

State of the University

July 16, 2026



Employee Recognition Awards

The Spirit of Ricks Award

Spring 2026



Eda Ashby

Faculty, Music Department

Gene Clements

Cabinet Maker, Carpenter's Shop

Becky McKnight

Payroll Accountant, Accounting Services







Remember the worth of souls
is great in the sight of God

Doctrine and Covenants 18:10



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Priorities & Goals

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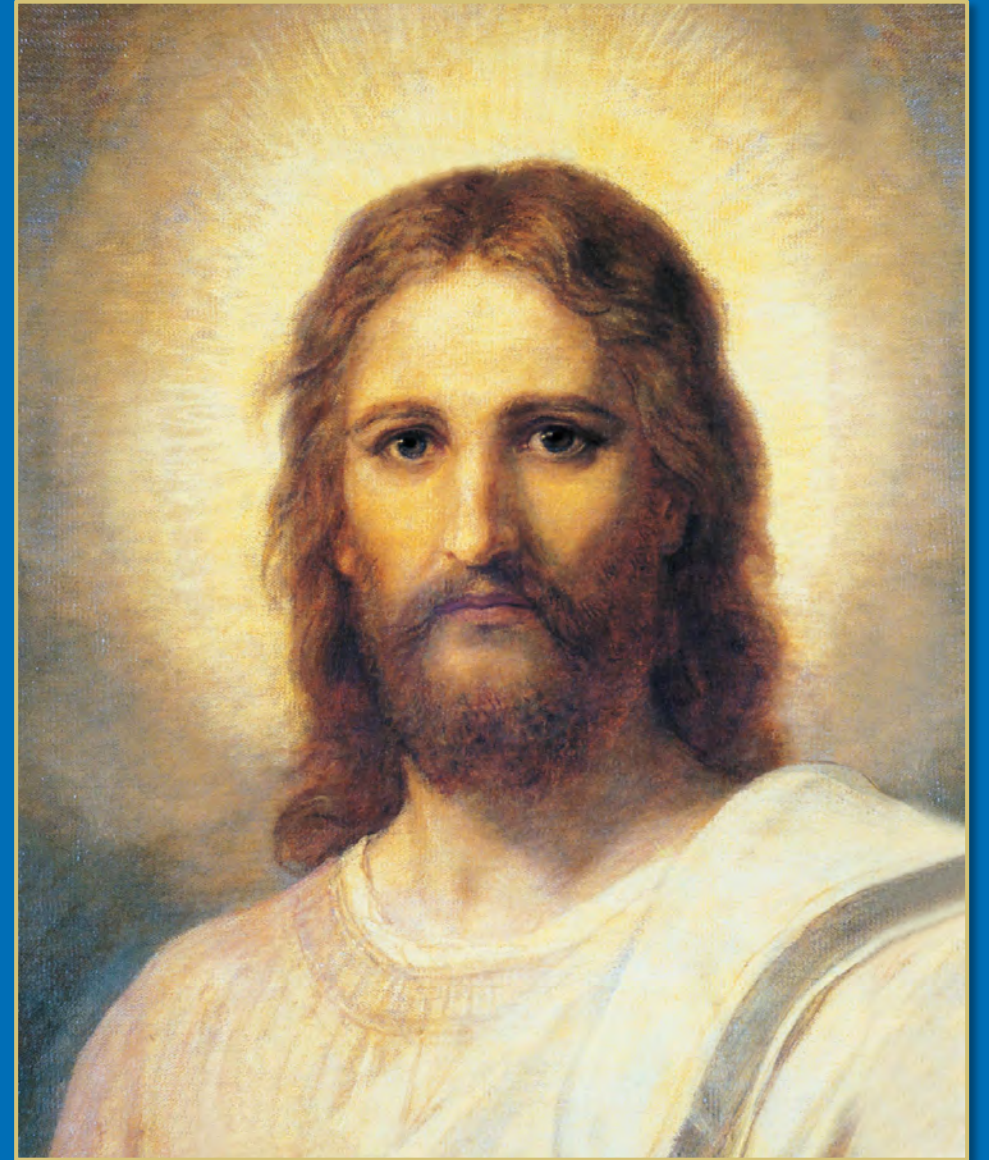
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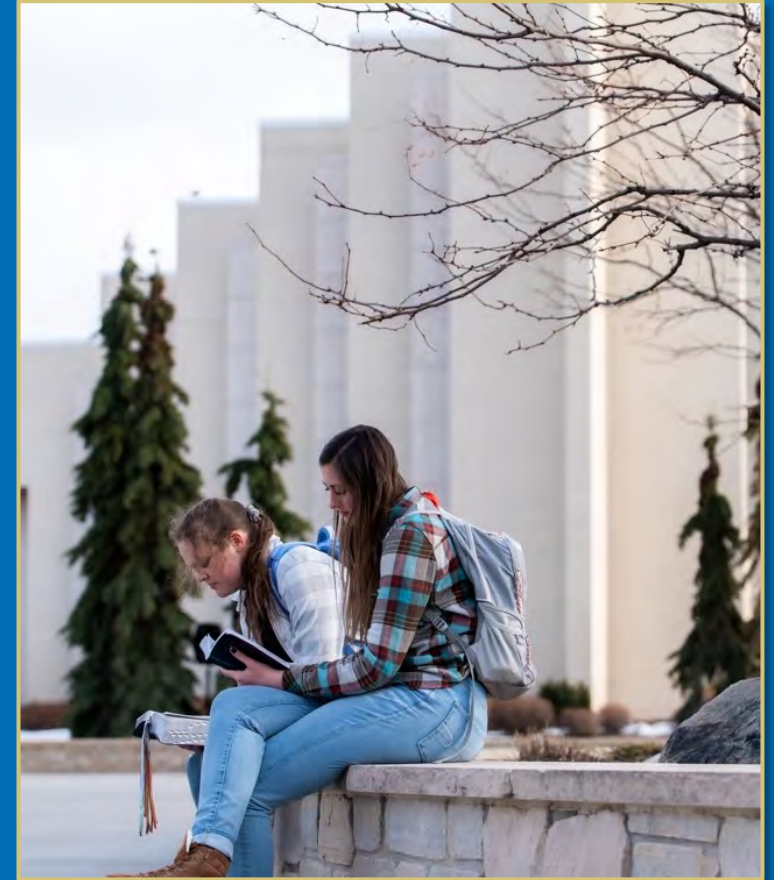




