BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

- As of this date, we have 24 of the 26 students who have registered for spring quarter. One of those who have not yet registered faces a very tight and difficult financial situation which may not be resolved. Several students have found the workload to be almost overwhelming when combined with full time jobs and their home life. As noted before, this is a common comment heard at the other colleges with BAS programs in place.

- Although we have twenty-eight applicants for fall 2013 enrollment, not all are ready and not all will become ready in time. Some have academic credentials that appear marginal. I say appear because many students obviously are more mature and apply themselves far better in their late twenties and older than they did as a teenager. To bolster the pool a coordinated program of advertisements will be used the first week of April. This campaign will involve posters, radio, newspapers, postcards and Fox Theatre pre-movie commercials.

- State wide activity continues with the needs assessments for four proposed programs in review by the BAS Directors/Deans as of this week. Those four are:
  - Highline Community College – BAS Cyber Security and Forensics
  - Lake Washington Institute of Technology – BAS Public Health
  - Columbia Basin College – BAS Project Management
  - Seattle Central Community College – Bachelor of Science - Nursing

- The communication between BAS Directors/Deans remains strong and we will meet face-to-face in both April and May. These meetings provide opportunities for terrific information gathering for those of us still ramping up the learning curve. Yakima Valley CC has just hired an individual to explore a BAS Business program.

- Discussions continue on the Centralia College campus concerning a BAS Diesel which might provide a technical and/or a managerial track. The diesel faculty is in the early stages of need assessment with their industry to gain insight on this and other key aspects. Discussion also continues concerning a BAS Web Development. Drafts are being prepared that describe a skill set focused on design, another on the backend technical development, and in both cases realizing that marketing, social media and communications play a critical role. These drifts will be discussed with several local organizations to gauge relative interest and needed content for such a degree program.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

Music
- Dr. Huffman Donna adjudicated the Chinook Region Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Timberline High School February 9.

- Dr. Huffman adjudicated the Olympia Choral Society Scholarship Auditions on February 23. In the past, three of the scholarship winners chose to attend Centralia College.

- The Centralia College Jazz Band, under the direction of Dr. Huffman, performed at the Centralia Eagles Club March 7 at 5:30 p.m. for the Centralia College Rotoract Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction.
The Lewis County Community Band Concert, part of the Continuing Education Program at Centralia College, performed in Corbet Theatre March 12 at 7:30 p.m. It was very well attended.

The Centralia College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Huffman, performed a free concert, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Harrison Square Presbyterian Church. A free-will offering was taken to benefit the Lewis County Food Bank.

Dr. Huffman was chosen to conduct the Southwest Washington Massed Choral Honor Choir and adjudicate the Small Choir and Large Choir Competition. The winner of the small choral ensemble division was Winlock and the winner of the large choral ensemble division was Tenino. The participating schools were Tenino, Onalaska, Winlock, Mossyrock, Pe Ell, Toledo, Napavine, and Toutle Lake.

Dr. Susanne Weil, Associate professor of English and humanities, has been invited to speak about the Centralia Tragedy of 1919 at the Pacific Northwest Labor History Association’s annual conference in Portland this May. The conference theme is “Labor Under Attack: Learning from the Past and Preparing for the Future.” Susanne’s talk will be titled, “To the Good Citizens of Centralia”: Residents’ Responses to the I.W.W. in 1919 and Today.” Her focus will be to dispel stereotypes of Centralia as “the town with a secret” and suggest a more realistic perspective on the complex range of responses to these events, including an overview of the 2009 Lyceum series and symposium held here on our campus. Susanne’s interest in the events of 1919 stemmed from a demonstration paper that she did alongside her English 102 students during her first quarter at Centralia, and she has outlined an historical novel based on the topic to keep her busy when she retires.

Centralia College sophomore and Writing Center volunteer Isaac Wulff directed Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* at the Evergreen Playhouse winter quarter. Although part of a theater family, with theater experience under his belt, Isaac had not directed here in Centralia, and was thrilled to work on this particular production alongside his wife Katrina Wulff who produced the play. They sponsored a special “Pay-What-You-Will” performance to encourage attendance by students who also had a chance to question the cast afterwards.

