

## 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR

**\$20.86M**  
**TOTAL SAVED**

by Idaho students in AY 2022  
through WICHE Student  
Access Programs

**\$18,522,700**  
**SAVED**  
through WUE  
AY 2022

**\$2,334,608**  
**SAVED**  
through WRGP  
AY 2022

## WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



**WUE**

Saves **UNDERGRADUATE** students on out-of-state tuition. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top out-of-state WUE schools for Idaho undergraduate students:

- ▶ **Washington State University (155)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (152)**
- ▶ **Montana State University Bozeman (122)**

Top Idaho WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **Boise State University (2,542)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (1,679)**
- ▶ **Idaho State University (141)**

## WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

Saves students on out-of-state **GRADUATE** certificate, master's, and doctoral programs. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for Idaho graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Utah (51)**
- ▶ **Utah State University (10)**
- ▶ **University of Colorado Denver (9)**

Top Idaho WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Idaho (248)**
- ▶ **Idaho State University (118)**
- ▶ **Boise State University (30)**

## PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



**PSEP**

Helps students pursuing careers in **10 HEALTH FIELDS**. They can enroll in programs in the WICHE region and receive substantial tuition support from their home state/territory.

**Idaho supported students studying optometry until 2013.**

Idaho has elected not to use PSEP for its residents because it partners directly with neighboring states or operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry.

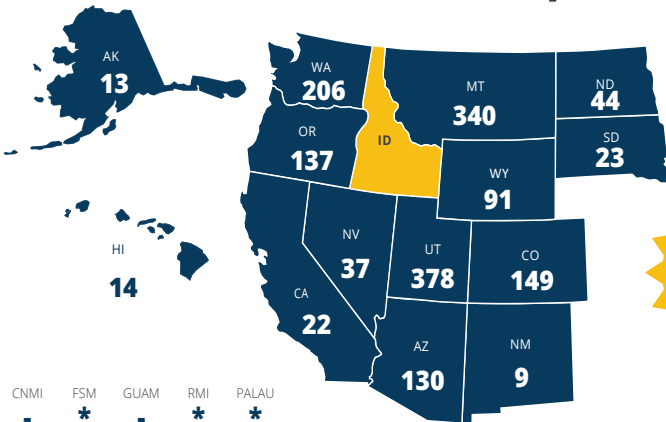
**However, Idaho institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP.**

This year, 3 PSEP students enrolled in public programs located in Idaho. Institutions received \$55,000 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

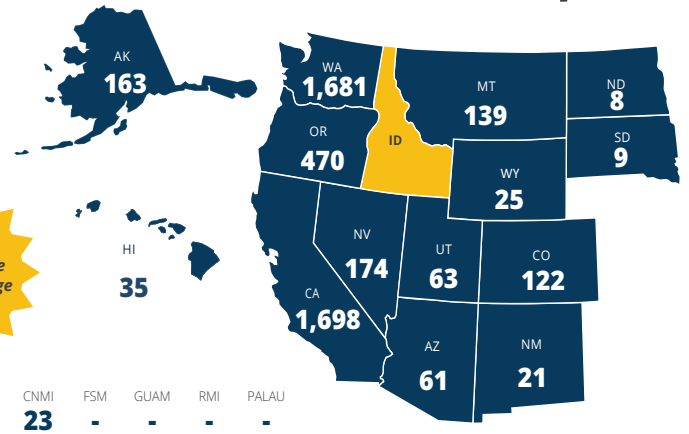
# 13,118% ROI gained on Idaho's WICHE membership dues (\$159,000/FY 2023)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM IDAHO: **1,593**



