BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT
June 2013
Highlights from Instruction

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

- We continue to have 100% retention of the first cohort of 26 students who this quarter are studying accounting from Jim Rothlin (Port of Chehalis Director), law from Todd Rayan (Olson, Althauser, Lawler and Samuelson) and a practicum on leadership and management from Rob LaFontaine (General Manager Twin Transit).

- As of today, twenty-six students have confirmed they plan to enroll as part of the second BASM cohort which will start this fall. Offers are outstanding to three other students at this time. Two offerees have withdrawn due to tight personal financial situations and one chose Evergreen due to the ability to customize a program.

- At this point, faculty has been identified for thirteen of the eighteen courses that comprise the BASM program. Eleven of the eighteen courses have been developed, the first major course design step, and have received Instructional Council approval.

- The BASM program will create a small reserve fund during the next academic year and that will be helpful for BASD startup expenses such as marketing items.

- Progress is being made on the BAS Diesel firming up the list of survey questions that will be at the heart of the needs assessment required by the SBCTC. We will survey major employers, current students and currently employed diesel technicians among others. We will explore a BAS diesel that also has some management content and is solely focused on technologies.

- Given the need to carefully review the structure of the current associates’ level courses and programs related to IT and technology, the SBCTC has been told to change the startup date for the BAS Web Development to 2015. Dean Sullivan, IT Director Patrick Allison and I will attend a special state-wide meeting at the Bellevue COE for IT concerning the development and design of future BAS in various areas of information technology.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

STEM
- Students will present Capstone Project Presentations June 7 for science, math, technology, and engineering (STEM) in NSC 309 from 12-1 p.m.

Art
- The student art show continues in the central hall of WAH, front hall, art hall and lobby. Featured are sculpture art chairs, drawings and art appreciation prints and masks.

- Also, an art display was installed in May to support a Pacific NW Dance event.

- Penny Martindale designed business cards, a banner for the CC GSA student club, and also consulted on exterior and interior design for a Chinese martial arts studio in Olympia.
Speech
- Jeff McQuarrie, pro-rata communications instructor, reports that Pearson Education is starting to use videos of Centralia College speech students as nationwide exemplars.

English
- At this time of year, faculty often hear from students undergoing academic/employment transitions. Susanne Weil, associate professor of English and Humanities, has heard great news from six of our relatively recent graduates.

First, Jair Juarez (CC Outstanding Graduate 2010) wrote that he recently started working as an outreach specialist for the HEP program at Columbia Basin College in Pasco. Through the position he helps individuals obtain their GEDs and access better employment and educational opportunities. As a result of working for a Washington State Agency, he qualifies for a graduate school tuition waiver to attend Washington State University Tri-Cities for only $5 a semester. Jair is applying to WSU’s master’s degree program in Educational Leadership, and he wrote that his long range goal is to become president of a community college.

Russell Lovelett, 2011, wrote that he has been at Brigham Young University for the last three semesters. He says things are going really well and he is holding a 3.89 GPA. He recently changed from being a psychology major to an English major with a creative writing emphasis. “Writing is what I've always wanted to do, and this worked out more conveniently. I have your [Dr. Weil’s] 102 class to thank for that. I thoroughly enjoyed writing my paper on bacteriophages. I'm looking at an international journalism focus,” he wrote.

U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Fourth Class Andrew J. White (CC class of 2012) wrote that when asked what a “writer’s greatest enemy” is in one of his classes, he told his professor about what he learned writing his English 102 paper: “At every step of the writing process, Dr. Weil warned us to avoid 'The Curse of Knowledge,' the problem faced when writers try to explain something, but fail because they are too-well informed and don’t understand a listener’s level of knowledge or understanding.” Andrew’s professor emailed Susanne, who shared the reference for “the curse of knowledge”: an excellent book about how to make ideas capture a reader’s memory by business professors Chip and Dan Heath called Made to Stick.

Matt Dean (CC class of 2012) reports that he is pursuing pre-med studies at Western Washington U. Colton Evans, 2010, finished his English at the University of California-Berkeley and is now tutoring San Francisco at-risk youth in reading and writing. Finally, Kaleigh Hendershot, 2012, is going to study in Dublin this fall before finishing her senior year at Seattle Pacific, where she’s focusing on sociology.

