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### **Brightest Stars Awards Ceremony Recognizes Idaho Volunteers**

Seventy-four outstanding volunteers from throughout the state were honored as stars on Wednesday by Lt. Gov. Brad Little at Idaho's Brightest Stars awards ceremony in Boise.

"Volunteerism is a gift that benefits citizens and addresses needs in communities throughout our state," said Lt. Gov. Brad Little. "These men and women are not seeking recognition, but it is important to acknowledge these Brightest Star recipients and their generous commitment to giving to others and ensuring a bright future for all citizens."

The volunteers were nominated for their contributions in seven categories – Business, Individual, Nonprofit/Civic Organization, Senior Citizen, Student, Teacher/Professor and Veteran. All were nominated by fellow Idahoans for their extraordinary volunteer efforts.

All nominees were recognized as stars in their communities and one Brightest Star Volunteer of the Year was chosen in each category. A review panel of citizens throughout the state participated with the lieutenant governor in selecting the brightest stars. This year's recognized volunteer leaders were:

- Business: Hewlett Packard, Boise
- Individual: Ginny Gobel, Boise
- Nonprofit/Civic Organization: Book it Forward!, Boise
- Senior Citizen: Dr. David A. McClusky, Twin Falls
- Student: Joseph Thomasson (Joey), Lewiston
- Teacher/Professor: Julie Richardson, Oakley
- Veteran: John Harrington Burns, Meridian

Visit the Serve Idaho website at [serveidaho.gov](http://serveidaho.gov) to see a list of all of the nominees.

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