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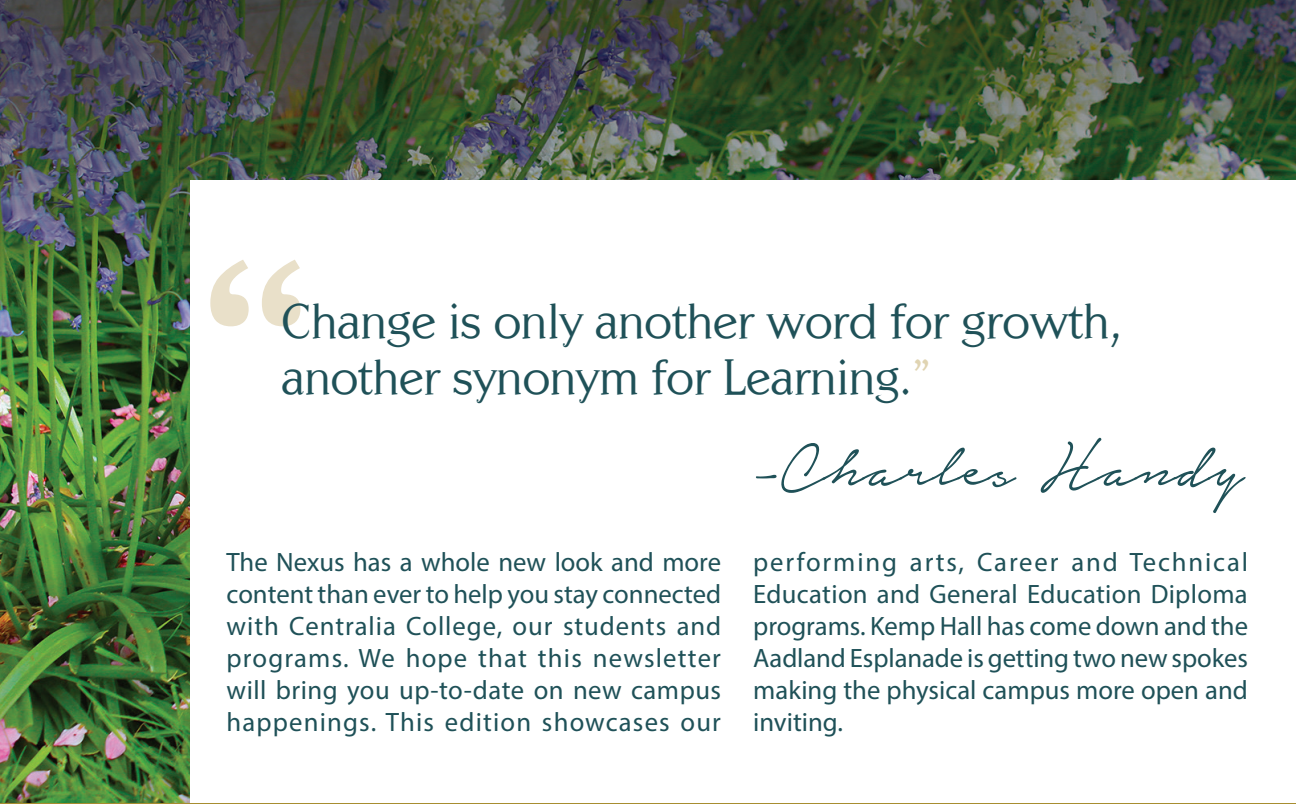
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PROUDLY SUPPORTING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT CENTRALIA COLLEGE



“Change is only another word for growth,  
another synonym for Learning.”

*-Charles Handy*

The Nexus has a whole new look and more content than ever to help you stay connected with Centralia College, our students and programs. We hope that this newsletter will bring you up-to-date on new campus happenings. This edition showcases our

performing arts, Career and Technical Education and General Education Diploma programs. Kemp Hall has come down and the Aadland Esplanade is getting two new spokes making the physical campus more open and inviting.



# Nexus Naming Contest

Images of previous Nexus Newsletters.

Nexus, we know what it means but it really doesn't tie to the Centralia College Foundation so we are looking for input from you.

Should we leave this newsletter name the same? Should we change it? Do you have a suggestion for a new name? Give us your input by emailing us at [foundation@centralia.edu](mailto:foundation@centralia.edu) or physically mail your suggestions to the Centralia College Foundation, 600 Centralia College Blvd, Centralia WA 98531.

Respond to us in either of these ways and we will enter your name to win a \$25 Starbucks gift card.

We will announce the decision of our readers in our next edition in April.

# Centralia College to Take Over Services Provided by Our Literacy Council

A volunteer literacy organization that has served Lewis County since 1971 has disbanded and Centralia College is taking over its services for adults needing to earn their GEDs or learn English or basic skills like reading and math.

