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Recently I attended a faculty recognition celebration for the Larry G. Selland College of Applied Technology and was amazed by the years of dedication, insight and experience this staff possesses. I've been excited to add the competencies, curriculum and staff of Selland College since we announced this partnership last year, but this event truly drove home how extensive the knowledge is within this organization. Strengthened by the deep insight of the Selland staff, CWI will truly be a comprehensive educational resource in just a few weeks.

To illustrate, there were numerous Selland instructors recognized at this event with more than twenty years of experience in their field including two who have taught for thirty years or more. There are centers of expertise such as Business Technology, Welding, Applied Academics, Professional Truck Driving, Information Technology and more that boast more than 40 years of combined experience from their faculty, while the Electronics faculty possesses 100 years of combined expertise in their field. CWI students seeking opportunities in these professional technical fields will clearly be in great hands when they sign up for these courses next semester.

When the Selland team officially joins the College of Western Idaho in July, I believe they will be energized by the new culture, new opportunities, and new challenges we have to offer. As a combined team, we have the opportunity and responsibility to build a different kind of community college together; a comprehensive resource that will help transform the Treasure Valley. Together we will serve our students and our community to the best of our abilities and deliver what our neighbors, friends, co-workers and local businesses need to achieve their full potential.

Before I close, I want to thank Boise State University for their partnership in helping CWI add the critical workforce development and job training education components of Selland College. This transition will enable CWI to deliver a full array of occupational training programs to our students. Boise State's support has allowed CWI to become the comprehensive community college that can truly serve Southwest Idaho with a wide range of educational opportunities that empower the students it serves and strengthen our communities.

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