2011 ANNUAL REPORT to the community

“Celebrating Our Successes”
President’s Message

2012 will be a good year. How do I know this? Because we can look back on a string of impressive achievements from 2011 that will have lasting impacts on the College of Southern Idaho and its students.

CSI turned a corner going into 2012. We have added an important and much needed element to our longtime mission of being accessible to all students. Now, in addition to student access, CSI is focusing on student success. This effort started at the top with our Board of Trustees signing a call to action that pledges CSI to do our part to increase the number of students who complete their certificates and degrees. Our faculty and staff are receiving training and doing their part to retain, motivate, and assist our students to completion of their objectives.

The local and regional economy received fantastic news in October that Chobani, one of the world’s leaders in the production of Greek yogurt, will build and operate its largest plant in Twin Falls. The economic impact of this industrial giant can only be guessed at present but is expected to be more than $1 billion. CSI played a significant role in the company’s decision to expand in Twin Falls. Program expansion for Chobani employee training will begin soon.

We are proud of our association and oversight of the College of Western Idaho in Nampa, which has been one of America’s fastest-growing community colleges. CSI employees and administration have worked hard the past three years as CWI nears its own accreditation and ability to offer its own student services. The addition of CWI has helped countless more Idahoans realize the value and quality of community colleges.

CSI is very proud to have obtained $2.7 million from the U.S. Department of Labor to lead a consortium of colleges in providing success strategies for Idaho’s lower skilled workers. Working with four other Idaho colleges, this grant is targeted to serve more than 1,600 students in manufacturing, energy, health care, and business training.

Sustainability took a giant leap forward among CSI students and staff in 2011. Our Sustainability Council inspired the entire campus to reduce its use of precious resources and to re-use things that have more than one use. The campus is now virtually festooned with bins that provide a constant reminder to recycle paper, plastic, and aluminum products.

It was a proud moment for Southern Idaho residents and Golden Eagle fans as CSI’s men’s basketball team won the NJCAA tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas in March 2011. This was our third national men’s title. Our volleyball team also represented the Scenic West conference at their national tournament last fall and won sixth place.
I also see signs that the economy and overall support for higher education in Idaho are improving. Not all at once, of course, but I hope to the extent that we can all experience the optimism of more robust support for CSI students and programs. As conditions improve, the College of Southern Idaho will be able to offer even more high quality career training and education while keeping down the cost to our students.

This is a good time to be in southern Idaho. CSI is proud to be a part of this hopeful era. We have never believed more in the promise we make to our students – that with CSI, you can stay near and go far.

Dr. Jerry Beck  
CSI President

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Mission Statement

The College of Southern Idaho, a comprehensive community college, provides quality educational, social, cultural, economic, and workforce development opportunities that meet the diverse needs of the communities it serves. CSI prepares students to lead enriched, productive, and responsible lives in a global society.

Vision

College of Southern Idaho shapes the future through its commitment to student success, lifelong learning, and community enrichment.

Core Values

- People
- Learning
- Access and Opportunity
- Quality and Excellence
- Creativity and Innovation
- Responsibility and Accountability
- Collaboration and Partnerships

Core Themes

1. Transfer Education
2. Professional-Technical Education
3. Basic Education
4. Community Connections

Strategic Initiatives

I. Student Learning and Success
II. Responsiveness
III. Performance and Accountability

Strategic Goals

- Demonstrate continued commitment to, and shared responsibility for, student learning and success
- Meet the diverse and changing needs and expectations of our students and the community we serve
- Support employee learning, growth, wellness, and success
- Commit to continuous improvement and institutional effectiveness
Accepting the College Completion Challenge: A Call to Action

On September 19th, 2011, the College of Southern Idaho became the first community college in the state of Idaho to sign the “Accepting the College Completion Challenge: A Call to Action.” By signing this call to action, President Beck and members of the Board of Trustees reaffirmed CSI’s commitment to improving student success. The document is a declaration of what the College of Southern Idaho believes in, commits to, and asks of our administration, faculty, staff, students, and community. CSI pledges to do its part to cultivate a culture of success and to help accomplish the national goal of a 50% increase in the number of students with a higher education degree or certificate by 2020.

The call to action was supported and encouraged by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), in order to advance “the completion agenda.” Increasing community college student completion has become a major national, state and local focus, and a key priority. Legislators, policymakers, funding agencies, and business leaders are emphasizing the importance of increasing the number of students who complete degrees, certificates, and other credentials with value in the work place. The AACC and ACCT joined with four other national organizations to express their shared commitment to student completion and to assist their members to produce 50% more students with high-quality degrees and certificates by 2020. These organization include: the Center for Community College Student Engagement, the League for Innovation in the Community College, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

In recognition of the central role that the College of Southern Idaho has in meeting the educational and training needs in our community and, more broadly, in contributing to an educated U.S. citizenry and a competitive workforce, we pledge to do our part to increase the number of Americans with high quality postsecondary degrees and certifications to fulfill critical local, state, and national goals. With the “completion agenda” as a national imperative, the College of Southern Idaho has an obligation to meet the challenge while holding firmly to traditional values of access, opportunity, and quality.
WE BELIEVE

• We believe the student success and completion agenda is the future of the College of Southern Idaho.

