2011 Year in Review

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Changing Lives...
One Student at a Time
Greetings from the NIC Foundation and Alumni Association

The growth in the number of students at North Idaho College continues to increase significantly year after year, up 45.8 percent since the fall of 2006. More students, combined with the weak economy, is driving the need for financial assistance to an all-time high. The ability of the NIC Foundation to provide scholarships and funding for technology and equipment is directly linked to your generosity. Your support during these tough economic times has been significant and is greatly appreciated.

Your continuing partnership with the foundation will allow us to reach out and help many students. Their success will in turn have a positive effect on our community and our economy. It is exciting to see the number of donors continuing to grow even in difficult times. Gifts to the North Idaho College Foundation truly do change lives, one student at a time.

This report summarizes your dollars at work and showcases the opportunities made possible through your generosity and support. Please be proud in knowing you make a difference in the lives of thousands of students as they build a brighter future. Thank you for your investment.

Tim Komberec,
NIC Foundation President

I’ve had the pleasure over the years to see North Idaho College truly change lives. It is an understatement to describe NIC merely as an asset to Coeur d’Alene students. Rather, it’s a major contributor to the economic vitality of the entire nation.

Record numbers of students are enrolling at North Idaho College, entering academic, professional-technical, and workforce programs to improve their own economic conditions as well as the economic development of the communities where our alumni work and live. And as the college’s enrollment grows, so does the association tasked with maintaining relationships with former students.

The NIC Alumni Association is committed to maintaining and expanding its efforts to connect with current and future alumni. This coming year, the association plans to continue its annual phone-a-thon to raise support for scholarships. Additionally, the Alumni Association will implement a volunteer-driven thank-a-thon to show our appreciation to supporters. Watch for more details on other events, too.

Thank you for your role in life-changing education and the betterment of our society as a whole—what a powerful process to be a part of.

Dennis Grant
NIC Alumni Association President

Changing Lives...one student at a time

North Idaho College proudly serves as the regional community college that provides quality educational and training choices. Your gift will provide the extra measure of support that ensures ALL students have access to an excellent education right here in our community. Did you know the average student pays the following per academic year:

- Tuition and fees ................................................................. $2,764
- Books and supplies ....................................................... $800-$1,000
- Professional-technical programs (books, tools, and supplies) ...... $500-$3,000

Your gift of any amount will provide opportunities for students to pursue education and training that will help them fulfill their lifelong dreams.

Please send your contribution today! Give online at www.nic.edu/foundation or send your gift in the enclosed envelope.
Hoop dreams—NIC alumnus makes dreams come true for student-athletes

To some, athletics is a fringe activity in the realm of higher education—an extracurricular activity available to students. But to Frank Darlington, athletics was the sole reason he chose to enroll in college.

Darlington attended North Idaho College from 1965 to 1966. His associate’s degree from NIC was a jumping point as he went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from the University of Idaho in 1970 and worked for Kaiser Aluminum for 20 years.

In the mid-1970s, Darlington was asked to join the NIC Booster Club, providing him with an opportunity to reconnect to the athletics program that gave him his educational and career start while also supporting the college’s student-athletes. His involvement with the NIC Booster Club also helped him connect with the NIC Alumni Association, of which he’s been a member since 1997, even serving as president for three years from 1999 to 2001.

Recently, Darlington was the beneficiary of a portion of Oscar “Pete” and Nadja Rhinehart’s estate. With those funds, Darlington decided to establish the Frank Darlington Scholarship in honor of Oscar “Pete” and Nadja Rhinehart through the NIC Foundation to support student-athletes in their quest for athletic and academic achievement, just as he did 45 years before.

“If it weren’t for athletics, I wouldn’t have attended NIC or gotten involved and had the love for the college that I have now,” Darlington said. “The most important mission of the college is to help people live their dreams and I’m happy to be a part of that.”

To establish a scholarship or find out more about how to make an estate gift, contact the North Idaho College Foundation at (208) 769-5978 or www.nic.edu/foundation.

Donations through the NIC Foundation support excellence

Since 1994, the North Idaho College Foundation has awarded 197 grants totaling $878,578 to faculty, staff, and student groups through the NIC Foundation Grant Program. Charitable dollars raised for the “greatest needs” each year provide the resources to fund this grant program, which strives to foster innovation and creativity to further enhance excellence at NIC.

