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College of Western Idaho (CWI) Names Dr. Berton L. Glandon President

The Board of Trustees of Southwest Idaho's local community college approved Glandon's appointment this morning

Nampa, Idaho—The College of Western Idaho announced this morning that Dr. Berton L. Glandon will serve as the second president of CWI. Glandon's appointment was confirmed by the Board of Trustees at a meeting at the Hampton Inn in Nampa.

Glandon comes to CWI from Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colo., where he has served as president since 2002. His appointment to CWI marks a return to this area; Glandon was the president of Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., from 1993 to 2002.

"I'm pleased to welcome President Glandon back to the Treasure Valley to lead the College of Western Idaho," said Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, who championed the effort to establish a more affordable alternative to four-year colleges and universities in southwestern Idaho. "President Glandon has been helping to shape the lives of community college students throughout the West for more than 30 years. His tenure here will help CWI fulfill its mission of educating the workforce that will drive economic prosperity in this state and make a better future for all of us."

The new president was selected following a search facilitated by Cizek Associates Inc., a national, retained search firm, as well as a 15-member search committee representative of Idaho's diverse population.

The new president has more than 30 years of experience in higher education and has served as the president of two community colleges.

"This is a unique opportunity," said Guy Hurlbutt, chairperson of the CWI Board of Trustees. "Bert Glandon has a proven track record of building successful community colleges. We reviewed a number of impressive candidates, but Bert Glandon's experience and abilities stood out. We are extremely confident that Bert has the ability to continue to establish CWI as a state-of-the-art community college while keeping education affordable."

Glandon holds a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in communications from Western Washington University. He received his doctoral degree in educational administration from Brigham Young University.

"I'm honored to be selected as the new president of the College of Western Idaho," Glandon said. "Community colleges are an integral part of the higher education system, offering a broad range of people the opportunity to better themselves and contribute to their families, communities and state. There are unlimited possibilities for CWI and its students, and I look forward to helping CWI reach its utmost potential."

Glandon will begin his tenure on July 13 and Griffin will retire Aug. 31. For more information, visit cwidaho.cc.

Note to editors/news directors: For more information about Glandon, please see the attached bio or visit [cwidaho.cc](http://www.cwidaho.cc).

About the College of Western Idaho:

The College of Western Idaho is the gateway to a comprehensive range of education and training opportunities for the communities it serves across Southwestern Idaho. CWI is a community asset that enhances accessibility to higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition, enabling its students and the broader community to achieve more. The foundation for Southwestern Idaho's only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. CWI will begin enrolling students this October and will begin offering classes in January 2009. For more information, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3500.

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