BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

BASM
- We now have the last instructor committed for BASM. Rob Mattson has a BA in Psychology, is also a CPA and recently completed his PhD in IT. He worked at TransAlta and is a co-owner of a small software business.

BASD
- We submitted Parts C & D, the program description to the SBCTC on December 20th and received feedback on the 23rd suggesting some minor additions concerning pathways for the graduates. It is still not clear if the program will be up for a vote at the February or the March meeting of the SBCTC. The next goal is to submit the necessary document to the NWCCU for determination of whether BASD is a “minor” or a “substantive” change. The document will be submitted the first week of January.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

Science
- Michael Threapleton is serving as president of the Washington Council for Engineering & Related Technical Education. On Nov 22, as president of WCERTE, he chaired the fall meeting at St. Martin’s University. Michael reported that the new engineering building at St. Martin’s has the third highest LEED platinum certification in the world. It is the highest ranked building in the western hemisphere and only bested by a building in Dubai and one in Australia.

- On Friday, December 13, Steve Norton presented two workshops as part of the TRiO Life Management Conference. His workshops were “Are you our next great scientist or engineer? STEM careers and you.”

English
- Linda Foss has been named a recipient of The Evergreen State College 2013 Teacher Excellence award. The award is designed to honor teachers who have had a significant impact on the lives of students. Professor Foss was nominated by former student Edward Riley who wrote: “Linda Foss continues to have a profound influence in my life and academic career. She supports and encourages me as a person, but then she challenges me as a student. This combination of support, encouragement, and challenge helps to push me further both personally and academically.”

Art
- Liz Frey has started her sabbatical research in Guatemala. She flew to Guatemala City January 3 and has initiated intensive Spanish language classes in the village of San Juan de Laguna. While in San Juan, she also will learn to use traditional Maya dyes and will prepare a backstrap loom for use in her studies of Pikb’il weaving. In mid-January, she will travel to Alta Verapaz in the Guatemalan Highlands to study Pikb’il and assist in the production of a documentary film on this textile. In February, she will move on to Chiapas, Mexico, where she will learn Petete weaving and will investigate the use of an unusual species of native cotton by the indigenous people in that area. March will be spent digesting and writing about her experiences, as well as developing new curriculum and courses.
In her absence the college has hired Liz Patterson to teach Art History and Art Appreciation. The “new Liz” is bright and enthusiastic, and we expect her courses to go well.

- The fall quarter winter student art show took place during the last two weeks of fall quarter. Drawings and darkroom photographs were displayed in the center exhibit hall in Washington Hall, Art Appreciation paintings and masks were displayed in the front hall of Washington Hall, drawing portraits and art appreciation prints hung in the visual art hall, digital photographs were displayed in theater display case and online on the Centralia College Art Department Facebook page. Computer graphic course work was uploaded to building monitors so that art appeared in between announcements.

Lyceum

January 15 – An African Safari
- In summer 2013, Centralia College physics professor, Michael Threapleton, travelled to South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Encounters with lions, elephants, and baboons were to follow. The trip encompassed moments of transcendent joy and abject fear. Learn about how this extensive trip was self-planned using internet resources and why the decision was made to fly the long way round across the Pacific. Michael will share his photographs from the trip and his musings on wildlife biology, botany, Star Trek, geology, the sublime beauty of the English language, and 1000 places to see before you die.

January 22 – India, Footprints of the Heart
- Walk along with Sue Ardington, W.F. West High School world history and psychology instructor, to share some of her summer study experience in India. Learn about study abroad opportunities for students and professors through the United States India Educational Foundation http://www.usief.org.in/. Experience the glorious, intense, shattering and surprising India, a sensory assault unequaled in global travel. Delve into the India of poverty and despair that leaves you with questions about life, love, justice and mercy. Fight through the tears that cloud your ability to think and the India caught in the throes of a monsoon that stops everything. Watch the skies clear as we look into the faces of children in India’s schools. Discover an India of hope, as glorious as the sunrise over the Taj Mahal. Ardington, was selected along with twelve other American teachers for the 2013 Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad program to India. This program was administered through the United States Department of Education and the United States India Educational Foundation.

