019 as a manufacturing engineer and supervisor, working with a team of 40 technicians on Abbott's ALINITY i system, which is designed to process a large number of patient blood samples over a short but efficient amount of time. Although work on the system began not long before Wirtz joined the company, COVID-19 pushed the need for more of it to the forefront, as Abbott had developed a rapid test for COVID antibodies to run on the system. Wirtz now works with his technicians to expand production, sending devices around the globe to handle approximately 30 million antibody tests around the world.

"It's hard to see an end in sight," Wirtz said. "The numbers only get larger, so I'm continuing to provide my engineering support and management abilities to help continue the necessary production of this medical device during the pandemic. I plan to continue the effort here at Abbott and will continue to support

Abbott in future projects we have planned as the pandemic dies down."

Meanwhile, Dr. Darrell Carney '70, CEO of Chrysalis BioTherapeutics, Inc., in Galveston and former member of the College's Board of Trustees, is seeing a drug he developed be explored as a possible therapeutic treatment for COVID patients. Carney initially developed Chrysalin, or TP508, for skin and bone tissue repair. The drug is now being prepared for tests against cardiovascular problems found in some COVID-19 patients, thanks to over \$2 million in funding received from federal government grants and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

"As we first started learning about COVID-19 and that people most susceptible to complications and death were those with hypertension, diabetes and other cardiovascular problems, we knew that our drug reversed effects on the vasculature of animals in trials," Carney stated in a news release announcing the first award, a \$1.5 million grant that was released on June 1.

Although several variables remain unclear about COVID-19's effect on the world, College of Idaho alumni continue to do their part to battle the virus around the globe.

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MIKE SAFFORD

FINAL RUN

Bonneau Retires After 30 Years

A fixture on The College of Idaho campus for three decades, longtime alpine ski coach Ron Bonneau stepped down from the position at the conclusion of the 2020 season.

The 2016 United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA) National Coach of the Year has built one of the top ski programs in the nation, as his Coyote men have qualified for the national championships 19 times, with the Coyote women making 24 trips to nationals – including 20 of the last 22 seasons.

"My wife Michele and I have had a great tenure here at the College," Bonneau said. "We have exceeded expectations. We have exceeded goals beyond the belief that we thought could be done."

A graduate of Plymouth State College, Bonneau has had unparalleled success – coaching nine United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA) individual national champions, 39 first-team All-Americans and most importantly, 105 national scholar-athletes. Bonneau led the women's alpine team to the 1999, 2003 and 2006 Western Regional titles, with the Coyote men winning the title in 2016, while the two teams each claimed nine Northwest Collegiate Ski Conference (NWCS) crowns.

Bonneau has served as the executive director of the NWCS throughout

most of his tenure at the College, helping generations of collegiate skiers in the Northwest have an opportunity to compete. Bonneau is one of a handful of FIS Technical Delegates in the Northwest and works many of the top international ski races on the West Coast.

"Being able to work and earn the trust of athletes, coaches and professionals here at the College and both nationally and internationally was not an easy task," Bonneau said. "It took a lot of perseverance and courage and the confidence of others to do so."

Bonneau has been a key asset to the campus community, helping grow the College's outdoor program, while spearheading the annual freshmen orientation retreat to McCall.

"We have taken the Outdoor Program from the basement of Finney Hall to where it is today," Bonneau stated. "We now have high impact practices that have taken off and evolve with a true academic curriculum of experiential learning."

He has served as president of the College's Staff Association, has been a representative on the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, while being a key member of multiple Vision and Strategy Task Forces during the 2000s that shaped the future of the College.

"Something that was said years ago is true – we need to always remember to take care of Her, Her meaning the College itself," Bonneau said. "As a steward of the College, I feel I took care of Her in the best manner I possibly could."

MIKE SAFFORD is the Director of Athletic Communications.



GASKINS' PRE-EXISTING CONDITION

When Devin Gaskins went for a run through the Palouse hills in late May, his mind was moving even faster than his legs. He was taking a break from his rigorous University of Washington School of Medicine studies. Like nearly everyone else in the nation, he had viewed the unjust death of George Floyd on video, had read the data from competing autopsy results and was trying to make sense of it all. Having grown up in Idaho, with a Black population of less than 1-percent of the state's total population, Gaskins had experienced his own episodes of injustice over the years, and the Floyd death had stirred up emotions and observations that could remain silent no longer.

He returned from the hills and the words flowed from mind to paper nearly as fast as Gaskins could cover the 100-meters when he ran for the Yotes track team. Within two hours, he had penned the essay titled "Pre-Existing Condition," to spell out his own injuries that already existed "to make it clear in the event of my own murder what actually caused my death."

Gaskins posted it to social media on June 1st, and within a few weeks, it was published in a series of newspapers, including the Idaho Statesman, earned him a featured-speaking role at the Idaho Healthcare for Black Lives rally on the Idaho Statehouse steps, and resulted in television and radio interviews.

"I wasn't expecting this much outpouring of support, honestly," said Gaskins. "I wrote the essay as kind of an exercise in just expressing a

lot of feelings and thoughts that I hadn't been able to name up until that moment."

Gaskins' essay has not only helped advance the dialogue about race relations, but the positive reception has given Gaskins confidence in a scholastic area he has been refining in the few free moments away from medical school studies. Gaskins enjoys creative writing and has dreams of being published. His 2019 degree from the College is in biology with minors in pre-health professions, pre-medicine, psychology and environmental humanities. Since he was also a two-sport athlete, he admits "I wanted to avoid the classes that were going to require a lot of writing." Except he had no choice but to write essays in his first-year seminar class with English professor Chuck Yates, the only class he ever took with Yates. Gaskins said Yates "gave me probably the first C that I ever got on an essay; it might have been a D even." Gaskins will tell you it was the smack of reality he needed to "step up my game" and credits Yates, as he would a great athletics coach, with giving him the tools to become a better writer.

