



## **MEDIA ADVISORY – May 2, 2016**

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### **College of Western Idaho to Hold Commencement Ceremony on May 7**

Nampa – On Saturday, May 7, the College of Western Idaho (CWI) will celebrate its 2016 class of graduates in a commencement ceremony hosted at Taco Bell Arena in Boise. The ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will recognize degree and certificate graduates, as well as GED completers.

CWI will honor a record number of degree and certificate candidates as well as the most ever graduates with honors. Some of the highlights of this year's commencement include:

- 1293 Degree and Certificate Candidates
- 508 Graduates with Honors
- 244 Graduates with Multiple Degrees
- 129 Veteran Graduates
- Average Graduate GPA 3.27
- Youngest Graduate - 17 Years Old
- Oldest Graduate - 68 Years Old

For more commencement details visit [www.cwidaho.cc/graduation](http://www.cwidaho.cc/graduation). Family and friends of graduates that cannot attend in person can watch a live stream of the event at [www.cwidaho.cc](http://www.cwidaho.cc). Community members are also encouraged to share messages with graduates using #cwigraduation on Twitter and Instagram. Messages will be streamed on screens for graduates to see while preparing for the ceremony.

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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 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](http://www.cwidaho.cc) or call (208) 562-3000.

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