



MEDIA ADVISORY – February 13, 2017 Contacts: Jake Garcin (208) 562-3106 jakegarcin@cwidaho.cc

CWI Signs Transfer Agreement with Southern New Hampshire University

NAMPA — College of Western Idaho (CWI) and Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) have announced an agreement that provides direct transfer opportunities between the two institutions. Through the partnership, CWI graduates can fully transition their associate degree into an online bachelor's degree program at SNHU with the confidence that their CWI coursework will transfer. In addition, CWI employees and their immediate family members are offered a 10 percent tuition reduction at SNHU.

"Community college graduates often look for opportunities to continue their education by transferring credits to a bachelor's degree program," explains William Hartglass, Vice President of Undergraduate Marketing at SNHU's College of Online and Continuing Education. "Partnerships, like this one with the College of Western Idaho, alleviate that concern by creating a direct pathway from an associate degree to a bachelor's degree. We are always eager to work with community colleges that are looking to help students find ways to continue their education and achieve their personal and professional goals. This gives us the opportunity to share our resources and further our commitment to students."

SNHU is a private, nonprofit institution accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, as well as several other accrediting bodies. With more than 200 certificate, undergraduate, and graduate programs offered, SNHU has one of the lowest tuition rates in the nation that has remained the same over the past four years.

"We are pleased to finalize this articulation agreement with Southern New Hampshire University, which provides tremendous value for our students and employees," said David Shellberg, CWI's Executive Vice President of Instruction and Student Services. "We couldn't be happier to provide transfer opportunities to SNHU and the high quality online bachelor's degree programs they offer."

CWI currently offers six associate degrees fully online, along with hundreds of courses available online. The College is seeking to further expand transfer opportunities to online bachelor's degree programs at four-year institutions.

About the College of Western Idaho

College of Western Idaho is a public, open-access, and comprehensive community college committed to providing affordable access to quality teaching and learning opportunities to the residents of its service area in western Idaho. CWI has seven campus locations throughout Southwest Idaho providing higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition. The college is dedicated to improving the community's economic well-being by responding with highly-educated and productive graduates. The foundation for the area's only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information about the college, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3000.

About Southern New Hampshire University

SNHU is a nonprofit, regionally accredited, private university with an 80-year history of educating successful professionals. SNHU has a total enrollment of over 55,000 students in more than 200 undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs, available online, at their main campus in Manchester, NH, and at five regional centers in New Hampshire and Maine. The university is regularly recognized with "Best of Business" Awards for best online degree programs, and as a top military-friendly school. For more information, go to www.snhu.edu.

-###-