• We believe that completion matters and every student counts.

• We believe in every student’s potential and responsibility to succeed—and that an engaged student is more likely to persist in college.

• We believe that “open door” must not be a “revolving door,” and that CSI must take responsibility for student success.

• We believe that community colleges are the gateways to middle class and beyond for millions of Americans.

• We believe that community colleges are an invaluable economic engine driving the nation toward renewed and sustained economic prosperity.

• We believe that talented and committed people working “heart and soul” at CSI are ready to take leadership roles to increase student success and college completion.

WE COMMIT

• We commit to change in institutional culture, from emphasis on access only to emphasis on access and success.

• We commit to courageous conversation about diversity, equity, and evidence reflecting student success and institutional performance.

• We commit, while increasing success rates for all students, to eliminating the attainment gaps that separate student groups on the basis of race, ethnicity and family income.

• We commit to acting on facts to making positive changes in the interest of student success and college completion.

• We commit to promoting faculty and staff development focused on evidence-based education practice.

• We commit to providing development opportunities, for college administrators, trustees, faculty, staff, and students to build and sustain leadership for student success.

WE ASK

• We ask every trustee, administrator, faculty member, counselor, advisor, financial aid officer, staff member, and student organization to examine current practices, identify ways to help students understand the added value of degrees and certifications, and to help them progress toward their goals.

• We ask every student to help one other student succeed.

• We ask community members to support and work with us to help more students succeed.

• We ask elected officials to create the policy conditions that enable, support, and reward our work to strengthen student success.

• We ask other community colleges to join us by signing and sharing this commitment and call to action.

This signed Call to Action commits the College of Southern Idaho to promote the development and implementation of policies, practices, and institutional cultures that will produce 50% more students with high quality degrees and certificates by 2020. We call upon every sector and constituency of our college and community to join us in this work.
Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility

(Students wearing green ribbons during the 2011 Commencement Ceremonies)

“I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organizations for which I work.”
The CSI Sustainability Council spearheaded the Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility project where interested students graduating from CSI made the voluntary pledge of social and environmental responsibility and wore a green ribbon during the commencement ceremony.

The Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility is a global effort through the Graduation Pledge Alliance (www.graduationpledge.org), a project of the Bentley Alliance for Ethics and Social Responsibility. Since 1987, the Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility has been offered at colleges and universities throughout the world. The goal of the project is to build a global community of responsible graduates improving society and the environment through the workplace.
Awards, Honors, and Championships

2011 Instructor of the Year Awards

Professional Technical Instructor of the Year

Levi Perkins
Assistant Professor, Diesel Program

Levi Perkins was the recipient of the 2011 Professional Technical Instructor of the Year Award. Levi has worked at CSI for 4 years. Levi starts early, quits late, and is constantly surrounded by eager students. Levi says, “It is my belief that an educator has much power in instilling in his students the great ability to believe in themselves.” His supervisor says that Levi is an asset to his Department and the supervisor values him as an instructor and colleague. He also says, “Levi is new to teaching but his enthusiasm is contagious and our Program is in excellent hands.” His colleague says, “He is a certified to fix everything but a broken heart.”

Academic Instructor of the Year

Dr. Randy Simonson
Professor, Psychology

Dr. Randy Simonson was the recipient of the 2011 Academic Instructor of the Year Award. Dr. Simonson has worked at CSI for thirteen years, he is also an adjunct professor for Idaho State University, and has taught for Boise State University. Dr. Simonson has been involved in numerous College committees as well as the “I’m Going to College” program.

One student said, “The instructor’s energy for the course made it a joy to come to class every day. There was never a moment in lecture that was not fascinating and I look forward to my next class with him.” Dr. Simonson says he tries to consider each student as a whole individual rather than as a carbon copy of everyone else and that he provides perspectives that include a respect for diverse views and encourages independent thinking.
PACE 2011 Professional and Classified Employee of the Year

Classified Employee of the Year

Carolyn Matsuoka
Student Services Specialist, Admissions and Records Office

Carolyn Matsuoka, Student Services Specialist at the College of Southern Idaho Admissions and Records Office, was awarded the 2011 CSI Classified Employee of the Year by CSI’s Professional and Classified Employee organization (PACE). Carolyn has worked at the college for 22 years and was nominated by her peers for her commitment to CSI, dedication to students, eagerness to learn new skills, and willingness to accept additional responsibilities as needed.

Professional Employee of the Year

Sharon Whitchurch
Fiscal Specialist, Office on Aging

Sharon Whitchurch, Fiscal Specialist at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging, was awarded the 2011 CSI Professional Employee of the Year by CSI’s Professional and Classified Employee organization (PACE). Sharon has been a full-time employee for three and a half years and was nominated by her peers for willingness to help coworkers with projects when needed, professionalism and high ethical standards when working with peers or clients on challenging issues.
2011 New Century Scholar - Sheree Haggan

Sheree Haggan grew up in Southern Idaho and graduated in 2008 from Twin Falls High School where she was active in numerous clubs including FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America), which she was selected to represent at their national conference. Additionally, Sheree was active in high school sports and her youth group at Amazing Grace Fellowship.