WUE STUDENTS TO IDAHO: **4,692**

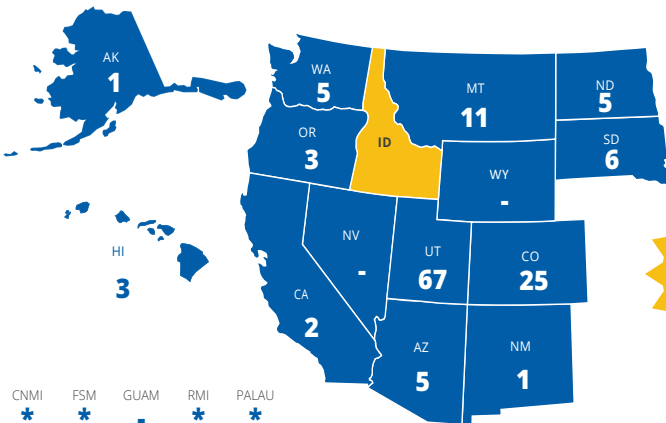


**4,692 WUE students chose to attend college in Idaho**

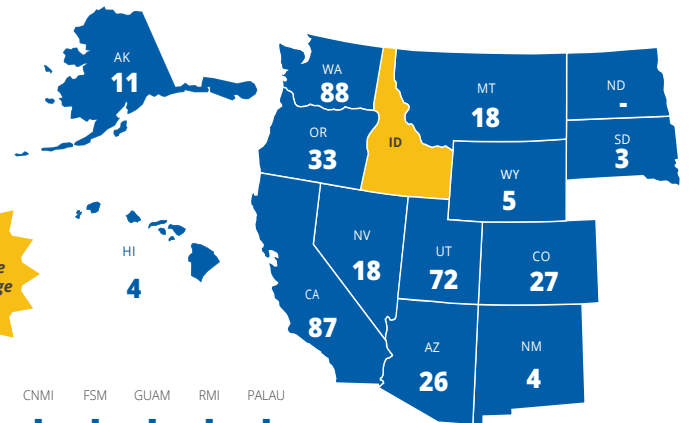
\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM IDAHO: **134**



WRGP STUDENTS TO IDAHO: **396**



**396 WRGP students chose to attend college in Idaho**

\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ WUE has not only significantly reduced the stress of paying for college, but it has also given me opportunities that were not available in my home state. Thanks to WUE, I've been able to afford out-of-state college and explore places I would never have seen otherwise. ”

**HAYDEN** Washington resident, Fire Service Administration, Idaho State University

## Regional collaboration



WICHE brings together senior academic leaders to foster dialogue about issues facing individual institutions through its leadership and professional development networks.

### WESTERN ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC LEADERS – 2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ College of Southern Idaho
- ▶ North Idaho College

Todd Schwarz, College of Southern Idaho, is a member of the Alliance executive committee.

### WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Boise State University
- ▶ Idaho State Board of Education
- ▶ Idaho State University
- ▶ Lewis-Clark State College
- ▶ University of Idaho

Torrey Lawrence, University of Idaho, is a member of the Forum executive committee.

**WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** is a year-long professional development program for academic leaders aspiring to become chief academic officers in the WICHE region. Eleven cohort members from Idaho institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

Todd Schwarz, College of Southern Idaho, will serve as a faculty member for the Academy as of July 2023.

**NO HOLDING BACK** Idaho State University is one of 12 WICHE institutions participating in a community of practice in which institutions are analyzing data and revising policies related to transcript and student holds in 2022-23.

**INTERSTATE PASSPORT**<sup>®</sup> is a national network of institutions that simplifies the transfer process, as well as saves students time and money as they successfully complete their degree. Network members include North Idaho College and College of Eastern Idaho. Sherry Simkins, dean of instruction, general studies, at North Idaho College serves as co-chair of the Passport Review Board.

**COSTS-SAVINGS PROGRAMS** Thanks to collaboration with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), one of four U.S. regional higher education compacts, WICHE-region educational institutions, nonprofits, and public education entities can benefit from three programs: MHECtech, which provides competitively bid purchasing contracts for an array of hardware, software, and technology services; MHECare,

which provides a student health insurance plan and teletherapy services; and a MHEC Cyber Insurance Program, which offers risk transfer and advisory solutions.

Idaho participates in the **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)** through WICHE. This voluntary agreement provides reciprocity for the state authorization of distance education. WICHE Commissioners have been strong advocates for protecting the state voice in important governance decisions affecting this agreement and staff continue to support participating states and improving student protections while bolstering access.

