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ANNUAL REPORT

College of Southern Idaho **Foundation**

Letter from the President

Dear Friends of the College of Southern Idaho,

Thousands of college students start classes each fall, each carrying with them a hope that this will be the year everything changes — the year they earn a nursing license, a welding certification, or the credits that transfer them into the future promised by a four-year degree. What happens next, for so many of them, depends less on their effort or ability than on whether they can afford to stay enrolled. **That is where you come in.**

The CSI Foundation has had, this past year, the privilege of standing beside our students at exactly that critical moment. Through scholarships, emergency assistance, and investment in the programs that define this College — from our respected health sciences and workforce training programs to the arts, athletics, and academic transfer pathways — your generosity kept doors open that might otherwise have closed. This year alone, Foundation donors funded over $3,315,098 in assistance to more than 2,171 students.

I want to share one story that captures why this support matters. A student named Matt came to CSI as a single dad working multiple jobs, determined to advance his earning potential, but unsure he could afford college. A Foundation scholarship covered a semester of tuition and books, and an emergency grant helped him with other expenses at a critical time. This December, Matt will walk across the stage with his degree.

Stories like Matt's are playing out across every division of the College, and they are only possible because of donors who believe, as you do, that a community thrives when its people have access to affordable, high-quality education close to home. CSI has long been **that** access point for the Magic Valley — and the need has never been greater. Rising costs of living, tightening household budgets, and an increasingly competitive job market mean that the students walking onto our campuses today need more support, not less, to finish what they started.

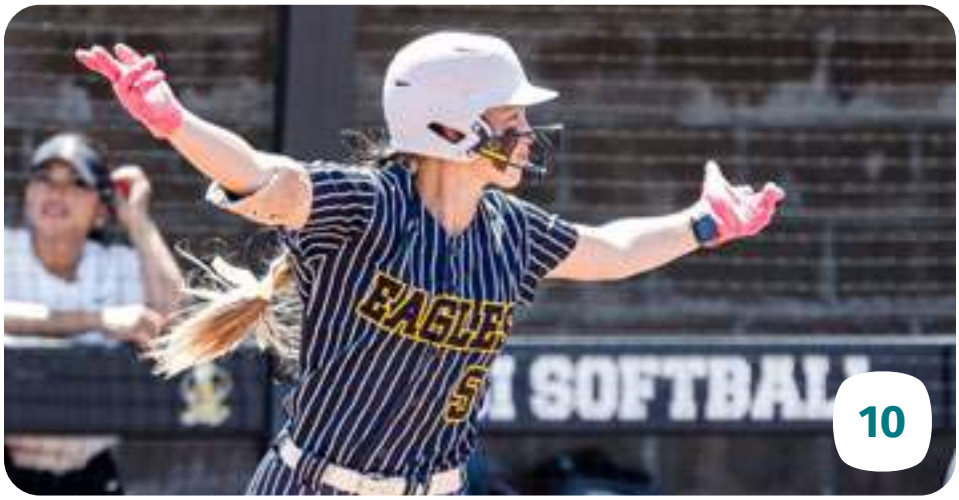
That is the opportunity in front of us. Every gift to the CSI Foundation, whatever its size, becomes tuition paid, a book purchased, a childcare bill covered, or a piece of equipment that lets a student master a trade. It becomes a graduate who stays in this region, builds a career here, and strengthens the community we all share. Few investments offer a more direct or more visible return.

On behalf of our students, faculty, and staff, thank you for the trust you have placed in the CSI Foundation and in this College. I hope you will consider renewing or expanding your support this year, and I invite you to visit campus and see firsthand the impact of your generosity.

With gratitude and Golden Eagle pride,

Dr. L. Dean Fisher

President



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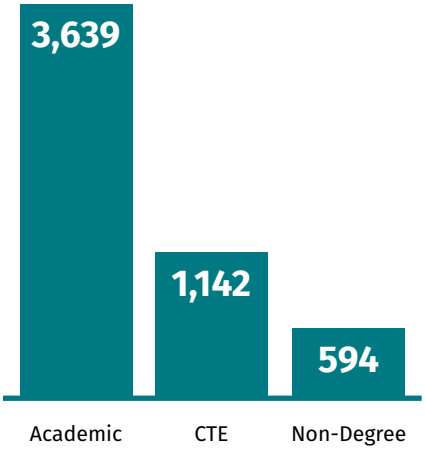
We Are The Golden Eagles!

Facts At A Glance - Source: CSI Institutional Reporting FY 2025-2026.
These numbers do not include dual credit students.

Head Count



Source: CSI's 2025 Idaho State PSR report

Off-Campus Centers

Top Programs

Based on the Summer 2024-2025, Fall 2025-2026, Spring 2025-2026.
Conferred Degrees, courtesy of Institutional Research.

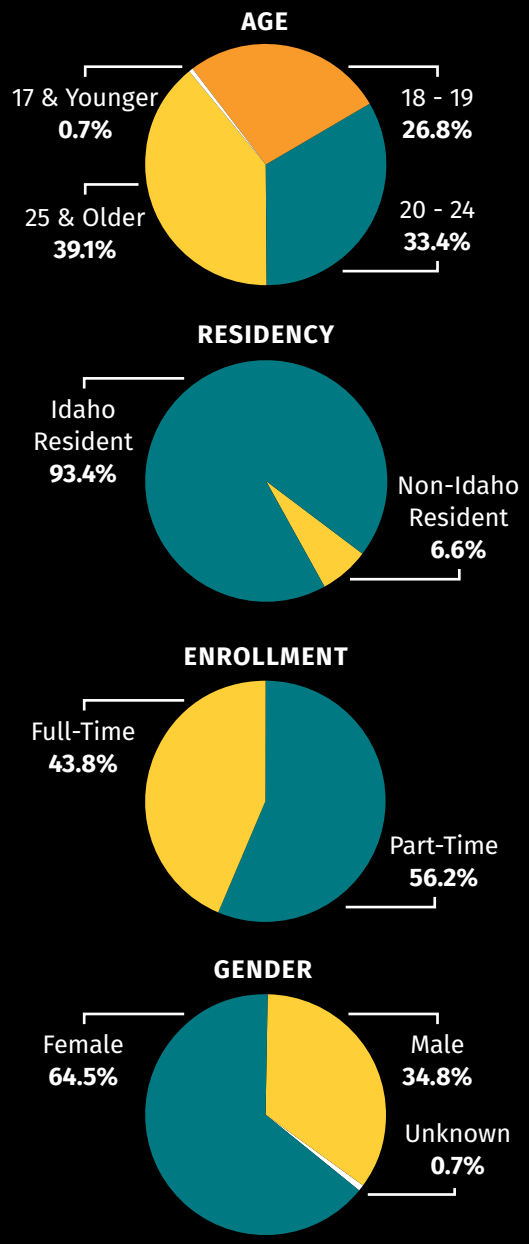
Academic 2026

1. Liberal Arts
2. Health Science
3. Registered Nursing
4. Business Administration
5. Education
6. Psychology
7. Criminal Justice
8. Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math
9. Operations Management
10. Animal Science

CTE 2026

1. Welding Technology
2. Emergency Medical Services
3. Introduction to Cyber Security
4. Practical Nursing
5. Early Childhood Education
6. Law Enforcement
7. Surgical/Central Sterile Processing Tech
8. Automation Engineering Technology
9. Applied Bookkeeping/Accounting
10. Administrative Assistant

