



## Exemplary employees



Beth Baldwin, Human Resources employment coordinator

BYU-Idaho has announced its Exemplary Employee Award recipients for the Fall 2008 semester.

Beth Baldwin, Human Resources employment coordinator; Alan Hall, Physical Sciences and Engineering mechanical lab technician; and Cathie Shirley, Cashier and Ticket Services cashier, were honored recently for their contributions to the school.



Alan Hall, Physical Sciences and Engineering mechanical lab technician

Larry Rigby, chairman of the Employee Advancement Committee, said the award is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the employees.

“When people exemplify what a good employee is, it is important to recognize them for what they are doing,” Rigby said.

Rigby said that the award is an opportunity for employees to recognize other employees for their outstanding work.



Cathie Shirley, Cashier and Ticket Services cashier

“It’s not something you compete for. People receive it because they love what they do and they sincerely want to make a difference,” Rigby said.

The Exemplary Employee Award is given every semester to one administrator and two staff members.

Employees can nominate individuals for the award by visiting [www.byui.edu/eac/exemplary.htm](http://www.byui.edu/eac/exemplary.htm).

## Christmas tree lane

For nearly 20 years Christmas Tree Lane has been a tradition at BYU-Idaho. This year, it will be held from Nov. 20-Dec. 6 in the buildings around the Spori Quad.

“Due to construction on the Manwaring Center where this event is typically held, we have had to be a little creative the past two years. Last year the event was held exclusively in the Snow Building and was a bit crowded with all the trees and people, so this year we will spread the wealth a bit,” said Kriss Jacobson, Social Activities coordinator.

### CHRISTMAS TREE LANE CALENDAR

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE AND TIME
Christmas Tree Lane Opening	Spori Quad	Nov. 20 7 p.m.
Gingerbread House Making	Hinckley Gym	Nov. 29 10 a.m. - noon
Santa Claus	Eliza R. Snow Center for Performing Arts	Dec. 1 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Planetarium-Star of Bethlehem	George S. Romney Sciences Building	Dec 4th 6, 7, 7:45 p.m.
Craft Fair	Hinckley Gym	Dec 6 9 a.m. - noon
Wreath Making	Hinckley Gym	Dec 6 2 - 5 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lane is an event where various student organizations and wards decorate and display a Christmas tree. Some of the participants this year include Student Alumni, College Democrats, Fitness Activities, and Theatre Council. BYU-Idaho and the Rexburg community members can enjoy the displays in the Eliza R. Snow Center for the Performing Arts, Jacob Spori Building, John L. Clarke Family Living Center, David O. McKay Library, and the George S. Romney Sciences Building.

November 20 will be Christmas Tree Lane’s opening ceremony where cash prize awards will be announced to participating organizations based on a judge’s panel for outstanding and creative trees. Various employees have been asked to judge the Christmas trees prior to the opening ceremony based on theme, creativity, BYU-I spirit, best representation of organization, colorfulness, and homemade material.

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Besides decorated Christmas trees, throughout these two weeks Social Activities will hold many events in tune with the holiday spirit. Activities consist of a visit from Santa Claus, a planetarium show about the Star of Bethlehem, building gingerbread houses, and wreath making.

For employees or faculty members who would like to contribute to Christmas Tree Lane, there is still an opportunity.

“We are looking for nativity scenes that are homemade, from other parts of the world, or are unique in some way to be put on display in the Romney Building in locked glass cases in the foyer,” Jacobson said.

Contact Kriss Jacobson for information on entering your nativity scene. The displays will be up until Dec. 8.

### Five alumni inducted into Ricks College Athletic Hall of Fame



Left to right: Doug Stutz, Brett Bingham, Geraldine George, Alycia Boyer Nelson, Maryon DeWitt Wallentine

A former coach and four former athletes were inducted into the Ricks College Athletic Hall of Fame at BYU–Idaho. The awards were presented Friday, Nov. 7, at a luncheon hosted by President Kim B. Clark.

*Doug Stutz* arrived at Ricks College in 1987 as an assistant coach in cross country and track and field. In 1992, he was named head coach of the men’s and women’s cross country program. He coached 17 young men to All-American status. The performance of the women’s team under Coach Stutz’s guidance was remarkable. In 1992, the team took third place at the NJCAA championship meet, second place in 1993 and 1994, and first place at the national meet in 1995. They then repeated as NJCAA champions from 1996–2001. The NJCAA acknowledged Doug’s success by naming him national Coach of the Year seven times. He is the author of the book, *Race Your Best: A Plethora of p’s for Phenomenal Performance*. Doug and his wife, Keysha, live in Rexburg with their seven children.

