

2022-23 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE STUDENTS' LIVES, ENABLE SUCCESS, AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY.



LETTER FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT



Bob Mohrbacher, Ed.D.
Centralia College President

As I write this message Winter quarter 2024 is just starting and the year is off to a great start. Enrollment was up substantially for the fall - about 10% overall and even more in some categories, especially Running Start and Adult Basic Education. Winter quarter enrollment looks like this trend will continue.

The new student housing building is open and continues to fill up with students. This is a partnership with Collegiate Housing International (CHI), who built the building and are

now running the facility. The new building has the capacity to house about 110 students.

Our new men's soccer team has completed their inaugural season. They had a pretty good run for a brand-new team and they are looking forward to next season. We did not have the capacity to add men's soccer until the completion of our new athletic field, but with the formal opening of Bob Peters Field last spring, we were able to launch a new team for Trailblazer athletes.

In October, we were excited to learn that the U.S. Department of Energy had approved the application for the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Hub, with Centralia College featured as a major training partner. Once the negotiations are finalized, Centralia College should have approximately \$4 million over the next eight years in order to develop training programs for the rapidly growing hydrogen industry and to work with a variety of partners, including Air Liquide, PACCAR, Puget Sound Energy, Twin Transit, Fortescue Future Industries, and a list of others. Our college is proud and excited to part of this exciting project and to be training our students for the jobs of the future.

Even amidst all of these exciting new developments, we still have a lot of hard work ahead of us. While Bob Peters Field is up and running, we still have a number of needs to complete the facility. We need to build and equip the batting cages. We need permanent bleachers installed—we used some borrowed bleachers last spring, but we can't continue with that plan indefinitely. We also need some additional signage and art work in order to put the final touches on this great new facility.

While the CHI student housing building is now complete, we still need a substantial remodel of the Silver Street apartments at the corner of Centralia College Boulevard and Silver Street. The first stage of improvements is underway now, in order to give a face lift to the outside of that old building. But the work needed on the inside of the apartments is fairly substantial, and we don't have a definite timeline for completion of that work yet. When it is finished, we will be able to add that back to our supply of dedicated student housing.

Another project that is underway but not complete is the new Teacher Education and Family Development Center,

which will eventually take shape at the corner of S. King and W. Plum Streets. We have completed the design and permitting for this building, but we are waiting for the state funding to come through before we can begin construction. This could take another two to four years. In the meantime, we will need to raise some additional local funds needed for constructing and equipping the new building. But when it is complete, it will provide a great new home for our Early Education program, the Child Care Center, the Teacher Education program, and our Facilities and Operations office.

So, we have lots of exciting developments at Centralia College this year—more than I can mention here—but we also have a lot of important work still to come. Our partnership with the Centralia College Foundation is key to accomplishing our goals, and your continued support of the Foundation is what makes our many successes possible.

Bob Mohrbacher

LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



John Klumper
Centralia College Board President
Greetings.

Another great year at the oldest continuously operating community college in Washington State. Our mission statement for the Centralia College Foundation is creating opportunities to improve students' lives, enable success and strengthen our community.

Here are just a few of the things we were involved with this year:

Centralia Colleges' student government passed a resolution naming the new multisport athletic complex as, "Bob Peters Field". Bob Peters, has been the Centralia College Athletic Director for nearly four decades. Students honored him for his commitment to athletes, and a wonderful dedication of the complex was held on May 22, 2023. Here is a list of sports offered at Centralia College; men's soccer, basketball and baseball. Women's soccer, basketball, softball, volleyball and golf. We also have an Esports team and a cornhole team is being established.

CHI, (Collegiate Housing International) had a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on November 8, 2023. These are very well thought out units and currently are housing approximately eighty-six students. We are very excited to have partnered on this project. Great work CHI!

The Centralia College Foundation awarded over four hundred scholarships this year, totaling over \$667,000. Thank you so much for those who donate to the scholarship funds. There were 294 Associate in Arts students, 91 Bachelor of Applied Science students and 22 valedictorian/salutatorians.

I talked about the CDL Program, (Commercial Driver's License), last year and it is going great. We secured a site on North Pearl Street in Centralia and have comprehensive, hands-on training on the road and in a driving simulator. We graduate approximately 48 new drivers per year.

Centralia College has currently 214 students at Cedar Creek Corrections Center, Garret Heys Education Center at the Washington Correction Centers and Green Hill School Juvenile Rehabilitation. How cool is this! They have programs for getting a General Education Development, (GED), high school diploma, college/career prep classes, basic computer and programs in building trades like; drywall,

roofing, siding and horticulture. I met a wonderful young man and his mother last year. While he was incarcerated, he took college classes and received his AA. He came to Centralia College and got his BS, to go on to teach at that institution and be an advocate for getting an education. Talk about turning lives around. . . now others have that same opportunity!

