

UIAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILES

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PRESIDENT

Jackie Jameson '08, Western Idaho

Degree/Major(s): B.S. Business Marketing

Hometown: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Favorite Class: "IBC - Integrated Business Curriculum — It was by far one of the toughest classes I have ever taken, however it prepared you for the real world."



Why U of I: "U of I prepared me as a more rounded individual with all the tools to make it in the real world."

Why I serve: "It is by far my most favorite board I have ever served on. It means the world to me to be able to give back to University of Idaho. The board members have become some of my greatest friends."

Favorite Faculty or Staff: "Bruce Pittman was our Dean of Students at the time, and he ran a well-oiled machine."

Favorite Vandal Memory: "My favorite student memory was being a Sigma Rho Chi for sorority recruitment as it gave me a chance to meet such amazing ladies going through the process. Some of the girls are still very close friends of mine. After college, my favorite memory is getting to hang with old and new alumni. Especially tailgating with some of my favorite people and family!"

VICE-PRESIDENT

Erin Jessup '05, '10, Northern Idaho



TREASURER

Melissa Lowther '08, Western Idaho

Degree/Major(s): B.S. Accounting

Hometown: Pendleton, Oregon



Favorite Class: “The Integrated Business Curriculum (IBC). I enjoyed learning about business topics in a more comprehensive approach vs standalone classes; including having an actual business partner to apply the learning concepts to. The experience of working with a team and the dynamics each person brought to the table was a great introduction to working cross functionally as well.”

Why U of I: “I have a lot of respect for the education I received at University of Idaho. My courses were rigorous/challenging but taught me how to operate as a business professional. I also experienced a lot of personal growth while at U of I. Like most students, U of I was my first experience of being away from home and finally having to make a lot of my own decisions and choices. I was fortunate that I had a great group of friends and a good support system that made that transition easier and allowed me to grow into the individual I am today.”

Why I Serve: “I am extremely proud to be a Vandal! As a student I enjoyed being a member of University of Idaho Student Alumni Relations Board (SArb). Through this group I met a lot of alumni, and I loved seeing that no matter how long ago someone graduated everyone had cherished memories of their time at U of I. The sense of community that U of I has been built on really resonates with me and my hope is by serving on Alumni Association I can continue to find new and fun ways to connect with all Vandal alumni.”

Favorite Faculty or Staff: “Scott Metlan who was an operations management professor. He provided a lot of real-world applications/scenarios to think about in his teachings. I remember him as a professor that truly cared about student success including after college and he took the time to mentor/get to know students outside of class. Katie Dahlinger was the SArb advisor with Alumni Office while I was there. Katie was a wonderful sounding board for the SArb executive committee and just an all-around fun person to be around. Her Vandal Spirit was contagious, and she brought a lot of enthusiasm to the office.”

Favorite Vandal Memory: “One of my earlier memories as a kid was going to University of Idaho campus and taking a picture on the I-Bench, driving down Greek Row and hearing some of the (more notorious) family memories that were made there. Now that I have my own kids, I love that I can share the same experience with them when we come and visit Moscow.”

MEMBER AT LARGE

Juan Luis Corona '12, Western Idaho

Degree/Major(s): TV and Radio Digital Media

Hometown: Parma, Idaho

Why U of I: “It helped me to build relationships and taught me the true meaning of a community and support system.”

Why I serve: “Because I want to give back to the university that gave me so much.”

Favorite Faculty or Staff: “I was fortunate enough to have many mentors while attending U of I, but I wouldn’t have been able to get through it without Leathia Botello. She was my mentor and friend. She always listened to me when I most needed it.”

Favorite Vandal Memory: “One of many memories I had from my time at U of I is winning Homecoming King in 2011 and being elected ASUI Vice President in 2010.”



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Jon Gaffney '05, '10, Eastern Region

Degree/Major(s): B.A. Mathematics; B.A. History

Hometown: Moscow, Idaho

Favorite Class: “My favorite class was Jazz Choir I with Professor Dan Bukvich — it was so different than anything else I did and gave me an awesome creative outlet.”

Why U of I: “My majors in mathematics and history and minor in philosophy directly prepared me for my current legal career. From the logic games on the LSATs to the problem-solving, analysis and writing skills I used in law school (and continue to use every day), my undergrad degrees at U of I taught me the tools I’ve used to succeed.”

Why I serve: “I was fortunate to have many opportunities at U of I — taking classes from talented professors, serving in student government and making life-long friendships. The Alumni Association has given me a way to give back to the university while building new connections with Vandals on campus and around the world.”

Favorite Faculty or Staff: “I was extremely lucky to work with a number of fantastic faculty and staff members during my time at U of I. One faculty member integral to my time was Professor Dan Bukvich, who expanded my musical knowledge, taught me better focus and became a good friend and mentor.”

Favorite Vandal Memory: “I’ll never forget traveling with a group of Vandals to Cai Cay, Peru, in December 2007 for an alternative service break trip. The volunteer service was immensely rewarding, and our visits to historic Incan sites were incredible. I’ll always treasure that time with an amazing group of Vandals!”

