This year’s theme for the CSI Foundation is, “The Bridge between Donors and Student Success”. Bridges are an iconic part of our Magic Valley communities with the beautiful Perrine Bridge being a trademark feature of the Twin Falls area. Just as the Perrine Bridge connects the two sides of our spectacular Snake River canyon, the CSI Foundation connects many wonderful and caring donors to the students who are looking to build their life’s path through the College of Southern Idaho.

As communities in South-Central Idaho continue to grow and change, career opportunities have never been greater. In fact, given our expanding industries and community growth, there is a great need for people with a wide variety of technical skills, professional skills, and education. It is a very exciting time and also a challenge for our local employers. We need talented people to enter our workforce. We also need people in the existing workforce to grow and develop their skillset for higher-level roles. The College of Southern Idaho will play a large role in meeting these needs.

I’m continually inspired by the different stories and life paths of the people who attend CSI. Through CSI dual credit classes, a large number of high school students get a jump-start on their degrees and careers. Recent high school graduates pursue affordable and high quality Associate degrees and technical certificates at CSI. People in the current workforce enroll in CSI programs to enhance their careers through increased skills and education. Individuals who have spent time away from the workforce take CSI classes to prepare themselves to re-enter it. CSI leadership has launched a number of initiatives focused on providing a scholastic roadmap to success for all of these different types of students, and the CSI Foundation is working hand-in-hand with the college to provide scholarships and support.

If we all take a moment to think back over the paths of our own lives, I believe we’ve all had a helping hand along the way. For so many people, scholarships from the CSI Foundation provide the helping hand they need. I am honored to announce that for the 2017-2018 academic year, the CSI Foundation will award over $2 million dollars in scholarships and grants. This is a new record level of giving and is a direct testament to the overwhelming level of caring and generosity of the donors who contribute to the foundation. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the CSI Foundation, I’d like to extend a sincere “thank you” to our past, current, and future donors. Through your contributions to the CSI Foundation, you are helping to build the bridge between people and their future.

Sincerely,

Tyson Rule, CSI Foundation President
This year’s theme, “The Bridge Between Donors and Student Success” says much about the CSI Foundation, about our donors, and about our students. Three bridge connotations come to mind. First, a bridge represents a pathway for a journey, from one spot to the next. Second, bridges imply a safe passage over difficult terrain. Finally, bridges represent round trip connections between the beginning and points in the future.

As a pathway, the bridge is a student’s opportunity to journey from the here and now to the future. In the context of a college education at the College of Southern Idaho, students are encouraged and empowered to take that journey, to learn and grow and prosper as a result of a quality education.

Safe passage over rough terrain connects with the idea of that journey. So many students are able to attend college only because of the belief someone like you has in them to make that journey, and the steps from this place to the next often needs only this encouragement, this easing of the path. Scholarships are central to this and make it possible for our students to go to school and to succeed.

More than ever, our communities need our students to go and learn, get experience, and fulfill their potential enhanced by education at CSI, and more than ever, we need those men and women to come back to the Magic Valley and to be the next generation of brilliant entrepreneurs, business owners, and engaged citizens who will shape the future in amazing ways.

You are part of their future and ultimately that bridge to the wondrous possibilities they will discover.

Thank you for being a part of this story, for investing in our College of Southern Idaho students.

Best Regards,

Jeff Fox, CSI President

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One new feature to CSI is the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association seeks to connect students who have graduated to career resources and current students attending the College of Southern Idaho. We seek to tell the stories of graduates and share in their passions, but most importantly make graduates feel like a lifelong family member of the College of Southern Idaho. To help bridge the gap between students and alumni we have created the Alumni Association Mentor Program. We connect alumni to students with similar majors and interests. Once matched, we take mentors and students through our model of “CONNECT,” communicate, observe, nudge, network, encourage, collaborate, and teach. We not only bridge the gap between alumni and students locally, but have mentors from all over the world. This opportunity allows students to gain knowledge and build relationships in their field while still attending CSI. We look forward to the Alumni Association growing over the years and thank you immensely for your support.

Reylene Abbott
Alumni Relations Coordinator
For over 30 years the College of Southern Idaho Foundation has been providing opportunities for students in need to access higher education through financial support. I have been blessed to be a recipient of that support. Living below the poverty level with my two children left the idea of returning to school a seemingly far-fetched flight of fancy. However, with the help of the Foundation I was able to return to further the skills needed to secure a career and support my family. The Foundation has helped me in obtaining my Associates of Applied Science in Hospitality Management, which I will complete this December 2017.