In addition, the NIC Foundation distributed numerous awards to exceptional NIC staff and faculty at the annual employee awards ceremony last spring.

Employees participate in Excellence and Opportunity giving campaign

The employees of North Idaho College demonstrated their commitment to education through the 2011 Employee Giving Campaign. Employee participation reached a record 54 percent and more than $35,000 was raised. Every dollar raised directly supports needs ranging from scholarships for deserving students to purchases of ever-changing technology and equipment.

“Through the foundation grant program, we were able to purchase a Vortex paint system that was designed to speed up the dry time between refinishing coats of our environmentally friendly, waterborne basecoat. We’ve been able to cut the dry time in half, giving us better use of our instructional hours and student productivity.”

Calvin DeHaas, ‘82
Collision Repair Instructor and Foundation Grant Recipient

Loralee Haarr of the English and Modern Languages Division participates in the NIC Foundation Employee Giving Campaign.
Giving back: Saussers create an estate plan to continue their legacy

Don and Sue Sausser really became invested in the mission of a community college when their sons enrolled at North Idaho College in the 1980s. While Don had attended a two-year college in California in 1952, the community college hallmarks of quality academic programs coupled with workforce and career training came together for the Saussers through the experiences of their sons.

Don’s love of athletics led him to join the NIC Booster Club in 1975, serving as president for one term and being named Booster Club Member of the Year in 2004-2005. In turn, his connection to the college as a whole prompted his candidacy and election to the NIC Board of Trustees in the 1980s.

The Saussers have remained active volunteers at NIC and Don was even elected Honorary Alumnus of the Year in 2009 by the NIC Alumni Association for his many years of service.

“Don and Sue’s volunteerism at NIC has spanned decades and continues today,” said NIC Foundation Executive Director Rayelle Anderson. “Don has served on various committees and commissions. The Saussers host athletes in their home each year and they’ve even transported vans of athletes, band members, and cheerleaders to away games. Don regularly takes pictures and records and produces video of fine arts and athletics events to share with college officials and students. Their contributions are endless—their dedication, tireless.”

The Saussers recently took steps to ensure that their commitment to supporting students and athletes at NIC would live on forever. As part of their estate plan, Don and Sue designated the NIC Foundation as the recipient of a percentage of their estate. They specifically made plans to support greatest needs, allowing the NIC Foundation the flexibility to direct dollars to the critical needs of the college. In addition, they established two scholarship funds to benefit student-athletes and those studying music, another love of the Saussers.

“We feel fortunate to be able to give back to the community that has contributed so much to the wellbeing of our family,” Don said. “Very few small cities could exceed the amenities of Coeur d’Alene anchored by the great institution, North Idaho College.”

To learn more about establishing a named fund or including NIC in your estate plan, visit www.nic.edu/foundation or call the NIC Foundation at (208) 769-5978.
NIC Alumni Association announces the 2011 outstanding alumni award recipients

NIC alumna Ivanka Suveg was selected by the NIC Alumni Association as the 2011 Alumni of the Year for her commitment to both the college and the community. Suveg attended NIC in the 1990s and was inducted into the NIC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, in 1993. While she no longer attends full time, she continues to take classes periodically and remains committed to the college through her volunteerism at the NIC Children’s Center. A former kindergarten teacher, Suveg has a love and passion for children and has volunteered countless hours interviewing children completing preschool at the center and creating a personalized keepsake book for each child since 2006.

“Ivanka patiently sits with each child and interviews them about their favorite food, toys, and their life in general,” said Lynn Hill in her nomination. “She also has each child do a drawing along with their interpretation. The collection of interviews, drawings, and class photos are compiled into a memorable keepsake for each child and presented at the Children’s Center spring commencement. I nominate Ivanka Suveg for her love of children, art, and her zest for life, not to mention her love of education and continuous dedication to the college’s youngest students—the preschoolers at the NIC Children’s Center.”

In honor of her service to NIC, Fran Bahr was recognized as the NIC Alumni Association’s 2011 Honorary Alumna of the Year. While she never attended NIC, her years of dedication to the institution as both an instructor and artist are immeasurable. A former English instructor for 29 years, Bahr is a recipient of the highest award presented annually to instructors, the Faculty Achievement Award. Her love for education and enthusiasm for reading and English has fostered the same passion in her students, many of whom have gone on to become educators themselves. Bahr is also an artist and author of a history book about NIC titled “The Gathering Place: A History of North Idaho College.” Additionally, she has served as the chair of both the College Senate and Faculty Assembly and has served students in the NIC Writing Center while teaching full time. She has also served on the Idaho Humanities Council Board of Directors.

