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Arbiter, February 28

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Compiles by bulletin post

The following are the candidates running for ASBSU Senate. The College of Arts & Sciences is the only college with two candidates vying for the same Senate seat. All other college seats are unopposed. In all positions, these candidates have been chosen by the students for the graduate Senate seat and no write-in candidates. Write-in candidates submit their election application by 5 p.m. on March 6, to the ASBSU Office in the SUB. Students may vote for one to four college seats and faculties and must have been elected. According to ASBSU code, only one student is elected. If of 12 Senate or Large College seats, the top five will be elected.

ASBSU General Online Elections will be held March 3 and 10. Information is online at 424-3676 or in the Boise State Daily later that day. After March 5, 20 hours will be held at the SUB.

College of Arts & Sciences

Trevor Lieck
Trevor Lieck is a business administration applicant that he knows the ASBSU budget and responsibilities. His past has provided a strong voice to the student. He is ready to participate and help students. He and wants to serve on the Senate.

Christian Rausch
Christian Rausch is the college experience. He wants on campus participation and numbers. Rausch has helped with new student orientation and has worked abroad in Australia. Rausch wants to run to improve himself and vast to plan his campaign.

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College of Business & Economics

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April Hoy

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students should vote for him because he will bring a diverse and liberal voice to the Senate. O’Leary wants to instill traditions and pride on campus. Hoy says the role of ASRU is to make deci- sions that affect students and their future. O’Leary says the nomi- nation of the Run Killtman as an ex- ample. Hoy says that collaboration is the name of the game. The Pavilion running to become a voice for the students. Hoy says students should vote for her because she will bring the values.

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Phetsamay Joy Olson

Talbert, DDR is not as easy as it seems. But be wary, according to Dr. Kustra has to peo- ple help bridge the gap. Sievers says he worked before extreme dancing. Indeed a new revolution has begun.

Talbert

Student forums

Date Time Location
2/28 10:40-12 SUB Alexander
2/28 6:30-7:00 SUB Harth D
3/1 9:15-10:30 SUB Harth D
3/1 3:15-4:30 Multipurpose 203
3/7 10:40-12 SUB Murbrough
3/8 6:30-7:30 SUB Farnsworth
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Open forums

3/21 4:40-5:50 Multipurpose 227
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Senate overstepped its bounds in impeachment

BY NICK LUDINGTON

The impeachment of David Morris of Boise for illegal fees and insurance evasion is an important instance of the Senate's role in ensuring the good of Boise State University. A Senate that is leased only to the Senate itself is an outrage to the Boise State community. In short, much of the Senate's actions are now based on self-interest, not on the welfare of students. I find little to be happy about in the situation.

I think it is an outrage for the Senate to act in this way. In fact, I think the Senate needs to act as a body, not as a group of independent senators. As Robert E. Lee once said: "If I can act as a body, I can act as a body.

Robert E. Lee

BY ROBERT SELTZER

That might be how Boise just won the 50,000 Powerful Jackpot last year. I believe it might be worth looking into this. I've been looking for a way to make money for the past year. I think we need to start looking into this. I've been looking for a way to make money for the past year. I think we need to start looking into this.

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**G. Love hip-hoppin' into Boise tomorrow**

By MORGAN JACOB LUCAS

From porch hangmen roll out. G. Love and Special Sauce have a hip-hop/hip-hop roots flavor. The band will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Mountain View High School.

**Monologues** brings humor, understanding of that female body part

By TIMOTHY HELGESON

Another evening of Monologues finds one of the movement’s most popular productions at the Boise State – University of Idaho Center for the Performing Arts.

*MONOLOGUES* is an ongoing production of 26 monologues that are read by experienced students, faculty members, and community volunteers. The monologues are conducted by two directors and three volunteer readers.

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Larson’s tirade about the middle class worth a read

BY MICHELLE C. IACICKI
Culture Writer

Ken Larson’s FAILED! A View of the American Class System is a salvo and a provocation. He is a tireless advocate for the working and middle classes. Larson writes with a passion and a purpose that both demand and deserve attention.


Larson argues that the middle class has been increasingly marginalized and disempowered in recent years. He cites a number of factors, including globalization, technology, and political changes, as contributing to the decline of the middle class.

Despite these challenges, Larson maintains that the middle class remains an essential part of American society and culture. He argues that its decline is not inevitable and that there are ways to reverse it.

The book is a must-read for anyone interested in understanding the role of the middle class in American society and the challenges it faces. It is a candid and compelling examination of a vital part of American life.

Sugar is no replacement for Ritalin: Take Action Tour says hello to Boise

BY ROB BULL

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Boise State indoor track and field scored just behind UTEP to win the Western Athletic Conference title.

The Broncos, led by senior sprinter Jonathan Holland, finished third overall with 184 points. The Aggies took second place with 138 points, while the lead piled up from 306 points at the Taco Bell Arena in Boise.

Rice was the only other team to score points, finishing with 84 points to take third place. The Broncos were in the lead early in the meet, but missed out on the title after finishing third.

Along with the conference championship, the Broncos also won the men's 60-meter dash, men's 60-meter hurdles, men's 400-meter hurdles, and the men's javelin throw.

The women's team finished fourth overall with 101 points. Senior Natalie Blackburn lead the Broncos in the 60-meter dash, finishing with a time of 7.37 seconds. She also won the women's 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:01.91.

The men's team finished fourth overall with 126 points. Freshman Mattias Ions lead the Broncos in the men's shot put, finishing with a distance of 18.35 meters. He also won the men's heptathlon with 4766 points.

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Bradon, Jon Wins WAC Titles for the Broncos

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A new era for Bronco athletics begins

BY SHERWN RHIBY
Sports Writer

With the continuing success of Boise State athletics, Boise State is gaining more national recognition than ever before. In a series of moves that have brought the school more fame, the Boise State athletic department has been given a face lift for facilities that barely rival a Division II school. This transformation is the building of an indoor training facility.

The idea of an indoor facility for Boise State's athletic program has been discussed among inner circles at Boise State for quite some time. With the continuing success of Boise State athletics, the Boise State Athletic Department has been given the opportunity to build something never before seen in the school's history. Stage one of this transformation is the building of an indoor training facility.

The Boise State Athletic Department is looking for a face lift for facilities that barely rival a Division II school. The Boise State athletic department knows that the direction they want to go and have been in the process of finding a place to build this dream. In a rethinking of Bronco athletics, Boise State's Athletic Department is looking for a face lift for facilities that barely rival a Division II school.

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Sports Writer

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Why Celebrate Women's History?

Women's History Month is observed every year in March to honor the contributions of women to history, culture, and society. By walking history's pathways, we learn to step forward with confidence. The legacy of how others shaped society sparks our own longings to contribute. Everyone needs role models—footsteps enough like our own to inspire us.

Yet in 1992, a national study found that history texts devote only two to three percent of their total content to women. Educators are willing, often eager, to introduce women's history. But they lack materials and support. Only three percent of educational materials focus on women's contributions. Yet recently legislatures in three states—Illinois, Florida, and Louisiana—mandated teaching women's history in their K-12 classes. The need for more accurate information about women's historical contributions is further confirmed in a recent poll funded by General Motors (GM). Conducted prior to GM's sponsorship of a Ken Burns film on Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, two women who transformed a nation, the results show that only one percent could identify Stanton as in some way connected with women's rights. In 1980, the National Women's History Project (NWHP) was founded in Santa Rosa, California to broadcast women's historical achievements. The NWHP started by leading a coalition that successfully lobbied Congress to designate March as National Women's History Month, now celebrated across the land. Today, the NWHP is known nationally as the only clearinghouse that provides information and training in multicultural women's history for educators, community organizations, parents and for anyone wanting to expand their understanding of women's contributions to U.S. history.

Women Making History

Since 2001, the Boise State Women's Center has honored 159 local "Women Making History": ordinary women leading extraordinary lives. This publication has become a tradition in our Women's History Month celebration. In the following pages, you will read about 26 women who are changing the history of Idaho. These women were nominated as Women Making History for their admirable work in our community.

Nominate a woman you know for next year's publication!

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Click on "Women Making History Award" to submit on-line or pick up a nomination form at the Women's Center at 1605 University Drive, 426-4259.

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Beverly Ann Kendrick

There is, perhaps, no greater feeling that a mother can experience than the feeling that comes from the respect she has earned from her daughter. Beverly Ann Kendrick has touched many lives, but most significantly the lives of her children. According to her daughter, Beverly "has challenged societal norms through her leadership, broken through the professional glass ceiling, and continually pursued high standards for the implementation and development of the local Women's Business Center."

As a hospice nurse with Four Rivers Hospice, Beverly enjoyed sharing the journeys with many acquired friends and their families during their special times. She now works with the Idaho State Board of Medicine as a Quality Assurance Specialist combining diplomacy with fact gathering.

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Adriana Solís-Black

The heat and humidity of the tropical rain forests of Costa Rica are far removed from a cold winter day on the high desert of southern Idaho, but Adriana Solís-Black doesn’t mind. When she left her home in San José for a new life in Idaho, she traded a dry and rainy season for winter, summer, spring and fall. She left behind a Spanish-speaking world.

But she raised me. Studies—a curriculum that will old Adriana in her work with migrant workers. As a bilingual teacher and later a coordinator working with migrant children and families, she always brings her students along with her. She was a flight instructor and a commercial pilot and was hired by the flight school for “stick time” and told her she was a natural, she knew what she wanted to do with her life.

Her life is intertwined with human rights. Whether she’s out with friends or walking with Zack, talk often turns to politics, human rights and justice. “Adriana is constantly fostering the cause of equality among men and women of all races,” said Heather Stempke-Durkin, who works with Adriana at the Boise State Women’s Center.

Gene Nora Jessen

Gene Nora Jessen was never one to keep her feet on the ground. In fact, the Boise astronaut studied flight training in Florida. She went on to become a private pilot, a flight instructor and a commercial pilot.

Now unemployed, Gene Nora took a temporary job at Oklahoma State University and sent her résumé around the country. It eventually crossed the Boise airfield as it prepared to launch a new aircraft, the Mustang. Gene Nora became part of a threesome hired to demonstrate the new aircraft in a cross-country tour of the country. She was hired and her fellow pilots spent 90 days showing potential buyers the ropes and reassuring them that the plane was safe. She then checked out in the entire Beech line and flew demo in a 48-state tour.

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Women Making History

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When Gene Nora isn’t flying, she’s often writing. In 2002, Gene Nora published The Powder Puff Derby of 1929, an account of the women’s cross-country air race in 1929. The book, which she wrote years researching, is now making the rounds in Hollywood. Although she’s had some offers, she’s holding out for a filmmaker who will portray the story accurately.

Gene Nora has participated in her own transcontinental air races and is the recipient of several awards, including the International Northwest Aviation Council Achievement Award, inclusion in the Northwest Flight Academy, and the International Women in Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame and designation as an Idaho Statewoman Distinguished Citizen. She’s currently working on another book, but won’t disclose the topic. Whatever the subject matter, it will likely have something to do with flying.

When you fly, she said, “you meet the most interesting people in the world. And flying is the unique opportunity to see the countryside from above. It’s fascinating. Racing from San Diego to Cleveland, you see the mountains, then the desert, then the farmland and the cities. It’s a real privilege to see the country from the air.”

These days, you can see Gene Nora riding high in the couple’s 1929 Beech Bonanza with blue trim. She and her husband have two children, Taylor Jessen and Briana LeClaire with husband, Tom, and two “perfect” grandchildren.

Gene NoraJessen is a communications specialist with Boise State University. In her previous life, she was a newspaper reporter/columnist following a hectic stint as a community theatre actress/producer. Now unemployed, Gene Nora took a temporary job at Oklahoma State University and sent her résumé around the country. It eventually crossed the Boise airfield as it prepared to launch a new aircraft, the Mustang. Gene Nora became part of a threesome hired to demonstrate the new aircraft in a cross-country tour of the country. She was hired and her fellow pilots spent 90 days showing potential buyers the ropes and reassuring them that the plane was safe. She then checked out in the entire Beech line and flew demo in a 48-state tour.

