

IBEA Strong - News & Updates



Presidents Welcome



Happy Spring...soon to be summer. Although winter seemed to be eternal, the school year quickly passed by. Since our fall conference at the end of October, I have been trying to make the time to sit down and put together this newsletter. But life happened, and here it is, May.

I would like first to say THANK YOU! Thank you for all the hours you sit in your classroom preparing lessons that will help students learn skills that will help them to be successful. Thank you for supporting an organization like Idaho Business Education Association, whose mission is to support you to become the best educator you can be.

If you would, I invite you to get involved. Consider joining one of our IBEA Committees...see more info below. Also, PLEASE take the Fall Conference Survey below.

I hope you will have a wonderful summer break as we end this school year. Take time to rest, relax, and be with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you back this Fall for another great school year. -Tanner Smith, IBEA President

Get Involved

Join an IBEA COMMITTEE! To reach and support you across the state, we are looking for some individuals to join an IBEA Committee to get involved. Below is the list of available committees:

- Membership Outreach Committee**
- Communications Committee**
- Legislative Committee**
- Conference Committee** (Help plan the fall conference)
- Governance Committee** (Planning to meet in June)
- Nominating Committee**

Those interested in getting involved and contributing can email ibeastrong@gmail.com to let us know which committee you want to join.



Conference Update



SAVE THE DATE: November 9-11, 2023

We look forward to offering another incredible conference in Sun Valley, Idaho, this Fall. To help us provide the summits and workshops that you need, please take the time to complete this survey: [**2023 IBEA Fall Conference Survey**](#)

We will soon be sending out more information regarding the conference, but please consider presenting. We know many of you have some great ideas that would help other teachers be more successful. If you feel that what you would like to share isn't a full workshop, consider joining with another individual that has similar ideas.

Member Spotlight

Our member spotlight is designed to help you all get to know the fantastic people that make up our IBEA membership. Building networks and connections between our members allows us to thrive as an organization and individuals.

The May member spotlight is **Sam Coulter**. Sam is currently an Assistant Professor for Graphic Communications at LC State. Sam's vibrant personality and infectious smile make her a campus favorite. She is active in many different committees, including serving as the Chair of the LC Leadership Committee. Sam presented for IBEA during our Fall conference in 2022 and is a published illustrator. We asked Sam a few questions to help you get to know her better.



How long have you been an IBEA member? I've been an IBEA member for a year this summer, and I look forward to meeting all the present and future IBEA members that have helped create a thriving and positive community of passionate educators.

What has been your most significant professional achievement? I'd have to say it'd be earning my master's while I taught full-time with a dash of freelance illustrating tossed in as well. I'll also be earning my occupational specialist certification in the next month or so, so it's been a busy but fulfilling year!

What do you love most about your job? I love seeing students thrive. I love seeing it in the classroom, as well as hearing about our graduate's successes outside of the program. It proves that what I teach really does make a difference in my students' careers, which in turn inspires me to consistently improve my teaching and curriculum to better prepare students for the field.

How do you define success? Funnily enough, I often bring this up when I teach. I tell my students to focus on their goals and think about what they see as success, and pursue their vision of it. I use myself as an example; I love what I do, and I'm incredibly happy doing it. Am I a billionaire because of that? Not even close, but money has never been a meter of success in my life. So I share this with students to demonstrate that success is what you make of it.

What is the coolest thing about you? Or a fun fact many people might not know? I have two hidden talents: I don't get brain freezes, and I can identify almost anyone solely by their voice after I've heard them. Don't ask me why.

We look forward to getting to know more members like Sam and learning about all the impactful things our IBEA members are doing.

NBEA Resources



The National Business Education Association provides some excellent webinars. Check out one of the upcoming professional development opportunities on the [NBEA Events](#) page.

- May 25th: [Artificial Intelligence and Business Education](#)
- June 8th: [Exceptional Free Financial Literacy Resources for Students and Teachers + a Free NBEA Membership](#)
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