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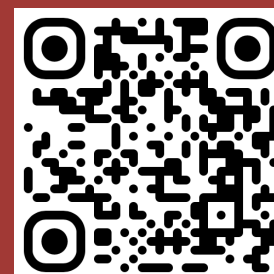
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President Meredith began his service at BYU-I on Aug. 1. Image credit: BYU-I

Who is the new president of BYU-I?

By: ISABELLE JUSTICE

On May 16, Alvin F. Meredith III was announced as BYU-Idaho's 18th president, succeeding Henry J. Eyring who served as president for six years. The announcement was made during Devotional by Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

President Meredith has served in many different Church capacities; he's been the chairman of the Executive Committee of BYU-I's Board of Trustees, a General Authority Seventy, president of the Utah Salt Lake City South Mission, a bishop, stake president and Area Seventy in the North America Southeast and Asia Areas.

With his church service aside, who is Alvin F. Meredith III, the new president of BYU-I?

From the Bible Belt

Known as "Trip" by friends and family, President Meredith was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on July 22, 1970. His mother, Mary Smartt Meredith, was a convert to the church, according to a Church News interview.

"We come from good stock, just not pioneer stock," President Meredith said. "There were no handcars in our family history, no crossing the plains."

President Meredith was an athlete in high school and served full-time in the Utah Salt Lake City Mission after graduation.

Studied psychology and business

After his mission, President Meredith earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at BYU in 1994. He earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago in 2001. He met his wife, Jennifer Edgin, during his time in Provo.

"We were set up on a blind date by some mutual friends," President Meredith said in a BYU-I Devotional. "My wife is the very best person that I know ... Over time, the accumulation of small and quiet reassurances made me realize that she was someone that made me think my highest thoughts, aspire to my noblest deeds and made me wish that I was better than I was. And I just really loved her too."

They were sealed on Feb. 8, 1998, in the Salt Lake Temple. They have been married for 26 years and have six children.

Lived and served overseas

After graduate school, President Meredith's job offered a position in Hong Kong.

"At the time, our oldest child was ten years old and my wife, Jennifer, was six months pregnant with our sixth child," President Meredith explained. "It was daunting to know that this decision would affect not only me, (but) the people I love the most — my family."

President Meredith prayed, studied and counseled with Church leaders to make the decision.

"It became clear that this would be a good move — not an easy move — but a good move for our family," President Meredith said.

The Merediths lived in Hong Kong from

"We've learned that wherever you go, it's the Lord's work and it's the Lord's Church regardless of the language or culture they come from."

2010-2011, and upon returning to the U.S., President Meredith was sustained as an Area Seventy in the North America Area Southeast Area from 2012-2016.

The Merediths returned to Asia once more for work in 2016, and President Meredith was sustained as an Area Seventy in the Asia Area where he served until 2018.

In the last decade, President Meredith completed Church assignments in Utah, Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama and North Carolina. In Asia, he served in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, China, Thailand and India.

Mission president and General Authority Seventy

President Meredith was called as the mission president for a place that he knew well — Salt Lake City.

“We’ve learned that wherever you go, it’s the Lord’s work and it’s the Lord’s Church regardless of the language or culture,” President Meredith said in a Church News interview.

After his service as a mission president, President Meredith was sustained as a General Authority Seventy in 2021. He will continue to serve as a General Authority during his time at BYU-I.

When is inauguration?

President Meredith began his duties at BYU-I on Aug. 1. His first act as president was leading the first Devotional of the summer session.

“It’s my first day of school,” President Meredith said to a chuckling crowd, according to a *Scroll* article.

President Meredith’s inauguration is on Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the BYU-Idaho Center. The event will be available online through BYU-I Radio and BYU-I YouTube.

“The university invites students, employees and the public to gather to celebrate this milestone in BYU-Idaho history,” said Brett Crandall, BYU-I public affairs director, in a news release.

Who is Sister Meredith?

By: KATIA BROWN

Jennifer Edgin Meredith publicly accepted the call to serve alongside her husband, President Alvin F. Meredith III, as a leader of BYU-Idaho on May 16. She began her address by highlighting the kindness of President Henry J. Eyring and Sister Kelly C. Eyring.