As a child, I was highly exposed to the tourism industry with many of my family members working in hotels, restaurants, and theme parks across Southern California. However, it was not until I moved into Yellowstone National Park that I realized where I belonged. During my time living within the park I worked as a housekeeper in the Old Faithful Inn but quickly moved to the front desk where I could interact more with our visitors. Seeing their reactions to this historical location and the wonders that lie here on our own soil was life changing. Without access to accommodations it would make visiting the parks and enjoying their majesty overshadowed by discomfort. The cohesion of the National Park Service working with companies that are contracted to run the parks many accommodations is phenomenal. There is such an intricate set of policies and regulations that must be followed in order to preserve the historic sites and create sustainability for the environment around them. I knew that navigating these policies and regulations was the challenge that I wanted to meet.

This Spring 2018 I will continue to further my education and work towards a Bachelors in Public Relations and minor in Human Resources. My hope is to use this knowledge to work between the National Park Service and the hospitality industry within our nations national parks. Without the Foundation, I do not believe I would have made it this far. Just saying “thank you” will never be enough. I can only hope that I will make the Foundation proud as I use the gift of education to improve and inspiring our National Parks accommodations for generations to come. Thank you.

The Buzz Langdon Memorial Professional-Technical Scholarship was created by Gordon and Joyce Glasmann in memory of L. L. “Buzz” Langdon in September 1989. The Glasmanns owned KLIX (now KMVT) Television and hired Langdon first, as a cameraman and later, as their Assistant Station Manager. After the station was sold, Gordon Glasmann became publisher of four Magic Valley weekly newspapers. Shortly after the sell, Langdon left KMVT and became Glasmann’s Assistant Publisher of the North Side News in Jerome. Langdon’s employment and friendship lasted with Glasmanns for over 30 years.

Langdon was the manager of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce for several years. In fact, the chamber’s original visitor center was named the “Buzz Langdon Visitor Center” in his memory.

Thanks to the Buzz Langdon Memorial Professional-Technical Scholarship, a total of $199,528 has been awarded to 219 scholarship recipients since August 2004.
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While the primary purpose of the Centennial Observatory’s 24” Norman Herrett Telescope is to offer views of the universe to the public, for most of its 13-year existence its astronomical research capabilities have gone unrealized.

That changed in September 2014, when Observatory Coordinator Chris Anderson initiated a program to measure asteroids, via stellar occultation. During rare occasions when an asteroid passes directly in front of a background star, a high-sensitivity video camera on the telescope and a high-precision GPS receiver record how long the star’s light is blocked (or “occulted”), from which the asteroid’s size may be calculated.

Since this program’s inception, students have contributed to CSI’s asteroid measuring efforts. On August 22, 2015 high school students Braden Hall and Jeffrey Royalty were on hand to watch when asteroid (107) Camilla passed in front of a star in Libra, causing it to “wink out” for 13.047 seconds.

The occultation timing, combined with data from other observers, formed the basis of an estimate of Camilla’s three-dimensional shape and density published by an international team of astronomers in the May 2017 issue of the research journal “Astronomy and Astrophysics.” Braden and Jeffrey’s observation was cited in the appendices.

Chris Anderson
Production Specialist & Observatory Coordinator, Faulkner Planetarium

GNED 101

What do comic books, conspiracy theories, happy humans, and sports and the human spirit have in common? They are all topics of focus in a new foundational course at CSI: Introduction to General Education.

Intro to Gen Ed, or GNED 101, is the culmination of over two years of faculty input, committee development, and instructor training. Given the opportunity, as were other public institutions of higher education in the state, to develop a general education class distinctive to our college and reflective of our campus values, we designed GNED 101 to reaffirm our belief in the importance of a general education core of courses, a core that exposes students to diverse ways of thinking, problem-solving, communicating, and creating. GNED 101 helps our students understand the benefits of taking classes outside their majors, and to see the connections between the different disciplines they are studying. A distinguishing characteristic of GNED 101 is that faculty choose the topic or focus of the section they teach, and students are therefore able to select a GNED 101 section that appeals directly to them and their interests.

GNED 101 also helps students become better at what they are doing at CSI: learning! The course is not only designed to introduce those enrolled to resources to help them be more successful students, but also challenges them to think about how and why they learn. In that sense, GNED 101 lays a foundation upon which students can build to become lifelong learners.

Feedback from students who take GNED and faculty who teach it is overwhelmingly positive. In fact, some have called it “life-changing,” and many think it is the best class they have ever taken or taught!

