BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

- The highlight to note is that all 26 students passed the first set of courses in BASM and most did with strong grades. It appears that 100% of the students will be with us for winter quarter and as of this writing, 25 of 26 have registered.

- Several items to note about the fall quarter:
  - The move to the Canvas learning management system has not been without some challenges, but it is widely viewed as a major improvement from Angel.
  - The use of a case study simultaneously in three classes in the same week was a winner and worked as expected to force students to think about an issue from differing perspectives, just like the real world forces mid and upper level managers.
  - The faculty found that close communications via a Wiki site allowed them to communicate about students and class issues and stay in good touch without trying to find physical face to face time. The Wiki was a good collaboration tool.
  - We have taken the first small steps on our road to program assessment. We have linked each stated BASM course objective (typically about 12 per course) to one or more of the BASM program outcomes that we are committed to. Since we have grades for each student on each objective, we can now start to quantify how well students are achieving program outcomes as a function of achievement on specific course objectives. This kind of quantification of student achievement toward program outcomes is new. We have a large amount to do, but as committed, this program is starting with assessment as a real priority.

- Our first meeting of the community advisory committee for BASM was held on Tuesday, December 18. The current members of that committee are: Connie Bode, West Coast Bank; Colonel Ron Averill, Lewis County Commissioner (and former Dean at SPSCC); Jim Rothlin, Port of Chehalis; Debbie Campbell, United Way; Christine Fossett, The Chronicle; Brett Mitchell, Reliable Enterprises; John Braun, Braun Northwest; Allyn Roe, Airport; Dick Larman, EDC; Ralph Hubbert, Tires Inc. One key message from the meeting was that we at the college need to help position and sell the value of tuition support from local employers since we did have 6 of the 32 students offered enrollment who ultimately could not make the finances work for them.

- Discussions continued with CC IT Director Patrick Allison concerning the development of a BAS Web Development program and both Jake Conrad and Jake Fay of the CC Diesel program on a BAS Diesel. Much work must be done before any submissions to the SBCTC and these are 2014 fall startups at the soonest but their enthusiasm is an important ingredient.

- Finally, we welcomed Jana Fraley to the department as the BASM Program Coordinator. Jana has significant and relevant experience at TESC and SPSCC, where she most recently worked. She has also been employed in the fast-paced and demanding world of Verizon wireless customer service and has lived in Saudi Arabia. Jana brings much knowledge, broad perspectives, high energy and a wonderful work ethic to the job and we are so pleased to have her in the Instruction Office.
ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

Psychology
- The Psychology Club, in conjunction with Janet Reaume in President’s Office, organized a book drive to get college textbooks to Africa, reports club advisor Dr. Sandra Neal. The book drive was to collect old textbooks and any other books and ship them to African students through a nonprofit organization called Knowledge Recyclers. This is the second year the Psychology Club decided to do a project like this. The club will be picking up the books and shipping them off periodically. The club plans to keep the project going through winter quarter (and decide then if they want to continue it through spring quarter).

Humanities
- Associate Professor of English & Humanities, Dr. Susanne Weil, was the November speaker for the Lewis County Beekeepers’ Association. She summarized research presented at the Western Apicultural Society’s and Washington State Beekeepers’ joint conference on “Sustainable Beekeeping” in October, then summarized results of a literature search that she conducted concerning the developing resistance of the honey bee parasite, the Varroa destructor mite, to miticides; genetic research on whether Varroa-resistant bees can be bred; and alternatives to chemical treatments that beekeepers can consider for affected bee colonies. Former state apicultural agent Jim Bach, who is on LCBA’s mailing list, praised as “wonderful” the write-up of the conference research and literature search for the LCBA newsletter which Susanne edits. Susanne also designed and maintains LCBA’s website, www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org.

- Susanne will be one of three co-instructors for the Washington State Beekeepers’ Association Apprentice Beekeeping course, sponsored by Lewis County Extension and LCBA, to be taught in Morton on March 9, 16, 23, and 30. She is in the process of getting instructor certification from WSBA and beginning the Journeyman Beekeepers’ course.

