



# IDAHO NOVUS CLASSICAL ACADEMY

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## The Beacon

A newsletter from the leadership of Idaho Novus Classical Academy

### MAJOR MILESTONE ACHIEVED!

Two years of hard work and countless hours invested by a dedicated corps of volunteers led up to one meeting in downtown Boise this morning. For the team at Idaho Novus Classical Academy (INCA), this was the event of the year and what we had all been waiting for at the end of a lengthy charter petition process. Before we share what happened there, some background is necessary. In Idaho, charter schools must be authorized before they can operate. Many schools, including this one, choose to seek authorization from the Idaho Public Charter School Commission (IPCSC). The beginning of the process involves submission of a charter petition to the IPCSC, followed by four months of follow-up work leading to a public hearing before the commissioners. In our case, the charter petition was a 247-page document complete with all the evidence necessary to show that INCA will be a high quality, fiscally responsible, and financially sustainable public charter school.

**We are happy to report that INCA was authorized by the IPCSC today. This means that we are clear to continue our work and move toward opening our doors to students in August of 2024.**

Now that INCA is an authorized charter school, we can proceed on a range of projects. These include completing the financing process for our school building, beginning construction, and commencing a nationwide search for excellent teachers. This is a very exciting time for our school community! Over the next few months, you should expect to receive updates from us on a range of items as the school development project continues to accelerate. This information will primarily arrive through the school newsletter, The Beacon, so keep an eye on your email for the next edition.



The future location of INCA in the Avimor Community along Highway 55 north of Eagle.

## HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF INCA

Launching a new charter school requires a group of volunteers who are willing to give of themselves for the benefit of the community. In our case, this group was launched by tenacious mother of three and serial volunteer Ruth David of Meridian. She brought her passion for American classical education to this project and painstakingly recruited like-minded parents and community members to help initiate the school development process. Through a combination of their unique backgrounds and willingness to contribute time and resources, these individuals collaborated to build local partnerships, establish a relationship with Hillsdale College, secure a land donation, spread the word to interested families, and recruit a founding principal. The names of the INCA founders are:

John Bassetti  
Brian Blakeley  
Raymon David  
Ruth David  
Alan Hodge  
Chad Titmus  
Liz Williams

We encourage you to look for our founders at INCA events and use them as a resource to learn more about the school and why American classical education is the right choice for your family.

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## PROFILES IN LEADERSHIP



**Dr. Vincent Kane**

### **Founding Principal**

Dr. Kane brings an extensive background in K-12 education to INCA. He started off teaching Government, Economics, and U.S. History courses to high school students in New Hampshire. Later, he moved to Alaska where he taught sixth grade, then served as an assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent. He has worked in cities, small towns, and rural areas including a remote village school on an island in the Bering Sea. He has an undergraduate background in political science and philosophy and three graduate degrees, including a doctorate in entrepreneurial leadership in education.



**Major Bruce Sims**  
**Founding Assistant Principal**

Major Sims recently retired from a 21-year career in the United States Marine Corps, where he filled key positions in aviation, logistics, and ground operations. His operations experience includes preparing and deploying units for missions, both in the U.S. and overseas. Most recently, he served as the operations officer responsible for evaluating the efficacy of future Marine Corps concepts, equipment, and technology. He has an undergraduate background in business administration and supply chain management and is currently finishing a master's degree in mathematics education.

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## **UPCOMING PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS**

January 23rd

Eagle City Hall 6:30 -  
8:00 p.m.

February 16th

Zoom  
8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

February 27th

Eagle City Hall 6:30 -  
8:00 p.m.

The most up-to-date information about events can be found on our website.

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## THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN CLASSICAL EDUCATION

Watch this video produced by the Hillsdale College Office of K-12 Education to learn more about American classical education and what you can expect from schools like ours:



You can support Idaho Novus Classical Academy by sharing information about the school with your friends and neighbors. Please encourage them to like us on Facebook or fill out an intent-to-enroll form on our website.

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