# **2016-17 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

IMPROVING PEOPLE'S LIVES THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING



# **LETTER FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT**



Dr. Bob Morbacher Centralia College President

#### MY FIRST YEAR AT CENTRALIA COLLEGE WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE—LET'S KEEP IT UP!

It's hard to believe that I have been at Centralia College for more than a year now. I guess it's true that time does fly when you're having fun. I have been consistently impressed with the relationship between the college and the community. I talk with many people who have a family relationship with Centralia College that spans two or three generation—that is a special thing that not all colleges can claim.

When I think back over the highlights from the past year, many things come to mind, but a few things stand out:

The opening of the TransAlta Commons building in May 2017. We had a standing room only crowd, including many community members, County Commissioners, City Council members, retired college employees, and other supporters from around the region. It was great to see that outpouring of support for the Centralia College.

The rededication of Washington Hall in honor of Centralia founder George Washington and the citizens of Washington State. The college is very happy to play a part in the bicentennial activities to celebrate the birth of our George Washington.

Preparing for our first cohort in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education program, beginning fall 2017. This is the college's fourth bachelor's degree program, and we are excited to begin training K-8 and Special Education teachers. The first season for Women's Soccer at Centralia College. A strong athletic program helps build student engagement and the soccer team had a strong first season.

STP! I have had the pleasure of witnessing STP twice now at the college, and it's amazing to see how all of the volunteers come together to pull off such a big event every year. I had a great time cooking breakfast for the riders and I'm looking forward to next year.

Visiting a whole list of community groups and getting to hear about their mission and the work they do: Sertoma, Rotary, the Farm Bureau, the Centralia Downtown Association, the Centralia Community Renaissance Team, Lewis County School Superintendents, Lewis County Economic Development Council, the Lions Club, the United Way, and a whole host of others groups and individuals who work hard to make our community strong.

Centralia College Commencement. When we gather on the lawn each June to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating students, it is easy to see why we work hard all year to serve the needs of those students. Finishing a degree or certificate makes a real difference in the lives of so many people.

I hope the coming year is as exciting as the past one. We have plenty to look forward to but it is truly the support of our community that makes so much of this possible. Centralia College looks forward to growing with you in the coming year, to serving students across the region, and to continuing to educate more generations of college students.

# **LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT**



**Christine Fossett** Centralia College Foundation President

The Centralia College Foundation was originally formed in 1982 to serve the needs of the college and its students, staff and faculty. The positive impacts of the foundation are evident on the campus and within the organization.

One focus of the foundation, and what it is best known for, is to raise funds that provide scholarships for students. Students attending during the 2017-18 academic year will reap the benefit of the foundation as over \$523,000 in scholarships will be provided to over 315 students for both associate and the bachelor's degree programs.

The foundation also works to raise money for capital projects. These projects help students and staff by building new facilities, remodeling existing buildings or classrooms and filling in the gap where there is a shortfall of funding from the state.

The look of the campus has evolved over the decades, and our community has seen an impressive change in the last several years with the addition of Washington Hall and the Walton Science Center, and the remodel of the Michael Smith Gymnasium and the Kirk Library.

This quarter, students will again be impressed with the offerings of the college's new crown jewel, the TransAlta Commons, a state-of-the-art building housing services for the students with a gorgeous foyer and event facility.

The foundation is proud to serve the faculty and staff by recognizing them with grants and financial awards for outstanding performances in the classroom and on campus. Our outstanding faculty and staff use these awards to gain knowledge or purchase equipment that will benefit the students in upcoming years or otherwise enhance the college campus.

Supporting the Capstone Projects has been a recent addition to the foundation's functions. The foundation has recognized that we have many creative students who have projects they would like to complete to enhance their education, and we are happy to provide funds to help them with these last quarter projects.

I am very proud to serve on the foundation board and very excited about our past accomplishments and our bright future. We are a diverse group of committed community members who represent a variety of industries. From banking, timber, law, senior services and manufacturing, we put our time and talent to work on our commitment to assisting the college in making the student and staff experience at Centralia College even better.