Student Profile



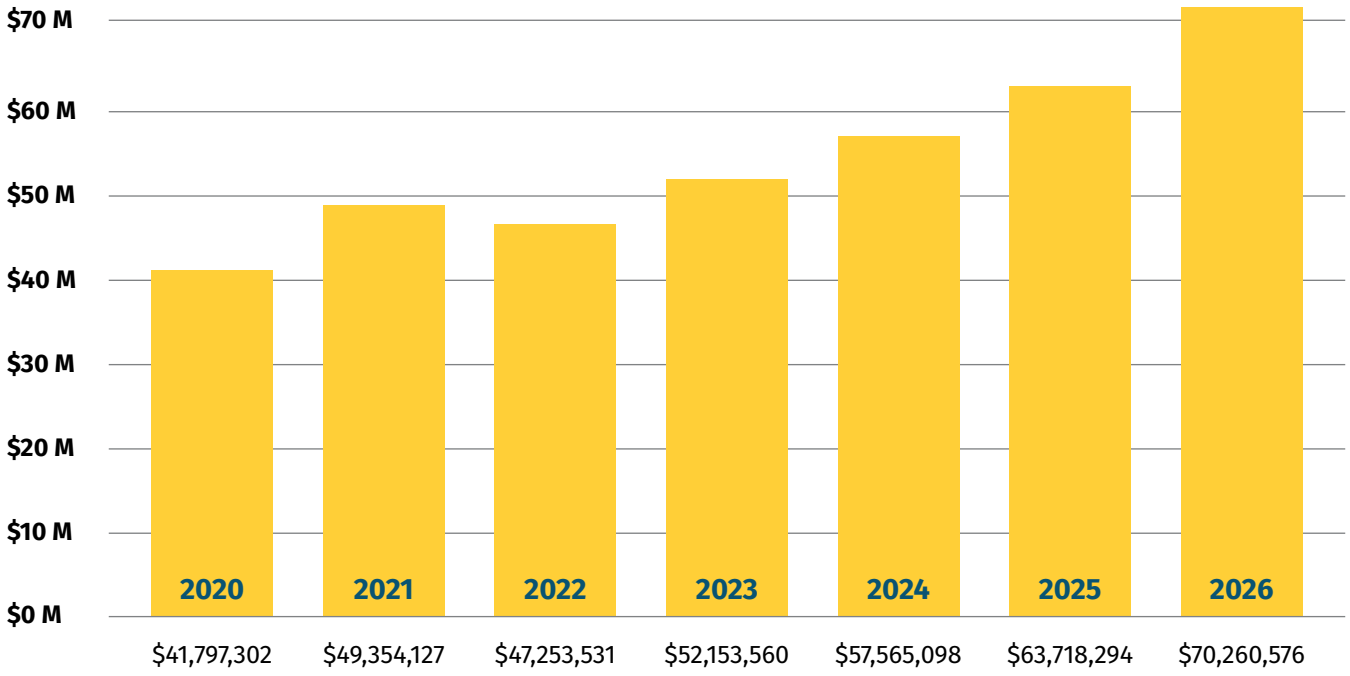
Based on degree-seeking students
Source: CSI's 2026 Idaho State PSR report

Over $4 Million

awarded in scholarships and distributions

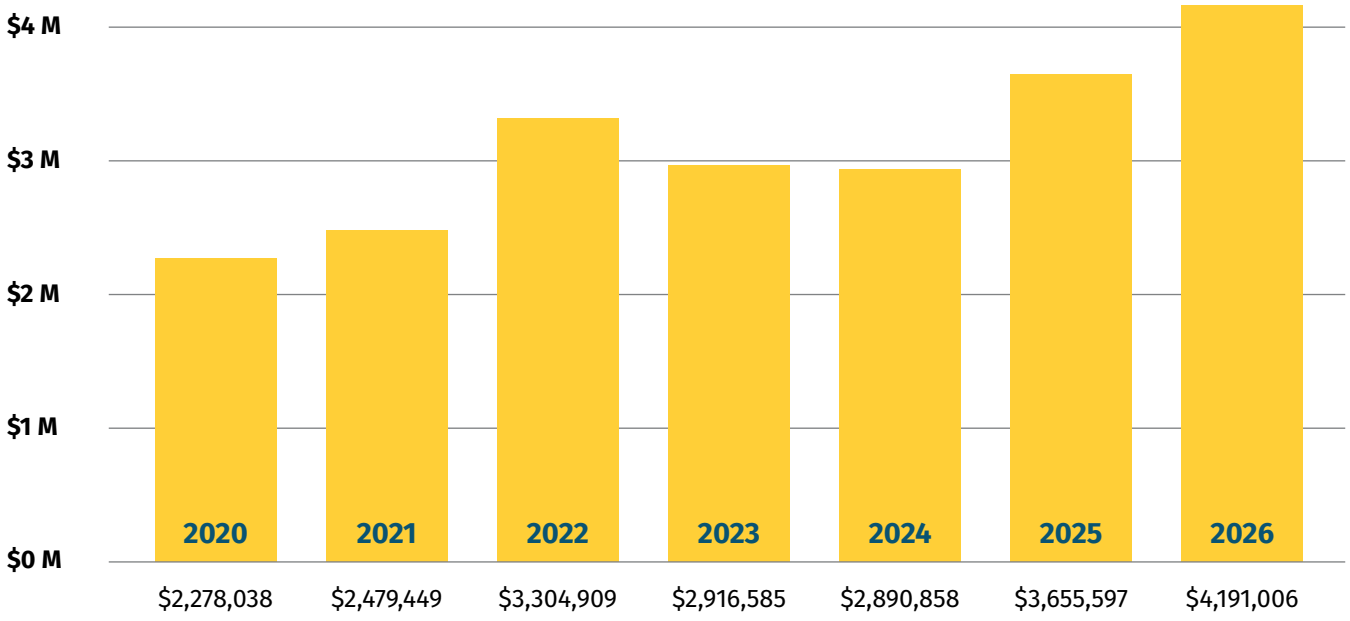
CSI Foundation Assets

Asset management is an important function of the Foundation. It includes oversight of investments and a balancing of long-term strategies. Optimizing the annual disbursement of scholarship dollars while enhancing the value of core resources is critical.



Scholarships & Distributions

Total amount of scholarships and grants awarded in the past seven years.



Business & Organization Donors

Your donations make a significant difference to CSI Students. When you donate, you are not only supporting our students financially but also changing the future for the students and their entire families. The generous donations acknowledged in this report were made between July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Thank you for making the choice to help our Eagles soar!