Engineering
- On November 9, 2012 Michael Threapleton chaired the fall meeting of the Washington Council on Engineering and Related Technical Education (WCERTE) at Clark College in Vancouver. Agenda items included the statewide aerospace initiative, transfer trends at WSU and UW, and possible changes and updates WCERTE will make to the Engineering Technology MRP’s. The group’s spring meeting in April will be at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake.

STEM
- On Friday, December 14, Dr. Steve Norton presented a workshop on an Introduction to STEM Careers for the ninth grade students who attended the Life Management Conference organized by the TRiO program. Steve outlined STEM scholarship opportunities to their counselors and teachers and did a brief tour of some of the science center.

Lyceum Series
Wednesdays, 1-1:50pm, Washington Hall Room 103
- January 9: **Hugel What???
  Hugelkultur is a technique that turns nature upside down in order to collect and store rainwater during the rainy season and make it available to plants during the dry summer months. With some modifications, the natural decomposition process that creates nurse logs in the forest can be employed in a home garden or commercial field to create healthy soil that will stay healthy for many years. WSU Lewis County Master Gardener and Master Recycler Composter Coordinator, Debbie Burris, will explain the technique and provide examples of local implementation. This presentation is in part sponsored by the Centralia College Sustainability Committee.
January 16: Make Fitness a Part of Your Day
Are you one of the many people who start off the year with the lofty goals of getting in shape or losing weight? Come hear some no nonsense suggestions of how and why you can and should make exercise a part of everyday life. It does not need to be a major production utilizing expensive equipment, fancy clothing or even a fitness facility….you can make it happen right at home with a few simple tools.

January 23: Decoding Food Labels and Packaging
The topic of food labeling and health claims will be discussed through the lens of 3 current topics including the new front of package labeling method. We will explore how this label is being used to help and mislead individuals. Additional subjects will include laws regarding food labeling and health claims, California’s proposition 37 to mandate the labeling. Former Centralia College student and now registered dietician, Jody Kline will present this session. Jody is employed at Northwest Pediatrics.

January 30: International Ambassadors at CC...Shedding Light on Current Events
Description: What can we learn from native students from Venezuela and the Democratic Republic of Congo of current events in their countries? Come meet them and other ambassadors from countries such as Saudi Arabia and Japan at this special Lyceum presentation.

February 6: Slavery in the Northwest: The Charles Mitchell Story
Storyteller Eva Abram will share the history of one of the few documented cases of slavery in our state’s history. Charles Mitchell, who was born a slave, was brought to Washington Territory in 1853. A tempest was building and citizens all over the state had opinions about the possible Civil War, influencing their opinions about Mitchell’s status as a slave. In this climate, Mitchell made a break for freedom – and his actions nearly started a war between the U.S. and Canada. Through this story, we will examine how ideologies move geographically. The migration to Washington attracted Americans with different socioeconomic experience from both Northern and Southern states. Did moving to Washington affect peoples’ opinions on slavery? This presentation is sponsored in part by Humanities Washington.

February 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.

February 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.

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 questions and explore a new way to look at cancer. This presentation will be given by Lisa Parshley, DVM, PhD of Olympia Veterinary Cancer Center.

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**LIBRARY/eLEARNING/INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH**

*Sue Gallaway - Dean, Library Services and eLearning*

- The students awarded funds from the student use to fee to the library for the purchase of six laptops for a student loan program. This effort is led by Lily Kun.

- Our new help desk system, ZenDesk, is up and running. ZenDesk is integrated into the Canvas learning management system and allows students and faculty to easily submit help requests. The ZenDesk system sends a notification to the mobile devices of eLearning staff, who can assign follow-up. The system enables easy tracking of help requests among all eLearning staff and improves communication with students and faculty.

- Two features of Canvas are making waves with the faculty: SpeedGrader and Crocodoc. SpeedGrader can help faculty save up to 50% of grading time, depending on the assignment and the grading rubric created for the assignment. Faculty who have set it up verify that it is amazingly fast. Crocodoc is a way to mark up, highlight, and add comments to student submissions – right on screen. These tools are great options, in addition to inline video feedback, to give students timely and individualized feedback on their progress.