Gaskins had aspirations to leave Idaho and practice medicine elsewhere. But with the recent developments in race relations and the need for more diversity in states like Idaho, Gaskins is now planning to return to the Gem State. "I'd like to come back and practice and help out on that front."

For more of Gaskins' story, and to read his essay, please visit our Quest Extra page at www.collegeofidaho.edu/quest-magazine

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INNOVATIVE MODULAR DORMS NEARING COMPLETION

Despite pandemic-related adjustments to construction schedules, the newest addition to the campus at The College of Idaho is scheduled to be open and ready for students this fall.

The new modular housing units, made from refurbished shipping containers by indieDwell, were built on the south side of campus, between the campus apartments and the tennis courts. Despite disruptions to supply chains and ensuing construction delays, crews finished the summer by putting the finishing touches on the two new buildings, which will house up to 54 students in individual rooms.

“As the project finishes out, the College is very pleased with the appearance and utility of the new residence halls,” said Vice President of Finance and Administration Richard Erne. “In addition to providing the much needed residential housing space for our

growing student population, it makes for a beautiful addition to campus and complements the existing Village Apartments.”

Initial groundwork began in the winter and the final containers were put into place in May. The two buildings are identical, which allowed subcontractors to seamlessly complete work in one building and then begin work in the second. It marks the first time shipping containers have been repurposed for student housing with multiple colleges and universities taking note of the progressive partnership between the College, indieDwell, and NeUdesign Architects.

“All the hard work will bring this wonderful dream to completion for our students before the start of fall semester,” Erne said.

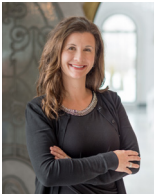
COLLEGE WELCOMES FOUR NEW TRUSTEES



Latonia Haney Keith is completing a term as Concordia University School of Law's Interim Dean and Associate Dean of Academics and is a graduate of Harvard Law School. In March, Haney Keith was confirmed by the Boise City Council as a Commissioner of the Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC).



Megan Multanen is an owner and CEO of Bestbath. Megan has served as Chair of the Board for the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce, as well as on the Executive Committee of the Chamber Board and enjoys the opportunity that affords her to be an active member of the community.



Megan Ronk '01 is Director of Business Innovation & Development for Idaho Power. Ronk serves on the Board of Directors for Mountain West Bank and the Boise Valley Economic Partnership. She also serves as a commissioner for the Idaho Commission on Human Rights.



Dr. Sue Weitz '71, retired Vice President for Student Life and Senior Advisor to the President at Gonzaga University, earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the College. Her career in higher education spanned 45 years in all, including time at the College.



JONES SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The College of Idaho announced in February a gift from the estate of former Idaho State Supreme Court Justice Warren Jones and his wife Karen, endowing a scholarship for students pursuing a degree in political economy and have an interest in law school.

Jones graduated magna cum laude in 1965 with a degree in political science.

The gift from the Jones family represents one of the largest endowed scholarships for The College of Idaho, benefitting students for years to come. It is estimated that the scholarship will assist at least 60 students in its initial 10 years.

PHOTO:
Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court Roger Burdick speaks at the scholarship announcement

PURPLE REIGN SETS GALA MARK

The 2020 Scholarship Gala, themed “Purple Reign,” set another record this year, raising more than \$540,000. That tops last year’s event by more than \$50,000.

“Our students are the best and brightest around and it’s clear that this community recognizes their incredible talents,” said Vice President of College Relations Jack Cafferty. “There was no doubt, it was a great night to be a Yote.”

In 2017 the Gala raised over \$275,000 – a then-record. That means support of student scholarships has nearly doubled in four years.

“It was a terrific night that surpassed all of our expectations,” said Cafferty.

GENEROUS GIVE DAY

The community support was in the spotlight again in May, when the College held its annual Give Day event.

Despite unusual circumstances, Give Day set a record, drawing nearly \$290,000 in donations and matching gifts. Give Day is a once-a-year event where friends and alumni are encouraged to make gifts to the College. Gifts are often “matched” by funds from other friends and alumni to support specific programs or purposes. What made this year unusual was COVID-19, which led to the event being held over a month later than usual and also eliminated the on-campus, in-person element of Give Day, making it 100 percent online and remote.

PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL AWARDS GRANTS

Students at The College of Idaho, who are the benefactors of the support from the Scholarship Gala and Give Day, showed that they could give as well. The College’s Student Philanthropy Council awarded ten grants to local non-profits this spring, totaling \$10,000. The Council focused on organizations who

had an immediate need due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

JIM WEDDINGTON SCHOLARSHIP

The College has established the Jim Weddington Memorial Scholarship, thanks to a gracious estate gift following Jim’s passing earlier this year. After spending much of his childhood in Caldwell, Jim attended the College during the 1952-53 academic year, before joining the army.

ALBERTSONS/DEL TACO FEEDING STUDENTS

Friends at Del Taco and Albertsons were the first of many to pitch in to help feed students that stayed on campus for the summer. The flexibility for students to order and pick out whatever they wanted was met with big smiles from the students.



YOTES HELPING YOTES

Talon Pinckney knew he wanted to play basketball in college. More importantly, he wanted a school that could provide him the skills and connections that could lead to a career in architecture. He hoped for some certainty that The College of Idaho was the place to achieve those goals. A conversation with his first-year advisor at the College helped pave the way for a successful network, an internship in his chosen field, while also making room to build a brilliant basketball career.

