EDUCATION

Boise State University Campus

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Education in Idaho

Idaho's State Department of Education was organized in 1891, the first year of Idaho's statehood. The first State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Joseph Harroun, was assisted by one staff member and a part-time secretary as he met his statutory responsibilities for summarizing reports from county school superintendents, awarding certificates to qualified teachers, preparing lists of acceptable textbooks, preparing courses of study for the schools, and presiding over meetings of the State Board of Education.

In 1911, Governor James H. Hawley proposed a reorganization of the state's educational system into a form similar to today's structure - that is, a single State Board of Education responsible for the general supervision of Idaho's educational institutions and public school system. The board was comprised originally of six members, five appointed by the governor to a 5-year term, and the elected Superintendent of Public Instruction (membership was later increased to seven appointed members). The enabling legislation, passed in 1913, also established a Commissioner of Education to serve as an advisor to the board and to work with both public school administrators and the state's higher education institutions.

In time, however, it became evident that there was duplication between the Commissioner of Education, appointed by the State Board of Education, and the elected Superintendent of Public Instruction, who served as a member of the board. Thus, in 1933, the Idaho Legislature eliminated the Commissioner of Education and named the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as the executive secretary of the State Board of Education, with the superintendent's staff located in the State Department of Education.

The 1947 Idaho Legislature set the framework for today's system of educational governance in Idaho. Among the 30 educational measures enacted during the session was the official establishment of a State Department of Education with responsibility in a variety of areas: the school lunch program, school transportation, teacher certification, curriculum development, and other public school concerns. The department's eight staff members handled the work.

Today the Idaho State Department of Education is organized into six divisions. Each division is led by a Deputy Superintendent who oversees the employees and programs within that division. The divisions within the State Department of Education work closely together to ensure each program is meeting the needs of all Idaho students. Here is a brief description of the divisions within the State Department of Education:

**Assessment**: The Division of Assessment administers Idaho's statewide testing system. The Division includes the: Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT), Idaho Standards Achievement Tests-Alternate Assessment (ISAT-Alt), Idaho English Language Assessment (IELA), and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

**Content, Innovation and Choice**: Content, Innovation and Choice provides technical assistance to improve the innovation and choices available within public education. The Division includes the Content Areas and Instructional Services, School Choice, and Gifted and Talented Coordinator.

**School Support Services**: The Division of School Support Services assists Idaho schools and districts with the daily services they provide to the customers of education. The Division includes the office of Teacher Certification, Coordinated School Health, HIV/AIDS, Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Driver Education, Indian Education.

**Finance, Child Nutrition and Student Transportation**: The Division of Finance, Child Nutrition and Student Transportation distributes the public school state appropriation and assists school districts and charter schools with finance, child nutrition and student transportation services.

**Student Achievement and School Improvement**: The Division of Student Achievement and School Accountability provides technical assistance to schools in the areas
of student achievement, special education and Title I programs. The Division includes No Child Left Behind team and Special Education.

**Communications and Government Affairs:** The Division of Communications and Government Affairs manages the day-to-day operations of the State Department of Education and oversees legislation and communications. The Division includes the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Human Resources, Accounting and Information Technology.

Source: State Department of Education  www.sde.idaho.gov

### Idaho's Endowment Trusts

When Idaho became a state in 1890, the Admission's Act granted the new state about 3 million acres of federal lands for public support (sections 16 and 36 of every township) and another 650 thousand acres for support of eight other endowment beneficiaries. The State Constitution placed the management of these lands into the hands of the five-member State Board of Land Commissioners composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Controller and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Constitution gave the State Treasurer the responsibility for management of the financial assets generated by the endowment lands.

In 1905, the Legislature created the Department of Lands to support the Land Board. Over the years the board sold and exchanged properties so that about 2.1 million acres of public school endowment lands remain and about 350,000 acres of the other eight beneficiaries land remain. In addition to land sales and mineral revenue, the Land Board chose to deposit timber sale revenue into the permanent endowment. It chose to place lease revenues into the income funds for annual distribution along with the earnings from the permanent funds. In 1969 the Legislature voiced its desire to improve the performance of the State Treasurer by creating an Endowment Fund Investment Board (EFIB) with powers to invest the financial trusts.

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*includes 46,080 acres granted February 18, 1881 to University of Idaho.