Our Literacy Council had office space in the college library for a number of years and provided tutoring services and GED fee waivers to eligible students. Moving forward, Centralia College will make tutoring services available through the campus Tutoring Center and the Centralia College Foundation will be administering scholarships to cover GED testing fees (\$120 per student).

"The only difference students will see is where they go for help. Instead of the campus library, they'll come to the Transitional Services Building to start their process of learning basic skills or earning a high school diploma or GED," explained Kelli Bloomstrom, dean of Transitional Education. "Our goal is for students to receive the same level of support, only from a slightly different source."

Students will submit applications for GED testing fee scholarships through the Centralia College Foundation's Eric M. Shriver Memorial Scholarship (named

for the son of Deborah and Gene Shriver, longtime supporters of Our Literacy Council and teachers in the Centralia College's Transitional Education programs). Other waivers are available for basic skills and GED prep classes, and to take practice tests for the GED.

"Our Literacy Council did so much good and we want the community to know these services aren't going away," said Christine Fossett, CC Foundation executive director. "The foundation and the college are working with Our Literacy Council to keep these valuable services alive and available to everyone in our community."

Our Literacy Council was founded in Centralia in the early 1970s by community volunteers to assist new immigrants from Southeast Asia in learning English. A similar emphasis for new Hispanic and finally Eastern European arrivals followed. In 1986, the council entered an informal partnership with Centralia College to provide GED and basic skills tutoring. Our Literacy Council continued to provide this service to the community in the many years that followed.

For more information on literacy classes or earning a high school diploma or GED, visit the Odegaard Phoenix Center inside the Transitional Services Building (corner of Rock Street and Centralia College Boulevard) or call **360-623-8957**.

To support scholarships for students seeking their GEDs, contact the Centralia College Foundation at **360-623-8942**.

## SUPPORT THE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

# Join the C.A.S.T

(CENTRALIA ARTS SUPPORT TEAM)

**Friend \$25** - C.A.S.T. email updates on activities and events.

**Patron \$50** - Two vouchers or tickets to a Centralia College Drama event of the member's choice.

C.A.S.T. email updates on activities and events.

**Special Donor \$100** - Four vouchers or tickets to a Centralia College Drama event of the member's choice.

C.A.S.T. email updates on activities and events, invitation to special spring receptions.

**Supporter \$500** - Six tickets to a Centralia College Drama event of the member's choice with preferential seating.

C.A.S.T. email updates, on activities and events invitation to special spring receptions.

**Benefactor \$1,000** - Eight tickets to a Centralia College Drama event of the member's choice with VIP seating.

C.A.S.T. email updates, on activities and events invitation to special spring receptions.

Go to **www.foundation.centralia.edu** to learn more.

# Sports Hall of Fame Adds Two New Members

On Saturday, Feb. 23, Centralia College will induct two new members to its Sports Hall of Fame. The ceremony will be held at halftime of the women's basketball game, which tips off at 5 p.m. in the Michael Smith Gymnasium on campus.

## **BARRY ADEN**

1979-81 Baseball

Barry Aden played baseball for CC in 1980-81 and basketball in 1981. In 1980, he was drafted in the eighth round, 188th overall, by the St. Louis Cardinals. In 1981, he was drafted in the second round, 33rd overall, also by the Cardinals. He attended and played baseball at Eastern Washington University in 1982-83. He went on to be the head baseball coach at Liberty High School (Renton) from

1985-95, earning a record of 102 wins and 82 losses. Since 1990, he has managed four different teams in the Seattle-Tacoma area, including the Seattle Tacoma Cheney Studs from 2001-18 with a 731-239 win/loss record.

## **NIKKI JOHNSON**

2002-04 Basketball

Nikki Johnson was a key piece of the 2003-04 team, which finished in fourth place in the conference. Johnson was named NWAC MVP

for the Western Division and was selected for the second team in the NWAC Tournament All-Stars. She scored 405 points in 24 games with a 51 percent field goal percentage. She averaged 16.9 points per game. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in social work from Pacific Lutheran University, where she was named league MVP in her junior year. She worked for the Washington Health Benefit Exchange for several years.

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## CC Sports Wins the President's Cup

Centralia College is the 2018 recipient of the President's Cup from the Northwest Athletic Conference. A formal presentation was held Jan. 30 before the start of the women's basketball game in the Michael Smith Gymnasium.

The President's Cup honors academic achievement among two-year college athletes. Centralia College received the honor for schools with fewer than eight sports.



The President's Cup is awarded based on points, which are earned when student-athletes complete 36 credits, 72 credits,

a certificate, or a degree. The amount of points awarded is determined by student-athletes' GPAs.

