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CWI recently achieved one of the most substantial milestones in its history, which I am excited to share with you. Thanks to a partnership with the College of Southern Idaho (CSI), CWI will offer for-credit courses that transfer to four year colleges, as well as financial aid services to our students when classes start in January, 2009. CWI is also able to seek its own accreditation status going forward – a critical step for Idaho’s newest community college.

Late last week the College of Southern Idaho’s Board of Trustees and CWI’s Board of Trustees made the accreditation partnership official by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which establishes a number of requirements for CWI. These requirements range from compliance with applicable federal and state laws to following common enrollment and financial services protocol. CSI will provide oversight to ensure these standards are met and will also offer assistance and counsel as needed. This agreement also establishes a payment process for CWI to reimburse CSI for any services rendered.

Our team will work closely with CSI to ensure we meet all standards established in the agreement, and to learn how they support their students and the broader community they serve. As we’ve worked with CSI, we’ve seen an impressive commitment to helping improve access to education across Idaho regardless of geography or politics. We truly value their partnership and camaraderie and look forward to building on this relationship in the years to come.

Now that we’ve solidified our partnership with the College of Southern Idaho, CWI will initiate the process to become an accredited institution with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities – the regional authority that oversees this process in the Northwestern United States. Completing this process generally takes five to seven years, which underscores the importance of our current accreditation agreement with CSI.

Finalizing this accreditation process is one of the most significant moments in CWI’s history; a milestone that will enable our community to truly take control of its educational and economic future. By offering a full range of education options that cater to specific student needs, CWI will help our students and our community achieve more than ever before.

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