- Susanne also reports that she has been asked to chair the conference committee for the October 2013 Washington State Beekeepers’ Association annual meeting. She is also coordinating swarm and colony removal calls for the Lewis County Beekeepers’ Association. If you have unwanted honey bees on your property, please remember that it is illegal to kill them: instead, call 360.880.8130 or email Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com.

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

- Alexis Austin attended the spring meeting of the eLearning Council. Among other actions, the council voted to initiate an RFP process for a lecture capture system. Our current lecture capture system is Tegrity. Lecture capture technology provides recordings of classroom lectures and events and publishing to the web or as podcast downloads. Recordings containing video, audio, and projected content (such as slides). Faculty can also use the system to record short supplemental lectures using any computer.
Alexis Austin worked with IT to establish a communications channel for eLearning on the campus-wide e2Campus system. This is alert channel to which students can subscribe to get email or text alerts about important issues related to eLearning platforms.

Kathy Brooks concluded another Canvas training session. Almost all of the faculty using Canvas in summer and fall have now completed training.

Kathy Brooks and Sue Gallaway attended the final workshop on WGU’s competency-based model. This workshop focused on student support.

Dale Carroll, faculty librarian and chair of the Retention DTF, met with the members of the DTF to design a survey for students not returning in the fall to get an idea of the reasons for not returning.

Kathy Brooks attended a meeting of faculty trainers at the state board to work on updating the training curriculum for Canvas.

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

Parent Education
- Linda Wilcox has been meeting with co-op preschool boards to debrief the 2012-2013 preschool year, and plan for 2013-2014.
- In collaboration with the Autism Coalition, plans are under way to offer and expand the Autism Summer Playgroup for families and their children ages 3-8 who are on the autism continuum. Class will be held on campus. An exciting addition this year will be three students from the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Bates will join the team as part of their Level 1 Fieldwork.
- Partnerships are being formed and plans are being made for the fall quarter classes: Spanish Strengthening Families, Parenting in Recovery, Love and Logic in Rochester, bilingual Learning and Playing with Infants and Toddlers, and a Fatherhood class.
- Linda Wilcox attended “Pacific Mountain Regional Alliance for Youth” conference; DEFINING & MEASURING SUCCESS held in Centralia and put on by ESD 113, Workforce Development, Common Action, College Success Foundation and Washington College Access Network. The conference pulled together youth, adults, community agencies and organizations for a conversation about supporting youth success from the first years of life through college/career and beyond.

CLS (Children’s Lab School)
- Staff hosted a Raising a Reader Community event May 15. Families shared a meal, a trip to the public library, and a literacy activity as a culminating event for a year of shared involvement in a home literacy program. The event was well attended by families.
- Jeanette Spiegelberg attended a three day conference with the Washington Campus Child Care Coalition focusing on Mentoring Relationships in Early Care and Education.
- Child care program is enjoying an upgraded Toddler play yard thanks to one of the Leadership Teams. They have a new riding path, a digging pit, and some tires to explore and take risks on.
- The Prekindergarten and ECEAP classes performed their spring concert on May 23 in Corbet Theatre. What a great opportunity for our children to shine and practice performance in a real theatre.
- Jenelle Sampson, lead teacher in the Preschool classroom, attended an all-day Nutrition and Gardening Workshop. Children are beginning with strawberries and lettuce. These crops will be used in the child care food program.
Passport to College Program

- May is Foster Care Month. As a part of the Youth Advocacy work of the Mockingbird Society, student, Cheyenne Miller took part in the leadership meeting at Community Youth Services in Olympia. Students met to update the mission statement, review the legislative bills that affect youth from care and planned for the Summer Youth Leadership Summit in June.

- Cheyenne Miller and Talisa Galloway (former CC grad and first year at St Martin’s) along with Shaleene Moir and Kristi Jewell attended the Annual Regional Passport to College Summit. The event was held at the UW Tacoma campus. Shaleene facilitated a student panel with students who shared their personal struggles and successes of navigating the college campus as alumni of the foster care system. Students shared the important value and need for the support of Passport to College campus programs.

- Former CC student and ESD Youth Employment worker here on campus, has written another article for the Mockingbird Times entitled “Using My Voice to Make a Change”. In his article he described homeless youth moving from storefront to storefront to sleep. Feeling called to action, he attended a meeting at the Olympia City Hall. After giving his “two cents worth”, a $5,000.00 a year fund was set for the youth center to formulate a resource for homeless youth. As a former foster youth, he continues to be active in the Mockingbird Society where he provides leadership and advocacy in legislative youth decisions.