“The Eyrings have truly been a friend to any associated with BYU-I,” Sister Meredith said. “They have served you with love and have modeled Christlike leadership. And we hope to do the same.”

A wife and mother

President and Sister Meredith were married in 1998. They have six children — four boys and two girls.

Sister Meredith’s parents are converts to the Church. She served a full-time mission in the Argentina Salta Mission and earned a bachelor’s degree in communications from BYU.

A missionary and teacher

Erika Cook, a senior studying communication, served under President and Sister Meredith in the Utah Salt Lake City South Mission.

“Sister Meredith is an absolute gem.”

“Every time you got off the phone with the Merediths, no matter what, they would say, ‘love you sisters,’” Cook said.

She described the two as having great



Sister Meredith acquired a degree in communications from BYU. Image credit: BYU-I

testimonies of the gospel and said their

dedication to Christ shows in their love for everyone they meet.

Cook describes Sister Meredith as an incredible role model as she balanced their intense church calling while raising a family.

"Sister Meredith is an absolute gem," Cook said. "... She taught us how to teach children ... so well and so simplistically, so that they feel the love of their Savior."

BYU-I leader

"Over the past 25 years, I have seen my husband lead our family and our missionaries with high love, high expectations, good humor and a big smile," Sister Meredith said in a BYU-I Devotional. "I know you will come to love and appreciate his warmth and servant-leadership."

President Meredith spoke after Sister Meredith. During his address, he joked with the audience and said that while students may tolerate him, they'll love his wife.

President and Sister Meredith's missionaries share stories

By: CAT MENLOVE

It was a week before Christmas and Andy Herrmann, a student studying exercise physiology, was fresh out of the Missionary Training Center.

He was called to the Utah Salt Lake City South Mission and his mission president, Alvin F. Meredith III, was interviewing the missionaries.

"While we were waiting to go in, Sister (Jennifer Edgin) Meredith was there and just talking to everybody," Herrmann said. "She just immediately came up to you like a mom, loved you and genuinely wanted to talk to you and see how you were, ... and she provided that light and love and comfort that (we) needed."

Elder Herrmann

Herrmann grew up in Oregon and was one of only three members of his faith in his high school. Serving in Utah led to his first

exposure to antagonistic material about The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

While testifying daily, Herrmann began questioning his faith.

"Everything I've ever known, I just started to question," Herrmann said. "I definitely had a testimony and I definitely felt like I had a good relationship with God and Jesus Christ, but ... it just got in my head and it was really, really hard for me."

Herrmann reached out to President Meredith and said it felt like the president dropped everything to meet with him.

"He met with me and just talked me through everything," Herrmann said. "He shared some things with me that he struggled with as a missionary. He shared ways that he went about it ... it was one of the most reassuring experiences that I've ever gone through."



A mission reunion in Rexburg. Image credit: Erika Cook

“In that moment, he said exactly what I needed to hear. And it has stuck with me literally every single day since then.”

President Meredith continued to support Herrmann through difficult experiences. He recalled another instance in which they spoke.

“In that moment, he said exactly what I needed to hear,” Herrmann said. “And it has stuck with me literally every single day since then. I think about it every day. He helped me realize my worth — helped me realize how Heavenly Father felt about me. He helped me realize that I can rely on Jesus Christ for literally everything in my life.”

Elder Villarreal

Jacob Villarreal, a sophomore studying musical arts, received a different kind of comfort from President and Sister Meredith on his mission when he discovered that a salad he’d been served contained nuts — something he’s allergic to.

“They met us at the hospital and I really don’t remember much about what happened ... because (I) had an IV with so many drugs pumping into my body,” Villarreal said. “I remember just their smile and they were just so happy and calm. I remember joking around about something. And just the way he really ministered to me personally in that moment really meant a lot to me, especially because it was such a weird, kind of scary (experience).”

The love of mission president and wife

Missionaries who served with President and Sister Meredith often share the story of the newly-called couple’s first zone conference discussion. During a training,

President Meredith shared the importance of being a bold missionary, and used the example of a hypothetical first date with Sister Meredith to demonstrate the principle.

In the first version of the role-play, President Meredith politely walked Sister Meredith back to her door, thanked her for a great time, got her number and “planned to do it again sometime.”

