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College of Western Idaho Receives \$1 Million Grant for Targeted Scholarships

The Scholarships will Provided CWI Students Opportunities to Achieve Undergraduate Degrees

Nampa, Idaho — College of Western Idaho will distribute \$1 Million in targeted scholarships to its students during the upcoming year as part of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation’s *Go On* campaign announced yesterday. The scholarships will be granted to qualified students wishing to enter CWI undergraduate programs.

With student enrollment in credit courses at CWI tripling last semester and strong registration already underway for the upcoming spring semester, the scholarships are coming at a critical time. Approximately 66% of students currently attending classes at CWI sought some sort of financial aid. As a community college, CWI is a comprehensive resource for training and education, catering to a diverse group of students including traditional recent high school graduates and non-traditional career changing individuals in quest of degrees. The scholarships will be awarded to students applying for lower division transfer and professional technical degree programs.

“The scholarship money will provide thousands of opportunities to those who otherwise would not be able to afford important post-secondary education,” said CWI President Bert Glandon. “Recent economic factors have affected many residents in Idaho, and our increase in student enrollment has validated the tremendous need for higher education to support Idaho’s economic sustainability. The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation scholarship dollars will help provide CWI students tremendous support, and we are grateful for their continued efforts to better the quality of education in Idaho.”

Students wishing to apply for the scholarships need to be residents of Idaho seeking undergraduate degrees. Applications for the scholarship will be made available on the CWI website by December 30, 2009 and scholarships will be awarded through January 31, 2011.

For more information, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3000.

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About the College of Western Idaho:

The College of Western Idaho is the gateway to a comprehensive range of education and training opportunities for the communities it serves across Southwestern Idaho. CWI is a community asset that enhances accessibility to higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition, enabling its students and the broader community to achieve more. The foundation for Southwestern Idaho’s only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3500.

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