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STATE BOARD’S GENERAL EDUCATION SUMMIT HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Over 100 faculty members from all eight of Idaho’s public colleges and universities are gathering in Boise this week for the annual General Education Summit, to collaborate, coordinate and improve general education in Idaho.

The purpose of general education is to help students understand how knowledge is generated and created in a rapidly changing world. Board policy states that “general education helps instill students with the personal and civic responsibilities of good citizenship, and prepares them to be adaptive, life-long learners.”

The Summit is being held October 5-7 at the Riverside Hotel.

“All degree-seeking students attending one of Idaho’s higher education institutions are required to take 30 credits or more of general education courses in areas ranging from written and oral communication to math, science, art and humanities,” said Dr. Heidi Estrem, the Board’s Associate Academic Officer and chair of the statewide General Education committee.

“The hundreds of faculty across the state that teach these courses help set the foundation for learning and achievement in students’ chosen fields of study and more broadly their lives and careers.”

During the Summit six faculty members will be recognized for their effective contributions to student success in general education courses. Each will receive a General Education Innovative Educator award during a reception tonight. The awards are sponsored by CapEd Credit Union.

Each award winner will speak briefly about their unique approaches to helping students succeed in this critical part of their higher education journey.

The award winners are:

- Daniel Luna – Boise State University
- Amanda Van Lanen – Lewis-Clark State College
- Ann Abbott – University of Idaho
- GerDonna Ellis – Boise State University
- Kimberly Madsen Dill – College of Southern Idaho
- Dwayne Huff – North Idaho College

The reception will be held at the Riverside Hotel tonight (Wednesday) starting at 6 p.m.

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