



Senator Dean Mortimer to Deliver 2018 Commencement Address

College of Eastern Idaho will hold its **2018 Commencement Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 PM, in the Idaho Falls Civic Center.**

515 awards will be issued at CEI Commencement this year (**1 new** Associate of Arts degree; **221** Associate of Applied Science degrees/certificates; and **293** General Education Development (GED) diplomas).

Senator Mortimer will deliver the commencement address.

Personal

Married to Judy Woodbury for over 42 years with four children and 14 grandchildren. A native of Idaho, born in Moscow, Idaho and raised in Eastern Idaho. He was raised in a dairy farm family. His hobbies include fishing, gardening, woodworking, animals and tinkering. He has been a business owner for more than 33 years and retired after a 31 year career as a mortgage banker. He was active in Boy Scouts for over 25 years, most notably as a scoutmaster for 2005 National Jamboree. He has been actively involved in various religious capacities of service and leadership all of his adult life.

Political Involvement

Dean was raised in a very civic minded family. His parents were concerned citizens that took an active part in issues and political candidates. With this background of involvement he was inspired with the desire to participate in the governmental process Dean served as student body officer during college and a campaign manager for a candidate during his university studies. He has been a precinct committee chairman, a district chairman and active in his political party for many years. He currently serves as a Senator for District 30 which he has done for 10 years. He served as a Representative for District 32, seat B in the Idaho Legislature from 2006 to 2008.

He is currently Chairman of Senate Education while serving in the Senate. He also has served on the Joint Finance Appropriations committee and the Judiciary and Rules committee. While serving in the House he served on the Transportation Committee, the

Commerce Committee and the Education Committee. He has served as the Chairman of the Education Committee for the Council of State Governments West and as a committee member on Suggested State Legislation for the National Council of State Governments.

Education

Masters of Business Administration with emphasis in finance from Utah State University. Bachelor of Arts from Utah State University, graduated in Communications with a minor in Business Administration. Has completed numerous courses in Mortgage Banking, Mortgage Underwriting, Income Property Finance, Property Appraisals and Real Estate Sales.

Business Experience

He owned and operated a mortgage company for more than twenty three years, with branches located in cities throughout the state. Retired from mortgage banking after 31 years. Served as the secretary, vice president and president of the Idaho Mortgage Bankers Association.

Started a construction/development company in 1993 which is currently in operation. Has owned and managed numerous commercial office, residential and industrial properties since 1986.