January 29 – Juvenile Panel from Green Hill Corrections Facility
- All of us make choices, some right, some wrong. Some get caught making and performing the wrong choices and enter the system of juvenile justice. Some realize there are better ways to live than the choices they made, bringing about answers to questions such as can we learn from our mistakes and become better people, stronger and able to make positive decisions? Can we find ways to step away from our old path, not label ourselves as criminals and take a new route as we reach the crossroads that wait ahead of us? Take a journey with members of our next generation as they present a world of juvenile crime and incarceration as seen and voiced through their experiences. Join with them to experience their life-altering decisions, share its effects on them, achievements since then, and the next steps on the road before them.

February 5 – The Invisible Struggle for Literacy in America Today
- In America today, approximately 43 percent of United States adults are unable to use print materials for everyday activities such as those related to health and safety, finance, or civic engagement with accuracy and consistency. Many of these adults have graduated from high school and may not even know they have a literacy problem – these adults are considered to be functionally illiterate. Find out what functional illiteracy is, its victims, the costs of it and hear the true life stories of its devastating impacts. Former Centralia College student Tabitha Hollenbeck will be making this presentation. Hollenbeck has her BA in political science/policy, The Evergreen State College 2011; MPA, in public policy, The Evergreen State College 2013. She is currently taking a year off before beginning work on her PhD. Her last position was as a research assistant for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy.
February 12 – U&ME: Communicating in Moments that Matter

- How’s the quality of your life? Are you as happy as you’d like to be? Feeling satisfied with your job? Getting along well with family members? Experiencing serenity, at least some of the time? Do you think your life situation is contributing to your longevity or pushing you toward an early grave? Nothing is more critical to the quality of our lives than our relationships, and nothing is more critical to our relationships than how we communicate. U&ME: Communicating in Moments that Matter is a book that shows how to improve the quality of your life by improving your everyday communicating. Centralia College distinguished alumnus, Dr. John Stewart and author of U&ME: Communicating in Moments that Matter, is a former professor at the University of Washington and the University of Dubuque, and consultant to a wide range of public and private organizations. He is co-author of Together: Communicating Interpersonally, now in its sixth edition, and editor of Bridges Not Walls, in its 11th edition. Cumulatively, his books have sold more than 500,000 copies. www.johnstewart.org

February 19 – African American History 101

- When an inquiry is made as to what comes to mind when one thinks of African-American history, an overwhelming response is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, civil rights and slavery. This presentation will impress upon you that African-American history “did not” begin in the 20th century, by exploring the African-American experience beginning “Before the Mayflower.” This presentation will be made by Dan Johnson, consultant and trainer.

February 26 – Life Happens, Live It!

- Never look at the phrase “can’t do” the same way again. This is goal number one for Jake French, who is a 2008 graduate of the University of Idaho and was working as a forester in Oregon when a devastating accident happened. In an instant his life was turned upside down after a spinal cord injury left him a quadriplegic. A stereotypical life in a wheelchair seemed like giving up to Jake, and there was no way he would throw in the towel at just 23 years of age. His “it is what it is” response initiated a change in mindset and the beginning of a new journey. Committing to a “can do” attitude opened many doors and allowed him to turn the worst thing that ever happened to him into one of the best. Today, Jake is a well-known, sought-after inspirational speaker and author of “Life Happens. Live It!” He has developed a deep passion to share his message about the power of a positive attitude, choices we face, and successfully dealing with change. www.jakefrenchinspires.com

March 5 – The Warning System-Are you Ready to Respond?

- Being prepared is a personal responsibility. Are you ready? The Warning System is critical to saving lives and property. What is the Warning System? What does it mean to you? Learn about the Warning System and some successes and failures along with learning about the meteorologists of the National Weather Service behind the curtain at this engaging and interactive presentation. Ted Buehner, Warning coordination meteorologist of the National Weather Service-Seattle/Tacoma will be the presentor.