Centralia College sophomore Edward M. Riley has published his first children’s book entitled “My Monster and Me” with illustrator Jennifer Cullings. The project was funded through the website Kickstarter last fall. The book is available at Wind-Up Toys in Olympia and has a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MyMonsterAndMe. Ed will be working with creative writing faculty Linda Foss during spring quarter to bring several more children’s book ideas to fruition.

Centralia College graduates Victoria Stewart and Debby Lee were joined on an authors panel by adjunct English faculty Kimberly Bennett. The speakers were brought in to share their publishing successes with students from the winter quarter Introduction to Creative Writing course taught by Linda Foss. Both Victoria and Debby were students of Ms. Foss’s who are pursuing writing careers. Ms. Bennett, who started teaching on our main campus last year, is finishing an MFA degree this summer. She’s recently published poetry online and regularly writes book reviews.

A rotating exhibit of student artwork will be located in both the center gallery hallway and Art Department hallway in Washington Hall throughout spring quarter. Paintings, drawings, photographs and designs from the fall and winter classes will be on display. Please come and enjoy!

Spring quarter the Fibers class will once again work with the Children’s Lab school in a cooperative learning experience. Fibers students will teach their newly learned skills in papermaking to the children, and together they will design and create an original work of art that will be entered in the Spring Youth Fair. This collaboration always proves to be a rich experience on both sides and we look forward to the opportunity to do it again.

The Art Department Facebook page is getting 500 plus hits a week – we currently are displaying digital photography from the Digital Photography courses.
Psychology

- Dr. Atara MacNamara chaired a committee for Twin Cities Rotary that put on a murder mystery dinner March 1 and earned about $3,000 for Centralia College scholarships. The murder mystery was called *There’s a New Sheriff in Town*. The play took place at the Washington Hotel in Chehalis and Larry McGee played the old sheriff who investigated the murder of a barmaid. One of our BASM students, Daniel Spansky-Dreffin, was the master of ceremonies for the event and his wife wrote and directed the play. Atara proposed the idea, formed a committee, and carried it through. It was a great success for a first-time fundraiser and we will definitely do it again next year.

Science

- Pat Pringle spoke at the February 5 Centralia Rotary Club meeting. He talked about the research that Colleen Suter and Christina Williams have been doing and about their poster presentation at the Northwest Scientific Association meeting March 20-23 in Portland. Pat also talked a bit about how their work could help solve puzzles about past earthquakes in this region. If you go to the Earth Sciences page [http://www.centralia.edu/academics/earthscience/index.html](http://www.centralia.edu/academics/earthscience/index.html) and select the student research at CC link in the left sidebar, you'll see a web page Pat put together on their presentation at the meeting with pictures. Pat plans to get their entire posters up eventually. They came to Pat last year and asked to be involved in a project, so they went out in the field this past summer to get going. They've been doing lab work since then on their own related to the research and want to continue working on their respective projects. The links to the abstracts are on the web page. The object has been to get them involved in a project so they could learn about the process of this kind of field research: making observations, collecting data in the field, taking field notes, processing and analyzing samples back in the lab, interpreting radiocarbon ages, writing up an abstract, creating a poster, and eventually going to the meeting to take part in the poster session and of course the rest of the meeting. It's been a powerful experience. Pat says these women are very talented, and they work very hard. Colleen and Christina also have been working with Steve Norton on a project to compare the DNA of Sculpin found in streams around the Olympic Peninsula to try to make some inferences about their provenance.

- Pat just started working with another science student, Michelle Kearns, on a research project looking at the subfossil trees that were buried in the Puyallup and Duwamish River valleys about 1,100 years ago. She heard about the "joys of research" from Colleen and Christina and approached Pat about working on a project. Pat has had Michelle in a couple classes before, and he is looking forward to this collaboration too.

