Diane Boothe has announced a $20,000 matching gift challenge for the Pat and Eloise Bieter Doctoral Fellowship. The college will match all gifts and pledges to the Bieter Fellowship (up to $5,000 per household) made during the 2013-14 academic year.

The matching challenge is being made in recognition of the 20th anniversary of the doctor of education program. Reaching the matching gift goal would result in $40,000 being invested into the Bieter Fellowship, nearly doubling the financial awards that can be dispersed to education doctoral students at Boise State.

“Given the role the doctoral program plays in creating educational leaders in Idaho and beyond, it is important that we provide more financial assistance for doctoral students,” Boothe said. “In addition, this fellowship is an outstanding tribute to the lives of Pat and Eloise Bieter.”

Boise State’s First Doctoral Program Marks 20 Years of Leadership

During the 2013-14 academic year, the College of Education is observing the 20th anniversary of its doctor of education in curriculum and instruction program.

“The importance of the doctoral program to the future of Idaho and the nation cannot be overestimated,” said Diane Boothe, dean of the College of Education. “The program develops the knowledge and skills for current and future leaders to improve the lives of students, their families and their communities.”

The start of the doctoral program in 1993-94 marked milestones for the university, the city and for education in Idaho, Boothe noted. “For Boise State University, this first doctoral program branded the university as a growing educational force. For the city of Boise, the new program symbolized the rising importance of the capital city and its economy to the state. For education, the doctorate responded to a need for leaders to meet new educational challenges.”

Jack Hourcade, associate chair of the Department of Special Education and Early Childhood Studies, said, “This was truly a momentous development for the university.”

Hourcade credits then-president John Keiser with seeing the value of the doctoral program to better serve the region and boost the reputation of Boise State. In 1990, Richard Hart, then dean of the College of Education, called on his associate dean Ken Hill and Hourcade to lead the committees that produced the program eventually approved by the Boise State Board of Trustees.
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Robert Barr, who in 1991 followed Hart as dean, noted that the university selected the College of Education for Boise State’s first doctoral program “because it had one of the major graduate programs on campus, received more external funds than any other college and because its leadership had conducted a careful needs assessment that documented a group of educators ready to pursue a doctorate at Boise State.”

Bourecq and his fellow committee members created a program that could provide leaders who would respond effectively to the need for redesign of instruction and curricula, shared decision-making, the increasingly diverse student population and other challenges.

“The first group of students turned out to be the cream of the area’s teachers and administrators,” Barr said. “It was a blue ribbon group of students who had been waiting for just this program.”

Since the beginning of the program, the college has awarded a total of 90 doctoral degrees.

Awards Program Celebrates Teachers, Counselors and Mentors

Twenty-one teachers and counselors from southwest Idaho public schools were recognized with Celebration of Teaching—Mentors of the Year Awards on Oct. 17. The third-annual awards recognized excellent teachers and school counselors from among more than 50 public school districts who guide, support and encourage fellow educators in their pursuit of effective teaching and professional growth.

Exemplary mentors provide the spark that drives learning and innovation among students and teachers,” said Diane Booth, dean of the College of Education at Boise State. “They represent the best of our profession.”

The awards program is a joint project of Boise State and its partners, including the Idaho State Department of Education, Idaho Education Association, Blaine County School District and Meridian School District.

For a complete list of those presented awards, visit education.boisestate.edu/celebrationofteaching.

Doctoral Student and Former Refugee Pays Success Forward

A curriculum and instruction doctoral student and a former refugee, Belma Sadikovic is using the opportunities she found in the United States to not only improve her own life, but also to help other refugees succeed.

“I feel that it is my duty to pay forward, encourage, lead by example and show the world that I am a living example of survival, hard, work, passion and success,” said Sadikovic.

Sadikovic’s family fled Bosnia, where she was born, for Germany in 1992. Sadikovic’s family resettled in Boise in 2000.

Sadikovic also works with nonprofit and community groups in Boise to help refugees and others. She serves on the Adult Learners and the Social Integration committees for the city of Boise and works with the English Language Center. World Relief and other groups.

Sadikovic serves as a research assistant for Royce Hutson, associate professor of social work, studying how to make Boise a more welcoming experience for refugees relocating here. She also is a research assistant for Casey Keck, assistant professor of English, on project SliNHE, which stands for Students Helping In the Naturalization of Elders, which seeks to help older refugees to learn English.

She and her colleagues have established the Boise State Refugee Alliance, which consists of creative members whose work reflects an awareness and support of the refugees at the university. “It works to raise university awareness, as a concrete tool for helping refugees in their everyday educational challenges.”

From the Dean’s Desk

Creators of Doctoral Program Laid Excellent Foundation for Educational Leadership

Education students today are living in one of the most exciting eras in the history of education. Your opportunity to improve the lives of students, families, communities and the nation is greater than ever.