A visit to campus in 2016 came with one major question. Pinckney asked first-year advisor Nicole Cammann '14 if a career in architecture was possible with a College of Idaho education. "I've known from a very young age that I'd someday want a career in architecture," Pinckney said. The two met about how the programs at the College could help him achieve that goal. "At a liberal arts school, we have the opportunity to give the experiential connections and opportunities to allow further growth and career development," Cammann said.

In the spring of 2018 at the Go Purple Steak Feed, Cammann visited with alumnus Andy Erstad '82, owner of Erstad Architects in Boise. "I mentioned to Andy if he would host an intern, that I have a student who would be a great fit," Cammann said. The Coyote connection was made and Pinckney landed an architecture internship with Erstad in the fall semester of 2018.

"I always feel like there's a family when it comes to C of I," Pinckney said. "I feel like alumni look out for fellow Yotes and are always willing to help. My internship was

valuable because Erstad just threw me out there with their staff and it made me adapt and learn quickly. The biggest thing I learned is just how much goes into a project and how important people skills are."

Erstad wanted to introduce Pinckney to both the business and the art side of architecture. "We were able to give him exposures to both and realized that part of our challenge was the software we use is industry-specific, and Talon had not had any real experience – so he jumped in and learned," Erstad said. "At the end of the day, I wanted him to have a realistic view of the industry."

Though separated by nearly four decades, Erstad and Pinckney still view their education at the College similarly. Erstad graduated with an art degree and says the most important aspect was not the "knowledge" he learned, but rather, the art of inquiry. "Life is about discovery," he says, "and in our industry, inquiry is at the foundation of our problem-solving skills."

Pinckney graduated in the spring with a degree in business and minors in art, math, and psychology. A two-time NAIA All-American in basketball, he plans to pursue a professional basketball career overseas before taking on an apprenticeship at an architectural design company back in Florida.

Pinckney says it is "really nice to have that confidence going out into the real world. I feel like I can go out and do anything."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL FINISHES AS NO. 1-RANKED TEAM

On March 11, the top-ranked men's basketball team in the country at the NAIA Division-2 level defeated Northwestern (Iowa) in the first round of the national tournament. Then, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the remainder of the tournament was canceled. No champion was crowned.

It marked a disappointing end to one of the best seasons ever for the Coyotes, who won each of their final 25 games to ascend to the no. 1 national ranking. The team won the Cascade Conference regular-season title and postseason tournament to finish the season with a 31-3 record. The 31 wins matched the total of the 1996 national championship team as the most in school history.

Seniors Talon Pinckney (first-team) and Nate Bruneel (honorable mention) earned national All-American honors while head coach Colby Blaine was selected as the national Coach of the Year. The program's third senior, Jake Bruner, tied the program's all-time record with 134 games played – 110 of which his team won.

The team also set an all-time best with seven players earning All-Conference academic honors.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

For the 21st consecutive season, The College of Idaho's women's basketball team reached postseason play when it qualified for the Cascade Conference tournament. Head coach Janis Beal's team was 10-10 in conference and eleven of the team's final 14 games were decided by ten points or less.

Senior Mackenzie Royce-Radford led the team in scoring (11.4 points/game), assists (3.7 per game), and steals (1.2 per game) en route to being selected to the All-Conference team.

The team also set the bar in the Cascade Conference in terms of attendance in women's basketball, averaging nearly 800 fans per game, which was higher than six of the 11 teams in the NCAA's Big Sky Conference.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Sophomore Nic Carrier won the 3-meter diving competition, earning The College of Idaho program its first-ever national champion in March.

Both College of Idaho swimming and diving teams closed out the 2019-20 seasons ranked in the NAIA Top-10, as the final national polls were released by the national office. The men finished ranked no. 5, their highest finish in program history. The women finished tied for ninth, which marks the seventh-straight season that ended with a top-ten finish for the women.

Three student-athletes, Andrew Clifford from the men's team and Caroline Yannelli and Maya Murphy from the women's team, were selected for the NAIA Academic All-District team under head coach Tyler Maryon.

FALL 2020 SPORTS

In July, the Cascade Conference announced that all fall sports would be delayed until the spring of 2021. The College of Idaho took it one step further, announcing that the school's football team, which competes in the Frontier Conference, would also wait until the spring to compete. Two other schools, Eastern Oregon and Southern Oregon, compete in the Frontier Conference for football and the Cascade Conference for all other sports. Those schools made the same decision as the College and plan to compete against the Yotes on the gridiron in the spring.

ALICE VINSON

PROVIDING A VIRTUAL SENDOFF FOR LONE SENIOR

Senior capstone: a final culminating experience for majors at The College of Idaho. For art majors, it is a full two semesters of not only learning the professional side of being an artist, but developing a cohesive body of work for exhibition in the College's Rosenthal Gallery in April.

Typically, the department has several graduating students, however this was an unusual year as Matt McLaughlin was to be our sole graduating major. It is no small feat for a group of students to fill the gallery with work and hold a successful reception, let alone one. Our two options were to break tradition and show Matt's work in a smaller, off-campus location, or hope that he could create enough work to fill the Rosenthal Gallery. Not surprisingly, Matt committed to the challenge of a solo exhibition in the Rosenthal Gallery and immediately set to work.

By March, Matt had completed everything from catering arrangements to marketing materials, work that is normally divided among a group of seniors. Then with just two weeks left until his opening, the College closed campus due to COVID-19. My heart sank knowing that there would be no exhibition despite all his hard work, and I felt there had to be an alternative to an in-person exhibition that would still allow him to showcase his artwork.

