

CEI Giving 2021



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A WORD FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT



The College of Eastern Idaho continues its upward trajectory. I feel privileged that we are growing our student body and the College's recognition as a place of opportunity in this region. During the 2020-2021 academic year, CEI served over 18,600 credit and non-credit (workforce training) students, an increase of seven percent over the previous year.

The strategic direction taken by our academic programs bore wonderful fruit this year. For example, the CEI Department of Nursing received official accreditation that

is retroactive to 2019. Plus, the National Security Administration (NSA) validated the college's Information Assurance and Cybersecurity program by naming it a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense. Both of these milestones took incredible work, indicate we are headed in the right direction, and lend credit to the work our staff and faculty do every day.

As you consider a gift to our CEI Foundation, you will be supporting teaching and learning within this institution. Ways you can support the Foundation include: a one-time or reoccurring financial gift, establishing an ongoing endowment, donating appreciated assets such as stocks or property, an IRA minimum distribution, or the gift of your time by volunteering for any of the projects and fundraising activities that the Foundation hosts.

The result of your generosity will be that our students can take advantage of new and extended programming at CEI. Our faculty, staff, college trustees, advisory boards, committee members, event volunteers, and foundation board of directors will have more options available for students through your generous gifts. Because of all of you The College of Eastern Idaho is headed toward an even brighter future.

Thank you on behalf of our students whose lives are positively influenced by your generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Aman', followed by a horizontal line.

Dr. Rick Aman, President of **College of Eastern Idaho**

FOUNDATION ANNUAL AWARDS

Due to COVID-19, the Foundation had to cancel this year's Scholarship Celebration. At this event we traditionally announce the award the community partners, faculty and staff of the year awards. The CEI Foundation recognizes these individuals and organizations for their support. Congratulations to the 2021 annual award recipients!

BANK OF IDAHO

Corporate Partner of the Year

The CEI Foundation could not fulfill its mission without many partners. This year's corporate-partner-of-the-year award recipient, Bank of Idaho, is invested in the success of every corner of our community. In Bonneville County they support not just the CEI Foundation with the annual "Swing for the Green" golf tournament, but many other non-profit organizations.



CHC FOUNDATION

Contributor of the Year



Donors are the lifeblood of the CEI Foundation's work. They create a margin of excellence that is the difference between good and great. It is not hard to spot something positive that the CHC Foundation supported around our town—including scholarships at CEI. Please join us in celebrating the CHC Foundation, our contributor-of-the-year.

JACOB HAEBERLE

INTERIM DEAN OF GENERAL EDUCATION

Richard and Lila Jordan Faculty Member of the Year

Jacob is well-known for his influence at CEI not only with students, but staff and faculty too. Jacob can often be found assisting campus events, or promoting involvement with CEI activities, even outside his department. One of the nomination letters states "he was successful at developing his department into a cohesive community who support each other as colleagues." Jacob stated that what he loves most about CEI is the affordability and easy access for the students.



TIFFANY CLEVERLY

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID

Outstanding Staff Member of the Year

Tiffany Cleverly started working in the CEI Office of Financial Aid in 2014. Since becoming the department director in 2020, Tiffany was effective at implementing many improvements in her department to better serve the needs of students. Most recently, the CEI Foundation recognized Tiffany for her creative and successful implementation of CARES Act, RESSA, and Veterans Relief funding, among other things, at the college. Tiffany also played a major role in significantly dropping the student-loan default rate among former CEI students. One of her nomination letters spoke of how Tiffany is "unimpeachable in professionalism and conduct."

FUTURE TECH

A Gateway to Opportunity

When EITC officially transitioned to the College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) the State Board of Education turned over the ownership of the

existing 60 acres of campus property and the buildings of the local Board of Trustees. This was a tremendous gain for our entire eastern Idaho community.

While CEI's grounds are beautiful and the buildings well maintained, there is a missing piece in what the College can offer students. With jobs in our region demanding trained technicians and the interests of our students at heart, the College began to dream of a building on campus where state-of-the-art technical training could take place.

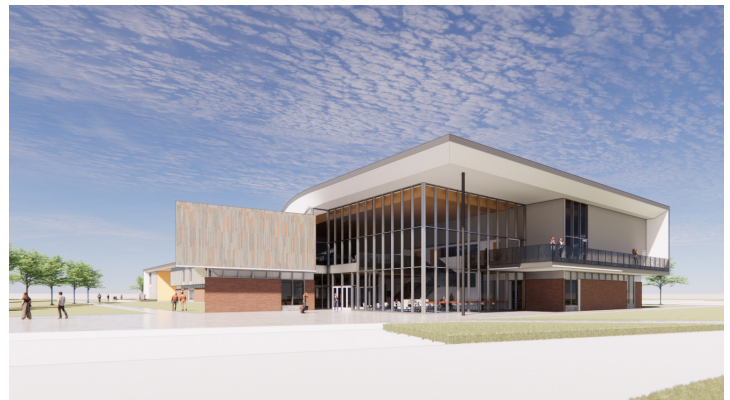
That dream led CEI to the idea of Future Tech, a new career technical education (CTE) building that is the first of its kind in our area. It is designed specifically for training a future workforce, beginning as early as high school. The building will be constructed just north of Building 5 on existing CEI property.

