



Amy Gardels has been proud to call eastern Idaho “home” her entire life. She grew up in Blackfoot and has lived in Idaho Falls for the past 23 years. Amy graduated with her Associates of Science in nursing from BYU-Idaho and has been a registered nurse for 26 years. She currently works as a nurse manager in Idaho Falls.

Amy and her husband Matthew have two daughters and three sons. Their family has experienced CEI from the perspective of the returning adult student and the concurrent enrollment high school student. In 2019, their daughter Lindsay became CEI’s first successful concurrent enrollment graduate, having completed her Associates of Science while attending Skyline High School. Matthew also graduated with a cyber security degree from CEI in 2019, returning to college

20 years after receiving his initial bachelor’s degree. Amy is proud to have two CEI graduates in her immediate family and of how the College has changed and improved their lives.

Amy believes that CEI has the power to improve individual lives and our community as a whole through educational opportunities. She is impressed by CEI’s offerings in the form of workforce training, certifications, and degrees. Amy wants more families to experience the possibilities of CEI. She believes that being a Trustee is the best way promote CEI as well as serve the community and was excited to be appointed to fill the vacant Zone 1 seat on the **Board of Trustees at College of Eastern Idaho** in July 2022 and then elected by voters in November 2022.

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