

# Education



*Idaho State University*

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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 programs. The programs within the State Department of Education work closely together to ensure the needs of all Idaho students are being met. Here is an example of some of the programs:

**Child Nutrition** monitors the National School Lunch Program, Breakfast, USDA Foods, Summer Food, Child and Adult Food, After School and At Risk Programs.

**Content and Curriculum** includes the Content Areas and Instructional Services.

**Elementary and Secondary Education** includes all Elementary and Secondary Education Act program funding and assistance to schools.

**School Support and Advanced Opportunities** includes Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, School Health, Advanced Opportunities, GEAR UP, Suicide Prevention, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Driver Education and Indian Education.

**Public School Finance** distributes the public school state appropriation.

**School Choice** includes Charter School, Alternative School and Home School support.

Source: State Department of Education

## 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 school 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 created an Endowment Fund Investment Board (EFIB) to manage the financial assets.

Institution	Idaho Land Grants	Remaining Acres 6/13	Percent Remain	Percent of Total
Public Schools	2,982,683	2,073,020	69.5%	84.9%
Agricultural College	90,000	33,489	37.2%	1.4%
Charitable Institutions	150,000	77,253	51.5%	3.2%
Normal School	100,000	59,647	59.6%	2.4%
Penitentiary	50,000	28,908	57.8%	1.2%
School of Science	100,000	75,490	75.5%	3.1%
Mental Hospital	50,000	31,433	62.9%	1.3%
University of Idaho*	96,080	55,169	57.4%	2.3%
Capitol Endowment	32,000	7,283	22.8%	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,650,763</b>	<b>2,441,692</b>	<b>66.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Includes 46,080 acres granted Feb. 18, 1881 to University of Idaho

- Public school endowment lands comprise 85% of the total endowment lands.
- Sixty-seven percent of original or exchanged endowment lands remain.

Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts 2016: A Legislator's Handbook of Facts, Figures, & Trends*

# Universities

## Boise State University

President: Dr. Robert Kustra

Boise, ID 83725 (208) 426-1000 [www.boisestate.edu](http://www.boisestate.edu)

Degrees: 12 doctorate, 64 master's, 84 undergraduate, 21 graduate certificate



*Boise State University*

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Boise State University is a public, metropolitan research university of distinction offering an array of undergraduate and graduate degrees and experiences that foster student success, lifelong learning, community engagement, innovation and creativity. Research and creative activity advance new knowledge and benefit students, the community, state and nation. With its exceptional faculty, staff and student body, and its location in the heart of a thriving metropolitan area, the university is an engine that drives the Idaho economy, providing significant return on public investment.

Boise State's 23,886 students represent Idaho, the nation and the world. Students can choose from academic programs in eight colleges — Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, School of Public Service, Innovation and Design, and Graduate

Studies. In addition, classroom learning can be enhanced by interning with the State Legislature, government agencies, or one of the many private businesses or industries in the area. Students also have the opportunity to study abroad in more than 50 countries.

Faculty members are dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and creative activity. Undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to work alongside and study under some of the West's most respected scientists, artists, researchers and educators across disciplines. This hands-on experience both enhances and expands students' education and prepares them for future careers in arts, humanities, health care, science, technology and more.

Boise State scientists are engaged in world-class studies both on campus and around the globe in areas such as

geosciences; sensors; materials science; energy, health and public policy; and creative writing. Emerging research strengths include resource economics; ecological biology; computer science; STEM education (science, technology, engineering and math); and biomolecular sciences studies aimed at identifying, preventing, eradicating and treating diseases such as Cancer, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

The campus boasts several state-of-the-art facilities, including the Micron Business and Economics Building, the Environmental Research Building, the Interactive Learning Center and the Norco Building that houses

the School of Nursing and University Health Services. Campus life offers adventure and activity as more than 200 student organizations and a beautiful Student Recreation Center provide opportunities for both individual development and fun.