March 12 – Saving the Chimps of Cameroon

- Founded by former Portland, Oregon, veterinarian Dr. Sheri Speede, the Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue Center provides sanctuary for chimpanzee orphans in Cameroon while promoting social and cultural conditions that ensure endangered great apes survive and thrive in their natural habitats. In this presentation, Dr. Speede will talk about her work and the efforts being made to save the Chimpanzees of Cameroon. www.ida-africa.org

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

- We are concluding the search process to fill our vacant classified position in eLearning. This is the last position to fill within library and eLearning from our summer of turnover.
- We are getting closer to expanding access to IT Academy. Marion Hazzard, part-time hourly worker in the library, has been pilot testing the process and modules. IT Academy is a project funded by Washington State Library via a federal grant in partnership with Microsoft. It offers free training in everything from digital literacy to advanced computer skills.

- Exam Cram (extended hours in the library) was successful. We asked students to complete a survey, and here is a portion of that survey, indicating what activity they were engaged in during these extended hours.

![Bar chart showing activities during Exam Cram](image)

- Carrie Powell and Linda Foss are developing a workshop on Tegrity, our lecture capture system. They will offer this in January.

- Linda Foss and Carrie Powell will be starting up Friday “Canvas Conversations” again. These are on Fridays at noon and all are encouraged to attend any of the sessions that focus on particular aspects of using Canvas and about teaching and learning.

- eLearning is working on ways to build better connections with adjunct faculty for technical support, training, and course design support.
Child and Family Studies (CFS)
- Thanks to the generosity of Centralia College campus, CFS was able to host an Annual Holiday Store to help families provide children with winter apparel and toys, books or games this holiday season. 44 families accessed these resources with over 100 children benefitting. Removing barriers of caring for basic needs helps families remain in classes.

Parent Support Services (PSS)
- During one class session (also serving as supervised visitation), families made framed photo gifts together and were visited by Santa who gifted each child with an age-appropriate book and a candy cane. Offering positive parent-child guided interaction helps parents strengthen family bonds, increase effective communication skills and builds resiliency.

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
- Lewis County ECEAP has a parent representative to the Parent Ambassador program with Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP. She will be an exceptional role model for other parents within the program and a strong voice for the early education community. She was one of twenty people chosen for this honorable position with WSA.
- Valley View Dental visited campus classrooms in December. The Valley View representatives greeted children with a fun, educational activity and completed the visit with dental screenings for the preschoolers (some who have never seen a dentist). The children enjoyed the experience and walked away with a colorful toothbrush and mirror, giving them yet another reason to stay in school.
- Paula Moll, a Registered Dietician will be working with ECEAP to provide nutrition services to children and families. We hope to collaborate with Lewis County Head Start since they are contracting with the same dietician.

Teens Entering Education Now (TEEN)/Passport to College (program for students having been in foster care)
- The Lend a Hand Foundation gave each parenting student a box of clothes for a year of growth in their child’s life. Teen students volunteer for this foundation throughout the school year, giving them opportunity to give to the community.
- Teen Work Study and Rotoract officer, Kim Wilson, volunteered for the Business Week event on campus. She served in the role of advisor for a teen designed company.
- Jamie Baker and Nancy Grzadzielewski attended a community thank you luncheon put on by Lewis County Juvenile Justice staff. Staff from TEEN/Passport and Juvenile Courts work together to provide access to education, help juveniles maintain student status and assist in student’s progression of education.

Children’s Lab School (CLS)
- Years of experience were compiled for staff working in the campus child care center. Totals include, 116 years in the field for Lead teachers and 166 in years of experience for assistants/aides in classrooms. This is a tremendous representation of the quality education offered to parents and children through the campus child care center.
- During the cold spell in December the children enjoyed warming themselves around a fire bowl. Creative ideas are welcome additions to children’s experiences with education. One child, while sitting on a stump in the outside play area recalled “this is like camping!”
- Staff engaged in a training to prepare for Early Achievers (quality improvement and professionalism system through the Dept. of Early Learning), and to continue work on core values for the program.
TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION
Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

- On December 11, the Transitional Education Division celebrated the start of the holiday season and invited faculty and staff to a potluck in the Phoenix Center. The celebration included tasty treats and great company as well as a very funny white elephant gift exchange.