5 Cents Livestock
Adams Excavating Inc
Advanced Orthopedics & Sports Medicine
Agri Beef Management
AgWest Farm Credit
Alpine School District
Amalgamated Sugar Co
Ambrose Trucking LLC
America's Junior Miss Scholarship Foundation, Inc
American Falls Rotary
American Fisheries Society Fish Culture Section
American Legion Post #115
American Legion Post No 7
American Quarter Horse Foundation
American Welding Society Foundation
Auburn Crest Home Health & Hospice
Auto Ranch Foundation Inc
B Salty LLC
B&H Office Shops
Backyard Bronc Bash
Bashaw Family Foundation Inc
Basin No. 72 School District
Beef Northwest Feeders LLC
Biology and Allied Health Department
Bish's RV, Inc
Black Dragon Games
Blaine County Sheriff's Office
Blue Lakes Medicine PA
Bobcat Foundation
Body Balance Physical Therapy
Boesiger's Repair LLC
Bogue Diesel Repair & Welding, LLC
Boswell Family Foundation
BPOE Lodge #2276
Brewster Cheese Company
Bruce Mitchell Foundation
Bruneau Valley Booster Club
Buhl Public School Foundation
C.M. Fiala, Inc
Caldwell Foundation for Educational Opportunity
Caldwell Rodeo Foundation
Camas Co 4-H Leaders Council
Capener Bros Dairy
Cassia County Education Foundation, Inc
Cassia Regional Technical Center
Castleford Education Foundation
Challis Joint School District #181
Chapter AI PEO
Chapter D PEO Sisterhood
Chick-fil-A
Chickasaw Nation Ed Services
Chobani LLC
Citizen Potawatomi Nation
City of Idaho Falls
City of Troy
Claiborn Family Farms
Clark Fork Jr/Sr High School
Clark Rodeo Ranches LLC
Coeur d'Alene Regional Chamber of Commerce
College Success Foundation
Colorado State High School Rodeo Association
Columbia Bank
Columbia Grain
Con Paulos Chevrolet
Cossa Educators Association
Cowboy Concrete LLC
Crooked River Roundup Foundation
Custer Soil & Water Conservation District
D&B Supply
D.L. Evans Bank
Dairy West
David R Stoecklein Memorial & Educational Foundation
Delta Dental of Idaho
Desert Scholarship Foundation
Dilettante Group of the Magic Valley
Don Royster Memorial Foundation
Dot Foods, Inc.
Dutch Touch LLC
Education Foundation of the Blaine County School District
Edward Ramsdale Scholarship Fund
Elko County School District
Elko Federal Credit Union
Elmore Lodge #30
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Emmett Public School Foundation Inc
Ewell Educational Services Inc
Excel Backflow Service Inc
Extreme Electric Inc
Extreme Excavation Inc
Extreme Hydrovac Services LLC
Far + Wise
Farmers Bank
Fiber Care
Filer FFA Alumni
First Federal Savings Bank
FOE Ladies Auxiliary #162
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Friends of Meridian Lions Inc
Full Curl Properties Inc
Gail Richardson Memorial Charitable Fund
Gary D. Slette, P.A.
Gary's Precision Diesel Inc
Gem State Paper & Supply Co
Gene Haas Foundation
GFWC Lamoille Women's Club
Golden Eagle Boosters Inc
Goodfellow Fencing & Decorative
Gooding High School
Gooding Rotary Club
Grace Community Church
Great Basin Elks Lodge #1472
Hailey Rotary Foundation Inc.
Hansen School Dist 415
Hanssen Construction LLC
Hardway Pipeline LLC
Heider Electric Inc
Hemingway Parents Auxiliary
High Mountain Metal LLC
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans
HUB International Insurance
IAHD Scholarship Fund
Idaho AEYC
Idaho Cattlewomen
Idaho Central Credit Union
Idaho City High School
Idaho Community Foundation
Idaho CTE Foundation Inc
Idaho Dig Co, LLC
Idaho Episcopal Foundation
Idaho Falls School District 91 Education Foundation
Idaho FFA Foundation
Idaho Garage Door
Idaho Grower Shippers Association Inc.
Idaho High School Rodeo District 2
Idaho HOSA
Idaho Latino Scholarship Foundation
Idaho Power Company
Idaho Regional Robotics
Idaho Sheriffs' Association
Idaho State Police Association, Chapter 4
Idaho Virtual Academy
Immaculate Conception Church
Innovia Foundation
Intermountain Fabrication
Intermountain Health
J. Evan Robertson, P.A.
Jae Foundation Inc
James Ray Inc.
Jefferson Scholarship Fund, Inc
Jerome Civic Club
Jerome County Fair
Jerome Development Co
Jerome High School
Jerome Rural Fire Dist #1
Jerome School District
John & Olive Adams Foundation Inc
John K Wilson Foundation
Junk B Gone

Business & Organization Donors

JW N Sons Inc
K&T Steel Corporation
KAMS Foundation
Ketchum/Sun Valley Rotary Club
Kidd Performance
Kiwanis Club of Burley
Kiwanis Club of Rupert
Knights of Columbus #1397
La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant
Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation Inc
Lee W Schmidt Scholarship Trust Fund
Leo Adler Foundation
Les Schwab Tire Co
Lighthouse Christian School
Lytle Signs, Inc
Magic Valley Arts Council
Magic Valley Cattle Association
Magic Valley Chorale Group
Magic Valley Electric
Magic Valley Mall, LLC
Magic Valley Stampede Gold Buckle Club, Inc.
Magic Valley Symphony Orchestra, Inc
Malheur County School District No 84
Martens Family Foundation Inc.
Melba School Dist
Minidoka County School Dist #331 Educational Foundation Inc
Minidoka Health Care Foundation
Minidoka Memorial Hospital Guild
Moscow Central Lions Club
Mountain Pacific Investment Advisors
Mt. Wheeler Power Company
Murtaugh School District 418
MV Junior Golf Foundation Inc
Nampa School District
Nampa Schools Foundation Inc
Nannini, Inc
National High School Rodeo Foundation
National Philanthropic Trust
Nevada Agricultural Foundation
Nevada State High School Rodeo Association
New Plymouth High School
North Canyon Medical Center
North Fremont Education Foundation Inc
Nucor Steel Utah
Oneida Farms, Inc.
Oneida Soil & Water Conservation Dist
Ooh La La Boutique!
Optimist Club of Twin Falls
Oregon Trail Rodeo Association
Ostler Group Inc
Paragon Builders Inc
Parma School District #137
Paul & Brooke Shirley Family Foundation
Pendleton Round-Up Foundation
PEO Chapter BP
Chapter AO, PEO Sisterhood
Performance Plus - Idaho LLC
Petersen Brothers Construction Inc.
Petterson Dairy, LLC
Plant Therapy, Inc.
Ploss Family Scholarship
Post Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
Preservation Twin Falls, Inc.
Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association
R&R Truck & Auto Repair
Radiology Associates PC
Republic Services
RMD Management LLC
Rob Green Buick, GMC
Robins Farms Inc
Roche Equine Veterinary Services
Rotary Club of Bishop - Sunrise
Rotary Club of Blue Lakes - Twin Falls
Rotary Club of Teton Valley
Rotary Club of Twin Falls
S&S Audio LLC
Safe Streets USA LLC
Sagebrush Land & Livestock LLC
Sankey Rodeo Company
Sawtooth Rangers, Inc
Scholarship America
Scholes Dermatology
Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.
Select Health
Shoshone Education Foundation
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
Shoshone-Paiute Tribe of the Duck Valley Reservation
SkillPointe Foundation
Smallwood Scholarship Foundation
SMART Scholarship Funding Corp
St Catherine's Church
St Luke's Health System
St Luke's McCall Auxiliary
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Stephen's School Project Inc
Sun Valley Community School Inc
Surerus Transportation LLC
Tayler Sellers Scholarship Inc
Teton Stage Lines
The Andersons Inc
The Cimino Foundation
The Klamath Tribes
The McGregor Company
The Navajo Nation
The Philmont Staff Assoc
The Public Education Foundation
The Shoe & Tack Shop
The Zella Jean Foundation
Thornton Heating & Sheetmetal
TitleFact, Inc.
TitleOne
TOK Commercial RE
Tony's 2T Auto Inc
Troy Lions Club
True West Beef LLC
TruLeap Technologies
Twin Falls County 4-H & FFA Jr. Market Animal Sale, Inc.
Twin Falls County Fair & Rodeo Foundation, Inc
Twin Falls Education Association
Twin Falls Health Initiative Trust
Twin Falls High School
Twin Falls Kiwanis Foundation Inc.
Twin Falls Livestock
Twin Falls Reformed Church
Twin Falls School District No. 411
Twin Lakes Village Golf Club
United Electric Co-Op
US Bank Foundation
Valley Building LLC
Valley View Veterinary Clinic
Valley Wide Cooperative Inc.
Vallivue Education Foundation
Walker's Flooring & Design Center
Ward Campbell Orthodontics
Water Bear LLC
Weber State University
Wendell High School
West End Diesel Inc
West End Men's Association
West Yellowstone Rodeo LLC
Western Ag Enterprises
Western States Ranch Rodeo
Western Whitewater Association
White Mechanical
Wilder Rod & Gun Club Scholarship Foundation Inc
Wills Toyota
WPMA Scholarship Foundation Inc
Wright Brothers Law Office PLLC
Wright Physical Therapy
Young & Young Livestock LLC

New Endowments, Scholarships, & Funds

Established between July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026.