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Wendi Story McFarland

Each morning begins the same way for Wendi Story McFarland, given there isn’t a sick child or other unplanned emergency: a quick change into running clothes, and a glance down at a small piece of cardstock paper glued inside one of her vanity drawers, upon which is written her personal mission statement. Wendi is one of those rare individuals who “lives out loud” her approach to life.

Wendi whole-heartedly participates in life, takes risks and serves as an advocate for those around her. According to one of her nominators, “Wendi has always been involved with great community projects that promote equality and challenge stereotypes.”

In her volunteer position as Women’s Center Advisory Board Chair (2001-2003), she led the board through many difficult decisions and helped to create a concerted educational campaign to promote the Women’s Center. In April 2002, Wendi faced a huge challenge of being a religious group on campus hosted a divisive photomural display on the quad, which depicted graphic pictures of aborted fetuses. Hosts of the event were crowded behind steel dividers holding signs that equated women who chose abortion with terrorists andlynch mobs. In the face of such hatred, Wendi helped the board to craft a respectfully and meaningful response to the display, one that let women on campus know that they were not to be judged in such a cold and unfair way.

While Wendi serves as an advocate of human rights in a public way, she also advocates quietly and patiently for individuals behind the scenes. In her position as Activities Coordinator for the Boise State Honors College, she is well known to her students as someone who will stand up for herself and others. As one of her nominators notes, “she is an amazing woman who works daily with students to educate them about issues, to advocate for them in times of need, and to challenge them to think.”

Challenging students to think comes naturally to her in her position as an adjunct instructor of a gender communication class. She teaches students to examine the media, for example, and how it constructs our notions of gender. “She challenges students to honestly discuss how they are impacted by gender stereotypes daily,” one of her students notes. “Wendi’s mission to “serve humanity” is lived out through her honest interactions with people and her courage to name injustice.

Honor - Family, self, friends, and the common good of humanity – Seek strong character first

“One has only to look as far as her family to see an amazing woman helping to make a difference in the lives around her,” noted one of her five nominators. Wendi’s sense of honor is lived through her family. “What has impacted me most about Wendi is her dedication to her children,” said another of her nominators. “While her job is important, they are always foremost in her mind.” Again, Wendi models a fluid approach to life where family, work, friends, and community fit seamlessly together.

Wendi and her husband, Andy, adopted twin babies in 2003. “I love being a mom; toddlers are hysterical,” Wendi said, smiling. Wendi and Andy discussed adoption for over a year before becoming parents. As Wendi and Andy began to explore the responsibilities of parenthood, they also began to revive an educational support group for multi-ethnic families. Once known as M.A.C. (Mental & Adopted Children), “embrace” consists of about thirty families who come together to “develop friendships and to provide social and educational opportunities for biracial families.”

Along with a friend, Pamela Harris, they worked hard to recruit new members, develop leaders and create new committees. As the current president of “embrace,” Wendi believes the new title is fitting due to the “connection of love and acceptance.”

Family, whether immediate or extended, is a vital part of Wendi’s mission statement and life. Wendi actively supports an extended family and has been a steadfast supporter of a brother-in-law who lives with a debilitating illness. Wendi’s motivation to nurture others does not come from a sense of duty, but rather a sense of herself. As hard as it may sometimes be, she accepts situations as they are, adapting a zen philosophy similar to that in a poem by Gary Snyder she has posted on her wall: “the path is whatever passes—no end in itself.” Wendi embraces the notion that it is more important to focus on “who we are” in any given moment, rather than focusing on a desired outcome or forcing a solution.

Spirituality - Seek peace - Do more love - Mind - Get uncomfortable - Get educated

As far as getting uncomfortable and educating herself, Wendi became involved in the 2002 production of The Vagina Monologues, where she was cast in several roles. She did an outstanding job representing the voice of an Afghan woman in ‘Under the Burqa’, and shared “Vagina Happy Facts” with the audience. Along with the rest of the cast, Wendi got comfortable with the language and the notion that women are silenced more regularly than men. “The Vagina Monologues taught me the importance of plain talk and the power of naming. It empowered people in our community to say ‘vagina’ and has elevated the discussion about women and sexist oppression in our world.”

Body - Fear no adventure - Take it - Run - Feed your physical being

Wendi understands the connection between mental, spiritual, and physical health; that’s why she starts each day with a morning jog. This past fall she completed her first marathon. The 26 miles reminded her of the importance of daily commitments and the small steps that accomplish large goals.

Wendi is highly respected as a faculty member as an activities coordinator, a mother, and mentor; she has been described as having an “aura” about her that is inspirational. One of her students identified her as a “ground breaking woman in the world of education,” one who combats stereotypes and injustices. She is a mother, a friend, and a woman making history.

By Melissa Watrous. Melissa is the Women’s Center Coordinator at Boise State University.

“Get educated - Get uncomfortable - Do more love - Mind - Get uncomfortable - Get educated

We need to remember across generations that there is as much to learn as there is to teach.”
— Gloria Steinem
Julie De Lorenzo

Commitment, perseverance and diligence have made Julie De Lorenzo an outstanding Realtor and successful fundraiser. The flexibility that comes with a career as a Realtor allows Julie time to contribute to a variety of causes, and for Julie, volunteering and fundraising are integral parts of family life.

She grew up in Gold Beach, a small fishing and logging town on the Oregon Coast. Her mother and father were both involved in the Shriners and the Masons, organizations dedicated to developing community projects and creating hospital programs. In addition, Julie's father was involved in the Jaycees, an organization that helps young people between the ages of 21 and 39 to develop leadership skills through service to others. "I don't think I realized at the time that they were inspiring me, but clearly they did," Julie said.

Julie remembers going to the county fair every year to work at the Jaycees' booth, selling fresh corn-on-the-cob with her family. "We wanted to do all the time, raising money—maybe that's the best way to learn. It's just a way of life and you don't realize that it's anything unusual, it's just what you do," Julie said.

After Julie established her career as a Realtor and became a new mom, she and her husband sought to donate their time to good doing something to make a difference for other people and to give back something. Julie said.

Julie excelled at her first fundraising experience with Ballet Idaho. Her success in fundraising led her to pursue leadership roles within her career through the Ada County Association of Realtors Foundation (ACARF), an organization that encourages leadership and community service among Realtors and contributes nearly $100,000 to the community each year. ACARF holds events to raise money, particularly for housing projects for homeless people. Julie co-chaired a golf tournament fundraiser benefitting Habitat for Humanity and participated the following year by raising $33,000 supporting the City Light Home for homeless women and children in Boise.

Julie became involved with the Idaho Human Rights Education Center when she visited the site after they requested a grant from the foundation. At the time, the center was proposing the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial. Since one of the requirements for receiving the grant involved something long-standing, like a building or a monument, Julie was intrigued with the idea for the memorial.

She succeeded in getting a grant for $25,000 to be paid over three years for the center, which prompted them to ask her to serve on their board. Julie accepted a position on the executive committee, and she's been involved for nearly six years.

Since the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial was built, the Boise for the center turned to human rights education programs in schools and communities throughout the state. One such program is the "Anti-bullying/ Anti-harassment" campaign, which discourages children from bullying, launched in 2003 at North Junior High in Boise. "We know that program really works because we get so many comments from the teachers, the counselors, parents, and students," Julie said.

The center is currently working to get the program into school districts statewide. Hewlett Packard is a partner in this program and they provide posters and printing. Students from Boise State University contributed artwork on posters last year with the logo, "Bullying has never been cool." Julie believes this program is instrumental in educating young people about the possible consequences of harassment, especially since someone she knows contemplated suicide in junior high school due to excessive bullying.

Another project they are involved in is the development of a manual for Spanish-speaking that explains social services and rights, including how to keep a driver's license current and the process of registering to vote. This project is in collaboration with the Hispanic Cultural Center in Ada County. Once the manual is completely translated from English, the center plans to have copies available in places where Spanish-speaking people may populate.

Based on her efforts in fundraising for causes she believes are worthy, Julie envisions a better nation. "We've all immigrants, except for the Native Americans—and I think that in the troubled times we're going through right now, it's important to remember what we all can learn from somewhere else, and there are a lot of people who want to live here for the very same reasons that we enjoy living here," she said.

While Julie is a distinguished Realtor who was awarded the Idaho Association of Realtors Realtor of the Year Award in 2003, she is also a compassionate advocate for human rights who is dedicated to giving back to her community. Joyce Evans, Julie's nominator said, "Many successful business people become so involved in their money-making that they ignore the privileges they have and forget to donate time to their community, or save time for their families, and I think Julie's dedication to these serves as an example to all working women and men."

By Tammy Sands. Tammy is a graduate student and instructor in the Department of Communication at Boise State University.

Laurie Appel

As an occupational therapist and cranial-sacral therapist, Laurie Appel focuses on the human spirit rather than physical limitations. Laurie works with children ages zero to three. "I don't see the disability, I just see the child and what the child is going through," she said. While working with the little guy on crawling, "if they had a traumatic birth or accident; I've had children in my lap unwind into the movement that trauma is a birthing process, rebirthing...if they had a traumatic birth, I've had adults do that as well," Laurie said.

Laurie grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. Her parents were giving and accepting people, which influenced Laurie's perspective, personality, and passion to help others. Diagnosed with a learning disability as a child, Laurie was embarrassed and ashamed of herself, but she persevered. During elementary and secondary schooling, Laurie acted out because "it was cooler to be bad than stupid," she laughed.

As a last resort, Laurie was sent to a Vocational Technical school. VoTech's curriculum required Laurie to volunteer at a school for disabled children. "That was when I really found myself, because I was good at it. It was the one thing that I was ever good at in my life," Laurie said. This realization motivated her to finish high school and to obtain an Applied Human Sciences degree with honors from Colorado State University.

Recently, one of Laurie's clients told her that she often feels judged because of her illness; however, she has never felt judged by Laurie. For Laurie, judgment ceases to exist when people realize their commonalities with others. "I know I'm just a breath away from disease. We all are," she said.

Laurie's vision for the future is not "to spread some mess" she said. She simply cares for every living being, and wants to show that through her actions. "I've been blessed with people in my life who believe in me, who can see through the brat, the punk, the druggie, and see me. And believe in me. That light that shines in all of us, I want to give that back to as many people as I can, to see that light and to believe in them." By Yasmine Romero. Yasmine is a senior at Boise State University, majoring in linguistics and minoring in Japanese. She works as a writing consultant in the Boise State Writing Center.
Dr. Heike Henderson

Heike Henderson, a dynamic and creative professor, has made her mark on the Boise State German Program by placing emphasis on the integration of cultural understanding within language and literature courses. She originally came to the United States on a one-year college exchange program. Heike, an avid traveler, was hooked. The exchange had one requirement: she would have to work as a teaching assistant, something she had never done before. She attended training and prepared for hours and hours. Heike Henderson didn’t realize it at the time, but she would not stop teaching there. She discovered a passion for teaching, earned a master’s and Ph.D. in German literature, and accepted a job as a German program faculty member in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Boise State University.

Dr. Heike Henderson’s nominator and the head of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Teresa Bouscher, emphasized Heike’s important role in creating a strong, solid German program. “Heike came to Boise State with a can-do attitude. She radically overhauled the curriculum to bring a contemporary, cultural studies focus to the program. She made it relevant.” Heike designed thirteen new courses and personally advised all German majors and minors.

Heike was excited to take the challenge of developing what would become an excellent German program. “I like to be able to build up things, to change things. Building the German program gave me a lot of opportunity.” Heike wanted to break the traditional approach to studying German and focus on creating a connection between German culture and her students’ own cultures. “I think a lot has changed in the teaching of foreign languages in recent years. For example, a traditional German program would only have you look at German literature historically. I introduced more contemporary culture classes, business German classes and the like. I feel like people should be able to make connections between what they study in German classes and what’s going on in the rest of their lives,” she said.

In the classroom as well as in her life, Heike makes these cultural connections. What has influenced Heike to take such an approach was, most likely, her coming to America. “When I came to the U.S., I learned a lot not only about America, but about Germany as well. Going abroad really makes you realize a lot about your own perspective, and your own culture. There isn’t only one way of looking at things.”

Heike has been in the United States since 1989. While she was earning her Ph.D. in German literature at the University of California, she met her husband. After Heike accepted the job at Boise State in 1997, they moved to Boise. It was a perfect place for them; they could enjoy the outdoor activities they loved.

Soon thereafter, Heike began the journey of motherhood. While pregnant, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. “I was very surprised. I never expected anything like that. It’s not like I thought I was immune. It was just that I was in my early thirties, and I had always been healthy before.” Immediately after her son, Christopher, was born, Heike went through surgery and chemotherapy. “On the one hand being pregnant, and then having a child, gives you a lot of reason to live. But on the other hand it makes you even more afraid. People just assume that when you’re done with your treatment, you should move on, but it’s not like that. The fear of dying is something that never really leaves you,” she said.

A few years later, Heike ventured on another fantastic journey—adopting her second child, Maya, from China. The process was long, lasting for about a year and a half. Still, the experience, especially the trip to China, was unforgettable. “It was also something that Heike had always wanted to do. I’m very thankful to have had the experience to have one child biologically, to experience pregnancy, and then one child through adoption, which is a very different experience, but just as wonderful,” she said.

Having a child, adopting a child, battling cancer, gaining a different cultural perspective, cultivating Boise State University’s German program: Dr. Heike Henderson’s personal and professional accomplishments are numerous. In addition, she has published several articles on Turkish women writers in Germany. “I look at multicultural literature, and how it has changed the definition of what is German. Germany used to have this self-definition as a very homogenous society, but that has changed. Turkish women writers are a part of today’s Germany,” she explained.

Currently, Heike is working on a new project concerning food and literature. “It just found it really interesting. The topic of food is so central to our lives. It says so much about who we are, it is connected to history, memory, identity, to every cultural aspect of life you can think of.”

As this project suggests, Heike focuses her life on her interests, and integrating those interests into every aspect of her life, making it enjoyable and meaningful. “It’s a lot of juggling, just trying to deal with those different aspects of professional life, family life, and also a history of cancer. But I enjoy the juggling, and I’m very glad to have my family. Even though it’s sometimes busy, my family gives me balance.”

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Susan Emerson

"While others may see an obstacle, Susan Emerson sees an opportunity to create a solution," said Lynn Lubomirsky, nominator and friend. This theme echoes throughout her nomination and her life. "Susan is the most giving person I know - of her time, of her financial resources, and her love. Through her generosity, she has touched the lives of scores of people in Boise and beyond.”

Though Susan is busy earning a master’s degree in public administration (MPA) at Boise State, managing a computer lab, and raising two teenage girls alone while her husband serves in the military in Iraq, she still finds time to volunteer at Treasure Valley Public Access Television (TVTV) to serve on the Faith Relations committee for Habitat for Humanity and to support the creation and establishment of the Murray School of Irish dance. The instructor for this school flies into Boise once a week and sleeps at Susan’s house when she visits. Susan says, "Irish dance is wonderful, beautiful, athletic, cultural dance that is not body type specific - and this is particularly great for girls as well as boys.”

Though she never thought she would be living in Idaho, she certainly has become a vital member of the community. Raised in Boulder, Colorado, Susan worked to help support her family from the time she was 10 years old. After a divorce from her natural father, her mother was left alone to raise four children who she moved to Caldwell, Idaho. The change of environment was a major shock, and Susan missed the progressive education system in Boulder. "The students were very active in Boulder. We were always having protests - the Vietnam protests, the feminist movement." Susan thrived in the environment of activism.

When the family moved to Caldwell, while Susan was in her senior year of high school, that environment changed. School was less challenging, and she began to lose herself in the new crowd. The
thing I most regret about my life is that somebody couldn't have just grabbed me and tracked me into a career,” she said. Without a significant mentor, Susan had to rely on herself to find her way.

Susan went to the Link School of Business after graduating from high school, earned her secretarial degree, worked at Idaho First National Bank, eventually went on to Boise State. She battled alcoholism for two years and was offered to pay for her to go to college. Alcoholism hindered her life, but the experience opened Susan's eyes to the importance of having this place where you can go and be able to say your voices to be heard.

Shannel Stinner

Shannel Stinner makes history everyday. She is a positive, active and outspoken woman, always passionate about her endeavors, whether they are academic, social, or personal. “Shannel never leaves a lasting impression on the people she meets. She has all the ideal masculinity that I consider an ideal woman.”

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Shannel realizes that her growth as a person comes largely from raising Aziz. Because her teaching contract was going to end soon, Shannel moved back to Boise and lived with her mother for a year. She gave birth to Aziz and raised him alone for three years. During that time, Shannel attended Boise State University, and constantly worked on paperwork so that Aziz's father, Marou, could join them in the United States.

Shannel recognizes that as a parent, she is a role model for her son, who is always watching and learning from her actions. Shannel ensures that she is modeling their family values. One unique way she does this is by not having a television at home. “I just don’t think TV is good for kids at all. There are so many commercials targeted at kids, and the last thing kids need is advertising aimed at them. Another reason is that I find it to be extremely inappropriate. It doesn’t have the values I want it to have.”

Shannel has sacrificed many things in her life for her son. Despite how busy parenting keeps her, she remains active in many student organizations: Single Parents Club, Returning Women’s Discussion Group, Black Student Alliance, the Women's Center and the Cultural Center. “For a long time, I just stayed home with my son. However, when I started going to Single Parents Club activities, I met all these women. We could trade babysitters, talk, and relax. It actually built strong friendships for me. Four of my best friends right now are from that club.”

In addition, Shannel is a recipient of the McNair Scholarship and the Frances Wood Education Scholarship. Shannel plans on graduate school and hopes to work as a junior high school teacher. “I just feel like I don’t have time to waste, now that I know where I’m going and what I want. Now that I have that thing that I’m excited about, I just want to do them.” Shannel continues to exercise her powers to improve the world, both personally, with her parenting, and publicly, with her community involvement. She is a role model and an inspiration, not just for her son, but for all who know her.

Shannel grew up in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Her parents divorced when Shannel was young. She vaguely remembers her alcoholic father, but wishes her stepfather, an alcoholic as well. "I have seen so many people in my life have their lives ruined. So that made me a stranger person, I think. It helped me be more determined about doing something different with my life, getting the grades in school, wanting to go to college and do something," she said.

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and that, too often, organized sport reinforces oppressive attitudes and behaviors such as racism, sexism, homophobia, classism, and ableism. "The work she is doing with The First Tee is an excellent illustration of how she is trying to construct sport in a way to dismantle those ideologies," said Lucas. "As an educator who has long worked to promote and create a positive and healthy environment for kids to play and enjoy sports, Petlichkoff's work with The First Tee must be considered a pinnacle achievement that epitomizes putting research into practice."

Petlichkoff is also active on a local level, working with the Coalition for Youth Sports, an organization that identifies unique opportunities in Boise and makes sport meaningful to kids. This year she is developing a survey for parents and coaches about why kids should be involved.

Petlichkoff primarily teaches sport psychology, specializing in youth sport at Boise State. She always intended to teach, but had not planned on being involved with sports. She graduated college with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Because of her teaching math, she encountered new opportunities because of the implementation of Title IX, a statute employed in the 1970s to prohibit gender discrimination in public schools. Title IX caused Michigan schools to seek out more female teachers willing to take on the dual role of coach. Interested in coaching, but not thinking it was her life passion, she accepted a job teaching junior high school mathematics and coaching track and field eventually adding softball and volleyball. "I knew that I could contribute," Petlichkoff said.

Petlichkoff pursued a master's degree in sport psychology at Michigan State University. In graduate school, she decided to listen to the encouragement of her advisor, and pursue her doctorate. After graduating with her master's, she began working on her Ph.D. in sport psychology at the University of Illinois. Soon after receiving her doctorate she accepted a position at Boise State in 1987.

Petlichkoff has consistently rejected stereotypes associating gender with occupation. She was the first female lifeguard at a local pool in Michigan during her teenage years. It was this courageous attitude that led her to pursue her master's and doctorate degrees. "Be open to opportunities. Never look back," said Petlichkoff. She subscribes to the philosophy that it is better to regret what you have done, rather than what you have not done. "Never be the person that says, "What if I would have done that?" If you're willing to sacrifice a little bit, doors will be opened to you."

On the wall of Dr. Linda Petlichkoff's office in the Boise State Kinesiology building hangs a canvas from The First Tee, which is signed by dozens of kids, thanking her for the enormous contribution she has made in developing the Life Skills curriculum. Petlichkoff had the opportunity to see her influence on a previous participant of The First tee program. This young woman was on stage as a speaker at The First Tee National meeting. Her experience in The First Tee program gave her the confidence to stand and speak before a large audience where she recounted the impact the program had on her life. The work of art on her wall is a tribute to Dr. Petlichkoff's hard work and continuing dedication to these children.

Petlichkoff will not look back on her life with regret; she has opened many doors for the participants in various programs and her legacy is the increased confidence that her students will take from their experiences with her.

By Tara Farmer: Tara is currently a political science major in her senior year. After graduating in May, she intends to save and simultaneously travel the world. She will start by serving a mission for her church.

Brooke Tyler

When Brooke and I meet, she is standing at the counter at the Flying M, with Interpol’s “Turn on the Bright Lights” playing loud in the background. She is a tall, striking woman with shoulder-length brunette hair and a graceful figure, who seems as though she would be quite at home in the boardrooms of corporate America. She wears tailored slacks, a white shirt with ruffles, and a smart-looking cropped jacket. Although currently in mourning over the recent loss of her husband, she describes herself as a very contented woman. Brooke is perhaps more aware of contentment than many of us, since as a boy she rarely experienced it. The surgery that Brooke underwent to go from being biologically male to now anatomically female was, she says, the most exciting thing she’s ever done, as well as the event that put a happy life in her grasp. The only problem she has now is that everything else she does will be “boring as hell.”

Although she never intended to be an activist, Brooke changes the way we think of gender and identity. At 4, she loudly demanded at her extended family’s Christmas gathering that everyone stop making such a fuss over her being the only grandson. She was a girl, she insisted, just like all the other grandchildren. Then and now, Brooke sees no relationship between a person’s body and their gender identity. We feel ourselves to be women or men, boys or girls; the body is merely the package. Why then should we, she asks, go to the trouble and expense of altering our package. Because, she says, “that’s how the world judges you.” Our bodies are the malleable tools we use to express our inner-selves, but they do not define our inner-selves.

Brooke has made history privately; she has not, until recently, been a transgender activist or public advocate. She was the first transgender employee at Sears (which treated her “flawlessly!”) Several others followed in her wake. In the world of entertainment, still breaking boundaries, she went from the relatively tame universe of men who perform in drag to that of women exotic dancers, a world that she says is “a straight woman’s world of drag.” As far as she knows, she was the only transgender woman on the staff. She blended seamlessly with the other performers, who eventually learned her history. However, because of Brooke’s engaging personality, the others were not defensive. In his private way, at work, and in her relationships, Brooke has moved against generic ideas of what it means to be transgender.

Brooke left the field of entertainment and returned to corporate work. She also works professionally with show horses. As a transgender woman on the show horse circuit, she has once again found herself...
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unique. It seems like wherever I go there's no one like me, but people accept me easily and well." Now that she finds herself in the role of biologist, she takes on certain pleasures in breaking stereotypes. She especially enjoys challenging the idea that transgender people are unattractive. "I break their stereotypes all the time. I don't have the hands of a man, or the legs of a man. I don't have an Adam's apple. I like breaking that ugly stereotype it's scary enough without people thinking we're abominations."

