

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL SESSION / REGULAR MEETING

Cesar Perez

Chris Bragg

President Fisher

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Chairman Stone

Chairman Stone

Aurora Berumen Ortiz

Tiffany Seeley-Case / Chris Bragg

Monday, November 14, 2022 - 2:30 p.m. President's Boardroom - Taylor Building Rm# 112

AGENDA

I. **CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION Chairman Stone** 1:00 p.m./President's Board Room II. * APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MEETING AGENDA **Chairman Stone** III. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL SESSION Chairman Stone** 1. Facilities Update **Spencer Cutler** 2. Discussion Regarding Construction Methodologies Harmon/Cutler 3. Tour Taylor Building Remodel Area Jeff Harmon IV. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION **Chairman Stone** Motion to convene in Executive Session **CSI Mission Statement:** V. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING **Chairman Stone** 4:00 p.m./Fine Arts Bldg Room #119 cultural, economic, and VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA workforce development **Chairman Stone** opportunities that meet VII. STUDENT/FACULTY/STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS the diverse needs of the **President Fisher** communities we serve. VIII. **MINUTES & BUSINESS REPORTS Approval of Minutes** Jeff Harmon October 17, 2022 **Approval of Treasurer's Report Jeff Harmon** IX. **OPEN FORUM Chairman Stone** X. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 1. Elmore County Petition **President Fisher** XI. **NEW BUSINESS Action Items** 1. Head Start/Early Head Start Report **Ruby Behm** 2. Head Start Facility Application Approval **Ruby Behm** 3. Board of Trustees Election of Officers and Liaisons **Chairman Stone** 4. Naming Proposal for Jerome Center **President Fisher** 5. Maxine Bell Education Advocate Awards Approval **President Fisher** Information Items

Jerome Center Annual Report

4. Legislative Activities Preview

3. Title V Grant Report

XIII. CSI STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT REPORT

XIV. REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

XII.

XV.

2. Strategic Planning Performance Score Card

Board Mission Statement:

Board of Trustees Laird Stone, Chair

Jan Mittleider Jack Nelsen Anna Scholes

Scott McClure

To provide quality

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The mission of the Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Idaho is to lead in the constant definition, interpretation, articulation, implementation and evaluation of the College mission.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE SESSION

Monday, November 14, 2022 – 3:00 p.m. 315 Falls Ave. – Twin Falls, ID 83301

AGENDA

Board of Trustees

Laird Stone, Chair Jack Nelsen Anna Scholes Jan Mittleider Scott McClure

CSI Mission Statement:

To provide quality educational, social, cultural, economic, and workforce development opportunities that meet the diverse needs of the communities we serve.

Board Mission Statement:

The mission of the Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Idaho is to lead in the constant definition, interpretation, articulation, implementation and evaluation of the College mission.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stone 3:00 p.m.

- A. Pursuant to <u>Idaho Code</u> 74-206, the Board will convene to:
 - Consider personnel matters
 [Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a) & (b)]
 - Deliberate regarding an acquisition of interest in real property [Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(c)]
- II. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Stone



COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 14, 2022 315 Falls Ave. – Twin Falls, ID 83301

CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION: 1:01 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION ATTENDEES:

Trustees:

Laird Stone, Chairman Anna Scholes, Clerk Jan Mittleider, Trustee Scott McClure, Trustee

College Administration:

Dr. L. Dean Fisher, President Jeff Harmon, Vice President of Finance and Administration Spencer Cutler, Director of Physical Plant

NEW BUSINESS:

Spencer Cutler, Director of Physical Plant briefed the board on several construction projects currently underway at the College. Among those are the new Transportation Technology Building and the new Jerome Center.

Jeff Harmon, Vice President of Finance and Administration led Board members on a tour in the new Food Services area located on the first floor of the Student Union Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:03 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTENDEES:

Trustees:

Laird Stone, Chairman Anna Scholes, Clerk Jan Mittleider, Trustee Scott McClure, Trustee

College Administration:

Dr. Dean Fisher, President Jeff Harmon, Vice President of Finance and Administration

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 77-206 the Board agreed to convene in Executive Session to Consider:

- ◆ Consider personnel matters [Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a) & (b)]
- ◆ Deliberate regarding an acquisition of interest in real property [Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(c)]

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Trustee McClure moved to go into Executive Session. The vote to do so by roll call:

Laird Stone Aye
Anna Scholes Aye
Jan Mittleider Aye
Scott McClure Aye

The Board returned to public session at 4:02 p.m.