Whitney D. Smith-Schuler
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What You CSI Foundation Community Donors

Thank You CSI Foundation Community Donors
When we were starting the idea of Welding Wars we only wanted to reach out to the secondary teachers and students. We knew that reaching out to them would be a win for all involved. As the concept went along it morphed into really servicing our industry along with the secondary students and CSI. We started with the concept of running two separate competitions one individual welding and the other would be a team fabrication. We also knew that prizes would always be a part of the equation but how we would make it happen was another story.

I was talking to Terry Patterson, my Dean, and he suggested that maybe the foundation would be willing to help with some scholarships. While the meeting was being set up I was talking with Jon, the other welding instructor, and we decided to have our advisory board be the judges. This was great because they not only helped with the prizes but got industry here looking at the next generation of welders. We in turn invited our vendors which set up booths showing the latest and greatest tools and welders but they also brought prizes. When it came time for our meeting with the foundation and we got to explain the now enlarged vision of Welding Wars they were so amazingly supportive.

They asked if we wanted the scholarships to be welding only and we decided to just make them general CSI scholarships. This way we would not be holding a student back from their true passions.

Clay Wilkie, Welding Instructor
A Day
My name is Skyler Rienstra, this is my third year at CSI, and I will graduate with a Liberal Arts degree in the Spring of 2018. Learning has and always will be a deep passion of mine. I am persistent on developing as broad an understanding about the world around me as possible. Not only do I love learning about all the material contained in my classes, but I also spend a great deal of time with my own independent studies. There is a plethora of information and knowledge that mankind has amassed that I know will prove to be immensely useful for my studies and goals as a student. I have a growing personal library that I hope one day I’ll be able to actually read through all the selected material. On top of my studies, I am an aspiring musician and audio engineer. I have composed original compositions for some theatrical plays here at CSI and will be composing some more pieces for the upcoming show in spring.

The Foundation at CSI has been immensely helpful in the pursuit of my passions. While I do value and appreciate my jobs and all that they have offered me, it is really nice to know that I don’t have to work long grueling hours just to make sure I have the basic necessities for survival. The funds that I have been awarded give me ample space and time so that I can adequately further my studies and involvement with the community around me. The funds also help me with spending time with friends, family, and the other various people in my life that help keep me supported and nourished. I am extremely grateful for the all the kind people that offer their support to the Foundation at CSI. I hope that one day I can pay it forward.

The Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation Scholarship was organized in 1963 through the will of Laura Moore Cunningham. Cunningham was the daughter of Christopher Moore who was one of the original founders of West One Bank, Idaho, which is now US Bank. The purpose of her Foundation is to aid Idaho charities and create scholarships for Idaho universities and colleges.

Thanks to the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation scholarships, a total of $994,364 has been awarded to 343 scholarship recipients since August 2004.
The CSI Workforce Training Center continues to bring major training program improvements and expansions to the Magic Valley Region. Over the past year, we have expanded our existing apprenticeship training programs in electrical, plumbing and maintenance to include offerings at the Twin Falls, MiniCassia and Blaine counties. With the growing demand of skilled workers in these trades, we believe the investment of not only expanded program offerings is critical, but investment in facilities and infrastructure are also key assets to filling these demands. During 2017, CSI remodeled our current Twin Falls Apprenticeship training facility to better service these programs and offer a dedicated lab space to enhance student learning and success. In addition, we are currently piloting a hybrid Electrical Apprenticeship Training program in Blaine County to better serve those students that have barriers to attending face to face classroom sessions due to working in rural areas.

Today, apprenticeships gain a new meaning within the world of workforce training. It is nationally recognized that the Apprenticeship Training model is one that is proven to provide pathways to careers. Through the ApprenticeshipIdaho initiative, our goal in 2017-2018 is to reach out and create partnerships with area high schools to create new Federal Registered Apprenticeship programs. Kicking off a career with an apprenticeship is a great way to get a head start in a desired professional field and enables our students to start working and earning a livable wage while they learn key skills and gain the qualifications that their employers require.

Every year, we open doors to a new workforce pipeline, who are highly motivated, talented and dedicated to the trades. This new pipeline is coming in with a different set of academic, social and professional backgrounds. As a result, we have been responsive to find new ways to serve our students through training that is accessible, affordable and relevant to the industry demands. We appreciate the gracious support of the CSI Foundation to our students, assisting with tuition and books to help them achieve their educational and professional goals.

Katrina Oksten, Apprenticeship Coordinator

EMPLOYEE GIVING: LIFE’S A BRIDGE!