# SCHOLARSHIP TESTIMONIALS



Angela Heaton Nursing

The financial impact of college can be overwhelming and your wonderful gift is greatly appreciated.



### **Lujan Rodriguez** Associate of Arts

Because of this scholarship, I will be able to take out smaller loans and not have to worry as much about how to pay for college.



#### Morgan Spivey Associate of Arts

I've always known I wanted to attend college and this scholarship will be instrumental in helping me achieve my educational goals.



Alicia Wicks Centralia College Distinguished Alumna 2017

# **ALICIA WICKS IS 2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA**

The Centralia College Foundation was proud to honor Alicia Wicks, a 1964 graduate of Centralia College, as the 2017 Distinguished Alumna.

Shortly after graduating from Centralia College, Wicks served in the Peace Corps in Africa teaching English and African Literature. She went on to earn her master's degree in education from Eastern Oregon University and her juris doctor degree in public interest law from Golden Gate University. During that time, she also taught at a migrant camp and a residential school for delinquent boys. She passed the California State Bar on her first try and worked as an attorney for San Francisco for 15 years.

She returned to Centralia at the death of her father. She adopted three special-needs children and, for the next 15 years, she administered the new Individualized Certificate Program at Centralia College.

Wicks believes in giving back to her community and is involved in Popes Kid's Place, the Human Response Network, and Soroptimist International of Lewis County.

After her retirement in 2003, Wicks returned to Africa and worked with retired Centralia College President Hank Kirk and his wife Jenny at the University of Livingstonia in Malawi, where she assisted with the first graduation of teaching candidates. In 2013, she went to Liberia to work with girls in the slums of Monrovia, the nation's capital and also the center for Ebola in Liberia. As part of her efforts there, she became involved with the More Than Me Girls School, which later became an Ebola hospital for the duration of the plague. She then went to Hohoe, Ghana, where she taught young unmarried mothers to sew.

Later that year, Wicks went to Kenya, where she lived with a transitional Maasai family and assisted Maasai women in earning a living with their beaded jewelry.

Wicks is the founder and director of Maasai Made and Karibu Beading Collective, two organizations that allow traditional Maasai women to sell their crafts in the U.S. Wicks uses the money from the sales to return to Kenya and further her work with them, providing food they cannot grow, sending their children to school, and taking care of their herd animals.

"My passion is to live with and assist the people I meet by giving them a leg up and hopefully introducing a skill they can take into their future, whether as a child or an adult ... to show them somebody across the ocean cares about them," said Wicks. "As an unofficial ambassador of the U.S., I am pleased to hear, 'You are one of us.""

Wicks was a featured guest and speaker at Centralia College's commencement ceremony in June.

# **2017 EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY AWARD WINNERS**

The Centralia College Foundation selected Connie Smejkal and Jeff McQuarrie to receive the 2016-17 Exceptional Faculty Awards. They were chosen for their commitment to and excellence in their subject areas, and participation in campus activities.



Connie Smejkal Centralia College Exceptional Faculty 2017

Connie Smejkal came to Centralia College in 2006 with no previous experience teaching. In fact, she started as an office assistant and was promoted twice, first to program coordinator and then to director of Workforce and Continuing Education. Spurred by her success, she finished her master's degree and began teaching classes part-time. Something clicked immediately.

"I caught the teaching bug. I loved the classroom and watching students learn and grow. I was hooked," she said.

As soon as a full-time teaching position opened, Smejkal applied and soon found herself on the



Jeff McQuarrie Centralia College Exceptional Faculty 2017

Jeff McQuarrie spent much of his early career in business. He was the president and marketing director of a fishing resort in Alaska, and had his own video production company. But, he wanted more.

"Although both jobs were fun, I didn't feel I was really making the world a better place," he said. "I think we all have a deep craving to change people's lives for the better, and teaching does that. I still keep in touch with students from the first class I taught here in 2011. I've lived all over the country, but Lewis County people are special."

