

October 2019

### President's Message

Greetings CTEI Members.

This past week (October 3 & 4) CTEI Board members, including the Presidents and/or representatives from your associations, met with members of the Idaho Division of CTE staff at "Summit" to start planning REACH 2020. We gave the Division the feedback you gave us, letting them know which sessions and conference amenities you enjoyed and hoped to see replicated in 2020, and also letting them know about the sessions and amenities that could be improved.



A high priority for many associations: "more networking time with other CTE professionals and industry." Association Presidents and/or representatives met directly with Program Managers to plan specific session topics during REACH. One thing was very obvious - many associations want similar topics covered, so "common theme" sessions that cross program areas were requested.

CTEI will continue to work with Idaho CTE to plan for REACH 2020 throughout the coming year. You can still give feedback and input. Work through your association leadership and they will get that information to CTEI so we can represent your needs to the Division. I hope your school year is going well. Best wishes.

Harold

### Member Spotlight : Dan Garrity

I teach marketing and business at the College of Western Idaho, where I'm finishing up my first year. Though I'm new to CWI, I'm not new to Academia. I was the Director of Broadcast Studies at Gonzaga University from 2002-2017, then moved to Boise to be closer to our grandchildren.



I come from the television industry, where I worked for about 16 years as an anchor/reporter in markets large and small, from San Angelo, TX to Seattle, WA. I was also a newsroom manager in Spokane. I also served in the United States Air Force before getting into television. Of all the jobs I've had and loved teaching is the one closest to my heart. I feel honored to be in a position to help students identify their unique gifts, then guide them toward learning how they're going to change the world with them.

If there was one thing I could change about my current teaching environment, it would be to enhance our studio space. CWI has a lot of very talented students, and I'm looking forward to sharing their work in a professional, impactful way with people inside and outside of our campus community. It might surprise people to know that I love competing in triathlons (I hide my athleticism very, very, very well). One of the perks of living in Boise is the easy access to miles of beautiful trails by our river to run and ride on.

I can get by speaking Russian and Italian, but now I'd like to learn Spanish. One of goals is to be able to deliver all of my curriculum online. If I can add another, it would be to add a study abroad component to our offerings at CWI.

### Have You Logged Into the CTEI Website Lately?

We are in the process of updating content at [www.cteidaho.org](http://www.cteidaho.org) so there's LOTS of new information to explore. If you haven't logged in recently you'll want to do so TODAY! A few highlights...

- "Member's only" content and public content are separated. Log in to see additional information.
- Professional development opportunities are available to members.
- Each industry organization has a public screen so others can learn more about your organization, along with specific content available only to members.
- **Please check your profile and update information as needed so you are connected with others as needed. Upload a picture too so we can get to know you.**

**Don't remember your password? Click on "forgot password" and have it emailed to you.**

### Professional Development Opportunities

**Idaho Business Education Association** [IBEA Professional Development Conference](#), Sun Valley  
  
**SUN VALLEY IDAHO**  
**OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 2**  
Show Me! Let's Business & Marketing Education Matters! *October 31 - November 2, 2019*



Our first members-only webinar will be this coming November. We will be using Zoom as our interface. [Grant Writing for Classroom Project Funds Hosted by Susan Woodard](#)

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## Grant Opportunities

**Computers For Learning** – Computers For Learning gives classrooms computers and facilitates the transferring of computers from government agencies and the private sector to schools and educational nonprofits. In order to be eligible to receive computers, a school must be a k-12 public, private, homeschool, or parochial school. Deadline is rolling. Website: <http://computersforlearning.gov/>

**National Education Foundation** allows practicing public school teachers to apply for the funding of programs designed to improve the academic achievement of students. You must create a plan that fosters critical thinking and problem solving in students and aims to expand their comprehension of various subjects. The grant will fund your efforts for 12 months, and funding may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation and technology — any part of the proposed plan that has a direct impact on the students' learning. For specific application information, visit the [NEA Foundation's application instructions](#) page.

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## Question Corner - September Answers

**What are some inexpensive ways that I can reward my students?**

"I like to give free or late homework passes. It can really reduce student stress knowing they have one if needed." RR

"If I have a student that is doing really well in a topic area I like to give them a 'free quiz pass' or let them enjoy an activity of their choice while the rest of the class is completing a quiz." NB

"Moving class outside when the weather (and their behavior) allows is a great way reward everyone for a job well done." TM

"Calling a parent to brag about their high-schooler is wonderful. They sound surprised and relieved when they hear how well their student is doing." CC

"My go-to is a hand-written note. I stress the importance of writing and this lets students see me demonstrate the skill, as well as let's them know I appreciate their hard work." AB

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## Question Corner - October question

**What are some fun ways I can help my students learn vocabulary?**

PLEASE share YOUR answer ideas by sending them to Robin Bagent ([rbagent@csi.edu](mailto:rbagent@csi.edu)) so they can be published next month.

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*If you'd like to have something included in this monthly communication, please contact [Robin Bagent](#), Chair of the Public Relations Committee.*