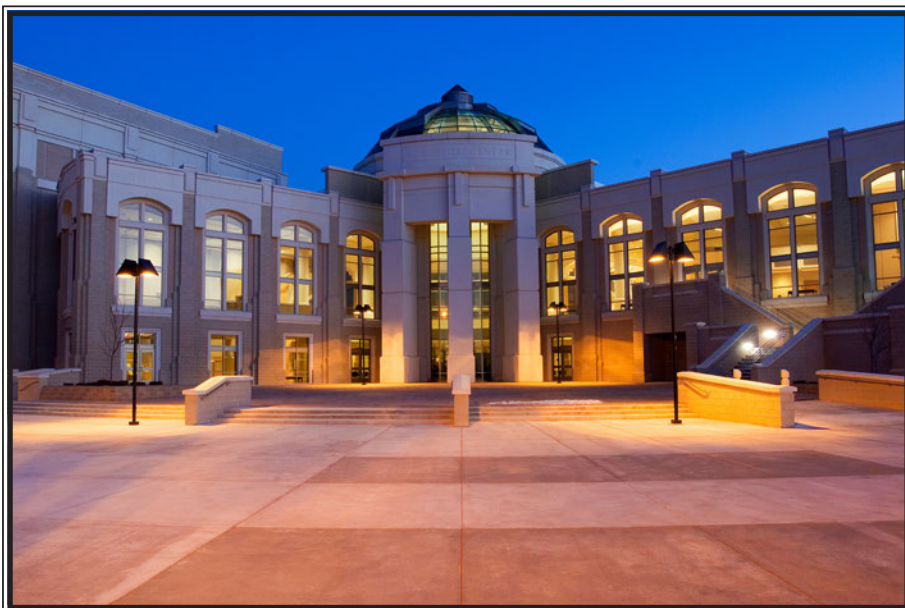
The university's main entertainment venues include the Special Events Center, Albertsons Stadium, Taco Bell Arena and the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts. More than one million visitors come to campus annually for Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning speakers, Bronco football, cultural festivals, the Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Celebration and other signature events.

## Idaho State University

President: Arthur C. Vailas

Pocatello, ID 83202 (208) 282-3440 [www.isu.edu](http://www.isu.edu)

Degrees: Career and Technical, Associate, Baccalaureate, Master's and Doctoral



*Idaho State University*

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Idaho State University has served the citizens of Idaho since 1901, when the institution was first established as the Academy of Idaho. Renamed the Idaho Technical Institute in 1915 and reorganized as the Southern Branch of the University of

Idaho in 1927, it was established as Idaho State College in 1947. By action of the 37th Idaho Legislature, the institution became Idaho State University on July 1, 1963.

On January 18, 2011 the prestigious Carnegie Foundation has designated Idaho

State University as a research university, a classification enjoyed by less than 300 of the nation's more than 4,400 universities.

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

Idaho State University is the state's designated leader for education in the health professions and trains healthcare professionals in fields ranging from dental hygiene and dietetics to nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistants and radiology, as well as offering residencies in dentistry and pharmacy, as well as for physicians specializing in family practice. The Pocatello Family Medicine clinic operates in conjunction with Health West, and offers resident physicians and other health care students professional opportunities for clinical experience.

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

ISU offers educational programs through a variety of innovative delivery methods and options. The ISU-Idaho Falls campus offers associate, baccalaureate and graduate degree programs. Both daytime and evening courses are offered on that campus. The University also offers academic programs in Twin Falls and

Meridian.

Idaho State University's presence in the Treasure Valley began in the early 1970s with clinical pharmacy rotations at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Boise and the Nampa State School. Since then, the ISU-Meridian Health Science Center has grown to offer more than two dozen fields of study in the health professions.

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

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

ISU-Meridian serves as the higher education anchor of THE CORE an 1,800-acre business enterprise corridor with public and private partners committed to building the economy through innovations in health, research and technology. In 2016, ISU entered a partnership with the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine to build a private medical school in the Treasure Valley. The school is scheduled to open its doors in 2018.

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 Business & Technology Center; the Idaho Veterans Home, operated in conjunction with the State of Idaho; the Southeastern District Health Department; and the Idaho Accelerator Center, operated by ISU in cooperation with the Department of Energy and the INL housing particle accelerators for nuclear research and applications in medicine, agriculture and industry.

The L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center, a \$34 million structure built primarily with private

funding is one of the most acoustically perfect concert halls in the United States. This unique, state-of-the-art facility has three theatrical venues for presenting a variety of musical, dramatic and dance performances, and also includes instructional space and the offices of ISU's School of the Performing Arts.

Currently, Idaho State has more than 80,000 living alumni. Additionally, ISU's alumni contribute more than \$800 million to the state's economy.

## University of Idaho

President: Chuck Staben

Moscow, ID 83844-3151 (208) 885-6365 [www.uidaho.edu](http://www.uidaho.edu)

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



*University of Idaho*

The University of Idaho was created in 1889 by Idaho's territorial legislature as the soon-to-be state's premier land-grant research university. In its 128-year history, the University has awarded more than 125,000 degrees to more than 117,000 graduates.