McQuarrie started teaching communications part-time, first at Centralia College East and then at both tenure track. She served as the associate dean of the bachelor's degree program, but she returned to teaching full-time after one year.

She now teaches a variety of business and accounting courses. Her favorite class is Human Relations in the Workplace.

"This class helps students work on their interpersonal skills," she explained. "Since the course is required of all workforce students, I appreciate the diversity in the classroom. The course is engaging, contains material everyone can relate to, and provides a lot of opportunities for fun learning experiences for students."

campuses. He now teaches nearly all of the Communications Studies courses available at CC, including Public Speaking, Intro to Mass Media, and debate. His favorite class is Advanced Public Speaking.

"That class attracts some gifted characters, who really know how to make learning fun," he said. "Most days, when I leave that class, my jaw hurts from laughing so much. It's so cool to have a new student who is frightened to death on the first day of an introductory public speaking course, who then goes on to take the advanced course. Guiding them from "frightened to fanatic" about public speaking is one of the biggest joys I've ever felt."

## SCHOLARSHIP **TESTIMONIALS**



Hannah Schneider Associate of Arts

Your investment has helped me finish my first year at Centralia College debt-free.



### **LeAnn Phanakhone** *Pre-pharmacy*

Receiving this scholarship has made me proud of how hard I worked the last four year of high school.



#### **Connor Howard** Associate of Science

I am truly thankful for the opportunity to attend this college and that you believe in my ability to be successful.

# **CC INSTRUCTORS DEVELOP APP FOR STUDENTS**



College teachers know how tests relate to the goals of a particular class. After all, they invest a lot of time and energy creating classes and designing tests along the way. But, students often miss the connection.

To address this gap, two Centralia College instructors, Alisha Williams (English) and Gordon Gul (Computer Science), built an app that gives students a visual representation of their skills, allowing them to see exactly how they're doing in a class and what they need to work on to improve their grades. Williams and Gul won the 2017 Connie Broughton Leadership and Innovation in eLearning Award from the Washington State eLearning Council for their app.

"We wanted to help students focus more on achieving the course outcomes, so we decided to link the things they are learning to the grades they are earning." said Gul. "We needed a way to show students the correlation between their skills performance and their score on an assignment or quiz."

The result is an interactive app called Grade Outcomes Assessment Learning Strategy or GOALS, that utilizes the Canvas online learning platform to access course information to create a sleek, color-coded, interactive chart.

The chart is built around a bullseye center where the student's current grade is displayed. Each sector of the chart represents a skill taught in the class, and each individual segment shows whether the student has achieved mastery of that skill as it applies to a particular assignment or quiz. Clicking on any segment of the chart will take students directly back to a specific assignment in Canvas, where they can view instructor feedback. If the instructor allows, students may then revise and resubmit their work to potentially improve the assignment score.

Instructors can use the app to see the progress of individual students or the class as a whole. This feedback tells the instructor how the class is performing on any given task. If several students are showing low scores in a certain skill, the instructor may wish to spend more time covering that topic before moving on.

As an added bonus, the app has a built-in alert system that allows the instructor to set "intervention" levels. For example, the instructor can set an alert if a student's grade falls below 2.5. This might prompt the instructor to initiate a conversation with the student about tutoring or other academic support options.

The app is now available for CC students.

### SCHOLARSHIP TESTIMONIALS



### Brittany Wood Music

It means so much to me that you would choose to make this investment in me.



### Sarah Hoium BAS-Applied

Management This scholarship

allows me to cut back on my work hours and devote more time to my classes.

# **CC NOW OFFERS A NEW ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN MUSIC**

Starting in fall 2017, Centralia College began offering a new associate degree in music.

This marks the first time the college has offered a full degree in music. The degree is a Direct Transfer - Associate in Arts degree, which is meant to transfer directly to any bachelor's degree music program in the state.