American Welding Society Foundation Scholarship
Art & Soul Scholarship
Chobani Community Scholars
Emergency Grant Scholarship
Idaho Association of Highway Districts Scholarship
Idaho High School Rodeo Association District 2 Scholarship
Jae Foundation Scholarship
Penny Glenn Magic Valley Medical Assistant Chapter Scholarship
Presidential Priority Scholarship
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Scholarship
Vira Grace Amende Nursing Scholarship
Vira Grace Amende Vocational Scholarship

Honorarium Gifts

Looking to celebrate a special occasion with someone who already has everything? Honor them by making a donation to the CSI Foundation in their name. CSI students have benefitted through honorarium gifts given for the following people between July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026.

Erika Allen
Sariyah Artiega
Millie Irene Blick
Joyce Craig
Gordon Jenkins
Grandma Millie
Brett Madron
Jan McBride
Ryker Brian Miller
Ezra Arlo Newton
Amelia “Millie” O’Leary
Davin Pace
Sophia Irene Smiley
Jody Tremblay
Karrie Van Noy
Isabel Joanne Williams

Memorial Gifts

The College of Southern Idaho Foundation received donations in memory of the following people between July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. We are extremely grateful to the friends and family members who, during very difficult times, chose to support CSI students.

Sonia Alexander
Dwight D Bell
Harry S Bettis
Dianne Birrell
Brian Bordewyk
Margaret I. Burks
Kamala Campbell
Chance Craig
LeRoy & Joyce Craig
James L & Ada May Exeter
Bob Hayes
John Holland
John Holland, Sr.
Terry Hollifield
Tristan Howard
Gerald “Huck” Hulsey
Roberta “Bobbie” Jacobsen
Gary Jenkins
Gabe Kleinkopf
Gary Major
John & Doris Mogensen
Joan Nelsen
Shonna Parsons
Walter F Peterson
Martha Pohanka
Ted Popplewell
Frank & Lois Rohay
Bertha Skiver
Katherine Nelson Tate
Mike Tremblay
Eleanor Washburn
Helen Washburn

Faculty & Staff Excellence Awards

Congratulations to this year's CSI Outstanding Faculty and Staff of the Year!

Help the CSI Foundation endow this project. By creating an endowment, you have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on our faculty and staff, ensuring that excellence is recognized and rewarded for generations to come. Your support will institutionalize these awards, fostering a culture of innovation and dedication that will elevate our entire community. Contact the CSI Foundation to learn more about CSI's faculty and staff excellence awards.

Teresa Marriott

Classified Employee, Administrative Assistant, Social Science and Communication, Education, Business and Information Systems

Reba Puente

Professional Employee, Director, Library

Justin Vipperman

Academic Faculty, Assistant Professor, History

Kendra Lockwood

Career & Technical Faculty, Instructor, Applied Bookkeeping and Accounting

Golden Eagle Athletics

Written by Karen Baumert, CSI Sports Information Director

CSI Athletics had a year to remember, excelling on the field, court, track and arena as well as in the classroom. Every team finished the 2025-26 season with a 3.0 GPA or above. Championships were plentiful at the NJCAA and NIRA levels as well. Men's Cross Country, Women's Cross Country, Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball, Baseball and Softball each won Scenic West Athletic Conference Titles. Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball, and Softball won Region 18 Championships and Women's Rodeo claimed the Rocky Mountain Region Championship. At the national level, Women's Cross Country placed fourth at nationals with Men's Cross Country finishing eighth. The Golden Eagle Women's Basketball Team took fifth at the NJCAA National Tournament and the CSI Men finished as the national runner-up. Golden Eagle Softball took 13th at the JUCO World Series. CSI Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball, Softball and Baseball all boasted Region 18 Coach of the Year accolades as well as Region 18 Players of the Year.

CSI Cross Country/Distance Track

The Golden Eagle Women's Cross Country Team placed fourth and the men eighth at the NJCAA Division 1 Cross Country National Championships. Raivio Manzer brought home All-American honors with an individual ninth-place finish. CSI continued its success through indoor and outdoor track, finishing with two indoor All Americans and eight outdoor All Americans.

The Men's Team posted a 3.63 GPA for the year and had 12 individuals earn academic honors. The Women's Team finished with a 3.48 GPA and eight individuals earning academic honors. Five runners are moving on to run at the next level.

CSI Rodeo

CSI Women's Rodeo won the Rocky Mountain Region Team Championship and Celie Davis was the Region All Around Champion, the Barrel Racing Reserve Champion,W and the Region Rookie of the Year. The Men's Team had three individual region champions. Four women and five men competed for the Golden Eagles at the College National Finals Rodeo.

CSI Women's Basketball

Head Coach Randy Rogers coached his final season at CSI, finishing his career with 590 wins and 187 losses. Rogers was named Region 18 Coach of the Year for the 10th time in his 24 years, helping the Golden Eagles this past season to a Scenic West Athletic Conference title, a Region 18 Championship and a fifth-place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament.

Savannah Stoker was named Region 18 Player of the Year and two teammates joined her on the Region 18 Team. Three players were selected to the Region 18 All Tournament Team and Stoker was named MVP of the tournament. Both Stoker and Ashley Garner took home NJCAA All American honors and Garner was selected to the NJCAA National All Tournament Team. She also set the CSI single season offensive rebounds record.

As a team, the Golden Eagles finished with a 3.64 GPA, the highest in the department. Individually, seven earned national academic honors for a GPA higher than 3.60. Eight players signed to play at the next level.

CSI Softball

CSI Softball won the Scenic West Athletic Conference Title, the Region 18 Title and qualified for its fifth straight NJCAA National Tournament. The Golden Eagles also excelled in the classroom, posting a GPA of 3.54. Ten players were also honored for finishing with a 3.6 or higher GPA.

Nick Baumert was named Region 18 Coach of the Year for the 10th time in his career. The Golden Eagles placed seven players on the All-Region 18 Team and four were selected to the Region 18 All-Tournament Team. Maile Ha'o was named tournament MVP. Adi Hansen was the Region 18 Player of the Year and broke the season and career all-time stolen base records. She and Rilyne Keck were each selected as NJCAA All Americans. The Golden Eagles had 12 players sign to play at the next level.

