Every professional and classified employee, both full- and part-time, is automatically a member of PACE.

PACE provides a wonderful opportunity for our classified and professional employees to get together, network and stay “in the know” about things going on at this wonderful campus of ours. If you want to become more involved, contact your building representative. Find out who your Rep is here: [http://pace.csi.edu/representatives.asp](http://pace.csi.edu/representatives.asp)

**Spotlight**

**MIKE MASON,**
**VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND PACE ADVISOR**

**By Mike Mason**

I appreciate the opportunity President Fox has provided me in being appointed the administration’s representative to PACE. Since I work with more professional and classified staff than any other vice president, it makes sense that I would be directly involved with PACE.

Through the efforts of many PACE members, PACE has not only provided training and special events for all college employees but served as a vehicle for input to the administration on many issues. PACE has a history of past successes that we can build upon but, like many areas of the college, we are looking to take things to the next level.

My role is advisory and supportive but some areas I would like to see discussed are as follows:

1. **The development of training programs rather than training events.** This may involve a series of trainings that lead to an outcome. Some common training may take place and some may be department specific.
2. **Assistance in the development of the customer service initiative.**
3. **Input concerning the design of our health insurance plan.** This involves both immediate and long range planning.
4. **The continuation of work on an advancement system for professional and classified employees.**

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New Building on the Block: ATIC

Tours of the new ATIC building are available on October 20th at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Don’t miss the chance to learn more about the newest building at CSI.

At approximately 41,000 square feet, the APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION CENTER or ATIC is the newest building on the College of Southern Idaho Campus. In late July, CSI was granted occupancy of the LEED Certified Building that allowed furniture and equipment to begin moving in.

Manufacturing Technology, HVAC Technology, Environmental and Wind Technology, Food Processing Technology and Drafting are programs that will occupy five classrooms and three large lab areas including a climb training tower space. Faculty and staff will be housed in 8 offices adjacent to their respective labs. The CSI Workforce Training Director and various industry training opportunities will also be housed in the ATIC.

The ATIC Building is the largest EDA grant-funded project west of the Mississippi. In addition to being a LEED Certified Building, the facility showcases an interactive learning system for energy consumption and management.

Unique energy saving and efficient lighting fixtures are incorporate into the clean, industrial space.

Small scale wind turbines and solar panels are used by students for education and training. The hallways separating the lab areas from the classrooms are student friendly study areas including chairs, tables and lockers for student to secure their personal items. Large viewing windows are incorporated into the labs to allow students and visitors to observe the teaching and training taking place in the various labs.

The new ATIC Building is the latest example in CSI’s continued dedication to education and technical training excellence.

– Terry Patterson, Instructional Dean

News from:
Head Start/Early Head Start

Serving children and their families to become life-long learners

♦ The College of Southern Idaho Head Start/Early Head Start program provides comprehensive services to support the mental, social, and emotional development of eligible children from birth to age 5.
♦ In addition to education services, the program provides children and their families with health, nutrition, social, and other services. Head Start/Early Head is committed to providing quality, comprehensive early childhood services in order to ensure school readiness and healthy development while strengthening families to become life-long learners as stated in the program’s mission statement.

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If you walk into the CSI Library on a Tuesday night, you’ll very likely first meet David Horalek, who’s been working for the Library as a Technician for almost two years.

“Most of what I do is top-secret behind-the-scenes ninja type stuff in the back offices of the library, but on Tuesday nights I can be found at the front desk helping our patrons with their questions,” David said.

His “behind-the-scenes” duties include handling all of the serials, table of content and article requests, as well as managing the Library’s social media, and collaborations on the Library’s newsletter. “Sometimes I paint stuff too.”

David enjoys being involved with higher education and learning. “Working at the library is great for staying up to date with what’s going on in the world and sharing ideas. I love books, movies, music, and board games – all of which we have at the Library!” he explained.

Personally, “I just want to be a great dad and husband – and help other people when I can.”

David loves being part of the Library family and enjoys helping CSI’s students further their education. He is also involved with PACE, including being part of the Training Committee. “Being part of both has been a lot of fun. It’s a pleasure to work with such caring people and to be a part of the wider campus community,” David said.

David is married to Jessica and they have two children, Oliver (3) and Thomas (2). “Oliver plans on being Bob the Builder someday, and Thomas is currently exploring the possibility of being a lizard,” said the proud dad.

The family moved to Twin Falls after visiting his parents, who had retired here. “After visiting them, Jessica said, ‘When are we moving?’ So in 2012 we made a leap of faith and moved up here,” David explained.

