

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: DR. TODD SCHWARZ**

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Todd Schwarz was born and raised on a farm in southern Idaho and attended small, rural Valley High School where he graduated first in his class. After a brief (and unsuccessful) experience at a state university, he returned home and attended the College of Southern Idaho where he completed an Associate of Applied Science degree in Drafting Technology.

The CSI degree opened up doors of opportunity in the private sector and following several years of industry experience in construction and manufacturing, he returned to CSI in 1988 to teach that program from which he had graduated.

Once back at CSI, he continued his education, and began to advance through various promotions and leadership roles to Instructional Dean in 2007. During this period he completed baccalaureate and graduate degrees in education and leadership from the University of Idaho and Boise State University, earning a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Idaho in 2008.

In 2012 the State Board of Education appointed Dr. Schwarz as the State Administrator of the Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education (currently the Division of Career and Technical Education where he oversaw all technical secondary and postsecondary education in Idaho, including workforce training and Adult Basic Education.

Following the selection of Dr. Jeff Fox as CSI President, Todd was asked to return to CSI in January 2014 as the Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer. Since his return, he has continued to provide influence and leadership in southern Idaho and across the state, including the Idaho Workforce Development Council, Executive Committee of the Region IV Development Association Board, Twin Falls Chamber Board, and Idaho Technology Council Board of Trustees. In 2015 he was recognized for his work in economic development by being awarded the Institutional Leadership Award by the International Economic Development Council.

Todd continues to serve in his role at CSI with the current title of Provost. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his public middle school teacher wife Shaun, music, photography, woodworking, and exploring the great outdoors of Idaho.