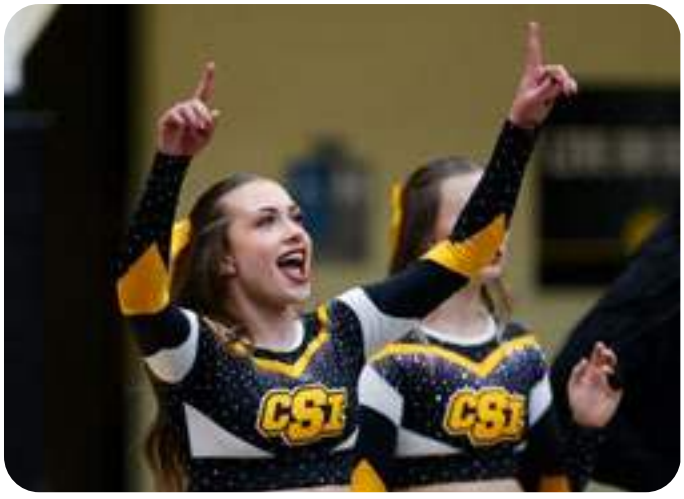
Donate to CSI Athletics

CSI Men's Basketball

Finishing one win away from the program's fourth NJCAA National Championship, the Golden Eagles won the Scenic West Athletic Conference title, the Region 18 Championship and finished the 2025-26 season as the national runner-up with a 34-3 overall record. Jeff Reinert was named Region 18 Coach of the Year and Ace Reiser won Region 18 Player of the Year accolades. Reiser also was an NJCAA All American and selected to the Region 18 All-Tournament Team and NJCAA National All-Tournament Team. Four teammates earned Region 18 honors and three were selected to the Region 18 All Tournament Team, including MVP Cooper Kesler. Jalen Lyn joined Reiser on the NJCAA All-Tournament Team. The Golden Eagles posted a 3.30 team GPA and had four players earn NJCAA honors individually. Seven players will be taking their talents to four-year schools.

CSI Baseball

Not only did the Golden Eagles win the Scenic West Athletic Conference Title, but also had an impressive 20 players named NJCAA Academic All Americans. As a team, CSI had a 3.49 GPA. Head Coach Boomer Walker earned Region 18 Coach of the Year honors for the second time in his career and Crew Secrist was named Region 18 Player of the Year. Secrist also was an NJCAA All American. The sophomore broke the CSI single season and career records for most doubles. Teammate Trey Purser set the CSI single season and career records for home runs as well as the single season record for slugging percentage, all in the wood bat era. CSI had eight players selected to the All-Region 18 Team and three to the Region 18 All-Tournament Team. Nine players signed to play at the next level.



CSI Cheer

The Golden Eagles competed at the NJCAA level during the season, they took fourth at NCA Nationals in Advanced All Girls Show and third at the USA Collegiate Championships in Intermediate Show Coed.

The Golden Eagles also were recognized in the classroom, earning a 3.24 GPA with four individual Academic All Americans. Moving on to cheer at the next level were four individuals.

CSI Dance

The Golden Eagles claimed their second national championship in dance at USA Nationals. CSI won the Pom Division and finished as the runner-up in 2-year Hip Hop Division. In the classroom, the Dance Team combined GPA was 3.48.

CSI Women's Soccer

Competing in their second season ever, the Golden Eagles had a great year on the field and in the classroom. CSI finished with a record of 6-5-4 in competition and posted a 3.54 team GPA. Individually, 16 players also finished with a GPA above a 3.60 for NJCAA national honors. The Golden Eagles had three Region 18 selections and had two players move on to play at the next level.

CSI Men's Soccer

CSI Men's Soccer played in its second season ever, finishing with an 8-8-1 record. Academically, the Golden Eagles finished with a team 3.55 GPA and had 15 individuals recognized with NJCAA honors, posting a GPA over 3.60. Three players were selected for Region 18 honors and four signed to play at four-year schools.

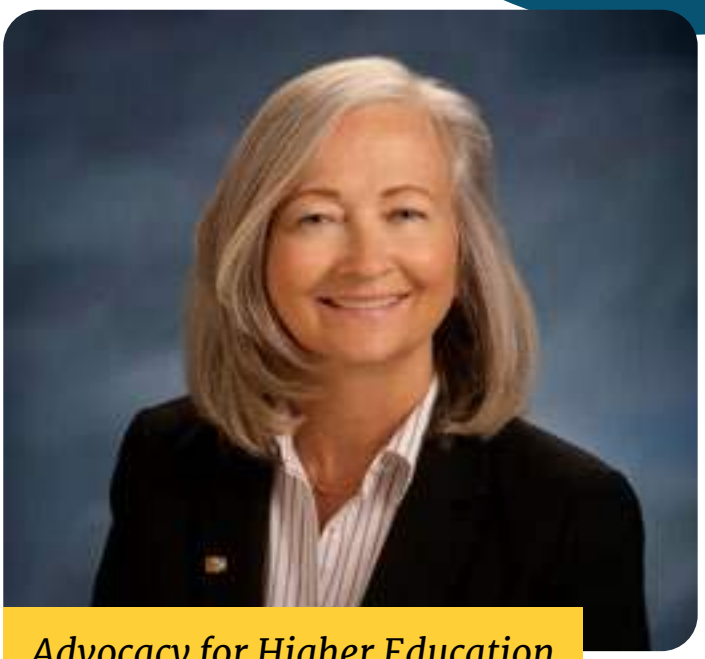
CSI Volleyball

The Golden Eagles finished the season as the Scenic West Athletic Conference regular season runner up, ranked as high as seventh nationally in the NJCAA poll.

Hazuna Akishige earned Region 18 Libero of the Year honors and was an NJCAA All-American. Four players were selected All Region 18. Excelling in the classroom, the Golden Eagles combined for a 3.36 team GPA and six individuals finished with a GPA of 3.6 or above for national academic honors. Six players signed to play at the next level.

Alumni Hall of Fame

The Alumni Hall of Fame Awards, held this past April, honored individuals who reflect the very best of CSI. Through their professional achievements, community leadership, trailblazing spirit, and athletic excellence, they represent the legacy we've built together–and the future we're creating.



Advocacy for Higher Education

Class of 1985

Cally Roach

Cally's passion for education and workforce development has guided both her personal and professional life. She has remained deeply engaged in shaping Idaho's education system, serving for years on the Idaho Business for Education Board of Directors and contributing her voice and leadership to efforts that strengthen opportunities for students across the state.

Her commitment to higher education led to her appointment by Governor Brad Little to the Idaho State Board of Education. Even before that appointment, Cally was already a strong and respected voice in the field—serving on the WWAMI/University of Idaho advisory board and previously as President of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation Board, where she helped advance CSI's mission and impact.

Cally has long been a dedicated champion of CSI. She has continued to advocate for the college at the state level, supporting key policy initiatives that promote student success and expand access to education. Most recently, she also served as a State Board of Education speaker at CSI's commencement ceremony, a fitting reflection of her ongoing connection to the institution.

Cally's roots are right here in the Magic Valley. Growing up in the Buhl and Filer area, she balanced a full-time job with her education, attending evening classes at CSI through a distance learning partnership with Lewis-Clark State College. Her dedication paid off—earning her degree from CSI and a bachelor's from Lewis-Clark State College, while also completing summer residential coursework in Lewiston.

She went on to a distinguished 30-year career with Clear Springs Foods in Buhl, eventually serving as Vice President of Corporate Relations and Organizational Development. Along the way, she also contributed her leadership to numerous boards, including Idaho Parks and Recreation, St. Luke's governance, Agri-Service Inc., and the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.

Through it all, Cally Roach has remained a steadfast advocate for education, opportunity, and community.

Advocacy for Higher Education

Class of 1999

Amanda Moore-Kriwox, Ph.D.

