



## **CEI to Hold Commencement Ceremony at the Mountain America Center on May 7. INL Director Dr. John Wagner to Deliver Commencement Address.**



*Graduates during CEI's 2023 Commencement Ceremony  
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*IDAHO FALLS, Idaho* — College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) will hold its 2024 Commencement on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hero Arena at the Mountain America Center. Additionally, the CEI Nurse Pinning will be held at the same venue earlier in the day.

More than 600 awards — 297 *associate degrees*, 120 *certificates*, and 198 *General Education Development (GED) diplomas* — will be issued at the 2024 Commencement. An impressive 48 graduates completed their associate degree through CEI's Early College program, meaning that they earned a college diploma while still enrolled in high school.

Dr. John C. Wagner, director of Idaho National Laboratory and president of Battelle Energy Alliance LLC, will deliver the commencement address to CEI's class of 2024.

Dr. Wagner is responsible for management and integration of a large, multipurpose laboratory that has a mission focused on nuclear energy, national and homeland security, and energy and environment science and technology.

Wagner began serving as INL director in 2020. Wagner initially joined INL as chief scientist at the Materials and Fuels Complex in 2016 and served as associate laboratory director for Nuclear Science and Technology beginning in 2017. Prior to INL, he worked nearly 17 years at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where he held several research and leadership roles in reactor and fuel cycle technologies.

Wagner earned a bachelor's in nuclear engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology in 1992, and master's and doctorate degrees from the Pennsylvania State University in 1994 and 1997, respectively.



*Dr. John C. Wagner (Photo Credit: INL)*

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