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President
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Welcome to the first issue of CWI News, the e-newsletter for Idaho's newest community college — the College of Western Idaho. This newsletter will be a valuable resource for you to keep connected with the latest developments, and to learn more about the variety of benefits that our community college will offer to residents of the Treasure Valley and beyond.

Before we look too far ahead, I do want to share some key milestones achieved since last May, when the referendum passed that created the community college district and paved the way for CWI's creation. Within three months, CWI assembled a knowledgeable Board of Trustees and hired a President. We've continued to expand this excellent team ever since, which you will read more about below. Together, this team has created the legal and business entity of CWI, researched best practices of community colleges, coordinated with state agencies, secured legal counsel, obtained the necessary insurance for operations and developed a business plan and budgets for 2008 and 2009. While these may not be the most captivating topics, I assure you that each development is a substantial and necessary step in starting a community college - something that hasn't happened in Idaho in more than 40 years.

Earlier this year, in partnership with Boise State's Larry G. Selland Center of Applied Technology, we began offering a wide selection of certificate classes and fast track career training non-credit programs. This marks our very first step towards establishing a strong tradition of education, and we're excited to have this insight and curriculum available to use as a foundation for our future.

CWI News will keep you up to speed on our progress as we work to build a tradition of education that will make every resident of Treasure Valley proud. If you have specific questions or topics you want to hear more about in future issues, please share your feedback with us here.

I hope that you share my excitement for the future, and I appreciate your ongoing support for the College of Western Idaho.

Sincerely,

Dennis Griffin
President

CWI Invests in Key Administrative Software System

Datatel®, Inc. has been selected as the enterprise resource planning software to serve CWI constituents—including students, faculty and the community at large. Implementing the Datatel Colleague software will provide CWI with the technology and functionality to be competitive in the ever-changing higher education environment. This system will ensure a smooth enrollment process for students and will enable CWI to fully integrate all of its valuable information to make day-to-day tasks more efficient and student-friendly.

New Additions to CWI Team

Connie Black,
Registrar

Terry Blom,
Director of Admissions

Marilyn Griggs,
Controller

Kevin Jensen,
Director of Financial Aid

Thomas Peppersack,
Systems Engineer

Chris Smith,
Systems Engineer

In The News

[Senate panel OKs increase in community college tuition cap](#)

[CSI may help CWI get up and running](#)

[Jerry Hess: CWI should explore innovative funding options](#)

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Refreshed Web Site

CWI recently updated the look and feel of its Web site. Please take a look at <http://www.cwidaho.cc> and be sure to check back often as the site will continue to evolve in order to meet the needs of the CWI community.

Future CWI News Topics

Do you have a topic you would like us to cover in a future issue of CWI News? Let us know by emailing info@cwidaho.cc. The first 100 people who provide newsletter topic suggestions and their mailing address will be sent a special CWI memento!!