Keeping her day job but also returning to show business, Brooke is currently the reigning empress (president) of the Gem Court of Idaho, a philanthropic organization that raises funds raising events, including drag shows. The Gem Court welcomed Brooke to Boise when she was twenty; they became her new high school and her new family. As a member of the Gem Court, she learned to find acceptance and to transform, she said with a slight smile, "from Nelle Olson to Laura Ingalls." Living in a boy's body made her unhappy; living as a woman has been liberating. Her parents initially resisted the change, but they, too, get along much better now. She found some of the support she needed to make that change as a member of Idaho's Gem Court. Having faced the tragic loss of her husband to liver cancer, she has decided to use her imperial powers to raise funds for St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute. In this way, Brooke is giving back to the community that has given her so much.

Brooke does not think of herself as a woman making history, not yet. "That transgender empress, big wow. Now, when I'm the first transgender mayor of Boise, then, lookout Hillary."

By Tom Feene Tom Feene is an Assistant Professor of English, with an emphasis in rhetoric and composition, at Boise State University.

Dr. Sandra Schackel
Dr. Sandra Schackel is setting history straight. A professor of women's history and the American West at Boise State University, she is passionate about giving women credit in their historical roles. "I've understood women's place in the nation and family. Now, we will better understand history," she said. "After all, those women who couldn't have written history if they didn't have mothers." Sandra was born in Villa Grove, Illinois. Sandra met and married her former husband in high school. They had their first child while Sandra was in her senior year. Determined, she graduated with her class in 1960. Before moving with her family to Chicago to support her husband's ambitions of attending dental school. After his graduation, Sandra's husband enlisted in the army. They spent three years in Germany, where she had her second and third children. Her travels and exposure to places she had only read about inspired her to pursue a college education.

Upon their return to the United States in 1965, she started college classes. As a single mother of a toddler and an infant aged three, she reported many late nights writing term papers after the kids were tucked in.English classes soon piqued her curiosity and that interest evolved into a passion for art history. Her husband's military career moved them around the United States for 13 years, yet she continued taking classes.

Sandra discovered New Mexico and Santa Fe during a military tour to the southwest. "I was immediately caught up in the magic of the history there," she said. Enrolling at the University of New Mexico, she graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

Her advisor at the University of New Mexico, Donald Cutter, saw her potential and encouraged her to pursue graduate school. Sandra noted that Santa Fe had a great market for museum curators with master's degrees, and she made that her goal. Upon filling out Sandra's graduate school recommendation, Cutter checked the box labeled "potential Ph.D. candidate." "It just took my breath away that someone believed in me as a woman," Sandra said. "Those Ph.D. positions were almost always reserved for men."

She says of her marriage, "I could see the handwriting on the wall. The marriage wasn't going to last and I needed to finish my education." After separating from her husband she immediately began graduate work. Her children were aged 13, 18, and 20 when she began her master's program graduate work.

Sandra continued her education, earning her Ph.D. in Women's History from the University of New Mexico in 1980 and accepted a tenure track position at Boise State in 1989. Early in her tenure at Boise State, she recognized that the need for a Women's Center on campus. Hers/West, an organization for female faculty and professional staff, was pushing for the center and Sandra aligned herself with the group. "We finally made the administration listen to our pleas to better serve women students," she said.

The Women's Center opened in 1992. Sandra was also involved in proposing and implementing the Gender Studies program. These initiatives, and Sandra, mark major high points in her professional life at Boise State.

In the fall of 2004, Sandra enjoyed a sabbatical in Santa Fe where her three children and two grandchildren reside. While there, she completed a draft of her third book, Close to the Land, which is based on oral history accounts she has collected over the past ten years. The book focuses on women and their roles in ranching and farming in the Western United States, post-WWII. A lot of women ride tractors instead of making pies," she said.

Sandra's future projects include studying Else Pehlcy's effect on the development of teenage sexuality in the 1950s. An advocate of mums, Sandra has dressed up as Pehlcy for classes—even exposing glazed-on chest hair—to prove a point. "We have too many ideas about how men and women should appear," Schackel stated. "But, if we had women with that confidence, it would be different." Sandra added. However, she commented disapprovingly, "This is not exactly what a feminist would want in a man."

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Liliana Rodriguez could be described as a Renaissance woman in her own right. She's known for her passion and dedication to service and leadership. She graduated from Boise State University with a Bachelor of Arts in History, but she is not afraid to try something new. In addition to her academic pursuits, she also worked as a social worker and ran for office in local elections. She has been active in her community and has held several leadership positions, including being the mayor of Pocatello, Idaho, and serving as a member of the board of directors for several non-profit organizations.

Liliana Rodriguez's story is one of perseverance and determination. She was born in 1975 in the town of Nampa, Idaho, to parents who immigrated to the United States from Mexico. Her family faced many challenges growing up, but Liliana was always determined to succeed. She excelled in school and was involved in several extracurricular activities, including playing on the softball team and participating in the school's orchestra.

As a student at Boise State University, Liliana continued to excel academically and became involved in various campus organizations. She served as the president of the Latin American Student Organization and was elected to the Boise State University's Student Government. She also worked as a part-time employee at the Boise State University's Career Center, where she helped students with job search strategies and career exploration.

After graduating from Boise State University, Liliana moved to Pocatello, Idaho, to work as a social worker for the United Methodist Church. She quickly rose through the ranks and was eventually appointed as the director of the church's social services program. It was during this time that Liliana's passion for leadership and service really flourished. She led several initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for the local community, including launching a food bank and a community garden.

Liliana's success did not go unnoticed. In 2004, she was appointed as the mayor of Pocatello, making her the first Latina mayor in the city's history. Liliana's tenure as mayor was marked by her commitment to serving the community and making it a better place for all residents. She worked tirelessly to address issues such as poverty, education, and public safety, and was always open to feedback and suggestions from the community.

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Liliana Rodríguez attribute her activism to her past experiences. "I have been to places where things are different," she said. "I have seen how people can come together to make a difference." She has been involved in several community organizations and has always been active in her church. Liliana's advocacy work is focused on issues such as education, healthcare, and immigration. She has been a vocal advocate for these issues and has worked closely with politicians to ensure that the voices of those affected were heard.

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Liliana's story is a testament to the power of education and the importance of making a difference in one's community. She serves as an inspiration to many others and continues to work towards creating a better future for all.
Las clases, OELA y su pronta recuperación marcaron el resto del semestre para Liliana. Pero el Freedom Bus Ride, una conferencia en liderazgo, el Cinco de Mayo y otros eventos anuales de OELA no le concedieron ni un minuto de descanso. "A pesar de que yo había persuadido a mis compañeros para que colaboraran activamente con la planificación de eventos", dice, "todo el mundo se vio obligada a usar como resultado del accidente mientras cumplía con sus papeles en la maestra de ceremonias del festival en febrero de 2004. A pesar de que yo no tenía que usar el collar, continuó visitando a estudiantes y a otros médicos. "Mucha gente no sabe cuánto tiempo se tarda en recuperarse. Ni siquiera yo sabía cuánto tiempo duraba la recuperación de un accidente como ese", dice Liliana. Los médicos le han dicho que puede pasar varios años antes de que se recupere por completo.

Siguiendo las recomendaciones de los médicos, Liliana está llevando un horario mucho menos exigente este año. A pesar de que el accidente la forzó a limitar sus actividades académicas e interactivas, ella rehusó detenerse por completo. En el verano de 2004, trabajó en el Instituto de Liderazgo Estudiantil y con Upward Bound, dedicando tiempo a los programas que la motivaron tanto en sus años de escuela preparatoria.


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**Bev LaChance**

'I don’t think that you have to be starving to know what it may feel like to be hungry,' Bev LaChance said. She grew up in a non-violent home, yet she works directly with survivors of abuse. As Director of Social Services at the Women’s and Children’s Alliance (WCA) in Boise, Bev works proactively to make a difference in the lives of those victimized by physical and sexual violence.

Respecting the dignity and integrity of others is the foundation upon which her personal values are established. Having never experienced the cycle of violence in her family provides her with an alternative perspective. "I know what it can be like to live in a non-violent home, I’m unwilling to accept violence as a normal part of life.

Her revelation to violence began during her high school years. She witnessed male classmates barbarically "settling their differences" by engaging in after-school physical fights. Gender-specific behavioral norms seemed all too often to encourage this type of violent resolution. "We should encourage that, and in my studies, and as I grew, I came to understand that this violent response was too often present in families," Bev said.

In her childhood, no one talked about domestic violence. Despite the silence, Bev’s vehement opposition to violence, in any form, gave rise to her own voice. When the opportunity arose to contribute to ending Violence, she stepped forward to actively participate in seeking a solution. "I believe what led me to where I am is my intense sense of outrage that people would dare to do this to another and to physically abuse or degrade another individual, unless you have individuals willing to stand up and say that it is not okay, you’re going to see the cycle of violence reoccurring thought generations."

A Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling provide her with the background necessary to develop programs designed to confront the cycle of abuse and to write grants with which to fund them. She excels at grant writing and has received an abundance of funding for the WCA over the past ten years.

Idaho Legal Aid recently acknowledged the WCA as the gold standard of non-profit organizations due to Bev’s and her staff’s professionalism and dedication to educating others about domestic and sexual violence. Since assuming her position as Director, Bev has expanded the Crisis Center program from an all-staff member to thirty-six staff members. "The staff is a pleasure to be around. They’re just great people," she said.

Each year the Crisis Center has increased its service outreach. In 2003 alone, nearly 700 new women and children were provided counseling services, which is merely one component of the larger program. The WCA has also secured two additional safe houses and opened Serendipity House, an off-site facility, under Bev’s leadership. A colleague commented, "Bev’s ability to take social services into the realm of efficiency and effectiveness through her business savvy has rescued this agency, and thereby assisted in rescuing so many in our community."

"It is exhilarating to watch the positive strides forward that so many of our clients have made," Bev said. She stresses the significance of collaboration with numerous community agencies, educational institutions, businesses and corporations. "These partnerships are of paramount importance and aid in increasing community awareness about physical and sexual violence," she said.

Bev encourages staff to present an educational message, not an adversarial one, because she doesn’t believe an antagonistic approach works. "It is important to be collegial at all times," she emphasized. She pointed out that domestic and sexual violence are family, communal, national, and worldwide issues, not just women’s issues. "I don’t want to polarize or politicize because then we may lose our ability to be heard. silence has, for too long, reigned on these issues. There may be those who feel that’s being too politically correct, but I don’t think so, not for me," she said.

Integrity, compassion, respect and acceptance of others take priority over politics to Bev. She sought these same virtues to her two children, Chris and Lycee, whom she considers the most important legacies she will leave behind in life. "I think that they’re proud that their mom is doing what they consider to be worthy work," she said. Her close relationship with her children makes it even more difficult to see destruction in families.

She remembers a 4-year-old boy who came into the WCA with his mother. He sat at the dining room table and asked Bev as she passed by, "Is this my home?" She answered affirmatively and thought that he and his mother have an opportunity to enrich their lives, even if not in an ideal home. "If we don’t take care of our families, and I mean the community of families, then what’s it all about?" she asked. After all, Bev considers the success of people who need the WCA the greatest reward.

By Tammy Sends. Tammy is a graduate student and instructor in the Department of Communication at Boise State University.
Rosie Delgadillo Reilly

Brought up in a traditional Hispanic family in east Los Angeles, the role of Rosie Delgadillo Reilly’s home was “if you see something that needs to be done, just do it.” Rosie carried this sentiment throughout her life, exemplified in her lifetime of community service. Rosie has always known what it means to be a responsible citizen.

Rosie attended the Catholic school across the street from her family home for 8 years, went on to an all-girls Catholic high school, and then went on to graduate from California State University, Los Angeles. Although Rosie considered going away to college, she stayed at home at the insistence of her traditional parents.

While in high school, Rosie volunteered at the Los Angeles County General Hospital as a candy stripper. The hospital was often overcrowded and understaffed, so Rosie performed many tasks that only registered nurses were supposed to do: "There were so many areas all the time — really sick people, really poor people — because it was a county hospital." Despite how busy Rosie became, she always took the time to help those in need. She used her bilingual skills to help Spanish-speaking patients feel more at ease in the chaotic surroundings.

She was scarred by that place, she said: "It would be pretty scary if you didn’t know the language."