"The new associate in music degree is a wonderful opportunity for students. For those who want to transfer on to a university and major in music, it allows them to incorporate all of the music theory and performance classes they need in their first two years," said Dr. Bob Mohrbacher, Centralia College president. "I know we talk a lot about the importance of STEM education these days, but we can't lose sight of the importance of the arts."

Full-time students can typically complete the associate degree in two years.

"For musicians, Centralia College has a lot of advantages. We have smaller classes and more opportunity for personal instruction, while still offering the full complement of courses needed to transfer to a four-year college later on," added Dr. Beth May. "Musicians tend to advance quickly in this environment and have the confidence they need to pursue their dreams."

# CENTRALIA COLLEGE NAMES TWO TO ALL-WASHINGTON ACADEMIC TEAM

# Two Centralia College students were honored as members of the 2017 All-Washington Academic Team.

Centralia College's representatives are Joseph Lawrence and Tyler Layden. They were selected based on their academic achievement, community involvement, and service to the college.



Joseph Lawrence, 21, of Chehalis, is an engineering student with a 3.95 grade point average. He says his experience in Centralia College's Spanish classes have been transformative. After taking classes at CC for a year through the Running Start program, he moved to Bolivia to study Spanish and assist at an

orphanage. When he returned, he began volunteering as a Spanish interpreter at a low-income medical clinic. He also works on campus as a peer tutor, and off campus as a drafting technician at an engineering firm.



Tyler Layden, 18, of Chehalis, has a 4.0 grade point average and is working towards a transfer degree. As a child in a military family, Layden moved a lot. There were different schools, different friends, different faces. What never changed was the night sky. Fascinated, Layden decided to be an astrophysicist. He is now finishing his associate

degree as a Running Start student. In addition, he is president of CC's Applied Physics and Engineering Club and he teaches a geometry class for struggling students at his high school.

The 65 members of this year's All-Washington Academic Team represent all 34 community and technical colleges in Washington. Each student received a \$250 scholarship from KeyBank.



## CENTRALIA COLLEGE NURSING STUDENTS PERFORM WELL ON LPN EXAM

Centralia College nursing students taking the National Certification Exam (NCLEX-PN) to be Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) are among the best in the state, according to PracticalNursing.org, an online ranking of the best LPN programs in the nation.

Though Centralia College does not have an LPN program, many of the students in the college's Registered Nursing program take the LPN exam. Their scores were high enough in 2016 to put Centralia College in fourth place in the state for LPN exam performance.

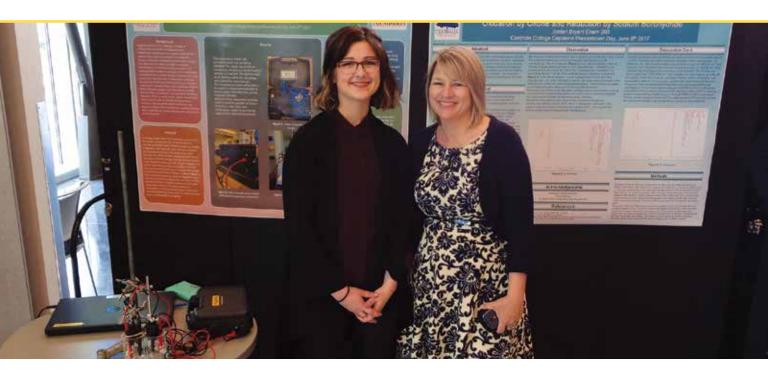
"The exceptional passing rate (100 percent the past few years) of our students on the LPN exam is certainly representative of the excellence of our program and faculty," said Ellen Hinderlie, nursing program director. "We do a fantastic job in preparing our students to be excellent nurses, starting with those choosing to take the LPN exam. It translates well to our Registered Nursing program and our students' high rates of success."

## SCHOLARSHIP **TESTIMONIAL**



#### Tobias Schofield Accounting

It's generous donors like you that allow students like me to focus on our studies without having to worry about how we will pay tuition.



