The students at the College of Southern Idaho are deeply grateful for the support of the donors listed in this report. Each year our donors find a way to continue to provide funding for students to attend classes at CSI by making gifts to the CSI Foundation, Inc. The Foundation manages these gifts to ensure that the donors remain connected to our students and to the students’ success. “Preserving Connections” is the theme of this year’s report. The Foundation and the College are proud to partner with donors to create and preserve connections that will enable our students to succeed.

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The CSI Foundation manages each gift with the knowledge that our donors are placing their trust in the Foundation to be good stewards of the gifts given to the students. The Board of Directors of the Foundation exercise strong fiscal decisions which will ensure that the gifts are managed in the best possible manner in order to award a maximum amount of scholarships to the students.

This report celebrates you, our generous donors. The Foundation, the College, and our students cannot say thank you enough. You are shaping the lives of the next generation of leaders for our country. You are supporting students as they enter the workforce in our area and beyond. Most of all, you are helping to build a sense of pride and self-esteem in our students because you care enough to invest in their future. Thank you again for your support.

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As a lifelong resident of the Magic Valley I have had the chance to witness the impact of Agriculture in the lives of everyone around me. My wife and I chose to raise our family of four boys here, where agriculture is so vital. I heard that CSI had ways to connect me with the University of Idaho and help me achieve my goal of furthering my education in agriculture; all while working and living right here in Southern Idaho. Through financial aid and low tuition rates at CSI, I have been able to continue my higher education. CSI has supported me by offering important classes that I need and the flexibility of a class schedule that I can tailor to my needs. I plan to transfer to The University of Idaho next semester but could never have done so without CSI offering an extension service for local students to take U of I classes right here on campus. This has meant a great deal to me and my family. It has been a challenge getting back into the college scene after nearly 10 years away, however it is worth it. It’s never too late to go back to college and CSI has helped that dream move one step closer to a reality.

Thank you CSI.

— Brett Whiting, U of I

I found support at CSI from the first day I arrived. I became an Ambassador that first year which helped me get elected to the Student Senate the following year. Soon I got to know many staff, administration, and even board members, all of whom knew and helped me.

The support didn’t stop there. When I graduated from CSI in May with my Associate’s in Communication, I thought I would have to move to a different city to finish my Bachelor’s. After living in Twin Falls for the past three years and settling into a job and a house, moving sounded like a daunting task. I even thought about not continuing my education. But then I found a program through ISU that fits perfectly with my Communications degree and I can finish the entire program through CSI. Everyone at the ISU office has helped me every step of the way which has increased the excitement level in finishing my Bachelor’s degree on the CSI campus.

— Mary Coakley, ISU
In 2011, the College of Southern Idaho Workforce Training Team was tasked with one of its largest and most challenging projects to date. America’s #1 Greek Yogurt producer, Chobani, announced plans to build a state of the art yogurt manufacturing facility in Twin Falls, Idaho. As a true community partner, the College of Southern Idaho formed a partnership with Chobani as the primary provider of training for the upcoming Chobani workforce. With the new announcement and partnership formed, the College of Southern Idaho Workforce Training Team; led by Dr. Todd Schwarz, David Wyett, Ben Hamlett and Terry Patterson, made a visit to the existing Chobani Plant located in South Edmeston, New York. Mr. John Winnie, Director of Idaho Operations was the main point of contact during the visit. During the two and a half day visit, CSI representatives met with the Chobani Leadership Team for an introduction to the company, tour of operations and introduction to Chobani’s culture. This visit was crucial to understanding the culture of the company and the operational differences between the New York facility and the newly constructed plant in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Based on this initial visit and guidance of Chobani managers, Idaho Department of Labor and CSI administration and technical staff; the CSI Workforce Training Team developed a Chobani Workforce Training Plan. The training plan was developed with consideration to the training needs based on hiring schedules, startup timelines, and required technical and human resource skills. In addition, Chobani’s in-house training opportunities and core values were factored into the plan to create a cohesive training plan for all departments. The Training Plan was built with flexibility in training delivery to accommodate the schedules of staff during the construction and startup phases.