At the College of Southern Idaho, Sheree majored in Communication and graduated in 2011 with an associate of arts degree. While at CSI, Sheree served several terms in the Student Senate, culminating in her election as the Student Body President. She was also the founder and President of two student organizations, Spoken Word Poetry and That Girl Goes Local. Sheree was active in numerous other student organizations including Diversity Council, Black Student Alliance, and Phi Theta Kappa. Sheree was especially passionate about community service and inspired the Senate to its largest ever fund raising drive for the Change for Children benefit. She coordinated a highly successful Phonathon for the CSI Foundation and spoke at numerous college and community events.

After graduating from CSI, Sheree accepted a full ride scholarship to Utah State University where she continues her studies in Communications and serves on the highly selective and prestigious Aggie Ambassador Council. Sheree’s career goal is to become a nationally recognized motivational speaker.

State of Idaho Cisco Academy Netriders Champion – Korey Theole

College of Southern Idaho Network Systems Technician student Korey Theole ranked first in the state of Idaho in the Cisco Academy Netriders competition and competed for national honors. Korey was one of six Idaho students from Idaho State University, College of Western Idaho, and CSI who competed. Each year, some 10,000 students from 80 countries compete in a series of online exams and simulation activities to test their proficiency in network configuration and problem solving. In a four-hour exam and simulation, Korey competed against all the other state and Canadian winners.
CSI’s Golden Eagle Forensics Team had another successful year in 2011. One of the biggest highlights of the year was when the team traveled to Louisiana in November. Not only did the students win several individual awards, the team as a whole took several first place positions. CSI was the top community college in individual events, top community college in public debate and TOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE OVERALL! Forensics is a time honored, competitive event in the south, therefore this win was especially gratifying. Students participating in this victory were: Connor Cook, Lindsey Hanchey, Benjamin Serrano and Allie Kerstetter. The team’s season continues until April and we anticipate continued success.
**Baking & Pastry Arts**

**Baking SkillsUSA Idaho AND National**

In April 2011, **CSI Baking & Pastry Arts** students again took Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the **Idaho State SkillsUSA** Competition.

- Sladjana Mandura, Gold
- Alissa Dean, Silver
- Emily Jackson, Bronze

Idaho State SkillsUSA Gold Medalist in Commercial Baking, Sladjana Mandura, represented the state at the National SkillsUSA Competition in Kansas City, Missouri, where she placed eighth.

**2011 Rotary Club’s Death by Chocolate**

**CSI Baking & Pastry Arts Students** won the People’s Choice Award in the “Unique Dessert” Category at the **2011 Rotary Club’s Death by Chocolate**.
Idaho Dental Hygienists Annual Session in Boise

Students in the College of Southern Idaho’s Dental Hygiene program placed first in a Table Clinic competition at the Idaho Dental Hygienists annual session in Boise.

Two-person teams of students from around the state presented their research to professional dental hygienists who are employed in clinical, community, and educational settings. Four Idaho dental hygiene schools were represented, comprising a total of 19 Table Clinics.

From CSI, Mollee Nielsen and Jill Searle presented current research supporting their topic, “HPV and the Link to Oral Cancer.”

All of the students in the program have been invited to present their research to the Magic Valley Dental Hygiene Society, a local chapter of the American Dental Hygienists Association. Nielsen and Searle have also been invited to present their study to the annual session of the American Dental Hygienists Association in Phoenix next spring. The CSI Foundation awarded Mollee Nielsen and Jill Searle a grant to progress to a National competition.
Idaho Army National Guard Homecoming Celebration

On Saturday, November 5th, a homecoming celebration was held for the Idaho Army National Guard’s 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team at the College of Southern Idaho Eldon Evans Expo Center. More than 200 people attended the yellow ribbon event. Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter thanked the troops for their sacrifice. He also thanked their families: “We also had warriors at home and that was the families who also served because they were waiting for their warriors to come home.”

Participants also remembered the troops who were killed, are missing, or are prisoners of war.
CSI Veterans Ceremony

On November 9th CSI held a ceremony to honor veterans and active service members. Over a hundred people attended the event. Chris Bragg was the master of ceremonies. The CSI Chamber Choir performed the National Anthem. CSI President Dr. Jerry Beck thanked current and past service members for their service and talked about what CSI is doing to help veterans on campus. ASCSI Student Body Secretary, Megan Choate, thanked veterans for their service on behalf of the CSI student body. First Lieutenant Martinez from the Idaho National Guard thanked CSI for its continuing support of veterans and asked people to remember all the veterans who have served this country. The ceremony closed with CSI Music professor Dr. George Halsell performing Taps followed by a moment of silence.
The College of Southern Idaho Men’s Basketball team brought home the school’s third NJCAA National Championship in that sport. Guard Pierre Jackson claimed Region 18 Tournament MVP and NJCAA National Tournament MVP as well as NJCAA Player of the Year honors. CSI Head Coach Steve Gosar led the Golden Eagles to a 33-4 overall record, earning NJCAA Coach of the Year accolades.
Go Eagles!
CSI Assistant Rodeo Coach Cody DeMers represented CSI very well at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in December. DeMers entered the NFR ranked 13th in the world but moved up to 7th overall after a great showing. DeMers placed in the top 6 six times, winning the fourth round.

