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Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society to Induct New Chapter at CWI

31 students will be honored as charter members for the College of Western Idaho

A national representative from Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will visit the College of Western Idaho on Friday, March 19, to induct 31 CWI students and present the charter to the school's president. The event will take place at 3 p.m. in Room 102E of the Nampa Campus.

To receive an invitation to membership in Phi Theta Kappa students must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework that may be applied to an associate degree, have a grade point average of 3.5 and must adhere to the standards of the Society. The 31 CWI students inducted will be charter members, and English faculty member Matthew Haynes will serve as the advisor for the new Beta Sigma Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Members of Phi Theta Kappa may apply for some \$37 million in transfer scholarships, provided exclusively to Society members by approximately 700 senior institutions. In addition, Phi Theta Kappa offers members numerous opportunities for participation in honors programs, leadership training, and service to their communities.

CWI students to be inducted include:

Marie Briggs, Nampa; Steffanee Caiola, Caldwell; Maegan Carter, Boise; Michael Chesanek, Nampa; Jayme Danner, Nampa; Michael Duff, Meridian; Danielle Dunstan, Kuna; Peter Floren, Boise; Teresa Fridrich, Nampa; Gabriel Garcia, Nampa; Tara Garcia, Nampa; Adam Gentle, Nampa; Arline Harris, Boise; Jacob Heughins, Caldwell; Jennifer Hoyt, Boise; Michael Jack, Caldwell; Jennifer Jenson, Boise; Kelly Jones, Boise; Danae Leiser, Boise; Clarissa Marshall, Caldwell; Brittany Meucci, Star; Josh Morrison, Meridian; Kenneth Pickrel, Meridian; Alexandria Salinas, Caldwell; Marshall See, Kuna; Maria Silva, Eagle; Lisa Switzer, Meridian; Elizabeth Teie, Nampa; Jennifer Vaughn, Caldwell; Jillian Wilson, Caldwell and Shale Witt, Boise.

For more information on the Beta Sigma Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, including information on how to get involved, contact Matthew Haynes matthewhaynes@cwidaho.cc.

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About the College of Western Idaho:

The 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 is a community asset that enhances accessibility to higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition, enabling its students and the broader community to achieve more. The foundation for Southwestern Idaho's only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3500.

About Phi Theta Kappa:

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, is the largest honor society in higher education with 1,250 chapters on college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than two million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 100,000 students inducted annually.

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