This is one of the reasons our doctoral program places a heavy emphasis on the quality of leaders coming out of the College of Education. This approach has paid off with graduates stepping into leadership positions around the state, region and nation.

The doctoral program is designed to provide leaders who are able to respond effectively to the need for redesign of instruction and curricula, shared decision-making, the increasingly diverse student population and other challenges.

The program combines theory with actual practice in the field and produces leaders who:

• Make decisions and solve problems.
• Inspire, mobilize and support people to continuously improve student learning and success.
• Develop school cultures, conditions and people’s abilities proved to support high levels of student achievement.
• Are the preferred recruits of Idaho school districts.

Many people at Boise State played a role in the birth of the doctoral program, too many to name individually. The program was established in 1991 in honor of Pat and Eloise Bieter.

Here are some of the people who have been known to lead by example and show the world that they are a living example of survival, hard work, passion and success.

Ron Pfeiffer Named Interim Associate Dean of College of Education

Ron Pfeiffer, chair of the Department of Kinesiology for the past five years, has been named interim associate dean of the College of Education for the 2013-14 academic year.

Pfeiffer has served in an array of roles in the kinesiology department for the past 34 years, including athletic training program director and graduate program director.

“Ron brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and this position to the college and I am confident that he will do an excellent job,” said Dean Diane Booth.

Pfeiffer also serves as executive director of Boise State’s Center for Orthopaedic and Biomechanics Research (COBR), a partnership between kinesiology and the Department of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering.

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The Bieter Fellowship is the only fellowship for education doctoral students at Boise State.

The fellowship was established in 1995 in honor of Pat and Eloise Bieter. Pat started as an assistant professor of education at Boise State College in 1969. He taught at Boise State until his retirement as professor in 1995.

Pat Bieter played an instrumental role in establishing the doctor of education in curriculum and instruction in 1993, which was Boise State’s first doctoral program and branded the university as a growing educational force. In the fall 2012, the college launched its second doctoral program, the doctor of education in educational technology, which develops leaders in the effective use of educational technology for teaching and learning.

In addition to teaching classes, Pat sponsored workshops on Basque culture and history. An accomplished bass player, he frequently played with multiple jazz bands, including the Pat Bieter Blues Band. In 1996, voters elected Pat to the Idaho House of Representatives from Boise and re-elected him two years later.

Eloise was a charter member of the Boise Center and the Basque Museum and Cultural Center, where she served on the first board of directors. But mainly she devoted herself to raising the couple’s five children.

Pat and Eloise were tragically killed in a car accident in 1999.

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Many people at Boise State played a role in the birth of the doctoral program, too many to name them all here. But I wanted to acknowledge a few including former university president John Kelsier, former university vice president Larry Selland, former College of Education deans Richard Hart and Robert Barr, former associate dean Ken Hill, former faculty members Lamont Lyles, Pat Bieter, Phyllis Edmondson and Ruth Vine and current associate dean Ken Hourecq.

On the 20th anniversary of the College of Education’s doctoral program, it is gratifying to know that so many past Boise State University have given effort to make the doctoral program the success it has become.
Where are they now?

1960s

SCOTT BAKER, BA, elementary education, ’69, retired from Tigard-Tualatin School District, Ore., as a principal in 1999. He works part-time in curriculum, staff development and teacher mentoring. He also directs the talented and gifted program K-12 and serves as the district hearings officer for student expulsions. “This is my 44th year in education and I still have the love and passion for my work,” he said.

1970s

PAUL COURTRIGHT, BA, elementary education, ’78, moved in 2012 with his wife from Moshi, Tanzania, to Cape Town, South Africa, to establish KCCO International, the umbrella for Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology work throughout Africa. In December 2012, he was appointed as professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Cape Town.

1980s

JOHN LAWRENCE “LARRY” LEWIS, BS, physical education, ’81, was hired from Tigard-Tualatin School District, Ore., as a principal in 1999. He works part-time in curriculum, staff development and teacher mentoring. He also directs the talented and gifted program K-12 and serves as the district hearings officer for student expulsions. “This is my 44th year in education and I still have the love and passion for my work,” he said.

1990s

HEIDI FRY, BA, elementary education, ’96, was selected by the Idaho Humanities Council to receive an Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award. She is a teacher at Siena Elementary School in Meridian, Idaho. The Humanities Council recognized her because of her passion for the humanities, ability to inspire students, innovative teaching methods and contributions to the teaching profession. She received $1,000 for personal use and $1,000 for her school to devote to improving the teaching of the humanities.

MAUREEN O’TOOLE, BA, bilingual elementary education, ’96, is the chief executive officer of the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage in Boise. She is a retired military intelligence officer and public school teacher. She created and taught leadership classes and partnered with Idaho youth organizations to provide training. She served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves for 25 years, holding two command positions and earning the rank of lieutenant colonel.