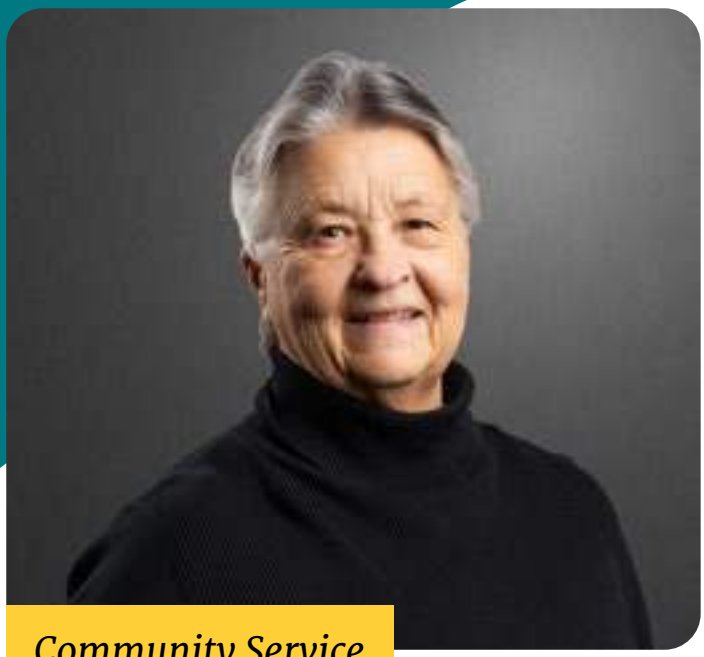
Amanda's connection to agriculture and education began right here at the College of Southern Idaho, where she earned her Associate of Arts Degree in Agriculture. She went on to complete her bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education at the University of Idaho and later returned to serve the very system that helped shape her path.

In 2005, Amanda was hired by the University of Idaho to coordinate the 2+2 Degree in Agriscience and Technology—a partnership between CSI and the University of Idaho designed specifically to expand access for place-bound and nontraditional students. Based here on the CSI campus, Amanda has spent her career opening doors for students who might otherwise not see a clear path to a four-year degree.

Through her leadership and mentorship, she has guided and advised countless CSI agriculture students—helping them continue their education either here locally or by transferring to the University of Idaho main campus.

Amanda's work has helped celebrate more than 25 years of the 2+2 program—one of the most successful educational partnerships in the state. And she continues to lead by example. She completed her master's degree and Ph.D. at the University of Idaho, while also teaching courses in Agricultural Education focused on communication and leadership.

Beyond her academic work, Amanda is a trusted partner to the CSI Agriculture Department—serving as a guest speaker, mentor, panelist, and advocate at career fairs and student events. She is known not only for her expertise, but for her genuine commitment to students and their success.



Community Service

Class of 1971

Ellen Neff

Ellen's connection to the College of Southern Idaho began long before she became a student here. As a child, she spent her early years on this very campus—exploring the land, playing near the streams, and living in the home that now houses the Outdoor Program. Those experiences sparked a lifelong curiosity and love of learning that would ultimately guide her career.

She returned to CSI to complete her degree in 1971, and later returned in 2008—this time as Faculty and Program Manager for the Early Childhood Education Program. In a meaningful full circle, the place that helped shape her early years became the place where she shaped the early learning experiences of countless children and educators. Her influence on the program, her students, and her colleagues remains deeply felt.

Beyond CSI, Ellen has been a driving force in early childhood education throughout Idaho. She has served in leadership roles on numerous boards and councils, including as a founding member of key organizations and as President of both the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children and the Magic Valley Early Learning Collaborative. Her work has consistently focused on one mission: improving the quality of care and education for the youngest members of our community.

Ellen's excellence has been recognized through honors such as Career and Technical Instructor of the Year, Professor at CSI, and the Power to the Profession Award. While she is officially retired, she continues to mentor, lead, and advocate for children and educators across the Magic Valley.

Community Service

College of Southern Idaho Alumni Association

Class of 2005

Don Hall

Don Hall's story is one of unwavering commitment to community. For decades, he has served in roles that span local government, public safety, nonprofit leadership, and faith-based service—always with a steady hand, a thoughtful approach, and a genuine desire to serve others. His leadership has helped shape the communities we live in today, and his impact continues to be felt across the region.

Don has dedicated countless hours to improving the health and well-being of our community. He has served on the St. Luke's Community Board, the Twin Falls County Health Initiatives Trust, and the South Central Public Health Board—helping guide programs and partnerships that support healthier lives throughout south-central Idaho. His commitment to service also extends to his faith community, where he has served on the Filer Community Church Board of Directors.

In addition to his volunteer work, Don has held numerous public service roles that have directly strengthened the Magic Valley. He served as Mayor of Twin Falls and as a Twin Falls County Commissioner, including time as Chairman—helping guide important decisions around growth, infrastructure, and public safety. He has also supported local youth as a Director of the Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club, helping create opportunities for the next generation.

Don's dedication to service began early. He served our country in the United States Marine Corps and later continued that commitment as a Staff Sergeant with the Twin Falls Police Department, including working with students as a D.A.R.E. officer—mentoring young people and encouraging positive choices.

Simply put, Don Hall has made our community stronger. His integrity, humility, and lifelong dedication to public service represent the very best of what it means to give back.

Professional Accomplishments

Class of 1971

Terry Rowe

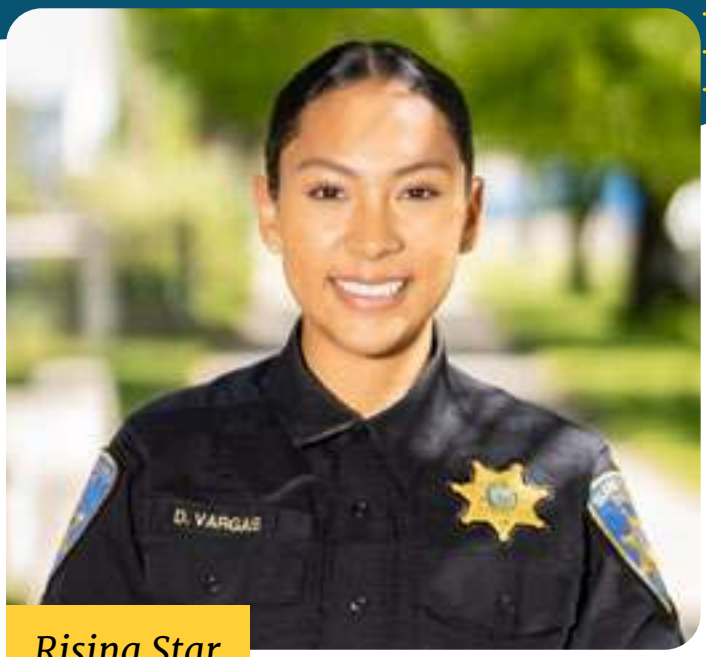
Terry Rowe's career reflects decades of service, excellence, and community impact. Terry is a seasoned executive, nonprofit leader, and educator with more than 40 years of experience in financial services, leadership, and philanthropy. She currently serves with the St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation, where she leads major fundraising efforts and community engagement initiatives that support critical healthcare services across our region.

Her impact is reflected in extraordinary results. In 2025 alone, she helped raise over $200,000 for Breast Health and Mammography and $140,000 for Behavioral Health, while also strengthening donor relationships and building long-term support systems for the future.