In the second role play, he demonstrated overbearance.

“He just grabbed Sister Meredith by the shoulders and just went in for a smooch,” Villareal said. “Right there, in front of the entire mission. And that’s all the missionaries would talk about for the next several months.”

Many missionaries talk about the Merediths open love for each other. BYU-I got to witness the couple’s affection as they introduced themselves at Devotional. As Sister Meredith closed her remarks and returned to her seat, President Meredith kissed her.

“You will see much more of that,” President Meredith said when he came to the stand.

Erika Cook, a senior studying communication, thinks this public demonstration of affection is especially important for BYU-I students.

“It’s hard to find examples in today’s world of a loving marriage, and a healthy one where they both push each other to be better,” Cook said.

“Get ready to feel loved.”

“I’ve never seen two people that respect and love each other the way that they do and seeing each other as equals.”

After every interaction, President Meredith reminded his missionaries of his love for them, according to Cook.

“Get ready to feel loved,” Cook said. “I’ve never met people who love so strongly and so genuinely.”



President Meredith with former missionaries. Image credit: Erika Cook



President Meredith shared a Devotional. Image credit: Ian Maule, Deseret News

Sister Meredith calls BYU-I ‘one of the best kept secrets’ in youth devotional

By: KATIA BROWN

When you are considering where to continue your education, talk to someone who has been to BYU-Idaho — this was the invitation newly called BYU-I President Alvin F. Meredith III gave youth at a CES devotional in Las Vegas on Aug. 17.

President Meredith joined the Church Commissioner of Education Clark G. Gilbert and BYU President C. Shane Reese at the first of three devotionals for prospective college students. Less than a month into their tenure at the Rexburg campus, President Meredith and his wife only had positive reviews to offer the youth.

“BYU-I is one of the best-kept secrets in the Church and truly in higher education,” Sister Jennifer Edgin Meredith said.

The couple gave the audience five reasons students love BYU-I.

1. BYU-I is a disciple-preparation center

President Meredith drew from Elder David A. Bednar’s address, *BYU-Idaho: A Disciple Preparation Center* when he said that students have “unparalleled spiritual resources” to help them grow and strengthen their faith in Christ.

These resources include a variety of religion classes, weekly Devotional, Devotional discussion boards and family home evenings.

2. BYU-I is teaching-focused

President Meredith explained that BYU-I professors care about each of their students’ success. Class sizes are intentionally small, averaging about 31 students. President Meredith said that the class sizes help students find answers to

their questions and receive more direct help.

3. BYU-I believes in the potential of every student

President Meredith said that small class sizes, free tutoring, free student mentoring and student-focused teachers make the school a great fit for any student. The many resources on campus give each student the opportunity to thrive.

4. BYU-I provides high-value education

BYU-I students get a high-quality education for a small price. In his address, President Meredith said that BYU-I is about half the tuition of other Idaho schools. He also mentioned the numerous financial aid, scholarship opportunities and student jobs the campus offers.

5. BYU-I has a strong focus on employability

“We really do take everyday students who go on to do extraordinary things,” Sister Meredith said according to Church News.

Around 95% of BYU-I graduates are employed within the first year of graduating, according to President Meredith.

On Oct. 29, President Meredith will visit Boise to talk about the importance of education and why prospective students should consider BYU-I. He will speak again on Dec. 10 in Idaho Falls.

“We really do take everyday students who go on to do extraordinary things.”

“The presidents that we have across CES are individuals deeply aligned and committed to prophetic guidance, which gives me confidence that the future of Church education is incredibly bright,” Elder Gilbert said in the devotional, according to Church News.



Henry J. Eyring
2017 - 2023

Pushed forward
innovations in
higher education.

Brought courses
worldwide when Pathway
was launched.

Kim B. Clark
2005 - 2015



Steven D. Bennion
1989 - 1997

Developed the track
system that drove
enrollment up to 8,250.

Saw completion of four
facilities and Idaho's first
classical radio station.

Bruce C. Hafen
1978 - 1985



Clark G. Gilbert
2015 - 2017

Taught students to rise up
to the calls in their lives.

Oversaw Ricks College's
transition to BYU-Idaho.