When performance is measured,
performance improves. When
performance is measured and
reported, the rate of
improvement accelerates.

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2. Increase first-year retention
3. Increase graduation rate
4. Improve job placement





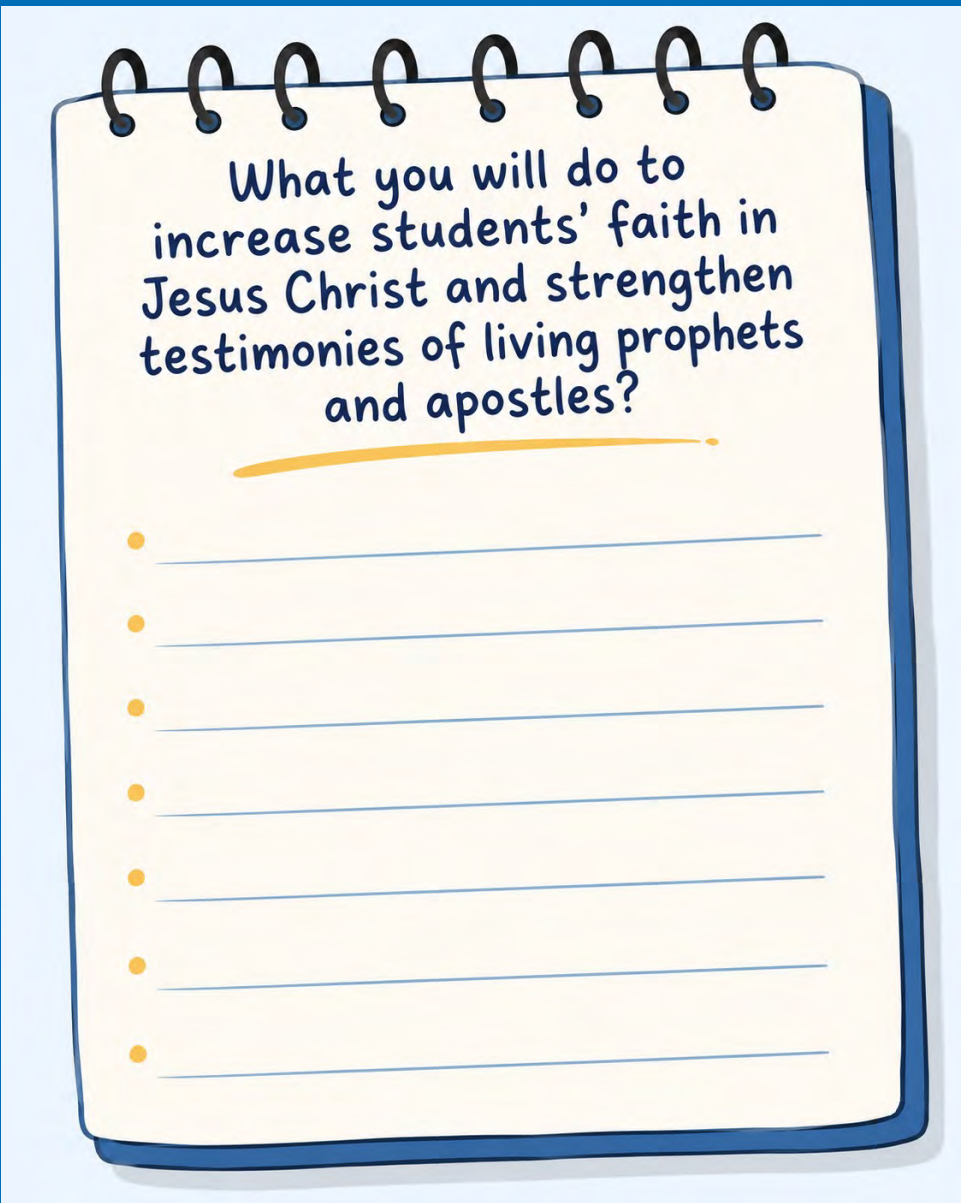
.... developing and deepening
our devotion as disciples of the
Lord Jesus Christ. That is the
primary and most important
reason for the existence of
Brigham Young University-
Idaho....



