Message from the Vice President of
Institutional Planning and Development

I am very pleased to announce that Monica Castañeda-Kessel has accepted the position of Grants Coordinator for the College. Monica has been working primarily in the grant development area for three years and has worked at the College for five years before that. She has been very successful in acquiring grant funding of over four million dollars for health-related programs at the College and St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Monica says she is looking forward to meeting with faculty and staff to explore grant possibilities for even greater successes for the College. Please join me in congratulating Monica.

CSI Foundation Mini-Grants

In need of funds for that special project “above and beyond” the great work you normally do? A mini-grant may be just the ticket for you!

Following are a few things to keep in mind about mini-grants:
- Grant funds are for projects that result in improved student learning.
- Grant funds can be used for supplies, equipment, consultants, technical assistance, registration fees, and lodging, and travel up to 15% of the funding request.
- The maximum grant amount is $2,500.
- Additional information may be obtained at: [http://www.csi.edu/support/pd/grants/keylinks.htm](http://www.csi.edu/support/pd/grants/keylinks.htm) including the CSI Common Grant Application form and by clicking on Foundation Mini-Grants.

Applications for the fall round of mini-grants are due on Friday, November 10 at 4:30 p.m. Please submit a hard copy of your request (signed by your supervisor) to the office of Planning and Development, Taylor 120. In addition, submit your request electronically via email attachment to Donanna at dmckinstry@csi.edu.

Questions? Give Us A Call . . .

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Grants Gazette

NEW—External Funding Form

It has been noted that multiple faculty/staff have been applying for the same grant only to find out that by submitting 2 or more applications they have eliminated each other’s chances. To prevent this from happening and to ensure that institutional resources have not been committed without the Business Office’s and Planning & Development’s prior knowledge, a new external funding form has been developed. The form is available at: http://www.csi.edu/support/pd/grants/keylinks.htm

PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED
CSI EXTERNAL FUNDING REQUEST FORM

Grant submitter: __________________________ Phone: ___________
Grant agency: __________________________________________________________________
Grant agency contact: __________________________________________________________
Grant due date: __________________________ Potential start date: ___________
Potential end date: ___________

Hats Off…..to this Month’s Money Magician!...

The CSI Blaine County Center received a $7,000 grant from the Deer Creek Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation to increase access to higher education for a diversity of students in the Wood River Valley. The grant money will provide academic scholarships for local students. It will also be used to expand English as a Second Language programming. It will provide financial support for the family literacy component of the ESL program, and it will provide resources to develop a bridge course that will help ESL students make the transition into the GED program or college classes. The Deer Creek Foundation has been a tremendous supporter for the CSI Blaine County Center for the past several years.

Grants Transform Peoples’ Lives

The Planning & Development Office would like to work with you to get little vignettes of how grant funding changed your students’ lives for the better and to help you publish them in the Grants Gazette. If you have any stories that you would like to share about current grants, please e-mail them to Donanna at dmckinstry@csi.edu.

Among the first graduates of the expanded RN program were five women from the small rural community of Salmon with a population of 3,000. Combined these non-traditional students had 13 children to care for when they decided to enter the RN program. These students rented a house and moved to Twin Falls to complete the RN program, and returned on the weekends to be with their families. Round-trip, it is 494 miles from Twin to Salmon and slightly more than a 10 hour drive. It was a difficult year. During the year, one student’s son died, one student’s mother passed away, and one student’s husband filed for divorce, but they stuck with it. In May, all five graduated, passed their NCLEX-RN, and returned to Salmon to work. This is an example of how rural communities are “growing their own” with the help of CSI Nursing Expansion. CSI’s Scholarships for Disadvantaged grant helped these students achieve their goal with funding support for partial tuition and books. This nearly doubled the RN population in Salmon and improved rural access to care. We change people’s lives by taking the time to apply for alternative funding.

We must become the change we want to see in the world.
Mohandas Gandhi
Current Grant Opportunities

Here are a few of the many grant competitions currently underway. For more information on these and other grants, contact the Planning and Development Office. Thanks!