David A. Bednar
1997 - 2004



Joe J. Christensen
1985 - 1989

Taught students to never
stop striving
for excellence.

Added new technical and
vocational programs.

Henry B. Eyring
1971 - 1977



PAST PRESIDENTS



John L. Clarke
1944 - 1971

Enrollment reached the thousands and buildings went from 2 to 18.

Aided the college through the post-World War I depression.

George S. Romney
1917 - 1930



Ezra C. Dalby
1901 - 1914

Oversaw the development of the first building on campus.

Served as one of only two teachers in addition to his duties as president.

George Cole
1894 - 1899



Hyrum Manwaring
1930-1944

The college survived the Great Depression and became accredited.

Led the academy's transition to higher education.

Andrew B. Christenson
1914-1917



Douglas M. Todd
1899 - 1901

The academy became the first Rexburg high school.

Expanded to seventh and eighth grade programs.

Charles N. Watkins
1891 - 1894



Jacob Spori
1888 - 1891

Spori was the first principal of what was then called the Bannock Stake Academy. The academy began with just 85 students. As it faced a rough financial start, Spori used his own salary to help pay school debt and used his earnings from railroad work to help pay teachers.

He is well-known for his prophetic insight about what would become BYU-Idaho, "The seeds we are planting today will grow and become mighty oaks and their branches will run all over the earth."



Clark G. Gilbert as first president of BYU-Pathway Worldwide. Image credit: BYU-Pathway Newsroom

Who chooses the president of BYU-I

By: ISABELLE JUSTICE

BYU-Idaho’s legacy began in 1888. Since then, 18 university presidents have led the school. Historically, presidents have served anywhere from two years to 20 years.

BYU-I operates within the Church Education System alongside BYU, Ensign College, BYU-Hawaii and BYU-Pathway Worldwide. Each school is overseen by the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees includes a group of church leaders that regularly review the mission of CES and make critical decisions for the school — including selecting a university president.

“The Board selects the University President and delegates to the President full responsibility to operate the university,” states the BYU-I Governance and Ethics Compliance page. “... the President

counsels with the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner of Church Education whose roles are defined as a standing advisory commission to the Board.”

This year, the Board includes President Russell M. Nelson as the chair, President Dallin H. Oaks as the first vice-chair, President Henry B. Eyring as the second vice-chair and R. Kelly Haws as secretary. Additional Board members are listed on the Church’s website.

President Alvin F. Meredith III, the newest president of BYU-I, worked on the CES Interview Committee and assisted in the hiring process for BYU-I faculty. In May, he was chosen as the next president of BYU-I.

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FACTS PRESIDENT MEREDITH

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Personal Facts

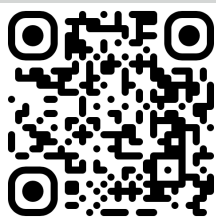
Born July 22, 1970
Married 26 years
Has 6 children
Met wife, Jennifer, while at BYU
From Chattanooga, Tennessee
Known as "Trip" by friends
Studied Psychology and Business

Church Service

Served a mission in Salt Lake City after High School
Bishop
Stake President
Area Seventy Asia
Area Seventy North American Southeast
Chairman Executive Committee BYU-I
Mission President

Quotes

- “ We've learned that wherever you go, it's the Lord's work and it's the Lord's Church regardless of the language or culture they come from.
- “ We are inspired by the administration and faculty's commitment to remain student-focused and singular in the emphasis on teaching...the thing that makes this institution so special is that the litmus test for all that happens here is how it affects each student's testimony of and conversion to Jesus Christ.
- “ I look forward to being His disciple alongside each of you.



Check out our exclusive interview with President Meredith

Student view: Changes coming to BYU-I

By: ISABELLE JUSTICE

On Aug. 29, BYU-Idaho students shared their thoughts with *Scroll* about the fall semester.

"I'm looking forward to the cooler weather and all the fall leaves," said Kallie Larson, a freshman. "I'm excited to meet new people, learn new things and have new experiences."

This fall semester follows an updated Honor Code, Dress and Grooming Standards and Ecclesiastical Endorsement. Many students favor of the change.

"I think it's pretty cool," said Natalia Perry,

a senior majoring in international studies. "It's quite inspired, and it's exciting to have those little changes."