After graduating from college, Rosie worked for Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA), a national organization that provides solutions to problems caused by poverty. Rosie was part of a team of five volunteers sent to Vista, California to provide social services for the people in the community. "It’s very hard to explain to people I was a VISTA in Vista," she laughed. She worked at a community service center teaching English as a second language, tutoring and working with Hispanic families in the area.

During her time in Vista, she helped investigate local farmers accused of creating industrial working conditions. Rosie and a VISTA volunteer helped exposed the situation and pursued social justice.

Rosie went back to school after VISTA to get her teaching degree. "I decided — that social work was probably eighty percent teaching," she said. So, it was a natural transition. Once Rosie finished her teaching degree, she married Terry Reilly. The couple made a big move from Los Angeles to Idaho.

During her first year of marriage, while also teaching, she supported her husband with his community health service, Community Health Services Inc., which he ran out of his home. The first patients were seen in May of 1971, but it wasn’t until 1972 that they received a grant from the U.S. Public Health Service. When her husband passed away in a 1986 plane crash, the clinic was renamed Terry Reilly Health Services.

Rosie continues to serve as vice-chairperson of Terry Reilly Health Services which provides access to quality health care, particularly those who are uninsured, poor, living in rural areas, non-English-speaking, homeless, or otherwise facing barriers to getting the care they need, according to the mission statement.

Along with her membership on the board of Terry Reilly, she is also on the board of many other organizations: SANE Solutions, Healthy Nampa/Healthy Youth, and Region 3 Mental Health Association. According to her sister, Teresa, "Everywhere we go, she meets someone she knows, someone whose life she has touched.” This is not surprising as she has worked with The Idaho Migrant Council, the Democratic Party, the Idaho Education Association, and is a bilingual counselor with Lutheran Social Services. In addition she is the only full-time elementary school counselor at Central Canyon Elementary School in the Vallivue School District.

She has earned two master’s degrees, the second being an M.Ed at Boise State University that she earned while working full time and raising two sons as a single mother.

One of the main issues she deals with, as a counselor, is trying to help Hispanic kids fit in. "There is a lot of racism here," she said. Growing up in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood, Rosie didn’t run into the same kind of racism. "I was pretty protected from that. My whole world was Catholic and Mexican." She feels the situation can only be improved if steady communication is established between those of different ethnic backgrounds.

Rosie said young Hispanic women have a particular challenge growing up in Idaho. "One of the problems is that they aren’t included in school activities. However, she notices that more Hispanic kids are getting along well with the public at large. At a recent parent event Rosie believes that kind of involvement can give young women confidence to try out for other school activities like student government. "There are lots of ways to bridge that gap. We just have to be creative," she said.

Rosie keeps a positive attitude and does what she can to help this situation. She continues to "pay for her space" in abundance by providing guidance to young children, their parents, and non-profit organizations. Though her life has not always been easy, she is always there to help make her community a better place to live in.

As her nominator notes, "Rosie has been a role model for many young Hispanic women who look at her as an example of ‘si puede.’ Indeed, she always proves that it’s a common language.

By Rachel Borilla Rachel Borilla is currently earning her degree at Boise State University in English with an emphasis in writing. She lives in Boise with husband, Marcus, and their dog, Oliver.

Jessica Hinkle

For many young women, going to school full-time and working on the side can be overwhelming. For Jessica Hinkle, it’s the only way to make ends meet. Two years of college, two master’s degrees, the second being an M.Ed from California State University, and now she’s looking forward to her 9-month-old son, Bradley Hinkle. Although she is married, she has been doing it all as a single mother since her husband’s incarceration more than a year ago.

When Jessica is criticized by friends for spending too much time at school and work instead of with her children, she squares her shoulders and looks back to her mother for inspiration. "I’m doing it for them. I don’t want them to have to struggle as hard as I have,” she said. "My mother was a single mom and had to work really hard. Now she is well-known on her job and is doing well for herself."

Jessica dreams of being just as successful as her mother and of providing a stable, happy life for her family. She doesn’t care about becoming rich, but she does look forward to the day when she can buy the things she needs without worrying. Although she is grateful for her parents and other family members, she tells them she’s anxious for a day when she and her husband can take care of their family on their own.

"I’d like to be a normal American family — financially stable, able to take a vacation every year. I don’t care if we both have to work. I like the independence of making my own money. I don’t want to be a woman who, when her kids are grown up and move out, doesn’t know what to do with herself because all she did was take care of her kids," she said.

Jessica’s struggles began when she was a teenager. At age 13 she moved to Idaho with her family from California and decided she didn’t like Boise. In typical teenage fashion, she rebelled. That rebellion, she admits, cost her mother “a lot of money and grief.” She said her mother wasn’t sure during the ward of it if Jessica would ever graduate from high school, but her daughter had other ideas. Tired of school and wanting to get done earlier, she enrolled at Mountain Cove High School where she could take extra classes. She graduated at age 17, pregnant with her first child, Felicity.

After her marriage to Bradley Hinkle at age 18 and the birth of their second daughter, Savannah, she began looking for a way out of her 60-hour-per-week pizza restaurant job. She enrolled in a medical assistant course, challenged the Certified Nursing Assistant exam and got her med certification.

Four years later, she’s discouraged with the long hours and low wages. But making ends meet is only one incentive for her enrollment in the Criminal Justice Administration program at Boise State University.

“I decided to go to Boise State to better my life and earning capability,” she said. “I’ve had to use a lot of social services raising my family. A lot of probation officers don’t know all that stuff. It would be a big help and people would be less likely to relapse back into criminal activity, if they and their families got the help they needed.”

She hopes to one day be the kind of probation and parole officer who really helps people. Because of her husband’s experience with addiction, she plans to minor in addiction studies. By leaning more about the issue, she knows she can be a strength and support to someone else down the road. “There needs to be more people like that,” she said.

Her friend, Jeannie Francke, said Jessica is the “strongest person” she knows and an inspiration in many ways. Not only has she persevered despite challenges that would have intimidated others, but she is proving that no matter how many obstacles you have, you can achieve your goals. She is showing her daughters and her son how to work hard to get what you want.”

By Kathleen Crowen Kathleen is a communications specialist with Boise State University. In her previous life, she was a newspaper reporter/columnist following a hectic stint as an community theatre actress/director. Kathleen enjoys spending time with her husband and children, training horses and dogs. When she grows up she wants to be an archangel.

"If you are not living on the edge, you are taking up too much room." — Jayne Howard
**Peggy Bohl**

As the owner of a Great Harvest Bread Company franchise, Peggy Bohl sees her role as businesswoman to promote social activism. "Bread, considered a basic necessity in life, sustenance, health, fuel, money, and religion, is an apt profession for Peggy, a woman devoted to helping and giving to others," Bohl's reverence for human rights in her business and personal life. She is positive, open-minded, and empowering to others," said Dr. Ingrid Burendell and Pat Ryke.

Peggy and her husband, Paul Bohl, moved from Denver to Montana. While living there they discovered Great Harvest Bread Company and then purchased a franchise and then moved to Boise. "I wonder that move would lead them to the Great Harvest Bread Company. The Bohls now own the 9th franchise out of 180 franchises across the country.

For the past 18 years, Peggy has recruited for, donated to, and participated in the Christian Rural Oversee Program (CROP). Organized by the Church World Service, CROP is an annual October walk-a-thon. Proceeds go to fight hunger both locally and internationally. "We do our best to treat everyone well. We believe in generosity and donate a lot of product and excess to food banks and other programs," Peggy said.

In addition to donating food to fight hunger, Peggy's business has also made the effort to support stray dogs by making dog biscuits. "This little project we started on a whim about five years ago. We decided to make some little fifty-cent-a-piece dog bones, which we put out thinking we might sell a few of them—then proceeds went to the Humane Society. We made over $5,000, so we now give to just Strays, and other shelters. It's just been amazing how this project grew. We just didn't realize how much people would support it," Peggy said.

Peggy also uses her position at Great Harvest Company to support refugee families resettling in Boise. Peggy helps provide families with necessities such as furniture and clothing, helps families find housing, aids families in getting their social security numbers, jobs, and more. Peggy has also supported refugee families by teaching them English. "I did some recordings so they could hear what the words sound like. We have a tendency to run words together; so it's fairly difficult when you're learning to speak English," she said.

Peggy's activity within the community doesn't keep her from another important aspect of her life family. "My husband and I are business partners. It's been a good way for us to share each other's work. Our daughters have worked a little for the business, because all four of us were on different schedules—never get out of there to go on family vacations," she says. Peggy is proud that she has been an active PTO member for schools and a frequent chaperone for school field trips.

Peggy's family, friends and church have had a great influence on her activism. Her mother was a social worker, and her caring nature for others fueled Peggy's compassion. "I don't feel like I do anymore than anybody else I know. I just enjoy helping people," she said.

Peggy's ethical business practices, her kindness and generosity nature give her not only the opportunity to help others, but also the opportunity to grow as a person. "I'm truly a woman who combines her professional career with care, generosity and social activism. I've raised two good daughters, I've worked along with my husband to establish a business—we feel proud of. I feel like I've done some good in the community as far as the schools, churches, and charities. In the future, I hope I will continue to be a worthwhile member in the community and continue contributing to society."

By Yasmine Romero, Yasmine is a senior at Boise State University, majoring in linguistics and minoring in Japanese. She works as a writing consultant in the Boise State Writing Center.

**Leah Barrett**

As one of the few female Student Union Directors in the country, Leah Barrett not only makes history in what she does on the job, but also in who she is while she's doing it: Tenacious, resilient, and optimistic, Leah sees her role at Boise State's campus as one of community builder and student advocate. "Where there's a will, there's a way, and my role is to help students make their way," she says with commitment in her voice.

A driven and dedicated campus leader, Leah strives to create a learning environment in the Student Union (better known as the SUB) that reflects student needs and a diversity of voices. Among her numerous responsibilities as director, Leah manages a five million dollar budget and supervises more than 40 full-time staff and 100 students who work in seven departments: Facilities and Operations, Reservations and Catering, Games Center, Campus ID, Student Activities, the Cultural Center, and the Women's Center. She quickly and humbly notes that the success of the SUB and the programs housed there is a direct reflection on the staff she supervises. However, for those who know her, it is her vision and direction that sets a tone where staff and students find pride in their jobs.

Leah began her career in the SUB as Assistant Director of Student Union and Activities in 1998 when the former director met her at a regional conference and was so impressed by her resume that he quickly hired her. In that position, her main responsibilities were in facilities and operations, a field which predominantly consists of men. However, the gender of others in her field did not deter her from accepting the position.

Leah approached her job with enthusiasm, but faced some initial resistance from a few male contractors. During one of her first meetings with a group of contractors, she noticed that the men in the room were addressing a male she supervised instead of her. As a woman raised to believe in herself and not be limited by gender specific roles, Leah was initially surprised by their reaction, but she did not allow their unqualified attitudes to affect her approach to her position. Leah took the opportunity to expose them to a powerful and positive female leader, changing their negative attitudes about women in an historically male-dominated field.

Leah works to see the best in people, her optimistic spirit one more reason students seek her out as a positive role model and mentor. Students frequently drop by her office to talk about their experiences and to ask for her feedback in decisions. A student recently approached her for advice about pursuing a career in college student personnel. She is excited to see others interested in building college communities. There are so many things a professional can do, from directing women's centers and cultural centers to working in campus housing to serving in student activities to working in orientation. There are so many ways to reach people.

While her job is important to her, she is the first to say that it does not solely define who she is. "I'm a daughter of a minister and a teacher, raised by an open and loving family, Leah's commitment to democratic values and diversity takes precedence in her life. She..."
Mary Carter-Hepworth

The activist that most profoundly touches our lives often occurs outside of the public sphere. Mary Carter-Hepworth isn't an activist you might see holding up a sign in a protest or speaking at a rally. Instead, her activism extends to helping others in more subtle and memorable ways. "I like to give, but I think I give more on a personal level than on an organizational level. If everybody gave at a personal level to one other person, the world would be a great place," she said.