# **FOUNDATION SUPPORTS 2017 CAPSTONE PROJECTS**

Centralia College held its fifth annual Capstone Presentation Day in June in the new TransAlta Commons building. The community was invited to view the presentations and projects, meet the students, hear talks on a variety of topics, and celebrate academic excellence.

There were 24 student projects presented at the event, which showcased students' culminating projects. Each project incorporated the student's learning with a practical application. This year's projects included:

- An automated aluminum can crusher
- Radiocarbon dating and tree ring analysis
- Posters and newsletters about children's health issues
- Using muscle sensors to improve motion in robotics prosthetics
- Electronic data collection for chemical reactions
- A moisture alarm for home appliances

For the third year, the Centralia College Foundation provided up to \$10,000 for students to complete Capstone Projects across all disciplines. The money was awarded through an application process.

"The foundation is excited to assist students by providing a source of funding to encourage them with their projects," said Julia Johnson, director of alumni and donor relations. "This funding also sets Centralia College apart from other community colleges, as no other community college in the state has such opportunities for students to participate in researchrelated projects."

# **INTRODUCING CAST** Become a member of Centralia Arts Support Team – CAST.

You can support the fine arts at Centralia College through an annual membership in CAST. Depending on the membership level you choose, members will receive email updates, a quarterly newsletter, and up to eight vouchers/tickets to a Centralia College drama production of the member's choice plus a private reception invitation quarterly.

Centralia College maintains vibrant and relevant arts programs that connect students to the visual arts, music, drama, design, new media, and more. With your support, we can continue to build these programs and provide cutting-edge resources and opportunities.

The impact of your membership results in building the fine arts programs at Centralia College. Some of our current needs are: choral risers and sound shells, three practice room pianos, new acting studio mats, seed money to start a summer theatre program for high school students, 3D printer, Riso Printing press, and Jacquard Loom.

If you are interested in supporting any of these needs or for more information on how you can become a member of the CAST, please contact the Foundation Office at 360-623-8942.

### TWO CC PROFESSORS WON TEACHING AWARDS FROM THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

Centralia College professors Pat Pringle and Dr. Susanne Weil were chosen to receive The Evergreen State College 2016 Teacher Excellence Awards. The award recognized teachers who have "had significant impact on the lives of students." Teachers were nominated by incoming students at The Evergreen State College.



**Professor Pat Pringle** The Evergreen State College Teacher Excellence Award Winner 2016



**Dr. Susanne Weil** The Evergreen State College Teacher Excellence Award Winner 2016

For both professors, their nomination was a surprise.

"I'm very surprised, but very pleased," said Weil. "The student who nominated me was a wonderful, hard-working student in one of my English 102 classes several years ago. I'm delighted she thought to nominate me for this honor!"

"Wow, I'm very grateful to be acknowledged by past students," Pringle echoed.

Professor Pringle has taught geosciences at Centralia College for 11 years. In April, he received the Washington State Association of College Trustees' 2016 Faculty Member Award for excellence in teaching. At Centralia College, Professor Pringle has been a strong advocate of hands-on learning. He integrates field trips and incorporates tree-ring and geologic research exercises and projects into his classes and independent research projects. He's been able to share the insights and broad experiences of more than 23 years of geoscience research, science outreach, and public information with Centralia College students.

Professor Pringle is a leader in regional geosciences, providing professional guidance and insight into the exploration and interpretive understanding of some of the region's most beloved natural areas, including Mount St. Helens, Mount Hood, and Mount Rainier, and some of the lesser known features, such as Lake Kapowsin, which recently became Washington's first freshwater aquatic reserve.

He is widely published. His work includes the definitive guidebook to the geology of Mount Rainier National Park, Roadside Geology of Mount Rainier National Park and Vicinity, for which he received the Geoscience Information Society's 2009 award for best geologic guidebook. Pringle's book details the geologic history of the mountain and all of its associated features, including the lahar patterns, glaciers, lava domes and flows, caves, lakes, and more.

