BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

- The eLearning department is working with the makers of our LMS Canvas, as some of the oft-used measurements for course objectives are not currently linking to program outcomes. Kathy and Alexis have made good progress and there is every reason to believe Canvas is going to support the aggressive assessment process goals we have established for BASM.

- We are already taking some of the BASM courses that were first offered in the fall and making adjustments to the course outlines. We will continue to use our experience to fine tune the course content.

- Barring any surprises, we have identified faculty for 13 of the 18 BASM courses. The approximate split between tenure/tenure-track faculty and adjuncts is 60% - 40%.

- All college and BASM web sites have been updated and enrollment for the fall 2013 BASM cohort has commenced.

- Individual BASM students will be featured in upcoming quarter class schedules as well as articles and ads in the Blaze as we work to create a steady drumbeat of information on campus and in the community to generate awareness of the program.

- There are currently 32 prospective students we are in communication with for fall 2013. Certainly, not all will be ready or financially able for the next fall co-hort start up.

- We will participate in the Washington State Indian Education Association's Native Student College Fair/Focus Day -- April 9, 2013 at the Great Wolf Lodge.

- Dean Sullivan has agreed to course substitutions on an individual case basis so current students can both satisfactorily meet the requirements of their respective associate's degree and also meet the entrance requirements for BASM. This kind of flexibility and cooperation is a great benefit to our students.

- The idea surfaced at the BASM Community Advisory committee meeting in December to package information about employers that provide tuition support and go to key employers in our area who do not and work to get them to add that benefit. This is certainly not an opportune time, but we will at a minimum, plant some seeds.

- The Centralia School District has asked the BASM Executive Director to join the General Advisory Committee. This committee advises the district regarding curricula, equipment and facilities for both technical and career post-secondary education.

- Policies are being defined for such issues as management of non-matriculated students and minimum acceptable grades for BASM coursework.
ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

Math
- Dan Taylor has accepted an invitation to serve as an AP reader for the College Board’s Advanced Placement Program. He will join other educators in Kansas City in June to evaluate and score AP mathematics examinations.

Education
- Our bachelor’s degree program for teacher education, provided here on campus cooperatively with St. Martin’s University, completed another successful semester. We placed 13 student teachers and 17 practicum students, most of whom took their prerequisites through Centralia College.

- David White, professor of sociology and education, who also serves as our liaison to the St. Martin’s Teacher Education Program which is housed on the Centralia College campus, attended a late fall conference in Denver. He heard nationally recognized presenters share how to effectively serve the educational needs of highly capable students. A central point of the presentations covered STEM needs.

- On January 24 the first portion of the Advising Committee meeting was devoted to an information question and answer segment regarding our on-campus upper-division education programs.

Faculty
- Full professors completing 12 or more years at Centralia College have the opportunity to serve as mentors and give back to their colleagues the benefit of the mentor’s knowledge, skills, experience, and support. To this end, David White, as chairperson of the Faculty Professional Development Committee, set a panel presentation on professional improvement credits and extended funding. The panel was composed of the committee members. The session was well attended and many questions were asked and answered.

English
- You can now follow the Writing Center on Twitter. The Twitter account will be used for Writing Center updates and small messages of upcoming events. The address is WritingCenter4.

- During fall quarter the Writing Center sponsored its first quarterly creative writing contest for Centralia College students. Three awards were given for the “best first page” of a novel. The winners were Aric Catron, first place; Devinnie Williams, second place; McKayla Macomber, third place. Prizes were donated by the bookstore and the cafeteria.

- During winter quarter Kim Bennett, adjunct faculty member, will coordinate a “person, place or thing” memoir writing contest.

- Kim also reports that two of her prose poems have been published online at http://prose-poems.com/. As a bonus, the poems will be included in a print anthology later this year. Kim is concentrating on prose poetry, in a critical paper as well as a creative project, as she completes her MFA at Wilkes University.

Psychology
- Dr. Atara MacNamara has been invited to give the keynote address at a Trio-McNair Scholars event at Eastern Washington University on May 23. This event is a gathering of past, present, and future scholars pursuing graduate degrees in their various fields.

