

## **BRAVE AND BOLD YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD**

In honor of young alumni 35 years of age or younger with outstanding professional accomplishments, service to our alma mater and/or service to their community.

### **PAST RECIPIENTS**

#### **Alex Hamilton '16**

Alex has applied his bachelor's degree in public relations throughout his career, leading to his role as head of Marketing Technology at LiveRamp and establishing himself as a trusted leader in the marketing technology industry. As a dedicated fitness enthusiast, Alex has set records and completed ultra-marathons, and his volunteer service includes the Idaho Food Bank and the Idaho Humane Society. His quick thinking and sharp observation skills even led to the arrest of two most-wanted criminals, earning him the Outstanding Achievement Award from the FBI.

#### **Juliet Petersen '12**

Graduating magna cum laude (with great distinction) with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, Juliet began her engineering career at Power Engineers before moving on to Idaho Power in 2015 where she currently serves as program manager for the company's Battery Storage Operations group. She is actively involved in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and has become a role model and leader for women in engineering, girls in STEM and youth organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters of southwest Idaho.

#### **Victor Ferral '12, '14**

Victor holds a bachelor's and master's degree in architecture and quickly established himself as a leader in his discipline and community as president of the Idaho Latino Scholarship Foundation, a board member for the Treasure Valley Children's Theater and volunteer for the Designers of Idaho organization. Victor was awarded the Boise Young Professionals "Leader of the Year" in 2020 and 2019. As a resolute supporter of U of I, he also devotes his time and talents to elevating his fellow alumni and current students.

#### **Danielle Christine '16**

Danielle has worked incredibly hard to bring her dream of owning a restaurant to reality. Her ability, grit, tenacity and sense of service to others exemplify what we value in Vandals. Danielle started Haute Foods, a take-out restaurant in Boise, in 2020 and opened her second restaurant, Apericena, in July 2022. Opening and managing two small businesses in only two years is a testament to both her competence and her tenacity.

**Hayley Rambur Couture '16**

With Bachelor of Science degrees in secondary education and geological sciences, Hayley is principal and owner of Lupine & Associates, a business consulting and services firm, president of the Women's Mining Coalition, board member of Idaho STEM Action Center Foundation and an avid fly fisher.

**Eric Billings '08**

A graduate of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, Eric was a successful fundraiser for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences prior to serving as an associate vice president for Digital Product Management at Ruffalo Noel Levitz (RNL). Eric is a long-time volunteer for the Alumni Association and, in 2025, began working remotely for Deep Springs College as vice president of development.

**Payton McGriff '17**

A graduate of the College of Business and Economics, Peyton founded [Style Her Empowered](#) (SHE) in 2017, a program in Togo, Africa, that makes education accessible by teaching girls to make their own school uniforms, and providing the money needed to pay for tuition and textbooks. SHE serves 1,500 girls annually and employs 33 women across 21 rural communities in Togo.

**Christina Lords '09**

Christine is widely regarded for her dedication to providing objective news to our state and her mentorship of Vandal students. She served as editor of the Idaho Stateman and is editor-in-chief of the [Idaho Capital Sun](#), a Boise-based non-profit news organization.

**Eric Mann '11**

Eric is a graduate of the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences and has been recognized for his leadership acumen and drive to couple education and technology to benefit others. He is currently a senior staff software engineer at Tesla.

**Caitlin Owsley '12**

Caitlin has been recognized for her efforts to recruit Vandal employees, her impact with the College of Engineering's Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board and volunteerism in advising current students.

**Stephen Parrott '12**

Stephen has been recognized for his leadership contributions to Idaho FFA Foundation, professional success with Northwest Farm Credit Services and his continued participation in U of I work groups and advisory boards since his graduation.