Although the changes are slight, the way campus expectations are worded has left an impact on students.

"I love how it talks about thinking about whether you've been endowed or not, to think about if your clothes will cover your garments," Larson said. "And how you would feel being around the Savior with what you're wearing."

Bella Sonae, a freshman studying accounting, said she was excited to wear shorts during the warmer season.

"It has been really hot because we have been walking from the Cedars to (the Manwaring Center)," Sonae said. "It has been really hot in pants, so I'm so excited to wear shorts and skirts."

Another change that has impacted campus is the new president, Alvin F. Meredith III.

"He seems close to the Lord," Larson said. "He is very aware of the students and their needs."

"It's quite inspired and it's exciting to have those little changes."

Take a look at our video sharing students' responses on our Instagram: @byuiscroll.



Check out
the video!



President Meredith introduced Devotional on Aug. 29 for Ben Yates. Image credit: Isabelle Justice



BYU-I installed campus changes on Aug. 24. Image credit: Isabelle Justice

BYU-I allows shorts and other principle-based updates

By: MARIO MIGUEL

On Aug. 24, the Church Board of Education announced the approval of updates to Student Ecclesiastical Endorsements, the Honor Code and Dress and Grooming Principles and Expectations for all Church Educational Systems.

A press release from the Church said the changes are “principle-based, provide consistency across CES institutions and better align student endorsement interviews with church leaders’ ecclesiastical responsibilities.”

The changes create a common set of expectations across all schools.

Ecclesiastical Endorsement

The following are updated interview questions for the CES Ecclesiastical Endorsement:

— Are you striving to deepen your testimony of God, the Eternal Father; His

Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Ghost?

— Are you striving to deepen your testimony of the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

— Are you striving for moral cleanliness in your thoughts and behavior?

— Do you obey the law of chastity?

— Do you sustain the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles as prophets, seers and revelators?

— Do you support or promote any teachings, practices or doctrine contrary to those of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

— Do you regularly participate in your church meetings and strive to keep the Sabbath day holy?

— Do you strive to be honest in all that you do, including keeping the commitments you have made?

— The Church Educational System is supported and funded by the tithes of the Church of Jesus Christ. Are you a full-tithe payer?

— Do you obey the Word of Wisdom?

— Are you striving to live the teachings of the Church and keep the covenants you have made to this point in your life?

— Are there serious sins in your life that need to be resolved with priesthood authorities as part of your repentance?

The new questions no longer include concerns about following the CES Honor Code or Dress and Grooming Standards. Excluding these questions better aligns students to follow their spiritual responsibilities, according to the news release.

CES Honor Code

The updated CES Honor Code asks students to maintain an Ecclesiastical Endorsement, among other standards, including the following standards:

— Be honest.

— Live a chaste and virtuous life; this includes abstaining from sexual relations outside marriage between a man and a woman and same-sex romantic behavior.

— Abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee, vaping, marijuana and other substance abuse.

— Participate regularly in church services.

“Our goal is that all students and employees feel the love of the Savior.”

The changes are “principle-based, provide consistency across CES institutions and better align student endorsement interviews with church leaders’ ecclesiastical responsibilities.”

Respect others. Avoid vulgar language.

— Obey the law and follow campus policies; this includes the CES Dress and Grooming Standards.

— Encourage others to comply with the Honor Code and Dress and Grooming Standards.

CES Dress and Grooming Principles and Expectations

The updated Dress and Grooming Standards invite each student, employee and volunteer to:

— Represent the Savior Jesus Christ, the Church, and CES.

— Preserve an inspiring environment, without distraction or disruption, where covenants are kept in a spirit of unity so the Holy Ghost can teach truth.

— Promote modesty, cleanliness, neatness and restraint in dress and grooming.

— Maintain an elevated standard distinctive to educational institutions of the Church of Jesus Christ.

The new Dress and Grooming standards allow shorts and open-toed shoes and encourage the following:

— Dress must be modest in fit and style. Dressing in a way that would cover the temple garment is a good guideline,

whether or not one has been endowed.

— Accommodations may be made for athletic participation.

— Be neat and clean. Sloppy, overly casual, ragged or extreme clothing is not acceptable.

— Hair should be clean, neat, modest and avoid extremes in styles and colors.