After the transition online for the rest of the semester, I explored options for his exhibition. I noticed several art museums and galleries moving to an online format in light of COVID-19. They tended to be typical scrolling galleries, but some were designed to allow viewers to walk through the space much in the same way one would do in person. I eventually discovered a few online builders that seemed promising. In my first attempt, I used a free builder that allowed for flexibility in design but lacked

aesthetic quality, something I knew would be important to Matt. In the end, I chose one which required the use of templates (none of which matched the Rosenthal Gallery), allowed the viewer to walk through the space, and had the aesthetic quality I had been looking for.

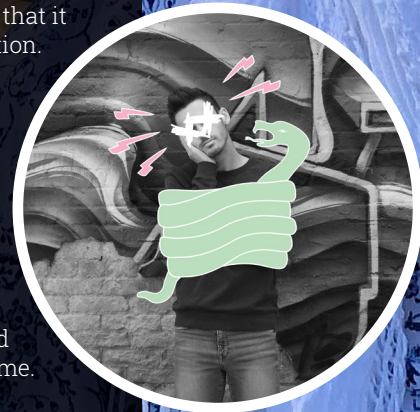
The builder was developed by a German company and instructions were minimal, to say the least. After actually completing the entire layout of the site, I discovered that the tour path could not be edited and had to start completely over. It certainly was a learning process.

Somehow, I managed to keep everything a secret until the end of the semester when I revealed the site to Matt. He seemed really surprised, and although I know it was not the in-person show he had planned on, my hope is that it was a good, temporary solution.

Looking back, I really feel that I did anything that any other professor at the College would have done given the situation we found ourselves in this spring. Matt put every effort in to preparing for his exhibition, so it only seemed right that I should do the same.

Editor's note: In a previous interview, McLaughlin said the setting up of this virtual show was "the nicest thing anyone has ever done for me." To read more, please see an extended story on the Quest Extra page at collegeofidaho.edu/quest-magazine.

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CARING YOTES

Friends and alumni also gave back to the College through the care package program, promoted by the alumni department.

Many students were forced to stay on campus over the summer due to the virus. The College worked to provide basic needs for those students, including rooms and three meals a day, but the community kicked it up a notch by providing care packages for those students. The packages included personalized notes of support and Amazon gift cards that the students were able to use as they chose. More than 300 of these were distributed to grateful members of the YoteFam.

"I am very pleased to know that the close-knit alumni community cares about us and is here to help," said junior Nour Ibrahim. "I am grateful for receiving such a sweet note and gift card."

VIRTUAL HAPPY HOURS

Throughout the summer, the alumni office hosted weekly virtual "happy hours" featuring alumni, faculty and staff presenting on a wide range of topics. Happy hour topics have included Networking with Paul Giardina '08 and Tara Wensel '09, Identifying Idaho Flora with Dr. Don Mansfield & Barbara Ertter '75, How to Get the Most Out of Reading with Cris Tietfort '09 and Bobby Powers '09, and Idaho Trout and Salmon Research featuring College of Idaho Professor Dr. Chris Walser and Dr. Rick Williams '74.

These happy hours will continue throughout the fall. To hear about upcoming events, be sure to join the YoteBook, the online alumni community, and Like the Alumni Facebook page at [Facebook.com/cofialumni](https://www.facebook.com/cofialumni).



DASHING YOTES

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted many routines, but The College of Idaho's alumni department continued to work to provide unique and fun ways to stay engaged with each other and the College.

One event was the Coyote Dash 2020. It was a virtual event that gathered Yote alums from around the world. It wasn't limited to alumni – current students, faculty, and staff also participated in the Coyote Dash.

The premise was simple: sign up, print out the official Coyote Dash 2020 "race

bib," and then run. Or walk. Or skip. Or any other type of exercise. There wasn't even a requirement to run (or walk, or skip) a full 5 kilometers, which is a little over three miles. We just wanted to see you safely participating, sharing photos of folks in motion and being active during the month of April, when many of our communities were restricted due to the coronavirus.

The results were amazing. Over 100 people registered, sharing photos via social media and letting us all share smiles during a difficult time.



ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Dick Hahn '55

Dick Hahn's first job was selling newspapers when he was nine years old. He picked berries during the summer, mowed lawns, and worked on local farms before attending the College, where he graduated in 1955 with a degree in mathematics. The work ethic served him well as he went on to serve in the United States Army before taking a job with Atomics International, a nuclear reactor development firm in California. While working at A.I., he earned an advanced degree from UCLA in nuclear engineering, which set the stage for a long and accomplished engineering career, including a lengthy stay in the U.S. Department of Energy. His time at the D.O.E. included high-level nuclear weapons research and a role in the Reagan administration's Strategic Defense Initiative program. He retired from the D.O.E. in 1997 and lives in Sequim, Washington.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Gregory Basura '92

Dr. Basura graduated from the College in 1992 with a double major in zoology and psychology before graduating from medical school at the University of Washington. He's now an assistant professor at the University of Michigan Medical School, specializing in Otolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat). Much of his work revolves around hearing and hearing loss; he helped establish a training program at a hospital in Ghana to help prepare head and neck professionals to make a difference in the western African nation.



ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Matt Vraspir '16

Matt Vraspir is a man of many hats. The 2016 graduate is a certified detention officer, working with youth in Ada County to help ensure they're on good paths. He's active in the community of Star, serving as a board member of the Star Outreach and Foodbank to help combat hunger. His efforts to launch Saturday Markets in Star along with fundraising for disabled members of the community highlight his involvement in making the area a better place for all. Vraspir also serves as the vice president of the Southwest Idaho Business Alliance, which aims to connect commerce, community, and charity.



ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Jesus Tarifa '11

Jesus Tarifa graduated from The College of Idaho in 2011 and his passion for service was evident when, as a student senator, he chaired the ASCI community relations committee. He's the chairman of the Business Advisory Council, a group that works with the College's Business department to help prepare students for life after graduation. Tarifa has been selected as the president of the Idaho Latino Scholarship Foundation and was also a key part of the revival of the Hispanic Youth Symposium which has been held at The College of Idaho in the past.



YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Kasey Allen '15

The opportunity to play golf originally drew Kasey Allen to the College and being selected as a Heritage Scholar sealed the deal. Once here, the 2015 graduate immersed himself in campus life and took advantage of mentorship opportunities that don't exist at larger colleges and universities. The people he lists as mentors at the College include faculty, staff, and administration. All of those influences helped form who he is now – a business leader in the Treasure Valley as co-founder and co-owner of The STIL ice cream shop, which opened in 2017 and has two locations in Boise. In less than a year, the STIL was voted as Boise's Best Dessert.



FAMILY HERITAGE AWARD

Fujishin Family

The Fujishin bonds to the College run deep. Barry '72 and Margaret '73 met on campus, son Martin '01 also graduated from the College. Son Alan '06, like his father, married a fellow alum, Lorrissa '06. Barry is a Marshall Scholar with a distinguished career at the College, serving on the Board of Trustees as well as alumni director before taking a role as a major gifts officer in 2010. Martin oversees the family business, Fujishin Family Wineries, near Homedale and Alan graduated from the College with a triple – yes, triple – major before ultimately returning to the family's agricultural roots with his wife in Oregon. Barry's brother, Monte, attended the College for two years before a long and successful career in the Forest Service all over the northwest, including Alaska, prior to his retirement.

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1950s

JAMES P. BARAYASARRA, PH.D '58 wrote a book documenting the sacrifices and contributions of Basque shepherders called "Seven Wagons and a Half." Barayasarra is the sole and longest living survivor of the first and second generation of Basque immigrants, Nemesio and Victorina Barayasarra, and the book is a collection of stories about the appreciation to honor his parents' sacrifices and survival of their experiences. The book earned 2018 Literary Contest recognition through the Center of Basque Studies at the University of Nevada and is available via Amazon.

1960s



DR. DONALD MOTT '62 has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by Allan Belton, the president of Pacific Lutheran University. The nomination was further recommended by Jim Everett and Doug Brigham, the co-presidents at The College of Idaho, as well as the College's Board of Trustees. Dr. Mott is the founder and leader of the China Network Partners (CPN), a group of physicians and physical therapists dedicated to training Chinese pediatric therapists in more advanced treatment techniques and therefore improving the quality of the lives of children with cerebral palsy and other neuromuscular disorders living in underserved regions of China.

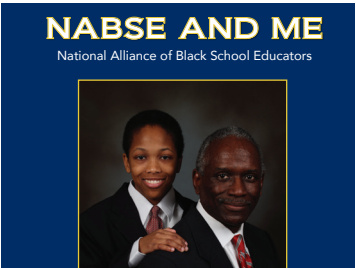
GENE '67 and SANDY '69 RALSTON were featured by The

Guardian about their willingness to lend their expertise to search-and-rescue operations across North America. The Ralstons are now in their 70s and have put more than 31,000 miles on their motorhome in a single year with the simple goal of helping search the waters for answers in difficult cases.



WILLIAM CLARK '67 has received professional certification as "Certified Emeritus Senior Ecologist, The Ecological Society of America." Clark is the long-time director of the College's Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History and is married to alumna MARY CLARK '68.

1970s



BERNARD HAMILTON '72 has retired from his job as Director of Educational Services with the Lincoln Foundation in Kentucky and will release his memoir or living journal, titled "NABSE and Me," which can be found on Amazon this winter. The book includes many of Hamilton's adventures while at the College.

BETTY SIMPSON '72 has been elected Lions District 39W, Second Vice District Governor for the 2020-2021 Lions year which began on July 1. The 39W Lions District is currently comprised of 35 Lions clubs located in Idaho-Eastern Oregon. Simpson's "home" Lions club is in Weiser, Idaho.

REV. DAVID BRUCE ROSE, PH.D. '70 has begun the process of retiring from his position as Associate Professor, MFT at Fresno Pacific Biblical

Seminary. At the request of the administration, he will teach half time in the 2020-2021 school year and then fully retire effective June 31, 2021.

GROVE KOGER '70 has published an essay, "Looking Back with John O'Hara: Reading Imagine Kissing Pete in Context," in the 2020 issue of Idaho's Limberlost Review.



EVELYN SAFFORD JACOBS '70 recently received an Australia Day Award as volunteer of the year for the Kempsey Shire Council in Northern New South Wales, Australia where Evelyn has lived and worked for 40 years. She was nominated by the Kempsey Crescent Head Surf Lifesaving Club for her volunteer work as a fundraiser for the Club. She has taught for the last 40 years in the two local high schools and has been heavily involved in school sport organization which resulted in a Life Membership honor in both the North Coast Schools Sports Association and the Lower North Coast Schools Sports Association.

GREG SCHMITZ '73 recently received the Vicentian Service Award, given annually to a member of the faculty or staff at Sacred Heart Cathedral High school in San Francisco, California. Greg resides in Napa with his wife, Chris. The couple has seven children, all of whom also work in the education field, and five grandchildren.