These award recipients will be honored at the NIC Foundation’s Scholarship Celebration on Nov. 15 in the NIC Edminster Student Union Building Ts’elusm Dining Room.

Phone-a-thon Update

The North Idaho College Alumni Association spring phone-a-thon was another great success. NIC students phoned alumni association members to update contact information, connect them to the college, and help raise funds for scholarships. The spring event followed a graduation theme, asking members to donate in the amount of the year of their graduation, meaning a member who graduated in 1997 was asked to donate $19.97.

Thank you to all who participated and supported NIC students.

Stay Connected Join Today!

Alumni of North Idaho College represent the past, present, and future. Staying connected with NIC is a great way to be engaged, stay informed, and serve as an ambassador of the college.

Make that connection by joining the NIC Alumni Association! Membership is free and requires completion of only 12 NIC academic credits and/or completion of the first semester of a certificate course or apprenticeship program. You do not have to be a graduate to become a member.

Membership benefits include:

• Subscription to the Alumni Connection newsletter
• 10 percent discount on logo item merchandise at the Mica Peak Exchange Bookstore
• Special invitations to all NIC Alumni Association events
• 50 percent off admission to all home athletic events
• NIC Molstead Library borrowing privileges

To join, visit www.nic.edu/alumni or call (208) 769-7806.
The North Idaho College Foundation and Alumni Association serve the college in different ways but have two major roles in common: They both provide a service to our students and they are a critical communication link to the communities we serve.

The NIC Foundation and Alumni Association, taken together, serve the total student life cycle. The foundation, through its scholarships, helps to both attract and retain students. Because of the generosity of NIC supporters, the financial burden of education is lessened and more students are achieving their educational goals. As our students complete their studies, the alumni association is there to keep them part of the NIC family and well informed about their college.

The second role is being the bridge between NIC and the communities we serve. Whether it is an NIC Foundation Board member, a generous donor, or a former student, all connect NIC to the communities where they live and work. They share the NIC story with their friends and relatives in a way that is impossible to do through any media. It is their personal touch that makes them great ambassadors for the college.

Please enjoy the information in this report and you will see why I’m very proud of this special partnership.

Priscilla Bell, Ph.D.
NIC President

AIEF provides grant for American Indian scholarship

A matching gift challenge was extended to the North Idaho College Foundation by the American Indian Education Foundation (AIEF) to raise a minimum of $10,000 by Jan. 31, 2011 for American Indian student scholarships. The AIEF offered to match all donations dollar for dollar.

Members of the NIC American Indian Student Alliance Club rose to the challenge, hosting a variety of events to raise money for scholarships, including an American Indian Heritage Week, silent auction, fry bread sales, and a golf tournament hosted by the Coeur d’Alene Casino Circling Raven Golf Club. The NIC Foundation helped raise the rest of the funds to meet the challenge and scholarships were available to assist American Indian students in the fall of 2011.

Additionally, the AIEF plans to continue the matching gift program for two more years. Help the NIC Foundation take advantage of future matching gift opportunities. All gifts received between Feb. 1, 2011 and Jan. 31, 2013 will qualify for the match.

The need for scholarships among American Indian students is substantial. Of the 139 American Indian students enrolled at NIC in the spring of 2010, only 14 percent received tribal funding and 42 percent needed to take out loans in order to stay in school.

To contribute, contact the NIC Foundation at (208) 769-5978 or visit www.nic.edu/foundation.

NIC Foundation and Alumni Year in Review

NIC mourns the loss of college friends

In March 2010, longtime Coeur d’Alene resident Eileen Seymour passed away at the age of 92. She worked for 17 years in the NIC Registrar’s Office, helping many students until her retirement in 1978.

“Eileen was a great friend,” said NIC Dean of General Studies Bob Murray. “My wife Nancey and I built a house when we moved to Coeur d’Alene in 1971. Since there were no nurseries in town, we were buying plants at garage sales. When Eileen learned of this, she invited us over to get some primroses. Those yellow primroses are now 40 years old in our yard, and they still bloom every spring! We always think of Eileen when we see the first yellow peeking through the snow.”