HOLINESS TO THE LORD
THE HOUSE OF THE LORD





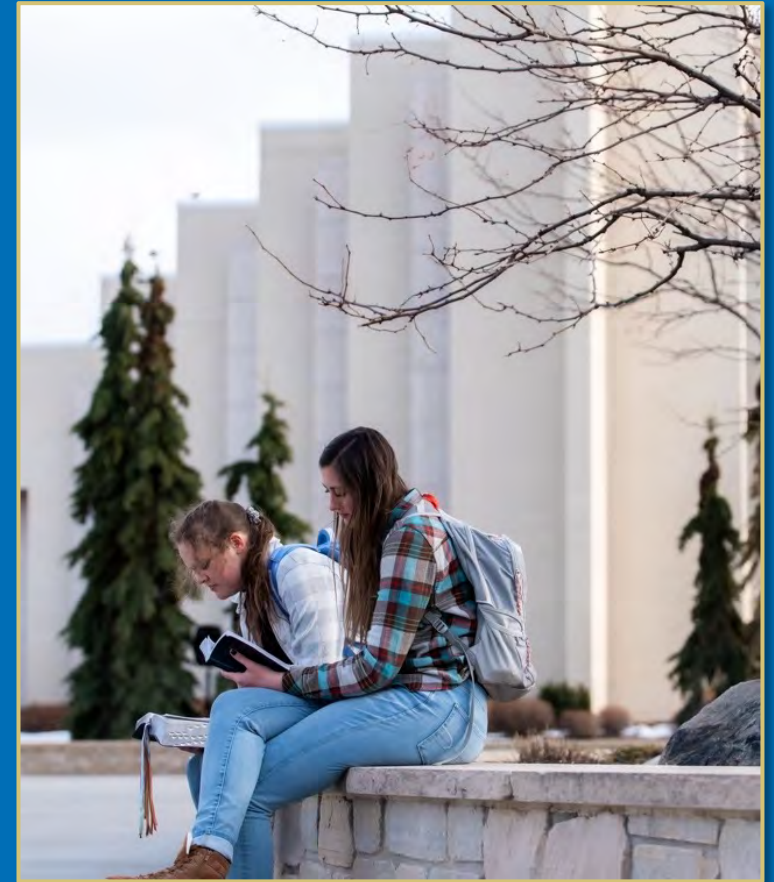


What you will do to
increase students' faith in
Jesus Christ and strengthen
testimonies of living prophets
and apostles?