Source: Idaho Fiscal Facts 2010
Boise State University

President: Dr. Robert Kustra
Boise ID 83725  (208) 426-1000
www.boisestate.edu

Degrees Granted: 4 doctorate, 73 master’s, 97 baccalaureate, 39 associate, 35 certificate.

Boise State University is one of the top public universities in the Northwest, with a metropolitan character, traditional undergraduate teaching emphasis, and advanced research and graduate studies. Boise State is situated in the middle of Idaho’s commercial, cultural and civic capital and employs about 2,500 faculty staff. Its enrollment of nearly 20,000 students is the largest in the Gem State.

Idaho’s metropolitan university offers more than 190 fields of interest. Undergraduate, graduate and technical programs are available in seven colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Education, Engineering, Graduate Studies, Health Sciences, and Social Sciences and Public Affairs. Boise State has the only raptor biology graduate program in the United States and has the largest state-supported undergraduate nursing program in Idaho. The College of Engineering is regularly listed among the top public engineering schools of its kind in the nation.

The campus is home to 11 Idaho Professor of the Year honorees since 1990 as selected by the Carnegie Foundation. Many faculty members are nationally and internationally recognized scholars and authors. Others consult with business and industry, educational institutions, government agencies and professional groups worldwide, or spearhead groundbreaking research. Former NASA astronaut and educator Barbara Morgan joined Boise State in 2008 as the Distinguished Educator in Residence.

Boise State scientists are engaged in world-class studies both on campus and around the world. Areas of expertise include materials science, subsurface sensors, wind energy and health-related research on cancer and Alzheimer’s disease. Undergraduate and graduate students work with faculty on cutting-edge research initiatives. This hands-on experience both enhances and expands students’ education and prepares them for future careers in medicine, engineering and the sciences.
Student enrollment has set statewide records in 12 of the last 13 years. Boise State students come from every state and 65 different countries and meet the highest public admission standards in the state of Idaho. Students can also study abroad or participate in one of the largest internship programs in the Northwest. Campus life offers adventure and activity. More than 200 student organizations, new residence halls along the Boise River Greenbelt and a state-of-the-art Student Recreation Center provide opportunities for both individual development and fun.

New facilities include the Interactive Learning Center, the Norco Building for University Health Services and the Department of Nursing, and an expansion of the Student Union Building. The main entertainment venues include the Special Events Center, Bronco Stadium, Taco Bell Arena and the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts. More than one million visitors come to campus annually for Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning speakers, Bronco football, Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Celebration and other events.

Idaho State University
President: Arthur C. Vailas
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www.isu.edu
Degrees Granted: Vocational Certificates, Associate, Baccalaureate, Master’s Educational Specialist Certificate, Doctoral

Idaho State University has served the citizens of Idaho since 1901, when the institution was first established as the Academy of Idaho. Renamed the Idaho Technical Institute in 1915 and reorganized as the Southern Branch of the University of Idaho in 1927, it was established as Idaho State College in 1947. By action of the 37th Idaho Legislature, the institution became Idaho State University on July 1, 1963.

On January 18, 2011 the prestigious Carnegie Foundation designated Idaho State University as a Research High University, a classification enjoyed by less than 100 of the nation’s more
than 4,400 universities.

Today, ISU enrolls nearly 14,500 students each semester in more than 200 top-flight certificate and degree programs in the colleges of Arts & Letters, Business, Education, Science & Engineering, Technology, Graduate School and the Division of Health Sciences. Credits awarded by ISU are accepted at all recognized colleges and universities in the United States.

Idaho State University is the state’s designated leader for education in the health professions and trains healthcare professionals in fields ranging from dental hygiene and dietetics to nursing, physical therapy and radiology, as well as offering a residency for physicians specializing in family practice. The Pocatello Family Medicine clinic operates in conjunction with Portneuf Medical Center, and offers resident physicians and other health care students professional opportunities for clinical experience.

ISU enrolls more than 2,000 students each semester in 46 master’s and 13 doctoral programs, including doctor of pharmacy, doctor of physical therapy, doctor of audiology, doctor of philosophy, doctor of education and doctor of arts degrees. ISU pioneered the doctor of arts degree, which emphasizes excellence in college teaching in interdisciplinary programs in English, biology, mathematics and political science. In addition, a doctoral degree in nuclear science and engineering and an interdisciplinary master’s degree in hazardous waste management are offered in conjunction with the University of Idaho and the Idaho National Laboratory.