After moving here, David, who graduated from the University of Oregon with a MA in Art History in 2008, started working for a temp agency, and one of the first places he worked was in the CSI Bookstore. While he was working there, Barnes and Noble hired him, and a few months later a friend told him the CSI Library had an opening. “It seems as if I was meant to be around books!” he said.
The first day of fall was officially September 23. With the season of fall come shorter days and cooler nights. It also brings activities and events from the CSI Employee Wellbeing program.

These are some of the fall semester events we have planned for you:

- September began with an activity challenge to promote physical activity and good nutrition. It is patterned after the national “President’s Active Lifestyle Challenge.” We also had biometric screenings for employees and interested spouses and a Color Run on the 27th that benefited the trail system in the Magic Valley.

- In October we will end our 6-week activity challenge with the Great Pumpkin Walk/Run on Oct. 25. CSI employees and families that participate get reduced costs on t-shirts, timing chips and an awesome chili lunch prepared and served by Culinary Arts. St Luke’s will hold their annual Community Health Fair on our campus at the HSHS Building on that same day from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. It’s a great event where you can get your blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol tested for a fraction of the price you would pay at a lab. Skin cancer screenings and many other services are FREE.

Please watch the eNotes for reminders and details about all wellbeing events at the college. Feel free to make suggestions and direct your questions to anyone on the Wellbeing Advisory Team.

Check Out These Links...

PACE members have several resources online for finding more upcoming events and things to do.
- Wellbeing: wellness.csi.edu
- CSI Events Calendar: www.csi.edu/calendar/
- E-Notes: www.hr.csi.edu/enotes/

Did we miss your event or link? Send us a message and we’ll include it in our next issue: SParsons@csi.edu

Head Start/Early Head Start

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- CSI Head Start/Early Head Start is a community of children, families, staff and volunteers working together to enhance early learning and growth. The program’s staff encourages the role of parents as their child’s first and most important teachers.
- CSI Head Start/Early Head Start serves 669 children and families at eleven different centers throughout the South Central Idaho region: Twin Falls, Jerome, Buhl, Wendell, Hagerman, Shoshone, Hailey, Burley, Rupert and American Falls.

Their influence is vast and vital to this area as they continue to be the catalyst for children’s early success in school and in life.

- CSI Head Start/Early Head Start is proud to be a part of the CSI family. As a community program, they are delighted to be one of the umbrella agencies that CSI supports and encourages. As an early childhood education program, it is advantageous to have this wealth of knowledge and early childhood academic and professional development opportunities at CSI.
As many of you know, CSI is reworking our whole approach in student recruiting, orientation, advising, enrolling and completion. While providing access to education remains important, student completion is the key indicator of success. The basic theme is early touch and intensive advising. Studies have shown that a student who makes a connection on campus is more likely to complete. That connection can be with any campus employee and not just a teacher. PACE will be an integral part of this process.

The PACE General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th with breakfast beginning at 8:15 a.m. Adhering to the provisions set in place by the PACE bylaws, two items will be put to a vote. Decisions will be made by a simple majority of the members present at this General Meeting.

The items to be voted on concern permanent part-time employees being eligible for the Employee of the Year award and the term of office for Executive Committee Members who have a change in status during their term. The Employee of the Year Committee will discuss the new nomination guidelines that are being instituted this fall. President Fox and the new PACE advisor, Mike Mason, will follow.

The event will conclude with Dianne Jolovich presenting on “change” and a raffle drawing.

Hope to see you there!

CSI Turning 50 in 2015

If you’re reading this newsletter from your desk at CSI, turn the clock back 50 years. Poof! You’re sitting in a farm field located decidedly north of Twin Falls. (And your computer just disappeared in that time jump!)

Nevertheless, by this time in 1964, there was a lot of excitement in southern Idaho over the election on November 3 that would give Twin Falls County voters a chance to say yes or no to the creation of a new Junior College district. Supporters couldn’t wait to have their own vocational and higher education opportunities right here at home.

CSI received a resounding two-thirds majority approval from Twin Falls County that year. The following year, a whopping 89-percent of Jerome County voters said yes, too. Heady times indeed for this fledgling school.

In 1965, vocational classes started on Kimberly Road. Evening academic classes were held at the Twin Falls High School. Work began in 1967 on the Fine Arts building followed by the Shields and Maintenance buildings. And the rest, they say, is history. For all of that comprehensive, colorful CSI history, be sure to buy a copy of Dr. Jim Gentry’s history book that will be released later this year or early next. I promise, you’ll recognize many names in his interesting account of our college.