**CSI Men’s Rodeo Team**

2010-2011 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association’s Rocky Mountain Region Team Champions

- Ranked #1 in the nation prior to the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR)
- Men’s Team CNFR Qualifiers: Orin Larsen, Monty Johnson, Bailey Tubbs, JD Johnson, Zach Hutchison, Brock Casperson
CSI Women’s Rodeo Team

2010-2011 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association’s Rocky Mountain Region Team Champions

- Ranked #1 in the nation prior to the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR)
- Women’s Team CNFR Qualifiers: Chelsie “Chuck” Povey, Samantha Logan, Traci Bailey
- Traci Bailey finished 9th in the nation in the Goat Tying
- Samantha Logan finished 10th in the nation in the Barrel Racing

This was the first time in CSI’s history that both the Men’s and Women’s Rodeo Teams have won the Rocky Mountain Region Team Championships during the same year.

Women’s Volleyball

The CSI volleyball team, led by Golden Eagle head coach Heidi Cartisser, placed sixth at the NJCAA National Championships in West Plains, Missouri. The Golden Eagles won the Region 18 Tournament as well, finishing 24-12 overall. Middle blocker Beth Carey was named NJCAA second team All-American and was selected to the NJCAA All-Tournament team.

Team Honors

Six College of Southern Idaho athletes and two teams were honored by the NJCAA for excellence in the classroom. Individual honorees must be sophomores. Golden Eagle baseball player Vinny Giron earned the NJCAA’s Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence after completing his career at CSI with a 4.0 grade point average. Five other athletes earned Academic All-American status. Mikkel Griffin of the softball team earned Superior Academic Achievement for posting a 3.80 to 3.99 gpa, while women’s basketball player Holly Checketts, volleyball player Alyssa Everett and softball players Lyndi Miller and Marie Williams all were awarded Exemplary Academic Achievement for finishing their two years with a gpa between 3.60 and 3.79.

The Golden Eagle baseball team and softball team earned Academic All-American team honors for posting a team gpa of 3.0 or above. The softball team, which has received the honor every year of the program’s existence, also was named an Academic All-American team from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, for earning a team gpa of 3.282. Among junior colleges across the nation, CSI ranked 9th overall. The NFCA also recognized student athletes that maintained a gpa of 3.5 or above for the 2010-2011 academic year. Unlike the NJCAA, where they give individual academic All-American honors to only sophomores, the NFCA awards freshmen or sophomores that achieve in the classroom. CSI had seven of its softball players named to the academic All-American list.
Two World Premieres by Dr. George K. Halsell

Music faculty member Dr. George K. Halsell premiered two new compositions for symphony orchestra in 2011. On April 10, the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra (College Station, Texas) presented his A Stygian Adventure in a performance at the Earl Rudder Theater on the Texas A&M University campus. The work was composed on a commission from the orchestra, and, according to Halsell “is based loosely on the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, with a twist of Indiana Jones thrown in for good measure.”

Halsell’s second premiere took place this past October 9 in a performance by the Magic Valley Symphony, directed by CSI adjunct faculty member Theodore Anchor Hadley. The Fanfare for an Uncommon Land, which the composer describes as “a tribute to the Gem State,” was the opening work of the Symphony’s season, “Wild About Idaho.”

Photo taken by Kim Critchfield

Passports and Passages: Writing as a Bridge

On April 29, 2011, 36 high school and college English teachers from around the state gathered at CSI’s Hailey campus for the fifth annual “Passports and Passages: Writing as a Bridge between High School, College, and the World.” Sponsored by CSI and co-chaired by Dr. Jenny Emery Davidson and Judy Grigg Hansen, the annual symposium brings Idaho teachers at the secondary and college levels together each spring to share ideas, develop innovative methods for teaching writing, and work together to promote a vibrant culture of literacy in our state. This past year, western writer Teresa Jordan gave the keynote address, “Push and Pull,” and a panel of teachers, students, and advisers talked about how to help first-generation college students get to college and then be successful.

Hansen and Davidson initiated the symposium six years ago in an effort to address Idaho’s low college participation rates by promoting strong writing skills across grade levels.
CSI Helps Educators Teach Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

The Idaho Content Standards Science Concept Enrichment (ICSSCE) Program administered by the College of Southern Idaho enrolled its first cohort of twelve elementary school teachers this past spring 2011 semester. The ICSSCE Program utilizes cyber infrastructure development to equip elementary school teachers with resources necessary to foster elementary school students' deeper conceptual and content understanding of scientific principles.

Using support from Idaho NSF EPSCoR, the program enrolled Kimberly, Jerome, and Twin Falls area educators and created small “teaching teams” as part of the ICSSCE Program Beta Group component. Including both online and face-to-face instructional delivery components, the ICSSCE Program helps teachers identify “best practices” for providing elementary grade-level appropriate science education. Addressing teachers’ time and resource constraints, the ICSSCE Program’s online course and technology training permitted teachers to develop and implement creative ways of connecting relevant science and research content with Idaho Content Standards for elementary education.