- Less than half-a-page & fewer than seven points
- Finalized by November

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Graduate
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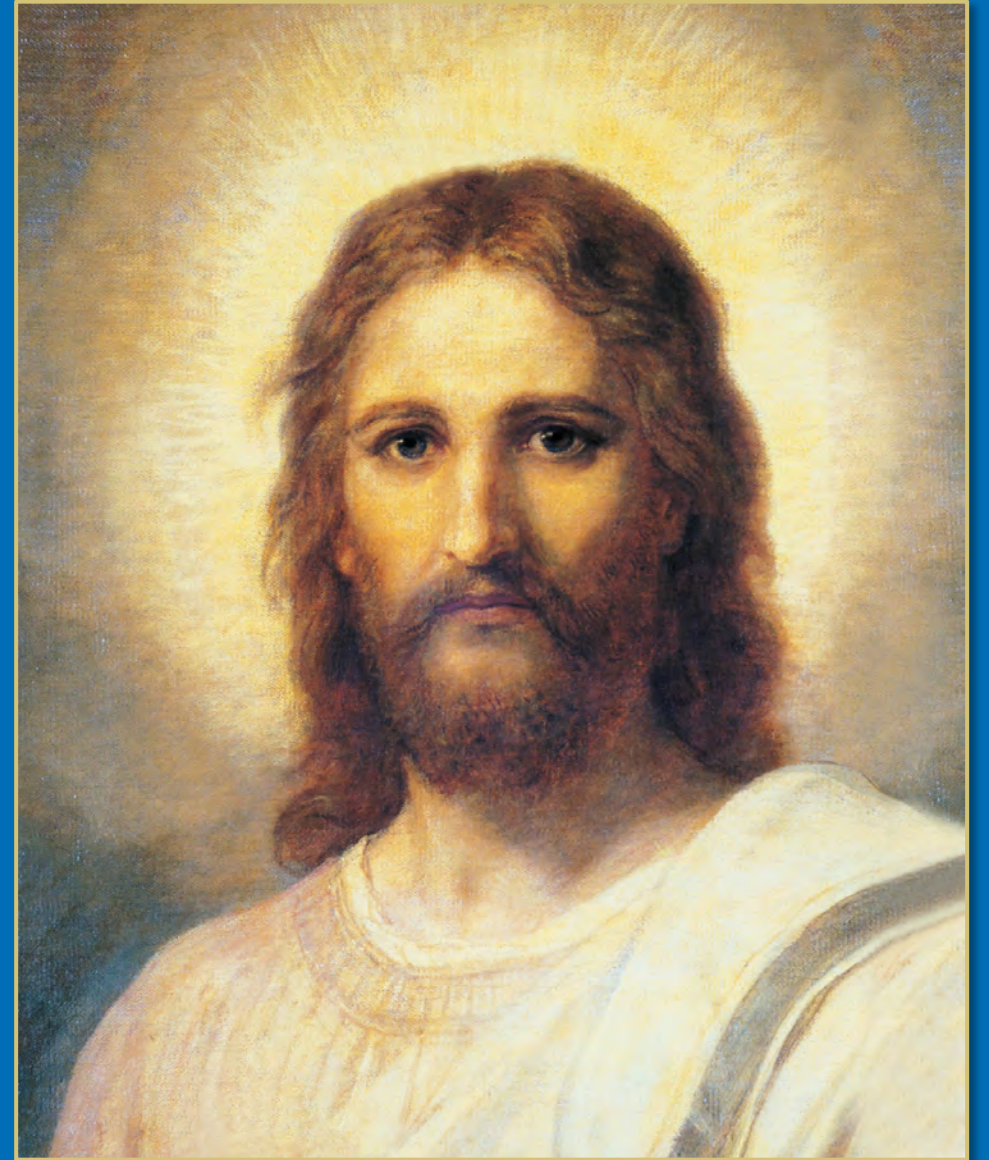