— Men’s hair should be neatly trimmed. Men should be clean-shaven. If worn, mustaches should be neatly trimmed.

These changes are uniform with BYU-Pathway Worldwide and Seminaries and Institutes of Religion standards.

Additional changes

No changes were made to standards for LGBTQ+ students. Same-sex romantic behavior continues to be contrary to the Honor Code. Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

“LGBTQ students are a welcomed and valued part of the campus community and share a common identity with every student as sons and daughters of God,” CES said in its press release.

The updates were developed with the input of focus groups of randomly selected students at BYU, BYU-I and Ensign College. These were approved by CES presidents C. Shane Reese of BYU, Alvin F. Meredith III of BYU-I, John S. K. Kauwe III of BYU-Hawaii and Bruce C. Kusch of Ensign College.

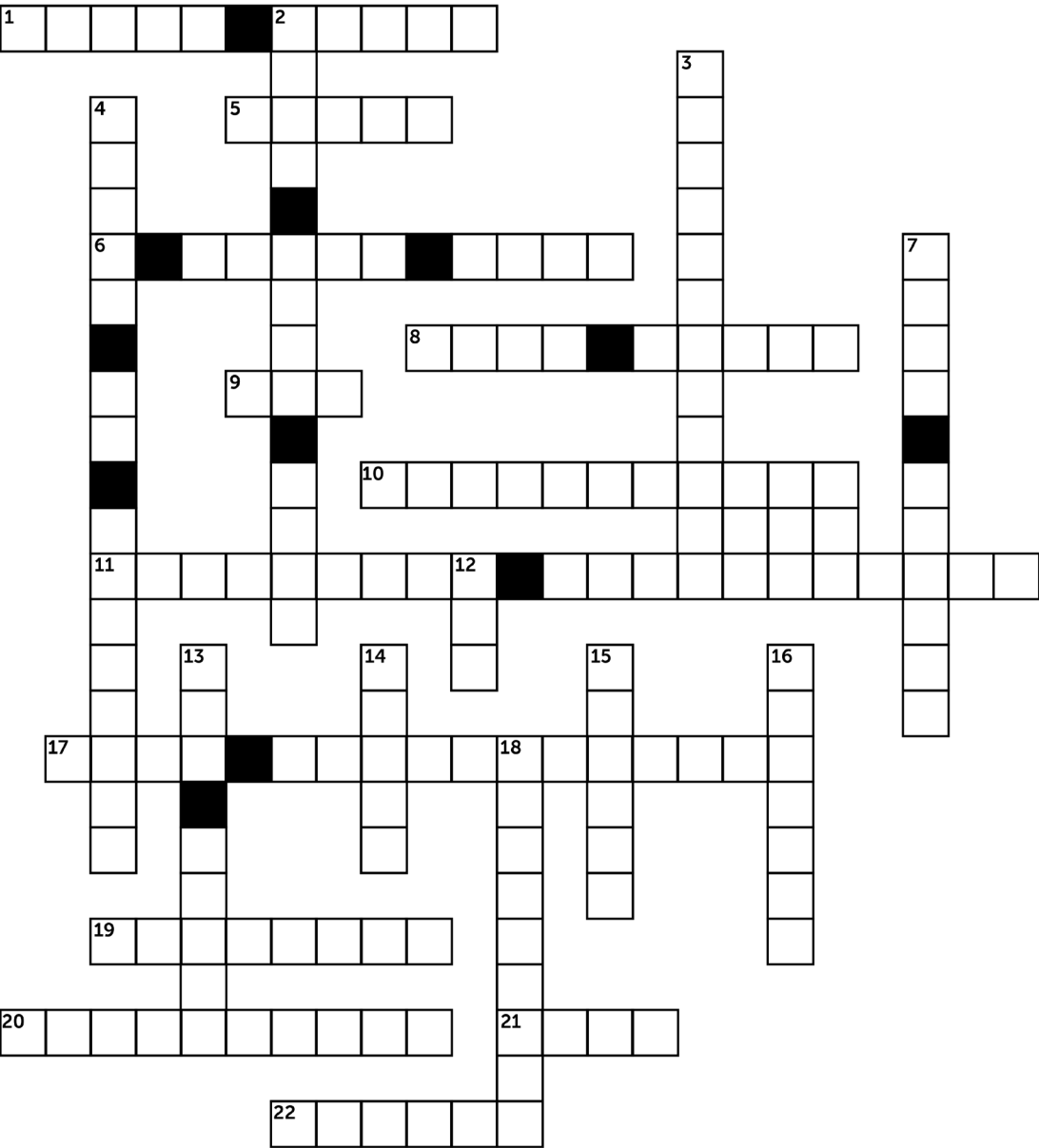
“Our goal is that all students and employees feel the love of the Savior, experience the growth from applying gospel principles and more fully realize the joy associated with being part of a covenant-keeping community,” said Elder Clark G. Gilbert, the CES Commissioner of Education.