Programs housed in the Future Tech Building will graduate students with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and an industry certification. Since all technology experiences rapid change, Future Tech is designed to be flexible as industry and teaching methods evolve.



The new facility will also include employer-directed training through CEI's Workforce Training Department. In total, over 1,000 students can be trained and educated in this building annually, making a significant impact on employment opportunities and economic prospects for both individuals and the communities in Idaho.

In many cases, students who graduate and join regional



employers will earn starting salaries of \$27-30 per hour plus benefits – a great family wage living!

Architectural planning and design are well underway. About \$16 million has already been raised for Future Tech and \$25 million is needed to complete construction, which will begin in May or June 2022. The building will open for its first classes in Fall 2024.

This building will be an integral part of the eastern Idaho community. In a first for CEI, the Future Tech Building will include a 300-seat conference room and other spaces that can host larger public events. We hope everyone in our community will plan to participate in classes or attend an event at Future Tech!

For more information, or to donate, please contact Ann Marie Peters, Director of Strategic Partnerships, at annmarie.peters@cei.edu or Dave Facer, Executive Director, at dave.facer@cei.edu



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a student's life**

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A CEI FOUNDATION MESSAGE

Happy Holidays from the entire College of Eastern Idaho Foundation Board of Directors, and here's to a wonderful 2022. These last couple of years have certainly brought changes to all of our lives. As we dealt with the worldwide pandemic (so far) we saw a shift in the way families gather, companies do business, and governments operate.



Change is one of those things that is inevitable. That is certainly the case at the CEI Foundation. We wish to thank Bailey Winn for nine years of service as our scholarship coordinator. In September she moved to another role at the College in the Office of Student Affairs working on events. We are also grateful for the service of eight board members who will leave us at the end of this year. Some of them have served for more than 15 years. Their talents, institutional knowledge, and experience will be missed.

We are excited to welcome four new board members who joined us recently or will join us early next year. We look forward to getting acquainted and having them bring their talents and expertise to our board. I am excited to see the heights this board will reach!

We are grateful for the work of Dave Facer, our executive director, over the last 18 months. He came in the middle of the first COVID-19 outbreak and helped the Foundation pivot and find new ways to raise money for scholarships and operating costs.

I am happy to report that both the Bank of Idaho's Swing for the Green

Golf Tournament and the Great Race for Education happened this past summer. Both were a huge success for the Foundation and the people who participated.

Thank you to the eastern Idaho community for supporting these events.

There are great things on the horizon at the College of Eastern Idaho, too. Future Tech, a new building, is in the works. It will house energy, environment,

and technology-related programs. CEI's enrollment is increasing as people try to find better jobs for their families. A high school senior can now graduate from CEI with credits that will count toward a degree. That student can then move on to other state colleges like ISU or the U of I as a junior and have little to no debt.

That is the kind of change your donation to the College of Eastern Idaho Foundation can make. There are several ways that you can donate to the foundation. You can donate online at www.ceigiving.org/donate-today, drop off a donation in person, or mail a donation to the Foundation office. For other ways to donate please speak with Dave Facer or any of the members of the Foundation board. Please consider giving today so that we may be able to meet the College of Eastern Idaho's growing needs.

Change lives. Make an impact. Be the difference.