BOARD MEETING ATTENDEES:

Trustees:

Laird Stone, Chairman Anna Scholes, Clerk Jan Mittleider, Trustee Scott McClure, Trustee

College Administration:

Dr. Dean Fisher, President
Jeff Harmon, Vice President of Finance and Administration

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>: The agenda was approved on MOTION by Trustee McClure. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

<u>STUDENT/FACULTY/STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS:</u> President Fisher recognized Alternative Authorization Evaluation and Research Program Assistant Katie Rhodenbaugh for being selected by Western Governors University as a recipient of its Elevate Award. Also recognized was History Instructor Justin Vipperman for being chosen by Spark! Places of Innovation as lead historian for the Magic Valley on a project with the Smithsonian Institution and the Idaho Humanities Council. CSI's Cross Country teams were congratulated for their recent outstanding achievements at the NJCAA Division One Championship.

BOARD MINUTES: The following Board of Trustee meeting minutes were accepted as written on MOTION by Trustee Mittleider. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

October 17, 2022 – Regular Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was accepted on MOTION by Trustee Mittleider. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

OPEN FORUM: None

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<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>: The Trustees discussed a petition received from a group of Elmore County voters. Idaho statute allows for a petition process by which qualified electors can seek to add territory to a community college's taxing district. Idaho statute requires that the Board of Trustees transmit the petition on to the Idaho State Board of Education along with a recommendation regrading the petition. The board approved to authorize the College Administration to forward the petition from Elmore County to the State Board of Education, as required by Idaho Statute, Title 33-2105, and to provide the following recommendations to support the State Board of Education relative to the petition on MOTION by Trustee Scholes. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Items

- 1. The Board approved the Head Start/Early Head Start monthly fiscal and operational reports on MOTION by Trustee Scholes. Affirmative vote was unanimous.
- The Board approved the submission of the 1303.44 Facility Application for the
 construction of the American Falls Head Start/Early Head Start Center as presented on
 MOTION by Trustee Mittleider. Affirmative vote was unanimous.
- 3. The CSI Board of Trustees was reorganized as follows:

Trustee Mittleider nominated Chairman Stone to serve another year as Board Chairman. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

Trustee Mittleider nominated Clerk Scholes to serve to serve as Vice Chairman. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

Trustee Mittleider nominated Trustee McClure to serve as Clerk. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

Trustee Mittleider nominated Jeff Harmon to serve as Secretary / Treasurer. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

- 4. President Emeritus Jerry Meyerhoeffer (representing CSI's former presidents) joined President Fisher to present a recommendation for the Board to approve the naming of the new Jerome Center. The Board approved to name the College of Southern Idaho's future facility to be located at 3rd and Lincoln in Jerome, Idaho to be the LeRoy Craig Jerome Center. Affirmative vote was unanimous.
- 5. President Fisher asked the Board to approve for Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs Executive Director Margie Gonzalez and long-time Jerome High School educator Linda Burton be the two recipients of the Maxine Bell Education Advocate Award. The Board approved the recommendation on MOTION by Clerk Scholes. Affirmative vote was unanimous.

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Information Items

- Jerome Center Director Cesar Perez presented an annual update on the Jerome Center.
 He highlighted the many ways the Center is serving the community of Jerome and our students.
- 2. Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Communication Chris Bragg presented a copy of the College's Strategic Planning Performance Scorecard to the Board.
- 3. Dean Bragg and Dean of General and Transfer Education Tiffany Seeley-Case presented a summary of the planned activities funded by the Title V Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions Grant that was recently awarded to the College by the U.S. Department of Education.
- 4. President Fisher provided the Trustees with details regarding the upcoming legislative season. Education Week for the Idaho Legislature is planned for the week of January 24, 2023.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Fisher provided his monthly President's report.