Joe Jonas, a retired NIC art instructor and artist, passed away on Dec. 7 at the age of 74. Jonas left his footprint on NIC, formed by the 18 years he changed students’ lives as an art instructor from 1980 to 1998 and through the work he created for NIC’s campus. His work can be seen on the face of Christianson Gym, the bronze panels in the foyer of Molstead Library, and in various locations in Boswell Hall. Jonas also created the original artwork for the official college seal that’s used by the NIC trustees and president.

Message from the President

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Priscilla Bell, Ph.D.
NIC President

Pictured are Dave LaSarte-Meeks (former CEO of the Coeur d’Alene Casino); NIC students Tim Clark and Ryan Carden; NIC American Indian Advisor Evanlene Melting Tallow; student Mildred Douglas, and Circling Raven Golf Committee Director Tom Davidson.
THANK YOU for your investment through the North Idaho College Foundation, which helps NIC students in their pursuit of a quality education and brighter future.

Recognition in Gift Societies reflects total cash and in-kind gifts received between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. If your name was omitted, misspelled, or listed incorrectly, please contact the NIC Foundation at (208) 769-5978.

**Gift Society Perks (invitations to):**
- College by the Lake ($250–$499)
- Fort Grounds ($500–$999)
- President’s ($1,000–$4,999)
- Lunch with the President
- Lee Hall ($5,000–$9,999)
- VIP Reception
- Cornerstone ($10,000+)
- Legacy (NIC named in estate plan)
- Exclusive Privileges
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After a lifetime of service to the Coeur d’Alene community, Ace Walden passed away in the fall of 2010 at the age of 103. Ace Walden lived in Coeur d’Alene for nearly 100 years. He met his future wife Ellen in elementary school and they attended Coeur d’Alene High School together. The two were energetic supporters of various community organizations. Ellen was a founding member of the 3Cs, a local organization founded to help cancer patients access treatment. The couple also led the fundraising efforts for the Walden House, which is a house for Kootenai Health patients and family members to stay during their medical treatment.

In addition to their longstanding support for healthcare, the Waldens also had a passion for education. Ace was a longtime member of the North Idaho College Booster Club and NIC Foundation Board of Directors.

In the spring of 2011, the NIC Booster Club and the NIC Foundation were two of six charities that were named as beneficiaries from the estate of the Waldens.

“Ace and Ellen were kind, generous people,” said NIC Foundation Executive Director Rayelle Anderson. “Their wishes were clearly outlined in their estate plan, which provides support for their loved ones as well as their beloved charities. The Waldens’ gift to benefit North Idaho College’s Molstead Library will provide an ongoing source of support in an area that is critical to student success. They have left a legacy that will benefit NIC students forever and we are extremely grateful for their foresight and investment.”

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Representatives of various community organizations gathered at the Walden House to receive donations from the estate of Ace and Ellen Walden. Pictured (from right) are Cynthia Marlette, First Presbyterian Church; Dorothy Dalgren, Museum of North Idaho; Doug Eastwood, Coeur d’Alene Parks Department; Jon Parson, NIC Booster Club; Steven Roberge, Coeur d’Alene Rotary; Warren Olson, Coeur d’Alene High School; Rayelle Anderson, NIC Foundation; Hazel Bauman, Coeur d’Alene School District; Teri Farr, Kootenai Health Foundation; and Jennifer Schmidt, US Bank.

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Jennifer Erickson was heading to Canada for a family vacation in early July when she decided to buy a last-minute anniversary gift for her husband Todd. The gift, a North Idaho College Foundation Really BIG Raffle ticket, ended up being selected as the $10,000 prize winner at the drawing just a week later. Jennifer, an artist, and Todd, a pharmacist, are both NIC alums that enjoy the recreational opportunities the North Idaho region has to offer. They quickly decided that their family would use the winnings to fulfill a dream to own a boat.

2012 Really BIG Raffle home

This ranch-style home in Greenstone’s Coeur d’Alene Place neighborhood will be the main prize in next year’s annual Really BIG Raffle fundraiser. Main level living is enhanced in this plan that offers numerous upgrades including a gas fireplace, built-in shelving, solid surface countertops, stainless steel appliances, a large covered patio, and an energy efficient heat pump. This ENERGY STAR®-built home will be constructed with a full unfinished basement for future expansion. Tickets to win this home, car, boat, and more prizes are on sale now. For more information visit [www.nic.edu/rbr](http://www.nic.edu/rbr).