More information on CES standards can be found on the Church Newsroom.

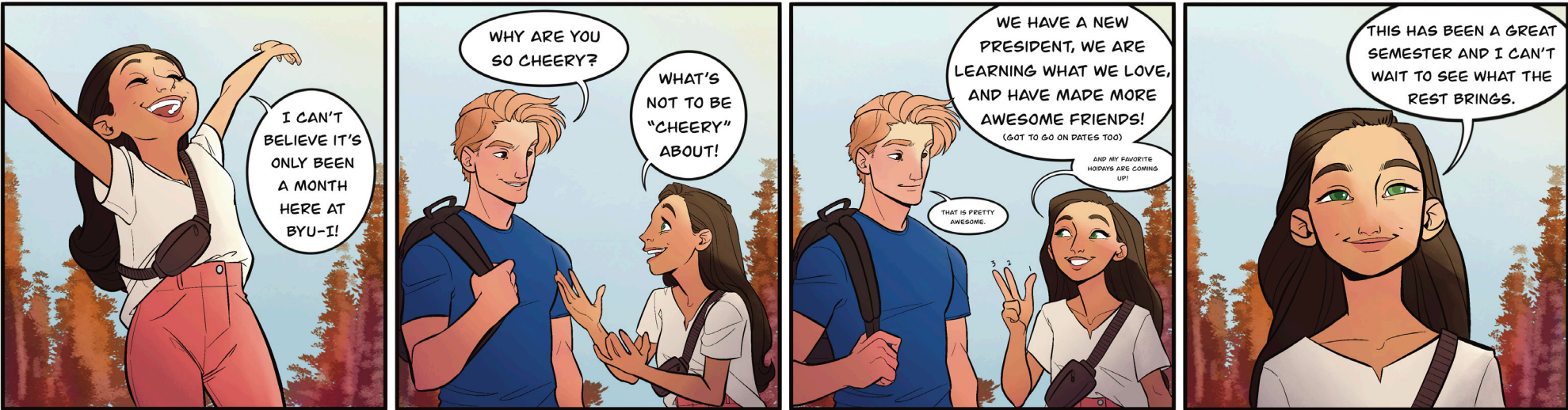


Inauguration Puzzle

Bring a completed puzzle in to the Scroll office by Oct. 11 for a prize!
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| 5 President Meredith's first name | 3 The CES changes are to create a common set of _____ |
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Henry J. Eyring began his service in 2017. Image credit: BYU-I University Relations

Lifted by the stories of others: Reflections on Henry J. Eyring

By: MARIO MIGUEL

In his inaugural response upon becoming president of BYU-Idaho in 2017, Henry J. Eyring spoke very little about himself. In fact, he spent the first half of his address giving tribute to eight presidents who came before him, beginning with his father, President Henry B. Eyring. Such deference to others and their stories defines Henry J. Eyring.

Henry J. Eyring now works at BYU's Marriot School of Management, where he previously served as its director. He was an innovator dedicated to fulfilling BYU-I's core mission — student-focused and cost-effective.

But these qualities come second to his testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Here is a glimpse of Henry J. Eyring's teachings from four devotionals he gave as

president — all inspired by the stories of others.

Righteous persistence — through the life of Spencer W. Kimball

Prophets, Plans, and Persistence – Spring 2023 Devotional

President Spencer W. Kimball had every reason to doubt himself. Early in life, he suffered facial paralysis, typhoid fever and the death of his mother and four sisters. Later, he experienced throat cancer, heart surgery and cranium surgery.