Thank you,
Perry Bugbee
Foundation Board Chair

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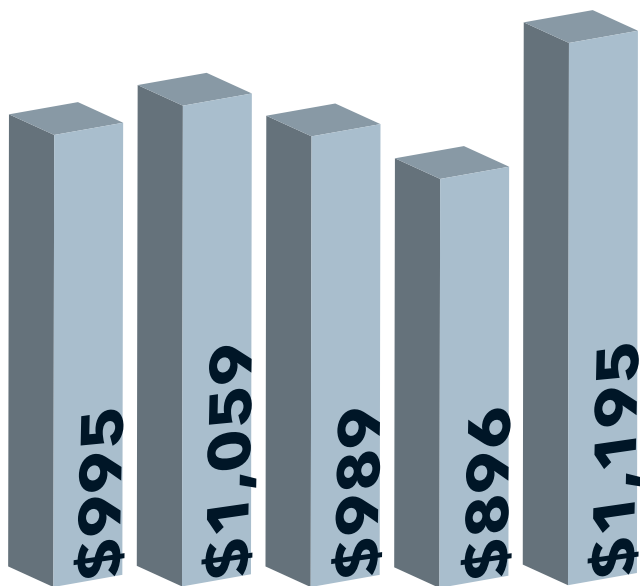
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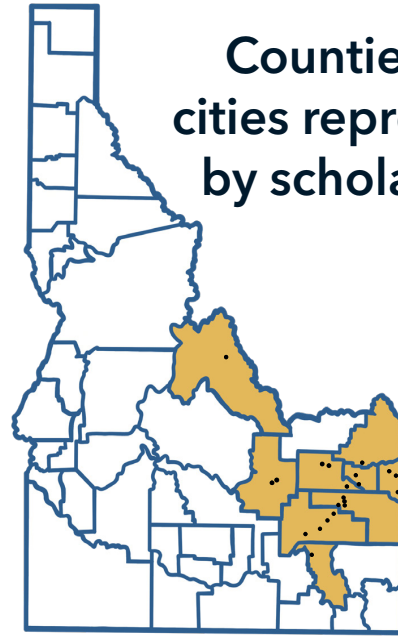
2021 - 2022

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Average amount
awarded in scholarships



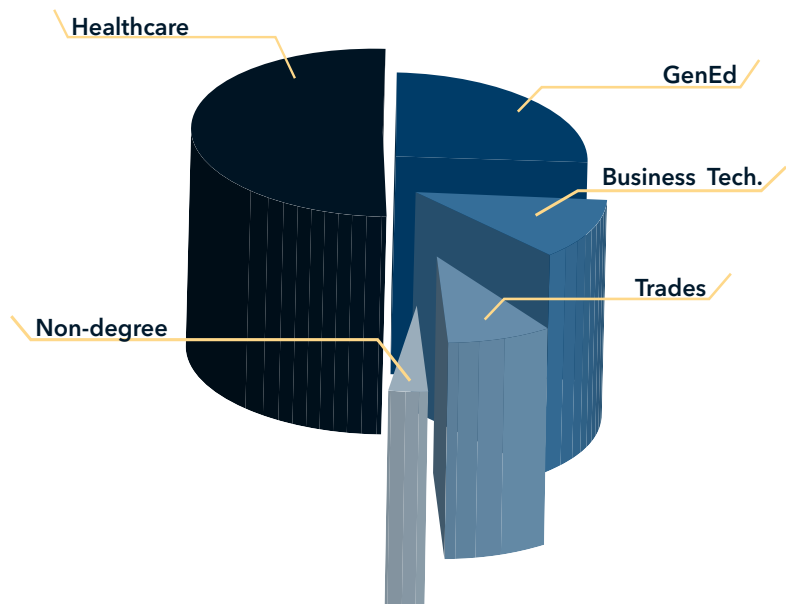
Counties and
cities represented
by scholarships



258 students who received
funds in 2020-2021

\$222,137
Amount Awarded in 2021

92%
OF SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICANTS AWARDED
IN 2021



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT

Many Idaho Falls community members will sit around a dinner table this holiday season, and give thanks for having enough to provide for their families. For those struggling to create these kinds of scenes, there are local nonprofit organizations that collaborate to help people in need. The College of Eastern Idaho Foundation often works with other nonprofits to serve CEI students while they pursue their education.

Growing up in Idaho Falls, Ria Milloway was homeschooled for most of her youth. She made several attempts at public schools, but chose homeschooling because it was a more positive environment for her. At 18 years old, Ria completed her GED and planned to work as a support aide for disabled people. But shortly after, Ria and her partner discovered she was pregnant. Due to Ria's pregnancy being difficult, she had to quit work and stay home on bedrest.

It was then that Ria found Shepard's Inn, a local nonprofit support center which assists young mothers with pregnancy and child care needs, and prepares them to be independent. Ria explains that the Shepard's Inn program contributed to her success by helping her obtain social security for her disabled partner, finding counseling services for the family, insurance coverage, rent assistance, and providing parenting skills classes she could complete to earn baby items such as diapers, clothes, a car seat, and more.

When Ria researched how to return to work, she decided the best way to support her new family was to go to college and earn a degree. Shepard's Inn linked Ria with Student Affairs at the College of Eastern Idaho to schedule a tour and explore campus programs. After the tour, and speaking with a female professional that worked in cybersecurity, Ria chose the Computer Networking Technologies and Information Assurance and Cybersecurity programs.