The CSI 50th Anniversary Committee – Jim Gentry, Jeff Fox, Deb Wilson, Kim Lapray, Kathy Deahl, and I – are working out celebration plans for 2015. Media accounts, reflections from retirees, city proclamation, public art, commemorative coins, parties for thousands, and more. We’ll be in touch with you, our students, patrons, and many supporters and friends to join us as we celebrate turning 50 in 2015!

- Doug Maughan, Public Relations Director

Mike Mason: PACE Advisor

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Kerry Koontz
Replacing Susan McFarland—Instructor, Social Work—Hepworth

Hi, I am so excited to be joining the CSI family as the Social Work Instructor. Before coming to CSI, I worked for St. Luke’s Magic Valley for 24 years, with the last 19 years as the Program Coordinator for Children At Risk Evaluation Services (CARES). I can’t wait to bring the skills and experience I’ve gained in the medical, forensic and counseling fields to the academic setting, and hope to inspire future social workers to take up the charge.

I love summers in Idaho! I enjoy long walks on country roads, riding and showing reined cow horses with my husband, and tending my small, but abundant garden.

Tara Nunnelley
Former Student Service Specialist.
Replacing Karen Griffith as Financial Aid Advisor

Kimberly LaPray
Former Office Specialist for Physical Education. Kimberly has taken a new position as Public Information Specialist

Travis Bunker
New Position—Instructor, Physical Education, Gym 226, Ext. 6478

Travis is very excited for this opportunity to teach here at CSI. He completed his bachelor’s degree in 2009 from Montana State University Billings and his master’s degree in 2011 from A. T. Still University. Travis worked at RACE Rx, a youth performance enhancement company, for 2 years as the director of research and head trainer along with overseeing basketball development. He is also an instructor at A.T. Still University, after being a teaching assistant for 1 year. Travis played basketball and received his associates degree in 2006 from CSI. Last year he came back to Twin Falls as an assistant coach for the men's basketball team at CSI and loves being involved in many sports. Travis is engaged and will be getting married on September 13th here in Twin Falls. In his spare time he enjoys playing golf.
Jeffrey Cooper
Replacing Ross Spackman—Instructor, Soil, Environmental Technology and Water Resource—Evergreen 36, Ext. 6405

Hi Everybody! I am pleased to be joining your team as the new Soils, Environmental Tech, and Water Resource instructor. I completed a Bachelor’s degree in Geology (Hydrogeology & Geological Engineering) from Utah State University and Master’s degree in Geology (Remote Sensing & Soils) from the University of Wyoming.

I began my professional career as a research scientist for an applied energy research institute (Western Research Institute) in Laramie, Wyoming and worked primarily with the agricultural community in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming and Montana. After several years of Wyoming weather, I was relieved to be offered a position with the Idaho Department of Water Resources in Twin Falls, where I’ve been for the past seven years. With the Department, I helped manage all aspects of water in the Magic Valley. In the evenings, for the last two spring semesters, I was also fortunate enough to be able to teach in a part-time capacity with the Physical Science Department.

When I’m not working, I enjoy exploring the South Hills with my wife and two daughters. I consider myself a man of varied interests and also enjoy such activities as bagpiping, fly fishing, gardening, and traditional woodworking. I look forward to getting to know all of you being part of the CSI family!
Zeze Rwasama

Replacing Ron Black when he retires in December—Refugee Center Director

Zeze’s childhood dream of becoming an engineer in electronics was halted and shifted to helping the less advantaged refugees some years ago. His interest and involvement in helping the refugee started when he became a refugee in 1995.

Zeze has over 14 years of professional experience of working with refugees before and after arriving in the United States. He gained the experience while working for organizations serving refugees and low-income populations such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Asian Association of Utah, the State of Utah, Kivus Community, Ungana Foundation, United Kids Center as well as collaborating with all nine national resettlement agencies that serve refugees resettled in the U.S. through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP).

Before and after receiving his associate of science degree in Computer Science, bachelor of science degree in Social Work, and master degree in Public Administration, Zeze has played multiple key roles in refugee integration and self-sufficiency and some of his roles include executive director, program manager, leader, trainer, administrator, case manager, grant writer, fundraising officer, job developer, job coach, employment counselor, etc.

He is very happy to join the College of Southern Idaho and looking forward to working with all of you.
Mike Lapray
Replacing David Wyett—Instructor, HVAC, ATIC 110, Ext. 6393

I have over 18 years of mechanical experience in the HVAC/R field and I’ve worked with boilers and air conditioning/refrigeration equipment. My experience began in the U.S. Navy as a Boiler Technician. I have installed, started up and maintained this equipment as a service technician. I’m licensed as an HVAC/R Journeyman and the Specialty Electrician through the State of Idaho Division of Building Safety.