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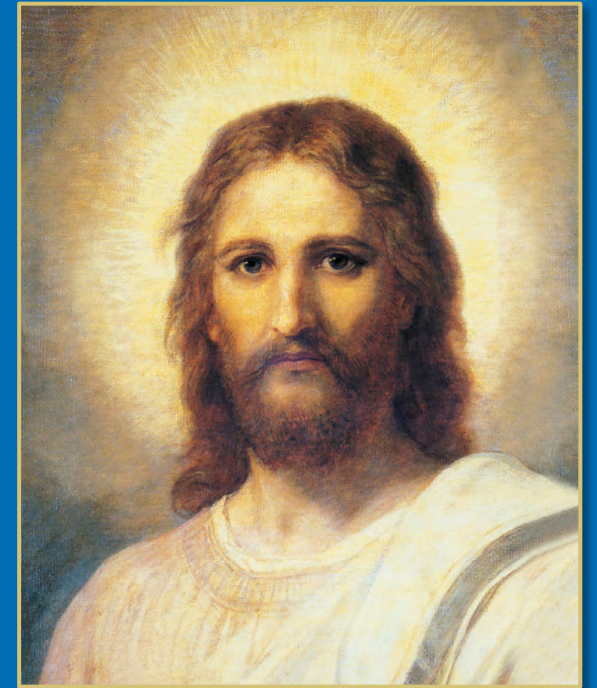
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The university does this by:

- Building testimonies of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ and fostering its principles in a wholesome academic, cultural, and social environment.
- Providing a high-quality education that **prepares students of diverse interests and abilities for lifelong learning and employment.**
- Serving as many students as possible within resource constraints.
- Delivering education that is affordable for students and the Church.



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Latter-day Saints hit new record with 88,500 missionaries. Here's why and what it means

12 years after a missionary age change caused a surge of service, another age change fueled a second record-making surge among women





*Scan to sign-up
to volunteer*



Walk Your Tour
September 9-10



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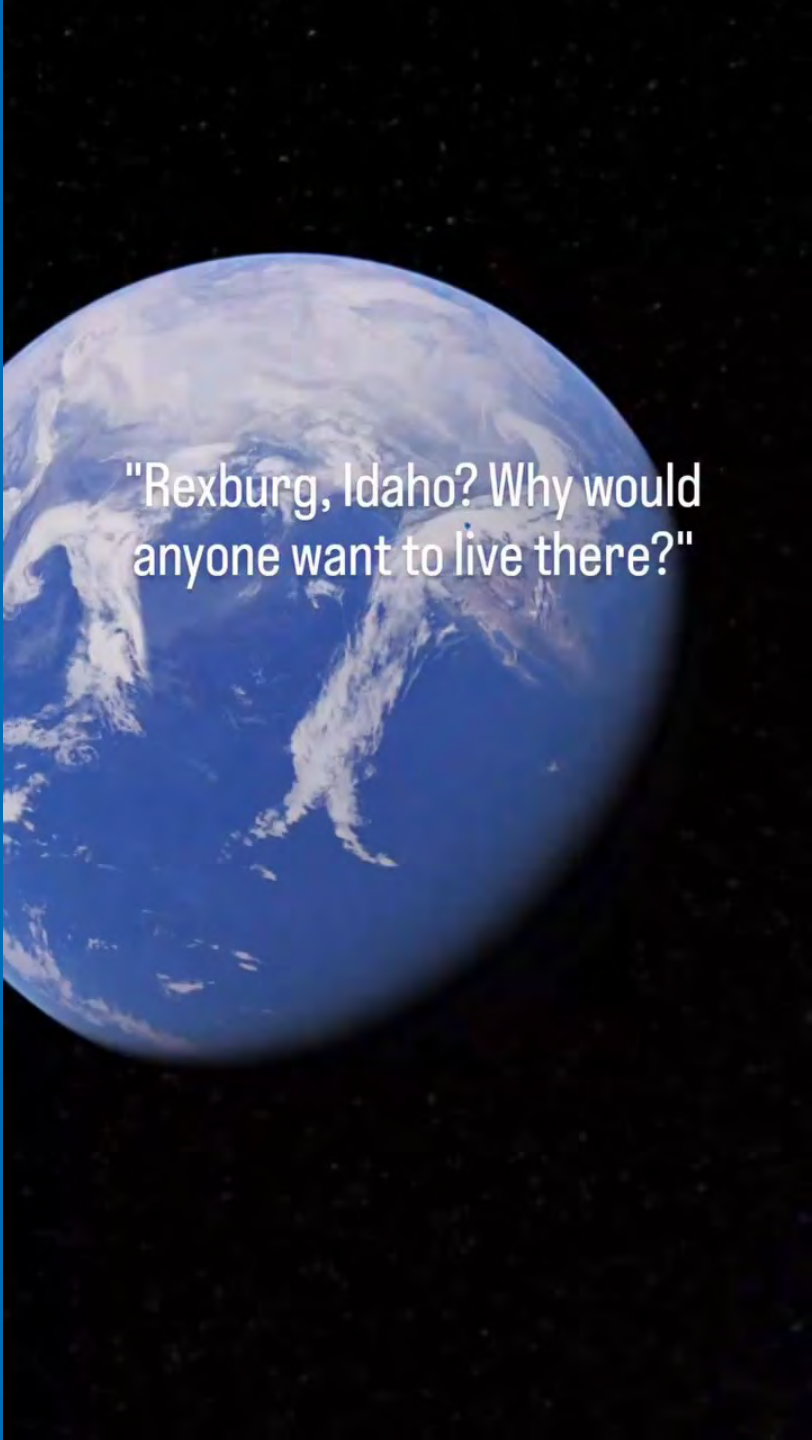
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500,000+
followers

