Message from the College President

Life has been a whirlwind of activity since moving back to the Northwest. The warmth and generosity of the community has been overwhelming. It’s been an immense pleasure getting to know so many new people and I look forward to the opportunity to meet even more! Please feel free to reach out and say hello if I haven’t had a chance to greet you yet.

One thing that became very obvious from my first impressions is that North Idaho College has a lot of positive momentum right now. The excellent work of my predecessor, Joe Dunlap, and the team at NIC is physically evident in the Career and Technical Education Facility on the Rathdrum Prairie as well as the Student Wellness and Recreation Center currently being constructed in the middle of the main Coeur d’Alene campus.

It’s also clear that employees recognize the challenges we’re facing and are ready to tackle obstacles with tactical solutions. There’s an energy here, and it is fueling everything we do. We need to stoke that fire and keep the momentum going. The only way to do that is with dedicated people and original ideas.

Every student, every faculty member, every staff member, every alumnus, every supporter of the college, plays a crucial role at North Idaho College. Our mandate is to give our students the tools they need to succeed, give our businesses a workforce that can get the job done, and give the region engaged and educated citizens who will contribute to our community. We can’t accomplish this without the talents of our team and close collaboration with our community partners.

While our Career and Technical Education Facility is nearing completion, there is still much work to be done. The Building the Future Campaign has been a huge success, but there are needs left to address. We’ve met the goal to complete the facility, but are pushing toward the $5 million goal which will also provide a technology replacement fund for the facility and scholarships to help our students fulfill their dreams.

Every dollar truly does count. I’m inviting everyone to join in this effort and be a part of the momentum... become part of the story. Thank you for investing in NIC and investing in the future of this great community of which I am so proud to be a part.

Rick MacLennan, Ed.D.
North Idaho College President

“It’s great to know that I can do something totally different from what I’ve done before. It’s exciting.”

Krystyna Zak
2016 graduate of NIC’s Collision Repair Technology program and recipient of a national Women’s Industry Network scholarship. Zak attended NIC with financial assistance from the NIC Foundation.
Career and Technical Education Facility opens on the Rathdrum Prairie Fall 2016

North Idaho College is committed to training highly skilled employees to meet regional workforce demands of current and emerging industries. The new North Idaho College Career and Technical Education (CTE) Facility will ensure that NIC is able to deliver the advanced technical and skills training needed by students and regional employers.

Located on the Rathdrum Prairie next to the Kootenai Technical Education Campus, the CTE Facility houses several NIC career and technical programs including Advanced Manufacturing/Mechatronics, Automotive Technology, Collision Repair Technology, Computer-Aided Design Technology (architectural and mechanical), Diesel Technology, Industrial Mechanic/Millwright, Machining and CNC Technology, and Welding Technology.

The overall cost of the project is $20 million. The NIC Board of Trustees allocated $15 million in college capital funds to construct the facility. The NIC Foundation was asked to raise $5 million to equip the facility and provide sustainability for equipment replacement and student scholarships. To date $4.3 million of the $5 million goal has been secured thanks to investments made by many generous donors who see the long-term value in creating greater opportunities for NIC students.

Your help is needed to meet the fundraising goal of $5 million! Contributions will be used to provide scholarships for students enrolled in Career and Technical Education programs and to create an equipment replacement fund for the CTE programs.

Commemorative gift opportunities are available. You can name a classroom, office, lab, or other space in the new facility. This is a great opportunity to promote your business or honor a loved one.

To support the Building the Future Campaign, visit www.nic.edu/buildingthefuture, or contact the NIC Foundation Office at (208) 769-5978 or foundation@nic.edu.
Greetings from the NIC Foundation and Alumni Association

What a year it’s been! North Idaho College, with the help of the NIC Foundation, continues to meet the needs of our students who come from all walks of life to improve their standard of living through education. NIC strives to meet the needs of our community by bolstering the local economy and fostering a sustainable workforce.

This year in particular marks the expansion of our Career and Technical Education programming and NIC’s beautiful new facility on the Rathdrum Prairie. The NIC Foundation thanks the many people – our donors, trustees, faculty, administration, retirees, alumni, and countless volunteers – that make our college truly “The Gem of North Idaho.” Thank you!

Mark Fisher
NIC Foundation President

I’ve been involved with NIC for more than 37 years, from attending as a student to retiring as a longtime employee. When I was asked to volunteer with the NIC Alumni Association, it was natural to say, “Yes!” The NIC Alumni Association provides former students and retirees a chance to stay involved with the NIC family.