Music
- The Student Music Club, Pro Musica, recently sponsored a guest lecture on microphones, amplifiers, and sound equipment techniques. It was well attended by many Centralia College students that often assist in their previous high schools and churches.
• Dr. Donna Huffman will be adjudicating for the Chinook Region Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Timberline High School, February 9.

• Dr. Huffman will be adjudicating the Olympia Choral Society Scholarship Auditions 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, will be performing at the Centralia Eagles Club March 7 at 5:30 p.m. for the Rotaract Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction.

• The Lewis County Community Band Concert, part of the Continuing Education Program at Centralia College, will be performing in Corbet Theatre, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is open to the public and free of charge.

• The Centralia College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Huffman, will be presenting a formal concert with some St. Patrick’s Day selections March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Harrison Square Presbyterian Church. A free will offering will be taken for the Lewis County Food Bank.

**Lyceum**

*Feb. 20 Diversity and Inclusion*

This presentation will provide an opportunity for participants to explore the topic of diversity as a general term, the impact it has on our lives, and its effect on the way we lead and as we strive to create leaders who are capable of collaborating and leading others in diverse learning and work environments.

In this presentation Dion Jordan demonstrates the value of embracing diversity. He also offers participants tools and techniques to address differences, resolve conflicts, and make decisions to reach team goals. He also helps participants build upon the opportunities that diversity provides to draw out each individual’s strengths and unique abilities. This program uses the Global Beads™ activity to demonstrate the power of a person’s socialization and how that manifests in one’s choices and behaviors.

*Feb. 27 Slam Poetry*

Shanelle Gabriel is a virtuosa: a gifted poet, singer, and lyricist. She has displayed her skills on stages nationally & abroad. Her animated personality and the distinct sincerity of her voice has made her a force in the poetry & music world. Shanelle is best known for the opening promo & featuring on HBO’s Def Poetry Jam as well as in a promo for the 2007 NFL Draft shown on NBC. She was a member of the 2006 Nuyorican Poets Cafe National Slam Team and a competitor in the 2007 Individual World Poetry Slam Competition. She has performed and worked with artists such as Les Nubians, Erick Sermon, Nas, and others. Shanelle will not only perform slam poetry but will provide a history of how slam poetry came about, what it is, and talk about how she got involved. [http://www.mudumultimedia.com/ShanelleGabriel/](http://www.mudumultimedia.com/ShanelleGabriel/)

*March 6 Once Upon a Movie: Cinema and Fairy Tales*

Movies have always used fairy tales as inspiration, often for decidedly grown-up ends. In this talk, Robert Horton chooses evocative examples of filmmakers whose sometimes dark imaginations were fired by the form: Jean Cocteau’s *Beauty and the Beast*, Powell-Pressburger’s *The Red Shoes*, Neil Jordan’s *Company of Wolves*, and the long run of Walt Disney’s adaptations of the classics.

*March 13 Why we have not cured cancer?*

In our innocence we thought a cancer cure was around the corner, especially once we sequenced the human genome. It was the impression that being able to read the genome would unlock all the secrets of life and therefore cancer. Unfortunately, we are learning it’s not that simple. Are genes the defining element of the life or is gene expression a reflection of the environment. Does the environment of the body cause cancer or does cancer change the physiology of person to meet its needs? Will the answers to these questions be universal for every cancer? Understanding the answers to these question will highlight some of the road blocks prevent a cure for cancer. In this lecture we will ponder these question and explore a new way to look at cancer. This presentation will be given by Lisa Parshley, DVM, PhD of Olympia Veterinary Cancer Center.
LIBRARY/eLEARNING/INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH
Sue Gallaway - Dean, Library Services and eLearning

- With the expert work of Cindy Lawrence in PIO, Lily Kun has been leading the effort to redesign the library’s web page. The library’s web page is the main portal to all of the information resources and research services available to Centralia College students and faculty. A prototype is in the process of being refined.

- Library staff and faculty attended the American Library Association (ALA) conference in Seattle.

