

Letter from the President



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Dear Vandals,

More than 300 little monsters, superheroes and witches wandered the 11 floors of Theophilus Tower last week during one of the University of Idaho's treasured traditions.

The 47th annual Tower Trick or Treat brought families to the Moscow campus as students handed out candy and dazzled the children. Each floor of the building was decked out in the Night at the Library theme, featuring stories like "Eragon" and "Goosebumps."

U of I sophomore James Sullivan dressed as Willy Wonka and helped decorate the Theophilus basement like the magical chocolate factory.

"Having kids walk in and light up when they recognize the 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' scene, that was a great moment," said Sullivan, who is from Boise and serves as director of communication for the U of I Residence Hall Association. "We had some floors that were incredible. The 'Goosebumps'-themed floor had 3-D props and the level of

ingenuity was amazing.”

The event not only builds camaraderie on campus and engages the local community but also supports the U of I Food Pantry as attendees are encouraged to donate canned goods. The Tower Trick or Treat is one of hundreds of events hosted by the residence halls throughout the semester that help students build lasting relationships.

Earlier this year the [U of I Residence Hall Association](#) was named the 2025 School of the Year by the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. The honor recognizes excellence in student engagement, campus involvement, residential programming and national involvement.

Student engagement is closely tied to academic success, as Sullivan can attest. He moved into the eighth floor in Theophilus Tower last year and quickly bonded with other engineering students.

“We’ve really supported each other along the way,” Sullivan said. “We’re not an official cohort, but we study together, get involved in clubs and activities, and always have each other’s backs. I love it here.”

The student experience at U of I is unmatched. Through engaging activities and rich traditions, Vandals earn more than a degree from the U of I — they gain a support network they can lean on throughout their lives.

Go Vandals!

C. Scott Green
President



Snapshots

College of Science hosts Vandal Science Day Nov. 7

The U of I College of Science will host Vandal Science Day on Friday, Nov. 7. The free, hands-on experience for middle and high school students will include science activities and demonstrations, guided lab tours, giveaways and photo opportunities and a science knowledge competition with prizes.

[Learn more.](#)

U of I partners with Google on AI and career training

Students at the U of I will gain hands-on experience with emerging technologies through a new collaboration with Google. The Google AI for Education Accelerator provides free access to Google AI tools, AI training and Google Career Certificates. The programs are designed to help students develop job-ready skills.

[Learn more.](#)

U of I recognizes top Idaho teachers

The College of Education, Health and Human Sciences honored six Idaho teachers with 2025 Vandal Outstanding Educator Awards. The six K-12 teachers from across the state were recognized at halftime of the Vandal football game on Oct. 25.

[Learn more.](#)



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Nutrients Journal, UI Extension's Eat Smart
Idaho results in \$11.62 of economic benefits for
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