- Pat recently was a peer reviewer for a paper that is scheduled to be published in the next issue of the journal *Northwest Science* as well as portions of a book on earthquake hazards in the region written by Sandi Doughton of the *Seattle Times* and another geology field trip book for the Pacific Northwest being assembled by geologist David Tucker.

- On Wednesday evening, March 6, Dr. Steve Norton delivered a presentation on STEM career prospects, some of his scientific research, and especially the STEM programs at Centralia College at C.C. East. In addition to C.C. East students, counselors, teachers, students, and parents from Morton, White Pass, and Packwood high schools were invited. While attendance was sparse, Dean Kelli Bloomstrom and Steve agreed that we should continue this outreach, albeit at a different time.

- At the invitation of President Walton, on Wednesday, March 13, Steve delivered a presentation on STEM career prospects and the STEM programs at Centralia College at the meeting of the Centralia Rotary Club.

LIBRARY/eLEARNING/INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH
Sue Gallaway - Dean, Library Services and eLearning

- Alexis Austin, Kathy Brooks, Mary McClain and Jeff McQuarricke attended the first annual WACUG (Washington Canvas Users Group) held at Tacoma Community College. Topics were wide-ranging and informative.
Kathy Brooks presented at WACUG on how to create outcomes and content rubrics in Canvas and then run reports.

This spring we are running 900 courses in ANGEL and 80 courses in Canvas. The majority of Canvas courses are web-enhanced (100% face to face) and hybrid (some seat-time displaced with online activity). This fall all courses using an LMS will be on Canvas.

Kathy Brooks began another round of Canvas training, this time offering it in a “hyflex” format. Faculty can choose to do all of the work online or to also attend a series of face-to-face workshops, or blend as individually needed.

Cheryl Williams and Sue Gallaway attended the Research and Planning Commission meeting at Wenatchee Valley College. Included in the meeting was training on the SAI database, the MRTE database (transfer student data), and a panel on benchmarking.

Dale Carroll wrapped up Phase 1 as chair of the Retention DTF. The next step will be to take the work of the DTF and refine via feedback with administrators, classified staff, and faculty.

Lily Kun and the library faculty hosted a faculty librarian from Bellevue College. The visiting librarian is on sabbatical and traveling to different colleges to conduct comparative research on outreach activities, information literacy programming, and strategic planning processes.

Lily Kun attended the South Sound Technology Conference at UW Tacoma, focusing on emerging trends in higher education.

Lily Kun took part in training focused on evaluating and improving your library website.

Hyesoo Albright continued her long tradition of partnership with International programs by assisting with the International Student Program Potluck.

Sue Gallaway, Kathy Brooks, and Dale Carroll attended the third workshop on WGU’s competency-based model. This workshop focused on learning resources.

**TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION**

**Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education**

March 2013 brought quite a few staff changes to the Transitional Education Department. Sharon Libby, adjunct faculty and Math/Peer Tutor Center Coordinator accepted the position of Basic Skills Program Coordinator. In her new role she will work with instructors to track and collect student participation and testing data to report into the WABERS data system. Brian Carroll, a graduate from Centralia College has accepted the adjunct IEP (Intensive English Program) position and Marty Wiebe has taken on the role of Tutor Center Coordinator. Eleni Palmisano, Pre-College Math faculty, has announced her decision to retire by August 2013. Ceci Mano, Testing Center Program Assistant also resigned from her position to be effective by mid-April. Although we are very sad to let these folks go, we celebrate the opportunities their new pathways offer to them.

Judith Aguilar, ESL faculty, worked with the Korean’s Women’s Association to coordinate their visit to Centralia College to offer legal services in support of the DACA program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). The “Dreamer” program is designed to enable undocumented young people between the ages of 15 and 31 who have been living and going to school in the United States to gain legal status and be able to work. KWA, founded in 1972 as the Korean Women’s Association, is an internationally recognized non-profit social service agency and provides services throughout Western Washington. They reported great success for their recent session at Centralia College. They handled 35 cases, of these 16 already have confirmed approvals while 12 are still in process.
Lisa Harjo, Our Literacy Council Executive Director has spearheaded the planning efforts for the Knowledge Bowl scheduled for April 18, 6:00PM in Corbet Theater in Washington Hall. The event offers a friendly but spirited trivia competition, a tasty array of appetizers as well as raffle drawings. This year’s 12 teams include TransAlta, LC United Way, Centralia College Foundation, Centralia College Faculty, LC Young Professionals, Centralia Rotary, Chehalis Rotary, Centralia College Rotaract, Centralia High School Teachers, Centralia-Chehalis Soroptomists, The Chronicle and the Centralia Timberland Library. All proceeds go to support adult literacy services in Lewis County.