TEEN Program

- The CC Grow TEEN Farmer’s Market officially opened on May 9, 2013. Students opened the season with tomato, strawberry, raspberry plants and lots of salad greens. We will be adding produce as the growing season progresses. Students have been working in our campus gardens, as well as out at Blue Earth Farms, in Onalaska. We want to extend a huge thank you to our campus Administration for giving the approval and support, Jake Fay for pulling the market stand to campus, Diesel Club and Buildings and Grounds personnel for moving the greenhouse, and faculty and staff for the amazing positive response in comments and sales. We are also thankful for the Twin-Cities Rotarians and Andrew Van Quill, workstudy and owner of Independence Printing, all of whom have generously donated time and talent towards our new entrepreneurial venture.

- On May 9, TEEN students from our Foods and Nutrition class were given opportunity to cater a healthy food selection for the Pacific Mountain Regional Youth Alliance Summit: “Defining and Measuring Success”. The meeting was attended by individuals from 5 counties and represented local agencies, the Chehalis tribe, schools, private industry, TEEN students and staff along with the ESD113 Youth Employment team.

- Staff continue to attend monthly Lewis County Pacific Mountain Youth Alliance meetings in Chehalis, in addition to the five county organizational meetings held at the ESD 113 in Tumwater. The TEEN staff has provided input on vision, mission statement and goals for the alliance. A regional MOU for Regional Collective Impact work is being established to aid in the grant-writing process for educational change. Currently, a Thurston county youth leadership event is being planned for June and will include students from the TEEN program. The focus of this meeting will be to engage students 12-19 years of age to learn to be advocates for educational change.

- Nancy Grzadwielwski led the monthly Pregnant and Parenting Teens Stakeholders meeting. As we continue collaborative efforts, we are in progress with Human Response Network to bring domestic violence education to the parenting class. We are also making plans to work with Cascade Mental Health to do some mental illness prevention in children, by working with young moms who are personally struggling with mental health issues and parenting.

MERIT (Managed Education Registry and Information Tool)

- Program staff have been steadily verifying the education of childcare providers. Numbers of applications processed during the April 17 – May 23 time period are:
  - Approved Education Applications = 846
  - Approved Education Exemptions = 48
  - Approved Career Lattice Awards = 129
  - Documents received and placed on review status = 1293
TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION
Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

Math and Tutor Center

- Exciting news from the Math and Tutor Center: The center is moving from its location in Kemp Hall to the third floor in the New Science Center. The move will strengthen the connection between the math and science faculty housed in that building and the students looking for learning support. Marty Wiebe, center coordinator is looking forward to the opportunities that this new location will offer to the students.

Testing Center

- We welcomed new testing center team member Nancy Macy. She quickly assumed responsibility and demonstrated a high level of professionalism and compassion - an ideal combination for the testing center. This move has helped strengthen the relationship between e-Learning and the testing center, providing further opportunity to discuss testing procedures.

- The testing center staff are working on completing additional certifications for CASAS testing so that we may be a back-up for the ABE department.

- After much planning, this month, the TEAS exam (required for nursing student applications) has been implemented and the first sessions completed successfully.

- We have begun to work closely with Cedar Creek Correctional Facility and CC East, in order to get their GED examiners certified for the computer based testing. To date, they have been doing paper based only.

- Our system of referring potential new students to the ABE program has strengthened, with the testing center desk playing a key role in the referral process.

- GED computer testing will be ramped up this summer so as to provide ample test date opportunities for test-takers to complete the battery.

Basic Skills

- During the month of May several professional and program development trainings and conferences were attended:
  Brigitte Kidd, Dean, Transitional Education and Judith Aguilar, ESL faculty and coordinator attended the annual El-Civics retreat on May 10 at Bates Technical College. The focus of this year's EL Civics Retreat was CHANGING THE WAY WE TEACH LOWER LEVELS OF ESL. Participants received experiential exposure to acceleration practices that have been successful in recent pilot projects. Each provider was invited to send two individuals, ideally, ESL teachers who play a leadership role at the institution.