ISU offers educational programs through a variety of innovative delivery methods and options. The Idaho State University/University of Idaho Center for Higher Education at Idaho Falls offers many complete associate, baccalaureate and graduate degree programs. Both daytime and evening courses are offered. The University also offers academic programs at outreach centers at Twin Falls, Boise and Coeur d’Alene and delivers regular courses, continuing education classes and special programs for high school students to outlying communities via state-of-the-art two-way audio-video technology.

Idaho State University's presence in the Treasure Valley began in the early 1970s with clinical pharmacy rotations at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Boise and the Nampa State School.

Since then more than 20 graduate and undergraduate degrees have been added with most fields of study in the health professions and sciences.

As programs have grown, so too has ISU’s physical space—moving from leased facilities to the Idaho State University Meridian Health Science Center in August 2009. The ISU-Meridian Health Science Center, which spans four acres, houses nine distance-learning classrooms, the L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy Complex; counseling and speech and language clinics; and human patient simulation and clinical/medical science laboratories. The Delta Dental of Idaho Dental Residency Clinic opened in 2011, provides advanced training for dentists and treatment for underserved patients. ISU Meridian provides clinics in counseling, dentistry and speech and language.

Unique to ISU-Meridian is its partnership with Joint School District No. 2 whose administrative offices and Renaissance Magnet High School are adjacent to the University. Renaissance students interested in careers in medical sciences and research have the opportunity to use ISU laboratories and resources.

ISU-Meridian serves as the higher education anchor of THE CORE an 1,800-acre business enterprise corridor with public and private partners committed to building the economy through innovations in health, research and technology.

In addition to its outstanding academic and applied technology classroom and laboratory facilities, ISU is also home to the Holt Arena, the first indoor stadium on a U.S. college campus; the Oboler Library, which houses over three-quarters of a million books and other items; and the newly remodeled Idaho Museum of Natural History. The ISU Research and Business Park is home to the ISUI Center for Business Research; the Idaho Veterans Home,
operated in conjunction with the State of Idaho; the Southeastern District Health Department; and the Idaho Accelerator Center, operated by ISU in cooperation with the Department of Energy and the INL housing particle accelerators for nuclear research and applications in medicine, agriculture and industry.

The L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center, a $34 million structure built primarily with private funding is one of the most acoustically perfect concert halls in the United States. This unique, state-of-the art facility has three theatrical venues for presenting a variety of musical, dramatic and dance performances, and also includes instructional space and the offices of ISU’s School of the Performing Arts.

University of Idaho

President: M. Duane Nellis
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www.uidaho.edu
Degrees Granted: Bachelor’s, master’s, specialist, doctoral and law.

The University of Idaho is the premier land-grant research university and the flagship institution in Idaho. Created by Idaho’s territorial legislature in 1889 – and incorporated into the state’s constitution the following year -- the University of Idaho has helped shape the state’s development. The university is committed to student success and statewide leadership. Its legacy includes more than 100,000 graduates and successes that have enriched the lives of Idahoans for more than 120 years.

Located in the rolling Palouse hills of northern Idaho, the University of Idaho is one of the leading public universities in the Northwest. Its more than 12,000 students are attracted by what the University is known for: academic excellence, an exceptional student living and learning environment, and outstanding creative and research opportunities that help shape leaders. More than 4,000 more students enroll in academic courses through external programs.

Land-grant universities – what Abraham Lincoln called “people’s universities” – and their research, programs and activities combine to make communities better, families stronger, and the state’s economy more productive.
Students benefit from more than 130 areas of study and the opportunity for interdisciplinary research and community engagement. Nine colleges with exceptional faculty comprise the University of Idaho: Agricultural and Life Sciences; Business and Economics; Education; Engineering; Letters, Arts and Social Sciences; Natural Resources; Science; Law; and Graduate Studies. The university is also a leader in the Washington-Idaho regional program in veterinary medicine and the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI) Regional Medical Education Program. The University also includes more than 70 research facilities, centers, and offices around the state.

The University of Idaho is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a high research activity institution; it conducts more than 70 percent of funded research and grants the most doctoral degrees in the state. The University’s outstanding researchers are awarded nearly $100 million in research funding annually. In this environment, both undergraduate and graduate students have extensive opportunities to engage in research projects.