I began the process to journeyman through this program several years ago at CSI with Dave Wyett. Since then I have worked with Trane, Carrier, American Standard, York, Rheem, Honeywell, Johnson Control, and Hussmann equipment to name a few. Most of my experiences have been servicing commercial systems in grocery stores, large building air conditioning, and industrial food processing refrigeration and boiler operations. I am still pursuing other certifications with HVAC Excellence to further the program offered at CSI.

I enjoy camping, fishing, and archery with my family. My children and I are avid archery enthusiasts although they have exceeded my level of expertise. I love to take the long drives through Idaho with my wife and navigate the back country that is so wonderful here in our area.

I teach because I love to help people. I teach in this trade because I love the industry and the technicians that are working in the field. I enjoy helping the future of the industry and the technicians that will be servicing it.

Sara Danielson
Replacing Josh Sakelaris—Student Financial Aid Advisor, Taylor/Matrix, Ext. 6226

I am very pleased to be joining CSI. My family recently relocated to Twin Falls from Raleigh, North Carolina where I worked for Duke University as the Assistant Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at the Sanford School of Public Policy. I am looking forward to putting my nine years of student services experience there, to good use here, at CSI.

I attended College of the Sequoias, in Visalia, California, where I earned my AA in Liberal Studies and California State University, Fresno where I earned my BA in History.

My husband and I have two year-old twin boys whom we enjoy spending all of our off hours with. We all enjoy traveling around the world, gardening, kayaking and reading. We are looking forward to exploring the area and spending more time with our family who live in the area.

Kyle Packard
Replacing Nina Hollifield—Instructor, Registered Nursing—HSHS 125, Ext. 6745

Hello CSI! I am very excited to be working with you all. I recently moved to Twin Falls from Idaho Falls where I was working as an RN at the local hospital. I am married and have 2 children, Evee and Jude.

I graduated from Brigham Young University with my Bachelors in Nursing. I have worked as a nurse in the Adult ICU, Pediatric ICU, and Neonatal ICU. In my free time I enjoy duck hunting and fishing with my two dogs, Winston and Alfred.

I have come to CSI because of the great environment and there is no better job than teaching. I look forward to meeting and learning from all of you.
Rita Ruhter
Replacing RoseAnna Holiday—Instructor, Allied Health, HSHS, Ext. 6726
Hello! I’ve been teaching part-time at CSI for 6 years and am thrilled to move into a full-time position as the Allied Health Instructor. I studied Health Sciences at San Diego State University and completed my Masters of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I have enjoyed working and teaching in the health care field for many years. I was fortunate to work for San Diego State University and California State University San Marcos before moving to Idaho. I am passionate about my community and serving people from all walks of life. I served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala and am currently a Board Member for the Valley House Homeless Shelter. I also assist with the CSI Community Service Council.
I am happily married and have two children, Jake (10) loves school, reading, and sports. Kali (7) loves school, music, and soccer. We all enjoy traveling, water sports, jeeping, snowmobiling, and snow skiing.

Chrystal Hohn
New Position—Adult Protection Technician, Office on Aging, 736-2122
Hello Everybody!
I started my college career as a welder in 2009, which is when my work-study began for Adult Protection. I kept with it for three and a half years as I moved out of Welding and into a Liberal Arts degree to complete my pre-requisites for a Bachelor’s of Social Work, from Boise State. I then started working here in AP, through a temporary agency for five months, and then part-time for the last 14 months. So here I am, five years later, accepting full-time employment as an Adult Protection Technician!
I am still in school working on my Bachelor degree along with being a full-time single mom. I have two fourteen year old young ladies at home who get my attention when I am not at work, at school or doing service work in the community. My family at the Office on Aging has stood by me through many trials and tribulations in my life. They have always encouraged me; helping to build my confidence from the ground up. CSI, the Office on Aging, and fellow students have been a huge support in my life. I am honored to be a part of this family in any and all capacities.

Kindy Combe
Replacing Amanda Murphy—Events & Academic Coordinator, Herrett Center, Ext. 6657
Hi- my name is Kindy Combe and I am the new Events & Academic Coordinator for the Herrett Center for the Arts & Science. I have been working at the Herrett Center part-time for the last eight years, so I am very excited to finally join the full-time staff! I was born and raised here in Twin Falls and I have two amazing kids: Stryder is 8 and Arry is 5. I have a small zoo living in my home that comes from my love of working with the Twin Falls Animal Shelter and helping animals in need. I am addicted to food and love spending time in the kitchen whenever I have free time.
Kelsey Skinner  
Replacing Jennifer Patterson—Pre-School Lab Coordinator, ECE PreSchool Lab, Ext. 6884

