

Mary Stephenson – Associate Vice President for K-14 and Rural Initiatives

Mary Stephenson serves as Associate Vice President of K-14 and Rural Initiatives at College of Eastern Idaho (CEI), bringing more than 15 years of experience in higher education across Idaho and Utah. She has held several leadership roles at CEI, including Dean and Director of Early College Programs.

Mary's work focuses on advancing high school-to-college pathways, dual credit programs, and expanding equitable access to postsecondary education—particularly for rural communities. She has led the development and expansion of innovative initiatives, including the BEA Applied STEM Institute and multiple national design challenges in partnership with Education Design Lab.

A recognized leader in her field, Mary previously served as Chair of the NACADA High School to College Advising Community and is a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences, including NACEP and NACADA. She is a strong advocate for high-quality academic advising within dual enrollment programs and for creating meaningful, real-world learning experiences that connect students to future opportunities.

Mary holds a master's degree from Southern Utah University.