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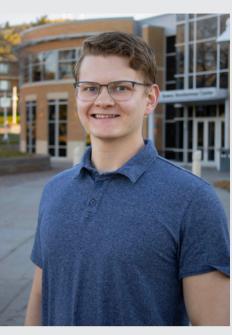
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IT'S FINALS WEEK!





UHP Civic Scholars Spotlight:



Xavier Christy

Xavier Christy '26, is so dedicated to being a medical volunteer that he gave up two weeks during his last semester here at ISU to serve a medical mission in Honduras (which was not his first mission), and had to reschedule his Civic Scholar Capstone Presentation because of a cancelled flight!

Xavier's passion for community service started with joining service projects while in elementary school and later through the Boy Scouts. "These early experiences taught me the joy of volunteering and satisfaction that comes from meaningful service."

When Xavier learned about the Bobette Wilhelm Civic Scholars Program he was immediately excited and committed. "The

program perfectly combines my desire to serve with the opportunity to deeply explore the issues affecting our community, all while collaborating with a group of equally dedicated peers." Xavier was already a volunteer at the Pocatello Free Clinic (PFC) and performing patient intake, running tests, and drawing blood. "I first connected with them by sending a cold email my freshmen year. Thankfully, they accepted by service." So it's no surprise that the PFC was Xavier's top choice as his partner organization. And he's loved it there! Xavier says the staff is welcoming and happy to help volunteers develop professionally. "The most rewarding aspect of volunteer work is helping uninsured patients receive care they would otherwise go without. Although my role is relatively small, I take pride in knowing I help patients receive care they need. So many experiences and interactions with patients reinforce my desire to serve undeserved communities."

While most of Xavier's time outside of class and volunteering is spent doing something else "school-y adjacent" like working on his Honors research project and as an undergraduate assistant for BIOL 3301L, he also likes to work out at the gym and spend time with his friends. It'll be no surprise that Xavier intends to go to medical school after graduating in May with his Honors Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Biomedical concentration. He will submit his medical school application on June 1st. "It takes an entire year to go through the application process, so in the meantime I'll be working full time to continue gaining clinic experience and hopefully in a flexible job where I can continue volunteering."

For those interested in pursuing the Civic Scholars certification, Xavier recommends getting involved as soon as possible. "Reach out to organizations that align with your values and explore volunteer opportunities to find the right fit. Discovering a cause you're passionate about makes the work feel meaningful and sustainable. It also lays a strong foundation for a fulfilling experience in the Civic Scholars program."

You are invited to attend Xavier's Capstone Presentation Thursday, May 8 | 10:00 - 11:00 am | REND 241

Congratulations to the New Fall 2025 Envoy and Honors CPI

Honors CPI: Remy Boomer '26'

Director's Assistant Envoy: LizBeth Arellano Santoyo '26

Communications Envoy: Grace Mitchell '28

Website Envoy: Amanda Coburn '27

Instructional Assistant Envoy: Amina Miljkovic '26

Instructional Assistant Envoy: Jazzy Hernandez '28

The Last UHP EVENT of the Semester

XAVIER CHRISTY
CIVIC SCHOLARS CAPSTONE PRESENTATION

Serving as a Medical Assistant at the Pocatello Free Clinic

Tues, May 6 | 10:00-11:00 am | REND 241

Unscramble the letters to form sentences that will give you directions to the ISU landmark and instructions on what to do while you're there. Follow the steps and submit your results!

Step 1:	gifrradaebn
Step 2:	pluasprtilo
Step 3:	tifaealekse

After you've solved the clues and followed the steps,

- 1) Look up information about the landmark and write a blurb about it and its history.
- 2) Email your results and the blurb to honors@isu.edu

The first UHP student to submit a complete and correct entry to honors@isu.edu will win \$20 Cash and a shout out in a special edition of the UHPWU!







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