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What an exciting time to be part of the College of Western Idaho! Upon welcoming the remarkable educational talent, curriculum and history of the Larry G. Selland College as part of CWI, we were able to serve our students as a truly comprehensive community college. The response has been nothing short of amazing. CWI's enrollment for fall 2009 tripled to 3,618 credit seeking students and we expect that number to increase again in the upcoming spring semester.

Creating Affordable Opportunities

Certainly the current economic climate is a significant factor fueling this rapid, unprecedented growth but it also reflects the pent-up needs of our community. Our neighbors, our friends and our children are seeking hope and new opportunities to better themselves through education. In addition to CWI courses that enable students to easily transfer to a four-year institution, we are proud to offer affordable hands-on technical training for those seeking a new job through a broad range of workforce development opportunities for local and relocating businesses.

Adapting to Meet Demand

Given this incredible demand, we are doing everything we can to prepare for our next semester and the registration process. We created a student ambassador program to help new students through the enrollment process, installed a new phone system to better meet increased call volume, and have increased the number of registration and information sessions scheduled throughout Southwest Idaho. If you know someone interested in attending CWI, we encourage them to visit our campus locations for these sessions and to apply as early as possible, especially for those seeking financial aid.

Increasing Accessibility

The cornerstone of any comprehensive community college is accessibility, and we are committed to using every method available to make it easy for anyone to achieve their educational goals. CWI's reach has expanded to seven convenient campus locations across Ada and Canyon counties to better serve our students. In addition, we have provided several off-campus classes including dual credit opportunities at multiple high schools in the community, which we plan to extend this to every high school in the area in the coming year. We are also committed to increasing the number of online courses each semester, which will double to over 80 for our upcoming spring semester with plans to double again a year from now.

In The News

[Albertson Foundation awards money to College of Western Idaho](#)

11/02/09—Idaho Statesman

[CWI skills help ranchers](#)

10/26/09—Idaho Press Tribune

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Providing Excellence in Education

Every learning institution is defined by those who work and teach there, and I have been truly impressed by the strength and experience of our faculty and staff here at CWI. Even as we grow by leaps and bounds we continue to receive feedback from our students on the quality, caring nature of our faculty who share the passion and desire of their students as they deliver the education and insight they seek to move forward. As we face the challenges that come with rapid growth, our support staff has always risen to the challenge and will continue to do so.

Accountability to Our Supporters

Of course we could have never achieved what we have without the support of our community and a number of great partners. One key partner is the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation, which is dedicated to making a measurable positive impact on improving education across our great state. The Foundation has offered tremendous support to us long before we had a name or even the voter approval for a comprehensive community college. Recently the Foundation committed a [substantial financial pledge to CWI](#), and we promise to serve this great community with the passion for and commitment to education that the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation has embodied since its inception. On behalf of CWI, I thank them for their tremendous support.

Before I close, I want to share that our Executive Team has been visiting community service groups and organizations in the area to offer updates about the College of Western Idaho and share our vision for the future. We are continually seeking feedback and welcome invitations to have a CWI representative present to your group. Please [contact us](#) to schedule a time.

We look forward to continuing to deliver on our promise of providing affordable, quality teaching and learning for all regardless of time and distance.