

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 five 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:

Innovation and School Choice: The Division of Innovation and School 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 Accountability: 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/dept/about.asp

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.

Institution	Idaho Land Grants	Remaining Acres	Percent of Total	Percent Remain
Public Schools	2,982,683	2,090,977	84.87%	70.10%
Agricultural College	90,000	33,464	1.36%	37.18%
Charitable Institutions	150,000	77,807	3.16%	51.87%
Normal School	100,000	59,693	2.42%	59.69%
Penitentiary	50,000	28,904	1.17%	57.81%
School of Science	100,000	75,397	3.06%	75.40%
Mental Hospital	50,000	31,049	1.26%	62.10%
University of Idaho*	96,080	55,861	2.27%	58.14%
Capitol Endowment	32,000	7,222	0.29%	22.57%
TOTAL	3,650,763	2,463,863	100.00%	67.49%

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

Public school endowment lands comprise 85% of the total endowment lands.

Nearly 70% of original or exchanged endowment lands remain.

Source: Idaho Department of Lands, As of September 14, 2005

STATE UNIVERSITIES

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



Boise State University

Photo Courtesy: Boise State University

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

Pocatello ID 83209 (208) 282-3440

www.isu.edu

Degrees Granted: Vocational Certificates, Associate, Baccalaureate, Master's, Educational Specialist Certificates, Doctoral

Founded in Pocatello in 1901 as the Academy of Idaho, what is now Idaho State University was renamed Idaho Technical Institute in 1915 and became the Southern Branch of the University of Idaho in 1927. In 1947, it was reorganized as Idaho State College and was awarded university status by the Idaho Legislature in 1963. Credits awarded by ISU are accepted at all recognized colleges and universities in the United States.

Today, ISU enrolls more than 14,000 students each semester in more than 200 top-flight certificate and degree programs in the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Health Professions, Pharmacy, the College of Technology, and Graduate School. As the state's designated leader for education in the health professions, ISU trains health-care 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 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 Engineering Laboratory.

Idahoans who cannot come to the Pocatello campus can receive ISU educational services through a variety of innovative means. 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 night courses are offered. ISU also offers academic programs at outreach centers at Twin Falls, Boise and Coeur d'Alene and delivers

regular university courses, continuing education classes and special programs for high school students to outlying communities via sophisticated two-way audio-video 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 Idaho Museum of Natural History. The ISU Research and Business Park is home to the ISU 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 Research and Business Park also helped provide for a major expansion of the AMI plant and helped attract Ballard Medical, Positron and Tetrilyn to Pocatello, projects that have major economic consequences for Pocatello and the state.

The L.E. and Thelma Stephens Performing Arts Center, a \$34 million structure built primarily with private funding, opened in October. The 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 department of theatre and dance.

University of Idaho

President: Duane Nellis

Moscow ID 83844-3151 (208) 885-6365

www.uidaho.edu

Degrees Granted: Bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral and law.



University of Idaho

Photo Courtesy: University of Idaho

The University of Idaho was created in 1889 by a statute of the Territorial Legislature, and the act became part the state constitution when Idaho became a state in 1890. Now, 120 years later, the University has granted more than 100,000 degrees and established a legacy of leading.

Located in the rolling Palouse hills of northern Idaho, the University of Idaho is one of the leading public universities in the Northwest. Idaho attracts nearly 12,000 students and has become known for its academic excellence, exceptional student living and learning environment, outstanding creative and research opportunities, and proven track record of high-achieving graduates.

There are programs of instruction in more than 140 subject areas, and students benefit from many interdisciplinary programs that incorporate faculty expertise and ideas from across the university. The University structure includes the colleges of Agricultural and Life Science; Business and Economics; Education; Engineering; Letters, Arts and Social Sciences; Natural Resources; Science; Law; and Graduate Studies. University faculty also support the Washington-Idaho Regional

Program in Veterinary Medicine and the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI) Regional Medical Education Program.

The University is a doctoral-research extensive institution, with the principle responsibility for performing research and granting Ph.D. degrees in Idaho. University researchers are awarded nearly \$100 million in research funding annually. Both undergraduate and graduate students have extensive opportunities to engage in research projects.

The University of Idaho is a land-grant university – what Abraham Lincoln called “people’s universities” – and reaches out to the state with programs to make communities better, families stronger and the state’s economy more productive.

The University operates Extension offices in 42 and Idaho’s 44 counties, and maintains education centers in Boise, Twin Falls, Coeur d’Alene and Idaho Falls. According to a 2004 study, the University of Idaho creates \$633.4 million in statewide economic impact and is credited for providing more than 13,000 jobs in the state.