1. **Idaho Department of Education—Math Science Partnership Grants**
   
   [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/instruct/docs/msp/msp.htm](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/instruct/docs/msp/msp.htm) The focus of this year's funding is on elementary school science and elementary and secondary school mathematics. Must be based on a district-level needs assessment of teacher quality and student achievement. Approximately, $400,000 is available during 2006-2007. Deadline for receipt of proposals is January 26, 2007. CSI and various local school districts have been successful in the past. This is a great opportunity for multiple departments to collaborate with each other and the school districts. So give us a call if your department is interested.

2. **United States Department of Agriculture—Rural Business Enterprise Grants**
   
   [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/id/redlg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/id/redlg.htm) The focus of these grants is to promote rural economic development and job creation projects by building infrastructure. These require small business participation and are a potential source of funding for professional technical programs. The average award is $20,000 to $30,000.

3. **Free or Reduced Costs for Prescription Medicine**
   
   For more information try [www.freemeds.com](http://www.freemeds.com) — [www.needymeds.com](http://www.needymeds.com) — [www.freemedicinefoundation.com](http://www.freemedicinefoundation.com) These sites provide forms that people of limited income can complete to receive their medication at reduced or no cost. Maybe this can help someone you know.

4. **U.S. Bank Corporation—Various**
   
   [http://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/ cfm/about/community_relations/grant_guidelines.cfm](http://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/ cfm/about/community_relations/grant_guidelines.cfm) U.S. Bank has various deadlines depending on what the applicant is applying for with awards up to $20,000. For example, if you are interested in applying for Arts & Culture, Economic Opportunity (February 2007), Education, Economic Opportunity (May 2007), and United Way (September 2007). Their guidelines will give you target population specifics.

**Grants recently submitted and awaiting approval include:**

- Community Based Job Training—Agriculture ... $692,000
- Course Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement—Mathematics ... $92,400
- Community Health Improvement—Physical Education ... $18,000
- Idaho Humanities Council—Outreach Center ... $2,000
Monica’s Magic...

Maternal/Child Care is a theme for the fall. The Health Care Development Council just received notification that it will receive funding for a Noelle Birthing Simulator. Noelle is a manikin that will help future nurses work with mothers in labor more effectively. We are in the process of looking for a birthing bed for her in Aspen 131. Who says nursing is not techie and cool?

In other news, Mike Mason made a presentation to the Permanent Building Fund Legislative Committee for the new $21 million Health Science Building. CSI has decided to pursue the Health Science Building request in lieu of the Higher Education Center due to expansion demands and space needs. CSI now has the second largest RN program in the state, the first Nationally Certified Paramedic to RN program in the northwest, and is in the process of developing a Simulation Ward for training.

Region IV Health Occupations Taskforce is currently working with healthcare employers to raise $250,000 per year for five years and to leverage an additional $500,000 per year for five years from the legislature. Wish us luck!

Monica Castañeda-Kessel at ext 6258

Magan’s 2 Cents...

Congratulations to Monica Kessel!! We look forward to working with her in a new capacity as our Grants Development Coordinator. Her optimism and positive attitude is a continuing addition to our grants team.

With the exception of a couple of departments, budgets have been entered. Please give me a call, if you have questions or concerns after reviewing your monthly reports.

A couple of items to note on your budgets: 1) all line items are rounded to the nearest hundred, and 2) we have budgeted for each individual fringe category (this hasn’t been done in the past, everything was budgeted to 5100). We hope that this will give us a more accurate picture of our budgeting process.

To help keep our campus grant management process consistent, we ask that all Vice Presidents, Deans, Department Heads, & Supervisors continue to refer any faculty or staff member pursing grant possibilities to myself AND Monica. This is a huge help and we really appreciate being involved at the beginning of the process.

Thank you for all your help!!!

Happy Halloween!!!!

Magan at ext 6216

Fiscal Tip:
Did you know that during the first week of each semester, due to financial aid checks and student deposits, the Account’s Payable office does not process an account payable check run? So, please plan accordingly during that time of year to ensure that your bills are paid on time.