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## **IDAHO GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS “NEXT STEPS” MONTH IN IDAHO**

Joined by a half dozen Boise High School students, and the presidents of Idaho’s three universities, Governor Brad Little today proclaimed October “Next Steps/College Application” Month in Idaho.

Governor Little signed the proclamation on the steps of Boise High School and urged students and parents throughout the state to utilize the State Board of Education’s Next Steps website to submit applications to attend college or a career technical program at one of Idaho’s eight public institutions.

“This (Next Steps) program the State Board started a few years ago is quite well-regarded in other states, and it is just one of many things that we need to do to create opportunity for our students to be successful and to get them launched into an area where they will have a passion, and where they will make a connection,” Governor Little said.

Starting today, Idaho students can submit their applications free of charge to colleges and universities they are interested in attending by going to [nextsteps.idaho.gov](http://nextsteps.idaho.gov)

Last week, more than 18,000 high school seniors throughout Idaho began receiving their Direct Admissions letter from the State Board informing them that have been automatically accepted either to six or all eight of Idaho's public colleges and universities.

The Next Steps website also has resources that will help students start planning their future including information about financial aid and scholarships.

University of Idaho President C. Scott Green, Boise State University President Dr. Marlene Tromp and Idaho State University President Kevin Satterlee all attended the proclamation signing as did State Board Member Andrew Scoggin who introduced the governor.

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