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

Through insight and innovation, and a legacy of leadership, 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



College of Southern Idaho

Photo Courtesy: College of Southern Idaho

The College of Southern Idaho is a two-year community college that was established in Twin Falls in 1965. Twenty buildings on the 215-acre CSI campus accommodate more than 120 academic and technical program options for first and second-year college students as well as for short-term training for those who are looking at a new career or career enhancement. The new 72,000 square foot Health Science building located on 120 acres of land just north of the main campus is scheduled to be in operation in spring of 2010. The \$21-million building will allow CSI to double its output of nursing graduates and will provide classroom and lab space for at least 14 other health science and human services programs.

Total enrollment for CSI's spring 2009 semester was more than 7,700 students. More than 1,000 students enroll in summer semester classes. About 1,500 high school students from nearly 40 Idaho high schools are enrolled in dual credit classes, earning college and high school credits at the same time. CSI offers 70 academic and 45 technical programs. Approximately 250 students live in the dorms on campus with another 100 in campus-owned housing nearby. A privately-owned complex adjacent to campus accommodates another 500 students in easy walking distance to classes.

Tuition and fees are among the lowest in Idaho. An increase to \$100/credit is expected to go into effect in June, 09.

The student-elected Senate and Executive Cabinet play an active role in all decisions affecting student life and activities each year. A Program Board consisting 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 programs are attractive to all students who want to enhance their college resumes with high-achievement offerings 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 three years. The University of Idaho,



Eastern Idaho Technical College

Photo Courtesy: EITC

Idaho State University, and Boise State University offer more than 20 on-campus bachelor's and master's degrees with more under consideration each year.

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 2008, the College enrolled 1,307 pre-employment credit students, and more than 15,000 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: Dene Kay Thomas, Ph.D.

Lewiston Idaho 83501

www.lcsc.edu

Degrees Granted: Associate, Baccalaureate, 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,



Lewis-Clark State College

Photo Courtesy: LCSC

American Council on Education, Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, University Continuing Education Association, and American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.



North Idaho College

Photo Courtesy: North Idaho College

North Idaho College

Interim President: Priscilla Bell

Coeur d'Alene ID 83814 (208) 769-3301

www.nic.edu

Degrees Granted: Associate and Certificate

North Idaho College was first known as Coeur d'Alene Junior College, a private school that was started in 1933 and operated for six years. The state legislature, in January 1939, passed the Junior College Act which permitted qualified areas to establish junior college districts by a vote of eligible electors. Coeur d'Alene Junior College became North Idaho Junior College in June of 1939. On July 31, 1971, the college changed its name to North Idaho College. NIC's service area is the Idaho Panhandle, which includes Kootenai, Benewah, Bonner, Shoshone, and Boundary counties.

As a comprehensive community college, North Idaho College offers the first two years toward a Bachelor's degree in most academic disciplines and offers more than 30 professional-technical programs. A wide range of non-credit special interest and job training non-credited offerings are also offered through the NIC work force training center in Post Falls.

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



Boise Bible College

Photo Courtesy: Boise Bible College

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

Photo Courtesy: BYU-Idaho

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. Robert A. Hoover (through June 2009),
Dr. Marvin Henberg will become president in July 2009
Caldwell ID 83605 (208) 459-5011
www.collegeofidaho.edu

Degrees Granted: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Education



The College of Idaho

Photo Courtesy: The College of Idaho

The College of Idaho, a nationally ranked residential private liberal arts college, offers a challenging, intimate, academic setting in Caldwell. The College offers 27 majors and several cooperative and pre-professional programs in engineering, law, and health-related professions, and a master's degree in teaching.

The C of I prides itself on small classes, close student-faculty interaction, and an engaged student body that allows it to offer students an environment, curriculum, and culture to discover new ways of thinking.

Since its founding in 1891, graduates from The College of Idaho have carried the spirit of these lessons forward, enriching their lives and contributing to their communities by exercising their talents and acting upon their values.

The C of I boasts students and faculty who have reached the highest levels of academic achievement. Current students, faculty, and recent graduates include a Goldwater Scholar, an Idaho Academy of Science Distinguished Scientist, a record number of scholar-athletes for both the College and its athletic conference, two Carnegie Foundation Idaho Professors of the Year, a Marshall Scholar and a Rhodes Scholar finalist.