On March 8, Eleni Palmisano and Brigitte Kidd, Dean, Transitional Education attended a Pre-College Math Workshop in Bellevue hosted by Pearson-Vue. The workshop was titled “Changing Times, Changing Students” and focused on different models of acceleration through the math curriculum for Washington State. The keynote speaker Kathy Almy introduced recently published curriculum based on applied and integrated math instruction.

The regional CBS (Council for Basic Skills) meeting was held at SPSCC in Olympia and focused on the new Federal Grant Application due April 16. The meeting was especially meaningful for the new basic skills director of the group who never had to write the Basic Skills grant before. The agenda also allowed for extensive discussion of the new High School Diploma 21 as well as the new GED 2014 test. The next meeting is scheduled for May.

Anticipating a higher demand for GED testing, the Testing Center has increased the weekly number of GED computer based testing hours available to the campus and public communities by 50%. The intention is to ease the transition from the current GED test that will end in December 2013, to the new GED 2014 test battery. Already GED paper-based testing is being systematically and responsibly phased out, and computer based testing has been implemented for the GED in Spanish. Statistics show that students do markedly better on computer-based testing. Previous paper test-takers are adapting well after participating in a student orientation. Scores have improved. Additional Pearson-Vue exams have been added to the testing center inventory such as the NREMT exam (EMT certification). The implementation of TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills/placement) for the nursing program and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) for the international program is in progress. In addition, 8 computers had NVDA (non-visual desktop access) software uploaded which allows the Testing Center to better serve the needs of students referred by Disability Services.

WORKFIRST/WORKER RETRAINING
Bev Gestrine – Director, Workfirst, Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET) & Worker Retraining Programs

Worker Retraining
- Joanie and Bev are busy collecting information, analyzing data and writing the 2013-14 grant. They are also working closely with the Business Office and Advisory Committee in getting the grant ready to be submitted in OGMS by the due date of April 25. The grant amount is $844,581 for 178 FTES.

- We have been researching how we can serve students with (VRAP) the new one year veterans funding program. These vets cannot receive any other form of state or federal training funds, which means they may struggle in coming up with the first quarter start-up costs for tuition and books. The SBCTC has notified us if we help these students during the VRAP training period their funds from that source could be jeopardized. We can help them with Worker Retraining funding once VRAP funding has ended, which is at the end of one year. We have let these students know we will be there to help them through their second year. For now we can help them with all the paperwork that must be done.

- Joan Meister reported she had over 300 headcount for winter quarter 2013.
WorkFirst

- Students participating in the multi-agency sponsored Options class beginning spring quarter will be enrolling in up to two credits. This will enable us to capture the effort and headcount for the WorkFirst program. Lesona Hartman and Connie Roberson are the college’s facilitators for the program that is moving into its eightieth month.

- The Options program was awarded the Innovations Grant from the State Board and the money will go toward learning materials and classroom supplies. We have submitted another grant to the Walmart Foundation and are awaiting a response from that one.

- WorkFirst has a large group attending their GAP programs between winter and spring quarters. The group has been studying various different topics from the Red Cross to “Developing a Winning Attitude”. Several different instructors from the community, along with Lesona Hartman and Connie Robertson, have been volunteering their time to teach the classes.

- Margret Friedley, Bev Gestrine and business office staff are putting the finishing touches on the WorkFirst grant which is due April 4. The grant amount is $435,754.

Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)

- Bev has been asked to serve as a grant reader/rater for the 2013-14 BFET proposals.