There you have it… My teaching philosophy in three words and dimensions… I didn’t know I had in in me until my professional developing mentors at a recent teaching excellence workshop “made” me do it in under 20 minutes… The intent of the moment, I believe, was to discover what “Why’s?” at my foundation… Suffice, foundations are important. Reality is a consequence of much deeper and complex “structure” than might first appear. My point; student success IS foundational! There are a myriad of student realities, “What’s?” and “How’s?,” that trace their success back to a “Why?” that is the CSI Foundation. From teacher PD, to water quenching thirsty kid’s in quest of curiosities lead… Far more often than not, as a member of this community, my opportunities, my privilege, to be a part of student success, is because of the generosity of those that are the CSI Foundation. This makes me tremendously grateful, and this is what makes it possible, for this “bridge” to be a success for so many. Thank you for a rock solid Foundation that can extend to the depth and complexity of the realities of our students…that does lead to success of individuals…and communities. I can say “I love you…” Its why is my Foundation.

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Alexandra Huber

My name is Alexandra Huber and this is my second year at CSI. During my senior year in high school, I did not know what I was going to do to pay for college. I applied to ISU, BSU, and U of I. I quickly realized that there was no way I could go to those schools without having to take out loans in my first year. I decided to apply to CSI to see if that would be the better option. I went on a tour of the campus and I had a really good feeling. I applied and filled out the general scholarship application and got three scholarships and then I got the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship. That scholarship helped me so much. I had some money left over, which I am saving to use when I transfer to a four year university. I also do work-study here at CSI, which was so nice. They are so flexible with my school schedule and when I have a lot of homework and need a day off. It helped me make friends my freshman year. I drive back and forth to school every day and it is 40 minutes each way. It was so nice to not have to worry about having to get a second job along with work-study and a full time course load. I will be graduating in May with my Associate of Arts in Theatre and that is thanks to the CSI general scholarship and the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship.

Educational Bridge to Student Success

Jack D. Young Trust Endowment

Jack Young owned and operated the Young Ford Dealership in Burley, ID. Jack made deals on a handshake and people trusted him. He was a kind man, a respected businessman, a good husband to Ethel, and a great friend to all who knew him. Throughout his adult life, he often spoke of the need for young adults to have an education in order to make it in today’s world.

Thanks to Jack Young’s generosity, a total of $74,367 has been awarded to 58 scholarship recipients since August 2004.

Black & Gold Ball

The theme of the 20th Annual CSI Foundation Black and Gold Ball was “Collaborating for Tomorrow.”

At the April 8th event, community members came together to celebrate “collaboration” which, as Mike Traveller, past CSI Foundation President, wrote, is at the heart of everything the Foundation does to make educational dreams reality. Attendees enjoyed a fabulous dinner donated by Clear Springs Foods and Falls Brand/Independent Meat followed by a fun and lively auction. A big thank you goes to all the donors and sponsors who helped raise funds to support CSI students.
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Roxie L. and Lois Adele Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Thomton/Jenkins Scholarship Endowment
Times-News / Lee Enterprises Scholarship
TitleFact, Inc. Business Scholarship
Inez McDonald Tomlinson Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Mike and Jody Tremblay Agriculture Scholarship
Denise Turner Journalism Scholarship
Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital Health Sciences Scholarship
Ed and Kathryn Uhlig Memorial Agriculture Scholarship
Dr. George Warner Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Sister Audrey Welch Memorial Scholarship
David and Cheri Werbeck Scholarship
M.J. West Memorial Angel Scholarship
Rick and Sandy White Scholarship
Williams/Thompson Family Educational Scholarship
Wesley Williams Memorial Scholarship
William J. and Carletta J. Williams Scholarship Endowment in Memory of their Grandson, Derek Grant Dille’
Nicholas B. Wood Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship
Workforce Development Scholarship
Grant and Iva Wyatt Scholarship
Andy Yost Memorial Scholarship
Jack D. Young Administrative Trust Scholarship
Edward and Evelyn Yragui Restricted Scholarship
Zions Bank Scholarship
Total amount of scholarships and grants awarded in the past five years:

- 2013: $1,295,779
- 2014: $1,757,880
- 2015: $1,779,071
- 2016: $1,755,577
- 2017: $1,691,089

Asset management is an important function of the Foundation. It includes oversight of investments and a balancing of long-term strategies. Optimizing the annual disbursement of scholarship dollars while enhancing the value of core resources is critical.

Please contact the Foundation office to request a copy of the 2016-2017 audit.

CSI Fall 2016 Student Demographics

- Gender: 39% Male, 61% Female
- Student Division: 89% Academic, 11% Technical
- Dual Credit Students: 35%
- Age: 33% 17 and Younger, 44% 18-24, 22% 25-64, 1% 65 and Older
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