- eLearning hosted a campus forum to discuss the upcoming migration from Canvas to Angel. The college will be aiming to have 100% of eLearning courses in Canvas by summer quarter. Beginning fall 2013, ANGEL will not be in use at Centralia College.

- Feedback from faculty piloting Canvas this winter quarter has been positive. Comments regarding continuing into spring quarter include:
  - No point in going back to Angel. I’m stickin’.
  - Of course, I’m a heck yes I’m in Canvas for spring.
  - You are assuming I will continue to use Canvas!
  - Hmmm...
  - It is so much better – and easier than …
  - The devil we knew is not better.
  - Yes, I can hardly wait to get everything from Angel to Canvas. Not quite ready for that yet, but working towards it. My students have taken to Canvas this quarter like ducks to water.
  - Yes yes yes to continuing on Canvas. Even after only 2 weeks I can say I think students are getting much more out of this.
  - I use a unique feature in Angel that is not in Canvas, so will want to use Angel until I’m told I can’t.
  - The sooner the better! It’s better for students!
  - I’m all for it but will need training and support.

- Alexis Austin attended new eLearning coordinator orientation at the state board as part of her responsibility to liaise with state board staff on eLearning.

- eLearning staff attended the winter quarter statewide eLearning Council meeting.

CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES
Cristi Heitschmidt – Associate Dean, Child & Family Studies

ECE (Early Childhood Education)
- Classes have filled for winter quarter.

- Positive results have been had since the Early Childhood Program implemented increased lab or hands-on time in children’s classrooms. Students are able to make connections between theory and practice while classroom staff continues to strive to be professional role models and aid in student learning.

ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program)
- Legislature is in session and there’s talk of expansions again. We are excited about the possibility of teaming with additional schools to offer a state-funded preschool program.

- ECEAP has launched a Facebook page to better communicate with an increasingly tech dependent population.

- ECEAP staff, along with other college and community programs, participated in Homeless Connect. This allowed opportunity to reach out to families qualifying for ECEAP preschool.
**CLS (Children’s Lab School)**
- Work continues around Executive Function. Strategies will be put in place and results tracked during spring quarter.
- Teaching teams have scheduled meeting times to collaborate on ways to meet children’s developmental needs.
- Many new students and families are taking advantage of campus child care winter quarter.
- Efforts continue to enhance meals and snacks with healthy options.
- Past CC/WSU graduate returned to area and has been added to the classroom substitute list.

**TEEN (Teens Entering Education Now)**
- The TEEN program in collaboration with Blue Earth farms and the Lewis County Economic Development council received a grant to add an entrepreneur component to current curriculum and the School Garden Project. The grant which is funded by the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound will help us to begin a once a week small farmer’s market here on campus for students and staff. Students will now have the opportunity to add business development, marketing and sales to our studies of nutrition, food preparation, garden preparation, planting and harvesting.
- We continue to be on an upward enrollment pattern. Thirty eight students are currently registered and others continue to request information.
- We continue to foster new relationships with community agencies and organizations. Staff are actively involved in the Pacific Mountain Regional Youth Alliance Lewis County leading to visits from a variety of community organizations. Marilyn Haskins (Centralia School District) Meja Handlen (ESD/Chehalis Tribe Transition Consultant) and Lee Buscko (Pacific Mountain Workforce Council) have visited recently to learn more about the program and meet with students.

**PASSPORT (Passport to College)**
- Two former Centralia Passport to College students made the fall quarter Dean’s List at EWU and CWU. This really shows the quality of preparation that our students receive from our campus faculty and staff!
- Social workers continue to use our classroom space for student contact time and collaborative efforts in working with our students and their educational success.
- A new student has been hired as a work study in the program. The student worker has been a great addition to our staff and will have the chance to learn about our program. She has also become part of our mentor-mentee program to work with a peer with whom she can share her educational journey.

