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Thilo honored by NIC as distinguished friend

Former North Idaho College trustee Sue Thilo was recently honored as a Distinguished Friend of NIC during the March NIC Board of Trustees meeting.

“Sue Thilo has been a distinguished friend and an effective advocate for North Idaho College for a long time,” said North Idaho College President Priscilla Bell.

Thilo served the college as a trustee from 1994 to 1997, during a time when many campus renovations took place including the Fort Sherman Officers’ Quarters, the modernization of Lee-Kildow Hall and the Children’s Center. Also during that time, NIC expanded its offerings and reached out to the business community by building a 38,000 square-foot Workforce Training Center in Post Falls in 1994. The facility was built with funds provided by the NIC Foundation and Thilo worked closely with former NIC President Bob Bennett to create support and increased awareness of the NIC Foundation.

Thilo later served as the NIC Foundation Board President from 2002 to 2004 and has been a board member since 1994. Thilo served as the chair of the Special Gifts Division, which was focused on major gifts, during the NIC Foundation’s Providing Opportunities—Fulfilling Dreams Capital Campaign in 2004. The fund-raiser raised more than \$3 million for technology and scholarships at NIC.

The NIC Alumni Association was also formed in 1996, which is part of the Development Department at NIC along with the NIC Foundation.

“Sue is a remarkable human being and an exceptional community advocate,” said Rayelle Anderson, development director and executive director of the NIC Foundation. “When she commits to a cause, she brings credibility and a collaborative leadership style that inspires positive change. She is genuine and compassionate, and this community has benefitted greatly by her service and generosity.”

Thilo recently completed a term as a member of the Idaho State Board of Education.