REBECCA YAMAMOTO HANSON '74 is currently serving as the chair of the Canyon County Democrats and is running for the Idaho State Legislature Seat 10A in November 2020. After 30 years of living around the globe with her husband, Rex, she retired in Caldwell in 2014 and her daughter, Rose, graduated from the College in 2015. She gives of her time in the community, serving on non-profit boards like the Friends of Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge, the Idaho Master Naturalists, and Caldwell Fine

Arts, as well as the Canyon County Democrats.

CRAIG DELK '76 retired at the end of 2018 after 40 years of practicing law in Las Vegas, Nevada. He now works on shortening his "to do" list of projects around the house (which somehow just seems to keep getting longer). He and his wife, Carolyn, a retired District Court judge, plan to spend more time with their two grandchildren on Whidbey Island, Washington. Their oldest son is a LT Commander in the United States Navy, daughter a lawyer in Las Vegas, and youngest son a journalism major at UNLV.

DR. BRYAN SLINKER '76 retired after a long career at Washington State University. He taught and served as the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine before serving the past several months as the university's interim provost.



MARY (LOONEY) ODDEN '78 has completed her lengthy journey to publish "Mostly Water: Rural and North." The book is available from Boreal Books, an imprint of Red Hen Press.

1980s

ED MULICK '84 was selected as the Most Inspirational Teacher by the Park City (Utah) High School Class of 2020. He teaches science at PCHS.

GRAYDON STANLEY '80 earned his Doctorate of Education in Higher Education Leadership from Idaho State University in 2019. Stanley also received his Master of Counseling degree from the College in 1986.

RICH BRITTON '89 is now the vice president and commercial relationship manager at First Interstate Bank in Nampa. Britton has worked in the banking industry for 25 years.

RUSS MITCHELL, who received a graduate degree from the College in 1989, has been hired as the superintendent of the Lakeside/Plummer School District in north Idaho.

1990s

DR. TIM ISERI '90 recently graduated from the University of Maryland, University College, with a Master of Science in Cybersecurity and a Master of Business Administration. He graduated at the top of each class with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. He also received his MD from Oregon Health Sciences University in 1995 before spending 23 years as a member of the Army National Guard, including three deployments. He lives in Cadillac, Michigan, with his wife, MARLENE BIVENS-ISERI '90.

DR. MARY BARINAGA '91 was selected as a member of the 2020 Class of the Idaho Business Review's "Women of the Year." The criteria for selection included excellence in leadership, professional accomplishment, mentorship, and community involvement. Barinaga is the assistant dean for Idaho WWAMI, an extension of the University of Washington's medical school.



CHAD HICKOX '93 has been named the president at Walla Walla Community College in Washington. He's been with the school since 2018, most recently as the provost before his latest promotion.

Two alums, JAMES SHUPE '97 and DANIELLE PRESCOTT '99 were married in 2019. Shupe is the nephew of LOIS BUNGUM '50, who passed away last year.

DR. MELISSA "MOE" HAGMAN '95 earned the 2020 Idaho WWAMI Alumni Award for Excellence in Mentoring, Teaching, Leadership, and Patient Care. Hagman moved

IN MEMORIAM

The following alumni and friends of the College have passed away. When you learn of the death of a College of Idaho graduate, please email the information to alumni@collegeofidaho.edu.

1940s Jane (Tolles) Whitman '48	John Beyer '67 Linda (Severance) Roice '69	FRIENDS Luanne Epeldi Mary Dixon Robert Wilson Roger Cantlon Terry Conley William Tuller Beth Hemenway
1950s Kenneth Halgrimson '50 Richard Williams '50 Margrethe (Dawe) Winbigler '50 Rodney Shannon '56 Benjamin Kerfoot '57 Henry Arguinchona '57 Ella (Bufford) Kock '58 Fred Grant '58 Edwin Hopper '59 Fred Bell '59	1970s Allyson Carlyle '76 Brenda (Burri) Cronin '78	1980s Arthur McFadden '81
1960s James Weed '60 John Collett '62 Howard Lemons '65 Francis Fanning '67	1990s Helen Werre '95 Jay Hall '96	PREVIOUS FACULTY Alfred McGlinsky
	2020s Tianxing Ren '21	

back to Boise in 2011 to take a position with WWAMI and is now



MELISSA "MEAUX" DILLEY '06 was selected as a member of the 2020 Class of the Idaho Business Review's "Women of the Year." The criteria for selection included excellence in leadership, professional accomplishment, mentorship, and community involvement. Dilley is the director of workforce development for the health programs at the College of Western Idaho.

NATALIE HODSON '07 has been selected as a member of the 2020 class of "Accomplished Under 40" by the Idaho Business Review. Candidates were judged based on leadership, professional accomplishments, community support, and vision & goals. She has over 50,000 followers on Instagram and over 470,000 followers on Facebook.

KYLE KUNKLER '07 is now the director of government affairs for the American Soybean Association. He will focus on the biotech and crop protection portfolio.

2010s

KEATS CONLEY '11 has joined the Idaho Department of Fish and Game as an Environmental Staff

Biologist in the Magic Valley Region. She recently published her research on Chinook salmon in the North American Journal of Fisheries Management. Her first book of poems, "Guidance from the God of Seahorses," is forthcoming through Green Writers Press in spring 2020.



CLAYTON GEFRE '15 recently accepted a position with POWER Engineers in Boise as an MP Coordinator/Technical Writer with the company's Federal Services Group.

ALETHEA RUDDY '16 was selected for the 2020 season of Opera Elect as a soprano. She studied mathematics but also performed in two operas at the College: Dido & Aeneas ("Belinda") and The Magic Flute ("Papagena").