Mary has worked at Boise State University in Albertson Library's Special Collections since 1984. She has been working on her reading endorsement, similar to a teaching certificate, but with an emphasis on children's literacy techniques. "I'm not looking for a teaching job, but if I have [the reading endorsement], then I can work with the students. The gift of reading is something you can carry with you all your life," Mary said. Mary has already earned a Master of Education and taught junior high school for three years, but she still enjoys helping teachers in the classroom through volunteering.

She cut back her hours at work in order to volunteer for Vicky Hendrix's third grade class at Collister Elementary. Mary helped with Vicky's class for four years until Vicky retired. However, Vicky influenced Mary to get her reading endorsement to further aid the students. "Teachers always inspire me. I don't think there's ever been a teacher that I haven't been greatly inspired by and seen their gift of giving back. I really believe that each of us is blessed with something and if we give back, then we proceed on carrying on those blessings," Mary said.

Mary believes that giving to others is its own reward. Giving of her time and energy, Mary has been extremely influential in the lives of others. One of the students in Vicky's class didn't talk when she began working with him because he was very shy, but by the time he moved out of third grade, "he just rattled his little heart out," Mary said. "Just watching someone change is the most exciting thing," she added.

In addition to volunteering in the classroom, Mary has volunteered with children in the community. She volunteered for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization. "It was very nice—the interaction with young people is so much fun," Mary said. She is comfortable with all age groups, from third graders to college athletes.

During the past 20 years, she has given much of her time to tutoring students at Boise State, particularly athletes. Mary enjoys tutoring student athletes, especially from the basketball team, because she loves sports, and has been around athletics all her life. She could not only help them with their studies but "talk sports with them as well." Mary continues to assist students by providing them with historical papers to use in their research and showing them how to use library resources.

"I found a way to combine my love of history and my love of teaching because we do work with students so much," Mary said about her position in the library. After all, she has a master's degree in history and education, and the library allows her to use both.

Mary currently serves as the chair of the Women's Advisory Board at Boise State University. "Mary is always the first to volunteer whenever we need anything, she's wonderful!" said Women's Center employee, Jennifer Hartwell. Mary helps plan many activities and events for the Women's Center, including events for Women's History Month.

Women's history is important to Mary because she preserves history as a career, and her grandmother, who was president of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, also preserved women's history. Her grandmother was a member for 64 years and wrote several books, using the journals of pioneer women to make sure their stories were preserved. "I always respected her love of knowledge and her love of history," Mary said.

Mary kept her own surname and added her husband's name, Hepworth, when she married. "I was so proud of my grandmother, that there was no way I was going to be a Carter. And I would never give up my name," Mary said.

Perhaps, above all, Mary's son, Jamie, has been most inspirational to her. "I couldn't be me without having him," Mary said. She lost Jamie to cancer after he fought it for 6 years. "He never lost his spirit, and that has been so much. His gift to me was to really just never give up on anything and always find the positives," Mary said. She said he refused to stop learning even when he was sick and was determined to enroll for courses at Albertsons College.

"They say you've lived a full life if you've found your soulmate, found your passion, and left the world better than when you came," Mary said. She believes Jamie did find his soulmate, his passion for learning, and has certainly left the world a better place. Before he passed away, Jamie volunteered at Camp Rainbow Gold, a foundation that is committed to providing a camping experience for seriously ill children at no cost. "I know his friends volunteered at Camp Rainbow Gold because [Jamie] was involved and still do, and you see the trickle down effect," she said.

The "trickle down effect" results from that personal level of giving Mary quietly advocates. Mary's philosophy of giving reflects her value of contributing anonymously to avoid detracting from the act of giving itself. It is possible that only Mary, herself, will ever know how much she has contributed. This is truly charity.

By Tammy Sands; Tammy is a graduate student and instructor in the Department of Communication at Boise State University.

Sue Holly

Sue Holly is shaping history for those around her. As an advocate for victims of sexual assault, Sue is shaping history on a personal level. As a woman pushing for changes in Idaho law, as it relates to how sexual assault is handled, Sue is shaping the history of Idaho.

Sue was born in Pasadena, California and raised in Arcadia, California, where she graduated from high school. She began college, but after one year, Sue realized that, as she puts it, "school and I did not mix well!" The extensive training that Sue has gone through and provided for other volunteers reveals a more scholastic inclination than Sue would, perhaps, claim.

After her divorce, Sue dedicated herself to helping other women in need. She began volunteering at the Women and Children's Alliance (WCA) in 1997. "I've found that a lot of women go back to volunteer because they want some way to be able to pay back, because they really feel that the WCA saved their lives," she said.

She volunteered with the WCA, first on the crisis line and then on their Sexual Assault Response Team. This work entailed many hours of training so that Sue would be better equipped to assist those in crisis. In addition to responding to crisis calls, Sue provided crisis intervention, support, information, social service referrals, and guidance to victims of domestic violence and individuals in various crisis situations.

Though this work was challenging, "I soon found that the victims seldom have voices that are heard, or are unaware of their rights. I felt this was very wrong, but I certainly understood their feelings and fears, and decided there needs to be change." She continued
this meaningful work with the WCA for 4 years.

Sue moved back to California and continued her work as a victim's advocate. She began working for an organization called Project Sanctuary in Fort Bragg, California. Her position with this organization was as an Advocate Coordinator; in addition to working the crisis line and running other support services at Project Sanctuary, Sue was in charge of recruiting and maintaining volunteers who would go on to provide service to those in crisis.

In addition to organizing the volunteers at Project Sanctuary, Sue educated the Fort Bragg community by presenting to schools and other organizations in order to educate them on domestic violence and sexual assault issues.

Although Sue loved her job in California, her instinct told her she needed to return to Idaho where she has spent the majority of her adult life. Sue began working with the WCA again in August of 2003, this time as a Volunteer Coordinator. In this position, Sue still responded to those in crisis personally, but she also recruited, trained, and scheduled volunteers.

In July of 2004, Sue left her position at the WCA to begin a new job at Hope's Door, a shelter in Caldwell for victims of domestic and sexual violence. At Hope's Door, Sue works as an Advocate Coordinator and an Outreach Coordinator. In this new position, Sue continues to recruit and train advocates and create and present curriculum for community education workshops on sexual assault domestic violence.

Sues believe that people must educate themselves about sexual assault in order to end it: "I believe that domestic violence is looked at as an issue, but sexual assault is something totally different. Well the two go together. If we fight one, we need to acknowledge the other. Sexual Assault is certainly something most people do not want or like to talk about, but it sits at the core of each family, community, state and country. It needs to be looked at, and we need to talk about it so we can find a way to end the violence."

Working as an advocate for so long, Sue has discovered deficiencies in Idaho's system for dealing with victims. She describes her experience as an advocate: "I found myself getting too immersed in that kind of work and liking being an advocate, so I think that the victims were not being represented in a non-biased way. Law enforcement officers were out to find the perpetrator, medical personnel were there to make sure the victim was physically okay, and the victim witness coordinator was there to see the victim through the court system. Sue explained.

Sue believes that someone who has been victimized or in trauma needs an advocate who is solely concerned with representing the victim's voice and clearly communicating options and choices available to the victim. While law enforcement agencies work diligently to assist victims in the prosecution process, she still believes advocates separate from law enforcement agencies are valuable assets to victims.

Currently, Sue is working with a group to develop a state certified 40 hour training for advocates of sexual assault. They are also preparing curriculums that they are trying to get permission to present at "3 Days in June," a conference on serving victims of crime. They hope to be able to get feedback on their curriculum from advocates, law enforcement, and medical personnel before presenting their method to the legislature for approval.

Sue's hope is that, once this legislation is passed, it will pave the way for more legislation regarding victim advocacy in Idaho. Sue is working on legislation that would require that all victims be provided with an advocate as soon as they contact law enforcement or a hospital. She also hopes to get a Privilege Law passed, which would give advocates amnesty from testifying in court cases.

"Sue's heart is so big and she is so passionate about providing quality support to people who have been victimized," said a woman who works closely with her. "She truly makes history on a personal level but also on an institutional level. She is trying to create systems that change the way we think about women who have been victimized, as well as how we treat them."

By Heather Stemple-Durgin; Heather is an English major at Boise State and expects to graduate next fall.

Francelle Fritz

Some women lead lives of fame and fortune, and their stories play out on the pages of history. Francelle Fritz is not one of those women. But she is making history in her own way, a quiet, behind-the-scenes kind of way. She is also making history by sending caring, compassionate children and grandchildren out into the world.

Francelle is stable and hard working, and people can always count on her to come through for them. She is gentle, humble, compassionate and deeply spiritual. But don't be fooled. Beneath her calm, steady surface, she's as tough as nails, a woman who endures religious discrimination as a child - only to grow more compassionate and tolerant - sailed dangerous seas as a Navy WAVE - only to grow more brave and adventurous - and kept a family of fourteen together - only to grow as a successful and loving wife and mother. Now in her 80s, Francelle remains compassionate and brave and active, happy with the choices she's made. She lives independently with the love and support of her children.

Of course, with twelve children, that's an abundance of support, and they are happy to return the favor. Francelle's daughter, Anna, admires her dedication to family. "I think her greatest achievement is surviving children," said Anna, a writer and assistant to Boise State's director of marketing and communications. "Even though she must have been tired, she still managed to attend our plays, programs, recitals and games."

Francelle felt it was important to take an interest in her children's activities, but she also believed they needed independence. "They were left to their own decisions," she said. "If they wanted to do something, why, it was up to them to figure out how to do it."

The self-reliance she and her late husband encouraged in their children helped all twelve to graduate from college on their "own dime" and lead independent, successful lives. They were able to follow their own dreams, whether it was to be a writer, teacher, artist, social worker, counselor or accountant. In addition, all twelve children keep in touch with one another. "Her children are all close and supportive of each other and her," Anna said.

Francelle's own childhood forced her to value independence. She grew up in Cedar City, Utah, during the depression, and her father was often out of work. Her mother was a Catholic from Wisconsin who had moved to Cedar City to teach but ended up staying and marrying Francelle's father, who was from a Mormon family that disapproved of the marriage. "Some rejected him because he had married outside of the church," Francelle said.

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Francelle Fritz

Some women lead lives of fame and fortune, and their stories play out on the pages of history. Francelle Fritz is not one of those women. But she is making history in her own way, a quiet, behind-the-scenes kind of way. She is also making history by sending caring, compassionate children and grandchildren out into the world.

Francelle is stable and hard working, and people can always count on her to come through for them. She is gentle, humble, compassionate and deeply spiritual. But don't be fooled. Beneath her calm, steady surface, she's as tough as nails, a woman who endures religious discrimination as a child - only to grow more compassionate and tolerant - sailed dangerous seas as a Navy WAVE - only to grow more brave and adventurous - and kept a family of fourteen together - only to grow as a successful and loving wife and mother. Now in her 80s, Francelle remains compassionate and brave and active, happy with the choices she's made. She lives independently with the love and support of her children.

Of course, with twelve children, that's an abundance of support, and they are happy to return the favor. Francelle's daughter, Anna, admires her dedication to family. "I think her greatest achievement is surviving children," said Anna, a writer and assistant to Boise State's director of marketing and communications. "Even though she must have been tired, she still managed to attend our plays, programs, recitals and games."

Francelle felt it was important to take an interest in her children's activities, but she also believed they needed independence. "They were left to their own decisions," she said. "If they wanted to do something, why, it was up to them to figure out how to do it."

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Jennie Myers

"The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn." -- Gloria Steinem

Jennie Myers is a 25-year-old graphic designer, instructor, feminist, and social activist. She strives to make positive social change as a graphic designer by creating a "visual voice" for others who may otherwise go unheard. She possesses the true "craft of representation." As well as being visually interesting, her work is thought provoking and influences the way that people may view a particular topic.

The majority of her work is focused on human rights issues, specifically gender equality, which she, herself, is always exploring. She would be the first to say that she is still learning and feminism was not an ideology embraced or taught to her by her family. She came to be a defender of human rights as she came to find and understand her own voice, her own needs as a woman.

