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At a recent Board of Trustees meeting we officially welcomed our two newly elected members, Stan Bastian and Tammy Ray, as they joined Mark Dunham, Guy Hurlbutt, and M.C. Niland – each of whom were re-elected this past November. Witnessing our trustees' passion and commitment to helping CWI achieve its goals brings me great excitement for the months and years ahead, as I believe they have the insight and experience necessary to shape our college into a true asset for our community.

I also want to acknowledge the tremendous effort and leadership of our outgoing trustees. Jerry Hess not only chaired our Board but was instrumental in making the community college campaign a success, paving the way to deliver the vision and guidance our community college needed throughout his tenure. Hatch Barrett's considerable experience as a local business leader and professional technical education advocate provided us with the extensive insight CWI needed during this startup phase of our history. Both were critical in helping us build Idaho's first community college in more than 40 years, and we're thankful to have received their counsel and direction.

Now that CWI is enrolling students for its first classes in January, we begin a new and exciting phase with a dynamic Board of Trustees determined to help CWI deliver high-quality education options that are more accessible to our community than ever before. I encourage you to welcome our newest members and learn more about them in the sidebar and visit our Board of Trustees page to keep informed about upcoming meetings and recent developments. Together these trustees will help shape the future of CWI and provide critical guidance as we open our doors to students this January and continue to expand the ways that CWI can serve our community.

Before I close, I urge you to explore the significant value and comprehensive range of educational options that the College of Western Idaho has to offer you, your family, neighbors and friends. We continue to enroll students for CWI's first wave of academic classes starting in January, and are excited to deliver high-quality education options that are accessible to everyone at a fraction of the cost of other local alternatives. Be sure to visit our Web site or contact our One Stop Student Services center at 208-562-3000 or at onestop@cwidaho.cc to learn more.

We look forward to hearing more about your educational goals and how we can work together to help you achieve more.

Meet the New Trustees

Stan Bastian has extensive experience in education and serving the citizens of Treasure Valley, most recently as a member of the Eagle City Council and as senator for District 14. He has been a member of the council for four terms, and served as Eagle City Council President for four of those years. Bastian also served in the Idaho House of Representatives for two years, following a distinguished career in education where he was recognized with multiple service awards as teacher and assistant principal. He also helped to grow the Professional-Technical Programs of the Nampa School District from six programs to twenty-one as the Nampa School District Professional Technical Coordinator.

Tammy Ray possesses a comprehensive understanding of educational programs gained during her roles with both government and educational institutions. She currently serves as the program research and development analyst for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare following roles with the Idaho Department of Education as program specialist for Child Nutrition and program consultant for Federal Programs. Prior to this, Ray held roles of increasing responsibility with Treasure Valley Community College, Eastern Oregon University and the University of Idaho. She also holds multiple degrees from the U of I, including Master of Education with a Cognate in Professional Technical Education. Ray was a member of the Idaho Family Literacy Council under multiple Idaho governors and is active in a number of other professional and volunteer capacities.

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