

UIAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILES

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PRESIDENT

Erin Jessup '05, '10, Northern Idaho

Degree/Major(s): B.S. Electrical Engineering; M.Eng. Electrical Engineering

Hometown: Albany, Oregon

Favorite Class: Electronics courses with Dr. Ken Noran were among my favorites. They were very challenging, but he always made time for his students and emphasized fundamentals that became the foundation of my career in electrical engineering.



Why U of I: University of Idaho offered small classes with accessible faculty who were deeply invested in student learning. The hands-on labs and projects helped translate what I learned in class into practical engineering experience.

Why I serve: University of Idaho had a significant impact on my education and career, and serving is a way for me to contribute to the long-term success of the university. I have always enjoyed meeting fellow Vandals and love the strong connection shared among U of I alumni.

Favorite Faculty or Staff: There are too many outstanding faculty and staff to name just one — U of I's people are what make it special.

Favorite Vandal Memory: One of my favorite Vandal memories will always be the 2009 Humanitarian Bowl. I was in the stadium when Idaho went for, and made, the game-winning two-point conversion in the final seconds. I still remember the tension, the disbelief, and then the entire crowd absolutely erupting in joy!

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 while I was there. She 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.

TREASURER

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.

MEMBER AT LARGE

Rory Fletcher '04, Northern Idaho

Degree/Major(s): B.S. Sport Science

Hometown: Juneau, Alaska



Favorite class: Biomechanics. It most closely resembled what I would learn in physical therapy school. I loved combining anatomy with physics and understanding how the body moves.

Why U of I: Through living groups, classes, intramurals, etc. I got to meet people from all different backgrounds. I really started to understand how building relationships was essential no matter what your career was. I have kept that in mind as I continue with my career/life.

Why I serve: I wanted to be able to give back to U of I in a meaningful way. While living in Moscow, I saw how much impact the university has on this community as well as the state of Idaho (and beyond). I want to do what I can to support the mission of the university as well as the more than 100,000 Alumni.

Favorite faculty or staff: Kathy Browder. She was the biomechanics professor and her classes helped prepare me the best for the rigors of graduate school.

Favorite Vandal memory: I met my wife at the university in the fall of our junior year. 20 years later we are still together. That will always be my best Vandal memory.

IMMEDIATE PAST 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 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. It gave me a chance to meet amazing ladies going through the process. Some of the girls are still 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!