- On May 13, a team of basic skill staff members comprised of Deborah Shriver, ABE Manager/faculty; Geina Studeman, administrative assistant; Sharon Libby, WABERS specialist; and Brigitte Kidd, attended the High School 21 summit at South Seattle Community College's Georgetown campus. The High School 21 initiative has been steadily moving forward and convened a state-wide All Providers Meeting on May 13. This work session brought providers together to begin to plan implementation at local sites. The HS taskforce gave an overview of the guidance document, and programs were encouraged to identify their criteria for meeting graduation requirements.

- On May 16, Brigitte Kidd attended the Learning Standards training for directors at Bates Technical College’s South Campus. The one-day session for administrators was intended to address the program supports (processes, resources, etc.) that administrators can put in place to enable instructors to develop their standards-based practice. The need for reforms that align program practices (teacher hiring, classroom observation, course outcome guides, etc.) with the Standards was highlighted.
Brigitte Kidd was invited to participate in the Statewide Youth Reengagement Convening at Highline Community College. The meeting scheduled for May 20 was well attended by a diverse group of educational providers for at-risk youth.

The meeting objectives were to better understand the context of the 1418 Reengagement policy as an option to meet the needs of out of school youth; to explore options to link/leverage reengagement efforts with local and regional constructs including community based leadership and multi-system support organizations/economic development/workforce training and skill building strategies; to investigate lessons learned from others in developing reengagement programs within a community impact approach as the lens for the strategic and tactical development of Washington statewide implementations; to plan together to foster peer learning, provide technical assistance and develop as a community network of reengagement efforts; and to promote continuation of maximum learning and the sharing of best practice within the community network in a range of topics of high relevance.

Lou Sager, Program Administrator at the State Board and Diane McGuinn, WABERS State Program Specialist came to Centralia College on May 24 to train our WABERS staff locally. Deborah Shriver, Sharon Libby, Geina Studeman, Brigitte Kidd and Judith Aguilar attended the training at Centralia College. We appreciated the opportunity to receive such individual attention and were able to have all our questions answered.

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

Worker Retraining
- Lanny Blanksma sent letters out to graduates offering resume, cover letter, website information and one-on-one appointments to students who want assistance in their job search. Worker Retraining has 35 students graduating in June.

- Lanny Blanksma presented information to a welding class on May 20. Many of the students are dislocated workers through the Worker Retraining program, and some are graduating in June. Also, Lanny Blanksma presented job search techniques to a small group of students at CCEast in Morton on May 22.

- Lamont Peabody, Worker Retraining student, graduated fall 2012 from the Electronics, Robotics and Automation program. Lamont was featured in one of the winter 2013 schedule article. After graduation he thought he had a job, but a certified electrician came along and was hired. Alas, the employee didn’t work out, and Lamont was called and hired. Lamont is working for Interfor Pacific, a global lumber company. Lamont is covering two mills in the northwest and reported he is earning $26.00 per hour as an electrician and loves his job!

- Currently, two featured students on the college’s website are Jeb Peterson and Arlen Everist. Arlen graduated last year and Jeb graduates this June. Both students were enrolled in the Worker Retraining program. There are many success stories of graduates finding jobs through Worker Retraining.

- Debra Caviness and Joan Meister participated in a mini- advising fair at CCEast on May 9 from noon until 3:00pm. Debra and Joan supplied an array of literature for their racks, and talked to Lynn Schinnell about the programs and updates.

- The Lewis County Unemployment Insurance (UI) rate for April dropped over one percent from March 2013. March was 12.3 percent and the rate dropped the month of April to 11.1 percent. Lewis County remains high and ranks number five in the state. Grays Harbor, in the same region as Lewis County, is number one at 12.1 percent. The other three highest rates are in the northeastern region of the state.
Brooke Merchant, part-time hourly in Worker Retraining, is graduating in June. She has earned her Associate of Technical Arts degree in Administrative Office Assistant. Way to go Brooke!

WorkFirst

A great many of students attended both the St. Martin’s and Centralia College Job Fairs and made valuable contacts with the business community. There were more employers that were actually hiring this year, which shows the economy is improving. Connie Robertson is expecting students to have an easier time finding placements this graduation.

The Options program is still going strong with a slight change in schedule, which will work well for the college. The schedule change is to teach Wednesdays and Thursdays rather than Thursdays and Fridays. Since the clients had their staffing (to decide on their next pathway) on Thursdays there had been a drop in attendance on Fridays. The anticipated outcome from the schedule change is an increase in attendance on Fridays.