<u>CSI STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT REPORT:</u> Student Body President Aurora Berumen Ortiz provided her monthly report.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Board members provided remarks for the Good of the Order.

ADJOURNMENT DECLARED: 5:20 p.m.

Jeffrey M. Harmon, Secretary Treasurer

Approved: December 12, 2022

Laird Stone, Chairman



General Fund Board Report As of October 31, 2022

	Prior Year	Current Year	Budget	Remaining	Remaining %	
Revenue						
Tuition & Fees	(\$5,763,622)	(\$5,522,267)	(\$12,192,000)	(\$6,669,733)	54.71%	
County Tuition	(\$923,300)	(\$944,850)	(\$1,972,600)	(\$1,027,750)	52.10%	
State Funds	(\$22,303,600)	(\$24,703,666)	(\$25,258,400)	(\$554,734)	2.20%	
County Property Tax	(\$314,160)	(\$213,707)	(\$10,447,000)	(\$10,233,293)	97.95%	
Grant Management Fees	(\$215,368)	(\$256,009)	(\$500,000)	(\$243,991)	48.80%	
Other	(\$83,402)	(\$261,469)	(\$180,000)	\$81,469	(45.26)%	
Unallocated Tuition	(\$212,308)	(\$522,121)	\$0	\$522,121	0.00%	
Departmental Revenues	(\$372,553)	(\$61,678)	(\$100,000)	(\$38,322)	38.32%	
Total Revenue	(\$30,188,313)	(\$32,485,767)	(\$50,650,000)	(\$18,164,233)	35.86%	64.14%
Expenses						
Personnel Expense						
Salaries	\$7,249,379	\$7,694,409	\$25,295,200	\$17,600,791	69.58%	
Variable Fringe	\$1,525,184	\$1,640,302	\$5,513,200	\$3,872,898	70.25%	
Health Insurance	\$1,401,722	\$1,398,101	\$4,720,300	\$3,322,199	70.38%	
Total Personnel Expense	\$10,176,285	\$10,732,812	\$35,528,700	\$24,795,888	69.79%	
Operating Expense						
Operating Expenses	\$2,800,441	\$3,503,772	\$7.467.900	\$3,964,128	53.08%	
Other	\$6,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	
Capital	\$499,555	\$286,581	\$762,000	\$475,419	62.39%	
Institutional Support	\$5,031,646	\$5,564,914	\$6,891,400	\$1,326,486	19.25%	
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	
Total Operating Expense	\$8,337,658	\$9,355,267	\$15,121,300	\$5,766,033	38.13%	
Total Expense	\$18,513,943	\$20,088,079	\$50,650,000	\$30,561,921	60.34%	39.66%
Rev/Expense Total	(\$11,674,370)	(\$12,397,688)	\$0	\$12,397,688		

CACFP

Total All Centers

Repair/Maint

612.95

	TOTAL		TOTAL THIS		ASH OUTLAY		BALANCE	REMAINING
CATEGORY	APPROVED		MONTH		TO DATE		OF BUDGET	BUDGET %
SALARIES	\$ 3,649,248.00	\$	276,635.18	\$	2,529,610.88	\$	1,119,637.12	30.7%
BENEFITS	\$ 2,080,627.00	\$	142,432.30	\$	1,291,277.40	\$	789,349.60	37.9%
EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
CONTRACTUAL	\$ 27,500.00	\$	1,720.91	\$	10,726.65	\$	16,773.35	61.0%
SUPPLIES	\$ 222,500.00	\$	12,690.33	\$	112,515.17	\$	109,984.83	49.4%
FACILITIES/CONST.	\$ -	\$	_	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%
OTHER	\$ 660,309.00	\$	38,778.38	\$	331,365.35	\$	328,943.65	49.8%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 6,640,184.00	\$	472,257.10	\$	4,275,495.45	\$	2,364,688.55	35.6%
ADMIN COSTS (9.0%)	\$ 515,689.00	\$	37,716.08	\$	345,368.33	\$	170,320.67	33.0%
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,155,873.00	\$	509,973.18	\$	4,620,863.78	\$	2,535,009.22	35.4%
IN KIND NEEDED	\$ 1,805,612.00							
IN KIND GENERATED	\$ 1,799,508.88							
IN KIND (SHORT)/LONG	\$ (6,103.12)	•						
PROCUREMENT CARD								
EXPENSE	\$ 14,783.31	2%	of Total Expe	nse	. Detailed repor	t a	vailable upon re	equest.
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HEAD START T/TA

