



President's Message

Greetings CTEI Members:

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have a new Director of the Idaho Division of CTE – and he was your CTEI president only a few years ago: Clay Long. I am extremely pleased that Mr. Long has been selected for many reasons, but foremost among those reasons is the fact that he is one of us – a CTE teacher (who became a CTE administrator – but I hope you will join me in forgiving him for that...). I believe we can expect relations with the Division of CTE to be closer than ever with Mr. Long as Director.

With that bit of good news in mind I would like to ask all CTEI members to rededicate themselves to the work of planning REACH 2020. Your statewide program managers have a huge task in selecting speakers and trainers to make the annual REACH conference meaningful, and I know that they welcome input from CTEI associations.

You can help plan REACH and make it more relevant for you and your peers by working within your association. In addition, CTEI is planning to offer a “round table” training similar to that offered at last year’s REACH and we could use your ideas for training topics. If you have a particularly successful lesson or practice that you would like to share, please send the topic to Mindy Pals, CTEI past-president. We will consider all ideas as we plan for REACH 2020.

A sub-committee of your CTEI Board continues to help some associations who struggle with financial issues – such as not being able to access bank accounts. This work will continue until our associations are healthy in all areas. Remember – we (CTEI) are only as strong as our associations. It helps us all to help associations get their finances in order.

I hope the upcoming holidays are restful for you and that you return to work in January recharged and ready for another great semester of CTE. Thank you for all that you do for CTE students in Idaho.

Harold



A Message From Clay Long

Greetings CTEI!

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving vacation and enjoyed time with family and friends. I'm excited to write today as the incoming Administrator for Idaho CTE! Over the past 15-years, I have been able to experience CTE in a multitude of education-related roles and responsibilities. One of my proudest was serving as your President for Career & Technical Educators of Idaho and having the opportunity to represent each of you at the state and national levels. For the past six months, I have served as Chief of Staff to Nampa Mayor Debbie Kling where I was able to get yet another perspective of CTE. Seeing things through the lens of a local municipality and witnessing first hand the critical role CTE plays to the success of local economic development. While none of this was news to me, it reaffirmed to me the need for successful programs across the state of Idaho. On Monday, I will return to education and start my new position: continuing to champion CTE and work to ensure each of you has the tools and resources needed to provide high-quality programs and services to our youth and adults.

I thank you for your commitment to CTE and I look forward to working with you again! If there is anything I can do to help support you, your program, or your students, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Thanks again, Clay



Member Spotlight

Name: Robin Bagent, MBA, MDE

Where to you teach: I'm an associate professor at College of Southern Idaho where I serve as Program Manager for the Business Management and Entrepreneurship program.

How long have you been teaching: All together about 15 years. about 9 years at CSI.

Are you from industry: Yes. I ran an offset printing company, and did the company's graphic design work for about 12 years before entering academia. Before that I worked in Escrow.

What do you enjoy about your job: I love watching students grow in

confidence and creativity as they try new things. I also enjoy seeing students find their "niche" within the field of business.

My program can be completed in the classroom or fully online (Business Management and Entrepreneurship) and I enjoy the challenge of trying new ways to teach "hands-on" activities in each environment. My current projects include gamification and virtual reality. I appreciate that the college lets us "play".

Why would you encourage a new teacher to engage in their teaching association: A better question would be why "wouldn't" you want to be a part of such a great and supportive team? These are people who are in similar situations as you, and have LOTS of great ideas to offer.

If you could change one thing about your classroom environment, what would it be: Add more computer apps to play with.

What is something about you that would surprise people: I've been on the Oprah Winfrey show. It was a show on the topic of workplace errors. I had created a multi-page, multi-color 11"x17" brochure for American Auctioneering/State of Oregon and I forgot the L in "public" in the main header...sigh.

What is something you would like to learn: I want to get better at playing guitar, and I want to learn to play the ukulele. Now I just need to carve out time.

What is one of your goals: Teach on a cruise ship? (can't hurt to dream...grin)



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PB269ZC>

A great way to strengthen CTEIdaho is through committee participation. We know that there is strong support from membership for the various committees that make everything possible from the website and newsletter to professional development and the REACH summer conference. We want to update committee lists so we make sure to honor those currently participating, and add those interested in participating.

Please take a few moments of time to review information for each of the committees in CTEIdaho and let us know if you are currently a committee member (and want to stay on that committee) or if you are interested in joining a committee. You are welcome to select more than one committee.





Join us in January for our second professional development webinar via Zoom.

Creativity: Play Isn't Just For Kids!

hosted by Evin Fox

January 24, 4:00-4:50 pm (MT)

<https://csi.zoom.us/j/562142285>

According to a global study by Adobe, creativity is the number one soft skill employers now want. Join us in January for a lively discussion on how YOU can increase creativity in your classroom environment.

Evin has been married to her husband Jeff for 38 years. They have two boys: Tim (32) and Robby (30). They traveled before having kids, mortgages, cars, etc, and lived in Japan a couple of times. They then settled in Twin Falls, Idaho in 1987. Evin taught in public schools for 15 years, and now teaches at The College of Southern Idaho in the Education program. She loves golf, yoga, bike riding, and watching movies.

If this is your first time using Zoom, you'll want to sign in a few minutes early so your computer can download a small piece of needed software.



Did you miss November's Webinar?

Grant Writing to Increase Classroom Project Funds

hosted by Susan Woodard

Session Recording: <https://youtu.be/Vwl2k7KPAtU>

Susan developed and runs a makerspace at Pathways Middle School in Meridian. She has raised nearly \$40,000 in grant funds for classroom projects, and talked about the grant-writing processes she uses.



Have You Logged Into the CTEI Website Lately?

<https://cteido.org/admin/emails/log/details/?emailId=138022515&persistHeader=1>

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We are in the process of updating content at 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.



CTEIdaho is now on Facebook! Join us at www.facebook.com/CTEIdaho and connect with fellow CTE faculty and staff from across Idaho. Share your news and teaching best-practices.

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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. (Members are encouraged to submit content for the newsletter.)