I would ask you now to go back to the beginning of this article and read the mission statement again.

With a big THANK YOU to the college board, the staff and all of you, I think we are right on track.

John Klumper

In Appreciation **RETIREES**

*Centralia College
wishes to honor and
recognize the service of
the following 2022-23
retirees.*

DR. STEPHEN NORTON

*Associate Professor, Biology
17 years*

KIMBERLY THOMPSON

*Associate Professor, Accounting
5 years*

MARK BROSZ

*Associate Professor, Developmental Math
29 years*

LORRIE WALTON

*Custodian 2
21 years*



*Scholarship
Night photos
of donors and
recipients*



2023-24 **SCHOLARSHIP FACTS**



NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS

*2-Year Programs: 294
Bachelor's Degree Programs: 91
TOTAL: 407*



AMOUNT AWARDED TOTAL: \$667, 419



VALEDICTORIAN SCHOLARSHIPS 28 TOTAL RECIPIENTS

CENTRALIA COLLEGE FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET – UNAUDITED STATEMENT (AS OF 6/30/2023)

| | Total | General/Operating | Restricted | Endowments | Scholarships | Plant & Equipment |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Current Assets | | | | | | |
| Pooled Cash | 971,492 | 675,429 | 1,195,777 | 0.00 | -276,288 | -623,426 |
| Investments | 23,495,975 | 60,538 | 3,190,585 | 16,485,139 | 2,953,711 | 806,002 |
| Accounts Receivable | 113,033 | 0.00 | 111,033 | 0.00 | 2,000 | 0.00 |
| Total Current Assets | 24,580,500 | 735,967 | 4,497,395 | 16,485,139 | 2,679,423 | 182,576 |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | | |
| Land | 1,296,064 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,296,064 |
| Buildings; net | 2,342,595 | 0.00 | 2,272,814 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 69,781 |
| Equipment; net | 71,243 | 404 | 60,993 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,846 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 3,709,903 | 404 | 2,333,808 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,375,692 |
| Total Assets | 28,290,403 | 736,371 | 6,831,203 | 16,485,139 | 2,679,423 | 1,558,268 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | | | | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | 132,957 | 21,287 | 114,956 | 0.00 | 3,287 | 0.00 |
| Equity | | | | | | |
| Beginning Fund Balance | 25,320,153 | 1,254,157 | 6,347,422 | 14,519,177 | 1,987,072 | 1,212,325 |
| Current Year Excess | 2,837,484 | -75,647 | 321,513 | 2,339,014 | 35,349 | 217,256 |
| Prior Period Adj. | 0.00 | -335,675 | 46,952 | -373,053 | 660,841 | 935 |
| Total Equity | 28,157,637 | 842,835 | 6,715,886 | 16,485,139 | 2,683,261 | 1,430,516 |
| Total Liabilities & Equity | 28,290,594 | 864,123 | 6,830,843 | 16,485,139 | 2,679,975 | 1,430,516 |

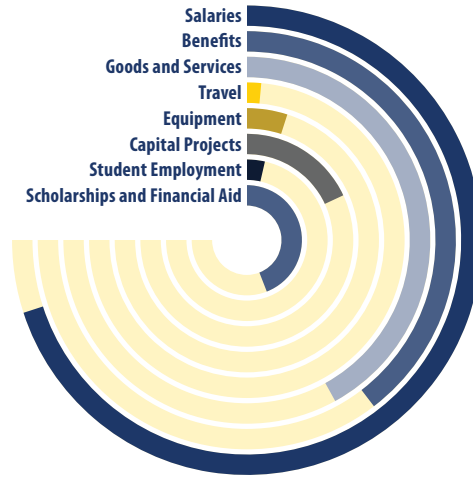


CENTRALIA COLLEGE EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

June 30, 2023

Operations:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries | \$20,829,939 |
| Benefits..... | \$7,590,252 |
| Goods and Services | \$8,144,700 |
| Travel | \$331,708 |
| Equipment | \$926,838 |
| Total Operations | \$37,823,437 |
| Capital Projects | \$4,020,325 |
| Student Employment | \$455,489 |
| Scholarships and Financial Aid | \$8,417,114 |
| Total Expenditures | \$12,892,928 |



Employees – During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the college employed 289 full-time and 291 part-time employees. Of the total employees, approximately 75 percent resided in the college’s service district, which includes all of Lewis County and the southern portion of Thurston County.