UI's 1,585-acre main residential campus is located where the rolling hills of the

Photo courtesy of University of Idaho

Palouse meet the mountains in the bucolic college town of Moscow, Idaho. UI has centers in Boise, Coeur d'Alene and Idaho Falls, serving more than 1,000 students, as well as online course offerings and a growing dual-credit program for Idaho's high school students. The UI system also includes Extension offices in 42 counties and on three American Indian reservations,

in addition to 11 regional research and extension centers.

Statewide, nearly 12,000 students are drawn to the university's reputation for academic excellence, value, an exceptional student living and learning environment, and outstanding research and creative opportunities. UI is committed to a transformative educational experience that leads to great careers and rewarding lives; innovative scholarship that makes an impact on Idaho and the world; and outreach and engagement, including through statewide outreach and Extension programs, that addresses societal needs and advances economic development and culture. UI has a \$1.1 billion annual impact on the state of Idaho and returns \$9 for every \$1 the state invests.

University of Idaho students have access to more than 130 areas of undergraduate study in nine colleges: Agricultural and Life Sciences; Business and Economics; Education; Engineering; Letters, Arts and Social Sciences; Natural Resources; Science; Law; and Graduate Studies. The university offers nearly 100 masters and doctoral majors, as well as specialist and certificate programs. The university's nationally recognized law program offers full-three year programs at locations in Moscow and in downtown Boise. The Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI) Regional Medical Education Program provides access for Idaho residents to a top-ranked medical education, training the state's physicians and medical education professionals. The university's more than \$25 million in annual scholarship makes those high-quality educational options affordable.

With research excellence in everything from agriculture to cybersecurity to energy and natural resources, the University of Idaho is the state's only Carnegie R2 "higher research activity" institution. The university's \$102 million in annual research expenditures makes it the research leader among Idaho higher education institutions. Undergraduate and graduate students participate in research projects alongside the university's world-class staff and faculty researchers. Facilitated by an Office for Undergraduate Research, most undergraduates participate in hands-on

research and scholarship during their time at UI.

In 2017 the university opened the Integrated Research and Innovation Center, a cutting-edge research facility that offers laboratory, office and meeting space for faculty, staff and student researchers from across university disciplines. Located in the heart of campus, it is home to projects that transcend traditional academic boundaries, allowing researchers to take on key questions in new ways. Other new facilities on the historic Moscow campus include a completely renovated College of Education building and revamped living spaces.

The Moscow campus is home to the Vandal athletic teams, who compete in NCAA Division I, and the Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center. The campus also houses two arboreta and a botanical garden, with a combined 80 acres of gardens, ponds, trees and plants from across the globe. The Student Recreation Center includes the tallest freestanding climbing wall of any U.S. college (55 feet), and a well-maintained fitness area with a wide offering of classes. The long-running Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2017, brings thousands of visitors to campus each year and provides an engaging musical and educational experience.

The University of Idaho Library is the largest in the state of Idaho and has served for more than 100 years as an official regional depository of U.S. federal government publications. It includes Special Collections that are invaluable for researchers, including databases of historic photographs, state documents, university historical documents, rare books, digital collections and the digitized International Jazz Collections, the premiere jazz archives in the Pacific Northwest. The first floor of the library was remodeled in 2016 to include informal learning spaces that serve as a hub for student life and studies.

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



## Colleges

### College of Southern Idaho

President: Dr. Jeff Fox  
 Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238 (208) 733-9554 www.csi.edu  
 Degrees: Associate and Certificate



*College of Southern Idaho*

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The College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls was established in 1965 by voters in Twin Falls and Jerome Counties. Over the years, the campus has grown to more than 20 buildings on a beautifully landscaped 315-acre campus. In 2010, CSI added a new 72,000 square foot Health Science and Human Services building on its 120-acre expansion just north of the main campus. This building houses 15 high-demand health science programs, including Nursing, Radiologic Technology, and a four-year Dental Hygiene program. It became Idaho's first LEED-certified college building. CSI's latest LEED construction project, the 41,000 square foot Applied Technology and Innovation Center (ATIC), houses Wind Energy, Manufacturing Technology, Environmental Technology, Drafting, and Heating and Air Conditioning programs.

It was completed in the spring of 2014.

More than 10,000 students now enroll in CSI's spring and fall semesters. Approximately 1,000 students enroll in the flexible four- to six-week summer semester programs. CSI offers 138 academic and technical degree and certificate programs for first- and second-year students as well as for those who need shorter-term training for new careers or career enhancement.

