

Penny Lyon – Chief Financial Officer

Penny Lyon serves as Chief Financial Officer at College of Eastern Idaho (CEI), bringing more than 30 years of experience in financial planning, operations, and budget management across higher education and corporate finance.

In her role, Penny leads the college's financial strategy, budgeting, and operational oversight, with a focus on transparency, efficiency, and aligning resources to support student success and workforce development. She has managed complex, multi-million-dollar budgets and led key initiatives, including CEI's transition to zero-based budgeting and oversight of significant grant funding.

Prior to joining CEI, Penny spent more than 20 years at Intel Corporation, where she served as a Global Finance Director, managing budgets exceeding \$170 million and partnering with executive leadership on strategic financial decisions. She also previously served as Vice President of Finance at GMW Communications.

Penny holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from California State University, Sacramento.