- Staff and faculty met again for the “sun-setting” of the GED 2002 at the Olympic Club very appropriately on Friday, December 13, 2013. The after-hours gathering organized by Melissa Hahn, Testing Center Manager, was attended by several faculty and staff members. To make the event complete, retired GED test manager Dennis Hatch as well as our honorable trustee Joanne Schwartz joined the group.

- December was a very busy month at the testing center. In addition to the added GED testing hours provided during the first half of the month, several touching beginnings and endings took place. There were test-takers who had put off one final GED exam until this month. In many cases, it had been put off for years. One older gentleman came to complete his GED math exam after 15 years of waiting. Another newcomer to the U.S. completed her GED in English which was much cause for celebration. One young man received incentive from his father, who offered $100 for every test passed before the end of December. Others crammed in all five tests over a two day period. One test-taker made several attempts to complete his GED so as not to lose his job, but alas, his lack of preparation and the stress of it all, did not result in success. Several other test-takers spent hundreds of dollars trying and re-trying, then finally took the advice of our instructors and decided to start again in the New Year.

GED numbers:
- 150: number of actual GED test-takers at Centralia College, Fall Quarter 2013 (62 during December)
- 363: number of GED exams taken at Centralia College, Fall Quarter 2013 (148 during December)
- 117: number of GED test-takers who successfully completed their GED at Centralia College, Fall Quarter 2013 (45 during December)
- 100: score rated (%) by GED test-takers regarding Centralia College testing center, Fall Quarter 2013 (Pearson Vue official survey)
- 7, 288: number of tears that fell on the testing center counter during December 2013

- During the last two weeks of fall quarter the library building was opened up in the evening for “exam cram” sessions. The tutor center supported the effort by setting up study cohorts and scheduling tutors to work in the library. It was a very successful undertaking much appreciated by the students. As part of that activity the Phoenix Center front desk was staffed with bi-lingual support staff to welcome Hispanic students to the program, provide information and enroll them into classes. Having had to live with the loss of evening support services due to budget cuts for the last several years, faculty and students were delighted to have a place to call “home” again. It is hoped that by providing a welcoming space as well as support our ESL enrollment numbers will be positively impacted. As part of our recruitment and retention efforts therefore, evening support services for the ESL program will be continue during winter and spring quarter.

- ABE faculty spearheaded by Deborah and Gene Shriver, ABE and Developmental English faculty, completed seven new content specific ABE courses for the new High School 21 Diploma, all of which were accepted by the Instructional Council. For the new quarter there are 38 students enrolled who intend to complete their High School Diploma according to the High School 21 guidelines. This competency based pathway changes how students participate in ABE. Centralia College has been very proactive in implementing this new high school equivalency option and will award the first diploma in winter quarter.
Counselors conducted a “Mini-Advising Fair” December 30 to serve late-applying new winter quarter students. Approximately fifty students were provided a pre-advising information session and individual advising with a counselor. In addition to helping these students get registered for classes, this mini-fair equipped new students with priority status and an assigned faculty advisor. Retention of these late-registering new students should be enhanced by getting them into our priority system and linking them with an advisor.

Lindsay Harjo, Literacy Council Director, added the following letter:

Dear Centralia College family,
We do not thank you nearly enough for the support you give to Our Literacy Council. We are privileged to continue our mission here and build valuable relationships with you all in the process.

A brief overview on our accomplishments in 2013:
- We helped 42 individuals successfully complete their GED,
- Recruited 8 new volunteer tutors,
- Served 211 individuals, and our tutor team put forth 1,100 hours to help individuals achieve educational and workforce goals.
- 90% of our GED graduates report significant progress (i.e. college enrollment or employment) within 1 year of GED completion.

