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

Jenny Davidson has scored once again for the Blaine Center! Her submission to the Deer Creek Foundation yielded $12,500 for several microscopes. This equipment will allow students in the Blaine County area to take Biology courses without making the trip to Twin Falls. Always putting her students first, Jenny has made great progress in expanding the Blaine Center. You go, Jenny!

John Miller - Dr. Miller was instrumental in securing a Congressional Award of $74,042 for a Computerized Numeric Controller (CNC) Lab at Twin Falls High School. The Lab is the culmination of two years work by Dr. Miller, TFHS officials and local manufacturing business partners. The program will move students from TFHS to CSI with the skills needed to complete their studies and enter the workforce as CNC Technicians. Excellent work, John!

Jim Palmer, Claudeen Buettner and Monica Kessel combined their talents to submit and receive an award of $103,382 from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The funds are from the Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students program and will assist Nursing students with tuition, books and other supplies for their studies. Terrific job, Jim, Claudeen and Monica!

Message from the Vice President of Institutional Planning and Development

This issue of the Grants Gazette follows the departure of Greg Rogers who has been the Grants Coordinator for CSI for the last two years. He is moving to Seattle to pursue a different career. Please read his “Greg the Grant Guy Sez” section on the last page. We appreciate what Greg did for grant development and the College while he was here and wish him the very best in this next phase of his personal and professional journey.

I have put the selection of a successor Grants Coordinator on the fast track. The internal posting of the position has expired. We hope to have the position filled very soon.

Thanks, Curtis
On behalf of the Office of Planning and Development, thank you for reading the CSI Grants Gazette! We hope you will find the information contained useful in pursuing grant funding. As most of you know, grant funding is of increasing importance. We here in the Office of Planning and Development are pleased to help you in any way we can.

So what are some of those ways? What are some of the services you can expect from your Grant Development team? It would be easy for us to say “Whatever it takes” (which is true: we’ll help in any way we can!), but that’s a little vague. Here are some of the specific kinds of things we can assist you with:

- **Funding research**—there are a multitude of resources (both hard copy and electronic) available to seek funding sources for grant applications. We’d be happy to sit down with you and review some possible funding avenues to pursue. Of course, ya gotta come in and see us first!

- **Proposal development**—one of the greatest challenges educators face today is time management. Faculty are very busy, and the idea of having to fit in grant writing time is daunting to say the least. It is the Grant Development Coordinator’s responsibility to take the lead in writing, reviewing, editing and submitting grant proposals. We will make the process as easy for faculty as possible, and who knows? You just might enjoy it!

- **Grant management expertise**—getting a grant is only half the battle. Managing external funding can be tricky. Get the latest grant management information to keep your program on-track and running smoothly.

- **Budgetary issues**—not sure what matching is? Unsure of how much indirect to charge in your budget? Let us help you unravel all of the strings that come with external funding!

These are but a few of the ways we can be of service to faculty and staff. As we are part of Planning and Development, we can assist in program development and implementation as well as grant-related activities. Contact any of the following folks for more information. Thanks again for your time, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

TBA, Grant Development Coordinator ....................x 6248
Monica Castañeda-Kessel, HCDC Grant Writer ......x 6258
Magan Hodge, Grant Accountant ......................x 6216
Donanna McKinstry, Office Specialist ....................x 6244
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. www.staplesfoundation.org: The mission of the Staples Foundation for Learning is to provide funding to programs that support job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. The foundation supports assistance and training for individuals who choose to use their hands, hearts and minds to be contributing members of their communities.

2. www.neh.gov: NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Awards are made to museums, public libraries, colleges, research institutions, and other non-profit entities. Challenge grants most commonly augment or establish endowments that support humanities activities in education, public programming, scholarly research, and preservation. Institutions may use the income derived from invested funds to meet on-going humanities-related costs.

3. www.ashinstitute.harvard.edu/Ash/awards.htm: The Innovation in American Government program awards $25,000 to $100,000 to government agencies (including educational entities) that can demonstrate innovation and results in addressing community needs. The program in question must have been in existence at least one year. Applications are due September 15, 2006.

4. www.nsf.gov: The National Science Foundation is offering funding for its Education and Interdisciplinary Research grant program. This grant funds research into educational modalities combining multiple disciplines.

5. www.doi.gov: The Department of the Interior is offering a grant program for Idaho, the “Reduce the Impact of Wildfire on Idaho Communities” grant. The name pretty much says it all.

Good Luck and Good Hunting!

Grants recently submitted and awaiting approval include:

- Community Based Job Training—Agriculture ... $692,000
- Course Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement—Mathematics ... $92,400
- IALN Maternal/Child Training & Equipment ... $46,500
**GREG, THE GRANT GUY SEZ**

...Happy Trails, my friends! It has been a great ride working with all of you this past year and a half. I've had the pleasure of meeting most of the great faculty we have here at CSI, and I want to encourage all of you to continue in the pursuit of grant funding. Grants can be very helpful in getting your idea or project off the ground, and once you get the hang of them, they are not the death sentence so many staff and faculty think they are! Be proactive and make an appointment with the Grants Office today and find out what opportunities are out there just waiting for you to take advantage of!

I also wanted to remind you that the Fall round of CSI Foundation mini-grants is just around the corner. Be thinking of some things you'd like to do that can be done with $2500 or less. The list is longer than you think! Call Donanna at xt. 6244 for more details.

Good luck and Godspeed to you all!

_Greg_

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**MAGAN’S 2 CENTS...**

Hello again and welcome to a new fiscal year!!!! Grant close-out went very smoothly this year. Thank you to those of you that were involved in making that happen. Goodbye and farewell to Greg Rogers as he sets off in a new adventure. We wish him the best of luck.

As we are a couple of months in to the new year, please make sure that the Business Office has received all your grant paper work for the new year. If you are unsure of what documents to forward, please give me a call. As, I prepare our files for the new year, I will call if we are missing something.

We are currently working on getting budgets into the system. Budgets should be complete by mid-September. Please review your monthly reports to ensure budgets are correct, salaries are being charged where they should be, and watch for other concerns as well.

For those of you involved in time and effort reporting, please send me a monthly report of your time. I will be following-up on last year’s time and effort reports for those of you who haven’t sent me everything, in the next couple of weeks. We truly appreciate your help in this area. It can make or break us during an audit.

Thanks again for all the hard work each of you put into your projects. I am looking forward to another great year!!

_Magan at ext 6216_

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**MONICA’S MAGIC...**

Well, everyone else on campus was having a baby so of course we decided we needed to have one too! Welcome to the Aspen Building Room 131--SIM BABY. This cute little $30,000 bundle of joy was delivered and on display a day before Governor Risch’s visit to the Health Sciences and Human Services Department. HSHS has disseminated 8 clinical labs throughout the Magic Valley to improve access to dual credit health occupations and adult CNA. Currently, HCDC is working on expansion of the nursing program and increased mammography screenings for women 40-49. South central Idaho is ranked 50th in the nation for mammograms with women in this age group.

_Monica Castañeda-Kessel at ext 6258_

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