2,500,000+
monthly views





"Rexburg, Idaho? Why would
anyone want to live there?"



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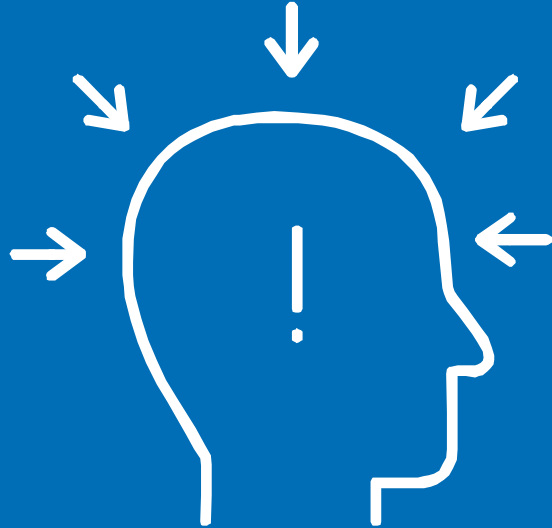
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And as the use of AI is ever more widespread, the *limitless perils and untold possibilities* prophesied by President McKay become ever more evident.

Student-centered AI priorities getting more support

1



“Advance knowledge”
& “enhance learning”

2



Develop workforce
readiness

3



Facilitate student
support & advising



Artificial Intelligence at BYU

Shaping the Future of Learning

At BYU-Idaho, we are strategically integrating Artificial Intelligence to enhance academic excellence and prepare our students for an evolving world. Our focus is on three core priorities that empower both students and faculty in the age of AI.



Advance Knowledge & Enhance Learning

Build AI literacy to strengthen learning, teaching, and working across campus.



Develop Workforce Readiness

Prepare graduates to succeed with practical AI skills needed for the future of work.



Facilitate Student Support & Advising

Expand personalized support through AI-powered guidance and resources.

[Learn More About BYU-Idaho's AI Priorities](#) →

RUBRIC AREA 1

Faculty Readiness

Build faculty confidence by completing the BYU-Idaho AI 101 course and building a shared foundation for AI use.

Enroll in AI 101 →

RUBRIC AREA 2

Workforce Readiness

Align your program with industry by identifying the AI knowledge and skills graduates need in today's workforce.

RUBRIC AREA 3

Program AI Policy

Establish a shared AI policy that provides consistent expectations for AI use across your program.

RUBRIC AREA 4

Syllabus Integration

Communicate clear expectations by including AI guidance and course-specific policies in every syllabus.

RUBRIC AREA 5

Progression Map

Develop a progression plan that intentionally builds AI literacy and fluency throughout your curriculum.

RUBRIC AREA 6

Course Outcomes

Update course outcomes to intentionally incorporate AI knowledge and skills using the BYU-Idaho AI Skills & Fluency Framework.

RUBRIC AREA 7

Assessment Redesign

Redesign key assessments to ensure students demonstrate meaningful learning in an AI-enabled classroom.

RUBRIC AREA 8

AI in Pedagogy

Use AI intentionally to strengthen teaching and learning while keeping instructional objectives at the center.



I want AI and related technologies to **change our world for the better**; to narrow digital divides; to expand human flourishing; and to **enhance faith, moral clarity, human meaning, and possibility**.