- We are exploring at the SBCTC level of expanding the BFET partnership to include “Growing Places”, which is local job training program for at risk youth.

- Debra Caviness reported that she currently has 230 students enrolled in the BFET program for spring quarter.

Other

- We have received estimates from Correctional Industries to modify our intake reception area to be in compliance with ADA requirements.

- Brooke Merchant, Intake receptionist has developed a tri fold flyer indicating local resources for uninsured low income students. We have distributed the information campus wide and through the WorkSource. Students appreciate the “all in one” information. Thanks much to Brooke for her work on this project.

PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

Criminal Justice
Greg Gilbertson and Tadd Belden

- The Centralia College Criminal Justice Program participated in oral final exams for Winter Quarter 2013. These oral exams were in the form of, or similar to an oral interview they would experience if applying for a position with a law enforcement agency, correctional institution, or social service agency.

- Students were required to appear for this event in business attire, and were posed questions by the following Centralia College Criminal Justice Advisory Committee members:
  - Commander James Rich, Centralia Police Department
  - Lieutenant Tim Winchell, Washington State Patrol
  - Chief Glenn Schaffer, Chehalis Police Department
  - Mr. Jonathan Meyer, Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney
  - Ms. Durelle Sullivan, Dean of Instruction, Workforce Education
Each student was asked 8-10 questions from a list provided to them by Professor Gilbertson and Professor Belden: Following is a sample of some of the questions:
- Please define the concept of Guilt Laden Facts and provide at least six examples of the same.
- Please define the concept of Special Knowledge.
- Please define the concept of Reasonable Suspicion.
- What are three actions law enforcement officers can take based upon Reasonable Suspicion?
- Please define the concept of Probable Cause?
- Please recite the 4th Amendment.
- Please explain the meaning of the concept of “Beyond a Reasonable Doubt.”
- Please explain the meaning of the concept of “Preponderance of the Evidence.”
- Please list the nine (9) options available to law enforcement and corrections officers within the Force Continuum.
- What is “Deadly Force” and when can it be lawfully employed against a human being or animal.
- What is the Exclusionary Rule and how does it impact law enforcement officers?
- What is the Miranda Warning?
- Which constitutional amendments are the foundations for the Miranda Warning?
- Which constitutional rights are safeguarded by 5th Amendment?

Our students performed remarkably well and received high praise from our panel members. As you can see from the attached photos, all students were professionally attired in business suits and truly seemed to enjoy the event. Professor Belden and I wish to express our sincere appreciation to our panel members for taking time from their busy schedules to participate in this event.

Electronics
*Dave Peterson & Cal Taylor*
- Electronics will have the largest freshman spring quarter class in Cal's 25 years of being here.
- David Peterson has been hired full-time tenure track for next year!
- The sophomores will be taking the ISCET Associate Exam in April. This is a national certification exam.
- March 23rd, the first of the (hopefully) annual "Blazer Bot" competitions, hosted by the college and Educational Service District 113.
- It was a roughly three hour event that drew over 150 people to the Centralia College gym. There were 5 different teams competing - two from Centralia Middle School, Oakview, Shelton, and Washington Elementary.
There were three robot events, all built with Lego Mindstorms, which we use in the robotics program here as well. Some of the teams had two or more robots in each event, so between the three events, the smallest had 8 individual robots competing, the largest had 17 competitors!

There were medals for the 1st and 2nd place winners of each event as well as a trophy for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall schools.

The electronics club supplied a number of students who helped with set-up, judging, logistics, audio/video, concessions and clean up. Also thanks to the president of the media club who filmed the event and showed it live via projector.

The event was somewhat small this year, just as a trial run, but due to the huge success it will definitely be a MUCH bigger event next year. There was a lot of talk from the state-level ESD folks about the possibility of turning us into the meeting place of a state competition in a couple years if this takes off.

Also, as a really neat side note, of all the kids that were involved, about half of them were girls, which is unusual in a robotics and technology field, but it was great to see that!

Diesel
Jake Conrad & Jake Lund

The Diesel program took delivery of the new equipment trailer recently and this will make it much easier to move large pieces of equipment.