**PSS (Parent Support Services)**
- Nancy Keaton, Linda Wilcox and Cristi Heitschmidt were invited to meet with stakeholders interested in starting programs for parents who have been through the Child Protective Service system and were successfully reunited with their children. The goal of this program would be to have these parents mentor parents who have recently had their children placed in foster care to learn how to navigate the system and understand that everyone’s goal is to have the family safely reunited.
- Rebecca Scott will present to Lewis County Guardian Ad Litem’s informing them of various parenting classes offered through Child and Family Studies. This presentation will allow the G.A.L’s information on classes available that will benefit children and families with whom they work.
Parent Education

- Cristi Heitschmidt and Linda Wilcox met with the principals and counselor in Mossyrock. The discussion centered on parenting classes available to their families and ways CFS can support and partner with the district in the work they are doing with parents of Mossyrock youth. Mossyrock will host Love and Logic beginning January 30.

- Parenting classes are filling throughout the county, Morton Strengthening families begins January 28, Mossyrock Love and Logic begins January 30, Onalaska Strengthening Families begins February 7, and Parents and Adolescents in Centralia begins February 19. Parenting in Recovery, Learning and playing with Infants and Toddlers, Fatherhood at Greenhill, and Fatherhood in the TEEN program have already begun.

- Linda Wilcox received recertification for Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) through National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). NCFR provides certification for the profession of family life education.

TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION

Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

- Winter quarter started with strong enrollments in pre-college courses but even more so in all basic skills courses. After a significant 30% decrease in enrollments during the previous academic year, this is an encouraging trend for the basic skills program. Changes in welfare participation requirements, the upcoming fundamental change of the GED test in 2014, as well as a sense of a more stable economy may have contributed to the increase.

- The testing center is ready and prepared for the new GED test. As a pilot site for computer based GED testing, we feel strongly that many technical as well as infrastructure issues have already been successfully addressed. Melissa Hahn, our new Testing Center Manager with her talented crew, Ceci Mano and Cindy Mann, are confident that the new test requirements will present no serious problems for the testing center. Students also report that they are more successful with computer based testing than with the traditional paper and pencil test, which will be phased out by the end of this year.

- Brigitte Kidd, Dean, Transitional Education, chaired the ABE Grading Task Force meeting on January 10, 2013 in Olympia. The members of this task force come from all areas of the college system and include representatives of Student Services, the Registrars, Basic Skills and the State Board. The group was tasked to explore the options and logistics for grading Adult Basic Education courses in support of the new Washington State Adult High School Diploma. At this second meeting, the group heard from the registrars who had offered to look at the system impact of graded ABE courses. After a hands-on trial the registrars reported no major concerns and agreed to draft an implementation guide to grading ABE courses. At the Adult High School Diploma task force meeting this was seen as a critical step in the progress towards the new Adult High School Diploma.

- Durelle Sullivan, Dean of Workforce Education; Beverly Gestrine, Director Worker Retraining/BFET/WorkFirst; Margret Friedley, Program Manager WorkFirst; Eleni Palmisano, Pre-College Math Instructor and Brigitte Kidd attended the Developmental IBEST Grant Report session at the State Board office in Olympia, January 22, 2013. The meeting was focused on the sharing of successful practices that would allow a scaling of the project, despite the loss of grant funding. For Centralia College this was an extremely successful project with a high student retention and completion rate. Overall the students in the cohort achieved a 3.7 GPA in critical pathway coursework.
Brigitte Kidd attended the quarterly Council of Basic Skills meeting at Renton Technical College, January 26 and 27. The meeting included presentations regarding the changes in the calculation of Student Achievement Points, Data Governance and a report out on the progress towards an adult high school diploma based on basic skills course work. In addition, the State Board staff highlighted the grant extension process for the new grant in 2013 as well as the upcoming data for program improvement trainings. As a first, the Academic Transfer Council and the Council for Basic Skills came together at a common breakfast session to explore how both councils could work better together. This resulted in a lively and productive exchange of ideas.

The success of the late advising fair at the end of December enabled the counselors to serve 24 additional new students who were able to achieve priority status. It prompted the counselors to think about adding similar sessions throughout the year. For spring quarter the counselors also intend to target “undecided” students who seem to be at a greater risk of dropping out by holding a career/education planning workshop titled “Centralia College and then what...?” in February. The counselors also plan to work with the advisors of undecided students directly to determine together how the needs of these students can be met more effectively.