When you look back and remember the experiences and connections you had while attending North Idaho College, the NIC Alumni Association can provide an opportunity for you to remain active with the college. I invite everyone to join in and remain a part of your college. By visiting www.nic.edu/alumni.

Dean Bennett
NIC Alumni Association President

Manuel and Gladys Schneidmiller Memorial Scholarship

The Schneidmiller family first came to the Post Falls area in 1949. “Mannie” grew up in St. John, Washington and Gladys was from Valier, Montana. They were from farm families and both worked hard and long creating a substantial farming and business operation on the Rathdrum Prairie.

They understood the importance of a good education. They both earned degrees from Washington State University and were Cougars to the core. Each was an active community leader and involved in numerous boards and organizations. They understood the importance of participation and to them good citizenship was not a choice but a responsibility.

Their son Gary established a scholarship in their memory to help deserving North Idaho College students improve their access to new and productive educational opportunities.

“I chose to attend North Idaho College because the campus is beautiful, it’s inexpensive, and there are lots of fun activities for students. The best attribute of NIC, though, is definitely the teachers. Receiving this scholarship helps me achieve my goals. It is very encouraging to know that someone I have never met is willing to invest in my education.”

Emily Nightingale
Environmental Science
NIC Foundation Scholarship Recipient

“North Idaho has been very good to the Schneidmiller family,” said Gary. “The opportunity to help others improve themselves and their families is a perfect acknowledgement for the wonderful success my parents enjoyed in their business careers as well as the community endeavors that were so important to them.”

To learn more about establishing an endowment, contact the NIC Foundation Office at (208) 769-5978 or email foundation@nic.edu.
NIC Alumni Association announces the 2016 Outstanding Alumni Award recipients

Kylee Solberg (far right) was honored with the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, which is the most prestigious recognition presented to North Idaho College alumni. Individuals receiving this award have developed a regionally, nationally, or internationally recognized reputation and serve as a role model for the NIC community. Solberg graduated from Coeur d’Alene High School before pursuing an associates’ degree from North Idaho College. She graduated from NIC in 2015 and is now pursuing a Communications degree at Boise State University. She was first runner up in the 2015 Miss Idaho Pageant and was crowned Miss National Sweetheart 2015. She earned the title of Miss Idaho in June and will represent the state at the Miss America pageant. She said she hopes to use the platform to bring awareness to online bullying through her program “Our Words Have Power.” Solberg is a first-generation college student.

Josh Misner was recognized with the 2016 Alumni of the Year Award. Misner graduated from North Idaho College in 2005 before going on to earn a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree, and a doctoral degree, all from Gonzaga University. He began his career as an instructor at NIC in 2008 and was featured as the keynote speaker at the North Idaho College commencement ceremony in 2012. Misner has authored two books and writes about mindful parenthood in an effort to help other fathers connect on a more meaningful level with their children. He is an award-winning communication and leadership professional and mindfulness researcher and his columns have been published in the Huffington Post and Washington Post.

Joe Dunlap (pictured with wife Yvette) was recognized with the 2016 Honorary Alumnus of the Year Award. Dunlap retired as NIC president at the end of June 2016, after serving at the helm of NIC for four years. Dunlap was instrumental in leading major college initiatives, such as the establishment of 17 new technical education programs and the construction of three major building projects: the Career and Technical Education Facility, the Student Wellness and Recreation Center, and a collaborative facility to be used by NIC and other area colleges. Dunlap’s leadership was admired by the faculty, staff, students, and alumni at NIC as well as community members and college supporters during his time as a Cardinal.

Stay Connected
Join the NIC Alumni Association today!

Membership is free and requires completion of at least 12 NIC academic credits and/or completion of the first semester of a certificate course or apprenticeship program. You do not need to be a graduate to become a member.

Membership benefits include:
• Subscription to the Alumni Connection eNewsletter
• 10-percent discount on logo merchandise at Mica Peak Exchange bookstore
• Special invitations to all NIC Alumni Association events
• 50 percent off admission to all home athletics events
• NIC Molstead Library borrowing privileges

To join, visit www.nic.edu/alumni or call (208) 769-7806.

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Enroll now for Spring Semester
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Your dollars at work

Donations through the NIC Foundation Scholarship Program help provide access to education for hundreds of students who might not otherwise be able to pursue education and training.

During the 2015-2016 academic year, 871 students received scholarship support, which equates to approximately 10 percent of students enrolled in credit, dual credit, and non-credit programs. Funding for scholarships continues to be a high priority. With your gift, more students could successfully pursue their educational goals.