Options also purchased several excellent DVD’s with some grant funds and staff are in the process of reviewing them. Connie was very impressed with the one she reviewed and plans on incorporating a lot of the information into her curriculum. Lesona Hartman and Connie Robertson finished spring quarter with the first credit-bearing Options class! There are over 48 students who will be receiving two credits for participating in the Options class.

Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)

Bev Gestrine volunteered to read grants prior to the statewide BFET Grant Review on May 23. She attended the review session and served as a group leader offering opinions and tracking notes for her review team.

Other

Michelle Hylton continues to take courses in pursuit of her Bachelor of Arts degree at Washington State University. Michelle plans on graduating June 2014.

Joan Meister organized the May 9 Community Presentation with 79 people in attendance. The subject was, Strategies for Meth Affected Children and their Families. The presenter was Jackie McReynolds, MS, Senior Instructor, Department of Human Development, Vancouver, Washington. The presentations have increasingly had a higher number of attendees requiring a move to a larger room, NSC 121.

Joan Meister has started the process for enrolling fall quarter to take part-time credits at The Evergreen State College. She is more than half way through the program in completing her Bachelor of Arts degree.

PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

Dean’s Update
Submitted by Durelle Sullivan

It is definitely the season of grants! Following is a brief description of what we are working on this month.

Caterpillar Dealer Excellence Fund

We have submitted our application for the $20,000 grant funding from Caterpillar and NC Machinery and provided our stewardship report for the funds we received last year. This award funds $5000 in scholarships for Diesel Technology students each year and provides funds for equipment, instructor training and program enhancements. Not only is this award generous and extremely valuable but the staff from the Northwest Region take an active role on our advisory committee and visit campus frequently.
Department of Labor TAACCT grants

- Our Workforce Education office is currently participating in the development of two grants. The first one is relating to the Information Technology Pathway to Applied Baccalaureate with North Seattle as the lead college and the second one is Forestry with Grays Harbor College taking the lead. Both grants have approximately seven colleges in the consortiums. Applications are due July 3 and there is a lot of work to do!

Perkins Leadership

- These grants are grants funded by Federal Carl Perkins dollars which can be used to fund instructors returning to industry during the summer to update skills, get training from industry or fund special projects to enhance learning.

- I am very happy to report the promotion of Karie Jorgensen to Program Manager in the Workforce Office and Angie Heaton to a 30 hr a week Program Coordinator. We have been down in staff and up in work for the entire school year and Angie and Karie have worked very hard to keep everything on track. We will be opening up an Office Assistant position over the summer and will start the new school year with a full team to support our 16 Workforce programs and Continuing and Community Education.

Nursing

Submitted by Jo Sullivan

- Shelly Fritz, PhD student, received an IGERT (Integrative Training In Health Care) fellowship to support her doctoral studies. WSU’s IGERT program is based in Pullman and led by Dr. Diane Cook. The program goal is to provide doctoral students with integrated training in computer science, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, psychology, sociology, and health care to support the design of smart environments. IGERT participants conduct research to address the questions of whether technology can automatically monitor and analyze human health and behavior, whether it can enhance human physical and cognitive abilities, and whether these technologies can be accepted by society. This program is intended to make a contribution to a generation of a work-force that is trained in multiple, complementary disciplines and that will open the door to new avenues of health and science research. Shelly is the first PhD nursing student IGERT fellow. In addition to tuition support, the program also provides funding to support student dissertations and travel to present at conferences. Shelly presented her team’s poster, “Detecting Cognitive Decline Using Smart Home Technology” in April at the Western Institute of Nursing Research in Los Angeles California. The poster will also be presented at the Northwest Biomechanics Symposium later this year. Shelly’s co-investigators represent the disciplines of engineering, computer science and neuropsychology.
Submitted by Nola Ormrod