As a student, Ria is now engaged with several campus resources, such as the Center for New Directions (CND), where she learned of a scholarship opportunity for non-traditional students. Ria applied for the CEI Foundation scholarship and was awarded funds to help pay tuition.

Ria recommends that students become involved on campus in some way. For her, CND and Computer Club were essential.

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Ria served as the vice president of the Computer Club during her first year, and is an active club member while she finishes her last semester at CEI. She has a 4.0 GPA and has been able to test out of some courses.

The education Ria received at CEI is working for her, too. While completing her degree, Ria worked for Rymer Technologies which contracts as an IT department for different types of companies. Her role is as an IT infrastructure analyst, where she performs system administration, cyber security, networking, and customer support. Ria is grateful for her time in the program at CEI and is using the knowledge, skills, and tools she learned while attending the College. Plus, the company she works for expanded her skillset by training her in areas related to medical office systems and security.

Ria will graduate from CEI this fall with two Associate of Applied Science degrees and six industry certifications. She credits the support of her parents, partner Clair, Shepard's Inn, and CEI as part of her success. "I could not have done it without them," she expressed. Ria is focused on working full-time and enjoying her family, including Magnolia, her three-year-old daughter. Ria also has intentions of continuing her education in the future. "I may look into WG (Western Governors University) for my bachelor's, but if CEI could expand their program into a four-year degree, I would prefer to go there," she says with a smile.

FOUNDATION EVENTS REPORT

Making a return in 2021 were the CEI Foundation's three major events. While none of these happened in 2020, we found a way to hold them during their traditional months either in a spread-out format or completely online. Watch our web site ceigiving.org for the dates of these events in 2022 and how you can join the fun!

April - Scholarship Celebration

It's difficult to get a lot of people excited about meeting in big, indoor groups when a pandemic is raging, so we took this event online. Held live on April 15 with some pre-recorded segments, this regularly scheduled production celebrated donors and the students who benefit from their generosity. If you missed the show, it is still available on YouTube. Just type "CEI Foundation 2021 Scholarship Celebration" in the YouTube search bar and the link should pop up. The next Scholarship Celebration is scheduled for April 14, 2022.

June - Bank of Idaho "Swing for the Green"

This was the most spectacular "Swing" yet. Once again it was held at the Idaho Falls Country Club and presented by Bank of Idaho with the goal of being the best annual golf tournament in eastern Idaho. With a goal like that, it has to involve more than just a round of 18 holes. This year did not disappoint with two days of fun. Day 1 featured a private golf outing with retired PGA professional Lon Hinkle, a pre-dinner cocktail party, a gourmet meal on the country club's patio, and live music by Paul Cave and the Platinums. Day 2 included a pre-start breakfast, 18 holes of golf on the region's best course, and longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests with LPGA professionals. The event pushed the Swing for the Green Endowment at CEI to over \$100,000!



July - The Great Race for Education - Pandemic Survival Edition

The CEI Foundation's signature event came back with a vengeance. The "Pandemic Survival Edition" of The Great Race found itself at a new venue – on the big lawn beside The Waterfront pond at Snake River Landing. The location gave teams room to spread out. When all of the dust settled the event raised \$45,000.

Ball Ventures was the champion, Mountain View Hospital took second place, and Teton Auto Group was third. Each team will have scholarships awarded in their names during the 2022-2023 academic

year. Mark your calendar for July 15, 2022, and plan for the next edition of The Great Race for Education!

2022 CALENDAR OF CEI FOUNDATION EVENTS

(All events subject to change due to public health conditions)

- **February 11, 2022 - CEI Foundation Scholarship Deadline**

The deadline to submit a scholarship application to the Foundation for the 2022-2023 academic year is February 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The application is now open. For more information call **208-535-5407**, email scholarships@cei.org, or go to ceigiving.org.

- **April 14, 2022 - CEI Foundation Scholarship Celebration**

7:00 – 9:00 pm at The Waterfront at Snake River Landing. Invitation only because of limited seating. For more information, e-mail scholarships@cei.edu

- **May 2-5 - IDAHO GIVES**

A week-long statewide nonprofit giving campaign! Help us beat last year's total of \$2,140 to support the CEI Foundation. Search for CEI Foundation at www.idahogives.org #idahogives

- **June 23-24 - "Swing for the Green"**

This is the premier charity golf tournament in east Idaho. Organized by Bank of Idaho, and hosted at Idaho Falls Country Club, all proceeds benefit the scholarship endowment fund. For more information please e-mail scholarships@cei.edu



- **July 15, 2022 - The Next Annual Great Race for Education**

Go to ceigiving.org/cei-foundation-events/great-race/ to learn more, become a sponsor, or sign up your team for what we are sure will be the best of all The Great Race for Education editions yet!



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