Local Government – Included in the expenditures listed above are payments to the county and city governments of \$599,168 for services, fees, permits, street vacation and purchase, facility rental, and utilities.

Taxes – The college is exempt from state property tax. However, the college is not exempt from sales tax. When taxable items are purchased in Washington State, it must pay tax. For 2022-23, the college paid \$21,316 in use tax to the state. The college bookstore generated \$520,741.25 of taxable sales revenue, which resulted in sales tax collections of \$39,549.

CENTRALIA COLLEGE FOUNDATION HONORS JUDITH GREELEY HENDRICKSON AS THE 2023 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

Class of 1960 graduate finds success in corrections, sports, music, and international business



Centralia College’s 2023 Distinguished Alumna honoree, Judith Greeley Hendrickson, is arguably a most versatile woman. Even now, Hendrickson can rattle off a list of philanthropic projects she’s working on and non-profits she’s

assisting. She is energetic and funny, and full of joy for all the things she devotes her considerable energy.

Hendrickson was born and raised in Centralia. She was a gifted musician and earned a music scholarship to Centralia College after high school. She graduated from CC in 1960 and transferred to the University of Washington, where she studied music. She left the UW in 1963 and became the director of recreation at Maple Lane School, a juvenile corrections facility in Grand Mound. She worked there for nine years and found a passion for supporting incarcerated youth.

After Maple Lane, she transferred to Cascadia Juvenile Reception-Diagnostic Center and McNeil Island Corrections

Center, where she was a tireless advocate for education and rehabilitation programs in state prisons.

During this time, she was Chairperson of the United Way Volunteer Bureau of Seattle and King County and was honored for four consecutive years as a Woman of Achievement by the Matrix Table in Seattle. In addition, she was honored for Outstanding Contributions to the field of corrections by the Washington Correctional Association and by the McNeil Island staff and inmates.

She stepped away from corrections in 1985, when she and her husband, Richard, moved to North Carolina, where she worked 18 years as the corporate secretary for International Lead Zinc Research

Organization (ILZRO), an international trade association. She traveled extensively in Europe, North America, and Asia, organizing and participating in international meetings.

She volunteered for two decades with the US Olympic Committee and later took a position as director of development and donor relations for The Opera Company of North Carolina. She and her husband continue to be involved in a number of philanthropic projects, both in Washington and North Carolina.

Read her full bio online at www.centralia.edu/foundation

FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President
Board member since 2015.



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Board member since 2020



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Board member since 2016.



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Board member since 2012.



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Social Security Administration
(retired).
2019 Trailblazer Award Winner
Board member since 2000.



Bob Mohrbacher, Ed.D.
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Centralia College President



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Board member since 2002.



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Board member since 2002.



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Board member since 2001.



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Drilling
Board member since 2022



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Board member since 2014.



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Past President
Optometrist, self-employed.
Board member since 1997.
Past Board of Trustee member.



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Member since 2020



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Member since 2021



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Board member since 2022



Pretrina Mullins
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White Pass High School
Teacher/Counselor
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Board member since 2018.



Jody Peterson
Faculty Liaison
CC Faculty Liaison



Vicki Pogorelc
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Community Volunteer.
Board member since 2001.



Mark Scheibmeir
Ex Officio
Hillier, Scheibmeir,
Vey and Kelly.
Board member since 1995.



Gina Sterner
Classified Liaison
Centralia College



Steve Ward
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Ward Higher Education
Consulting
Ex Officio



Brian Watson
Board Member
Lafromboise Communications,
The Chronicle
Board member since 2020



Doris Wood-Brumsickle
Board Member
Centralia College faculty
member (retired).
Board member since 2017.



Rodney Youckton
Board Member
Lucky Eagle Casino.
Board member since 2019.

ENDOWMENTS

Gordon Aadland

Created by the family of Gordon Aadland to honor his passion for education. Gordon worked at Centralia College as its first public information officer. The esplanade that runs through campus is named in his honor.

Alan Allie (1942–1996)

Established in Alan Allie's name by former Centralia College basketball teammates.

Colleen Allison (1928–1983) Memorial

Served as a bus driver for the Centralia School District for 10 years.

Altrusa Club

Altrusa is an international service organization founded in 1917. The Centralia-Chehalis Club was chartered in 1948.

Margaret Alvord (1907–1986)

Was an accompanist for the college's music department for 20 years.

American Legion, Post #17

National organization founded in 1919; created in memory of longtime member Ted Massey.

American Legion, Post #22

National organization founded in 1919 by a group of veterans working for veterans.