We held our advisory committee meeting and we think we will be placing about half of our second year students in summer or full time positions for cooperative work experience in May.

We are working with Larry McGee on gathering information for the needs statement for BASD.

Both Jakes completed Canvas training and are making classes hybrid for Spring Quarter.

Business Administration
Connie Smejkal

Four students from Rotaract attended the DLTA conference in Victoria BC. During the two day conference, students attended workshops on how to increase membership, public relations, and using social media. On addition, officers attending workshops specific to their offices, such as how to be an effective secretary and what being the president means. Outside of the workshops there were many opportunities for the students to network with Rotarians.

Center of Excellence for Energy Technology
Submitted by Barbara Hins-Turner, Director

Job Seekers Panel, March 22
Local utility experts that included representative from Lewis County PUD, Tacoma Power and Incremental Systems shared job seeking best practices within the power industry. This one-day workshop was opened to second-year Energy Technology students from Grays Harbor, Spokane IEL and Centralia College Energy programs. Highlights included what employers look for in a job candidate, what to do and avoid doing while job searching, and how to apply for a utility job. Students participated in mock interview sessions and learned communication tips, job search techniques (including how to access information on PNCECE’s website), resume building and cover letter tips.
### Legislative Open House, Washington State Capital, March 21
Centralia’s Energy Technology Assistant Professor Rulon Crawford, Grays Harbor College graduate Sara Bowles, and Grays Harbor Program Assistant Nancy Estergard promoted energy efficiency and our Energy Technology program to legislators and guests during a reception at the capital. The event, which was hosted by the SBCTC, Trustees Association of Community and Technical Colleges, and Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges President forum, showcased how Washington CTCs contribute to economic prosperity by training people to work in high-skill, high-wage occupations.

### Smart Grid Education Taskforce Meeting, Seattle City Light, March 20
The quarterly Education Taskforce met at Seattle City Light. Representatives included industry, organized labor, 4 year universities and community colleges from Washington, Oregon and Utah.

Meeting highlights:
- PNCECE website. Monica Brummer demonstrated interactive webpages for 5 state regional Energy Industry Education Programs; the Job Board (by state) page and the Smart Grid Resource Library. [http://cleanenergyexcellence.org](http://cleanenergyexcellence.org)
- The National Training and Education Resource (NTER) was demonstrated by Dr. Bob Topping. PNCECE now has a customized, branded “node” to offer open source curriculum developed under the smart grid project across the region. Nearly 300 modules have been developed over the course of the three year project which ends July 31, 2013. Modules are in the process of being uploaded to the PNCECE NTER node.
- Jeff Hammarlund, Portland State University Associate Professor, shared feedback from the first Smart Grid Train the Trainer workshop held at Edmonds Community College February 22. The course received high praise and constructive feedback from the participants that will be used to further enhance presentation and content delivery for upcoming workshops at Avista’s Jack Stewart Training Center in Spokane, April 26, and at Utah Valley University in Salt Lake City, May 7.

### Skill Gap Forum, Seattle City Light, March 20
PNCECE coordinated an Energy Industry Skill Gap Forum on behalf of sponsors SBCTC and Association of Washington Business (AWB). All Centers of Excellence are required to convene an industry forum to:
- Obtain relevant information concerning job growth projections and workforce skills gaps from industry leaders within key industry sectors represented by PNCECE to help inform programmatic decisions at the community and technical colleges.
- Elevate the role of the Centers of Excellence as the state’s leaders in providing expertise, coordination and support for business and education partnerships building a competitive workforce.
- Gather information that will summarize all ten Center of Excellence forums and update information augmenting the original 2006 Environmental Scan.

Alan Hardcastle, PhD, WSU Energy Program Senior Research Associate opened the forum with a review of the 2008 Energy Sector Labor Market Study. He provided a progress report on PNCECE’s 2013 Labor Market study update that is currently underway. Barbara Hins-Turner moderated a panel of industry senior managers and organized labor representatives in a discussion to inform SBCTC and AWB of the state of the energy industry workforce.