Non-Food

2,001.87

Total for Month

24,729.29

YTD Expense

7,289.82

CATEGORY	TOTAL PPROVED	 TAL THIS MONTH	 H OUTLAY O DATE	BALANCE		REMAINING BUDGET %
OUT OF AREA TRAVEL	\$ 32,200.00	\$ 1,427.25	\$ 23,609.51	\$	8,590.49	26.7%
SUPPLIES	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 885.51	\$	2,614.49	74.7%
OTHER	\$ 30,874.00	\$ 633.37	\$ 14,091.48	\$	16,782.52	54.4%
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 66,574.00	\$ 2,060.62	\$ 38,586.50	\$	27,987.50	42.0%

Food

22,114.47

		TOTAL	T	OTAL THIS	\mathbf{C}_{I}	ASH OUTLAY		BALANCE	REMAINING
CATEGORY	A	APPROVED		MONTH		TO DATE	C	F BUDGET	BUDGET %
SALARIES	\$	913,380.00	\$	65,617.17	\$	617,817.42	\$	295,562.58	32.4%
BENEFITS	\$	513,080.00	\$	32,416.24	\$	293,901.04	\$	219,178.96	42.7%
EQUIPMENT	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	=	
CONTRACTUAL	\$	53,000.00	\$	14,450.82	\$	29,536.82	\$	23,463.18	44.3%
SUPPLIES	\$	34,039.00	\$	2,246.53	\$	20,324.44	\$	13,714.56	40.3%
FACILITIES/CONST.	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	-	
OTHER	\$	138,190.00	\$	7,016.36	\$	66,385.43	\$	71,804.57	52.0%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$	1,651,689.00	\$	121,747.12	\$	1,027,965.15	\$	623,723.85	37.8%
ADMIN COSTS (9.0%)	\$	128,381.00	\$	8,823.01	\$	82,079.75	\$	46,301.25	36.1%
GRAND TOTAL	\$	1,780,070.00	\$	130,570.13	\$	1,110,044.90	\$	670,025.10	37.6%
IN KIND NEEDED	\$	452,250.00							
IN KIND GENERATED	\$	543,160.38							
IN KIND (SHORT)/LONG	\$	90,910.38							
CACFP]	Repair/Maint		Food		Non-Food	To	otal for Month	YTD Expense
Total All Centers	\$	24.40	\$	1,646.40	\$	158.19	\$	1,828.99	\$ 11,342.24

EARLY HEAD START T/TA

CATEGORY	TOTAL APPROVED		TOTAL THIS MONTH		CASH OUTLAY TO DATE		BALANCE		REMAINING BUDGET %
OUT OF AREA TRAVEL	\$	24,200.00	\$	(960.02)	\$	7,841.67	\$	16,358.33	67.6%
SUPPLIES	\$	1,000.00	\$:=0	\$	171.30	\$	828.70	82.9%
OTHER	\$	3,727.00	\$	377.36	\$	7,379.00	\$	(3,652.00)	-98.0%
GRAND TOTAL	\$	28,927.00	\$	(582.66)	\$	15,391.97	\$	13,535.03	46.8%



COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START

998 Washington St. N. Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238 (208) 736-0741



Grants Management Officer Administration for Children and Families Office of Grants Management 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600, MS-72 Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Grant No. 10CH012144

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to inform you that the College of Southern Idaho Head Start/Early Head Start Board of Trustees and Policy Council reviewed and approve the submission of the 1303.44 Facility Application for the construction of a Head Start/Early Head Start center in American Falls, Idaho. The program is excited to partner with the American Falls School District in providing early childhood education services to the community.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in our ongoing endeavor to provide quality services to our children and families.

November 14, 2022

Jeffrey M. Harmon CPA

Vice President of Finance & Administration

College of Southern Idaho

Head Start/Early Head Start

November 17, 2022

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Policy Council Chair

College of Southern Idaho

Head Start/Early Head Start



College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees

Salutations,

The College of Southern Idaho has a long and vibrant history with the county and city of Jerome. Part of the college's taxing district, Jerome plays an important part in CSI's overali educational mission to educate students for transfer and workforce training.