Planning for Summer Quarter, Eleni Palmisano, pre-college math faculty is interested in developing a “Math Boot Camp” course which would allow students to work on foundational math skills in the summer to be ready for their college level math class in the fall. The course will be built on the current modularized math model and will be competency based, allowing students to move as fast and as far through the content as possible.

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

Worker Retraining

Joanie Meister reported the final headcount for new students entering winter quarter increased from 14 to 22. The Worker Retraining workshops started January 15 and will run weekly through March 12. Generally, six workshops are held, but have been increased to better accommodate students choosing college later, rather than earlier in the quarter.

Great news for many of our students and others on Unemployment Insurance (UI)! The federal UI extension passed for those students and others who had not exhausted their third tier of Emergency UI. The group is able to continue drawing benefits into 2013! Originally, those receiving the Emergency UI extensions were slated to end the week ending December 29, 2012. The passing of the bill will ease the Worker Retraining budget too! Information from Employment Security Department media release reported in December 2012 there were 4,186 unemployed workers who ran out of unemployment benefits.

While the statewide percent dipped to a four-year low of 7.6 percent (revised seasonally adjusted rate) Lewis County remains at the top of the list with a whopping 11.5 percent in UI. This is not the list where we want to be number one! Ugh...

The January 2013 edition of Student Employment News shows a student who graduated through the Worker Retraining program. Janice Wenz graduated fall quarter 2012, and was hired by Cascade Family Medical, in Centralia. Janice combined her BTEC 190 cooperative work experience with her off-campus State Work Study, and was hired full-time January 2013.

Also, in the January 2013 edition of Student Employment News is Alma Camorlinga, a current student through the Worker Retraining program. Alma was a fall quarter on-campus work study student through the Academic Transfer office. Her supervisor, T.R. Gratz had many positive remarks about her work!
Congratulations to Kate Callahan in her new position of Customer Service Specialist for the Welcome Center at Pierce College Ft. Steilacoom in Lakewood, WA. Katie has been serving students with us for the last five years. During that time she also has almost completed (one class left) a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice. She will be the “face” of the college, so to speak, providing information on college programs and student support services to everyone (students, general public, faculty, etc.) who enters the campus via the Welcome Center. The Welcome Center is the gateway to all student services (advising, counseling, disability services, Worker Retraining, Opportunity Grant, Compass testing, TRIO, etc.) with the exception of enrollment services and financial aid. The Welcome Center serves approximately 500 people a day. We are proud of Katie’s accomplishment and work here with us, and wish her much more success. Pierce College is getting a great employee.

Brooke Merchant accepted the vacant position, as she has previous experience working the front desk as part of our team. Welcome back Brooke!!!!

Lanny Blanksma met with Rod Saarela, Vet-Corps Liaison, in his new office located in Washington Hall. Rod shared with Lanny there are 148 veterans on campus winter quarter 2013. Lanny and other Worker Retraining staff plan to advertise specifically to veterans arriving home from the military this year.

It is an exciting time as students graduating are finding jobs! One fall graduate found an office job locally in Centralia at Labor Ready. Also, another graduate completed her program fall quarter and combined her cooperative work experience with a few hours of work-based learning through the program, and is now working full-time as a permanent employee at Growing Places, in Centralia.

Interest has been expressed on a state wide basis to offer a Worker Retraining meeting for program staff to become updated on issues impacting our programs. Bev has been asked to serve on the planning committee and has submitted six topics areas to be considered for the spring quarter meeting.

**WorkFirst**

So far for winter quarter, the WorkFirst program has seen an increase of about 25% in enrollment over winter quarter 2012. We continue to receive referrals for GED and other students already enrolled. We attribute the increase to the end of the WorkFirst participation suspension as well as to our agency partnership “Options” workshop which helps build awareness for TANF (Temporary Aid for Needy Families) recipients that college is an available path for them. People who are given time to fully understand their choices make better decisions.

We currently have a lot of very motivated GED students who are determined to complete all five tests in a very short amount of time. Feedback regarding the new computer based testing is very positive—students really appreciate the almost instant results.

Lesona Hartman has seen an increase in the use of the Study Hall in Kemp Hall, room 101 since it was opened up to Worker Retraining students.