ALIZA AUCES '16 is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association. She is the youngest policy staffer

on a team of 65 and one of just two Latinas on the government relations staff. She was appointed as a Health Fellow at the 2020 Aspen Ideas Festival, where she joined other leaders in the healthcare industry from around the globe to discuss current health issues.

TAYLOR FOWERS, PA-C '16 PA-C went on to further education at Idaho State University and earned a Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies. She is currently employed as an orthopedic surgical physician assistant with Evergreen Health Orthopedic and Sports Care in Kirkland, Washington.



ANA LETE '16 has released her debut feature album "Eternal Hibernation." The debut was originally slated to happen at Boise's Treefort Music Festival but, when the festival was postponed, Lete adjusted and released her album "virtually" for fans via Instagram and Facebook. Classmates ASHTON JENICEK '16 (bass guitar, synthesizer, and saxophone) and KELSEY MEEKER '19 (design of album cover) were also prominent contributors to the project.

NICOLE JORDAN '19 will serve a second year as Miss Rodeo Idaho after the organization opted to forego a competition in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She becomes the first person to serve a second year as Miss Rodeo Idaho in the organization's 65-year history.

2020s



MICAELA HULSEY '20 was

selected to the 2020 season of Opera Elect as a soprano. She participated in all four operas during her time at the College, including February's Gianni Schicchi where she played the role of "Lauretta."



MICHAEL PIAZZINI '20 earned his second consecutive NAIA Academic All-District team, earning national recognition despite having his senior season on the College's golf team cut short. He was a three-time recipient of All-Conference academic honors by the Cascade Conference.

ZACH HUGH '20 has joined TitleOne as a business strategist after graduating this spring with a degree in business.



ALEX MARTIN '20 became the first student-athlete at The College of Idaho to earn CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year in track and field, the highest academic honor for a collegiate student-athlete.



HANNAH DALSOGLIO '20 participated in a project put together by PBS's American Portrait, describing her memories of the end of her senior year at the College this past spring.

STANDOUT STUDENTS

ANDREW CLIFFORD, who will be a senior this fall, is listed as second author on a paper that was just published in the journal ACS Applied Bio Materials. Clifford is a member of the College's Dean's List for academic excellence as a double-major in math and chemistry.

NADIA RAHIMATPURE, a junior double-majoring in Anthropology/Sociology and Business Administration, earned an award for a paper written for the International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR). Her paper was titled "Development in Dubai: Exemplar of Ecological Modernization or Manifestation of the Treadmill of Production."

FACULTY AND STAFF FOOTNOTES



DIANE RAPTOSH '83, Professor of English, has a new book of poetry, "Dear Z: The Zygote Epistles" which was inspired by her own granddaughter and is available on Amazon or at Rediscovered Books in Boise and Caldwell. It represents the final book in a trilogy which includes "American Amnesiac" (2013) and "Human Directional" (2016). Photo courtesy Colette Raptosh.



The eighth edition of "Southeast Asia in the New International Era" has been published. The book was written and updated by ROBERT DAYLEY, Professor of Political Economy. Dayley has

been a part of all eight editions, a project he's been involved in since he was in graduate school two decades ago.



BIX FIRER, the College's Outdoor Program director, has been named to the Open Space Clean Water Advisory Committee by Boise Mayor Lauren McLean.



ADAN DE LA PAZ, the International Student Services Coordinator for the College, has accepted a two-year NAFSA RISE Fellowship. "RISE" stands for Representation, Inclusion, Support, and Empowerment. It is the flagship program for DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) offered by the largest and most comprehensive association dedicated to international education and exchange.

Lecturer in Theatre and Speech Arts ALAN MINSKOFF has received the Esto Perpetua Award for 2020 from the Idaho State Historical Society. The award was established in 1999 and is the state's highest award that recognizes individuals and organizations for historical accomplishments that have made an impact in public and professional service, volunteerism, and philanthropy.

CHRIS WALSER, ROB DAYLEY, and JEN NELSON each celebrated their 20th anniversary with the College this summer. Walser is a professor in the biology department, Dayley is a professor in the political economy department, and Nelson is the Director of Residence Life.



SHIRLEY KROEGER

Long-time educator and coach Shirley Kroeger passed away on June 20 at her home in Murphy, Idaho. She was 96 years old.

Kroeger was a physical education professor at the College from 1947 to 1974 and also coached the women's field hockey team. She was inducted into The College of Idaho Athletics Hall of Fame on October 3, 2008.

"Shirley Kroeger was 20 years ahead of her time in terms of promoting women's athletics," said Marty Holly, former athletic director and current special assistant to the Co-Presidents, when she was inducted.



ROGER HIGDEM

Dr. Roger Higdem, an influential and beloved part of the community at The College of Idaho, passed away in March at the age of 86.

Higdem was a member of the College's faculty from 1959 to 1999 as a math professor. During his four-decade time at the school, he also served as a Vice President, Provost, and Dean of Academic Affairs. He also spent many years as the chair of the math department.

"Roger was my academic advisor and a large part of the reason I earned my Ph.D. in Mathematics and came back to teach at the College," said Lynda Danielson, an alum and long-time math professor at The College of Idaho.



MARI JO TYNON

Long-time faculty member Mari Jo Tynon passed away in February at the age of 69.

Tynon served as a music professor at the College from 1990 to 2018. She was a vocal instructor and regularly directed the annual opera put on by the College. She also performed in operas for several years, including in Europe.

"We are all deeply saddened by the death of our long-time, dear colleague Mari Jo. She was a remarkable performer, teacher, and an exceptional person," said Paul Moulton, the Music department chair.