Previously, Terry spent 12 years with Pioneer Federal Credit Union as Regional Branch Manager and Corporate Trainer, where her branches consistently ranked among the organization's top performers and frequently earned Branch of the Year honors. Earlier, she served more than 25 years as Director of Administration at Gem State Paper and Supply Company, overseeing finance, HR, IT, and organizational operations at the executive level.

Beyond her corporate leadership, Terry has spent more than 45 years as a consultant, speaker, and trainer through her own business, sharing her expertise across local, national, and international stages. She is widely recognized for her leadership, including honors such as Executive of the Year and Credit Professional of the Year.

Above all, Terry is known for her integrity, her ability to build strong teams, and her commitment to turning vision into meaningful community impact.



Rising Star

College of Southern Idaho ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Class of 2023

Daniela Vargas-Aguilar

Deputy Vargas-Aguilar is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho, where she earned her Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Shortly after, she joined the Blaine County Sheriff's Office in March of 2024, successfully completing her field training program by June and quickly stepping into her current role as a patrol deputy on the Ketchum Patrol Team.

In just her first year of service, Deputy Vargas-Aguilar has already handled an impressive volume and variety of calls—responding to 1,457 calls for service, conducting 520 traffic stops, and completing 110 reports. Her experience has quickly made her a well-rounded patrol deputy, with involvement in complex and high-responsibility cases including DUI investigations, narcotics-related offenses, sexual assault investigations, theft, and vehicle collisions.

Beyond her patrol duties, Deputy Vargas-Aguilar has also been selected to serve on the Hispanic Liaison Team, reflecting both her deep roots in the Wood River Valley and her commitment to service leadership. She actively builds trust and communication within the Hispanic community, and because of her approachability and dedication, she is often requested by name by Spanish-speaking residents. She has also served as a Spanish interpreter in critical investigations, including narcotics operations and sexual assault cases—helping ensure clear communication and compassionate service.

Through her professionalism, integrity, and compassion, Deputy Vargas-Aguilar exemplifies the core values of the Blaine County Sheriff's Office: integrity, benevolence, stewardship, collaboration, and excellence.

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Building for the Future

LeRoy Craig Jerome Center Ribbon Cutting

CSI proudly celebrated the Ribbon Cutting for the 20,000 square foot LeRoy Craig Jerome Center on Friday, August 14, 2026.

The center will be home to a health professions academy, traditional classrooms, and industrial training space–including support for food processing and other regional employment and training needs.

In addition to the ribbon cutting, the CSI Foundation was proud to announce a major gift of $500,000 from the Wells Fargo Foundation during the event. These funds will support workforce training and program expansion at the new center. The investment is part of Wells Fargo's Rural Initiative Tour and reflects a shared commitment to strengthening economic opportunity, workforce development, and educational access in rural communities. The new facility is located in downtown Jerome, on the corner of 3rd and Lincoln. Contact **enrollment@csi.edu** to register for Spring 2027 classes.

Transportation Technology Center Ribbon Cutting

The Ribbon Cutting for CSI's Transportation Technology Center was held on Friday, January 16, 2026.

The new 28,000 square foot facility is located at 255 North College Road. The Center now houses the college's Heavy Equipment Ag Technology and Diesel Technology programs.

"The completion of this new facility has given us the ability to bring our diesel-related programs together under one roof," said CSI President Dr. L. Dean Fisher. The building is also capable of supporting industry and workforce training in the transportation sector and provides space for an expanded dual credit collaboration with the Twin Falls School District. Students began attending classes in the building in January.

CSI Foundation Awards $23,430 in Mini Grants for 26–27 Academic Year

The College extends its sincere appreciation to community healthcare partners, including St. Luke's Magic Valley, North Canyon Medical Center and the CSI Foundation mini-grant program, for their generous support of **Disaster Day**. Their partnership plays a critical role in enhancing the quality and realism of the training experience for CSI students.

- **Heidi Adams, Chemistry Department**
  $3,000 for a classroom set of thermal (infrared) cameras and tablets for CHEM 101.
- **Janelle Sexton, Workforce Apprenticeship Program**
  $500 to host an apprenticeship skill competition and recognition event.
- **Kara McCurdy, Center for New Directions**
  $2,000 for diapers, wipes, and infant necessities for the diaper closet.
- **Jerry Fattig, Information Technology**
  $3,000 to pilot a new video conferencing system.
- **Jayme Peck, Workforce Healthcare Sector**
  $3,000 for infant CPR manikins.
- **Justin Nukaya, Admissions**
  $2,500 for iPads to enhance Instant Enrollment Events and Admissions Tours.
- **Shannon Hyde, Accessibility Services**
  $1,700 for a graphics machine and thermal expansion paper to create tactile maps and graphics.
- **Serena Jenkins Clark, Arts and Humanities**
  $1,200 to bring a music collaboration consultant to campus for a mini conference.
- **Ryan Molsee, Workforce Development and Training**
  $2,500 for tables and fixtures for a newly launched small engine repair training course.
- **Julio Castaneda, Biology Department**
  $1,030 for lab materials to enhance the student experience.
- **Jessica Williams, Fine Arts**
  $3,000 to improve and update green room furnishings and cabinets.

Grant recipient Jerry Fattig, Client Experience & Solutions Manager in the Information Technology Department, expressed appreciation for the support provided through the program. "I am sincerely grateful for your support of my project. This funding will make a meaningful difference and will help enhance the learning experience for our students.

"I appreciate the time and consideration the committee dedicated to reviewing applications and supporting initiatives that contribute to student success," said Fattig.

College Service Grant - $10,000 to support youth-led, youth-driven community service on campus.

The Presidential Leaders Program at the College of Southern Idaho is a competitive leadership development experience designed to prepare high-achieving students for civic engagement, professional success, and meaningful community impact. The program emphasizes hands-on leadership, mentorship, and service as core components of student growth.

Presidential Leaders are expected to actively serve in leadership roles within clubs, councils, or academic programs; shadow a mentor throughout the academic year; engage in service projects both on campus and across the broader community; serve as a liaison to a CSI council; and participate in evening and weekend activities that support leadership and service initiatives. In addition, each Presidential Leader designs and leads one community service project of their choice in collaboration with their assigned student club or council.

Service projects are developed with direct guidance and support from the Presidential Leadership Program staff, including the Dean of Students, Vice President of Student Affairs, the CSI President, and community mentors. Each Presidential Leader completes a minimum of 20 hours of student-led service during the academic year. Every Presidential Leader works in partnership with an assigned student leadership council to plan and execute one service project per year. Additionally, cohort-based service further strengthens impact and collaboration, with the Presidential Leadership Program collectively volunteering at the local soup kitchen and supporting Gilbert's Pantry, CSI's on-campus food pantry.

Thanks to the award, our students are turning their ideas into action in the community.

60 Years in View

A Fundraiser from the Plaza

While much has changed over the past 60 years, one thing remains constant: CSI's commitment to serving students and strengthening our community. In August 2025, the CSI Foundation celebrated this enduring legacy with a special anniversary event, "60 Years in View, A Fundraiser from the Plaza." The unique outdoor dinner brought together CSI donors, alumni, and friends for an evening of reflection, celebration and connection.

As guests gathered on the plaza, they reminisced about cherished memories and the many milestones that have shaped CSI over the decades. The evening also offered an opportunity to look ahead—and to dream about the possibilities that lie ahead and the ways CSI can continue creating opportunities for students and making a lasting impact throughout our community.

It was a fitting celebration of where CSI has been, where it is today, and where the journey may take us next.

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Hands-on. Minds-on.

