



Idaho State
University

SUPERVISOR OF THE SEMESTER



Spring 2025

Dean Coon

Introducing Dean Coon, the Spring 2025 CPI Supervisor of the Semester! As the owner of Atlas Land Surveying, Dean is renowned for his commitment to mentoring aspiring land surveyors.

Originating from Weiser, Idaho, Dean embarked on his journey with degrees in Land Surveying and Civil Engineering from Purdue University. His passion and expertise have positively impacted many students, including Clay Ready, who is now flourishing as a full-time survey technician at Atlas Land Surveying.

Dean's enthusiasm for the combination of office and fieldwork, along with his love for hobbies such as skiing and hiking, makes him a truly inspiring figure in the industry.



Fall 2024

Todd Johnson

The Career Path Internship (CPI) program has named Todd Johnson as the Fall 2024 CPI Supervisor of the Semester. Johnson, the Director of the Veteran Student Service Center at Idaho State University, has been influential in supporting veterans and military-connected students through advocacy and mentorship. He has been a long-time supporter of the CPI program, guiding numerous interns. His current intern, Marlon Thomas, praised Johnson for his mentorship which has significantly contributed to Thomas's personal and professional growth. Johnson's career has been dedicated to aiding veterans' transition to higher education, stemming from his own military background and academic achievements in psychology and counseling. The CPI program, now in its 13th year, offers around 900 paid internships annually, providing students with valuable career-related experiences.



Spring 2024

Laura Gleason

Laura Gleason, Student Success Librarian and Assistant Professor at Idaho State University's Eli M. Oboler Library, was nominated by Najmeh Dehghanitafti, a doctoral student in English and the teaching of English. Gleason was recognized for her impactful mentorship, which included guiding Dehghanitafti in updating multimedia tutorials on information literacy. Dehghanitafti praised Gleason for creating a supportive environment and providing valuable feedback. The CPI Office received numerous nominations this semester, highlighting the significant influence of dedicated mentors like Gleason on students' professional growth.



Fall 2023

Mark Baker

Mark Baker, Chief Administrative Officer at Bingham Healthcare in Blackfoot, Idaho, was nominated by Raquel Reese, a Healthcare Administration student at ISU's College of Business. Baker was recognized for his comprehensive mentorship, which included introducing Reese to various hospital operations such as physician recruitment, facilities management, and executive administration. Reese praised Baker for his knowledge, patience, and supportive guidance. The CPI Office received over 70 nominations this semester, showcasing the impact of dedicated mentors like Baker on students' professional development.



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Ed Isla

Ed Isla, an Architectural Drafter for Facilities Services at Idaho State University, was nominated by his CPI intern Jaden Armstrong from the Computer Aided Design Drafting Technology program, was recognized for his dedication to mentoring students. During Armstrong's internship, Isla involved him in a comprehensive University-wide project, updating ISU's building plans for integration into a GIS program. Isla's career, rooted in a passion for visualizing objects, spans roles at NOAA, an engineering firm in Kirkland, and major construction projects in Boise. Joining ISU in 2018, Isla continues to inspire and guide students. This semester, the CPI Office received over 40 nominations, highlighting the significant impact of mentors like Isla on student development.



Fall 2022

Jessy Sears

Jessy Sears, the Emergency Manager for Idaho State University under the Department of Public Safety, was nominated by ISU student Parker Williams, a Homeland Security and Emergency Management major. Sears was recognized for her outstanding mentorship. Williams gained hands-on experience in emergency management, including networking with other agencies and completing FEMA courses. Originally from Preston, Idaho, Sears worked for the TSA and in Emergency Management for the Health Department before joining ISU two years ago. Her students have contributed significantly, including completing the COVID after-action report. The CPI Office received over 80 nominations this semester, highlighting the impact of exceptional supervisors like Sears on student development.



Spring 2022

Elizabeth Bowers

Elizabeth Bowers, a Management Assistant for the College of Arts & Letters at Idaho State University, was nominated by ISU student Kaylee McKay. Bowers was recognized for her exceptional mentorship and support. McKay, a Communication, Media, and Persuasion major, gained valuable experience in marketing, writing press releases, and designing graphics under Bowers' guidance. Bowers also supervised Beth Curtis, an English and Philosophy major, who contributed articles to various publications. Originally from American Falls, Idaho, Bowers was a CPI intern herself before becoming a full-time staff member at ISU in 2017. Her dedication to the CPI program and student development has made a significant impact. This semester, the CPI Office received over 40 nominations for the award, highlighting the outstanding contributions of supervisors like Bowers.



Fall 2021

Jared Anderson

Jared Anderson, the Job Location and Development Coordinator in the ISU Career Center, was celebrated for his commitment to mentoring students, particularly highlighted by ISU student and Career Center marketing intern, Ardie Fogelsong. Over the past two semesters, Fogelsong helped enhance the Career Center's marketing efforts and redesign promotional materials under Anderson's guidance. Originally from Provo, Utah, Anderson brought a wealth of experience from his seventeen years in the military as an interrogator and linguist, which sparked his passion for teaching. Joining the ISU Career Center in May 2019, Anderson has been instrumental in supporting student growth and development. The CPI office received more than 40 nominations for this award, showcasing the exceptional supervisors within the program.



Spring 2021

***Ryen Johnson &
Jeannie Liimakka***

Johnson and Liimakka have been providing exceptional hands-on experiences to students at the Idaho Transportation Department. Their commitment to mentorship not only helped students gain practical skills in projects ranging from bridge replacement surveying to deer fence adaptation but also significantly contributed to their professional development. Both Johnson and Liimakka, natives of Southeast Idaho, expressed their passion for teaching and the joy of making a positive impact on students' careers. The CPI program, in its eleventh year, continued to offer invaluable career-related experiences, preparing students for successful futures.