He won Centralia College's Exceptional Faculty Award in 2009.

Dr. Susanne Weil earned her Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of California-Berkeley in 1991 and her B.A. in English and Psychology from Swarthmore College in 1980. She directed the writing program at Whittier College in Southern California from 1991 to 2004, when she moved to Centralia College to serve the mission of making a quality higher education affordable for everyone. In all of her classes, she encourages students to build confidence as writers by breaking down projects, whether research-based or creative, into doable stages that they expand on throughout the guarter.

Dr. Weil teaches the transfer composition courses English 101 and 102, as well as a wide array of literature courses, including American Literature, The Great American Novel, Short Fiction, Science Fiction, Non-Western World Literature, and Women's Literature.

Her academic publications have focused on Mark Twain's literary responses to bankruptcy; her most recent paper will be anthologized in Mark Twain and Money, which will be published by University of Alabama Press this summer. She also focuses on how women's work has been represented in literature and co-edited a 2011 critical anthology on this subject.

Among her own lifelong learning projects is beekeeping. She volunteers as secretary of the Lewis County and Washington State Beekeepers' Associations and includes demonstration projects on honey bees in her research and argument courses.

She won Centralia College's Exceptional Faculty Award in 2008.



# **CENTRALIA COLLEGE ADDS SECOND COHORT FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN TEACHER EDUCATION**

Centralia College received so much interest in its new Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Teacher Education, the college opened a second cohort of 30 students for fall 2017.

The college initially planned to open a single cohort of 30, but soon realized the demand was even greater than expected.

"We're already advising and lining up students for fall 2018 and fall 2019," said David White, faculty director of the BAS-TE program. "We're really excited to see so much interest in the program, and to start advising and working with students who want to be ready for the next cohorts."

Centralia College's program was

developed in collaboration with Grays Harbor College, and course offerings are shared between the two colleges via live video connection. Centralia College offers certification in both elementary education (K-8) and special education. Other certification areas may be offered as the program moves forward.

"Our faculty members are excited to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education," said Cristi Heitschmidt, dean of Child and Family Studies. "We've been working with our local school districts for several years to make this happen. We both see this as an opportunity to develop local teachers and help students earn a teaching certificate and find positions in the area. It is also a pathway for para-professionals currently working in classrooms to obtain their bachelor's degree and become certified teachers."

BAS-TE is the fourth bachelor's degree program at Centralia College.

"Centralia College has a 90-year history of listening to the community and building programs that meet the needs of real people," added Dr. Bob Mohrbacher, Centralia College president. "All of our bachelor's degrees are affordable, flexible, and local because those are the values of our students. The bachelor's degree in Teacher Education is just the latest in a long line of programs designed for our unique community."



### **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.

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.

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 Lilian/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.

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.

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 Hankes 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.

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 Irelan (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 Kimball (1928–2003) 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.

Deborah Meade (1947-2012) Created in memory of CC Distinguished Alumna Angela Meade's mother recognizing outstanding Centralia College musicians.

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.

Estella Littel Korsgen (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.

Jack (1918–2003) and

Agnes (1916–2005) Miller Established in honor of their parents by siblings Cliff Miller, Gene Miller, and Karen (Miller) Paull.

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.

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).

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 (1932–1996) 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. Jean Sheridan 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.

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.

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

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.

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 Washington Leadership (1817–1905) Founder of the city that has become Centralia.

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.

Western Washington Area Health Education Center (WWAHEC)

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 pursing 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 acco untant.

George Calvin Yackley (1914–1991) A lifelong farmer who raised cattle and sheep.