*Alicia Boyer Nelson* competed in cross country in the fall and track in the spring at Ricks College. As a freshman in 1997,

she earned All-American honors with a fourth place finish in the NJCAA cross country finals. Her sophomore year, she rose to the top with a first-place finish at the NJCAA finals. On the track, she raced to another national championship, winning the 10,000-meter run at the NJCAA finals. She was honored as the recipient of the Betty Hatch Ideal Female Athlete Award in 1999. Alicia and husband, Shane Nelson, have two children.

*Geraldine George Francis* of Trinidad was a two-time Region 18 and national champion in the javelin throw while at Ricks College in 1998 and 1999. She is the school record holder with a toss of 164’6” in 1998. She went on to compete at Abilene Christian University, where she was an All-American in the javelin and shot put. Presently, she is a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Masters Athletes. She has coached in the Special Olympics and is currently working on a social program for youth under The Ministry of National Security. She has one five-year-old daughter.

*Maryon DeWitt-Wallentine* mowed down opponents and led Ricks College to consecutive Region 18 championships and appearances in the NJCAA Tournament as a Lady Vikings pitcher. In her freshman year, Maryon was All-Region First Team and Second Team All-American. She set season marks in 1998 with an ERA of 1.3, 210 strikeouts, and 13 shutouts. In 1999, she again earned All-Region 18 First Team honors and improved her ERA to .890. Her career ERA of 1.095 ranks first in the school record book, as does her career mark of 24 shutouts. Maryon and her husband, Chris, are the parents of two children.

*Brett Bingham* competed in freestyle wrestling from ages 9–18, earning several regional high school championships. Coach Bob Christensen welcomed him to the Viking team, and Brett continued his winning ways as a Region 18 champion and All-American at 118 pounds, finishing second in the national finals twice in 1990 and again in 1993. Brett was also an Academic All-American. Brett and his wife, Julie Ann, are the parents of five children.

### Scott Bergstrom to speak at campus Devotional

Scott Bergstrom will speak at the campus devotional on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Hart Auditorium. He currently



Scott Bergstrom

serves as the institutional research and assessment officer at BYU–Idaho. His responsibilities include accreditation, development, and analysis of surveys and course evaluations. Before coming to BYU–Idaho, he served as the director of the Airway Science Distance Education Center at the University of North Dakota where he managed the development and operation of a satellite-based distance education center. Prior to that, he worked for Link Flight Simulation where he developed training for military aviators.

He has served as a bishop, elder's quorum president, in stake and ward Young Men's presidencies, and as a Varsity and Webelos scout leader. He served in the Chilean Mission and currently teaches the Gospel Doctrine class in his ward.

He is married to Robyn, Dean of the College of Business & Communication at BYU-Idaho. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Scott Bergstrom received his Ph.D. from Brigham Young University in Instructional Science. He completed his B.A. in Philosophy at BYU.

### Web site, servers to be down on evening of Nov. 24

The BYU-Idaho Web site, servers, and files will be inaccessible on and off campus on Nov. 24 from 5 to 10 p.m. due to power in the Kimball Computer Center being turned off. Access to the Internet from on campus will also be unavailable. Information Technology will take advantage of this outage to test emergency recovery procedures.

"This outage, though inconvenient, will provide a more stable and reliable infrastructure for the university's IT services," said Todd Smith, IT infrastructure director.

The campus community should not notice any changes in operations following the outage. However, individuals will want to ensure that documents and other files are properly saved and closed before 5 p.m. on Nov. 24. It may be beneficial to shut your computer off before leaving on Monday evening.

If you have questions regarding this outage, you may contact IT by calling extension 1070.

### Musical *She Loves Me* comes to BYU-Idaho

The Department of Theatre will present the musical, *She Loves Me*, opening Nov. 18. Directed by John Bidwell, Department of Theatre chair, this theatrical production is a simplistic love story based on the 1940's MGM classic *The Shop Around the Corner*. *She Loves Me* takes place in a Hungarian city at Maraczek's Parfumery. Co-workers Georg Nowack and Amialia Balash are rivals; however, they have more in common than they may realize. Both Georg and Amialia are engaged in love letters to strangers, or so they think. The musical performance unravels the ironic story of two people that despise each other in person but have fallen in love with each other's letters.

"It's a sweet love story with a very talented cast and orchestra," Bidwell said.

The cast is made up of 19 students. For this musical, the students have all been trained by Dave Olsen of the Music Department as their voice coach.

The lyrics and music are composed by Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock, who also collaborated for the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. For the BYU-Idaho production of *She Loves Me*, Kendell Nielsen of the Music Department will be directing the orchestra. This orchestra is made of faculty members and a few junior and senior students.