## Optimal behavioral healthcare



WICHE Behavioral Health Program (BHP) works with partner agencies to develop a broad and culturally relevant training program to support the preparation and retention of doctoral-level psychologists through the **IDAHO PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP CONSORTIUM (ID-PIC)**. BHP facilitates the program's development, ensures it meets American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation standards, and assists in the accreditation process. The ID-PIC is moving forward with the accreditation process, including preparing and submitting a comprehensive self-study and scheduling an accreditation site visit.

BHP also administers the **RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM (RCORP)**, a multiyear initiative supported by the Health Resources & Services Administration to identify treatment barriers and best practices for preventing and treating substance use disorder. BHP provides technical assistance to 76 grantees across the U.S., supporting 36 grantees in the WICHE region. The RCORP program supports one grantee in Idaho – Public Health District No. 1.

## Sound public policy



**KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR** is the leading U.S. resource for projections of college-ready students. *Knocking*, which includes a quadrennial publication with additional analysis, is essential for postsecondary policymakers, planning and workforce efforts, and economic development. Visit [knocking.wiche.edu](http://knocking.wiche.edu) to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.

**DATA RESOURCES** WICHE offers curated data and policy resources to support better-informed decision-making. WICHE's research projects and collaborations cover postsecondary completion, health workforce development, behavioral health in postsecondary education, open educational resources (OER), state finance, prior learning assessment, and more.

- ▶ **Tuition and Fees in the West** includes tuition, fees, and enrollment data about 350+ public institutions in the West.
- ▶ **Benchmarks: WICHE Region** presents information on the West's progress in improving access to, success in, and financing of higher education.
- ▶ Data on over 35 indicators in WICHE's **Regional Fact Book for Higher Education in the West**.

**DATA EXPERTS** WICHE staff provide analysis on finance, financial aid, articulation and transfer, strategic planning, student demographics, and more, as well as host peer-to-peer calls of state, system, and institutional chief academic officers to identify areas of potential collaboration and resource sharing across the West.

**STATE PROJECTS** In 2022, WICHE evaluated the state's funding model for dual credit, known as Advanced Opportunities, which provided strong quantitative and qualitative evidence that it likely improves student outcomes. WICHE is now leading an assessment of expanding the state's pipeline of engineering and computer science graduates with extensive consultation with Idaho's industry leaders and employers.



## Innovative solutions

WICHE has collaborated with the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to provide a **CYBERSECURITY LEADERSHIP TABLETOP EXERCISE** for postsecondary senior nontechnical leaders in Idaho to be held at Boise State University in February 2023.

**WCET – THE WICHE COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES** is the leader in the practice, policy,

and advocacy of technology-enhanced learning in higher education. Its growing membership includes institutions, higher education agencies and systems, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and corporations in all U.S. states and several Canadian provinces. WCET members include:

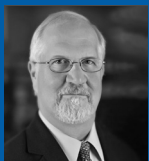
- ▶ Boise State University
- ▶ College of Eastern Idaho
- ▶ Idaho State University
- ▶ Lewis-Clark State College
- ▶ University of Idaho

**STATE AUTHORIZATION NETWORK (SAN)** helps guide institutions through state regulations around online courses and programs. SAN members include:

- ▶ Boise State University
- ▶ Brigham Young University – Idaho
- ▶ College of Southern Idaho
- ▶ College of Western Idaho
- ▶ Idaho State University
- ▶ Lewis-Clark State College
- ▶ Mercy In Action College of Midwifery
- ▶ New Saint Andrews College
- ▶ North Idaho College
- ▶ Northwest Nazarene University
- ▶ University of Idaho

WICHE has convened the **OERWEST NETWORK**, which is part of a nationwide collaborative to scale the development and adoption of free course materials. Open educational resources (OER) have shown promise in improving student outcomes, particularly for poverty-affected students, for whom the high cost of textbooks can be a barrier to postsecondary success.

## IDAHO COMMISSIONERS



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