Rachel Bartlett Memorial (1971–1988)

Centralia High School student who planned to pursue a career as a dental technician.

Robert E. Bates (1927–1991)

A Centralia College student in 1947 and 1948. Pacific Northwest Bell employee.

William A. (1907–2002) and Etha (1907–1999) Batie

He was the biology instructor at Centralia College from 1940 to 1972 and Dean of Instruction from 1965 to 1967. She followed a career in banking.

William A. Batie Health and Science

Established in 2002 in honor of William A. Batie to support and promote physical life programs.

Lloyd (1899–1968) and Bertha

Baumgarten (1900–1993)

Owned and operated Baumgarten Hardware and Plumbing Company from 1944 to 1958.

Glenn (1928–1996) and Marjorie

Bennett

Created in 2005 for scholarships to Lewis County students.

Chief Robert Berg Law Enforcement

Berg served as chief of police for Centralia from 2004 to 2015 and served as criminal justice instructor at Centralia College over multiple decades.

Big Band Scholarship

Endowment established in 1994.

Troy Bradford (1965–2016)

A purchasing agent for Braun NorthWest for 23 years who loved anything fast. This endowment is for students studying fabrication/welding.

Thelma Brooks (1907–1976)

Centralia College English teacher from 1958 to 1972.

Dr. Ralph O. Carlson (1923–1996)

Established in 1996 by Janet Carlson in honor of her husband, Ralph, who was a longtime psychology instructor at Centralia College.

Centralia Advanced Education Assoc.

Established in 1984 to provide scholarships for graduates of Centralia High School.

Centralia College Board of Trustees

Established in 1996 by the Board of Trustees.

Centralia College Booster Club Athletic Scholarship

Comprised of individuals in the community who support the Centralia College athletic program.

Centralia College Class of '63

The members of the Centralia College Class of 1963 have fond memories of their time at Centralia College and have returned to the college several times for class reunions. This endowment is established through the class members for a student scholarship.

Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus

Established in honor of Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients.

Centralia College Exceptional Faculty

Established in 1991, annually recognizes outstanding faculty members.

Centralia College Faculty

Established in 1989 to provide scholarships for students of Centralia College.

Centralia College Foundation

Established to provide tuition for students who demonstrate academic excellence.

Centralia College Library

Established in 2005 by CC Library personnel for the betterment of the CC Library.

Centralia Rotary Club

Established in 1988 by a Centralia Rotarian and expanded in 2010 by the Centralia Rotary Club for scholarships to Centralia High School students.

Charneski Family

Established in 2019 to benefit an associate degree seeking student with a dental or medical career path in mind.

Niles D. (1903–1974) and Vivian Churchill (1905–1977) Memorial

Owned and operated the N. Churchill Glove Factory.

Vincent Coates (1917–1990)

Math and engineering instructor and registrar at Centralia College from 1948 to 1979.

Margaret Corbet (1886–1971)

First dean of Centralia College, serving from the opening of the college in 1925 until her retirement in 1949.

Adelaide Dagasso (1908–2003)

Longtime resident of Rochester, established through her estate.

Victor Dagasso (1911–1999)

Longtime resident of Rochester, established through his Charitable Remainder Trust.

Ercel Davis (1911–1998)

Longtime resident of Lewis County, established through his estate.

J.O. (1874–1942) and Lillian Taylor Davis (1884–1969)

J.O. worked as a railroad engineer. Both were very active in the Masonic Lodge.

Diesel Technology Program

Established in 2002 by the Centralia College Diesel faculty using fundraisers for scholarships.

Edinger/Squires Memorial

Created by the granddaughter of Lillian/Ray Edinger and Alexander/Anna Squires in memory of their impact on the local community. The Chronicle was owned by the Edinger family until the 1960s and the Squires operated a hardware store on Market Avenue in Chehalis.

Ernest (1911–1999) and Edith (1916–2006) Driscoll

Established through a Living Trust in 1995. Ernest worked in steel manufacturing and construction and Edith was a school secretary. Both had a strong commitment to lifelong learning.

Lloyd B. Dysart (1893–1979)

Centralia attorney and business law instructor at Centralia College from 1946 to 1965.

Arthur Ehret (1899–1974)

Chemistry instructor and registrar at Centralia College from 1925 to 1967.

Lucy Hannigan-Ewing

Established in 2022 by Lucy, this scholarship is to benefit a student majoring in elementary education for an associate degree or in the bachelor program.

Arne (1910–1981) and Julia Fagerness (1912–1988)

Centralia residents who raised nine children, most of whom attended Centralia College.

First Interstate Bank

The Coffman-Dobson Branch has provided service to Lewis County residents for over 100 years.