PIPER RIDDLE, BA, elementary education, ’96, has been appointed principal of Draper Elementary School, Draper, Utah.

CHRIS TAYLOR, BA, elementary education, ’93, earth science teacher at South Junior High School joined an international team exploring the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea aboard the vessel Nautilus. Taylor was among a group of 14 educators and students known as the JASON National Argonauts.

SANDY WINTERS, BS, physical education, ’91, was appointed principal of Riverglen Junior High School in Boise. Winters has taught health and PE in Idaho public schools since 1991 and also was the head volleyball coach at schools in Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Boise. Winters worked as a principal at White Pine Elementary and Riverside Elementary.

2000s

DAVID CHEHEY, MA, counselor education, ’00, counselor at Boise High School, was one of only seven high school counselors in the nation chosen to serve on the National Merit Scholarship Corporation’s selection committee. The group read 15,000 finalist applications in order to select the top 2,500 Merit Scholarship Award winners. Committee members were not permitted to read applications from their home state.

GRAHAM DALELAET, BS, physical education, ’06, a Weyburn, Saskatchewan native, was named to the Presidents Cup international golf team. The Presidents Cup gives the world’s best non-European players a chance to compete in international team match-play competition. This year’s event was held in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 3-6. DeLaet ended his best-ever year on the PGA Tour in 2013, ranked eighth in the FedEx Cup standings and 32nd in the world.

ALEXIS PALMER, BA, elementary education, ’00, was selected as the senior director for Utah Valley University’s Community and Continuing Education Department. Prior to this position, Palmer was the director at the school’s Volunteer and Service Learning Center, where she directed the coordination and assessment of programs and promotion of student involvement, community volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. She also is an adjunct faculty member for College Success Courses. Palmer lives in Payson, Utah.

2010s

ROBERT “ROB” MCCARL, BS, exercise science, ’09, returned to Bangkok, Thailand, from South Korea, along with his wife. While in South Korea, he earned his teaching English to speakers of other languages endorsement and taught general science in the South Korean Air Force’s Aviation Science High School. McCarl is teaching senior science and computing in an international program run by ACT that prepares students from non-English speaking countries for college in the United States. DONALD RICH, MS, exercise and sports studies, ’03, was promoted to head athletic trainer of the Seattle Seahawks, becoming one of the youngest head athletic trainers in the NFL. Rich served as a seasonal intern with the Seahawks in 2004-05, before being hired as a fulltime assistant athletic trainer in 2006.

Boo Heffner Named Boise State Distinguished Alumni

The Boise State Alumni Association has named Robert “Boo” Heffner, BS, physical education, ’86, one of four recipients of the 2013 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

Heffner is the executive vice president for Falck USA, one of the largest private providers of emergency medical services in the United States. The Distinguished Alumni Award honors those with outstanding professional and personal accomplishments within their chosen profession. The award honors inspirational recipients for their extraordinary dedication and commitment to volunteer service for the university and the Alumni Association. Heffner is the fifth kinesiology graduate to be named a distinguished alumnus.

In Memory

MARJORIE BAUSCHER, BA, elementary education, ’70, Boise

SHIRLEY BURNS, MA, elementary education, ’74, Starwood, Wash.

ALEXA HOWELL, MA, elementary education, ’08, Boise

TROY HOWELL, BA, visual arts, ’97, MA, education curriculum and instruction, ’06, Meridian

SARAMAE JENNINGS, BA, elementary education, ’72, Fruitland

WILLIAM “BILL” KLINE, BA, elementary education, ’71, Mountain Home

ELIZABETH TAYLOR, MA, elementary education, ’72, Logan, Utah

DOROTHY WORMAN, BA, elementary education, ’84, Caldwell

Kinesiology Presents Awards to Alumni Newby, Waters

Boise State’s Department of Kinesiology has presented its Distinguished Alumni Award to Trevor W. Newby and Eric Waters.

Newby graduated from Boise State with a bachelor’s degree in health promotion in 2005 and a master’s degree in health promotion in 2007. Newby is senior public health advisor in the Office of Smoking and Health for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga. Waters graduated from Boise State with a master’s degree in exercise and sports studies in 1998. Waters is the head athletic trainer for the NBA’s Washington Wizards professional baseball team based in Washington, D.C.

The department previously presented the Distinguished Alumni Award to Kelsy Moe Porter in 2011 and to Lisa Stuppy and Eric LaMott in 2012.
EdTech Doctoral Program Uniquely Prepares Leaders

SCOTT CONGER is an assistant professor of Kinesiology. He received his doctorate in kinesiology with a concentration in exercise physiology in 2011 from the University of Tennessee. He previously held academic appointments at the University of Tennessee and the University of Pittsburgh. His research interests include objective methods for assessing physical activity and nutritional ergogenic aids for enhancing endurance performance.