Connie Robertson has seen some improvement in the Job Postings. The economy is slowly bouncing back. The WorkFirst Jobs List Serve is steadily growing with WorkFirst and Worker Retraining students taking full advantage of the service. BFET, Opportunity Grant, and some general population students also use the service. It has become a very popular and efficient way to get the word out about jobs.

Bev Gestrine and Margret Friedley attended the Dev. Ed I-BEST Report Out at the State Board on January 22nd. This pilot was very successful on our campus last spring and we hope to replicate this success with a similar program this year. We are working with Durelle Sullivan and Brigitte Kidd on making it possible.
Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)

- The winter quarter BFET student newsletter has been completed and distributed to students. Michelle Hylton is the editor. The newsletter was reviewed by the Lewis County LPA (WorkFirst) and glowing remarks were made about the information packed document. Additional copies were requested to distribute to others. LPA members asked that parts of the new letter be placed on “SharePoint” the statewide system to be shared with other agency partners. Congratulations to Michele for a job well done!!

- We recently learned that as a system the last six colleges in the state are adding BFET to their program offerings. Centralia College has hosted several interested colleges and has helped get them started implementing the program. Bev serves on a statewide committee to expand BFET programs throughout the community college system.

Other

- Margret Friedley, Michelle Hylton, Debbie Caviness, Lisa Welch, Connie Robertson and Bev Gestrine staffed a table at the “Project Homeless Connect” event held at Yardbirds on January 24. The event, which includes many county social services, provided information, services and tangible items such as hats, clothing, a free lunch, haircuts and massage for low income and homeless people. Prospective students stopped by our table to learn about college programs and how to access them.

PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

Workforce Office and Continuing Education

Durelle Sullivan, Dean

- The Workforce Education staff hosted the members of the Foundation Board on January 16 for our tour of the facilities and programs housed in the Technology Building. The group toured Diesel Technology, Welding, Criminal Justice, Civil Engineering, and Medical Assistant. We appreciate the time faculty took to share information about their programs and we enjoyed having the Board visit.

- Durelle Sullivan spent time up at State Board in January discussing the Job Skills Training Program revisions and also the report out of the Jump Start project that Transitional Education and Workforce did last spring. The Job Skills Training Program is designed to help new businesses coming into our service district obtain funds to help train their new workforce. We have done four of these projects in the past, the largest being Cardinal Glass and we hope for more in the future.

- The Jump Start project was a cohort of adult basic education students who were placed in Workforce related instruction classes with a workforce faculty member and an ABE instructor. The students were extremely successful in this model and obtained required college credits toward their degree.

Business Administration and Technology

- Many business courses have been converted from Angel to the new Canvas learning management system. Otto Rabe has created enhanced course spaces for ACCT& 202 (Principles of Accounting II), ACCT 260 (Individual Income Tax) and BUS 225 (Finance). Connie Smejkal has created enhanced course spaces for BUS& 101 (Introduction to Business); BUS 275 (Principles of Management); HR 210 (Human Resource Management); BUS 220 (Marketing). Georganne Copeland has moved AHC 160 (HIPAA) and BTEC 240 (Legal Terminology) from Angel to Canvas. Mary McClain has created enhanced course spaces in Canvas for BTEC 210 (Word), BTEC 214 (Excel) and BTEC 260 (Medical Terminology).

- Marketing (BUS 220) is being offered fully online for the first time winter quarter. The class is full!

- Otto Rabe sat for the FAR CPA exam, this is the second of four exams required to obtain a CPA.
In preparation for the board scan in February, Otto Rabe and Connie Smejkal are visiting local businesses to conduct one-on-one interviews to determine skill set needs of employees. Otto completed Board Scan Field interviews with Lewis County Bookkeeping & Tax, Angove PSC, and Thomas Bradley and Associates PSC. Connie completed an interview with the Port of Chehalis.

Connie Smejkal delivered a presentation to Centralia Rotary on January 15. This presentation focused on what aspects of learning the business program is focused on. She also announced the board’s scan in February and invited each member to contact her for additional information on the board scan as well as extended an invitation to participate in the one-on-one preliminary interviews.