Despite these setbacks, he was known as “being righteous like Job” and was called as president of the Church after the death of Harold B. Lee.

“Through the righteous persistence of President and Sister Kimball, we have been blessed individually and as a Church,” Henry J. Eyring said.

BYU-I is a nurturing place — through the lives of students

Nurturing – Winter 2023 Devotional

In this Devotional, Henry J. Eyring shared the stories of two students.

Mattie Thomas, a BYU-I student, served as a Heber J. Grant mentor and housing manager. In those roles, she was able to listen to students struggling with homesickness, relationships and mental illness.

“I have learned that when I allow others to serve and nurture me, I am essentially telling our Heavenly Father that I am willing to learn and be molded,” Thomas said.

Bob Morely, the associate dean of faculty development, shared his experience as a student at BYU. Morely's elderly landlord explained that her grandson had recently moved in, and she'd just discovered that he had been partying and smoking weed.

Morely was determined to go and scold the young man. As he was about to do so, a dove attacked him and prevented him from approaching the man's door. That night, after reading the story of Ammon ministering to King Lamoni, Morely's heart softened.

Instead of rebuking the young man, Morely invited him over and became his friend. As time went on, the grandson's heart changed and he served a mission.

The miracle of repentance — through the life of his grandfather

Not Blind Faith, but Big Faith – Winter 2020 Devotional

In a Winter 2020 Devotional, Henry J. Eyring taught that when doubts arise, we should look to three of the biggest declarations of the Church to strengthen our faith:

— During His mortal ministry, the Savior miraculously suffered for the sins and sorrows of all people.

— Joseph Smith saw Heavenly Father and the Savior, along with other heavenly messengers, who instructed him in establishing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

— Thanks to priesthood power, each of us can qualify daily for repentance and peace of mind.

“By putting a spiritual oxygen mask on another person, we find that we immediately breathe easier, no matter what challenges we face.”

To illustrate the latter two, Henry J. Eyring invoked the example of his grandfather, Henry Eyring.

Henry Eyring, a scientist, understood that some spiritual things may not be comprehended until after this life. As much as Henry Eyring was a student of science, he was a student of the scriptures. He exemplified great faith in the restoration of the gospel which helped him overcome doubts.

President Henry B. Eyring asked his father if he felt he should take time to repent of unresolved sins before passing. On his deathbed, he smiled and told his son, “Oh no, Hal, I’ve been repenting as I went along.”

Disappointment from worldly ambition — through the lens of Henry J. Eyring

Rising Above Opposition – Fall 2019

Early in his career, Henry J. Eyring rocketed to high leadership positions

in the management consulting firm he worked for. As additional advancement opportunities dried, he moved to Utah to open a new branch office.

He described that his arrogance and pride caused him to overestimate himself — he found no success in Utah. His business failure left him with immense personal anguish.

Things changed when his wife recommended that he keep a personal daily journal. Despite his bleak temporal circumstances, he wanted to have positive

stories to record in his journal. So, he made intentional efforts to look for the blessings in his life and serve others.

“We breathe best, spiritually, when we are helping someone who is struggling,” Henry J. Eyring said. “By putting a spiritual oxygen mask on another person, we find that we immediately breathe easier, no matter what challenges we face.”

As he embraced daily selfless acts, the Lord helped Henry J. Eyring overcome his despair.

About *Scroll*

Scroll is a BYU-Idaho news organization that informs, inspires and entertains the Rexburg community through daily multimedia storytelling.

As BYU-I’s oldest campus organization, *Scroll* publishes content with the following priorities in mind:

1. Audience

Scroll reaches the student body, employees, alumni and the Eastern Idaho community through multiple channels. Each topic *Scroll* covers is chosen for its relevance.

2. Faith

BYU-I comprises a unique religious environment and *Scroll* supports that environment by publishing content that builds faith in Jesus Christ.

3. Production

Scroll publishes daily content that is engaging, useful, newsworthy and adds value to readers’ lives.

4. Students

Scroll trains effective researchers, journalists, editors, communicators, multimedia storytellers, writers and leaders in a hands-on environment.

5. Values

Scroll values excellence, innovation, truth, humility, freedom, timeliness and fun.

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