Through Idaho INBRE, CSI students gain hands-on research experience that turns curiosity into discovery

INBRE is the IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence. This program is a statewide scientific network of research and educational collaborations aimed at improving the health of all Idahoans. The program's intent is to strengthen Idaho students' ability to participate and facilitate biomedical research and STEM education. The program is led through the University of Idaho and includes ten partner institutions throughout Idaho as well as the Idaho Veterans Research and Education Foundation at the Boise VA Medical Center. This unique opportunity provides competitive research opportunities for students in STEM to participate in an Industry Intern Program with a pipeline to health research careers. This year's INBRE participants were:

- **Monica Bennion**
- **Haileigh Gabiola**
- **Megan Bennett**
- **Jonas Vazquez Herrera**
- **Charles Rollins**
- **Arif Hatam**
- **CSI Faculty: Megan Jacobson and Anna Hegsted**

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Banking on Home

CSI Alumni Highlight

Alex Izaguirre, First Federal

For Alex, a campus tour of the College of Southern Idaho was all it took to know he had found the right place to begin his education.

At CSI, Alex received financial support through the CSI Foundation, practical career guidance while working in enrollment and admissions, and hands-on experiences that pushed him beyond his comfort zone. Along the way, he developed the communication skills and confidence to continue his education at Boise State University.

With a strong foundation and a desire to work closely with people, Alex eventually returned to Twin Falls to invest in his hometown. Today, he serves his community as a personal banker at First Federal. Looking back, Alex credits CSI with giving him the momentum and confidence to launch a successful career and build a life in the community that supported him from the start.

Visit our website to watch the Student Spotlight and hear it from Alex himself.

CSI Students on the Move

CSI Agriculture Department

Students in the CSI Agriculture Department had the opportunity to attend the NACTA Collegiate Judging Conference held at Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal, IL. NACTA stands for North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. During the conference, students participated in various events pertaining to crops, horse judging, ag education, livestock management, hippology, livestock judging, parliamentary procedure, knowledge bowl, dairy judging, precision ag, ag business, vet science, and soils. CSI placed 3rd in the 2-year college sweepstakes based on overall points and placings.

CSI Forensics Program

The College of Southern Idaho offers students the opportunity to compete in intercollegiate speech and debate through the CSI Forensics Program. Founded by Dr. Fran Tanner, the program has grown over the years as CSI students have proudly represented their community in both regional and national intercollegiate competitions. Students participated in tournaments in Oregon, Washington, Maryland and even Athens, Greece! Competitive speech and debate provides students with invaluable experience and critical thinking skills, research, public speaking, and competitive interaction.

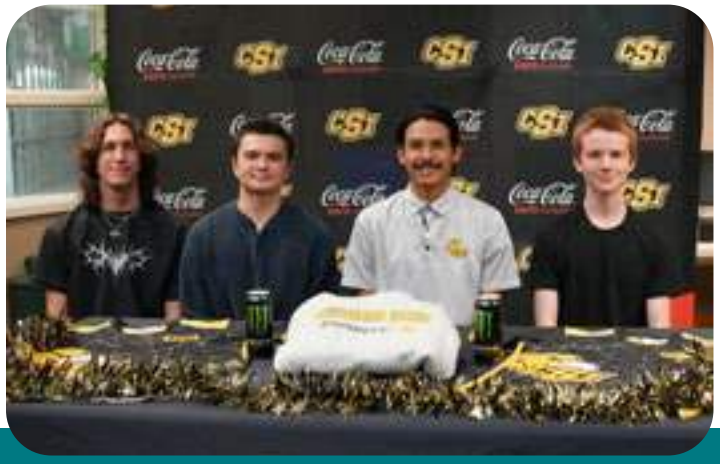
Delta Psi Omega

Delta Psi Omega is the College of Southern Idaho's theater club. This summer, the club enjoyed a trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon. The trip gave students the opportunity to experience professional theater at the highest level while building connections with fellow club members. From captivating performances to shared adventures and meaningful conversations, the experience offered inspiration both on and off the stage.

CSI Esports: Building Skills. Creating Community.

On January 20, 2026, CSI celebrated the ribbon cutting and unveiling of the new Esports Arena.

The CSI Esports Arena is located in the Hepworth Building on the CSI campus and is the home of the CSI Golden Eagles official Esports team. “The addition of this competitive space reflects our continued commitment to meeting students where their interests are,” said Dr. Jonathan Lord, CSI Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. “We are excited to enter the NJCAA Esports community and look forward to the opportunities it gives our students to compete, connect, and grow.”



The CSI Esports Program began competing this fall. To learn how you can support this program, visit foundation.csi.edu/esports-program

More Than a Scholarship

Supporting the Whole Student

Gilbert's Pantry

Gilbert's Pantry provides free, emergency relief food, toiletries, and other essential supplies for current CSI students. Requests for support are handled privately and students can request assistance up to two times per month. The pantry takes donations for both perishable and nonperishable items, as well as hygiene items. Donations can be dropped off at the Office of Student Affairs upstairs in the Taylor Building. Monetary donations for Gilbert's Pantry can also be made to the CSI Foundation.

Center for New Directions' Diaper Closet

The Center for New Directions now provides a diaper closet on campus to support students who are parents or caregivers of young children. The diaper closet provides diapers, wipes, and nursing pads in a variety of sizes, available at no cost to students, while supplies last. This resource is intended to help ease some of the financial stress that can come with caring for young children while pursuing an education. If you have questions or would like to help support this resource, contact the Center for New Directions at **cnd@csi.edu** or **208-732-6219**.

Gilbert's Interview Closet

This unique student resource offers professional clothing for CSI students. This is a great option for students heading to a job interview, internship, career fair or networking event. First impressions matter and Gilbert's Interview Closet can help students dress professionally with confidence!

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Letter from the Foundation President

Dear Friends of the College of Southern Idaho,

It is an honor to serve as President of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation Board and to share with you the impact your support continues to have on our students and our community.

CSI holds a special place in my heart. As a proud alumna, I experienced firsthand the opportunities this institution creates. Today, that connection has come full circle. My husband is currently furthering his education through CSI's baccalaureate program, and our family regularly attends CSI athletic events, performances, and community activities. CSI is more than a college to us. It is a place that educates, inspires, and strengthens generations of families across Southern Idaho.

This past year has been one of tremendous growth and exciting progress. We celebrate the opening of two transformative facilities: the Transportation Technology Center and the LeRoy Craig Jerome Center. These investments represent expanded opportunities for students to gain hands-on skills, pursue high-demand careers, and access quality education closer to home.

At the same time, the Foundation is preparing to award more than $4 million in scholarships for the 2026-27 academic year. Every scholarship removes barriers, opens doors, and allows students to focus on achieving their goals.

While we celebrate these accomplishments, we are also looking toward the future. Several academic and workforce programs are operating at or near capacity, and certain equipment and instructional resources are being utilized to their fullest extent. As demand continues to rise, so does the need for additional investments in facilities, equipment, and student support services.

I invite you to consider how you can help CSI continue to grow and thrive. Financial contributions, planned gifts, industry partnerships, and equipment donations all play critical roles in building capacity and expanding opportunities for students.

On behalf of the CSI Foundation Board, I extend my deepest gratitude to our donors, industry partners, and advocates. Because of you, students are achieving their dreams and our region continues to benefit from a strong and vibrant educational institution.

Thank you for believing in the mission of the College of Southern Idaho.

With gratitude,

Kathrine Fiscus
President, CSI Foundation Board of Directors

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