- Alexis Austin has started blogging her experience with eLearning at Centralia College and the Canvas migration. It is a fun read! She can be followed at the eLearning blog at [http://elearningcentralia.wordpress.com/](http://elearningcentralia.wordpress.com/)

- Many thanks to Cindy Lawrence in PIO for creating what we think is the best Canvas login page in the west:
Child and Family Studies

- An annual holiday store was hosted to assist families with clothing, coats, books, toys and games for their children this season. Forty nine parents participated, serving over 130 children.

Parenting Education

- Families attending Spanish Strengthening Families classes this quarter responded to survey questions about lessons learned through the class. Their statements explained how they learned to pay attention when their children tell of their plans, the parents learned to listen more, to pay more attention and that communication is important.

- The goals of the class are to improve parent-youth relationships, improve family communication skills and positive guidance, improve parental understanding of child development, increase family bonding and reduce family conflict. Family feedback provides evidence that these goals were met.

- The parents participating in the class reported they learned a great deal and want to help promote the next class.

ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program)

- Seventy percent of Holiday store attendees were from ECEAP programs. The store met a need for these families, helping decrease family stress this holiday season to allow parents to focus on parent-child interactions.

- Exciting news from the Governor’s budget requires additional children and families to be served in the coming year through this early education program.

CLS (Children’s Lab School – on-campus Child Care Center)

- Six staff took advantage of a training explaining the importance of uninterrupted and open-ended play for children. This information will be put into practice as they guide children’s growth and development.

- All classrooms participated in a literacy door decorating event where books were utilized to expand children’s learning and creativity. This was part of a grant from Page Ahead books.

T.E.E.N. (Teens Entering Education Now)

- The end of the quarter marks high school completion for three teen students. All three will be extending their education by attending Centralia College starting winter quarter.

- Students are invited to participate in a mentoring program with Dave Cloverdale and Young Lives. This support helps teens overcome obstacles in order to focus on family and education.

- Staff is working with Pacific Mountain Youth Alliance to establish community partners to alleviate poverty issues for youth. A grant has been awarded to the Community Youth Foundation who will be working with the Alliance and the issues surrounding poverty, increasing the ability to obtain and complete education goals.

- Collaboration efforts continue to meet student’s individual needs. Dr. Bodner reported a TEEN student, Anjelita Ballard, unexpectedly dropped by Centralia high school to thank everyone who allowed her to participate in the Centralia College TEEN Program in cooperation with Centralia High School. She graduated with her diploma this month. Beyond high school, Anjelita’s career goal is to continue at Centralia College, pursuing certification to become a medical transcriptionist while using her bilingual skills for translation purposes. As a proud teen mother of two children, she will continue to focus on the well-being of her family and pursuit of her college and career goals. Anjelita will be the first person in her family to attend college.
Passport to College
- Staff Kristi Jewell and Shaleene Moir had the opportunity to present to seventeen high school counseling staff at the Life Management Conference hosted on campus by TRiO. The two spoke to the counseling staff about the importance of working with foster youth at an early age providing them with scholarship information for advancing their education to higher education institutions.

PSS (Parent Support Services)
- Staff, Rebecca Scott, is part of the Family Therapeutic Drug Court Team for Lewis County. This team works to provide a holistic approach to families affected by drug addictions. The court system understands the value and impact parenting education has on reducing recidivism and helping families find personal success. Drug court participants will have two separate parenting classes to attend as part of their treatment plans.

TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION
Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

- December saw quite a few staff changes in the Phoenix Center. Kathleen Kaut, our energetic front desk and data program assistant accepted a position as secretary for Student Support Services. We are excited that she is still a part of the Centralia College community and are looking forward to seeing her in her new role. Dennis Hatch, testing center manager, retired at the end of December after many years of service to Centralia College. He spearheaded our move to online GED testing, as well as our test center expansion. We will miss him greatly. His position has been filled by Melissa Hahn, who comes to us with an impressive background in educational leadership, especially in ESL and international programs. Leslie Guerrero, adjunct ESL instructor also retired at the end of fall quarter and her position is filled by Paul Lamourieux, who has been teaching Spanish community education classes for several years at Centralia College.

