

North Idaho College Trustee Zone 5

	Michael Angiletta	Mary Havercroft
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Michael Angiletta, North Idaho College Board of Trustees Zone 5. I'm running because I am fighting for my childrens' future. North Idaho College's mission is to meet the educational needs of the communities it serves, students, and employers. To further this mission, I believe NIC's focus should be vocational in nature, ensuring students are prepared for specific trades, with an emphasis on practical skills and job-specific training. I bring the experience, competence, transparency and accountability NIC needs at this critical juncture.	No Response Received
2. How could North Idaho College be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	1) More transparency and more accountability. Governance and proceedings beyond Board meetings need to be readily accessible to the public. NIC is the community's college and as such, the community deserves radically transparent proceedings and communications from the Board, the President, and the accrediting body. 2) Accreditation choice. Political weaponization of the college's accreditation is distracting from the college's mission. Across many critical college metrics, NIC is performing well. That said, we need an accrediting body that reflects local community values and is less likely to use accreditation as a political weapon against a democratically elected Board and its community. It's the students and teachers who ultimately suffer when the college has less choice in accreditation.	No Response Received
3. What is your educational philosophy and how do you plan to implement this philosophy as a member of the board of trustees?	A commitment to a classical education, rooted in Western civilization's intellectual traditions, with an emphasis on the principles of liberty as understood by America's Founding Fathers. This means teaching students how to think critically, as opposed to imposing the woke ideology du jour. For the community college, a special focus on vocational and continuing education to get young adults skilled up and contributing to our local community. As a representative of the community, I will promote a focus on vocational while keeping a keen eye on making sure the curriculum is consistent with our community values.	No Response Received
4. Do you support "Critical Race Theory," why or why not?	100% opposed as it's a cynical tool designed to divide and atomize us as a people. It's antithetical to these foundational principles of our Republic: colorblindness and Individualism, free association, universal truths, objective knowledge, and meritocracy.	No Response Received
5. If faced with a budget deficit, would you support cutting spending or increasing student fees or tuition? What would be your reasons for this decision?	Administrative bloat is a problem plaguing most universities. Between 1976 and 2018, full-time administrators and other professionals at U.S. colleges increased by 164% and 452% respectively, while full-time faculty only increased by 92%. While it's too early for me to speak definitely on the specifics of the NIC budget, I am fully committed to look at administrative bloat first before ever considering increasing fees/tuition for students.	No Response Received
6. Do you support the ability for employee unions to automatically deduct money from their members' paychecks to finance political activities, why or why not?	100% opposed. Automatic deductions for political activities infringe on members' rights to free speech and association. Individuals should not be compelled to support causes they disagree with.	No Response Received

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7. Do you believe that maintaining accreditation is one of the top priorities for North Idaho College? Why or why not?	Yes, I believe accreditation is one of the top priorities. Unfortunately, it is likely being used as a political cudgel to damage the democratic institution of the Board of Trustees. To end any potential weaponization of NIC's accreditation, the public deserves more sunlight and transparency, more accountability, more civil dialogue, and for the truth to be more effectively disseminated to the general public. That said, NIC needs the same freedom of choice other educational institutions have across the country – to be able to choose accrediting bodies. The current accrediting body promotes DIE ideology, which does not reflect the values of our own community here in North Idaho.	No Response Received
8. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	Oppose. Bathrooms should be designated for and used by the appropriate biological sex, period. In this case, I am particularly concerned for the safety of women. Men and women are biologically different, no matter what the sophists and postmodernists say.	No Response Received
9. Should North Idaho College have a staff member tasked with implementing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policies? Why or why not?	No. DIE, like CRT, is designed to divide, demoralize and fray the fabric of the Republic. I oppose any and all DIE programs on the same grounds I oppose CRT.	No Response Received
10. In what ways can North Idaho College help local high school students prepare for a college education or for a trade school?	There should be a deep focus on building a pipeline of local youth into vocational and mentorship programs. This pipeline development needs to begin before reaching college age. NIC's Career and Technical Education program at the Parker Technical Education Center is a great start. As a business coach who has coached hundreds of local business owners, many in the trades, I have observed that there is a desperate need for more skilled help and a desire to form apprenticeship programs to help build a deeper labor pool. A great opportunity exists here.	No Response Received
11. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children (School choice)?	I support vouchers enabling parents to take their tax dollars to fund their kids' education at an institution of their choosing, including private religious schools. This is freedom.	No Response Received
12. What does the term "education" mean to you?	Education is the process of facilitating learning, and the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, morals, beliefs, habits, and personal development. The aim of education at the community college is first and foremost to prepare individuals for a practical and good life by way of teaching CRITICAL THINKING.	No Response Received
13. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	Oppose. Empirically, Oregon's experiment has been disastrous for youth there. There have been increased Poison Center calls and ER visits, more reported cases of psychosis and schizophrenia, more reports of depression and anxiety, lower educational outcomes (higher dropout rates), and reduced cognitive function (memory impairment which affects academic performance). Regular users of marijuana under the age of 25 can face a lifetime of cognitive impairment. Legalizing marijuana would severely jeopardize and sabotage the future of our kids.	No Response Received

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<p>14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?</p>	<p>I live with my wife and two children in Rathdrum, a moral community that cherishes freedom. I'm focused on building a self-reliant permaculture homestead for my family.</p> <p>I'm currently a small business owner and business coach. As a business owner, my business won 'Best New Business in Oregon' by Mainstreet America in the midst of COVID hysteria lockdowns. I also offer my time as a business coach with the SBDC with an office at North Idaho College (many of my clients are businesses you probably know throughout North Idaho).</p> <p>Previously, I've been a Chief Revenue Officer (CRO) & VP of Marketing for global brands – I have the executive level experience the NIC Board so desperately needs. Importantly, I founded an e-learning company, the Online Marketing Institute, which helped educate thousands of professionals around the world.</p> <p>Recently, I co-founded Secure Idaho Elections to thwart attacks on our "1Person, 1Vote" Idaho election system.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>