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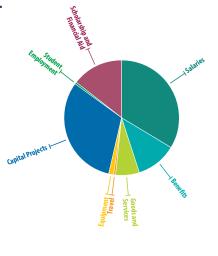
	Total	General/Operating	Restricted	Endowments	Scholarships	Plant & Equipment
ASSETS		·		·		
Current Assets						
Pooled Cash	15,422,543.92	1,074,448.89	2,529,338.62	9,552,510.03	2,005,925.91	260,320.49
Accounts Receivable	156,236.11	9,384.75	(20,183.02)	96,095.38	70,939.00	0.00
Due From Other Funds	127,752.10	127,752.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	15,706,532.13	1,211,595.74	2,509,155.60	9,648,605.41	2,076,864.91	260,320.49
Fixed Assets						
Land	562,782.99	0.00	0.00	54,537.76	0.00	508,245.23
Buildings; net	118,618.91	(2,310.30)	(1,068.36)	110,569.29	0.00	11,428.28
Equipment & Furniture; net	4,620.60	4,620.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FMV Adjustment	1,247,395.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,247,395.18
Total Fixed Assets	1,933,417.68	2,310.30	(1,068.36)	165,107.05	0.00	1,767,068.69
Total Assets	17,639,949.81	1,213,896.04	2,508,087.24	9,813,712.46	2,076,864.91	2,027,389.18
LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	502,138.49	42,918.81	16,595.55	223.87	438,539.00	3,861.26
Due To Other Funds	127,752.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	127,752.10
Total Liabilities	629,890.59	42,918.81	16,595.55	223.87	438,539.00	131,613.36
Equity						
Beginning Fund Balance	15,294,238.04	1,186,794.55	2,221,833.45	8,627,505.98	1,552,715.14	1,705,388.92
Current Year Excess (Deficit)	1,715,821.18	(15,817.32)	269,658.24	1,185,982.61	85,610.77	190,386.90
Total Equity	17,010,059.22	1,170,977.23	2,491,491.69	9,813,488.59	1,638,325.91	1,895,775.82
Total Liabilities & Equity	17,639,949.81	1,213,896.04	2,508,087.24	9,813,712.46	2,076,864.91	2,027,389.18

### **CENTRALIA COLLEGE EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

#### June 30, 2017

#### **Operations:**

Salaries	\$15,475,337
Benefits	5,312,750
Goods and Services	
Travel	
Equipment	624,128
Total Operations	\$25,632,200
Capital Projects	\$19,140,953
Student Employment	267,713
Scholarships and Financial Aid	6,538,768
Total Expenditures	\$51,579,635



- **Employees** During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the college employed 261 full-time and 365 part-time employees. Of the total employees, approximately 70 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 \$521,827 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 2016-17, the college paid \$35,098 in use tax to the state. The college bookstoregenerated \$906,000 of taxable sales revenue, which resulted in sales tax collections of \$74,312.

# CENTRALIA COLLEGE EMPLOYEE WINS REGIONAL STAFF AWARDS

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) has selected Janet Reaume, Centralia College's executive assistant to the president and board of trustees, as recipient of both the 2017 Pacific Regional and Washington State Professional Staff Member Awards.

Reaume has been working at the college since 2008, starting as an office clerk for the WorkFirst program. She was immediately recognized as a hard worker and picked up extra hours in departments across campus. President Dr. Jim Walton (now retired) was so impressed with her, he asked her to help in his



office part-time. She transitioned to full time in 2010.

"Janet is the perfect example of what an executive assistant should be. She represents the president and the trustees with professionalism, is courteous to anyone who contacts the president's office, and always willing to take on difficult projects," said Jim Lowery, chairman of the Centralia College board of trustees. "We were so proud when she was named the professional for the Washington State Trustees Association, and even prouder that she has been selected to represent our region at the national trustee meeting. We won't be surprised if she is named the national winner."

As the executive assistant, Reaume serves both the president and the board of trustees. She coordinates meetings and travel schedules, tracks budgets, serves as a primary contact for the college, addresses community inquiries, and prepares informational materials and resources for the trustees. She also serves on a number of campus committees and coordinates with state and legislative offices on college matters.

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