With implementation of the ICSSCE Program, co-investigators Dr. Dave Makings and Mr. Bill Ebener have helped the College of Southern Idaho realize its self-appointed mandate of expanding STEM education and community outreach. The Idaho Board of Regents’ recent decision to commit more STEM education and outreach funding to College of Southern Idaho STEM initiatives will help the ICSSCE Program increase its community-wide impact. Already expanding the initial scope, the ICSSCE Program included informal participation from one Twin Falls and one Kimberly area school principal and one “gifted and talented” school coordinator from Jerome. Anticipating ICSSCE Program enhancement, ICSSCE Program staff will utilize teacher participant feedback to pinpoint teachers’ specific science curricula development needs and wants. Using these data, ICSSCE Program staff will be able to address issues of most pressing concern to teachers as they seek to provide high-quality science education to their students.
English Prize Scholarship

For the fifth straight year, the English Department funded and awarded scholarships to English Majors. The English Prize Scholarship of $500 was awarded to Joshua Bridges who is from Filer. The Award of Excellence in English Studies of $100 was awarded to three students: Joseph Wayment, Danny Barsness, and Noah Boggess. Joseph is from Jerome, Danny is from Filer, and Noah is from Twin Falls.

In the photo from left to right: Dr. Jeff Fox, Joseph Wayment, Joshua Bridges, R. Danny Barsness, Noah Boggess, Prof. Whitney Smith
Jan Carpenter

- Attended Boise State Writing Project, which is part of the National Writing Project in July 2011

Kim Madsen

- June, 2011: Presented a paper at the biennial, international conference for the Association for the Study of Literature & Environment.
- November, 2011: Nominated for the position (uncontested) of Graduate Student Delegate to the Executive Board of the RMMLA for 2012-2014.

Dr. Jette Morache

- Accompanied CSI students who presented papers at the National Undergraduate Literature Conference at Weber State University in April 2011.
- Attended the Fishtrap Writing Conference in Wallowa, Oregon, July 2011.

Kim Prestwich

- Participated in the “Civility and Democracy in America” sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council March 3-5, 2011.

CSI’s First Post Certification Program in Mammography

The first CSI post certification program in Mammography was organized and implemented through CSI Community Education. It was a four-day event in June. Developers included Gary Lauer Ph.D., RT (R), Tamara Janak, BSRS RT (R) (M), Kelsey Dietz AAS RT (R) (M), and Chastity Allen RT (R) (M). Tamara was the course director / instructor. Kelsey and Chastity were instructors. Dr. Lauer obtained a CSI Foundation grant for $2,000 and then worked with three area RT (R) mammography technologists in developing the curriculum and getting it approved by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists for 36 continuing education credits. About seven area RTs went through the program. Plans are to offer the program again in 2012.
CSI Employee Wellness Program

Drop-in Fitness Classes were offered jointly between CSI employees/spouses and Twin Falls School District (TFSD) employees for the first time. Instructors for classes in Zumba, yoga/Pilates, spinning and circuit training were hired through the wellness program and costs divided between CSI and TFSD.

An 8-week Walking Challenge was offered for the second time with 156 out of 188 employees completing. Twenty teams ranging in membership from 3 to 17 participants and captained by fellow employees competed against each other for a trophy created of recycled metal by the Welding Program and painted by the Autobody Program. The winning team of four averaged 23 walking sessions (approximately 15 minutes) per week. At least two walking participants have reported dramatic weight loss as an added bonus and credit the walking challenge with assisting them in losing 40 and 68 lbs and keeping it off over the course of the year since the first event.
A Halloween Great Pumpkin Walk/Run was attended by 88 employees and their families at the close of the walking challenge. Participants were treated to a chili and corn bread lunch prepared by the Culinary Arts students.

Health Risk Assessments were completed by 127 employees with results compiled and reported by Regence Insurance provider. The good news is that of the 17% of the employees who smoked previously, only 2% continue to smoke. We can credit our non-smoking campus with this positive outcome. We also rank high in participation at preventive screenings for prostate cancer and our blood pressure is well below the national average. Issues we need to work on into the future include unhealthy body mass indexes, participation in self breast exams, and knowledge of cholesterol levels.

Our Third Annual World AIDS Day for education and rapid HIV testing was well attended by employees and students alike, and HIV testing was so popular that we ran out of kits well before the end of the day. A support group for HIV/AIDS patients and their friends and families is forming as a result of our partnership with the local Allies Linked for the Prevention of HIV and AIDS (ALPHA) organization. No support group existed prior to this for the south central Idaho region.
An 8-week Weight Maintenance/Loss Challenge followed on the heels of the walking challenge and continued through the winter holidays. Of the 55 employees that began the challenge, 37 successfully completed. A lucky employee’s name was drawn from the hat to receive an Amazon gift card.

Stress and Sleep Presentations were offered during December by one of CSI’s health science instructors. We are most fortunate to have experts and willing presenters on many topics among our own staff at the college. Attendance was high and the feedback was extremely positive. These topics were the December focus during a year of monthly educational topics.