- News on Shelly Fritz’ graduate studies/project (which you already received).
- In conjunction with Assured Home Health & Hospice the Nursing Department sponsored a Hospice Foundation of America presentation on Improving Care for Veterans Facing Illness and Death. The presentation was well attended by members of the community and a number of providers from JBLM and our local South Sound VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic.
- Centralia College Nursing faculty and Nursing Education staff at Providence Centralia Hospital attended SUN (Simulation Users Network) Workshop at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle. Some joint Nursing Staff/Nursing Student SIMulation learning activities are planned. IPad technology can now be used to control the SIM manikens. We plan to pursue Student Use Fee funding opportunities to get this update for our SIM lab.
- During spring quarter 6th quarter RN students are assisting at 3rd quarter students’ clinical sites. This is very beneficial for both groups of students and clinical faculty. The beginning students have more available mentors for mastering electronic charting and assisting with time management; the soon-to-graduate students are able to see how much they really do know and have to offer to their peers, and the instructors have an extra set of eyes/hands to help ensure that learning opportunities are maximized.
- Nursing faculty are finding the weekly clinical reflections that the students write especially moving this quarter. There have been many teary eyes and proud sighs as we read about the students’ insights and observations about Nursing and Patient Care.
- Transition to Practice (NURS 222) students are writing a short account of their most Memorable Experiences as a Nursing Student. This will be compiled into a booklet which will be given to each student at the end of the quarter during their Exit Interview.
- The Pinning Ceremony for 2013 graduates will be 1pm on Saturday, June 15 in Corbett Theater.

Criminal Justice
Submitted by Greg Gilbertson

- The Criminal Justice Program will be hosting a High School Open House on Friday, May 31 from 11:00am – 1:00pm. The purpose of the open house is to provide local high school students (and their parents) who may be interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement, corrections, and the social services an opportunity to visit our campus, meet our faculty and advisory committee members, and ask any questions they might have about this exciting and highly rewarding career field. We will also be answering any questions students might have about transfer opportunities to our partner colleges and universities, as well as explaining our various degree program and course options. Students with an opportunity to try out our new state of the art “LaserShot Firearms Training Simulator”, as well examine our inventory of Crime Scene Investigation technology and equipment.
- Students will also get the opportunity to meet and chat with students currently enrolled in the program. We will also have some guest speakers from our local area law enforcement agencies that serve on our advisory committee available to answer any questions students or their parents might have.

Submitted by Tadd Belden

- Joint Base Lewis-McChord has agreed to distribute promotional material for the Criminal Justice Program at their education center. Over the last year we have had at least spouses of Active Duty members from this base participating in the program, both online and classroom. We have also been invited to attend an education fair on the base on July 18.
- This quarter our furthest geographically remote student is in Germany.
We are exploring an articulation agreement with Waldorf College and Columbia Southern University. This would be primarily for their online programs as they have no physical presence on the West Coast. With an agreement in place students transferring there will receive a 10% discount on tuition. They have been conducting a crosswalk of our courses and degrees. I spoke with the Criminal Justice Chair of Waldorf yesterday and was told most all of our ATA degree credits will transfer to his institution either directly or as general electives. Ten of our Criminal Justice courses (possibly 11) will transfer directly into their Criminal Justice Degrees. Non CJ courses may either transfer directly (i.e ENGL& 101), or at a minimum as general electives towards a degree. They have an attractive tuition rate of $275 per credit hour.

Welding
Submitted by Mike Driscoll

Junior and Senior Centralia H. S. students that attended the welding shop visitation on May 22.

- Ray Smith advised me that we will be getting nine Centralia H. S. seniors from their 2- year metals program to enter as sophomores fall 2013. I was very impressed with the skill level of the high school students.

- Karie Jorgensen helped organize an information session to go over financial aid and the Centralia College application process. We divided the students into two groups, and had each student weld a tee joint using the new Fronius and Miller welding machines. We put the completed welded tee joints in our bend tester and smashed them flat. Every student passed the tee break test on 1/8" mild steel. It was a very good visitation and the students enjoyed using the new equipment and the new welding shop.
Medical Assisting
Submitted by Linda Murray

- Centralia College’s Medical Assistant Program is receiving very positive feedback from the local medical community. Our program placed nine-second year MA students in clinics in the Olympia, Rochester, Centralia, Chehalis, and Morton areas for externship this spring quarter. The clinical sites are allowing our students to complete 180 nonpaid contact hours in their externships, bridging their classroom/lab education to the real medical workplace. Managers have been consistently expressing their appreciation for how well trained these students are in their clinical skills, as well as how kind, friendly, and professional they are to both patients and staff. Two of these nine sites have already extended job offers to their externs to be started upon graduation in June. Two other sites have created new MA positions in their facilities in order to hire our graduates. Many of the externship sites have expressed their desire to hire their extern if they had an open position to offer the student. We have also just completed placement of four more second year MA students in clinics from Olympia to Morton for summer externships, starting July 1, 2013.