- On December 6, the ABE and ESL program participated in a monitoring visit by the State Board. These visits are intended to ensure that all programs meet federal compliance standards. The visit was very positive and the program received commendations from the monitoring team.

- On November 30, Ceci Mano, Kathleen Kaut and Brigitte Kidd attended the mandatory Annual GED Meeting at South Seattle Community College. Ceci and Kat were able to share with the large group Centralia College’s experience with the new computer based test.

- Brigitte Kidd attended the Grading Task Force meeting at the State Board in Olympia on November 27. The meeting brought together several registrars, basic skill providers and state board staff to discuss the challenges of grading Adult Basic Education courses and develop strategies for implementation. The meeting ended on a very positive note with the registrars intending to try different options and reporting back to the group.

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

Worker Retraining
- The numbers of qualified dislocated workers attending the Question/Answer sessions at the weekly WorkSource meetings are down. While the numbers sometimes are up at the sessions many of the people want short term training such as truck driver or other programs we do not offer. Joanie Meister reported there are 14 new dislocated workers beginning winter quarter.
Another concern for many dislocated workers and others drawing Emergency Unemployment Insurance claims are the Emergency claims are ending the week of December 29, 2012. The past two years there have been several extensions of Unemployment Insurance, but it seems pretty bleak the extensions will continue into 2013.

Staff are seeing an increase in displaced homemakers seeking training. Displaced homemakers are a target category under dislocated workers.

Also, there has been an increase of veterans seeking retraining. Lanny Blanksma attended the Veteran’s workshop and has been working with Rod Saarela, Vet-Corps Navigator, on campus learning more about funding and other pertinent information concerning veterans.

WorkFirst

WorkFirst held GAP activities during the break between fall and winter quarters. Connie Robertson taught a seminar on “The Psychology of Winning in Action” developed by Denis Waitley. It sends a very strong message that can be summed up in one sentence. If you think you can, you can. Likewise, if you think you can’t, you can’t. You are always right. We had other speakers for the GAP students as well as crafts where parents could make presents for their families.

The December Options meeting was exciting, because representatives from Mason County LAP visited us. They are in the process of setting up a program similar to Options there. They are very excited about it and wanted to pick our brains. Staff spent about 45 minutes answering their questions. We are very excited that the Options idea is spreading throughout the state.

The WorkFirst team is fine tuning a small grant proposal to purchase materials for the Options program. Lesona has been serving as the lead on the grant. WorkSource agency partners contributed to the proposal by reviewing and recommending curriculum materials.

Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)

Bev Gestrine is serving on a statewide committee to develop action plans to increase BFET training opportunities throughout the state. The committee which meets monthly, recently met to further refine the action plan. The second annual BFET conference is set for October 23-25, probably in Yakima.

PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

Workforce Office and Continuing Education

Fall quarter 2012 is now behind us! Our enrollments were strong and it feels like students have a real purpose this year. We said goodbye to Lance Wrzesinski as he starts his new career and welcome the exciting changes ahead from Connie Smejkal and Otto Rabe. January also is the time of year where we start the advertising process for new faculty for next year. We will be hiring for Electronics, Robotics, and Automation and Computer Science as Dave LaLond prepares for retirement in June. We have also started advertising for a pool of adjunct faculty for Business, Business Technology, Computer Science, and Electronics. Our faculty loads have been high and we need to get some back up faculty in place for the future.

New equipment is arriving in Welding and Electronics and this high tech equipment will require training for faculty and curriculum modifications. We are very lucky to have received the funding for this equipment.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to the Board!
Diesel Technology
Jake Conrad & Jake Fay

- One of our advisory committee members who runs the Fluids Analysis Lab for Kiewit in Peoria put on a presentation for our students before he left town. He is also a graduate of this program.

- We went with both first and second year students to the Ritchie Bros. auction last week for a look around and an out of class assignment.

- We just picked up from federal surplus at JBLM two 100kw gen sets, 5 transmissions, 107 bottle jacks, and a complete engine on a stand for $1400. We put in for several more items while we were there and anticipate making a trip up there monthly.