New Student Orientation for Incoming Freshmen

In a collaborative effort among several campus offices, new students were encouraged to attend a New Student Orientation program in July and August 2011. Students were provided with information about registration services, advising, financial aid, student activities, study skills, healthy habits, and more. The goal of the program is to proactively educate students, provide them with a framework for success, and empower them to make informed decisions in their first year of college.
CSI Paramedic Program

The 2011 CSI Paramedic class earned a 100% first-attempt pass rate on their National Certification exams! To appreciate the nature of their achievement, their performance was nearly 30% higher than the national average. We are very proud of their accomplishments!
Eagles United - First Student Club at the Mini-Cassia Off-Campus Center

Established in early 2011 the first student club at the Mini-Cassia Off-Campus Center, Eagles United experienced much success. The club was formed to bring students together, to develop a sense of ownership of the campus, as well as provide an opportunity to give back to the Mini-Cassia community. The first event that the Eagles embarked upon was a dance for the students and community members. The dance was held at a local event center, and was attended by students, parents, and even grandparents. A rip roaring good time was had by all, and the club raised over $2,500 to put into their account.

The club participated in the Rupert 4th of July parade. The CSI Eagle mascot, and about 20 club members walked the parade route alongside a decorated vehicle handing out oodles of candy, and otter pops to cool off those watching the parade.

Eagles United members attended the CSI Foundation picnic at the Mini-Cassia Off-Campus Center and were available to give tours. They also spent a day at the local food bank handing out baskets to those less fortunate, and spent many hours raking, cleaning up trash, and cleaning out flower beds at the campus. An appreciation dinner was held in the student lounge for all students and family members with delicious food donated by parents and grandparents of the club members.

The final event of the year was adopting a family for the holidays. Club members purchased and decorated a tree, collected food and bought gifts for a local family. Gifts and gift cards were also donated to the club by many students, faculty, and staff at the Mini-Cassia Off-Campus Center. These were delivered to the family by the club on the 20th of December.

Looking forward to 2012 the Eagles United look to embark upon a year of continued growth within the club, and more opportunity to give back to the Mini-Cassia community.
8th Annual “I’m Going to College” Program

The 8th annual “I’m Going to College” program was hosted by the College of Southern Idaho, in conjunction with these generous sponsors: First Federal Bank, Northwest Educational Loan Association (NELA), and Aramark. This year’s program was conducted over 11 days and hosted 10 various middle schools. These schools were: O’Leary Middle School, Robert Stuart Middle School, Wings Charter School, Jerome Middle School, Kimberly Middle School, Glenns Ferry Middle School, Hansen Jr/Sr High School, Buhl Middle School, and Filer Middle School. The College had record-breaking participation in the program with 1,262 students and 66 teachers and classroom aides. To excite and motivate the students to pursue a college degree, the day’s agenda was packed full of educational and fun activities. It is our hope that the “I’m Going to College” program will continue to leave life-long impressions, and that we will see each of these students on campus in 6 years as CSI students.
SUSTAINABILITY

Campus-wide Sustainability activities/accomplishments for 2011 include the following:

- Hosted Dr. Van Der Ploeg, President of Butte College. She provided the inservice week keynote address and a workshop addressing Campus Sustainability issues.
- CSI was awarded the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality’s 2011 Pollution Prevention award. One of 4 awarded in Idaho.
- Transitioned Recycling Program from a separation based program to a dual stream program. New recycling bins were placed in all campus buildings. Bins were donated by Coca Cola and Gem State Paper.
• In 6 ½ months the new recycling program collected 40,141 pounds of mixed recyclables compared to 39,246 pounds for all of 2010
• Reduction in trash allowed for the Maintenance Department to reduce the number of rented trash dumpsters and pick up frequency
• Started CSI Herb Garden
• Dedicated CSI Peace Pole (located in the Herb Garden)
• Implemented dorm “Move-out” donation and recycling program. Sixteen 35 gallon bins of clothes and other reusable items were donated to the CSI Refugee Center.
• Provided cardboard recycling bins for dorm “move-in”
• Participated in WOW week
• Sponsored a “Teach In” about sustainability in the SUB
• Participated in PACE’s Sustainability information workshop
• Communicated recycling totals through eNotes
• Biology 120 students sorted garbage to inventory types of “trash” and quantity
• Biology 120 Honors students researched change in recycling rates
• Displayed Earth flag on campus flag pole during week encompassing Earth Day
• Continued household battery recycling program with approximately 210 pounds recycled in 2011
• Sponsored goblet making day from used wine bottles, approximately 50 people participated
• Held a Recycling Flash Mob event to promote campus recycling
• RecycleMania 2011: CSI competed in the national Waste Minimization competition. The Waste Minimization competition measured food waste, cans, plastic bottles, and cardboard reduction. Throughout the nation 750 schools competed in various categories.
• Continued to reduce waste through trayless dining in cafeteria
• Taught the INBRE funded Summer Sustainability Research Program (SSRP): Students studied indoor air quality and biodiversity in and around the HSHS building. Students presented findings at INBRE Annual Conference.
• Reduced electricity expenditures through Summer 2011 Shut-Down Events
• Continued the “1 Degree” program: reduced heating and cooling cost by setting thermostats 1 degree lower in the winter and 1 degree higher in the summer
• Honors Environmental Science students researched various sustainability parameters on campus
• Maintenance Department installed new 1.6 gallon/flush toilets to replace the old 3.5 gallon/flush toilets. Also, 1.5 gallon/flush urinals were exchanged for more efficient 0.5 gallon/flush urinals. The shift to more efficient toilets results in potable water savings of at least 2128 gallons per day.
• Maintenance Department installed insulated walls in Shields Building first floor offices
• CSI has introduced non-toxic/environmentally friendly cleaning products
• Geothermal heating has been extended to 10 buildings on campus
• Environmental Technology program converted diesel truck to run on biodiesel fuel
• Bookstore purchased an all electric vehicle
• One hundred graduating students signed on to the Sustainability Pledge
• Continuation of Prius hybrid and Malibu hybrid cars in motor pool