Just before I left my office for Christmas break I received a note from one of our GED graduates that read: ‘When God closes a door, he opens a window. Thank you for helping me find that open window during this season in my life.’

Thank you for helping to make our mission possible by being such wonderful advocates and teammates! We wish you a wonderful 2014!

Lindsay Harjo, Our Literacy Council

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

Worker Retraining
- Joan Meister reviewed headcount a year ago winter quarter and the number of new students was the same with 14 new enrollees. A year ago winter quarter the total headcount was 303 while the new preliminary headcount is 168 for the new quarter. Many new students enrolling are veterans, or students who are exhausting their Unemployment Insurance.
- Joan Meister implemented interest, personality and career inventories on student computers in Kemp Hall to better assist students who are still in the research phase of choosing a professional/technical program through Worker Retraining.
- The good news was the UI rate went down in Lewis County the month of October; the bad news was the statewide average increased to 7%. The increase triggered the third tier in the Emergency Unemployment Claim (EUC). The EUC restarted for 11,000 recipients, but is expected to sunset December 28. The federal government will have the final say if emergency extensions continue or not.
- Lanny Blanksma and Joan Meister extended the workshop schedule through December 10 for winter quarter enrollment.
- Lanny Blanksma assisted students graduating fall quarter 2013. He has the WinWay Resume program on his computer as do the student computers in the office.
Joan Meister signed many authorizations for winter quarter books for dislocated workers who are co-enrolled in the BFET program with Debra Caviness.

**WorkFirst**
- The WorkFirst office has been busy recruiting new students for winter quarter and assisting them with the enrollment process. The majority of new students are referred as a result of the Options program, our partnership orientation to the WorkFirst program.
- Testing for the 2002 GED concluded mid-December. Many WorkFirst students took advantage of last-minute added testing times and were able to complete before the deadline. Several of the WorkFirst students who completed their GED during fall quarter are transitioning into Workforce programs starting winter quarter.
- The WorkFirst study hall has been well attended during fall quarter and continues to be a valuable resource for our students. Students use available computers to complete homework and have formed study groups. Referrals to community resources are also available.

**Basic Food, Education and Training (BFET)**
- Debra Caviness and Margret Friedley attended the BFET Training Forum on December 10 and 11 in SeaTac. The training was rescheduled from an earlier date in October. Workshops included sessions on WorkFirst/BFET collaboration, use of the Individual Employment Plan, information on developing community partnerships as well as many other valuable topics. The training forum also provided the opportunity to network with DSHS and staff from other colleges.

**Other**
- Bev Gestrine spoke at the rededication of the nail art work by Bob Bauer that hangs in the Student Services foyer. She added her memories of Bob to those of others here at the college.

**PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS**
Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

- Workforce Education is very excited about 2014 and the changes it will bring to our programs!
  - The proposed Diesel program will bring a flurry of advertisement, course development, recruitment, and remodeling to our area which is always exciting and hectic. Jake Fay will be heading to Idaho for most of winter quarter to receive training in “Diesel On-site Power Generation” for our new program and Ken Rakoz will return to the college to teach in Jake’s absence.
  - Computer Science, Computer Technology, and Medical Assistant programs all have fairly significant program changes to bring to Instructional Council in Winter Quarter that will bring a new look to our programs in the fall.
  - We will also be recruiting new faculty for next year in Nursing (tenure), Computer Science, Electronics, Robotics, and Automation, Business Technology, Welding, and Diesel (Pro-rata and adjunct).
  - Greg Gilbertson has been doing high school visits to recruit students into Criminal Justice and the high schools are very appreciative of his visits. Students have many questions about the program and Greg has invited them to visit campus and his classes anytime.