# 2019 Events

Hosted by the Centralia College Foundation



## Economic Report to the Community

February 11

Join us for a discussion on the local, regional and national economy and the effect on our daily lives. Centralia College TransAlta Commons,  
**February 11, 5:30 p.m.**,  
Complimentary event.



## Foundation Night at the Olympic Club

March 19

Celebrate the foundation at the Olympic Club in Centralia. Enjoy dinner, drinks, pool or stay and watch the movie. 50% of all proceeds after 5 p.m. are donated by the McMenamins to the foundation.  
**March 19, 5 p.m. until closing.**

## West Side Story with the Foundation

May 11

Spend the evening in our lovely Corbet Theatre as we enjoy West Side Story performed by the Centralia College drama department. Seats must be reserved ahead of the event and ticket ordering will be open mid-April at [foundation.centralia.edu](http://foundation.centralia.edu) or by calling the office at **360-623-8942**. Admission compliments of the foundation until filled. **May 11, 7 p.m.**

## Capstone Presentations

June 7

Come see the impressive, innovative and groundbreaking projects completed by our Centralia College students. Their classes inspired these projects but the students have expanded on the classroom training in an area of their interest. The foundation supports the materials needed for these beyond-the-classroom presentations. You will be impressed and amazed. Centralia College TransAlta Commons, **June 7, noon-3 p.m.**, Complimentary event.



**Audrey Kimball**

Donor since 1989

# Why I Give

Audrey Kimball has always been passionate about music. So, when she met a young American soldier stationed in Paris in 1954, it was a bonus he was an accomplished musician. She married that piano-playing soldier in 1955 and, a week later, found herself sailing from England to the United States for the first time. Her husband, Ken Kimball, was working towards his master's degree in music at the University of Washington when he was offered a job – the new music director at Centralia College.

It was an offer the young couple couldn't refuse.

"We were expecting a baby and my family thought it was a good idea Ken got a proper job," Audrey said with a laugh. "We thought we'd stay two or three years, but we ended up staying. The college became my second home."

Ken Kimball served as the college's music director from 1955 to 1990. Even after retiring, Ken continued to perform during college concerts and the Kimballs established an endowment with the Centralia College Foundation to provide scholarships to students studying the arts. Ken passed away in 2003, but Audrey has continued to be a huge supporter of the music program.

Most recently, she donated funds to buy new gowns for the choir.



Picture of the Monkey Puzzle Tree planted in 1990. Plaque reads, "A gift from the class of 1990. In appreciation to Kenneth Kimball, Music Department Program Director/Instructor. 1955-1990".

"The new choir director, Vicki (Jardine-Tobin), is so professional and she wanted them all to look alike on stage. That's how Ken was, too. A perfectionist," she described. "I have the college in my will, but I thought I'd just give that money now. I've had so much joy having done it."

Audrey was able to see the gowns for the first time at the concert in December.

"Music is such an important part of who I am," she said. "There's music for every emotion in life. I never miss the concerts at the college. I love staying connected."

# Endowment Spotlight

## The Harry and Margaret Shields, Sue Shields Whorton, and Delbert Whorton Scholarship for Nursing

Sue and Dean Whorton, of Maple Valley, contacted the Centralia College Foundation in September to discuss an endowment for nursing students. Sue's parents had a long relationship with the college and her mother, Margaret Shields, had expressed her wish to give to the college.

"After my dad died in 2009, my mother said she wanted to redo her will and do some gift-giving to the college," recalled Sue. "Dean and I also wanted to give, but we weren't ready at that time, so we told mom that if she gave to the college in her will, we would match it. She thought that was the cat's meow."

When Margaret passed away in July, Sue and Dean fulfilled their promise.

"My parents were such generous people," said Sue. "I grew up knowing they supported the community in so many ways and I wanted to continue that legacy."

Margaret Shields took printing classes at Centralia College in the 1970s. Her husband, Harry Shields, operated Harry's Barber Shop at Oak and Main streets (a block from the college) for more than 35 years. Later, Sue took classes at CC and eventually earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Pacific Lutheran University. She went on to have a 37-year career as a registered nurse.

"My parents were always so proud of me and the work I did as a nurse," Sue said. "I know they're smiling down from heaven to know they're helping the nursing students at Centralia College."



Harry and Margaret Shields



Sue and Dean Whorton



## Creating Your Own Endowment

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Establishing a permanent endowment in your name or the name of a loved one is a wonderful way to create a legacy, as well as provide ongoing funds to Centralia College. With this type of fund, a percentage of the earned income is used to carry out the purpose of the endowment while the principal remains intact. To learn more about setting up an endowment, contact the Foundation office at **360-623-8942** or **foundation@centralia.edu**.