Green Week-Earth Day 2011
• Campus clean up competition
• Showing of Movie: HOME
• Green Fashion Show
• Showing of movie in partnership with the U.S. Forest Surface: Green Fire, Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time
• Coffee Cup Games
• Herb Garden and Peace Pole dedication
• HSHS LEED Gold plaque unveiling ceremony
• Sustainability Fair: Local business and organizations displayed their sustainable products and communicated their policies.
More Recycled, Less to the Landfill!

Over the last few years CSI has substantially reduced the number of pounds it is sending to the landfill. CSI sent 57,001 pounds to the recycling center in 2011 (dual stream program began in May) up from 28,091 pounds in 2010. That’s a 101% increase! The increased recycling has resulted in fewer trash dumpsters and less pickup service required at CSI.

A big thank you goes out to the CSI community, Joe Lemoine, and the custodial staff for making CSI’s recycling program a HUGE success.

2009 = 7,390 pounds
2010 = 28,091 pounds
2011 = 57,001 pounds
The Library, with the help of the CSI Maintenance Department, built a new “Quiet” room. Over the years the Library has become more of a gathering place and a place for students to work on their projects individually on the computers or in groups. The computer lab and group study rooms lend themselves for this type of use very well, but the Library also received requests from students who wanted to study in a quiet environment. The new “Quiet” room was built in response to that need. This room is dedicated to students who prefer “quiet” studying. Therefore, the rules for this room are:

- ABSOLUTELY no talking in this room.
- Users will refrain from using any electronic equipment which makes noise within the room.
GRANTS

• **$2,701,202 - Idaho Ladder to Success (U.S. Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration)**
  The Idaho Ladder to Success Project is a collaborative effort between College of Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, North Idaho College, Lewis-Clark State College, and College of Technology at Idaho State University. CSI will lead this partnership with the implementation of programs to accelerate progress for low-skilled and other workers, and will strengthen online and technology-enabled learning. Programs in Energy, Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, Business, and Information Technology will be enhanced with program-based student support services aimed to promote access, retention, and student success. Additionally, a new program will be launched to provide the training necessary to earn a Physical Therapist Assistant degree. The new program will be delivered through a cooperative agreement with North Idaho College and will include distance, online and on-site lab and clinical experiences.

• **$100,000 - CSI Renewable Energy Job Training Program Grant (U.S. Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration)**
  Through the CSI Renewable Energy Job Training Program grant, CSI will expand the delivery of high quality renewable energy jobs training. The training program expansions are made possible by funding to secure the required equipment, supplies, and instructor development to provide direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities in the growing sustainable energy sector. Expanded renewable energy training equipment resources for CSI's renewable energy jobs training program include training equipment for alternative energy, solar/thermal, weatherization, and wind energy.
• $30,000 - Keep Smiling - Meeting the Needs of the Underserved at the CSI Dental Clinic
  In November, CSI received a $30,000 grant from the Twin Falls Health Initiatives Trust for the Keep Smiling — Meeting the Needs of the Underserved at the CSI Dental Clinic project. The grant will upgrade the hardware and software of the CSI Dental Clinic in order to handle an increase in patients; provide oral health care education supplies to continue educating Twin Falls County’s youth and the general public; expand to more schools, grades, and other venues; and provide financial assistance for a new class of 10 Dental Hygiene students.
• **$16,028 - Scholarships for Disadvantaged Nursing Students**
  In June, CSI received a $16,028 grant to provide scholarships to Associate Degree Nursing students from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services Administration. The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students grant will provide scholarships to 11 full-time RN students, who qualified as economically, environmentally, or educationally disadvantaged.

• **$6,000 - CSI Oral Health Clinic (funded by Community Health Improvement Fund)**
  The CSI Community Oral Health Clinic voucher program funding was renewed again this year! Funds made available through the Community Health Improvement Fund are used to continue the CSI Oral Health Clinic Community Voucher Program. CSI continues to partner with community organizations that serve underserved populations to refer and distribute vouchers for dental services to the most financially needed residents of our community. These vouchers are redeemable for reduced and/or free oral healthcare services. CSI would also like to extend a big Thank You to the network of Magic Valley Dentists and Dental Hygienists that volunteer time to make this clinic possible- we couldn’t serve our community without you!