- Linda Murray, Program Director for the Medical Assistant program reports the our 2nd year students participated in the Providence St. Peter Hospital “mock” disaster drills and had a great time being the wounded victims. We would also like to thank WWA Planned Parenthood for donating a large quantity of expired supplies for use in our program. This helps our supply budget a great deal.
Barbara Hins-Turner and Monica Brummer attended the quarterly Directors meeting. Monica presented joint marketing updates including an electronic holiday card and the CoE-WA website that includes information on CTC Baccalaureate programs and quarterly CoE FAQ reports. A professional development presentation workshop with practice sessions was delivered by Michael Buschmohle, president of Applause Associates.

Corporation for a Skilled Workforce (CSW) Focus Group, Alexandria, VA, Dec 4

Barbara Hins-Turner was invited to participate in a focus group hosted by CSW to discuss energy workforce credentialing required for energy industry occupations. The group also included representatives from Bismarck State College (ND), Lane Community College (OR), Council on Wisconsin Strategy, Interstate Renewable Energy Council, American Council on Education and Center for Energy Workforce Development. The project funded by the Lumina Foundation will benchmark U.S. standards to standards in Germany and Ireland. The report will be released fall, 2014.

Regional Education and Training Center (RETC) Board of Directors meeting, IBEW Local 77, Seattle Dec. 17

RETC, Satsop site, has merged with Northwest Utility Training and Education Center, Richland, which is owned by IBEW Local 77. The organization will be known as RETC-west and RETC-east campuses. Dr Bob Topping has accepted the interim Director position. A new Board of Directors has been formed that includes representatives from IBEW, industry, Whatcom and Columbia Basin Community colleges, and Barbara, who represents the Centers of Excellence. Bylaws were adopted and future meeting topics were discussed.

9th Annual Energy and Construction Best Practices Summit

Meetings were held throughout the month with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Portland branch) and the summit committee. Dates were finalized as June 18 (main summit day) and June 19 (Cascadia Earthquake Awareness Workshop). This year’s summit will include the Centers of Excellence for Construction, Marine, Homeland Security-Emergency Management and Aerospace/Advanced Materials Manufacturing. We will finalize a venue to host the summit soon.

Holiday Cards

We created two electronic holiday cards. One for PNCECE, which was distributed to our summit listserve (more than 1,000 members) and to our friends on campus; and one for all of the Centers of Excellence, which was distributed to CTC presidents, BAS directors, Workforce Education Council, and Washington State Legislators – as well as from each center’s specialized contact list.

CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST
Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

Centralia College in partnership with the Fire Mountain Arts Council (FMAC) received a grant for $39,500 from the Lewis County Commissioners to finance the “Tourism Infrastructure – Roxy Theatre Digital Projection System” project. The grant is available through sales and use tax to finance public facilities serving economic development purposes in rural counties.

The “Tourism Infrastructure – Roxy Theatre Digital Projection System” project will be completed with the purchase of additional required components, such as the pedestal, sound processor, and installation, from community fundraised monies, in excess of $24,500.

The completed project will ensure that the College’s Vision “…to be the intellectual heart and cultural soul of the community” continues through cultural offerings such as the Foreign Film Festival, Lyceum Lectures, and the Summer Production.
- FMAC released the following announcement:
  **The Roxy is going DIGITAL!** The Roxy Theater will be able to install a state-of-the-art
digital projection system thanks to the generosity of YOU, dedication of volunteers,
partnership with Centralia College, and today’s award of a grant for tourism infrastructure by
the Lewis County Commissioners.
  **THANK YOU!**

CEDAR CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER (CCCC)
Sarah Sytsma – Education Director

- Beginning in January, Sarah Sytsma will begin her transition to Garrett Heyns Education Center, at
which time she will oversee both GHEC and Cedar Creek.

- Thirty students have received their GED as of December 30, 2013. January is the start of the new
GED which may require a new methodology of teaching. Faculty will be attending contextualized
training for corrections on January 22.

- Horticulture is finally in full swing with 19 full-time students. The proposal for a horticulture program at
GHEC has been submitted to DOC; if approved, the program will begin in July.