

# McClure Center

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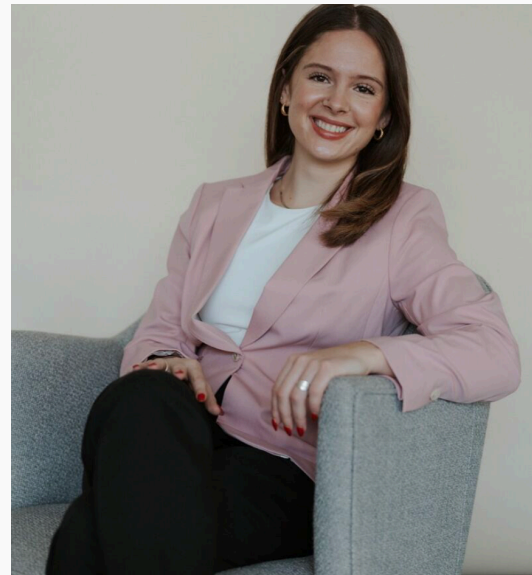
McClure Center for  
Public Policy Research

### SENATOR AND LOUISE MCCLURE'S IMPACT

Senator and Louise McClure valued mentoring interns throughout their careers in public service. They recognized the importance of teaching civility and bipartisanship to the next generation of leaders.

Many of the Senator's former interns went on to prominent careers in state and federal politics, public service and business, applying the skills and insights gained under his mentorship in Washington, D.C. Former interns have played key roles in shaping Idaho's landscape and upholding the McClures' legacy by advancing policies focused on agriculture, energy, natural resources and the arts.

### SUMMER '24 VANDALS IN D.C. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT- MARTHA SMITH



"I am unexplainably grateful for my time at the University of Idaho. Off campus, I experienced tremendous growth thanks to U of I.

In the summer of 2024, I was lucky to be selected as the first Vandals in D.C. Scholarship recipient. While I was there, I worked at a political consulting firm where I was able to professionally correspond with Capitol Hill staffers, contribute to clients requiring business development research and attend work events my firm hosted on Capitol Hill.

While I was in D.C., I lived at The Washington Center where I took American Politics and Media and was recognized as having one of the best final presentations in the class. More holistically, I enjoyed everything D.C. has to offer as a young person and made professional connections that benefit me even to today. I can't say how thankful I am for the support I've received and the opportunity to work in D.C., thanks to the Vandals in D.C. Scholarship."

### VANDALS IN D.C.

To help provide future Idaho leaders the opportunity to intern in Washington, D.C., the McClure Center supports University of Idaho undergraduate students with scholarships to spend a semester — spring, summer or fall — in the nation's capital, in partnership with [The Washington Center's Academic Internship Program](#). **Students earn a full semester of credit.**

The Washington Center's Academic Internship Program provides students with hundreds of internship opportunities based on the student's interests and goals, housing, academic credit, career readiness programming designed to develop professional skills and expertise, mentorship and participation in an academic course of the student's choosing.



**In celebration of Senator McClure's 100th birthday, we are asking for your help to be one of at least 100 people to donate \$100 going towards the McClure Center's Vandals in D.C. Scholarship.** Your contribution will not only pay tribute to Senator McClure but also provide Idaho's future leaders with life-changing internship opportunities in the nation's capital.

For more information and to donate please visit:  
[Senator McClure's 100th Birthday](#)

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Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine".

Katherine E. Himes, Ph.D.  
Director, James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research

Learn more about ways to [give to the McClure Center](#).

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## CONNECT WITH US!



Based in Boise, the [University of Idaho's James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research](#) conducts evidence-based research, informs public dialogue and policy, facilitates collaborations and engages students in learning about public policy making. The Center's approach to addressing society's complex issues sustains Senator and Louise McClure's legacy of thoughtfully pursuing bipartisan collaboration and sound public policy.

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