• **$5,000 - Get Moving Magic Valley - New Fitness Trail Equipment for All Ages**
  In December, CSI received a $5,000 grant from the First Federal Foundation for the Get Moving Magic Valley—New Fitness Trail Equipment for All Ages project. The grant will fund three new fitness stations for the CSI Fitness Trail, updating the old, decaying cedar equipment, and providing a fun, fresh-air fitness option for the entire community. One station will be a LifeTrail system, designed for easy access to all ages and fitness levels, including the elderly and disabled. Two stations will be ENERGI systems, which are more challenging for active and advanced users. All stations have three skill levels so users can exercise and improve at their own pace.
CSI Continued its Partnership with CWI

The College of Southern Idaho continued its partnership with the College of Western Idaho, as CWI has been working towards accreditation from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). In 2011 CWI applied for candidacy status with NWCCU and hosted an evaluation team from the Commission. CWI will find out in early 2012 if the Commission grants its candidacy status. While achieving candidacy status will be an important milestone in the process, CSI’s oversight responsibilities do not end until CWI achieves full accreditation.

CWI has experienced unprecedented growth. In the Spring 2009 CWI had around 1,200 students and enrollment grew to over 8,000 students by Fall 2011. That is an incredibly fast growth for any institution. We are proud to have been able to play a significant role in helping CWI grow and serve the higher education needs of students in the Ada and Canyon County area.
The College of Southern Idaho has a history of acting as a focal point for the attraction of new businesses to the region. What may separate CSI from other colleges and universities is that we aren’t just involved after the company decides to come to our service region, but we are also quite engaged in recruiting those businesses. That is why local economic development professionals like Jan Rogers refer to the College as their “secret weapon.”

Economic development is a powerful contributor to a vibrant local economy. Anything that is good for the regional and Idaho economy is good for CSI, thus it makes sense for the College to actively participate. In Idaho, various agencies from the Governor’s office, to Department of Commerce, Department of Labor, and our own local organizations like Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency, Region IV Development, and Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization work in concert with CSI in recruiting efforts. Besides these agencies, we also work with the various city governments and their officials as we did with the “Chobani deal.” We are well positioned with respect to these relationships, in large part due to the work of President Beck. In fact, the local organizations reside on CSI’s campus. Several of us in administration are on a first-name basis with all of these administrative entities and the development of those relationships is a little-known part of our respective jobs. For example, Dr. Cindy Bond is past President of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency. She performed an economic impact study that shows: “the arrival of Chobani is estimated to have a $1.3 billion economic impact on this community, including the direct and indirect creation of thousands of jobs.”
Part of our recruiting efforts include making the promise that CSI will support the success of a new business in any way it possibly can. In the Idaho system of workforce development and training, we always offer to help with the training aspects of any agreement. But our offers go much deeper than this from time to time. We act as a community resource in addition to designing and providing training.

For Chobani, the scope is huge, as is our responsibility. Our preliminary plans call for everything from forklift training, to Lean Manufacturing, to leadership development.

Chobani is building a multi-million dollar processing plant in Twin Falls and is planning to hire about 400 employees. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new plant was held on December 19th. AgroFarma, Chobani’s parent company, will invest between $128-$300 million to develop the 950,000 square-foot state-of-the-art high-capacity plant.
Celebrating Our Successes

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CSI Foundation Creating Connections through Friend-Raising!

The CSI Foundation kicked off a year-long plan to raise friends and awareness for the students at the College of Southern Idaho with the Presidents’ Gala in January 2011. Hosted by CSI Foundation President Adrian Boer along with CSI President Jerry Beck the Foundation celebrated the generosity of donors who had chosen to establish a scholarship endowment during the previous year. Ten donors were honored for their gifts during the event. Honorees included Adrian and Linda Boer and family, Kent and Cindy Collins, First Federal Savings Bank, Marge Hoops, Idaho Power, Jerry and Barbara Beck, The Danny Marona Performing Arts Board of Directors, the Alice Parker Trust, Robert and Susan Williams, and the Associated Students of the College of Southern Idaho. Each of the donors invested $10,000 or more in a scholarship to benefit the students at the College of Southern Idaho.
"Infinite Connections" was the theme for the 2011 Black and Gold Ball held on Saturday, April 16, at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center. This wonderful event was the 14th annual ball for the CSI Foundation and was hugely successful. This was the largest event ever for the Foundation and, thanks to generous donors, over $101,000 was raised that evening. Among those purchasing scholarships was the Associated Students of the College of Southern Idaho. In 2010 they began a Student Leadership Endowment with an initial gift of $10,000 which the Foundation matched. At this year’s event, they pledged an additional $10,000 bringing their endowment total to $30,000. What a wonderful gift from the students at the College of Southern Idaho.
Mini-Cassia Off-Campus Center Celebration

The CSI Foundation Board of Directors held their summer board meeting on June 14th at the Mini-Cassia Off-Campus Center in Burley. Not only did they enjoy touring the Mini-Cassia Off-Campus Center but they also honored Sheila Adams, retiring CSI Foundation Board Member, with a community celebration at the Center. A large number of community members attended to tour the facility, share lunch, and hear about the programs and students at the Burley Center. Currently close to 2,000 students attend classes in Burley and it is one of the most vibrant outreach programs for the College.
CSI in 2011
It is the policy of the College of Southern Idaho to provide equal educational and employment opportunities, services, and benefits to students and employees without regard to age, race, color, national origin, sex, religion, and/or disability, in accordance with the Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972, Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and all other applicable state and federal non-discrimination statutes.