Raised in a conservative Mormon family, Jennie was encouraged to pursue her goals and express her creativity, as long as they didn't interfere with the ultimate goal of being a wife and mother. Jennie attempted to fulfill expectations and was married by age 19. Sadly, one time I remember my father distinctly going out of his way to express his pride in me was on my wedding day, a time where he judged my success based on his attachment to another person. Jennie says, "It struck me as odd that this is what he deemed success, that I was well on my way to fulfilling 'purpose' in life, to procreate." Although Jennie appreciates that working exclusively in the home fulfills some women and men, she believes that this should be a free choice a person makes and not one imposed by family or religion.

Well into three years of marriage Jennie could no longer deny that her husband did not truly support her emotionally or her educational and career goals. He told her that he was "humoring" her by "allowing" her to go to school until after graduation when he expected her to settle down, stay at home and rear his children. Through this difficult time Jennie says, "My family was feeding the myth with information I couldn't make it without a man, so it was a really scary thing to get divorced."

Despite the initial fear, Jennie did get a divorce and continued her education in graphic design. She graduated with honors from Boise State University in 2001 and was hired full-time as a graphic designer in the Promotions Department of the Boise State Student Union. In her short time as a student, Jennie created a substantial portfolio, earning national awards and respect in her profession. While she was a highly sought after designer in the field, Jennie consciously chose to stay in a college setting after graduation.

A woman with a deep moral character, valuing honesty and integrity, Jennie puts her skills to work most often for social justice issues, which she models for her students as an adjunct instructor in the Art Department at BSU. She stresses to her students that it is important to be intentional about choosing a part of graphic design that is different from the norm: "Be careful what you do as a graphic designer because you are influencing society. If you choose to work for a corporation that discriminates against people, then you have a hand in that discrimination."

In addition to her work at Boise State, Jennie volunteers her time and talent for numerous non-profit groups in Boise. She creates educational materials and marketing campaigns for such organizations as Planned Parenthood of Idaho, the Idaho Women's Network, the ACLU, the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, the Boise Queer Film Festival, and the Boise State Women's Center. As a staff member of the Women's Center notes, "Jennie's work significantly contributes to the overall success of the center. She is so creative in her designs that she gets people interested and excited about our educational messages, in particular feminist ideals." She continued to say that art is one of the most effective ways to communicate social justice issues. "Jennie's work makes hard topics approachable and understandable, opening the door for change."

It is very important for Jennie to use her work to "uncover injustice" by "elevating the groups that inspire the human spirit and honor all human rights." She notes that while she was taught to "love thy neighbor," that sentiment was not equally returned when she came out as a lesbian to her family.

When asked about making history, Jennie noted, "Just being queer in Idaho... from a Mormon family... and becoming who I am today is making history." While she notes that "queer rights" are important, "they are no more important than any other aspect of my identity... but it is a part of me and a part that is most attacked."

Jennie possesses many skills and talents that she intentionally uses to promote human rights and social justice issues. She is a powerful role model and mentor. Jennie transformed her life by combating the strict boundaries of womanhood to create her own destiny.

Tanya Allmaras and Monica Hopkins, Jennie's friends and nominators said, "One of her greatest achievements was becoming the woman she is today, not being afraid to stick up for what she believes in" Jennie's story encourages all of us to challenge our expected roles as men and women, rather than blindly accepting our learned gender identities: unlearning is as valuable as learning.

By Melissa Weinrow: Melissa is Coordinator at Boise State Women's Center.

Dr. Lois Hine

"Love is that condition in the human spirit so profound that it allows me to survive, and better than that, to thrive with passion, compassion, and style." -- Maya Angelou

For Lois Hine, education is the first step to social change - a philosophy reflected in her career and personal life. According to nominator, Cindy Clark, "she is a true activist and a compassionate change agent in Idaho and beyond. She is an advocate for age equality as well as gender equality."

As a college professor and a member of Patient Centered Care Advisory Board, Lois promotes initiatives to promote the health of elderly Americans. Because of her experience with elderly patients as a young woman, Lois knew geriatric nursing was her calling "I love the elderly. I walk into a nursing home, and I feel at home," Lois said.

Lois works in the Department of Nursing as faculty and Clinical Coordinator at Boise State University. Her on-going dissertation focuses on confidence levels in nursing students and how the faculty can improve the quality of students' experiences. Lois said students often lack confidence because of personal problems, and the faculty needs to "provide enough tools for students to be able to handle life's mishaps and still take on the day's work." Employing the right methods to balance personal life with work is an essential skill for nursing staff, and a nurse's presence and attitude impact patients. Lois' nursing experience also indicates the great impact patients have on nurses.

However, working with the elderly is not often a career goal for students, so Lois tries to break down old stereotypes of nursing homes...
and encourages her students to see the other side of long-term care. "You get very close to these people, and you have to make the effort to see the big picture. They're at the end of their life, and you don't want them to be alone," Lois said.

Lois is now working on an initiative to help make long-term care facilities better for the patients, as well as for the staff. One method she advocates is the Eden alternative, created by Dr. William Thomas, a physician committed to making long-term care facilities more home-like. The Eden Alternative creates a comfortable environment for elderly patients by focusing on eliminating loneliness, helplessness and boredom by exposing patients to such things as plants, animals, and children.

In addition to her dedication to compassionate health care for the elderly, Lois also advocates for gay and lesbian rights. As the mother of a lesbian daughter, Lois is actively involved in PFLAG (Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays) and the Idaho Women's Network, and works to "shatter stereotypes, to celebrate diversity, and to create a world that embraces everyone," according to Cindy Clark.

When Fred Phelps, an anti-gay pastor of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas, came to Boise to spread his hateful message, PFLAG volunteers, along with gay and lesbian groups, protested. Although Lois was apprehensive at first about participating in the protest, especially as a female member of Boise State, she did it because she felt it was important to support churches that are-affirmative and compassionate toward gays and lesbians.

"I was out there protesting this one rainy, freezing cold day, and people were shouting horrible things at us, and a student came out of the church. I thought, 'Oh no! I'm out!' But the student went home to get his partner, came back, and thanked me," she said. In the midst of a judgmental and homophobic crowd, Lois's open attitude combined with her powerful convictions, made the student feel strong enough to face the crowd again in order to express his appreciation for Lois's support and assistance.

Creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone is a priority for Lois, especially when it comes to a person's spiritual life. While some people falsely believe that being gay means you can't be Christian, Lois emphasized that it isn't the case. There are many churches and faiths that are very affirming and supportive, regardless of a person's sexual orientation. "Your kids can go with you and sit in the pews and not feel like they shouldn't be there," Lois said.

The pastor of Lois's family's church united her daughter and her partner in September. Lois described the ceremony as having "all the same things" a wedding between a man and a woman would have, including rings, flowers, music, and a three-tiered cake. Although gay marriage is not recognized in Idaho, Lois proudly submitted the announcement to the local papers.

"I think our nation's very young, and people need information. It's going to take people going ahead and having the ceremonies and opening the eyes of the community. If one starts and goes forward, then others will follow," Lois said.

Her nominator notes that, "Lois is not only a voice for people, but it is also a voice for animals." She volunteers her time as an animal rescuer saving abandoned dachshunds providing a safe home for them until a permanent home can be found. "Her greatest achievements are her work for those who need a voice and an advocate, the gay community, the elderly, and abandoned animals. She is loyal, compassionate, kind, decent, and loving. All of that, along with being very smart and a fine friend to all who know her."

By Tammy Sands: Tammy is a graduate student and instructor in the Department of Communication at Boise State University.

Dr. Cheryl Schrader

Cheryl Schrader proves that a woman can do anything. Though the fields of science, math, and engineering predominantly contain men, Cheryl is blazing trails as an influential woman in the engineering field. Her position as the Dean of the College of Engineering at Boise State University demonstrates to women and other underrepresented people in the field that they, too, can be successful as long as they are determined.

As a young woman, Cheryl considered becoming a math teacher. This seemed an acceptable goal for women at that time, but Cheryl's father had different ideas about her future. He encouraged Cheryl to disregard the gender stereotypes of what were "appropriate" occupations and consider jobs that she would truly be interested in. Cheryl took his advice and decided to pursue engineering.

Her academic career began at Valparaiso University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering with high distinction. She planned on attending graduate school after earning her bachelor's degree, but never considered becoming a professor until one of her professors, with whom she worked, suggested the option. "I really know how important it is to plant that seed of an idea because sometimes you underestimate yourself and what you could do," Cheryl said.

Cheryl decided to postpone graduate school for one year to explore being an instructor at Valparaiso. She loved the job and excelled in the instructor role, so she decided to pursue her graduate degrees.

Cheryl applied to the University of Notre Dame and was accepted. Even in graduate school, Cheryl was noticeable. She was the only female from the United States studying Electrical Engineering at Notre Dame. She continued to teach in graduate school, assisting a professor with his lecture, earning a Master of Science in control systems and went on to earn her Ph.D. also in control systems.

After she finished her Ph.D., Cheryl obtained a faculty position at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She spent twelve years as Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Texas. Cheryl also earned the position of Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research in the College of Engineering and the College of Sciences at the same institution.

Cheryl's husband and nominator, Jeff Schrader, put her career into perspective for those outside the engineering field. "Cheryl is one of only a handful of women in the United States who have gone on to become a Dean of a College of Engineering. Little did I know in the late 1980s, while accompanying Cheryl to a lecture given by the only female engineering dean in the country, that in a few short years Cheryl would be serving in such a role herself.

Cheryl's illustrious career extends beyond her work as a professor and dean. She has published a vast number of articles, many of which appeared in the magazines of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

In addition to her publishing relationship with the IEEE, Cheryl recently concluded her term as president of the IEEE Control Systems Society. Cheryl's husband, Jeff, pointed out that the Society is "an international professional engineering organization of 100,000 members worldwide." He again, put her accomplishments into perspective for those of us outside the engineering field. "In the fifty years of...
Cheryl has been the recipient of many prominent awards. In 2002, she won the Engineering Excellence Award from Steven Myers and Associates and was previously named one of the 40 under 40 Rising Stars by the San Antonio Business Journal. In 2003, Cheryl won the Exemplary Online Course Award from WebCT. Additionally, in 2003, the National Science Foundation held a workshop entitled Exemplary Online Course Award from WebCT. Additionally, in 2003, the National Science Foundation held a workshop entitled Exemplary Online Course Award from WebCT. Additionally, in 2003, the National Science Foundation held a workshop entitled Exemplary Online Course Award from WebCT. Additionally, in 2003, the National Science Foundation held a workshop entitled Exemplary Online Course Award from WebCT. Additionally, in 2003, the National Science Foundation held a workshop entitled. After Graduation: Women in Control Taking a Leadership Role in Cheryl's honor.

Cheryl's achievements motivate her to encourage students who are underrepresented in engineering. She described her philosophy: "There are a lot of people who don't go into science or math because of certain stereotypes. We have often talked about the 'pipeline' into engineering, which seems to indicate that there's only one way to do it. I would rather view it as pathways. There are many different ways into these fields, but you often need to go out and just encourage people." Despite all her accomplishments, Cheryl feels most rewarded by the results of her own hard work encouraging other, non-traditional students to enter the field. She related her feelings about the changing face of the science, math, and engineering fields: "It really validates you and it is empowering to enter a room of people who are interested in the same things you are interested in and they look like you." Cheryl is living proof that, as she says, "things can change."

By Heather Stemple-Durgen: Heather is an English major at Boise State and expects to graduate in the fall.

"I have come to believe over and over again that what is most important to me must be spoken, made verbal and shared, even at the risk of having it bruised or misunderstood. That the speaking profits me, beyond any other effect."

-Audre Lorde

Maria Andrade

Maria Andrade's entire life has revolved around striving for human rights, both in her professional life and in her private life. In addition to owning and operating her own law practice, Maria is an active board member of the Idaho Hispanic Caucus and Research Group, Northwest Workers Justice Project, and a former board member of the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho. She has worked on projects with the Idaho Citizen's Action Network (ICAN), the Idaho Women's Network's BNWL, United Voices for Idaho (UVI), and other local civil rights and social justice groups in Idaho.

