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College of Western Idaho Spring Enrollment Hits 3,300 Students

Overall class occupancy at 50 percent with some classes completely full

Nampa, Idaho — As anticipated, the College of Western Idaho's enrollment for spring 2010 credit classes is on track to surpass previous fall enrollment of 3,618. Three weeks into accepting registrations the college has already hit 3,300 students registered with nearly 50 percent of capacity being met. The number of classes offered has almost doubled throughout all campus locations and online. In addition, the college is hiring 15 full-time and 80 adjunct faculty members to prepare for the growing number of students.

"We are thrilled to be helping so many students reach their educational goals and doing all that we can to accommodate the increased enrollment, without compromising the quality of education our students expect," said CWI President Bert Glandon. "The pace at which we are growing has presented challenges as we strive to meet the needs of our community. The CWI staff has been working diligently to implement more programs and staff, including student volunteers to assist new students coming in."

Credit offerings at CWI include numerous general education classes that lead to transferrable two-year associate degrees and two-year professional technical degrees that are industry and market driven – preparing students for high demand jobs in the region.

"A number of factors are attributing to our growth including the downturn in the economy," added Glandon. "Our faculty, staff and administrators have done an exceptional job working with industry advisory committees to increasing program offerings that graduates can use to start new careers."

CWI officials point out that registration numbers will fluctuate throughout the registration process, but new students are encouraged to apply now as classes are filling fast. Each of the One Stop Student Service locations can assist students with all of their educational enrollment needs regardless of the CWI location where their classes are held.

Those wishing to attend classes this spring can complete an application online at www.cwidaho.cc/apply or visit any of the One Stop Student Service locations:

- Nampa Campus — 5500 East Opportunity Dr., Nampa
- Ada County Campus – 1360 Black Eagle Business Park, Boise

- Canyon County Center – 2407 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa
- Oak Park Center — 2323 South Vista Ave., Boise
- CWI @ Boise State University – 1464 University Dr., Boise

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About the College of Western Idaho:

The College of Western Idaho is a comprehensive community college fostering student development academically, as well as occupationally. CWI has seven campus locations throughout Southwest Idaho providing higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition. The college is dedicated to improving the community's economic well-being by responding with highly-educated and productive graduates. The foundation for the area'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) 562-3000.

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