

Dr. Mark McBeth Legacy Endowment

On October 9, 2019, Dr. Mark McBeth was surprised by a Legacy Endowment established by his many students, colleagues, friends, and family to honor his legacy at Idaho State University.

McBeth's academic accomplishments are inspiring to many. The legacy endowment recognizes the relationships he has built with those he works with and serves, particularly his students. Former students say that Dr. McBeth made learning interesting, challenging, and fun. Many of these students continue to correspond with him and seek advice from him even many years after graduation.

McBeth began his career working at ISU in 1992. In 1995, he joined the Department of Political Science. While at ISU, Dr. McBeth has taught courses in political science and public administration. He is currently the department chair.

During his time at ISU, Dr. McBeth has been honored with the Distinguished Teacher award in 2005, Master Teacher award in 2001 and 2005, and Distinguished Researcher award for 2020, 2015, 2011. He has been recognized as an innovative teacher. He served as Associate Dean. He has numerous publications, and is an avid presenter at conferences.

Mark McBeth is a Bengal through and through. He is an avid supporter of ISU, including the women's basketball team. He is also an avid baseball fan. He is married to Lisa McBeth, who he met while they were still students at ISU. Dr. McBeth tells a great story about meeting his future wife while doing laundry in one of the ISU dorms

“Dr. McBeth is a beloved teacher and mentor. He earned the respect of his colleagues across campus and is internationally known for developing narrative frame policy (NFP) framework. To date, his work has been cited nearly 5,000 times according to Google Scholar. ISU is proud of this Bengal and the endless ways in which he has given back to his university, his students, his community, and his discipline. I cannot think of a better way to honor his work and his commitment to students.” said Dean Kandi Turley-Ames.

For more information about the Dr. Mark K. McBeth Legacy Scholarship Endowment, please contact Sonia Gomez, Director of Development, at 208-282-1404, soniagomez@isu.edu.