Alice Forth

A 1951 graduate of Centralia College and the first Margaret Corbet scholar. Served from 1958 to 1991 as an instructor, counselor, chair of the business education division, and dean of students at the college.

Victor Freund (1945–2005)

Chairman of the social science and humanities division, director of Teaching and Learning Center, director of Distance Learning, and foreign language instructor at Centralia College, from 1968 to 2005.

Rob Fuller Memorial Endowment

The first of three Fuller stores was opened in Chehalis in 1941 by Ed and Bill Fuller, Jr.

Claire E. Fuller (1912–1987)

Employee of the educational system for 12 years and a strong believer in higher education.

George Gablehouse

Physical education instructor and athletic director at Centralia College from 1958 to 1979.

Ross Galvin

Established in 2017 to honor this devoted local physician. Benefits a nursing student or project.

Garrison Family

Designed to benefit a Centralia High School graduate or a student from the surrounding community.

George Godding/EDC

In recognition of George Godding, the first president of the Lewis County Economic Development Council. Scholarship sponsored by the EDC.

John V. Griel (1917–1995)

Chemistry instructor at Centralia College from 1947 to 1976.

Walter (1907–1997) and Helen (1907–1960) Hanke

Established by Walter Hanke prior to his death in 1995. The college received the residual of this estate in 1996 to formally establish the endowment. The Hanks were longtime Lewis County farmers.

Hanke Faculty Achievement

Created from the Walter Hanke estate to provide professional development/recognition or funding for special projects for Centralia College faculty.

Dr. Nels Hanson

The first president of Centralia College; served from 1966 to 1981.

Dr. Daniel and Linda Haskins

Established in 2021 by distinguished alumni and esteemed veterinarian, Dr. Dan Haskins and his wife Linda, to benefit a student with interest in veterinary medicine or with financial need.

Marco Heidner Charitable Trust

Created in 1999 in memory of Marco Heidner.

Dr. Garrett Heyns (1891–1969)

Washington State Director of the Department of Institutions who established the Education Center at Washington Corrections Center in Shelton.

Dave Hilbiber (1922–1997)

Former faculty member of the professional technical program at Centralia College.

Harry S. Hill, Jr. (1923–1995)

Longtime supporter of Centralia College and its many athletic programs.

Hamlet Hilpert (1907–2007)

An active community citizen with a keen interest in Centralia College music programs.

Olive Ireland (1908–1995)

Teacher for 42 years and employed by the Centralia School District from 1944 to 1973. Charter Foundation board member.

Helen R. Jaeger (1929–1991)

An artist, well-known for her pottery design, and a teacher of art and elementary children.

Garvin and Mabel Johnson Memorial (1913-2014)

Garvin moved his family to Lewis County in 1981. The couple enjoyed attending concerts at the college and valued the arts and education.

Erma E. (Boone) Kain (1913–1988)

Beautician and resident of Lewis County.

Jack R. Kalmbach

Centralia College Dean of Administration from 1986 until he retired in 1993.

John and Donna Karvia

He is a retired Chehalis police sergeant and she served as Lewis County Clerk. Both are Centralia College alumni.

Katharine Kemp (1899–1978)

Foreign language instructor at Centralia College from 1932 to 1968. In 1975, she wrote the history of the college.

Kenneth and Audrey Kimball Endowment

Music director at Centralia College from 1955 to 1990.

Dr. Henry P. Kirk Scholarship

Former president of Centralia College; served from 1986 to 2002.

Dr. Henry and Jenny Kirk Endowment for the Fine Arts

Established in 1997 to promote arts and humanities in the community.

Mattie Kirk (1936–1996) Music Scholarship

Established by former Centralia College President Dr. Hank Kirk and his wife Mattie prior to her death, in recognition of her love and devotion to music.

Thorlea Peterson Kirtz

Centralia College class of 1968. Teacher at Maple Lane school.

Rufus Kiser (1907–1995)

Forestry division chair at Centralia College and zoology and physical science instructor from 1941 to 1973.

Kiwanis Club of Centralia/Chehalis

International service organization established in 1915. The Chehalis club formed in 1922.

Farhad Koloushani “Enjoy the Dive”

Established in Farhad’s memory by his mother, Marles Geist, this scholarship celebrates his vibrant life and love of scuba diving. Benefits any student in need.

Estella Littel Korgsen (1908-2008) and Bernice Warner Littel (1885-1996)

Created through the Charles Littel Trust, founder of Centralia College.