### Housing and Urban Development (HUD) meeting, March 18
Jim Lowery, Steve Ward and Barbara Hins-Turner attended a meeting coordinated by HUD to inform federal agencies and develop partnerships for the purpose of creating a facility at Centralia Station to house PNCECE, the Energy Technology program and other workforce programs. Attendees included representatives from HUD, USDA Rural Development, CERB, SBA, Dept of Education, and Dept of Commerce.
Legislative Staff Visits PNCECE, March 6
Julie Balmelli-Powe, chief staff of congressional Representative Jaime Herrera-Beutler, visited PNCECE. Discussion included Washington’s Center of Excellence model, Clean Energy partnership and outreach to partner states, and Centralia’s Energy Technology/Power Operations program with student success stories.

PNCECE Spring Newsletter
This issue features PNCECE college/industry partnerships and student success stories including:
- Avista Line School/Spokane Community College partnership
- Student success stories featured energy programs at Centralia, Grays Harbor, Wenatchee Valley, Walla Walla and Spokane Community Colleges.
- PNCECE/Portland State University partnership to design Smart Grid Train the Trainer workshop for faculty, industry trainers and K-12 career and technical education teachers.
- Student success through training in Renewable Energy Technology at Idaho State University’s Energy Systems Technology Education Center—a PNCECE Smart Grid anchor partner.

Centralia Energy Technology/Power Operations Program Partners with Lewis EDC
The Lewis Economic Development Council (EDC) has joined a regional effort with Grays Harbor, Mason, Pacific and Thurston EDCs – to promote energy cost-saving opportunities for local businesses. Local partners include: Centralia City Light, Lewis County PUD, and Puget Sound Energy’s natural gas customers.

To help support this drive, the Lewis EDC’s Energy Program Manager, Jim Lowery, recruited Rulon Crawford, 1st year Centralia College Energy Technology instructor to provide workshops on simple energy efficiency measures. The seminars are being held in Mossyrock, Pe Ell, Packwood and Morton to demonstrate how small changes will save money (on utility bills) and save Kilowatts.

8th Annual Energy and Construction Best Practices Summit, June 19/20, RETC, Satsop Campus

Energy Technology Lab
The Energy Technology hands on lab continues to expand with a newly installed utility pole and transformer donated by Tacoma Power. The equipment will be utilized as a visual teaching tool for the energy tech program to provide students a “real life” example of how transformers operate to step down the voltage used in the distribution lines to the level used by the customer.

CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST
Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

- WSU Lewis County Extension Master Gardener Program hosted a “Gardening for Everyone” workshop at CCEast on March 2nd at CCEast. More than thirty people attended the free gardening workshop.

- Dr. Steve Norton gave a presentation on the STEM program at CCEast on May 13.
Centralia College East Organization of Students (CCEOS) sponsored the play *Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like* with performances for students from the White Pass, Morton, and Eatonville school districts March 20-23. The play culminated in a performance for the community, which drew an audience of 105 people. The play was directed by Fred Schwindt and was produced in partnership with Fire Mountain Arts Council.

WSU Lewis County Extension hosted Master Beekeeper Apprentice Level Classes at CCEast on four consecutive Saturdays in March. One of the instructors was Susanne Weil, Centralia College faculty.

An Energy Efficiency Forum is being held at CCEast on April 18, through the efforts of Jim Lowery, Energy Programs Manager.

Kelli Bloomstrom, Associate Dean, represented the college at the Powerful Examples of Excellence awards dinner on March 27, honoring high school juniors and seniors from eastern Lewis County.

Fire Mountain Arts Council has been meeting regularly at CCEast to write the script for the summer production, in partnership with CCEOS, commemorating the city of Morton’s 100th anniversary. Performances will be in August.

CCEOS is planning a community open house in April, following the Board of Trustees meeting. The program will include college updates by Dr. Walton and BASM updates from Larry McGee, as well as a book reading by Kenton Smith, adjunct faculty and recently published author of a western novel, “The Pipsqueak Kid”.