**DIRECT IMPACT OF SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FOR NIC STUDENTS**

90% more need your help

- Students receiving NIC Foundation Scholarships
- Students who need your help

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

As a friend of North Idaho College, you play a pivotal role in the future of the college and the strength of our students throughout the region. Your support is vital to the overall success of NIC and the students.

North Idaho College Foundation is very grateful for the support you provide through our annual Excellence and Opportunity Campaign. This year we have set a goal to make an even greater impact on the number of students we can assist. Our 2017 goal is 1,000 supporters!

Gifts of any size are sincerely appreciated and could make the difference for students as we are collectively One Thousand Strong.

Please partner with the NIC Foundation as we strive to support students and excellence in education in the following crucial areas:

- Scholarships to help students achieve their education goals with limited debt; all students are eligible to apply for scholarships.
- NIC Foundation Grant Program, which provides funding for innovation and excellence in education. (See Page 10.)

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

**Join the One Thousand Strong today!**

Send your gift in the enclosed envelope or give online at www.nic.edu/give

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Donations to the NIC Foundation may be eligible for a 50% state tax credit. If you itemize your taxes, your gift may be eligible for both a federal and state tax deduction plus the Idaho State tax credit.
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.

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Garry and Julie Stark
Tony Stewart
Lynn and Suzanne Tarbox
Ted Tedmon
Kenneth Thompson
Chris and Britt Towery
Laura Utthun
Allie and Peter Vogt
Levi and Jolene Wenglovsky
Dennis and Jacqueline Wheeler
Joachim and Sandra Wirth
Capt. Doug and Sheila Wood
Bernice Wright

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**In Memory of**

Teri Babich
Ben Brekke
Ed Bush
Bill Eisenwinter
Zella Fye
Priscilla J. Galek
Brian Genter
Dr. Harry Holmberg
Bob Hough
Merlin Jantz
Glenda E. Peterman Johnson
George Kildow
Ginni Lenz
Angela Maiani
David J. Maiani
Eileen Matthews
Otto J. Meyer
Mark W. Middleton
Sergeant Greg Moore
Robert Murray
Itsuko and Shimeo Nishio
J.W. Park
George and Loretta Reeve
Christopher Reynolds
Nena V. and Edmond R. Robinson
Ben Rolphe
Madelyn Sapp
Brenda Seacor
Mary Lou Shepherd
Barr Simon
Richard C. Smart, D.D.S.
Hugh O. Smith
Marlene Stein
Myrna Tarnasky
Logan C. Taylor
Dorothy and Charles Tinsley
Mary Tomlin
Christopher “Boomer” Wilson
Janet K. Wollan

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**In Honor of**

Donald and Nancy Burk
Joe Dunlap
Joseph Milkovich
Rolly Williams
Bernice Wright
Mary Jean Young
The following scholarships and funds have been established to benefit deserving students and specific areas of need. The criteria of each fund varies.

### Scholarship Endowments

- Betty Ableman Memorial
- John and Joanna Adams
- Wally and Pamela Adams
- Adams – Whitley
- Advanced Benefits
- Rayelle and Michael Anderson
- Associated Students of North Idaho College (ASNIC)
- Hennie and Rose Bell Memorial
- J. Douglas and Jan Bell Memorial
- Priscilla Bell
- Ben Franklin Young Entrepreneurs
- Donna Bennett Memorial
- Beta Sigma Phi
- Edward and Mary Bobby Memorial
- Emmett and Anah Ivieh Memorial
- Earline Joyce Chilcott Boswell Memorial
- Joan Brogan Memorial
- R. Romer and Kathleen Brown
- Carla M. Buck and Jens Hansen Memorial
- Michael and Deborah Burke Scholarship
- Walter J. Burns Memorial
- Callahan Zeiler Foundation, Inc.
- George and Dorothy Carlson Memorial
- Elma Cerny Memorial
- Mary Christie Memorial
- Tim and Kathleen Christie
- Kenneth G. Clark Memorial
- Jesse and June Clay Memorial
- Coeur d’Alene Garden Club
- Coeur d’Alene Mines
- Coeur d’Alene Symphony Orchestra
- Dick and Janette Compton
- Celia Cook Memorial
- Thomas and Alice Cromwell Memorial
- Lester and Judith Nations Crow Memorial
- Crown Pacific
- Todd Crum Memorial
- Harold and Katherine Damiano
- Frank Darlington
- John Dunlop Memorial
- Loretta Dunnigan Memorial
- Robert A. Ebert, DDS Memorial
- Anna R. Edminster Memorial
- Bill Eisenwinter Memorial
- Tom and Alma Emerson Memorial
- Don and Joyce Ferrell
- Thelma Finney Memorial
- Bonnie and Lee Fossom
- Lynn and Ellen Fredrickson Memorial
- Cleve and Addie Gaine Memorial
- Scott Hague Memorial
- Jack J. Hamilton Memorial
- John and Sadie Harrison Memorial
- Wes and Meg Hatch Memorial
- Health and Sciences
- Merle and Gladys Henkel/Cherie Cook Memorial
- Hennon, Gschwend and Jones Memorial
- Jacque Herum Memorial
- Ford S. Hoback Memorial
- Jack Holm Memorial
- Kathryn Hoon Memorial
- Charles K. Howard Memorial
- Richard W. Howell Memorial
- Tom Huson Memorial
- CR and Pl Imus Vocational Skills
- INC/Morris Family
- Owen F. and Gladys Richardson Jacklin Jerde Family
- George Frederick Jewett Foundation Nursing
- Stephen and Janice Johnson