Recently, the college announced the plan to complete an educational facility in the city of Jerome, a long overdue apgrade to the current facility on Main Street. In collaboration with the city of Jerome, CSI will develop a contemporary educational and community space commensurate with Jerome's growth and CSI's commitment to provide educational services.

Jerome resident and businessman LeRoy Craig is one of the college's longest serving trustees, and for many years served as the Board Chair. For 36 years from 1974 to 2010, Mr. Craig was part of CSI's growth and success. He was present and engaged in almost every building on campus and all the outreach centers, including CSI's presence in Jerome. Mr. Craig's contributions during his tenure on the board and the CSI community are inestimable.

We former presidents (Jerry Meychoeffer 1983-2005, Jerry Beck 2005-2013, Curtis Eaton 2013, Jeff Fox 2014-2020) request the College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees to exercise its authority to designate the new college facilities in Jerome by naming the new CSI Jerome Center in honor Mr. LeRoy Craig.

Respectfully,

Jerry Meyerhoefter nepohoella Small Back from

Jerry Beck

Representative Maxine Bell Education Advocate Award(s)

At the May 2022 regular meeting of the CSI Board of Trustees, approval was given to the College to implement the Representative Maxine Bell Education Advocate Awards. The criteria and procedures for the award are noted below:

- Evidence that contributions are significant as an advocate for education within the public sector; and;
- Evidence that contributions are sustainable over time; and
- Evidence that the contributions have markedly improved education within Idaho, and specifically the region served by the College of Southern Idaho.

The President will solicit nominations on an annual basis and a committee will recommend no more than three recipients to the President. The President will evaluate the three recommended recipients and advance one or more to the Board for its review and possible ratification.

The award is intended to mark achievement and is not accompanied by a cash award. The award shall be named the Maxine Bell Education Advocate Award.

Six nominations were received, and it is recommended that two individuals be authorized by the Trustees to be the first recipients. They are:

- Margie Gonzales (Executive Director, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs); and
- Linda Burton (retired educator Jerome Public Schools)

Copies of their nominations are provided in the Board materials.

Subject: Maxine Bell Education Advocate Award-Nomination

Nominee: Margie Gonzalez, Executive Director, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs

Margie Gonzalez has served as Executive Director of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs (ICHA) for nearly 20 years. As Executive Director, she leads the state agency by providing services to the Hispanic community and serving as a liaison between the community and government entities. During her tenure with ICHA, Margie has developed various initiatives that work toward economic, educational, and social equality for the Hispanic community of Idaho. Margie also works in partnership with legislators and community partners to identify and research problems and issues facing Idaho's Hispanic community. Through her leadership the agency has been able to create solutions and provide recommendations to the governor, legislature, and other organizations concerning issues facing the State's Hispanic population.

Central to Margie's work is the focus on educational advocacy for the Hispanic population in the K-20 system. Overtime, Margie and her team have developed robust educational supports for the Hispanic community to include parent engagement classes, teacher-education programs, youth summits, college readiness supports, higher education scholarship opportunities, workforce training partnerships, and stakeholder reports on the growing Hispanic population in Idaho. Through Margie's leadership, ICHA has developed these strategic initiatives to accomplish the following stretch goal: Idaho's K-20 public educational system will provide parity in academic attainment between Hispanic and Non-Hispanic students.

Margie is passionate about advocating for the Hispanic community and it is exemplified through her outreach to area school districts, students and families throughout the state. Over the past 20 years, Margie has forged partnerships with state and community entities to include the State Board of Education, Health and Welfare, law enforcement agencies, Idaho's higher education institutions and more. Through Margie's leadership, stakeholders have learned that Hispanic youth make up a large share of Idaho's K-12 growth. As a result, Margie and her team work diligently to advocate for programs that support K-20 Hispanic achievement and educational attainment such as Head Start, College Assistance Migrant Programs, TRiO, Job Corps, Title V programs, and ESL programs. Margie and her team work tirelessly to meet educators where they are at throughout the state, traveling hundreds of miles, working late evenings and weekends to engage in advocacy and implement programs.

