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BYU-Idaho announces enrollment expansion plan

In an effort to fulfill Brigham Young University-Idaho's mission to "Serve More Students," the university is implementing a plan that will increase the full-time student equivalency (FTE)* enrollment cap from 11,600 to 12,500 per semester. This change will take place in Fall 2010 and is the initial step in a phased approach that could bump FTE enrollment to 15,000 by 2015.

"The Board of Trustees has invested a great deal in BYU-Idaho; and with all the renovation and new construction, we have virtually created a new campus since our change to a four-year institution," said university President Kim B. Clark. "This increase in student enrollment is just one of many ways we are striving to utilize this wonderful campus and offer a powerful learning experience to more students."

Under the phased expansion plan, student FTE will increase to 12,500 in 2010 with an estimated head count between 14,000-14,200. The Board of Trustees must approve further increases in enrollment (potentially up to 15,000 FTE by 2015), which are conditional upon meeting specific milestones for cost per student, space utilization and academic performance.

"We believe we can accomplish our objectives by utilizing innovations in online education as well as innovative scheduling and calendaring, all of which will allow us to bless more students' lives without increasing our total operating cost per student," President Clark said.

President Clark's comments echo those of President Gordon B. Hinckley when he announced that Ricks College would become BYU-Idaho on June 21, 2000. "BYU-Idaho will operate on an expanded year-round basis, incorporating innovative calendaring and scheduling while also taking advantage of advancements in technology, which will enable the four-year institution to serve more students."

BYU-Idaho has made several strides to serve more students since 2000 when enrollment was 8,500 per semester. Among those was the creation of the Summer Semester (now Spring semester) in 2006 when Board approval was given to expand enrollment up to 11,600 in every semester, not just Fall and Winter.

Another way the university is serving more students is through its Online Learning program, which was launched last year in conjunction with the new Bachelor of University Studies degree. By 2012, the administration hopes to have 140 new online classes established. These courses will be available to students both on- or off-track or pursuing an online degree.

Increasing student enrollment also brings up concerns such as parking availability, city traffic issues and student housing needs. President Clark said that the university will be proactive in addressing each issue as needed.

Some additional full-time faculty and staff will also be needed to accommodate the overall student influx, but the university expects that those hires will be modest in number.

BYU-Idaho has undergone significant growth in the past eight years, making it poised to effectively handle the proposed enrollment increases by utilizing current buildings and classrooms. Among the list of projects has been the addition of several new buildings and extensive renovations to almost every building on-campus. Current major projects underway include the construction of a 15,000-seat auditorium and a significant expansion/remodel of the Hyrum Manwaring Student Center, both to be completed in 2010.

*FTE is calculated by taking the total number of credits for all students and dividing it by 15.

Online learning extends the BYU-Idaho experience

During President Clark's inaugural address, he said, "We will find new ways to use information technology to reach more students and to deepen the learning experience of those we touch." This message was reiterated last week at the all-employee meeting where he discussed the enrollment expansion plan for BYU-Idaho.

BYU-Idaho is making strides to better use information technology by expanding its online learning initiative. By doing so, BYU-Idaho will be able to serve more students, reduce the costs of education and increase the quality of the learning experience.

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"With online classes, the faculty member can't be the only dynamic; the course itself has to be robust," said Clark Gilbert, associate academic vice president of educational resources and development.

Online courses will go through a significant development process to align with a new quality standard and delivery approach. These characteristics include integrated curriculum, cohort- and semester-based schedules, Learning Model-aligned instruction and remote online faculty who are trained and participate in teaching groups.

With an integrated curriculum, BYU-Idaho students can be sure they are receiving quality instruction whether they are taking the course in a classroom or online. Students will be taught the same curriculum, even though some of the specific teaching methods may differ. To accomplish this, online courses are designed by teams of BYU-Idaho faculty and approved by department chairs. Moreover, campus departments will maintain oversight and control of course content, learning outcomes and assessments over the life cycle of the course.

"The overall goal is that these courses have to feel like a BYU-Idaho experience," Gilbert said.

Another way this will be done is by applying the Learning Model. BYU-Idaho online classes won't be an independent study course where students work through learning materials on their own. Instead, students will progress and learn together by participating closely in learning teams; and class sections will be limited to 30-60 students. By having a small class size, students will be able to teach one another through groups or other forms of interaction. The limited number in each section will also allow students to have close contact with the instructor.

Additionally, online courses will be visual and sound enriched. "The new BYU-Idaho online courses are not text-based learning environments," said Alan Young, Curriculum Development director. "Students are able to hear and see each other and the

instructor. The use of graphics and sound enrich the content of the course and provide opportunities to interact."

Online courses will be taught by remote adjunct faculty that will be hired and managed by Continuing Education's Online Learning department. Campus departments will be able to monitor and receive reports on remote faculty performance and student learning outcomes. Faculty members for online classes must meet the same requirements of any other faculty member. They will have a master's or doctorate degree in a related field, a current ecclesiastical endorsement and have a love for the mission of BYU-Idaho and for the students.

The online faculty will go through online teaching and facilitation skills training before they teach an online course. Additionally, the training will also address the mission of BYU-Idaho, our institutional framework and the Learning Model. Online courses and instructors will be evaluated each time a course is taught to ensure and continually improve quality.

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf addresses largest Fall graduating class in BYU-Idaho history

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf addressed 2008 Fall semester graduates at Brigham Young University-Idaho on Friday, Dec. 12, 2008. This was the largest Fall graduating class in BYU-Idaho history with 1,163 students receiving degrees.

In his commencement address, President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, counseled graduates in three main areas: first, to draw near to the Lord; second, to continue to seek learning by study and faith; and third, to prepare every needful thing according to the Lord's pattern.