Al (1911–2009) and Marge (1914–2003) Kuder Family

Established in 1996 by the family of Al and Marge Kuder whose five daughters attended Centralia College on scholarships and have all gone on to establish themselves in careers. Susan Kuder Dunn is a Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient.

Lewis County Demolition Derby

Formed in 1980, provides recreation for Southwest Washington residents.

Lewis County School Retirees’ Association

Established in 1950 and affiliated with the Washington Retired Teachers Association.

Minnie Lingreen (1901–1995)

History and social science instructor at Centralia College from 1939 to 1971.

C.L. Littel (1895–1966)

Established Centralia College in 1925 while superintendent of the Centralia School District.

Todd Lovington (1951–1997)

Centralia College math instructor, chair of the college’s Strategic Planning Committee.

John H. Markham (1892–1980)

Centralia timber man who founded Mayfield Youth Camp.

John Markham Athletic (1892-19980)

Created in memory of John Markham to benefit athletes.

Daniel J. (1896–1989) and Anna B. McDonald (1897–1989)

Chehalis couple who owned and operated Mac’s Sporting Goods and the McDonald Motel in Chehalis.

Harree L. McGee (1910–1965)

Worked as a precision machinist for the U.S. Navy and later for private companies.

Deborah Meade (1947-2012)

Created in memory of CC Distinguished Alumna Angela Meade’s mother recognizing outstanding Centralia College musicians.

Jack (1918–2003) and Agnes (1916–2005) Miller

Established in honor of their parents by siblings Cliff Miller, Gene Miller, and Karen (Miller) Pault.

Miss Lewis County

Established in 2016 to benefit the current reigning Miss Lewis County in her pursuit of higher education at Centralia College.

Patricia (Patti) Haase Morton

Centralia College graduate, career U.S. Foreign Service officer and 1979 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient.

Fred and Sharon Mueller

This scholarship benefits a vocational student in financial need. Fred dedicated 31 years of his career to teaching at Centralia College and as the director of Garrett Heyns Educational Center.

Jack and Nadine Murphy

Created in 2020 for diesel students to honor Jack’s 30 year career in the machinery and logging industry and Nadine’s contribution to her family and the communities where they lived.

N.C. Machinery

Located in Chehalis and a supporting company in the Skinner Foundation.

Neggerson/Sippola/Reynolds Nursing Endowment

Created to support nursing students in honor of Lean Neggerson (1895-1990), who was the superintendent of nurses at Tacoma General until 1933; June Sippola (1917-93), who was the founder of the LPN program at Centralia College; and Ruth Reynolds (1926-83), who was a nurse at the former Centralia General Hospital and St. Helens Hospital in Chehalis.

Nupen Family

Longtime residents of Lewis County. Vicki was a charter member of the Centralia Rotary Club and Brian is a longtime Centralia College Foundation board member.

Harold J. O’Connor (1910–2005)

Harold is a 1930 graduate of Centralia College. He was a Centralia resident.

Helen O’Connor (1905–1994)

Established in 1988 at the same time that her husband established scholarships and the Harold O’Connor Endowment fund.

Ellis Oliver (1920–1997) Memorial

Established by family members to honor Ellis and his commitment to education. Promotes and supports business programs.

Robert Harold O’Neill (1890–1981)

Co-founder of Hemphill-O’Neill Lumber Company in 1947; was in the lumber business for 67 years.

Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute

The largest eye surgery center in the Pacific Northwest. Founded January 1985 by Helgi Heidar, M.D., and Robert O. Ford, M.D.

Francis J. (1915–2001) and Alice L. (1918–2007) Paulus Trust

Graduates of Centralia College, retired and lived in Centralia. Francis was employed by the railroad and Alice worked for the telephone company.

Thor J. (1919–1975) and M. Helen Peterson (1917–2006)

Thor was a teacher and coach at Centralia High School. Helen was a retired pharmacist.

Phi Theta Kappa

Centralia College Honors Society for students pursuing an associate degree. Dedicated to the memory of Timothy Scott Kirk (1957-1992).

Dr.s Elmer, Robert and Richard Phillips, D.M.D.

The endowment set up in 2018 will benefit pre-dental, pre-medical or dental hygiene students.

Pogorelc Family

Created by longtime Lewis County resident, Vicki Pogorelc, who is also a member of the Centralia College Foundation board.

Arthur Plummer (1911–1978)

Owned and operated Twin Cities Sand and Gravel, and later, the Lakeshore Motel.

John & Kay Raupp

The Raupps live in Winlock and operate the Shamrock Nursery. John attended Centralia College and both John and Kay taught for 30 years in Lewis County.

Mildred Proffitt (1900–2000)

Established through her bequest to Centralia College, a lifelong resident of Lewis County.

