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Weekly Update

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Significant Spaces

A letter from UHP Instructor & Coordinator Dawn Brooks

Over the last seven years, while serving, learning, and growing as an Instructor/Coordinator in the University Honors Program, some spaces on campus have become precious to me.

Standing right up against a large window in the hall just outside my office is a treasured location. Each fall, I received a renewed sense of possibilities while viewing the campus sidewalks filled with optimistic students walking to classes on the first day of the semester. Moreover, from this spot, taking in the transition from fall to winter with the first snowfall as the season, a quiet sense of wonder seeped into my soul.

In the spring of each year, another exquisite location emerged for me—the second floor in the Stephens Performing Arts Center. Yes, another place to outlook a special scene. Each year, a few minutes before the check-in time for the Opportuni-Tea event, I took a few minutes to peer down upon the decorated tables in Rotunda and the area just northwest of it, filled with silent auction and raffle items. This view, without fail, led to gratitude that was threefold. First, I was thankful for the outstanding community generosity and commitment to helping Honors students pursue their academic goals. Next, I deeply

appreciated the aesthetic impact of the decorated tables. Their creativity made my mind rush with possibilities for you students and the program. Third, I highly valued the connection and point of pride that all the student volunteers would feel as each of you witnessed the success of this wonderful event—which you played a major role in making happen.

Finally, the chair where some of you sat across from me in my office led to the creation of my most cherished space. This space is explicated best in Roxanna Jones' claim: "Deep within the heart there is a tiny and sacred space." This space is filled with your triumphs and trails—the academic, the personal, and the relationships. My heart holds deep admiration and respect for you. I have found this space follows the physics principles associated with digging a hole. The more you work with it, the bigger it becomes. The wonderful aspect of this space is that it is portable and stays with me. No matter my location or circumstances, I will always find immeasurable pleasure in sitting across from you to provide you the support needed in any phase of your life.

This summer, I will be carrying out the tremendous transition from my role as a full-time instructor/coordinator in the Honors program to a volunteer in the program. I want to thank you

for allowing me to work with you in my dream job. Elana K. Arnold asserted, "Perhaps that is where our choice lies—in determining how we will meet the inevitable end of things and how we will greet each new beginning." May I make an additional request of each of you? I invite you to collaborate with me in strengthening a lasting legacy of the Honors program—the legacy of once an Honors student, always an Honors student. Please continue to do all in your power to make the Honors program an inclusive, supportive, transformative family for each of its members. I will follow your

examples, be whole-heartedly engaged and strengthen you and the program in whatever way I can now and in my future role as a member of the University Honors Program Auxiliary Board and an enthusiastic volunteer. It is with tremendously mixed feelings of both deep sadness and yet sincere excitement that I share my plans to retire. My last day as an Instructor/Coordinator in the University Honors Program will be June 24, 2022.

Yours,

Dawn Brooks



Call for Volunteers

An Opportuni-Tea is the premier fundraiser for the University Honors Program. This annual fundraiser grows funds used to support students in the Honors Program through scholarships. The event is made possible with the help of many student volunteers from the honors Program.

An Opportuni-Tea is scheduled for April 2 and we are looking for volunteers from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. to set up, operate and clean up the tea. Volunteer assistance is also needed to prepare for the tea on Friday, April 1, beginning at 2:00 p.m. You don't have to commit to the whole day - even if you can only donate a couple of hours of your time, we very much appreciate your help.

There are several options for how you can volunteer, which can be seen in the [volunteer sign-up form](#). Volunteering also counts toward your civic engagement requirement for the Honors Program

We appreciate your help! This hallmark fundraising event couldn't happen with you!!

Look Out for BAHM!

The time for the bi-annual honors meeting is approaching, so keep an eye out in your emails for a sign-up link. This event is required for all honors students to keep your active status.

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University Honors Program Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, April 2 | 4:30 p.m.
Stephens Performing Arts Center Rotunda

You are cordially invited to join us in highlighting the accomplishments of our graduating Honors students for earning their Honors Distinction or Degree, individuals who played a key role in our program's success over the past academic year, and Honors students' contributions on campus.

