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CWI names Colorado official as president

Chairman of Nampa community college board says educational leader comes with ‘rave reviews’

NAMPA — The College of Western Idaho announced Friday that Berton L. Glandon will take over as president of the community college next month. Glandon was selected from a pool of 77 applicants and comes to the Treasure Valley from Littleton Colo. where he has served as president of Arapahoe Community College since 2002. Prior to that he served as president of Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Glandon has more than 30 years of experience working in community colleges. Guy Hurlbutt, chairman



of the CWI Board of Trustees, said college leaders picked Glandon because his community college presidential experience made him stand out, along with

Newly selected College of Western Idaho President Berton Glandon speaks to members of the crowd after signing his contract Friday morning at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Nampa.

“rave reviews” from previous schools. “He’s a person who’s well-respected in a broad spectrum of the community,” Hurlbutt said.

Outgoing President Dennis Griffin said he is leaving the college in “capable hands.” Glandon will begin his service on July 13 and Griffin will retire Aug. 31 to allow for a handover period. “I’m eager to retire but I do leave with mixed feelings,” Griffin said.

Griffin came on as president of the newly created community college two years ago under the condition he would retire this summer and has worked hard with his team to build the new college. He will continue to live in Meridian after he retires and plans to stay involved with CWI.

“I certainly commit to helping you in any way possible in the future,” Griffin said to Glandon.

Glandon said he is excited to return to the Treasure Valley.

“My family is just thrilled for this opportunity,” he said. “This is coming home.”

The new president said this is a “phenomenal opportunity” to take everything he has learned in his career and combine it at the new college. He plans to stay at CWI until he retires.

Glandon has a bachelor’s degree in business and a master’s in communication from Western Washington University, as well as a doctorate in educational administration from Brigham Young University.