CSI has dual credit agreements with 70 high schools from all over the state of Idaho which allow high school juniors and seniors to earn college and high school credits concurrently. Each year, approximately 4,000 high school students earn more than 18,000 CSI credits before they graduate from high school, which not only saves them and their families money, but also gives them a beneficial

head start in college.

Two hundred-fifty students live in dorms on campus. Another 100 live in the nearby, campus-owned North View Apartments. The new 40-unit, CSI-owned Eagle View Student Apartments, house 80 more students within walking distance of the campus. The privately owned Campus Park apartment complex across the street from CSI accommodates another 500 students within easy walking distance to classes.

Tuition and fees remain among the lowest in Idaho. Students pay \$130/credit.

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

The CSI Honors and Phi Theta Kappa

program are attractive to students who want to enhance their college resumes with high-achievement classes and leadership opportunities.

Southern Idaho students outside of Twin Falls are able to take classes at one of CSI's four off-campus centers in Idaho Falls, Burley, Hailey, and Gooding. Many of these classes have instructors right in their classrooms while others are delivered in real time via interactive, microwave transmission from the Twin Falls campus. More than 140 classes and 18 degree programs are offered online and that number is growing. CSI also offers its students the ability to earn bachelor's and master's degrees on campus without leaving Twin Falls, thanks to its partnerships with the University of Idaho, Idaho State University, Lewis Clark State College, and Boise State University. More than 70 such programs are currently available with more under consideration.

## College of Western Idaho

President: Dr. Berton Glandon

Nampa ID 83687 (208) 562-3000 [www.cwidaho.cc](http://www.cwidaho.cc)

Degrees: Associate and Certificate



*College of Western Idaho*

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As a forward-thinking community college, the College of Western Idaho (CWI) partners with public and private entities throughout the community to adequately prepare a skilled workforce to achieve a higher level of degree and skills necessary to position Idaho as a leader in quality of life and strong economic stability. CWI's mission is to expand learning and life opportunities, encourage individual advancement, contribute to Idaho's economic growth, strengthen community prosperity, and develop leaders. The college offers a full range of academic and career-technical courses leading to Associate of Arts, Science, or Applied Science degrees, career-technical degrees, continuing education credits, and specialty skill certificates.

Created by a super-majority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007, CWI is the not only the newest Idaho community college, but has quickly become the largest with dedication focused on serving Idaho's largest population hub in western Idaho. Since its first offering of classes in January 2009, the enrollment at CWI has increased over 250 percent. Today, CWI serves nearly 14,000 credit students and over 10,000 non-credit training participants. Students can choose from classes offered in Boise or Nampa, or online; which are offered through day, evening, and weekend hours to accommodate those with more challenging schedules. CWI has articulation agreements with both public and private colleges and universities, allowing students to transfer associate degree credits when ready to pursue a bachelor's degree. CWI also offers

basic academic classes to help prepare for a GED, dual credit for high school students, and fast-track career training for working professionals.

The CWI student body has embraced the entrepreneurial spirit of the new college through implementation of an active student government and a variety of social and academic clubs that provide additional enrichment opportunities and experiences. These student organizations are already contributing thousands of community service hours and earning national recognition for their exceptional skills. Three student clubs, SkillsUSA, Business Professional of America, and Speech and Debate, are competing and winning national honors – including securing recognition as the No. 1 community college in the nation for Speech and Debate an amazing five out of seven years.

CWI consists of over 1,000 employees, most of whom possess a master's degree or several years' experience within the applicable discipline of their role. The success of CWI students and programs is supported by the phenomenal faculty and staff who share the passion and dedication of the College's mission and take great lengths to ensure each student has the opportunity for success and is prepared for the next phase in their lives. This exceptional group also works closely with members of the business community to ensure Idaho's workforce needs are met with highly-educated and productive graduates. With hundreds of programs to choose from and credit classes at just \$139 per credit, CWI truly is a valuable higher education resource for Idaho.