The first kick-off to the Chobani Training plan included a two week training scheduled in June 2012. The two week training included 40 members of the Chobani Leadership Team. The training, conducted on the CSI campus included OSHA 30 hour, High-Temp Short-Time (HTST) training, Team building and leadership, Human Resource topics and sanitation. The two week kickoff training and delivery were provided by both CSI personnel and Chobani managers. Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya, Chobani Chief Executive was also present for part of the training and delivered a very profound message to personnel and commended the strong partnership between Chobani and CSI. Mr. Ulukaya expressed that the CSI partnership is a true example of “community” and was a critical factor in Chobani choosing Twin Falls for its newest venture.

CSI continues to prepare and responds to Chobani training needs and is looking forward to a long-standing partnership with Chobani.
Creating Connections with the 2012 Black and Gold Ball

“Creating Connections” was the theme of the 15th annual Black and Gold Ball held on March 31, 2012, at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center in Twin Falls. Guests dined on a wonderful meal featuring local products including Clear Springs Trout and Falls Brand pork loin. Graydon Stanley served as Master of Ceremonies and auctioneer, Stenson Clontz, led the crowd through a spirited auction. Thanks to the generosity of the guests, over $100,000 was raised for scholarship support for students at the College of Southern Idaho.

Celebrating 25 Years of Success

The CSI Foundation Board of Directors hosted a celebration luncheon for the CSI North Side Center in Gooding on September 18, 2012. Guests were treated to a lovely luncheon on the lawn.

The Center was started through funding from a grant in 1987. Elaine Bryant was hired as the director, a post that she still holds today. Dr. Jerry Beck was then the Director of Continuing Education and Elaine’s supervisor. The Center was originally located in the basement of the old Wendell High School. The College and the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind (IESDB) entered into a partnership in 1990 which moved the North Side Center to the round building on IESDB’s campus located in Gooding. The Center is now home to a testing center, an Adult Basic Education classroom, a telecommunications classroom, a computer lab, two general purpose classrooms, and the office.

North Side credit enrollment averages about 850 per semester, which includes 40-50 students attending class at NSC; approximately 300 Over 60 and Fit participants in Gooding, Hagerman, Jerome, and Shoshone; and 500 high school dual credit enrollments. In addition, the Center administers over 400 tests per year.

Thank You CSI Foundation Community Donors

Your donations make a significant difference to a CSI student. When you give the gift of a scholarship, you are not only supporting our students financially but also changing the future for the student and their entire families. These generous donations made between July 2011 and June 2012 have helped past, present and future CSI students creating community connections that will be forever. Thank you for helping a CSI student!

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My wife and I came to Twin Falls to join the CSI community in 1983. Giving to the Foundation has been a part of my routine for most of my tenure at the CSI Library. Being able to make a donation that I know will benefit the Library and the Herrett Center, the two areas I designate, is an enjoyable way to help grow the programs here at the College and further the educational outreach the College provides to the community. Because the donations come out of my paycheck each month, I don’t have to remember to write a check. I can enjoy knowing that the collections and services the Library provides, and the programs for all ages at the Herrett Center, have benefited over the past years from the donations we have made added to the donations of others. Giving to the foundation through this automatic deduction option has made it an easy process that I know provides a lasting legacy here in the Magic Valley.

— Steve Poppino, CSI Reference Librarian
Scott Anderson, Zions Bank Executive Vice President and CEO, was the featured speaker at the Zions Bank Community Luncheon in Twin Falls in late March. He spoke about Zions commitment to the communities they serve and to the people that live in those communities. He then announced that Zions Bank would be donating $100,000 to the College of Southern Idaho Foundation to be used to support scholarships for students at CSI. It was a wonderful surprise to the College and the Foundation!

Zions Bank believes in the Magic Valley area. They believe that this gift for student scholarships will help this community cultivate talented students in our area who will then be the next drivers in our economic growth.

The College of Southern Idaho and the community welcomed this gift with a community celebration on May 16, 2012. Dr. Jerry Beck thanked and praised the local representatives from Zions for their deep commitment to our students and our community. Kelly Anderson, Regional President, and Renee Avram, Vice President and Branch Manager of the Blue Lakes Branch, shared their enthusiasm telling the group that they felt great pride and joy with this gift.