NORMAN FRIESEN is an associate professor of Educational Technology and undertakes qualitative, critical and historical research in educational technology and media. He recently published a book-length hermeneutic-phenomenological study, The Place of the Classroom and the Space of the Screen, and translated the classic Forgotten Connections: On Culture and Uprising. Friesen is an editor of the Journal of Curriculum Studies and Phenomenology and Practice.

BRETT SHELTON, prior to becoming associate professor and chair of Educational Technology, was a professor in instructional technology and learning sciences at Utah State University. His research interests include immersive learning environments, vision-related cognitive studies that incorporate simulations and gaming and applying practices of educational games to persons with disabilities. He received a doctorate in educational technology from the University of Washington.

SHERRY DISMUK is a clinical assistant professor for Curriculum, Instruction and Foundational Studies, where she teaches courses and works as a liaison to partner schools. Her research focuses on writing instruction, teacher education and issues facing gifted and twice exceptional students. Before coming to Boise State she was a classroom teacher, master teacher and response-to-intervention coordinator.

DAVID GABBARD is associate professor and interim chair of Bilingual Education. Gabbard is internationally recognized for his work in educational theory and policy studies. He comes to Boise State after 18 years at East Carolina University. Among his recent works is “Not Too Big To Fail: How Teachers Education Killed the Foundations” in Critical Questions In Education.

JESUS TRESPALACIOS is an associate professor in Educational Technology. He came to Boise State after working for four years at New Mexico State University as an adjunct faculty member. Trespalacios earned his doctorate in educational technology at Virginia Tech and his research interests focus on use of technologies to support students’ mathematical understanding.

The number of applicants to the program continues to increase and it has quickly grown into a highly competitive program. The ability to reach out across the globe means that it attracts a high number of very well qualified people,” Perkins noted that it is important that those enrolled in the program are working in sectors where educational technology has a pivotal role.

“Ultimately, we need ed tech leaders in many places—from international schools overseas, to medical schools in the United States, to K-12 organizations, to academic technology offices in universities,” he said. “A combination of our students’ impressive backgrounds and the expertise they gain from the doctoral program will uniquely situate them to provide excellent leadership for ed tech design, development, integration and evaluation.”

Twenty-three doctoral candidates this fall became the second set of students to enter our online doctorate in educational technology. These participants move through the program as a group, or cohort. The first cohort of 18 candidates started their studies in fall 2012. Both groups represent a diverse number of professionals. Some of them live in Idaho, but the majority of students in both cohorts are from outside state. In fact, three students live and work in Korea, China and Indonesia. Because the program is entirely online, students in remote places or who face other constraints are able to achieve a lifelong goal of earning their doctorate.

“The program is receiving a high number of inquiries from all over the world,” said Ross Perkins, associate professor and coordinator of the EdTech doctoral program. "Boise State's doctor of education program includes positions teaching English in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. "Idaho is among the states with the lowest number of special educators with graduate degrees," said Keith Allred, chair of special education, who is currently on sabbatical. "So Carrie is among a very select group of people in Idaho." Allred noted that Semmelroth is in a position to become a leader in the state in the area of special education. "Also, the area of emphasis for her dissertation, evaluation of special education teachers, is an area of high interest and great need where relatively little research is being conducted," he said.

"Boise State’s doctor of education program includes professors who are influencing education research issues at the national and international levels,” Semmelroth said. “There are many opportunities for students to grow and develop as future leaders in their respective fields."
Boise State and Jeju Universities Form Partnership for Teacher Education, Dual Degrees

A new agreement between Boise State and Jeju National University in Korea is expected to lead to exchanges of teacher education students and may give students the ability to earn degrees from both universities at the same time.

“This partnership offers students and faculty from two outstanding universities a chance to connect and to enrich their lives, professions and programs,” said Diane Boothe, dean of the College of Education at Boise State. Under the proposed educational technology dual-degree program students would:

• Live and study in a different culture and education system.
• Link to international networks of contacts and colleagues.
• Can explore potential jobs.
• Earn two degrees faster and at less cost than pursuing two degrees in sequence.
• Can tailor their education path in order to add value to their degree and reach career goals.

Jeju officials are meeting at Boise State this month with Bronco administrators to hammer out the details of the agreement.

Looking for the Latest News about Education in Idaho?

The College of Education’s Idaho Leads Project has launched Idahoednews.org as an independent, on-line source for comprehensive news, information, commentary and data about K-12 education in Idaho. The website features in-depth stories on education practices and policies. A $3.85 million grant from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation funds the Idaho Leads Project and Idahoednews.org.