## Eastern Idaho Technical College

President: Rick Aman

Idaho Falls, ID 83404 (208) 524-3000 [www.eitc.edu](http://www.eitc.edu)



*East Idaho Technical College*

Photo courtesy of EITC

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-eight percent of the student body are Idaho residents. During fiscal year 2016, the College enrolled 1,102 pre-employment credit students, and 12,208 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 Region 6 Advanced Opportunities. EITC, created in 1969, is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

## Lewis-Clark State College

President: Dr. J. Anthony Fernandez

Lewiston, ID 83501 (208) 792-5272 www.lcsc.edu

Degrees: Baccalaureate, Associate, Certificate of Completion



*Lewis-Clark State College*

Photo courtesy of LCSC

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 career and technical education 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 – Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
- Radiographic Science – Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
- 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
- Automotive Mechanics Technology – National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation
- Collision Repair – National Automotive Education Foundation
- AWS – American Welding Society

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

## North Idaho College

President: Richard MacLennan

Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 (208) 769-3303 [www.nic.edu](http://www.nic.edu)

Degrees: Associate's degrees; associate of applied science degrees, certificates



*North Idaho College*

Photo courtesy of North Idaho College

Founded in 1933, North Idaho College is a comprehensive community college located on the beautiful shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. NIC offers degrees and certificates in a wide spectrum of academic transfer, career-technical, and general education programs.

The college serves a five-county

region with outreach centers in Bonners Ferry, Kellogg, and Sandpoint, and has an extensive array of Internet and interactive video conferencing courses. NIC also plays a key role in the region's economic development by preparing competent, trained employees for area businesses, industries, and governmental agencies.

*Boise Bible College*

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# Independent Colleges and Universities

## Boise Bible College

President: Terry Stine

Boise, ID 83714 (208) 376-7731 [www.boisebible.edu](http://www.boisebible.edu)

Degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Associate of Science



*Boise Bible College*

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Boise Bible College began in 1945 as a ministry of the Boise First Church of Christ. The college is accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE located in Orlando, Florida), is recognized by the Idaho State Department of Education and is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The college has consistently followed its primary mission and purpose: the intentional development of Christian leaders with a Biblical worldview who will serve the local and global church. Most of the student body comes from the Pacific Northwest and the Intermountain West, but the college increasingly draws students from all over the U.S. and abroad.

BBC is located on a 16-acre campus at the northwest edge of Boise, just south of the Boise River and only minutes from numerous opportunities for recreation, amusement, shopping and employment. The BBC campus is not only in a great location, it is continually being developed to accommodate a growing student body. In recent years several major additions to

the facilities have been finished including:

- New modern classrooms,
- A large meeting room for chapel, special events, and banquets,
- A residence hall with many conveniences
- A student center including a coffee bar and gathering areas

BBC has consistently been a non-denominational college, predominately associated with independent congregations identifying themselves with the Christian Church and Churches of Christ. Boise Bible College values Christian character, servant leadership, and excellence in an academic atmosphere and a caring community. At BBC, we focus on learning, loving and living. Our students are pushed academically and find direction in God's Word. They are given many opportunities to practice the leadership skills they are taught in the classroom. Our desire is that they go into the world putting their faith into practice as they serve as leaders in all types of occupations.

## Brigham Young University–Idaho

President: Dr. Henry J. Eyring

Rexburg, ID 83460 (208) 496-1111 [www.byui.edu](http://www.byui.edu)

Degrees: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science,  
Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science



*Brigham Young University – Idaho*

Photo courtesy of BYU – Idaho

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 create a wholesome learning environment in which students can strengthen their commitment to their faith and receive a quality education that prepares them for leadership in the home, the community, and the workplace.

BYU-Idaho is uniquely student focused by design, meaning everything the university does is for the benefit of its students. With a belief in every student, the university helps students realize their potential. Through quality academics and real-world experience, BYU-Idaho offers a high-value education at a low cost.

BYU-Idaho is a two-tiered institution, providing students with a choice of 21 associate degrees and 88 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 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 2016 BYU-Idaho served more than 32,000 students on its Rexburg campus and another 33,000 online.

BYU-Idaho's academic offerings are spread across seven colleges: Agriculture and Life Sciences, Business and Communication, Education and Human Development, Language and Letters, Performing and Visual Arts, Physical Sciences and Engineering, and Foundations and Interdisciplinary Studies. 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.

BYU-Idaho extends its educational offerings beyond the traditional classroom by providing nearly 300 courses online, with new classes continually under development. The university offers seven associate degrees and 11 bachelor's degrees entirely online. Online courses and degrees provide the same academic rigor of the classroom, but with greater flexibility in scheduling that allows students to complete their degrees more quickly and graduate sooner.

Internships are a required component for most majors at BYU-Idaho 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 some 3,500 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.

Students complement their academic experience with leadership and mentoring opportunities available through the university's Student 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.

All BYU-Idaho students agree to live by an honor code that reflects Latter-day Saint beliefs and teachings. This 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.