This gift will have a transformational impact on the lives of the students and they are deeply grateful. Thank you to Zions Bank for their commitment to the Magic Valley.
I have always loved building things my whole life, but my passion for woodworking started when I was in high school and quickly enveloped a majority of my life. As my senior year came to a close at Mountain Home High School, I didn't know where I would go or what I would do. CSI, in Twin Falls, is the only college in the state that offers Cabinetmaking/Woodworking as a major, which made me decide to come here over anywhere else in Idaho.

Thanks to the generous support from the CSI Foundation, which has been a blessing in my life, I have been able to stay in school and get my Associates of Applied Science for Cabinetmaking/Woodworking. I was able to earn a Silver medal in Cabinetmaking at the state SkillsUSA competition my freshman year, and a Gold medal for Cabinetmaking my sophomore year. Winning the gold sent me to the National Leadership and Skills Competition in Kansas City, Missouri this past summer where I competed on the college level against 20 other gold medalists from across the country. It was the most stressful 8 hour competition of my life! After the closing ceremony, we all found out where we placed in our competitions, and I managed to place fifth in the entire nation! All of this happened thanks to the CSI Foundation and my professor, Ken Triplett.

Coming here to CSI has been one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life and it would not have been possible without the great financial support the CSI Foundation has provided me.

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When I first began looking at colleges, CSI was not my first choice, but it quickly became my best choice. Through CSI, I was able to start taking my generals while still in high school, saving me time and money. It is wonderful that we have such an excellent college within our community; I am able to pursue a quality education without leaving my home state. Through the CSI Foundation, I have been able to fully take advantage of all the opportunities CSI has provided for me. I can whole-heartedly pursue my educational dreams while not being held back by financial difficulties.

It was through CSI that I was able to participate this year in the Skills USA Culinary Arts Competition. Having won Gold at State, I was able to proceed on to the Nationals. It was an incredible and inspiring experience, and through my education at CSI I was fully prepared to compete against the best of my peers from across the nation. Thank you CSI and CSI Foundation for making opportunities like this possible for me and every CSI student.

— Brogan Schaeffer, Culinary Arts

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Scholarship support is the freedom to fully pursue education unhindered by financial obligation. In my personal life, scholarship support is the only way I would be able to pursue higher education. Without it, attending college would prove much more strenuous and I would honestly question further attendance.

When I first completed high school, I assumed that education was not all it was cracked up to be; that students were just in it for a measly piece of paper and the teachers were just in it for the money. After a few long months, I realized skipping college was not the best decision for me so I began my search for a school. I chose CSI because that was where both of my parents attended and it was inexpensive in comparison to other colleges.

Within my first week at CSI, I was blown away to find it was unlike any college I had heard of. The cost was incredibly low for students and the teachers were definitely not just in it for the money. The students were passionate about learning and the teachers were passionate about teaching.

CSI is like a family. It's an incredible place to express oneself and to open oneself up for new information and experiences! CSI opened a door in my life that no one can shut. It has given me the passion to continue my education even after I receive my associate's degree. What started as an associate's obligation has now turned into a master's motivation! Upon graduation at CSI, I plan on attending a university to obtain my bachelor's in International Studies and, from there, join the Peace Corps to obtain my master's. I will be able to help more people than I ever thought possible with a degree. CSI ignited the passion for a higher education and now I cannot stop pursuing more.

— Kiley Heaps, Honors Program Student & CSI Student Senator
Steve and Lynn Irons believe “participation matters” when it comes to annual giving as faculty at the College of Southern Idaho. Steve and Lynn have a giving history that dates back to 1980 when they began teaching at CSI. They maintain the belief that the entire Twin Falls community benefits by the support they give to the CSI Foundation. The Irons see giving as an opportunity to help sustain the college's strategic initiatives as well as to give immediate support to students. “When those that know the college best, give to the Foundation, it sends a significant message that we believe CSI is a worthy investment.” The Irons know every gift matters. They have found unique ways to give over the years which include memorial giving, in-kind donations, participation in capital campaigns, author royalty gifts, and scholarship donations. “We wish to help sustain the legacy of excellence at CSI by continued giving in the hopes that we can positively impact our students, the college, and the community. A gift to education is an investment in the future.”