BURTON CECIL NEWBRY

- ▲ Graduated in 1947
- ▲ Major: English
- ▲ Age at publication: 100 years old

We encourage you to read an interview of 100-year old Burt Newbry titled "Reminiscences from a College of Idaho Centurion" on the Quest Extra page at www.collegeofidaho.edu/quest-magazine. Newbry shares recollections he has as a student and faculty member at the College. The article includes a story when, as a student, Newbry remembers "when my friend Art Hart and I chased a pig all over campus – there were several inches of snow on the ground and we were slipping and sliding all around. We never did catch that darned thing, though I don't recall having a plan for it if we had."

Newbry also sent the following letter to Quest magazine in December 2019:

On my 100th birthday, 8/28/19, I had intended to express my deep gratitude to the C of I for what it contributed to my life and my career, but I failed to do so. Better late than never. So whether it is published in the Quest, I wish the present administration to know my views, and my gratitude to the College. I enrolled at C of I, as did many other veterans of WWII, paid for by the GI Bill. I want to express this gratitude for what the C of I provided:

1. I am grateful for the fine professors, probably better than at most small colleges.
2. For Margaret "Babe" Boone, an almost legendary figure at the C of I, who hired me.
3. For Mrs. (Anna Smyth) Eyck, who was my major professor, whose recommendation got me an assistantship at Montana State University, and where I earned my Master's degree.
4. For providing the greatest good fortune of all, Ella Stone, with whom I had three boys, one of whom graduated from the College (Burt Newbry '80), as did two granddaughters, all with excellent records.
5. Ironically, President Paul Pitman (College of Idaho president 1950-54), whom I detested, as did academic staff.

The irony was that in causing me to resign, set me onto an entirely new path, first teaching three different disciplines at the University of Nevada. But after only three years there, I was recruited to the State Department and was asked to accept an assignment in Korea. I served there, then Nigeria, then Thailand, then Washington D.C., then Nepal, from which I was put on loan to the World Bank for two years (all three boys completed pre-college overseas).

Hence, everything I did in my professional life, I owe to The College of Idaho, even the economics classes (one thing I learned is that the "dismal science" is not a science). So again, thank you C of I.
Burt Newbry '47

Please read "Reminiscences from a College of Idaho Centurion" based on interviews with Burt Newbry on the Quest Extra page at www.collegeofidaho.edu/quest-magazine.

VIRTUAL EVENTS ▲

The Alumni office will continue to host virtual Happy Hours 2-3 times each month this fall. To be sure you know when upcoming events are scheduled, like the Alumni Facebook page or join the YoteBook, our alumni online community, at alumni.collegeofidaho.edu.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
Half-Century Society
virtual meeting

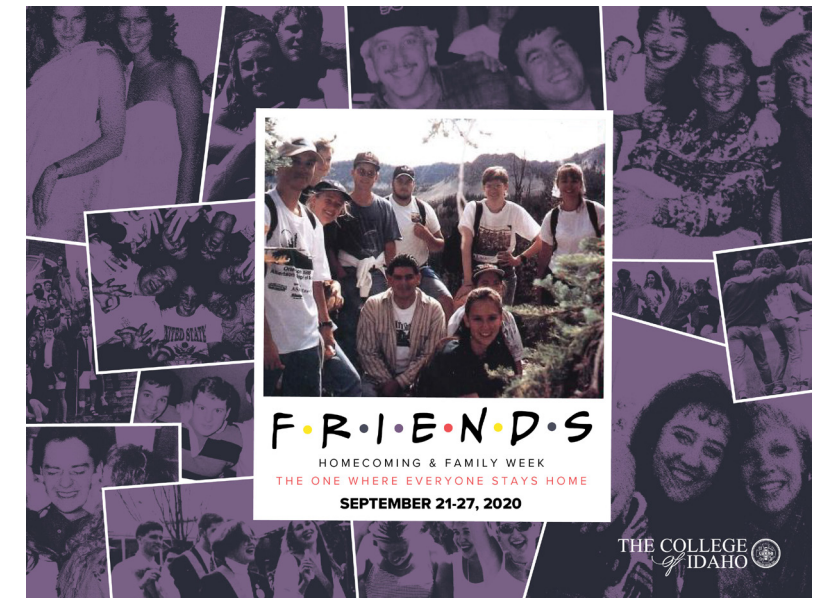
OCTOBER 7, 2020
Half-Century Society
virtual meeting

OCTOBER 7, 2020
Founders Day:
Wear purple!

NOVEMBER 17, 2020
Half-Century Society
virtual meeting

DECEMBER 8, 2020
Half-Century Society
virtual meeting

ALUMNI CALENDAR



We are delighted to announce that Homecoming and Parent Week will be expanded to a week-long celebration, Sept. 21-27, 2020. As always, everyone is invited to attend and our stay-at-home virtual programming will allow you to join from anywhere.

Friends is the theme for the year as we highlight the 90's decade. If you are a fan of the 90's TV show of the same name, you know that the episodes are titled with "The one when/where..." Likewise, our Homecoming/Parent Week is titled "The one where everyone stays home" and events will have similar titles.

Plans are well underway and we think you will enjoy some traditional events including the Presidents' Luncheon, Parent Social Hour, Alumni Awards Celebration, Happy Hours, Business Advisory Council Breakfast, and an Inspirational Service. The virtual format will allow new and different possibilities as well—stay tuned for more to come!



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Vice President of College Relations Jack Cafferty (left) and former Professor of Political Economy Jasper LiCalzi help raise a record amount of funds at the Scholarship Gala at the Boise Centre on the Grove. LiCalzi retired from the College after 27 years.

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