The University has a presence in all Idaho counties through its Extension network and has centers in Boise, Twin Falls, Coeur d’Alene and Idaho Falls. According to a 2010 study, the University of Idaho has a nearly $1 billion impact on the state of Idaho and returns $9 for every $1 the state invests.

The University is a member of the Association of Public Land-Grant Universities and is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Additional approval or accreditation for specific programs has been granted by a wide range of national organizations.

Through insight and innovation, and true to its land-grant status, the University of Idaho enriches the lives of people throughout Idaho, the region and the world.

**STATE COLLEGES**

**College of Southern Idaho**

President: Dr. Jerry Beck  
Twin Falls ID 83303-1238   (208) 733-9554  
www.csi.edu

Degrees Granted: Associate and Certificate

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*College of Southern Idaho*  
Photo Courtesy: College of Southern Idaho
The College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls was established in 1965 by voters in Twin Falls and Jerome Counties. It has grown to more than twenty buildings on a beautifully landscaped 215-acre campus. In the spring of 2010, CSI’s fifteen Health Science and Human Services programs moved into their new building on the college’s 120-acre expansion just north of the main campus. The 72,000 square foot Health Sciences and Human Services building became Idaho’s first college building to be Gold Certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) program.

Nearly 9,000 students now enroll in CSI’s spring and summer semesters. About 1,000 students enroll in the flexible four- to six-week summer semester programs. CSI offers more than 120 academic and technical program options for first and second-year students as well as for those who need shorter-term training for new careers or career enhancement. Between 1,500 and 2,000 high school students from 60 high schools all over Idaho enroll each fall and spring in dual credit programs offered by the College of Southern Idaho. Some of those students have earned nearly a year’s worth of college credits by the time they graduate from high school, which not only saves them and their families money but also gives them a beneficial head start in college.

Some 250 students live in dorms on campus with another 100 in campus-owned housing nearby. A new, privately owned apartment complex across the street from campus accommodates another 500 students within easy walking distance to classes.

Tuition and fees remain among the lowest in Idaho. For the spring 2010 semester, students pay $105/credit up to 12 credits. Students taking 13 to 16 credits pay $1,260 per semester and then the per credit price resumes for 17 credits and above. (At this writing, the CSI Board of Trustees has not voted on tuition/fees for the 2012 school year.)

The student-elected Senate and Executive Cabinet play an active role in all decisions affecting student life and activities each year. A Program Board of students, faculty, and staff provides many entertainment and enrichment events throughout the year, including music, magic, and comedy.

The CSI Honors and Phi Theta Kappa program are attractive to students who want to enhance their college resumes with high-achievement classes and leadership opportunities. Idaho’s New Century Scholar, an academic honor awarded to one community college student from each state, has been a CSI student for each of the last five years.

Southern Idaho students outside of Twin Falls are able to take classes at one of CSI’s three off-campus centers in Burley, Hailey, and Gooding. Many of these classes have instructors right in their classrooms while others are delivered in real time via interactive, microwave transmission from the Twin Falls campus. In addition to these, more than 200 classes are taught online. CSI also offers its students the ability to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees on campus without leaving Twin Falls, thanks to its partnerships with the University of Idaho, Idaho State University, and Boise State University. More than 20 such programs are currently available with more under consideration.

College of Western Idaho

President: Dr. Berton Glandon
Nampa ID 83687 (208) 562-3000
www.cwidaho.cc
Degrees Granted: Associate and Certificate

The College of Western Idaho (CWI) is Idaho’s newest community college and the fastest growing community college in the nation. Established by Ada and Canyon County voters in a special election on May 22, 2007, the two-year institution of higher education offers quality instruction adapted to fit the needs of the Treasure Valley community. CWI offers a full range of academic courses and professional-technical programs leading to an associate degree that
prepare students for transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a baccalaureate degree. CWI has articulation agreements with both public and private colleges and universities, allowing students to transfer associate degree credits with no strings attached. The College also serves as the Idaho State Board of Education designated provider of Professional Technical Education in Southwest Idaho. At CWI students will find Adult Basic Education, Workforce Development Training, Professional Technical Education, Associate of Arts and Science degrees, and community interest and enrichment class opportunities.

Since its first offering of classes in January 2009, the enrollment at CWI has grown to an astonishing 7,300 students in the spring 2011 semester. The College has quickly become a valued community resource for quality education; from high school students earning dual credit to professionals reentering the workforce – CWI provides an open admission policy, a community-based philosophy, lower tuition, and quality education. CWI has seven campus locations throughout Boise and Nampa, plus hundreds of classes online. With more than 50 credit and hundreds of non-credit programs to choose from, and credit classes at a low $129 per credit, CWI truly is a college for everyone.