### Annual Scholarships

**AGC Collision Repair**

**J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation**

**Go On**

**Allied Vending, Inc.**

American Association of University Women

**Avista Scholars Program**

**Babich—Covey Family**

**Jim Barnett Memorial**

**James Barton Memorial**

**Bayview, Athol, Belmont Women’s Club**

**BDK/AKV**

**Robert and Mildred Berquist**

**Beyers-Newby Veterans**

**Blood Center Foundation of the Inland Northwest**

**Donald and Nancy Bank**

**Centennial Distributing**

**Che’nishh**

**Nell Louise Cingerman**

**Coeur d’Alene Art Association**

**Coeur d’Alene Garden Club NIC Dual Credit**

**Coeur d’Alene Kwanwos Club**

**Coeur d’Alene Press**

**Coeur d’Alene Rotary Club**

**Besse Coleman/Tuskegee Airmen**

**Cromwell Physical Science**

**Timothy and Eileen Crowder**

**Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation**

**Robert S. Darham Memorial**

**DAV 9 Fort Sherman**

**Wade Egolf Memorial**

**Travis Share Farley Memorial**

**Zella Fye Memorial**

**Gear Up**

**Haft Family**

**Hastings – Adult Basic Education/GED**

**Hayden Lake Country Club**

**Helbling-Burkhart Consulting**

**Human Rights Education Institute for Minority Students**

**Richard L. Hymanen Memorial**

**Joe Jonas Memorial**

**Warren “Spart” Keating Memorial**

**Kootenai Charities, Inc.**

**Wayne Meyer NIC Dual Credit**

**Sergeant Greg Moore Memorial**

**Raymond Vaudreuil Sr. Memorial**

**Kootenai Code Enforcers**

**North Idaho College Library Endowment**

**Edith Polston Memorial**

**Dick and Wendy Sams Memorial**

**A.K. and Ellen Walden Memorial**

**Camille Waite Memorial**

**Tom and Irene Wilson Memorial**

**A. K. and Ellen Walden Memorial**

**Mary Jean Young**

### Greatest Needs Funds

- Rayelle and Michael Anderson
- Kaye and Dexter Barchart Memorial
- Priscilla Bell
- Coleman Family
- Jean Gardner Memorial
- John and Sadie Harrison – Nursing
- Jacquot Family
- Stephen and Janice Johnson
- Karl Younger
- Meyer Equipment and Technology
- North Idaho College Library Endowment
- Edith Polston Memorial
- Dick and Wendy Sams Memorial
- A.K. and Ellen Walden Memorial
- Camille Waite Memorial
- Tom and Irene Wilson Memorial

**Scholarship recipient Kathleen Price visits with scholarship donor Babette Hess at the 2015 Scholarship Celebration. Join us on Nov. 15 for the 2016 Scholarship Celebration. To establish a named scholarship or fund for your social organization, business, or family, or in honor or in memory of a loved one, contact the NIC Foundation Office at (208) 769-5978 or email foundation@nic.edu.**
Educational Excellence

The NIC Foundation Grant Program was established 22 years ago to foster innovation and creativity to further enhance excellence at NIC. Awards are made annually to faculty, staff, and student groups through a competitive application process.