RSVP by March 21



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[RSVP for the Recognition ceremony by March 21 here.](#)

Frank Church Symposium

The Frank Church Symposium is hosted by the International Affairs Council and invites delegates from all over the world to come and speak on important issues. This year's symposium theme is International Diplomacy: Evolving Dynamics in the 21st Century, and it will be held on **March 10-11**.

The symposium is free to attend for students. Visit the website at <https://www.isu.edu/frankchurchsymposium/> for more information on the schedule and speaker lineups.

AmeriCorps Fair

Grab some free pizza and learn how an AmeriCorps internship can help kickstart your career this **Wednesday, March 9, from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in the PSUB Quad Lounge**.

AmeriCorps representatives will be available to talk about potential internships in:

- Education and Environmental Ed
- Health Care and Public Health
- Conservation and Natural Resources
- Community Action and Poverty Alleviation

AmeriCorps is a national service organization with internships that offer on-the-job training, great benefits, and an Education Scholarship upon completion.

I Applied for the Owl-portunity Scholarship. What Do I Do Now?

The Owl-portunity scholarship is unique to the Honors Program. Applying for the scholarship is the first step.

Now, you get to pull out all of your crafting skills and create an owl ornament to hang on an Owl Tree at An Opportuni-Tea. Donors will have the opportunity to select and sponsor individual Owl-portunity Scholarships online and during the UHP annual fundraiser, An Opportuni-Tea.

There will be two Honors Club activities in March where you can make your owl ornaments:

March 7 and March 15
7:00 pm
Honors Lobby, Rendezvous 3rd Floor

Making your owl is an important step to receiving the scholarship, so make sure to mark your calendar!



Become a Sustainable Idaho KISU Radio Show Host

KISU radio is looking for one of two hosts in the creation of eight-minute episodes that air every Tuesday morning.

Episodes include sustainability topics of interest to you, the ISU community, and the greater SE Idaho area. This position is 15 hours a week working on research, interviewing and production. Training is provided.

To apply, you must be a junior or higher and should send a cover letter explaining your interest in sustainability along with a resume and three references to PRC4RE@gmail.com.

Be the Match

ISU has joined forces with Be The Match, an organization that helps those in need of bone marrow transplants find matches. It could potentially help save a life.

ISU will be hosting a donor drive on **March 28** where you can register to join the system and potentially save a life. Registering doesn't mean you'll be matched with someone. If you can't make the drive, you can also visit the Be The Match website and be shipped a swab kit for free.

Visit <https://my.bethematch.org/> for a swab kit or more information or scan the QR code below.

Follow Us on Social Media!

Stay up to date by following the University Honors Program on your favorite social media platforms.

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Twitter	@Idaho_Honor
Facebook	@isuhonor





Do you want to inspire your fellow grads?

Are you proud to be a Bengal? Are you looking for an opportunity to give your college experience the perfect ending? Speaking at commencement is a great opportunity to share your experience with your fellow Bengals.

Submit your application by April 1 at isu.edu/commencemen/studentsspeaker

UHP Club Events

March

- 7 Owl Activity | 7:00 PM | Rendezvous, 3rd floor - Honors Lobby
Make your owl for the Owl-portunity scholarship. These will be displayed at An Oppotuni-Tea for donors to sponsor student scholarships.
- 15 Owl Activity and Game Night | 7:00 PM | Rendezvous, 3rd floor - Honors Lobby
Make your owl for the Owl-portunity scholarship. These will be displayed at An Oppotuni-Tea for donors to sponsor student scholarships.
- 28 Be the Match Donor Drive
Details for how to become a bone marrow donor will be coming soon. Keep an eye out for information on how you can participate

April

- 2 An Oppotuni-Tea | Stephens Performing Arts Center
Be sure to register to volunteer at the annual fundraising event for the Honors Program.