Eastern Idaho Technical College

President: Burton L. Waite
1600 South 25th East, Idaho Falls ID 83404 (208) 524-3000
www.eitc.edu
Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC) in Idaho Falls offers educational programs in professional-technical fields, short-term customized training, continuing education and community services to meet the needs of students, business and industry, and the communities in its service delivery area (Lemhi, Custer, Butte, Fremont, Madison, Teton, Jefferson, Clark, and Bonneville counties). Ninety-nine percent of the student body are Idaho residents. During fiscal year 2010, the College enrolled 1,607 pre-employment credit students, and more than 16,000 students in a combination of short-term training, adult basic education, and community education courses. The College establishes and maintains collaborative partnerships with area school districts, universities, business and industry, government agencies, and other regional entities, to promote economic development and coordinate delivery of services. Also offered are joint high school and EITC programs, through Tech Prep and the Eastern Idaho Professional-Technical High School. EITC, created in 1969, is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Lewis-Clark State College

President: Dr. J. Anthony Fernandez
Internet Site: www.lcsc.edu
Degrees Granted: Baccalaureate, Associate, Certificate of Completion

Lewis-Clark State College, established in 1893, has a proud heritage and continuing tradition of service to the state and the nation through its unique, three-fold mission of academic programs, professional-technical programs, and community college/community support programs.

Lewis-Clark State College is a regional undergraduate institution offering baccalaureate degrees in education, nursing, business, social work, criminal justice, as well as in the liberal arts and sciences. The college has a wide variety of professional-technical programs leading to certificates, associate’s degrees and bachelor’s degrees in applied technology. The college also offers several programs for individuals with other educational goals, including a large GED program.

Lewis-Clark State College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. LCSC has the following specialized accreditations:

- Nursing--Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the Idaho State Board of Nursing,
- Teacher Education--National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education,
- Social Work--National Council on Social Work Education,
- Business--International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education,
- Medical Assisting--Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

The college is a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, University Continuing Education Association, and American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.
North Idaho College

Interim President: Priscilla Bell
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www.nic.edu
Degrees Granted: Associate and Certificate

Founded in 1933, North Idaho College is a comprehensive community college located on the beautiful shores of Lake Coeur d’Alene. NIC offers more than 80 degrees and certificates in a wide spectrum of academic transfer, professional-technical, and general education programs. Approximately 5,700 students are enrolled in credit classes and more than 8,000 participate annually in non-credit courses.

The college serves a five-county region through outreach centers in Bonners Ferry, Kellogg, and Ponderay, as well as through an extensive array of Internet and interactive video conferencing courses. NIC also plays a key role in the region’s economic development by preparing competent, trained employees for area businesses, industries, and governmental agencies.

Idaho Electronic Campus

www.idahoe-campus.state.id.us

The Idaho Electronic Campus links you to more than 1600 courses from the state’s seven publicly funded colleges and universities. A growing number of entire programs can be completed on-line. You can find courses on a great variety of subjects delivered by all types of methods: the Internet, television, and radio. College and university programs and courses from around the state are as close as your fingertips.
Independent Colleges and Universities

Boise Bible College

President: Terry Stine
8695 Marigold, Boise ID 83714     (208) 376-7731
www.boisebible.edu
Degrees Granted: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Associate of Science

BBC began in 1945 as a ministry of the First Church of Christ in Boise as a training school for ministers in the Pacific Northwest. In 1974, the college became an independent institution and moved to the current campus in west Boise. In 1989 BBC received accreditation through the ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd. Ste. 26, Orlando FL 32822-1781). Since 1990 BBC has expanded programs, built new campus facilities, and dramatically increased enrollment. After more than 60 years, the purpose of BBC remains to prepare leadership for the Lord’s church in America and throughout the world. BBC is nondenominational, but supported mostly by independent Christian churches and Churches of Christ. Most students are from the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West.

Brigham Young University–Idaho

President: Dr. Kim B. Clark
Rexburg ID 83460     (208) 496-1111
www.byui.edu
Degrees Granted: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science

Brigham Young University–Idaho is a private, four-year university affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Guided by that affiliation, BYU–Idaho seeks to develop students who are faithful disciples and capable leaders. This is done by creating a wholesome, righteous learning community in which students can strengthen their testimony of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ and receive a quality education that prepares them for leadership in the home, the Church, and the workplace.