BYU-Idaho students come to its Rexburg campus from all 50 states and nearly 100 countries. Married students comprise approximately 25 percent of the campus student body. More than 50 percent of the campus students have served as Latter-day Saint missionaries, bringing a unique level of maturity, cultural diversity, and leadership ability to the campus.

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. 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 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.



*Brigham Young University – Idaho*

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## The College of Idaho

President: Dr. Charlotte Borst

Caldwell, ID 83605 (208) 459-5011 [www.collegeofidaho.edu](http://www.collegeofidaho.edu)

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



*The College of Idaho*

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The College of Idaho, a nationally-ranked private liberal arts college, offers academic excellence and a close-knit, 1,000-student campus in Caldwell. The College offers 26 majors, 58 minors and 16 cooperative and pre-professional programs through its distinctive PEAK Curriculum, which empowers students to earn a major and three minors in four years. Through PEAK (Professional, Ethical, Articulate and Knowledgeable), students gain competencies across the four knowledge peaks—fine arts and humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and a professional field—providing breadth and depth of knowledge as well as the versatility to succeed in a constantly changing world.

Founded in 1891, The College of Idaho has a 125-year-old legacy of educating Idaho's most accomplished graduates. Our alumni include seven Rhodes Scholars, three Marshall Scholars, 11 Truman and Goldwater Scholars, three state governors, four NFL players, Pulitzer Prize and Academy Award winners, and countless leaders and innovators in business, medicine, law, education, public service and other fields.

Small class sizes, outstanding professors

and close student-faculty interaction are the cornerstones of learning at the C of I. Our professors are dedicated to their students' success—one of the many reasons four faculty members have been honored as Carnegie Foundation Idaho Professors of the Year. Thanks to its commitment to affordable academic excellence, the C of I ranks No. 1 in Idaho for graduation rate, freshman retention rate, alumni giving percentage and academic quality of incoming students, according to U.S. News & World Report.

Located on a beautiful, residential campus, the C of I offers a wide range of activities to students and the community, including 19 varsity athletics teams, vibrant programs in music, theatre and art, opportunities for student leadership and research, and more than 50 student clubs and organizations. Since 2011, C of I student athletes have captured 28 national championships. The College also has a vibrant and diverse student body, with nearly 100 international students representing more than 40 countries and one-third of the enrollment identifying as first-generation college students.

## Northwest Nazarene University

President: Dr. Joel K. Pearsall

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Degrees: Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Education Specialist, Master's programs in business, counseling, education, nursing, religion and social work, and Doctoral programs in education



*Northwest Nazarene University*

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

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

Founded in 1913, the University now serves over 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students and more than 6,000 continuing education students and 2,300 high school students through the concurrent credit program. NNU is a Christian liberal arts university, offering over 60 areas of study and 18 master's degrees in seven different disciplines and two doctoral degrees. In addition to its 90-acre campus located in Nampa, Idaho, the University also offers programs online as well as in Boise, Idaho Falls, and in cooperation with programs in 35 countries. The University employs 107 full-time faculty to maintain a low student-to-faculty ratio of 15:1.

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

## Community College Enrollment, Tuition, and Fees

<b>Fall Full-Time Enrollment Academic and Career-Technical</b>					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	Avg Chg
College of Southern Idaho	4,775	4,127	3,917	3,702	-8.1%
College of Western Idaho	5,847	5,635	5,735	4,908	-5.7%
North Idaho College	4,618	4,093	3,779	5,510	-8.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,240</b>	<b>13,855</b>	<b>13,431</b>	<b>12,120</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>
<b>Fall Headcount (full &amp; part time) Academic and Career-Technical</b>					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	Avg Chg
College of Southern Idaho	9,086	8,266	8,357	7,570	-5.9%
College of Western Idaho	9,107	9,204	10,217	8,435	-2.5%
North Idaho College	6,565	6,029	5,770	5,543	-5.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,758</b>	<b>23,466</b>	<b>24,344</b>	<b>21,548</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>
<b>Annual Student Tuition &amp; Fees*</b>					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	Avg Chg
College of Southern Idaho In-district	\$2,640	\$2,760	\$2,880	\$3,120	5.7%
College of Western Idaho In-district	\$3,264	\$3,264	\$3,264	\$3,336	0.7%
North Idaho College In-district	\$2,974	\$3,022	\$3,214	\$3,288	3.4%

\* Full-time enrollment is calculated at 12 credits per semester for all three institutions.  
 Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts 2016: A Legislator's Handbook of Facts, Figures, & Trends*

Glenns Ferry School

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