Bob Reimer (1935–1997)

Established as a memorial to the former Centralia College Athletic Director.

Esther Robinson (1917–1984)

Endowment Fund for Art Scholarships
Art student and librarian in the Centralia School District.

Jerry Robinson

A longtime Centralia School District teacher and administrator.

Robinson/Wolfson Memorial

Created by the grandson of Isaac/Sarah Robinson and David/Esther Wolfson in memory of their persistence to succeed. Both families were immigrants who came to Centralia in the early 1900s. The Robinson family owned a successful clothing store and the Wolfson family owned a women's clothing store. Both were located on Tower Avenue in Centralia.

Earl Schwiesow (1932–1966)

A quality contractor who believed in the importance of education.

Security State Bank

Established to provide business scholarships to Lewis County students. Longtime banking institution with great community support.

Fay Benjamin (1898–1964 and Mary Burcham Smith (1900–1970)

He taught school for over 40 years, many of those years in Chehalis. She was a nurse at the former St. Helens Hospital, Chehalis.

Society of American Foresters, SW Washington Chapter Memorial Scholarship

Memorial to Joseph M. Jackson, a Native American, who died in 1988.

David Spogen (1931–2001)

A lifelong advocate for education and dedicated to promoting students in vocational callings including diesel technology.

Arthur Freeman Staeger and Kathrine Staeger Kimball (1907–1967)

Freeman graduated from Centralia College in 1932, Kathrine in 1928.

Sterling Savings

Providing continuous service to the community since 1921.

Gail and Carolyn Shaw

Established by the CCF board to honor these devoted and long-term supporters of Centralia College and the surrounding community.

Sheridan Family

Jean is a long-time Lewis County resident and past owner of Pacific Mobile Leasing.

Dave Sherwood (1955-2011)

Created from the proceeds of the Dave Sherwood Memorial Elk Hunt on the TransAlta land. Dave lost his life while pursuing his passion on Mt. St. Helens and was a longtime employee of TransAlta.

Harry and Margaret Shields, Sue Shields Whorton and Delbert Whorton Scholarship

Established in 2018 to benefit a nursing or healthcare student.

Whitney Ryan Smith

A student in the first BAS-AM cohort who was in the process of getting his master's degree when his life ended unexpectedly.

Olga Kraus Stewart (1908–2003)

Centralia Junior College's first music instructor. Continued to teach and write original compositions until her retirement.

Gary and Neena Stoskopf

Gary is the owner of The Housing Mart, Inc. Neena is a former employee of Centralia College.

Eva Knight Swartwood (1887–1964)

Lewis County Auditor from 1918 to 1921; operated the Edison (First Street) Grocery in Centralia.

Gordon Sweany (1913–1986)

First Distinguished Alumnus (1978) and former CEO and chairman of the board at SAFECO.

Matthew Swena Memorial

Matthew's wife, Laura Spoor, and Express Employment Prof. created this endowment in 2019 to honor Matthew's enthusiasm for life and passion for making a difference. This memorial benefits a student in the Bachelor of Science, Business Management program.

Darold Talley (1929–2002)

Established by the Centralia Junior College Reunion Committee to provide tuition support for a student athlete at Centralia College.

Tanaka Family

Yasuomi was a nursery ecologist for Weyerhaeuser Co. and Frances taught in and coordinated the Centralia College English as a Second Language program from 1975 to 1998.

The Chronicle Employees

Local newspaper staff members who recognize the importance of educating people for positions in communications.

Robert H. (1904–1964) and Frances E. Thompson (1905–1979)

Founders of Lincoln Creek Lumber and West Coast Mills.

Vondean Thompson Memorial

Bob Thompson established this memorial to his wife in 2019 after her passing to honor her love for music and community. This memorial benefits a music student or student involved in leadership.

Dean S. (1901–1990) and Elva M. Thornton (1902–1993)

He was a business administration instructor at Centralia College from 1951 to 1967. She was a teacher and homemaker.

Title Guaranty Co. of Lewis County

Has been issuing title reports and closing real estate escrows in Lewis County since 1959.

Dr. A. R. Twiss (1912–1994) Memorial

Family doctor in Chehalis for 36 years; retired in 1987.

Uhlmann Motors, Inc.

Established by Mr. Richard Uhlmann, a successful businessman, valuable community resource and a supporter of higher education.

Hoa V. Vu Memorial

Created by the six children, all immigrants from Vietnam, of Hoa Vu in support of first-generation students.

Walton Classified Staff

Established in 2013 by Dr. James Walton to benefit classified staff at Centralia College in furthering their education or training.