My name is Kelsey Skinner. I’m very excited and grateful to now be a part of the staff at CSI. I attended CSI as a student myself in the Early Childhood Program. I worked in the CSI Preschool Lab as a work study student and later as a lab assistant. I finished my associate’s degree and then completed my Bachelor’s through ISU to receive the Early Childhood/Special Ed. Blended Certificate. In the last two years I worked for the Twin Falls School District as a Kindergarten teacher and in 2nd grade. I loved my experience so much at CSI, when the opportunity presented itself I decided to come back; this time as an employee. My husband and I are expecting our first child in October and are very excited to expand our little family. Over the summer we purchased our first home in Twin Falls and look forward to being homeowners. Some of the activities we enjoy doing together include, hiking, exploring, working out at the gym, and going to the movies. I enjoy swimming for fitness and recreation, and love spending time with family. I also love skiing and snowboarding although it would be just fine with me if the snow and cold stayed in the mountains during the winters. I’m excited to be working with many familiar faces and look forward to getting to know more new faces. I like to be involved and hope to make a contribution to the positive culture that has been created at CSI and within my department.

Ann Rolfes  
Replacing Kimberlee Lapray—Office Specialist, Athletics Gym, Ext. 6475

I have been in Twin Falls for 3 years; originally from St. Cloud, Minnesota. My husband and I have three sons. They currently reside in Minnesota. The oldest son is a senior at St. Cloud State University majoring in business. Our middle son graduated in 2013 with a business degree. Our youngest son is a senior at the University of Minnesota at Twin Cities campus and he’s majoring in Computer Engineering. I’m very excited to be a part of the CSI family. I enjoy athletics and sports of all kinds. I also enjoy going on motorcycle trips (as a passenger) with my husband.

Share your Tips
Do you have a way of doing some of your duties at work that awed your coworkers or amazed your manager? If you do, please share with us, from tech tips to organizational tricks, from multitasking to quality control, or any “how to’s” that can make everyone else’s work-load easier. Please email them to: maria@idahostar.org

SMART SAVINGS:
Pack Your Own Lunch

Try packing your own lunch from home at least 3-4 days of the week to save some money. Making your own lunches is not only cheaper, but also potentially healthier.
Picks from the Shelf

The Civil War - DVD – All I can say is that Ken Burns weaves together a most amazing look at The Civil War. Shelby Foote, what an interesting person he is when it comes to The Civil War. The series originally came out in 1989-90; however, I watched the reissued set from 2011. It had some later interviews on a bonus disc. I believe watching this series helps to make the reading of Civil War material easier. I would certainly recommend this everybody and I thank PBS and some of their corporate sponsors in making this series a reality. I think this series is more than a documentary. It is a piece of art.

The Bell Ridge Cave – book – Vonia Jackson creates a fantastical story using Magic Valley locales with different names. This book is a quick read. What makes it interesting is that a Magic Valley person can associate Vonia’s given names in the book with local names. Vonia has created a nice little mystery that your high grade school or junior high children will enjoy. Vonia gives thanks to at least three locals we ought to all recognize: Chris Anderson, Dr. Jette Morache and Jim Woods.

Meet the Coywolf – DVD – PBS’ Nature presents a nice documentary on the hybrid coywolf. The coywolf is between the size of a wolf and coyote. The animal is not afraid of humans like the coyote is. In fact the coywolf lives amongst civilization and is hardly ever noticed. They have adapted to the encroachment of civilization without any problems. This is an interesting documentary on how the wolf and coyote became one and the resilience of the breed.

The Hood River Issei, An Oral History of Japanese Settlers in Oregon’s Hood River Valley – Book – This book is one of The Asian American Experience series. The series editor is Roger Daniels and he has written the forward to this book by Linda Tamura. Linda has painstakingly interviewed Japanese Hood River Settlers with particular questions and also supplied the reader with historical facts of the area and the country during the years before and after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. This weaving of facts and first hand memories has created a story of an amazing people. When the Japanese came to America they were hard workers and sacrificed much for their children. They brought many of their customs with them to their “new world.” It was these customs that helped them to persevere through the discrimination directed towards them during the war. These are the kind of history books that need to be included in the grade schools. If our generations of youth can learn from our mistakes of the past, peace and understanding ought not be a hard goal.

– Ann Keane, ADC Office Spec.

If you have a favorite book, movie or CD from our very own CSI library and you would like to recommend to your co-workers, let us know about it. You don’t need to be a professional critic; all you need is two to four sentences giving info on why you think it is something folks might want to spend their time on. Send them to:
Ann Keane, ext. 6530, akeane@csi.edu