Shortly after receiving her undergraduate degree from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Maria working in low-income housing development and tenant organizing as a volunteer with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC). The JVC sends its volunteers to live and work in the most economically challenged neighborhoods in the country. Participants are given a small stipend and expected to live among the people whom they serve, giving them a unique understanding of life in poor communities.

Her experience with the JVC proved her first-hand knowledge of the economic and societal challenges faced by poor urban communities. As Maria explained, "I didn't feel like I understood enough about what the realities were." She describes her volunteer experience as having a tremendous impact on her life, inspiring her to pursue a career reflecting her value of social justice.

Maria's experience cemented her desire to attend law school. She deferred enrollment at the University of Notre Dame Law School to write for MesoAmerica, a small publication in San Jose, Costa Rica that analyzed politics in Latin America. Maria remained interested in Latin American politics and currently is working on an international law complaint to be filed in Mexico against the United States government under the North American Free Trade Agreement. The complaint alleges that the U.S. violated NAFTA's Labor Side Agreement by failing to protect foreign nationals from abuse; these foreign nationals legally come to the U.S. to work on a temporary basis.

The complaint recounts the story of a woman working from Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras and their mistreatment in Idaho and Montana.

Maria returned to the United States after seven months in Central America to determine if she could make a positive impact in the lives of the people she has met. She believes that, in order to change the system, one must first learn how it works. Maria explains, "If you're poor, or you speak with a strong accent, or don't speak English at all, the institutions of power typically do not respond to you. As a lawyer, you often need to go out and just encourage people."

Even in law school, Maria managed to continue her travels and her advocacy efforts. In her second year at law school, Maria worked with Amnesty International in London and later worked in immigration and refugee law at the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City. Upon graduation she represented farm workers on employment and immigration law matters in northeastern Oregon. After representing organizations such as the National Council of La Raza and Consumers Union on education, health care and telecommunications issues at the law firm Public Advocates in San Francisco, Maria returned to the Northwest to become the managing attorney at the Oregon Law Center's Eastern Oregon Regional Office in Ontario, Oregon. It was in this capacity that Maria became acquainted with like-minded professionals such as INI, ICAN, UVI and IPSA who were actively working on the Farm worker Minimum Wage Campaign.

Currently, Maria lives and works in Boise. In her work as an attorney, Maria is still fighting for the underrepresented as she practices primarily immigration, employment and civil rights law. Her nominator, Rose Daniel, describes Maria's dedication: "She donates many hours of her precious time to help the unfortunate caught up in the immigration application process and to help educate the public on their constitutional rights projects with the Idaho Citizen's Action Network (ICAN), the Idaho Women's Network's BNWL, United Voices for Idaho (UVI), and other local civil rights and social justice groups in Idaho.

When asked what she considered to be the most important issues that she worked on, she states plainly, "The lack of procedural protections for immigrants in deportation proceedings and the influence of politics in immigration law." Maria explains that because immigration proceedings are deemed administrative and civil in nature, there are no court-appointed defense lawyers. Immigrants do not have to be told if they will be deported if they plead guilty to certain criminal charges, and the standard rules of evidence and procedure that apply in other court cases do not apply. "It just isn't fair. Many long time legal permanent residents cannot afford a lawyer to help them navigate through the complexities of immigration law. Yes, sometimes they make mistakes and violate the law, but many have U.S. citizen spouses and children and deserve the chance to put on a solid defense before being separated from their families."

As an example of politicization of immigration law, Maria cites the criminal case of Sami Al-Hussayan and he and his wife, Maha's, immigration case. Maria and co-counsel, Monica Schurtman represented Maha Al-Hussayan in her immigration case. "I remain convinced that somebody at the Department of Justice intentionally issued a press release that was designed to discredit Maha Al-Hussayan and create an environment that made it virtually impossible to help her continue fighting to stay in the United States to be with her husband during his criminal trial. I remain convinced that the harsh tactics used against Maha Al-Hussayan were, at least in part, designed to put strain on the Al-Hussayan family in general and influence the criminal case against Sami."

Whether she is in the courtroom or facilitating a workshop on civil rights, Maria Andrade is working towards a more equitable society. Her nominator describes Maria as "tenacious" and says, "Maria is the model of a young woman full of purpose and determination and she will fight like a lioness" for the civil rights of others.

By Tara Former: Tara is currently a political science major in her senior year. After graduating in May, she intends to save and simultaneously travel the world. She will start by serving a mission for her church.

"We inhabit ourselves without valuing ourselves, unable to see that here, now, this very moment is sacred; but once it's gone -- its value is incontestable."

— Joyce Carol Oates
swaddling her baby daughter and taking her out into the night after she had received a phone call that the jury was back and she needed to go to the courthouse. Mother and baby set off together and went to work. Deborah did her work as her baby daughter slept on the floor in the courtroom wrapped tightly and warmly in her blanket.

Perhaps memories like these caused Deborah to turn down an opportunity to apply for a seat on the Idaho Supreme Court when her daughter was just a baby. Recognizing that taking a Supreme Court seat would call for serious personal sacrifices, Deborah determined that her current position held the best opportunity to balance her career and her daughter. Sacrificing her relationship was not an option.

Clearly, Deborah is irreplaceable in the district court. While her list of tasks can range from marriage ceremonies to criminal proceedings, her unwavering resolve to rule in the right and on behalf of those in need cannot be more apparent than in some of her recent work regarding Idaho’s public schools.

As many of Idaho’s rural children go each day to a school fraught with hazards such as mold, lead paint, crumbling walls and dangerous chemical fumes, Deborah attempts to make sense of the situation and give the children the education and environment they deserve.

While local tax dollars are legally mandated to build and maintain schools within their district, not all districts are created equal. Deborah has ruled it unconstitutional to force Idaho’s communities to rely on local property taxes in order to fund school construction. Many communities simply cannot afford it and continue to have dilapidated schools.

Deborah is up to great scrutiny regarding her rulings in this case, but she does not waver. Many rural schools are not able to raise the funds necessary to make repairs or build new schools. However, the legislature has also refused to take responsibility for the burden these construction costs will levy on the state’s budget. The issues continue to go back and forth in this case.

The Idaho Supreme Court ruled this summer in response to the legislature’s attempt to allow district judges to force heavier taxes on property owners in order to repair run-down schools. The Supreme Court found it unconstitutional to direct the court to impose this tax on the citizens.

The litigation thus continues before Judge Bail as state and local legislators continue to deny responsibility for crumbling schools and our children’s safety is put in jeopardy each school day.

Judge Bail holds firm in the protection of Idaho’s small, rural communities and a safe atmosphere in which to learn.

By Rory Williamson: Rory is new to Boise, but she is a veteran of the Women’s Center at the University of Virginia. She has spent the past two years working as an investigator on behalf of death row inmates in Idaho and California. In Boise, she works as a vocational rehabilitation counselor.

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in an ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."
- Mother Teresa

WOMEN OF COLOR ALLIANCE

The Women of Color Alliance strives to unite women of color in a strong common bond, so that women can change destructive racial disharmony by actively leading our families and society, honoring our powerful cultural diversity, and responding to humanity’s call for love, respect, compassion, and service.

Please visit our website www.wocaoonline.org
for information on our current projects and programs:

- Hosting the Women’s Campaign School at Yale in Idaho
- WOCA Speaks TVTV program
- Internalized Racist Oppression Workshops
- Annual WOCA Conference in April
- Raising awareness about the impact of the “S” word
- Letter-writing campaign to bring justice to the murdered women of Juarez, Mexico
- Fair trade program

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$250 Organization
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Women’s History and Women’s Equality
Thursday, March 3, 2005
Hatch CD Ballroom, Student Union
Presented by Lynn Lubomirsky, Associate Professor of History
Tracing the achievements and excellence of our foremothers empowers
all feminists in their efforts to finally reach the goal of women’s equality.

Coffeehouse Concert Series, Rochelle Smith
Thursday, March 3, 2005
5:00pm-7:00pm, Bravol Stage, Student Union
Rochelle Smith, who performs original acoustic rock music, has a
soothing voice with powerful meaning.

Student Union Classic Performance Series:
Featuring Linda Wang
Saturday, March 5, 2005
8:00 pm, Boise State Special Events Center
At age nine, Linda Wang made her violin solo debut with Zubin
Mehta and the New York Philharmonic. Since that time, Ms. Wang
has been enchanting audiences with exceptional performances at
many concert venues. For ticket information call 426-1230

Shelled (film)
Monday, March 7, 2005
7:00 pm, Lookout Room, Student Union
A documentary of the art created by women who dared to step
out of the confines of mass media, unrealistic fashion culture and the
very shells that bound them.

The Sisters of ’77 (film)
Tuesday, March 8, 2005
5:30 pm, Boise State Women’s Center 1605 University Drive
On an historic weekend in November 1977, 30,000 women and
men attended the first federally funded National Women’s Conference
in Houston, Texas, where they revolutionized the women’s movement.

Current Women’s Health Issues
Wednesday, March 9, 2005
7:00 pm, Farmworth Room, Student Union Building
A panel of BSU nursing professors will present information and lead
discussion on women’s health needs, political health issues, and
political action.

The First 50 Women in Idaho Law
Thursday, March 10, 2005
6:30 pm-10:00 pm, Grove Hotel, Boise
The Idaho State Bar will host a special evening and dinner to honor
the first 50 women members of the Idaho State Bar. Tickets $50
includes dinner. For info call Diane Ammach at (208) 334-4500

Women’s History Month National Juried
Exhibition Reception
Friday, March 11, 2005
5:00 pm-7:00 pm, Student Union Gallery
Exhibition runs February 24 through March 30
From 310 entries submitted by 96 women artists nationwide, the
jurors selected 36 works by 24 artists, two of which are from Idaho.

Money Wise Women Forum
Saturday, March 12, 2005
9:30 am - 4:00 pm, Grove Hotel, Boise
FREE ADMISSION, includes lunch. Workshop topics include financial
fitness, debt reduction, estate planning, and much more. Sponsored
by State Farm, Angela Webb, Insurance Agency, Inc., Michelle Geth,
Mann Mortgage, BSB Women’s Center and Northwest Nazarene
University. For more info or to register visit http://www.
moneywise.womenscenter.net or contact Angela Webb at 342-7728.

A Good Uplift (film & workshop)
Saturday, March 12
6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Jordan D Ballroom, Student Union
Presented by directors Faye and Eve Lederman from New York.
Followed by a Body Image Workshop for women pre-teens through
adult, offering a critical look at body image. Sponsored by: The
Boise Co-Op, The Flicks, Boise Weekly, Mountain West Bank, KNIN.

Beyond The Da Vinci Code;
The Historical Mary Magdalene
Wednesday, March 16, 2005
7:00 pm, Barnwell Room, Student Union
Presenter: Dr. Lisa McClain, Assistant Professor of History, Director
of Gender Studies. Who was Mary Magdalene, really? In the midst
of competing arguments, we’ll separate fact from speculation while
discussing a woman portrayed as the apostle to the apostles, the
wast of sinners, and the most elevated of saints.

Coffeehouse Concert Series, Paradigm
Thursday, March 17, 2005
5:00pm-7:00pm, Bravol Stage, Student Union
Paradigm’s melodic alternative rock sound and live shows have
captured the attention of the music industry and continue to attract
a significant fan base.

Anne Applebaum
—lecture and book signing—
Monday, March 28, 2005
7:00 pm, Jordan D Ballroom, Student Union
2004 Pulitzer Prize winner for non-fiction her book Gulag: A
History, Anne Applebaum is a columnist and former staff writer of the
Washington Post. Her latest book, blindness in Eastern Europe and
the West, Across the Borderlines of Europe, described a month’s
traveling through Lithuania, Ukraine and Belarus, seeing the limits of
independence. Her most recent book, Gulag: A History was published in April
2003 and narrates the history of the Soviet concentration camp system, describing daily life in the camps.

All events are FREE to the public unless otherwise noted.

For More Information about the events listed on the calendar contact the Boise State Women’s Center at (208) 426-4259.