Jim (1891–1958) and Laura Barner Ward (1892–1985)

Jim was manager of the J C Penney store in Centralia. Laura was the paymaster for Eastern Railway and Lumber Co.

George and Mary Jane Washington

Established in 2018 by the GW200 committee this will benefit a student who is dedicated to bettering the community while improving their circumstances.

Bill and Helga Watterson

Created by CC alumnus Bill Watterson and his wife to assist students pursuing their bachelor's degree at Centralia College.

Doris (1915–2001) and Clarence (1912–2007) Watterson

Created by the children of Doris and Clarence Watterson who were longtime residents of Lewis Co. and supporters of numerous community activities.

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Since 1987, WWAHEC has served the citizens of Washington State to assure equity of and access to health care for underserved rural and urban populations through education and workforce development. This endowment is created in support of students pursuing health care professions.

Lynn (1941–1977) and Lane Westlund (1968–1977)

Lynn owned and lived on a farm in Curtis and was a Weyerhaeuser employee. Lane was his oldest son.

Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

Weyerhaeuser has a long and productive history in Lewis County. Weyerhaeuser established the Clemons Tree Farm in 1941, the first in the nation.

Owen C. Wicks (1903–1995)

Economics and forensics instructor at Centralia College from 1947 to 1969.

Phillip Wickstrom

English and drama instructor at Centralia College from 1962 to 1991. Co-founder of the Evergreen Playhouse and past president of the Washington Association of Theatre Artists.

WIDCO

Formerly Centralia Mining Co. that operated the Centralia coal mine.

Donald Widell (1931–2002)

Mr. Widell, a 1953 graduate, excelled in sports. He was inducted into the Centralia College Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

Winlock Alumni Association

Established in 2000; this endowment was created by past Winlock high school graduates to support their current and future alumni as they further their education at Centralia College.

Bert Woodland

Established by Bert Woodland in 1996 to assist students with specific financial needs. Bert was a longtime Centralia College geology instructor well-known for geology field trips.

Walter Wuerth (1925–1993)

A member of the Centralia College class of 1947 who was a local self-employed accountant.

George Calvin Yackley (1914–1991)

A lifelong farmer who raised cattle and sheep.

New Endowments

Barbara and Norman Extine

Barbara Extine was the treasurer for Centralia College beginning in 1965 and retired in 1982. She was remembered for her ability to accurately complete work that would later take several staff to accomplish. Accounting and accuracy were her passions.

Larry Shaw

Larry's scholarship is a tribute to his parents and he and his wife, Marsha, created it to benefit a business student seeking their bachelor's degree.

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2023 EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY AWARD WINNERS

The Centralia College Foundation selected Lisa Spitzer and Dan Taylor to receive the 2023 Exceptional Faculty Awards. They were chosen for their commitment to and excellence in their subject areas, and participation in campus activities.



Lisa Spitzer

Lisa Spitzer started her career teaching math to middle and high school students for 11 years. She loved it, but wanted to try teaching adults. When a position opened at Centralia College in 2013, she applied. She's been teaching pre-college math at Centralia College ever since.

"At the pre-college level is where I feel most useful," she said. "Most students are scared of math. Maybe they've never been to college before or they've been away for 20-plus years. I love to build their confidence and show them they can do this."

In addition to teaching at the main Centralia campus, Spitzer also teaches youth offenders at Green Hill School in Chehalis. The partnership with the college started in 2020 and has grown from initially helping students recover some high school credits to now earning bachelor's degrees while incarcerated.

"Working out at Green Hill has really rejuvenated my love of teaching," she said. "If they can get a degree before they're released, they're the least likely to reoffend. At that point, it's not just opening doors, it's saving lives."



Dan Taylor

Math professor Dan Taylor began his career at Centralia College in 1995 as a math tutor through the TRIO program (a federal support program for first-generation, low-income students and those with disabilities). That position led to teaching pre-college math through the college's Transitional Studies program. When he went back to school for his master's degree, he continued to teach at Centralia College part-time in the summers before being hired as a full-time math professor nearly 20 years ago.

Though Taylor teaches math at all levels, he loves calculus the most.

"Calculus is kind of like the bridge between what most people think of as math and the science behind math," he said. "I love calculus. I've always loved math, though. I was the kid all the other kids went to when they had problems with their math homework."

In addition to his work in the classroom, Taylor has been working on two larger projects for CC math and science students. He is working with The Evergreen State College to build direct transfer routes from Centralia College to Evergreen's science programs. He is also working through the details of a new bachelor's degree at CC, a Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science, which Taylor hopes to launch in fall 2024.

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