Connie Smejkal visited the Chehalis Rotary on January 16 to announce the board scan and invite members to participate in one-on-one preliminary interviews.

Otto Rabe visited the Twin Cities Rotary on January 18 to announce the board scan and invite members to participate in one-on-one preliminary interviews.

The Rotaract club with the help of the Electronics Club and Latinos Unidos hosted a masquerade ball on Saturday, January 19 in Washington Hall. Attendees enjoyed a fun evening. Big thanks to Latinos Unidos for assisting in decorating and to the Electronics Club in providing the lighting and music for the evening.

Georganne Copeland has 12 students currently working with a variety of employers from Puyallup to Chehalis as part of their cooperative work experience requirement for graduation. Students earn 1 credit for every 30 hours they complete in the workplace. Winter quarter students are expected to collectively earn 49 credits through this course (BTEC 190).

Mary McClain has started her MBA at Brandman University utilizing the fantastic scholarship opportunity for CC employees.

Civil Engineering

Ann Alves visited the interior design course taught by Kaylene Kenny at Onalaska High school on January 11. She shared the entire CET program with the students, also explaining the CAD certificate of completion and the survey technician certificate. The students had many questions about the CET program and did not realize these courses are offered at CC. These students have some experience drafting by hand. When Ann showed them the AutoCAD program we use at the college they were very excited. We are planning a “play day” for the class to come to campus and spend several hours in the CAD lab.

Nursing

Nursing Club has started planning their Pinning Ceremony (June 2013). You all (Board and Administrators) will receive invitations when date/time are established.

Nursing Club raised money for needy households sponsored by Thurston & Lewis County Area Agency on Aging at the holidays. Nursing Club also collected books and videos to be donated to Patient Activity Centers at Western State Hospital (where 2nd year students had clinical experiences during fall quarter).

At the end of Fall quarter 2nd year students were eligible for a Certificate of Proficiency in Practical Nursing and could apply to Washington State for licensure as a LPN. So far all of the students who have taken the NCLEX-PN (LPN Boards) have passed. Some have worked their first shifts as employed LPNs.

Students have started clinical experiences at Providence St Peter Hospital, Providence Centralia Hospital, Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Liberty Country Place, and SIM General Hospital (our SIMulation lab here on campus). First year students have successfully passed their Medication Administration return demonstrations (this includes two Normal Saline injections), Pharmacology Exam and the dreaded Math for Medications and Patient Care Exam. They have now started Administering Medications (with direct Instructor supervision) in their clinical settings.
Electronics

- The program got another donation from the Fluke company, surplus industrial equipment. Dave Peterson is working right now on an inventory and rough price list. Program was given two vans worth of equipment and the next time they are going to give some very expensive Digital Multi Meters.

- Dave Peterson is putting together a training bench using logic controllers that we received along with a variety of industrial sensors, pneumatic parts and electric motors and servos, so we can teach a huge variety of things in the automation classes. It might take a while to get planned and constructed, but it won't cost much at all since we already have most of the parts.

Welding

- We took delivery of our new 85 ton Scotchman Ironworker. We can expand our shop skills course to include operations using the ironworker in the lab. It has a plate shear, punch table, angle iron and pipe notcher, and a 24” bending attachment.

- This new piece of equipment will save in oxy-fuel cutting costs and teach skills used in metal fabrication.

- We "donated" our old ironworker to the diesel program.

- We also took delivery of our Torchmate computer-aided plasma cutting system. We are in the process of placing the equipment and starting training.