- In our program’s first year, we have 24 students, currently applying for second year acceptance into the program for fall quarter, 2013, as well as our 13 second year students, soon to graduate and soon to complete their national boards.

- Following are some of the statements that are being made by the externship site managers:
  - Some of the best trained MA students we have ever seen.
  - One provider, a former MA himself, stated that he has never worked with such a qualified MA, let alone a student MA.
  - If they keep up their current standards of education/training, Centralia College will change the face of medical assisting in this area with their qualified graduates.
  - These students came to their externship job-ready!
  - Please keep us in mind for future MA externs; we thank you for affiliating with our clinic.
  - The student has been wonderful.
  - The student is so eager to learn all that she can.
  - The student has been a joy, a pleasure to have with us.

Accounting
Submitted by Otto Rabe

- A new Forensic Accounting Club has been established for our Accounting students which will have many activities next year. Students are excited and are researching a government grant for a Tax Advisory Center on campus to serve students during tax season. The clubs goals are to promote Leadership, Professionalism, and Team Work.

Electronics
Submitted by Cal Taylor

- We organized an unofficial field trip to the Intel Open House. About 15 students met there and were given a private guided tour by Marion Johnston (class of ’94). The students got to talk to five of our graduates who have been at Intel many years. Several of the sophomores told me they were asked for resumes by a manager. After lunch with Marion and wise advisor, we went to SurpusGizmos.Com where Mike Carter made sure no one left empty handed. Some folks headed north from there and the rest went on to the Tektronix museum. A few of us went on to Powell’s books; a very dangerous spot. I managed not to get my credit card out!

A good outing in general but I think some students were inspired to work a little harder, in particular one who has been just getting by commented that he was going to up his study time from one hour to four hours!
Center of Excellence for Energy Technology
Submitted by Barbara Hins-Turner, Director

Center of Excellence Quarterly Directors Meeting, May 1, Walla Walla Community College
- Barbara Hins-Turner attended the quarterly directors meeting at WWCC. The focus of the meeting was on 2013/14 workplans, debrief of Skills Gap Forums held by each CoE and onsite assessments. PNCECE was assessment was noted by SBCTC Jim Crabbe and Kathy Goebel as one of the best assessments they had attended both from a content and presentation point of view. The marketing committee met via conference call following the meeting with Monica Brummer and Aerospace CoE communications specialist on the call. The marketing and outreach plans for the upcoming year were discussed and Monica was asked to create a plan for distribution and collaborative funding model to present to all centers.

Workforce Education Council, May 2/3, Walla Walla Community College
- Barbara Hins-Turner attended the quarterly WEC meeting and presented with the Centers of Excellence for Careers in Education, Marine Manufacturing, and Agriculture on the center model and provided updates on individual center accomplishments. SBCTC provided information on the Student Achievement Initiative, legislative and state budget updates, Job Skills Program, and the release of the Dept of Labor TAACCCT grant announcement. Jim Crabbe announced that he will remain in the Workforce Director position through the 2013/14 academic year.

Department of Labor TAACCCT Grant Application
- PNCECE is leading a six state regional application for the newly released U.S. Department of Labor Trade Act Assistance grant announcement. The application will integrate a clean energy sector strategy with skills competency alignment in the manufacturing sector. Barbara Hins-Turner has visited Columbia Basin College, Gonzaga University and the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council to discuss potential partnerships. Further coordination will take place over the next month as the grant application is developed and partner roles are identified.

Center for Energy Workforce Development Regional Meeting, May 7, Avista Utilities, Spokane
- Barbara Hins-Turner and Kairie Pierce, Washington State Labor Council attended the annual CEWD regional meeting held at Avista Utilities. Industry, labor, education and workforce development organizations attended representing Washington, Oregon, Idaho and South Dakota to hear program updates from CEWD and the partner state consortia. Kairie presented the activities and outcomes for the Careers in Energy Week held in October across Washington State coordinated by PNCECE and WSLC.