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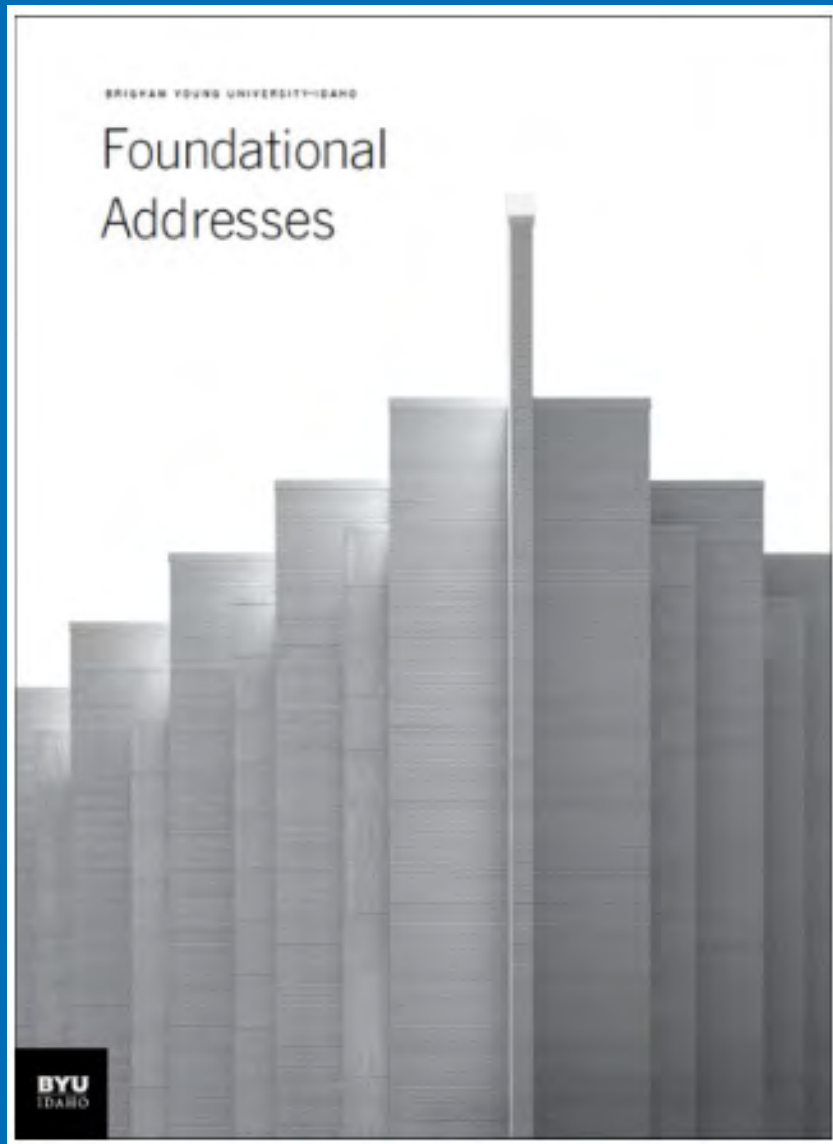
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FOUNDATIONAL ADDRESSES

Announcement: Ricks College to Become BYU-Idaho

BYU-Idaho will continue to be teaching oriented. Effective teaching and advising will be the primary responsibilities of its faculty who are committed



DEVOTIONALS

A Steady, Upward Course

As President Bedeaux said, I have come under conviction from the First



DEVOTIONALS

BYU-Idaho: A Disciple Preparation Center

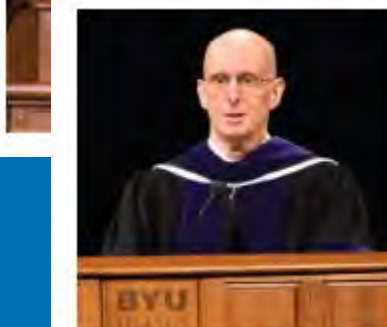
BYU-Idaho is a place where we prepare disciples to serve the Lord and His people.



DEVOTIONALS

The Temple and the College on the Hill

Thank you for that wonderful music. Thank you for the choice of the scripture.



INAUGURATIONS

Inaugural Response from President Henry J. Eyring

BYU-Idaho graduates, like their Ricks College forebears, are recognized and valued for their humility and eagerness to serve others, especially the downtrodden.

The Spirit and Purposes of Gathering

Elder David A. Bednar

Member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

October 31, 2006





The students, staff, and faculty are faithful and diligent. So much has been accomplished in such a short period of time. And precisely because you and the university are being blessed and prospered, the warning and promise are needed a third time. In particular, a warning is most needed when we do not think we need to be warned.



A remarkable group of teachers and leaders have been gathered at this university. They are finding ways to accelerate the rise in the quality of teaching and learning **by increasing the influence of the Holy Ghost.**

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