



**Letter from the**

# President

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Dear Vandals,

There is an air of relief on our Moscow campus and across our state that makes the start of the spring semester much more hopeful. This is thanks to the resilience and amazing teamwork of our federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. There is still much work to be done by enforcement, an effort led by the Moscow Police Department (MPD), in the investigation of the King Street crimes with critical security and investigation support from the Idaho State Police (ISP), Latah County Sheriff's office and the FBI among others throughout the country. We thank law enforcement, near and far, for the teamwork that led to the arrest of the suspect.

Idaho State Police troopers routinely provide safety and security for Idahoans and regularly respond to tragedy. As told to me by Idaho State Police Chief Col. Kedrick Wills, the ISP recently demonstrated their extraordinary dedication. He relayed that he did not have to assign a single officer to Moscow, rather troopers from across the state voluntarily answered the call and converged on our town to secure our community following the murders of Kaylee, Maddie, Xana

and Ethan.

Fifteen ISP troopers and their cruisers added important visibility to local patrols of the Latah County Sheriff's Department, the MPD and the university's elevated campus security services. The highly discernable security presence brought comfort and calm to a community shocked and confused by the senseless crimes.

Since the first days of the investigation, the ISP also provided much-needed support and assistance to our MPD officers working the homicide investigation. The investigation utilized the ISP's Public Affairs Office and Forensic Services lab technicians and scientists, who, even now, continue processing evidence. Additional detectives are working across Idaho and Eastern Washington on certain aspects of the case.

In Moscow, the visiting troopers were housed in an old dorm that had been brought back on line during the pandemic. The U of I provided meal cards for them to use at any of our dining halls. Their presence on campus also produced some light-hearted moments. Last month two ISP troopers went sledding with some U of I students and a video of the joyful ride [went viral](#).

Our grateful community has warmly welcomed these officers. We appreciate the Idaho State Police, the sheriff's department, the MPD, the FBI and all those who contributed to protecting our community, worked to bring the suspect into custody and provided selfless service when the Vandal Family needed it most. We are indebted to you and look to pay this kindness forward.

Go Vandals!

**C. Scott Green**  
President



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## Snapshots

### UI research team lands grant to help potato farmers

A U of I-led research team will help Idaho potato farmers better control parasitic nematodes through a \$6.8 million grant recently awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Professor Louise-Marie Dandurand will lead the four-year project. [Learn more.](#)

### Vandal undergrad studies giraffes in South Africa

Keegan Webb, a U of I biology major from Weiser, helped researchers in South Africa identify individual giraffes to track behavior and movements as part of a summer internship last year. A stipend from the College of Science helped make the dream trip a reality for Webb. [Learn more.](#)

### Vos discusses Idaho's evolving population

Professor Jaap Vos uses novel data on driver's license

registrations and turnovers to dissect Idaho's population change. He found that one in four Idahoans are new to the state and discussed his findings in detail on the Vandal Theory podcast. [Learn more.](#)



The University of Idaho Men's Ice Hockey Club has a new home with the opening of the Palouse Ice Rink on South Main Street in Moscow last month.



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