Center of Excellence for Energy Technology

Submitted by Barbara Hins-Turner, Director

- State of Sector Strategies - Coming of Age: Implications for State Workforce Policymakers
  PNCECE has been cited as an example within the National Governors Association (NGA) policy paper which hails the coming of age of sector-based workforce strategies. The policy paper was presented by the NGA Center for Best Practices. Written by Lindsey Woolsey of the Woolsey Group, LLC, and Garrett Groves of the National Governors Association, the paper highlights state strategies that use industry sectors as an organizing principle for workforce development. To access the report:  
  http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/pncece-included-in-national-state-sector-publication/

- Skill Standards for Utility Customer Service Representatives is complete. Dr. Alan Hardcastle, WSU Energy Program, led the research and production of this 70-page skill set publication – a link to the skill standards on our website is:  

- College Energy Program Tours – One of the directives of a Center of Excellence is to be a collaborator between industry and Washington’s CTC system. Of the state’s 34 CTCs, 20 offer energy programs. In January, Barbara visited CTCs in the northern part of the state, which included the following:
  - January 9: Everett Community College Center of Excellence for Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing. Toured facility and discussed potential areas of collaboration among the 10 Centers of Excellence.
  - January 10: Edmonds Community College. Barbara serves as a co-principal investigator (PI) of an NSF grant. The PI’s met to discuss Energy Educators Institute activities for 2013 including annual summit involvement. Summit meeting held following the meeting.
  - January 11: Met with Bellingham colleges including Bellingham Technical College, Whatcom Community College and Western Washington University. The colleges discussed planned energy program updates and support needed from PNCECE. Western Washington University presented its new Energy Institute Program; community college articulations were discussed.
- **PNCECE Hosted CC staff and trustees during the Lewis Economic Development Council Banquet, January 24.** PNCECE invited trustees, science faculty and students (a total of 17) to join Dr. Walton in accepting the Russ Mohney Recreation Resource Stewardship Award. The award recognized the college’s environmental work developing the Kiser Natural Outdoor Learning Lab (KNOLL project), restoring salmon to China Creek and using pristine nature reserves for educational programs.

- **House Higher Education Committee Work Session Panel Presentation – January 23.** Troy Nutter, PSE Training Manager, Alan Hardcastle, WSU Energy Program Sr. Researcher, and Barbara Hins-Turner presented energy employment and workforce training needs to the committee.

- **First summit planning meeting.** The committee outlined the first day’s agenda for the Educators Institute and set this year’s theme: **EmPOWER the workforce – BUILD the economy.** The summit will be held June 19 and 20 at RETC, Satsop Campus and will conclude with the signature crab feed and scholarship auction. Judy Guenther has accepted the role of procuring auction items and may be contacted at gbob294@gmail.com.

- **Washington Centers of Excellence FAQ #2.** Monica completed the second edition of a FAQ sheet that will be used to promote all of the Centers of Excellence The FAQ lists highlights of second quarter accomplishments and was delivered to Legislators and college presidents through SBCTC staff.

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**CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST**

**Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East**

- Faculty, staff, and students at CCEast are busy preparing for the new quarter. To ensure Centralia College students receive excellent assistance, Mary Myhre scheduled additional appointments to help them navigate through the FASFA and financial aid processes and Lisa Wilson, Assistant Professor, Counseling Center, scheduled additional advising times to help them find and register for available classes.

- CCEast is pleased to offer two new Community Education courses. Zumba, the exhilarating, Latin-inspired, calorie burning dance fitness class, meets January 8 – March 12 on Tuesdays from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. **Gardening for Everyone**, a three-topic workshop presented by WSU Lewis County Master Gardeners meets March 2 from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. Topics include **Soil Foundation** at 9:00 am, followed by **Companion Planting** at 10:30 am with the final session **Microclimates** beginning at noon. Participants can enjoy any or all of the sessions.

- Centralia College East with Fire Mountain Arts Council is pleased to announce this year’s summer production **The Ties That Bind: A Recollection of Bygone Days**, a quasi-historical retrospective celebrating early 19th Century local events through music, explosions, romance, bear fighting, and croquet. Mark your calendars, this original production will run August 3, 6, 7, 10 at 7:00 pm and August 4 and 11 at 2:00 pm at the Roxy Theater in Morton.

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**CEDAR CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER (CCCC)**

**Sarah Sytsma – Education Director**

- We started fall quarter with 50 vocational students and completed with 30. Students were transferred for various reasons. Winter quarter is starting out with about the same number of students and we are anticipating a greater number of completions.

- Twenty-six students have received their GED as of December 31, 2012. Our goal for this year is 60 so we are right on track.