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The Idaho INBRE Program is pleased to announce that former **2019 INBRE Fellow Nicholas (Nick) Pancheri**, a student working in Dr. Nathan Schiele's laboratory in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering has been awarded a prestigious **Goldwater Scholarship** for the 2021-2022 academic year. Nick is one of just two Idaho students to receive this nationwide award. Pancheri, who is also a student of the University Honors Program, is researching how a tendon forms to develop specific functional properties. His career goal is to pursue a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, followed by postdoctoral training in tissue engineering.

Nick is currently a junior at the University of Idaho. He began his research in Dr. Schiele's laboratory as an 2018 Idaho INBRE STEM Action Center Transition Trainee during the summer after his senior year in High School. Subsequently, he was awarded both academic year and summer 2019 Idaho INBRE Research Fellowships and the 2020 Beckman Scholars Program Award from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation.

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation was established by Congress in 1986 to serve as a living memorial to honor the lifetime work of Senator Barry Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years in the U.S. Senate.

For the 2021-2022 academic year, 410 college students from across the United States were awarded Goldwater Scholarships from a pool of over 5,000 college sophomores and juniors who were nominated by 438 academic institutions. Each Goldwater Scholar annually receives an amount equal to the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$7,500.

Many of the Goldwater Scholarship awardees have published their research in leading professional journals and have presented their work at professional society conferences. Pancheri is a co-author on one peer-reviewed publication and presented his work at several national conferences including the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) and the annual meeting of the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES).