



Letter from the President

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Dear Vandals,

The University of Idaho's Homecoming tradition stretches back to 1909, when alumni first returned to campus to share memories around a bonfire, parade from Main Street to campus and cheer on the Vandal football team.

Over the past 116 years, alumni philanthropy has become one of the many traditions engrained in Vandals. Alongside [Homecoming](#), we're celebrating the Vandal Family's generosity this year after surpassing our \$500 million milestone for the Brave. Bold. Unstoppable. campaign.

On Saturday, Bill Kearns '81 and Clint Marshall '97 will lead the Best Western Plus University Inn Homecoming Parade as grand marshals after serving as co-chairs of the campaign cabinet.

"It's an honor to represent our great university and alumni community in this way," Marshall said. "We have so much to celebrate this Homecoming, including the generosity of the Vandal Family for crushing the campaign's \$500 million milestone back in April — well before the campaign ends on Dec. 31."

The largest philanthropic effort in Idaho history recently eclipsed \$520 million and more than two months remain before the campaign concludes. We also set a new record for annual giving, raising more than \$67 million in fiscal year 2025.

The U of I's private support is our secret sauce for success. It allows us to provide award-winning value to our students and elevate our state through impactful research.

More than \$150 million of the campaign total is dedicated to scholarship support, helping build the workforce Idaho needs to support growing industries. An additional \$276 million supports U of I research, which reaches into every corner of the state through our Extension network.

Over 35,000 individual donors contributed during the campaign, displaying the impact the Vandal Family can make when we're united behind a worthy cause.

"Attending the U of I changed my life in so many positive ways and continues to do so with my involvement in projects such as this," Kearns said. "Experiencing the generosity of our donors, large and small, continues to inspire me. I am so excited for the current and future U of I students and faculty whose lives will be enhanced by their experiences and achievements because of

this generosity.”

We're grateful for our campaign contributors for their brave, bold support and we look forward to celebrating with our alumni throughout the weekend.

Happy Homecoming!

Go Vandals!

C. Scott Green
President



Snapshots

4-H youth showcase skills during fair season

At county fairs throughout Idaho, youth in the U of I's 4-H programs demonstrate their knowledge, practical skills and confidence. Participants raise pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and more and show them at local fairs each fall. Throughout the process, they build life skills like time management, organization and teamwork.

[Learn more.](#)

Bageant addresses Idaho's water challenges

Liz Bageant, economist with the U of I's McClure Center for Public Policy Research, shares insights about Idaho's water challenges on "The Vandal Theory Podcast." She discusses the workforce that keeps the state's water systems running and the issues facing rural communities across Idaho.

[Learn more.](#)

Library collection highlights Bonner County history

The U of I Library recently created the Marylyn Cork Priest River Historical Collection, which spotlights the history of the Bonner County community. The digital collection includes more than 500 historic photographs, offering glimpses of life in the Priest River region from the 1890s to the turn of the 21st century.

[Learn more.](#)



The Vandal men's basketball team will face Boise State in an exhibition game at 7 p.m. MST Oct. 17 at Idaho Central Arena in Boise. The game will be televised on KTVB Channel 7 in the Boise area.



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