In closing, Margie embodies the tenacity and go-getter attitude Representative Bell continues to illustrate in her service to the great state of Idaho. The Hispanic community is grateful for the diligent leadership and vision provided by Margie Gonzalez. We know her work has bridged services and forged pathways for our Hispanic students for decades.

Thank you for considering Margie Gonzalez for the Maxine Bell Education Advocate Award.

Nomination for the Maxine Bell Education Advocate Award

Polly D Hulsey <phulsey@csi.edu> Wed 10/12/2022 11:36 AM To: Dean Fisher <DeanFisher@csi.edu> Dear President Fisher.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate someone for the Maxine Bell Education Advocate Award. My apology for my delayed response. It has been a busy time with wrapping up our fall registration.

I thought a great deal about who I would like to nominate, since there are so many incredibly deserving individuals in our community; however, I continually came back to the same individual who has influenced my life over the last 40+ years. Growing up in Jerome was such a blessing and provided opportunities to have family friends, who then became our high school instructors. *Linda Burton* is one of these foundational people in my life. I get a little emotional when I think back about the influence she has made in my life, as well as so many others who had the opportunity to grown up in the Magic Valley. She is a pillar of the community and growing up, Linda was always there volunteering at all of the different activities in Jerome. Linda, Ted and their family loved sports and were always at the events, cheering, hugging, and helping. We grew up around sports and our community supported our high school teams, even when we were very young. It was part of our Friday night highlight to drive into town to attend the games. On the weekends it was the recreational sports that brought us together. It is interesting to think back about growing up in Jerome, because it just seems like Linda was always there – ready to lend a hand and her beautiful smile!

Linda was an exceptional high school instructor, teaching Science Fiction, Composition II and Poetry. I still remember some of the poetry we read together and how she taught us to look beyond the words to obtain the meaning from the authors carefully selected words. Her classes were so popular and her extended hours went so far beyond the classroom. Yes, Linda was a high school instructor and a very good one, but what she was so much more! She was always there to pull you aside if she noticed you were having a bad day or one of the first ones there to help you celebrate your victories. Her regular pep talks, always looking out for all of us, and high-fiving in the hallways was part of our everyday lives. She taught us the value of being a good citizen and what it meant to give back to our community. She was someone we would go to when we needed help talking through something and would lend her ear to offer different perspectives for our consideration. I think it is a rare person who can bring a smile to your face and a warmness to your heart just by seeing her, which carries on to this day. Her smiles and hugs are filled with genuine care, safety, and love.



As an adult looking back, I know we appreciated everything Linda did for our community, but as I get older, the way she enhanced my life and so many others, continues to become more elevated and appreciated. She made her daily work with teenagers look like she enjoyed it and we were the reason she got up every morning. Linda has made such a huge different in our communities and her presences was like having a second mom - always there to help. I know I have not done justice to describing the deep impact Linda has made on myself, my friends, and our community. I only hope that the lessons (both inside and outside of the classroom) Linda has shown me, will help guide my life to hopefully continuing to carry the torch she has provided to so many of us over the years. It is interesting as I was speaking to a colleague about the opportunity to nominate Linda for this award and they reminded me that Maxine Bell is Linda's sister. I had completely forgotten about that and it made this nomination seem all the more fitting.

If I could say something to Linda I would tell her – Linda, I am certain you are not aware of the incredible impact you have had on hundreds of students lives throughout your years of teaching and being a foundation in our community. But it doesn't stop there! The amazing opportunity we had to share our years growing up in Jerome with you, will continue on, as we have instilled our education in our children and are now offering these same values to our grandchildren. Thank you for the valuable lessons you taught me, the hugs and high-fives, the caring, the hard work you put into your class instruction, the countless hours of volunteering and most of all for being my friend. The impact you have made on my life and the value of making a difference in your community will continue giving back through many generations to come. You are a true blessing!

Polly



*I borrowed these pictures from our annuals and have no idea how to credit with their usage.

Go Eagles!

Polly Hulsey Assistant Dean of Student Access College of Southern Idaho

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