President Uchtdorf reminded graduates that simple prayers, spoken with conviction and faith, and listening to the Spirit are essential to living a righteous life. "As you invite the Spirit into your life through righteous living, God will grant unto you the light which will lead out of darkness," Uchtdorf said.

President Uchtdorf expressed his hope that graduates would not view their graduation from BYU-Idaho as the end of their education. "... All of us have a God-given obligation to continue to seek learning, both by study and by faith."

In his final words, President Uchtdorf counseled each graduate to "...organize yourself, prepare every needful thing and establish a house according to His pattern." He advised each graduate to remember their priorities, to serve willingly and to organize their families after the Lord's pattern.

Kim B. Clark, president of BYU-Idaho, also addressed the graduates. He shared three principles to help guide them in their journey ahead. In his first principle, he reminded the graduates to not let the world get in their hearts. President Clark also counseled the students to serve the Lord and keep the Spirit with them.

BYU-Idaho cell phone plan switches to Sprint

Good News! BYU-Idaho has negotiated a new cellular phone contract with Sprint to replace our Edge/ATT contract that expires Feb. 6. Initial estimates indicate that the average user will pay about the same as they did under the Edge contract. (Some will pay more, some will pay less). Further savings could occur as users adjust their cell phone use patterns to the new plan.

Basic option

Under the new contract there is one basic option, which includes the following benefits:

- Free nights and weekends (7 p.m. to 7 a.m.) nationwide whether calling on or off of the Sprint network
- Free mobile to mobile within the Sprint network any time, nationwide
- Free dialing (in or out) to the 496 prefix on all phones issued for employees anytime, nationwide within the Sprint network; (this benefit will not be available for phones issued to non-employee dependants/others; this benefit is limited to one phone per employee)
- Unlimited texting, nationwide
- Free base phones are available (existing Edge/ATT phones will not work on this plan)

Cost

- \$15.95 per month, per phone
- 3 cents per minute for anytime minutes used with no minimum or maximum, nationwide; (this covers all minutes that are not free minutes as indicated above)
- Applicable taxes and fees are additional

Quick Facts

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Phone options



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Samsung M320 Free



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Palm Centro \$79.99



LG Lotus \$99.99



Samsung Ace \$99.99



HTC Touch Diamond \$199.99



HTC Touch Pro \$299.99



Treo Pro (Coming soon)

Birthdays January 8-14

- 8 Cindy Andrus, University Press
Kelly Evans, Health Science
- 9 Brent Jones, Ag Bus. Plant & Animal Science
- 10 Gary Chelson Jr., Religious Education
Ruth Clark, Student Health Center
Riana Jevne, University Communications
Travis Phillips, Health Science
Jerry Scrivner, Biology
Jedd Walker, Physical Facilities
- 11 Rob Eaton, Religious Education
- 12 Kevin Brower, Music
Rex Butterfield, Religious Education
Emily Chaparro, Café Kimball
Joann Dalling, Nursing
- 13 Kathleen Barnhill, Nursing
Kevin Sessions, Student ACT/Peer Instruction
Doug Smith, Student ACT/Peer Instruction
- 14 Steve Dennis, Home & Family
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For Sale

1989 Chevy S-10 truck; 88,800 miles; good condition; \$1,850 OBO. Call 201-3541.

For rent: Nice 5 bed/2 bath home with lots of storage; 2-car garage, garden spot and apple trees; great ward and neighborhood. Call 356-3228 or 313-2044 for more info.

For rent: Lovely furnished basement apt; 2 bed/1 bath w/ king-size bed; new W/D and dishwasher; 4 blocks from campus; \$650+dep. Call 356-3228 or 313-2044 for more info.

Two microfiber recliners; swivels, reclines or rocks; attached side magazine bag; blue and tan in color. Six rolling chairs (blue fabric) and two tables. One of the tables has an expansion sleeve. Winner takes it all for \$200. Call Doug at 356-6242 or x2810.

43" full-screen projection HDTV, 1080i, Hitachi. Comes with product-specific stand, which holds electronic equipment. Excellent picture; \$475. Call 313-0719 or 356-6300.

New crop of California walnuts (\$4 per lb.); almonds (\$5 per lb.). Call Mel evenings at 745-6735 or 313-5088.

Thank You

Thank you for the flowers you sent for Arlo's funeral. They were beautiful and very much appreciated.

Thelma Cole and family

My brothers and I would like to thank the university and the Department of Nursing for the flowers and plant that were sent to the funeral of my mother, Lucile Funk. The cards and prayers that have been received have been greatly appreciated. My mother will be missed by many; her many hours of service to all who knew her is an example to all.

Donna Funk

Thank you for the beautiful plant and for the warm and encouraging letters and cards sent at the passing of my mom. I am so grateful and blessed to be a part of BYU-Idaho—it is a joy for me to teach here.

Barbara Wayne

I want to express my appreciation for all of the sincere expressions of love and concern that were shown me at the occasion of my father's passing. Your cards, notes and friendship reconfirmed to me how lucky I am to work with such an amazing group of people. Thank you.

Devan Barker

Thank you for sending a beautiful array of peach-colored flowers for the funeral of John's mother. How wonderful to realize we are thought of and to feel your prayers. May we all feel the Lord's love as we begin this new year.

Judy and John Bidwell

Mileage reimbursement

IRS mileage reimbursement rates for travel have changed effective Jan. 1, 2009. The full approved rate for travel is 54 cents per mile. Other personal vehicle travel is 27 cents per mile.

Scratch paper needed

The Math Study Center in the library is in need of scratch paper. If your department has any that we can have, please call x2151 or x1158 and we will pick it up.

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