**United Way supports scholarships**

United Way of North Idaho generously awarded the NIC Foundation a grant in support of the NIC Professional Workforce Scholarship, which supports NIC students enrolled in career and technical education and workforce training courses. With the opening of the new Career and Technical Education Facility, the number of students eligible for professional workforce scholarships is expected to increase significantly.

The NIC student population is a reflection of our community as a whole and our area’s economic environment. United Way has identified that approximately 22 percent of Idahoans are ALICE, an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. Combined with the 11 percent of Idahoans living in poverty, a third of our state is struggling to make ends meet. While education is known to be a stepping stone out of economic hardship and a path towards financial stability, it is not always an option for individuals struggling to afford daily necessities.

With a focus on education, income and health, United Way is addressing the root causes of the issues facing our community. They work with community partners, such as the NIC Foundation, to establish prevention strategies resulting in lasting change. United Way’s contribution to the NIC Professional Workforce Scholarship is an investment in the future of our students, our local workforce, and our community.

If you would like to contribute to the NIC Professional Workforce Scholarship, contact the NIC Foundation Office at (208) 769-5978 or give online at www.nic.edu/give.

**Encouraging outstanding instruction**

“The grant we received from the NIC Foundation was used to purchase touchscreen technology for students who have limited ability to manually access computers,” said Tim Gerlitz, Disability Support Services director. “This assistive technology provides improved accessibility for students, like Brenden, and provides them with a better user experience. We are extremely grateful for the NIC Foundation’s support.”

**Strengthening support services**

“The grant we received was used to build a space for students to learn and practice bicycle mechanic and maintenance skills,” said Jacob Rothrock, Outdoor Pursuits coordinator. “The Bike Lab is a success! During the first week of operation alone, we saw over 50 hours of student use, and our first bicycle mechanic class was filled to capacity. We are very appreciative of this grant funding.”

Brenden Nichols demonstrates assistive technology.
Support what you love…

Today and Tomorrow

North Idaho College Foundation Board member Sue Thilo and her husband, Tom, are passionate about education. They agree with Horace Mann who suggested, “Education is the great equalizer.” The Thilos further believe that community colleges play a significant role in the country’s education. To that end, they invest in educational excellence and support the Thilo Health and Sciences Scholarship endowment to assist students enrolled in health professions.

“North Idaho College is a true asset to the students and citizens of Kootenai County and beyond. Our annual contribution helps meet the needs of today’s students,” said Thilo. “Additionally, we believe so strongly in the work of the college that we designated the NIC Foundation as a beneficiary of our estate plan to extend our support after our lifetime.”

The Thilos are longtime residents of Kootenai County. Tom retired from a rewarding 25-year career in general surgery and enjoys bicycling, hunting, fishing, and woodworking. Sue was the founding director of Kootenai Health’s Festival of Trees and served for several years on the Idaho State Board of Education. She remains active with the Idaho Community Foundation and is a member of the Coeur d’Alene Salvation Army Kroc Center Advisory Board. Sue and Tom have three adult children and two grandchildren.

Like the Thilos, your support of North Idaho College doesn’t have to come all at once. There are many ways to combine your generosity to foster educational excellence today and provide support that will continue in the future to make a lasting impact.

To learn more about estate planning or to receive free estate planning resources, contact the NIC Foundation Office at (208) 769-5978 or visit www.nic.edu/foundation/planmylegacy.

WILL PLANNING WORKSHOP

9 – 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016
North Idaho College Campus

Expert presenters will share the importance of having a Will, Trust, and Power of Attorney, and present on other important topics.

Seating is limited – RSVP by Oct. 19
(208) 769-5978 or foundation@nic.edu
www.nic.edu/foundation

Doug Parker and Dorothy Linville enjoy a private showing of the 23rd Really BIG Raffle grand prize house, joining other college and NIC Foundation supporters at the North Idaho College Foundation VIP Reception.
23rd time’s a charm

Betty Atkins of Hauser, Idaho was the Really BIG Raffle grand prize winner of a park-front home in Post Falls this year with lucky ticket #5109. Betty has been purchasing tickets since the raffle began 23 years ago and it finally paid off BIG for her. When she mailed in her ticket order she had a feeling this was supposed to be her year and even referenced on the check, “My House.” Congratulations, Betty!

2017 raffle home to be secondary waterfront

The North Idaho College Foundation is excited to announce that the 2017 Really BIG Raffle home will be in the Mill River neighborhood in Coeur d’Alene once again. This secondary waterfront location includes membership to a private waterfront park!

Visit www.nic.edu/rbr or call (208) 769-3271 for more information on the 24th annual Really BIG Raffle.