BYU–Idaho is the oldest continuously-operating institution of higher education in Idaho. The university was founded in 1888 as Bannock Stake Academy with 59 students. It became Fremont Stake Academy in 1898. In 1902 it was named Ricks Academy in honor of Thomas E. Ricks, a Church leader who founded Rexburg and headed the academy’s first Board of
Education. In 1918 it was renamed Ricks Normal College, and in 1923 it became known as Ricks College, which grew to become the largest privately-owned junior college in the United States.

In June 2000 leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced Ricks College would transition from a two-year college to a four-year university. Academic programs were evaluated and restructured, and the school officially became Brigham Young University–Idaho in August 2001. The university is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Under the direction of President Kim B. Clark, BYU–Idaho is continually working to raise the quality of each student’s experience, while searching for cost effective ways to make a BYU–Idaho education available to many more young people.

A comprehensive liberal arts, professional, and scientific curriculum is offered. As a two-tiered institution, BYU–Idaho offers students a choice of associate or bachelor’s degrees. Associate degrees offer students specialization in a major field of study along with a carefully selected curriculum of general education. Specialized bachelor’s degrees focus on a specific discipline, while integrated bachelor’s degrees allow students to incorporate other related fields of study into their chosen major.

BYU–Idaho’s academic offerings are spread across six colleges: Agriculture and Life Sciences, Business and Communication, Education and Human Development, Language and Letters, Performing and Visual Arts, and Physical Sciences and Engineering. Faculty members in these various departments are focused primarily on the teaching and development of students. Instructors also engage in a variety of scholarly and research activities to support their teaching.

Students complement their academic experience with leadership and mentoring opportunities available through the university’s Activities Program. This student-run program offers an array of year-round activities in six core areas: outdoor, service, talent, fitness, sports, and social. Thousands of students are involved in the Activities Program each semester.

BYU–Idaho operates year round on a three-track, three-semester system: winter, spring, and fall. Facilities are better utilized and many more students are served by their admission to a track composed of two of the three semesters. In 2008 BYU–Idaho taught about 21,820 students in its associate and bachelor’s degree programs.

Internships are another vital element of the BYU–Idaho education because of the unparalleled leadership and experiential learning opportunities they provide. The university-wide internship program is one of the largest providers of interns in the nation, sending out more
than 3,200 students annually. Internships are integrated into degree programs, with interns receiving academic credit for their work. Because of the three-track system, interns from BYU–Idaho find semester-long placements year round.

BYU–Idaho students come from all 50 states and more than 50 countries. Married students comprise approximately 30 percent of the student body. About 40 percent of the students have served as missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, bringing a unique level of maturity, cultural diversity, and leadership ability to the campus.

All BYU–Idaho students agree to live by an Honor Code that reflects the beliefs and teachings of the Church. The Honor Code emphasizes being honest, living a chaste life, abstaining from alcohol and tobacco, using clean language, and following other values encompassed in the doctrines of the Church. The code includes additional guidelines on dress and grooming.

The BYU–Idaho campus includes about 40 major buildings and residence halls on over 400 acres. Since the transition from Ricks College, new buildings have been constructed and others have been renovated or expanded. Construction is underway on a 15,000-seat auditorium, as well as an expansion and remodel of the Hyrum Manwaring Student Center. Both are scheduled for completion in 2010.

The College of Idaho

President: Dr. Marvin Henberg
Caldwell ID 83605     (208) 459-5011
www.collegeofidaho.edu
Degrees Granted: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Education

The College of Idaho, a nationally ranked residential private liberal arts college, offers a rigorous and intimate academic setting in Caldwell. The College offers 26 majors, 55 minors and 16 cooperative and pre-professional programs in engineering, law, and health-related professions, as well as a master’s degree in teaching.

The C of I prides itself on small classes, close student-faculty interaction, and an engaged student body. Its distinctive PEAK curriculum challenges students to attain competencies in the four knowledge peaks of the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and a professional field, enabling them to graduate with an academic major and three minors in four years, providing the breadth and depth of knowledge and the versatility needed to succeed in a constantly changing world.
Founded in 1891, The College of Idaho has a legacy of educating Idaho’s most accomplished graduates, including six Rhodes Scholars, three Marshall Scholars, ten Truman and Goldwater Scholars, governors and elected officials, successful business and community leaders, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, and an Academy Award-winning composer. C of I faculty are dedicated to their students’ success, and include three of the past five Carnegie Foundation Idaho Professors of the Year. The College enjoys the highest graduation rate of any institution of higher education in Idaho, with 92 percent of students who are enrolled continuously graduating in four years.