- Yesterday we picked up the backhoe attachment for a dozer we bought from Cedar Creek Corrections Center and an excavator bucket that was donated. KBH Construction will be hauling the dozer here for us in the next week free of charge.

- Our fire wood raffle brought in approximately two thousand dollars for the Diesel Scholarship.

- Pacific Power Products (Detroit, Allison, Perkins, Freightliner) extended the offer of free training to our best student and this week the Diesel club president Steve Willis is attending a 5 day class at their Ridgefield location. You can see it from the freeway, it is really big.

- We had our fall advisory meeting and are already working with employers to take students for cooperative work experience, summer, and permanent employment. We are sent job postings almost daily from people looking for technicians.

Guest Speaker
KNOLL Outdoor Energy Lab
The state-of-the-art Energy Ball wind turbine, paid by funds from Mark and Laura Johnson, passed all inspections and was connected to the grid on a very calm day. It was generating electricity in no time as the biggest storm of the season hit the next day. This project became a learning experience for all involved - students and contractors alike - as they had to overcome obstacles of, missing parts, unlabeled piece, inspectors and volunteer schedules. The project will be complete when six solar panels are installed. Many thanks go to John Hofman, Travis Kinney, Centralia City Light, Lewis County PUD, Travers Electric and Mark and Lawrence Johnson.

December 19, 2012 Production
- As of… Energy Produced (kWh)
  - 1am 0.06
  - 2am 0.00
  - 3am 0.00
  - 4am 0.13
  - 5am 0.19
  - 6am 0.13
  - 7am 0.45
  - 8am 0.32
  - 9am 0.32
  - 10am 0.45
  - 11am 0.38
  - 12pm 0.38

New Second Year Class: Power Systems Operator 1 (PPO 205)
Using Incremental Systems Power Simulator, students will learn communication protocols, reliable switching operations, manage MW flow and prevent voltage collapse. This new course will prepare students to take the North American Electric Reliability (NERC) certification exam, which is required for system operators. This addition offers an entirely new career path not addressed in the past for Energy Tech students and will be available via ITV to Grays Harbor and SCC-IET students (Ione).

Smart Grid Education Taskforce Meeting, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) in Portland, Dec. 7
The quarterly meeting was held at OMSI to showcase a new permanent energy exhibit and to highlight new education programs and deliverables at Portland State University, Montana State University, Portland General Electric, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, Edmonds Community College and Washington Veterans Conservation Corps. Twenty-five participants represented four states at this meeting.

The Smart Grid Resource Center is the newest product from the DOE Smart Grid project to be added to PNCECE’s website http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/smart-grid/smart-grid-resource-center/ The Smart Grid Resource Center is a library housing more than 1,000 documents related to the evolution of grid modernization. The documents may be used as tools to support Smart Grid research, project development and curriculum design. This database collection is managed by WestCAMP, Inc., Orem, UT. WestCAMP is the Utah representative of the Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy regional partnership.
Smart Grid Governance Board Meeting/Virtual Dec. 18, 2012
Thirteen board members including three PNCECE staff attended a virtual meeting. Barbara Hins-Turner updated the board on the newest projects, including the Department of Commerce grant, an $87,948 grant leveraged to $176,000 to create the Academy of Energy Entrepreneurs. Partners include Centralia, Peninsula and Grays Harbor Colleges and the Regional Education and Training Center, Satsop Campus. The grant will fund online development and delivery of Energy Business Development as an alternative career pathway within the Energy Technology program. The other two projects discussed include our American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Sustainability in Education and Economic Development (SEED) membership and the Department of Labor – TACCT grant expected to be announced in January. Board members received a walk-through of the website to visit what’s new (job board and Smart Grid Resource library); a fiscal report; and an update on other projects such as NTER and Train the Trainer.

WA Centers of Excellence Marketing Lead
Monica Brummer is leading a marketing team of CoE directors to produce materials to support all of the Centers. The first one page FAQ sheet featured highlights of each center during the first quarter of 2012-2013 year. The FAQ was distributed to WAC (community college presidents), WEC, AWB and state board staff. This piece will continue to be a quarterly highlight.

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. Participates 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.

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.