Advisory Board Meeting, May 10, Centralia College, Energy Tech Classroom
- The spring PNCECE advisory board meeting was chaired by Pat McCarty, Tacoma Power. Attendees included industry partners representing – Centralia City Light, Lewis County PUD, TransAlta, BPA, Portland General Electric and Avista; Labor – Washington State Labor Council and IBEW Local 77; educational - New Market Skills Center, NUTEC, Grays Harbor College, Columbia Basin College, WSU Energy Program, The Evergreen State College, Clark College and Centralia College.

- Columbia Basin College presented an overview of their Nuclear Technology program. Community college energy program reports were made by Centralia College, Clark College, Grays Harbor College, Spokane Community College/Avista and New Market Skills Center. Other reports included Bob Topping, RETC update on the NTER project, an online learning management system developed to house energy curricula; Monica Brummer provided a webwalk for PNCECE’s website; Jamie Krause provided an update on the Smart Grid project; Judy Guenther provided an overview of the scholarship program through the Annual Summit event. Barbara Hins-Turner reported on PNCECE’s assessment conducted by SBCTC and the newly released Dept of Labor TAACCCT grant.
Smart Grid Project Governance Board Meeting, May 15, Centralia College

- On May 15 the final Smart Grid project Governance Board meeting was held at Centralia College. Dr. Jim Walton presented the Board members with letters of appreciation for their dedication and service to Centralia College and the regional smart grid project. Jamie Krause, project manager facilitated a presentation that summarized the project accomplishments and led a discussion by Board members and staff on the highlights and behind the scenes activities that have resulted in the success of the project.

- The Smart Grid project had an initial training target of 1,215 individuals. Through March 31, 2013, 5,267 individuals have been trained. The new hire target for the project is 234 workers. As of March 31, 2013, 259 individuals (110.7%) have found employment with organizations across the western United States in occupations such as ground crew, substation operator apprentice, plant operator trainee, boiler operator and hydro utility worker, at an average starting wage of $15-24 per hour.

Idaho State University ESTEC Advisory Board and Idaho National Lab, May 22/23, Pocatello, ID

- Barbara Hins-Turner serves as a board member for the Energy Systems Training and Education Center (ESTEC) housed at Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID. On May 22, Barbara and Smart Grid project manager Jamie Krause delivered a presentation to the ESTEC Advisory Board outlining the Center of Excellence model and the role of the PNCECE in expanding regional partnerships across five states through the U.S. Department of Energy Smart Grid project. Highlights included a summary of major accomplishments of the smart grid project and a thank you to the ESTEC board and staff for their contribution to the project’s success.

- On May 23 Barbara and Jamie met with Idaho National Lab and ESTEC staff at the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES) in Idaho Falls, ID to collaborate on the concept for the U.S. DOL TAACCCT grant proposal. They were led on a tour of CAES to learn about the research initiatives of the Idaho National Lab that include advanced materials research, nuclear science, bioenergy and energy efficiency. A highlight of the tour included an immersive session in the Computer Assisted Virtual Environment (CAVE) that creates an interactive 3D simulation environment for energy science, research and training.

BPA Grant

- With help from Avista’s Diane Quincy, Monica Brummer developed the application for a $5,000 BPA grant to fund Careers in Energy Week (previous events were funded through the U.S. Dept. of Energy Smart Grid Grant). These new funds will allow us to coordinate events throughout Washington and Oregon and will pay for design and distribution of a Careers in Energy poster for high schools.

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Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

- Lanny Blanksma, Worker Retraining, held a job search workshop for students and the community on May 22.

- Five seniors from the local high schools, Morton, White Pass, and Mossyrock, applied for the Friends of CCEast awards. Funding for these awards is generated by the summer musical productions. Scholarship recipients are chosen by the CCEast Advisory Committee.

- Auditions for the summer production, The Ties That Bind: A Recollection of Bygone Days, were held at CCEast on June 2 at 2:00pm and June 4 at 7:00pm. The quasi-historical retrospective celebrates early 20th Century local events through music, explosions, romance and bear fighting. The summer musical is presented by Centralia College East with the Fire Mountain Arts Council.

- Centralia College East Organization of Students (CCEOS) will host the CCEast Graduation Celebration on Wednesday, June 12 at 2:00 pm to celebrate success with local graduating students.
CCEOS teamed with other organizations to sponsor a number of activities this quarter:
- TRIO – Oklahoma Tornado Relief
- SLIC – Earth Day t-shirt and water bottle exchange
- Cispus Americorps - Civic Engagement community food drive