# Gala Donations Help the Nursing Program

The Centralia College Foundation hosted its annual Gala on Nov. 3. Thanks to the strong support of local businesses and individuals, the event raised more than \$60,000, including \$35,000 for a new nursing simulator during the “raise the paddle” portion of the event.



The nursing simulator, fondly referred to as Nurse Anne, arrived at CC right before the holidays. She is now up and running in the Walton Science Center, providing students an enhanced learning environment.

“Our old simulator is 20 years old. The company wasn’t even providing updates for him anymore,” said Ellen Hinderlie, nursing program director. “He has hard plastic skin. His joints don’t articulate. His eyes don’t move. He has bolts in his feet. He’s connected to a loud air compressor. While he’s still useful to us for some things, he

doesn’t feel or behave like a real patient in any way. Nurse Anne is completely different.”

For example, Nurse Anne blinks, coughs, and breathes. She has a lifelike bladder and skin. She’s portable and can sit up or be positioned in bed or at the bedside. She’s wireless and controlled by a nursing instructor through a touchpad that can be in another room. From there, the instructor can change Nurse Anne’s vital signs. She can show signs of distress. The instructor can even make Nurse Anne speak.

Hands-on learning is especially important for nurses, who need to have the critical thinking skills to handle every possible situation. The more realistic the training, the better prepared the nurses will be for real situations.

“Studies have shown that 80 to 90 percent of nursing students learn kinesthetically. Learning by making mistakes in a safe environment is what makes them good nurses in the real world,” Hinderlie explained. “The

simulations teach them critical thinking and clinical judgement. Those are the qualities that make a nurse successful.”

For the students, Nurse Anne is game-changer.

“She’s so much more pliable,” said Lisa Keeney, a second-year nursing student. “You can really feel her pulses. You couldn’t really do that before.”

Added classmate Rachel Jewell, “You really have to interact and talk to her like a real patient.”

For the nursing program instructors, Nurse Anne is more than a technological leap for the program. She’s proof of the community’s support for the program and its students.

“We’re so immensely grateful to the community for their generosity,” said Hinderlie. “It was amazing to be at the Gala and see all the paddles go up without hesitation. It blew us away to feel that kind of support. To see it so tangibly meant a lot to all of us.”

Centralia College Prepares Students for

# Highly Skilled Careers

Centralia College has secured funding for a Mobile CTE Classroom. This classroom is full of virtual reality simulators and hands-on equipment and tools. This CTE Classroom is the key to connecting high school students to local employers in need of a highly skilled workforce.



## **STUDENTS**

This mobile classroom program will inspire high school students to consider the trades in a new light. It will give them hands-on exposure to the tools and equipment, and clearly outline the educational requirements for the work.

We will show them the courses offered at Centralia College and the clear path to employment in the trade of choice. They will get the right training and spend time only on what they need.

Students could also use this training toward College in the High School or Running Start programs where applicable.

## **CENTRALIA COLLEGE**

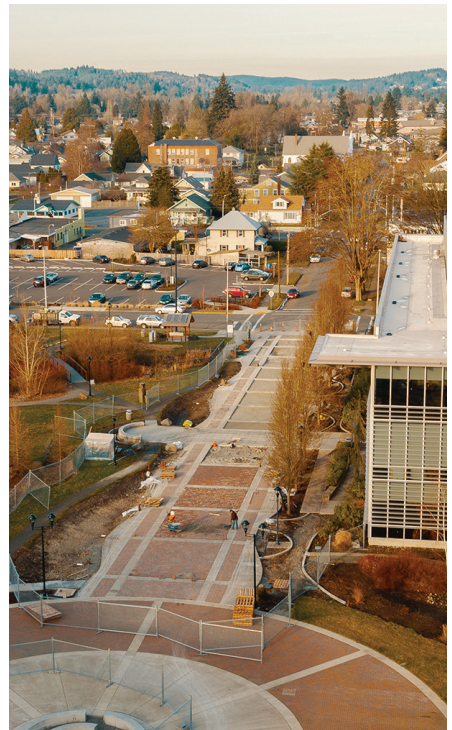
The college is the key to this partnership and will tie students to employers by offering the information, outreach, and specific training students need for highly skilled jobs in our community.

## **EMPLOYERS**

Local companies are struggling to find qualified candidates for highly skilled positions in the trades and manufacturing. This shortage means less ability to compete with other geographic areas and is an opportunity lost for our local communities.

We will provide the education the students need to fill the positions in these sectors, improve their financial situation, and benefit the community economically.

# Campus Updates



Top two pictures are of the expansion of the Gordon Aadland Esplanade. The picture to the left is of the progress that is taking place in front of Washington Hall. The right picture is of the progress along Walton Science Center. The bottom pictures are of the Kemp Hall demolition.



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