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Please contact the Foundation office to request a copy of the 2011-2012 audit.
I am a first generation college student. My mother has always pushed me in that direction because she knows how hard it is to survive without a college degree. I came from a lower middle class family that struggled from paycheck to paycheck, and I didn't have much money to go to college. In high school, I always worked hard with my grades and my various clubs.

When college came, I was scared to start somewhere new. When I was accepted into the honors program, I was overjoyed. I met many new people that are now life-long friends, and I received a scholarship. This scholarship gave me hope that someone cared that I was going to college. It meant that someone believed that I could keep my grades up, graduate, and go on to do bigger things.

When I graduate from CSI, I want to attend either Idaho State University or Utah State University. I want to study secondary math education and geology, and eventually go back for my master's in geology.

My connection at CSI however, will continue to follow me long after I am done here. This college is where I found what I want to do for the rest of my life. I have gotten many amazing opportunities from the clubs that I have joined, and because of the Honors Program, I have attended many events that I would not have. I have made some friends that I will keep dear to my heart for many years to come, and I have learned some things that I will never forget. But most of all, are the memories that I have made with these people. I will cherish these memories for the rest of my life, and without the scholarship that the CSI Foundation gave me, these memories would not have been possible.

— Sarah Tetzloff, Honors Program Student
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John C. Hepworth exhibited his belief in higher education in the Magic Valley and beyond in many ways. John became involved with higher education in our area in 1962 and later advocated for the creation of The College of Southern Idaho Junior College District. He helped to put together the first site selection team to find a suitable home for the CSI. He was later appointed to the CSI Board of Trustees in 1971 upon the death of his dear friend, James Shields. He was then elected by the district as a trustee and later went on to become Chair of the Board. He continued to give back to the College and, in 2002, he was elected to the CSI Foundation, Inc.’s Board of Directors. To date, John is the only CSI Trustee who has been elected to the CSI Board of Trustees who later was elected to the CSI Foundation Board.

John not only gave generously of his time but of his treasures as well. John established the Hepworth Charitable Remainder Unitrust in 2008 to support the students at the College of Southern Idaho. This trust was created to provide an income stream for a family member for their lifetime as well as to create funding for the students. John passed away in July 2011 and the John C. Hepworth Charitable Remainder Unitrust passed to the CSI Foundation, Inc. as trustee in December of 2011.

The College of Southern Idaho and the CSI Foundation, Inc. wanted to ensure that John's name and legacy lived on. In February 2012 the CSI Board of Trustees passed a resolution to rename the Aspen Building to the John C. Hepworth Higher Education Center. A celebration was held in June as the building assumed its new identity. This center will continue to host classes for CSI but will also be home to the three Idaho universities that currently partner with CSI to offer four year degrees. Idaho State University, Boise State University, and the University of Idaho will soon move into the building to better serve their students.

One of the first buildings a visitor will see as they enter the main campus is the Dr. James Taylor Administration Building. Dr. Taylor was the founding President of the College of Southern Idaho. Next to the Taylor Building is the James H. Shields Building honoring John's friend who was a member of the first CSI Board of Trustees. John's name now proudly stands next to the Shield's Building where the John C. Hepworth Higher Education Center is located. This is a heartfelt tribute to a visionary and dedicated advocate for our students.
Memorial Gifts

The College of Southern Idaho Foundation, Inc. received donations in memory of the following people between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. We are extremely grateful to the friends and family members who chose to remember the students at the College of Southern Idaho during very difficult times.

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What do you give to someone who already has everything they need? Friends and family chose to "give" to the students at CSI by honoring the following people. These gifts were given to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays.

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It is with extreme gratitude that I write this article. I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Bordewick Honors Scholarship. I have just begun my freshman year at the College of Southern Idaho and my academics are already off to a first-rate start. CSI has made going to college such a welcoming experience, that I consider myself fortunate to be able to attend.

Growing up in a less privileged community has not only offered financial and academic challenges, but more importantly, it has made me realize the value of a college education. My plans at this stage are to complete an associate of arts degree at CSI and I hope to further my education by attending Idaho State University and one day, become a psychologist. Receiving this scholarship helps make that goal much easier to obtain.

The generosity of the Foundation is appreciated and accepted with extreme honor. I once again thank CSI sincerely for believing in me.

— Alicia Janet Lagunas, Honors Program Student
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