The College made national, regional and statewide news in October 2007 when it announced that it had received a \$50 million cash gift – the largest gift ever given to an Idaho college or university – and that it was returning to its original name of The College of Idaho. The College changed its name to Albertson College of Idaho in 1991 to honor Joe Albertson, one of the College's most famous alumni and a generous donor.

Northwest Nazarene University

President: Dr. David Alexander
Nampa ID 83686-5897 (208)467-8000
www.nnu.edu

Degrees Granted: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Applied Studies, Graduate programs in business, counseling, education, religion and social work. (MBA, MDiv, MA, MS, MSW)

Consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top universities in the West, Northwest Nazarene University prides itself on the sense of community, Christian values and commitment to academic excellence that are the cornerstones of the university. Established in 1913, NNU is recognized in the Northwest and around the world as being a place of opportunity for academic and spiritual growth. Graduate and online programs at NNU have grown to meet the needs of today's population.

NNU serves approximately 1,700 undergraduate and graduate students and 10,000 continuing education students on its 85-acre campus in Nampa, which includes seven



Northwest Nazarene University

Photo Courtesy: Northwest Nazarene University

residence halls and apartment complexes; baseball, softball, and soccer fields; tennis courts; and an Olympic-sized track. The university is constantly expanding to meet the needs of its students. Since 1995, NNU has constructed and purchased eight new buildings including a fine arts facility, a sports complex, a business center, a dormitory and apartment complexes. NNU's online master's programs in business, education, and religion have also opened doors for those wishing to pursue graduate degrees online.

NNU offers more than 60 areas of study and master's programs in six disciplines as well as study-abroad cooperative programs in ten countries. The university employs 105 full-time faculty members to maintain a low student-faculty ratio and an average class size of 19 students.

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.

NNU is known for the strength of the community. The sense of community is most often the first characteristic students' mention when describing NNU. Students, through the generations, share how they value the highly qualified faculty's interest in mentoring students scholastically, spiritually and professionally. In addition to sharing in times of worship and celebration together during community chapels each week, students are encouraged to be involved in campus activities and ministries, including more than 30 clubs and organizations that represent a wide array of interests and student leadership opportunities.

Today, Northwest Nazarene University is known for its community committed to preparing global Christians through academic excellence, creative engagement and social responsiveness. A special place known for: great minds, great hearts, great futures.

University of Phoenix

President: William Pepicello, Ph.D.

Idaho Campus Director: Bill Bach, Ph.D.

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www.phoenix.edu

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.

School District Profiles (FY 2008)

Over 272,000 students are enrolled in Idaho's public school (K-12) system.

Size of District	No. of Districts	Student Enrollment	Student Teacher Ratio
over 5,000 students	13	149,600	18.9
2,500 to 4,999 students	13	49,260	18.2
1,000 to 2,499 students	26	38,724	17.0
500 to 999 students	17	12,301	16.3
Less than 500 students	46	11,405	12.5
Charter Schools	30	10,768	23.7
Statewide Total	145	272,058	18.1

Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts, 2008*

Public Schools (K-12)

Original Appropriated Operating Budget	FY 1999	FY 2009	Annual % Change	Total % Change
<i>By Program</i>				
Public Schools	\$850.6	\$1,695.9	7.1%	99.4%
General	\$796.4	\$1,418.5	5.9%	78.1%
Dedicated/Other	\$54.2	\$62.4	1.4%	15.1%
Federal	---	\$175.0	---	---
Total	\$850.6	\$1,695.9	7.1%	99.4%

Numbers may not add due to rounding. Excludes Prof-Tech, Educ & Driver's Training Funds.

Source: Idaho Fiscal Facts, 2008

Education in U.S. and Northwest

	Value	US	Northwest
2006 % School Age Population to Total	19.2%	4	2
2007 Pupil - Teacher Ratio	18.1 to 1	8	5
2006 Average Teacher Salary	\$43,390	28	5
2007 Public High School Graduation Rate	76.6%	18	3
2006 % of Population High School Graduate	88.9%	19	5
2005 High School Dropout Rate	3.0%	33	6
2005 Per Capita Expenditure for Education	\$1,944	46	6
2005 Education Expenditure as % of All State and Local Expenditures	34.4%	30	2
2007 Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,176	45	5
2005 Per Capita Higher Ed. Expenditure	\$602	32	6
2006 % of Population College Graduates	25.1%	32	4
2005 Population per Public Library	10,258	39	5

Source: Idaho Fiscal Facts, 2008



Veterans Memorial Park, Bonners Ferry
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