Located on a beautiful campus, C of I offers a wide range of activities to students and the community, including 13 men’s and women’s athletics teams and a vibrant performing arts program. The College also reflects the world, with students from more than 40 countries making up 9 percent of its student body.

Northwest Nazarene University

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www.nnu.edu

Degrees granted: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Education Specialist, and graduate programs in business, counseling, education, nursing, religion and social work. (B.A., B.S., Ed.S., M.A., M.B.A., M.Div., M.S., M.Ed. M.S.N. and M.S.W.)

Northwest Nazarene University affords educational access to all students serious about intellectual inquiry, offering a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs through a breadth of delivery methods. NNU offers a number of strong academic programs, including business, education, nursing and psychology. In fact, all programs at NNU embody the legacy of academic rigor and accomplishment that has made the University synonymous with high-caliber learning. What’s more NNU students have direct access to talented faculty members across all disciplines.

Through close academic relationships with faculty; experiential, service and leadership opportunities; and a supportive faith community, Northwest Nazarene University delivers a
transformative education. The NNU community fosters close relationships between students, faculty and staff. Because NNU views every student as a child of God, people are valued, and individual talents and personalities are respected.

Founded in 1913, the University now serves over 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, more than 6,000 continuing education students and 2,300 high school students through the concurrent credit program. NNU is a Christian comprehensive university, offering over 60 areas of study and 18 master's degrees in seven different disciplines. In addition to its 90-acre campus located in Nampa, Idaho, the University also offers programs online as well as in Boise, Idaho Falls, McCall, Twin Falls, and in cooperation with programs in 10 countries. The University employs 108 full-time faculty to maintain a low student-to-faculty ratio of 13:1.

Along with its educational offerings, NNU offers seminars, concerts and lectures to the community, often free of charge. NNU’s Brandt Center is a beautiful, 1500-seat auditorium that regularly hosts the Boise Philharmonic and other concerts and events.

University of Phoenix

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Degrees Granted through Idaho Campus: Master’s Degrees in Business Administration; Bachelor’s of Science Degrees in Education, Curriculum and Instruction; Business Management; Information Technology, and Criminal Justice

University of Phoenix has been educating working adults for 30 years and is the largest private accredited university in North America. The University focuses on small interactive classes, highly personalized teaching and comprehensive academic accountability systems with programs in Idaho offered through a blended delivery of both online and in-person instruction as well as purely on-line methods which provide students exceptional flexibility in course transmission. The curriculum for each University of Phoenix program is designed with significant input from local industry, business, and education communities. Our innovative educational model is offered at campuses and learning centers across the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Today, more than 310,000 busy professionals are achieving their goals by
earning their college degrees at University of Phoenix or other Apollo Group, Inc., institutions. The University has been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission since 1978 and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. As of 2006, more than 1,000 Idaho residents attended University of Phoenix at the Idaho Campus as well as through University of Phoenix on-line, and Axia College. Students may enroll at the local campus for all on-campus and online programs, including Axia College, a two-year academic college of the University of Phoenix through which students can earn an associate degree.

The Idaho Campus has articulation agreements which apply credit for courses from many local institutions and professional organizations.

### 2009-2010 School District Profiles

278,522 students were enrolled in Idaho's K-12 public school system during the 2009-2010 school year.

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<th>Size of District</th>
<th>No. of Districts</th>
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<td>over 5,000 students</td>
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<td><strong>Statewide Total</strong></td>
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Source: State Department of Education, 2009-2010 Annual Statistical Report

### Public Schools (K-12)

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Source: Idaho Fiscal Facts, 2010
## Higher Education

### College & Universities Student Enrollment

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The Herrett Center for Arts and Science is a non-profit museum on the main campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Its purpose is primarily educational, offering programs to elementary and secondary school students, CSI students, and the adult community of south-central Idaho. The Center collects, preserves, interprets, and exhibits anthropological artifacts and natural history specimens with an emphasis on the prehistoric American continents.

herrett.csi.edu