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Dear Idaho Engineering and Computer Science Alumni and Friends,

Some 700 undergraduate, graduate, and law students received their University of Idaho degrees at winter commencement this past Saturday. **President Duane Nellis** began the ceremony by telling graduates their degrees are not gifts, ---they earned them. He said, "As you go forward into our wonderful yet complicated world, you can go forward with the knowledge that the world needs you now more than ever." Congratulations to the 133 *engineering graduates* from all of us and we wish you the *best* for the future!

Ten engineering students were honored at the annual **Alumni Awards for Excellence Banquet** on December 11 at the SUB Ballroom. The *Award for Excellence* is presented to students who have achieved outstanding academic success and have demonstrated career and professional preparation as well as campus and community leadership and involvement. We proudly recognize the College's undergraduate senior level students **Anna Camery, Brandon Carpenter, Chris Douglas, Matthew Hardman, Sunan Huang, Joshua Schroeder, Maria Tribelhorn, Peter Wells, Kelby Wilson** and graduate student **Laurel McGarry**. **Kelby Wilson**, this year's **ASUI** (Associated Students of the University of Idaho) **President**, is majoring in mechanical engineering while also taking pre-med coursework. He is a top cadet in the **Air Force ROTC (AFROTC)** program and is selected for the **Prehealth Designator of AFROTC** allowing him to attend the medical school of his choice fully paid. Kelby also helped to better the infrastructure of a war-torn village in Romania while on an Alternative Service Break trip. The future has no limits for these outstanding students.

On January 9, 2010 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., the **Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC)** at their 13th Annual CUTC Banquet will present the **2009 Distinguished Contribution to University Transportation Education & Research Award** to **Dr. Michael Kyte, Professor of Civil Engineering**. The CUTC represents over 85 Centers and Universities that enroll thousands of students in transportation engineering, construction and related programs. CUTC principal members include the directors, professors and program managers of the leading transportation programs across the country. This honor represents the highest level of recognition in the area of transportation education in the United States. "My hearty congratulations go to Mike for national recognition of his exemplary contributions over the year," says **Director of NIATT** (National Institute for Advanced Transportation Technology), **Dr. Karen Den Braven**.

We want to thank all our corporate partners and sponsors for participating in the annual senior capstone design **2010 EXPO Snapshot Day**. Great appreciation goes to **Avista** for sponsoring lunch and to **Avista's Kristine Meyer, Executive Director of the Avista Foundation** and **Paul Kimmel, Regional Business Manager, Moscow/Pullman** for joining Snapshot and presenting gifts and certificates to the **2009-2010 Avista Scholars in Electrical Engineering**. Scholarships are given to students who are entering juniors who demonstrate leadership ability as reflected in a clear statement of personal and professional goals, provide a resume that includes examples of innovation, community service, leadership and project management experience/related work experience and provide a strong faculty recommendation, or other demonstrations determined by the selection committee.

Last April, electrical engineering Ph.D. candidate **Edward J. William II**, was recognized as the **2009 Mike Shinn Distinguished Member of the Year** for his high scholastic performance, dedicated service to the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and for possessing high professional promise. We highlighted Edward in the April Edition of the Dean's E-Letter at: <http://www.uidaho.edu/engr/about/welcomefromdeanblackketter/20090107.aspx>. The second component of his award will occur January 12 – 16 in San Diego to fly with the Blue Angels as well as a presentation at his high school alma mater. We are very proud of Edward's accomplishments and wish him a "clear take-off" with the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron!

Ticket sales are underway for Idaho's return to the **Humanitarian Bowl** in Boise on December 30. Congratulations to Coach Akey and his team for this special season. I hope you're planning to join us in Boise to cheer for the Vandals as they take on Bowling Green State University and the many ongoing festivities. For more information please go to <http://www.uidaho.edu/victory.aspx> or email Mary Lee at mryba@uidaho.edu for information on activities below.

We wish you a very happy *Holiday Season* and a *New Year* filled with peace and prosperity.

Sincerely,



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Humanitarian Bowl

Tuesday, December 29

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Pep Rally:** Marching Band/Spirit Squad, President Nellis: Boise Centre on the Grove Courtyard
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Alumni Association Vandalfest:** Boise Centre on the Grove
7:00 p.m. **IDAHO Vandals vs. Lewis Clark State College Warriors Men's Basketball Game:** Quest Arena
Post-Game **Alumni Night Out:** Mack and Charlie's, 507 W. Main

Wednesday, December 30

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **KTVB News Battle of the Bands:** Caven-Williams Sports Complex
11:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Alumni Association Booth:** Purchase raffle tickets: Bronco Stadium (south parking lot)
11:30 – 1:30 p.m. **President Nellis Pre-Game Event:** Tent Village (north side stadium)
2:30 p.m. **Kick-off [2:05 p.m. Humanitarian Bowl Pre-Game Activities:** Bronco Stadium field]
Following game **Post-Game Awards Ceremony:** Winning Team Trophy; Most Valuable Player Trophy: Bronco Stadium
Following awards **Alumni Association Post Game Celebration:** Boise Centre on the Grove

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