Left: Jordan Judd playing the role of Ladislav Sipos. Right: Andilyn Warner playing the role of Ilona Ritter.

The play will run for two weeks, Nov. 18-21 and Dec. 2-6, in the Snow Drama Theatre. Tickets for the play may be purchased at the Ticket Office in the Kimball Building or at any ticket kiosk.

"Come give your girl a valentine for Christmas," Bidwell said.

### Thanksgiving program at Rexburg Tabernacle

The traditional Thanksgiving morning program will be held at the Rexburg Tabernacle at 10 a.m. The program features a community choir directed by Kendell Nielsen of the Department of Music and his wife, Elaine.

Other guest artists will perform including Jon Linford, also of the Department of Music. Narrators, giving a seasonal message, are Richard and Antonia Clifford of the Department of Theatre.

Before the feasting and games begin, come celebrate the season with family and friends as we render grateful praise to our Maker for our abundant blessings.

### Spori Art Exhibit

*The Bachelor of Fine Arts: Senior Exhibit* opens Thursday, Nov. 20 and runs through Dec. 12 at the Spori Art Gallery

There will be an opening reception Nov. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served and artists will be present.

## Birthdays

Nov. 20-30

- 20 Michael Godfrey, Home & Family  
Gregory Hazard, Academic Learning  
Vione Migel, Ag. Bus, Plant & Animal Science  
David Ward, English
- 21 Mike Lehman, Student Honor
- 22 Brent Bean, Communication  
Michael Farmer, Enterprise Info Systems  
Brenda Pincock, Chemistry
- 23 Jack Harrell, English  
Kaye Hymas, Human Resources  
Betty Oldham, Executive Offices  
Lee Warnick, Communication
- 24 Steve Davis, Alumni Relations  
Marche Young, Teacher Education
- 25 Cody Anderson, Health Science  
Michael Groesbeck, Biology  
Melanie Kennelly, Mathematics  
Shirley Stavast, Nursing
- 26 Ron Kinville, Arch/Construction  
Kristine Summa, Information Tech
- 27 Martin Raish, Library
- 28 Beth Hendricks, Communication  
Jo Anne Kay, Teacher Education  
Kristina Miller, Student Media  
Cathie Shirley, Cashier & Ticket Services  
Ryan Stapleton, Stores & Receiving  
Judy Steiner, A/V Production Services
- 29 Byron Gilbert, Safety Office  
Linda Mitchell, Geology  
Lei Shen, Foreign Language  
Alan Young, Academic Technology
- 30 David Collins, Chemistry  
Paula Criman, Health Science  
Marie Parkinson, Health Science  
Terrance Wall, LDS Philanthropies

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## Faculty artwork to be showcased at Madison Memorial Hospital

Department of Art faculty members Matthew Geddes and Gerald Griffin will be showcased at a ceremonial unveiling at Madison Memorial Hospital on Friday, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. in the hospital's new entrance. Geddes' contribution is a 9' sculpture of a mother and her new baby, and several landscape paintings will be featured by Griffin.

## Thank You

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the administration, the Departments of Foreign Language and Art, colleagues, and friends for the many kindnesses shown to our family at the passing of Marge Smith. The flowers and plants were beautiful, the cards and letters so comforting, the prayers and fasting in our behalf so gratefully received, and the contribution to the Church Humanitarian effort in her name so inspired. We are grateful to live among so many loving disciples of our Savior.

*Matthew & Christine Geddes*

## Christmas in the Snow held on Dec. 6

The Department of Music will put on their annual Christmas show in the Hart Auditorium on Dec. 6. Christmas music will be heard from the Symphony Band, Vocal Union, Men's Choir, Women's Choir, Women's Glee, and University Choir.

Music of all styles will be exhibited by about 450 performers in the Hart. The styles range widely, from a Renaissance piece sung by the Women's Choir to songs from Jamaica and a French-Canada performed by Vocal Union. Besides recognizable Christmas songs, such as "Away in a Manger," or "O, Come All Ye Faithful," the audience may also recognize music from the "Polar Express" performed by the Symphony Band.

This year audience members will be able to enjoy a new piece written by Aaron Pike, an advanced music student. This piece will be performed by all the choirs and the Symphony Band. "This piece is a good one. It's very fanfare-ish and exciting," Eda Ashby, Department of Music faculty and director of Women's Choir and University Choir, said.

Additional directors are Diane Soelberg for the Symphony Band, Nori Brower for Vocal Union, and Kendell Nielsen and Kevin Brower for Men's Choir.

Tickets are \$6 for the public and \$3 for BYU-Idaho students and can be purchased in the Ticket Office in the Kimball Building or at any ticket kiosk.

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