BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

- The winter quarter is progressing well with some students showing the effects of the total workload they have imposed upon themselves. Ninety percent of BASM students are on the two year track which requires three classes per quarter, an amount of work equivalent to a second full-time job. Based upon input from the program directors around the state, this is a common situation, with the tuition schedule structure motivating 80%+ BAS students to tackle the programs in two years. Few four year college or university students work full time, let alone have families. The balance must be struck between being empathetic to student needs but being true to our program mission and that is being done.

- A special session was conducted February 27 for the spring faculty to help them prepare for the management of a cohort, instruction in a hybrid mode, communication and collaboration, the use of the new LMS Canvas and related terms. The support from the tenured and tenure-track faculty is terrific.

- The search for an instructor for economics is moving along well as we now have five strong candidates chosen from twenty-eight applicants. The position in question will be mainly teaching in the AA programs but BAS 305 Managerial Economics will be first offered in the fall of 2013.

- Course development activities include minor to moderate modifications to all of the courses from last fall. It will be surprising if we do not see the need for modification to course objectives and/or course content after the very first time each course is offered. One driver of these modifications is our firm commitment to link every course objective to one or more BASM program outcomes which means that the objective has to be measured in some manner. Each student must be graded on each objective shown on the course outlines.

- At the request of the Centralia School District, the BASM Executive Director has joined the advisory committee for career and technical education which among other tasks reviews frameworks (to course outlines) being submitted to SOP. The Director participated as a judge in a recent photography contest which included high school students from Longview and Centralia. The students were already accomplished photographers and the winner from Centralia will compete in a statewide contest in April.

- The flow of prospective students and the applications received to date for priority consideration are also heartening and suggest another strong cohort of 26-30 entering in the fall of 2013. As we work to understand what marketing is working, the work of instructors Connie Smejkal and Otto Rabe, great articles in the published schedules, The Chronicle coverage and word of mouth from the current cohort are the communications channels that are really working.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

Science
- The college’s chemistry team of lab tech Sarah Studeman and professors Karen Goodwin and Ruby Nagelkerke traveled to Beaverton, Oregon, for training at Vernier Software and Technology. They reviewed probeware technology for chemistry labs using Vernier’s LabQuest 2 (LQ2) interface. Students use the LQ2 to collect, view, and analyze experimental data collected using a variety of Vernier sensors.
At the annual meeting of the Friends of Seminary Hill February 9, Lisa Carlson presented results of ongoing projects taken on by students in Botany 113 spring quarter (monitoring recovery of native plants following invasive ivy removal) and Biology 221 fall quarter (assessing the role of SHNA forest in global carbon cycle and climate impacts).

Pat Pringle reports that STEM science student scholars Colleen Suter and Christina Williams will be coauthoring abstracts (and associated posters) at the upcoming Northwest Scientific Association annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, March 20–23. Pat and Dr. Lisa Carlson will be attending the meeting with them. Colleen and Pat’s abstract is entitled “New Environmental and Radiocarbon Evidence for the Ages of Two Holocene Landslide-Dammed Lakes in the Southern Washington Cascade Range, USA.” And Christina is coauthor with Pat of “What Geologic Event(s) Killed the Circa 2,300 Year B.P. Submerged or Buried Subfossil Trees at Multiple Sites in and Near the Puget Lowland, Washington, USA?

Also, the bioregion curriculum project Pat worked on via a 2010–2011 Geosciences Faculty Learning Group (and grant written by Jean MacGregor’s group at the Washington Center at TESC) is now online at SERC, the Science Education Resource Center at Carleton College. Pat completed the project in August 2011. The activity he authored is here: [http://serc.carleton.edu/bioregion/examples/51255.html](http://serc.carleton.edu/bioregion/examples/51255.html) and Lisa Carlson’s is here: [http://serc.carleton.edu/bioregion/examples/59113.html](http://serc.carleton.edu/bioregion/examples/59113.html) The activities of all the Faculty Learning Communities can be found here: [http://bioregion.evergreen.edu/facultylearningcommunities.html](http://bioregion.evergreen.edu/facultylearningcommunities.html)

In January Pat attended the Murdock Trust Partners in Science annual meeting where he and his high school science teacher partner, Christopher Hedeen, gave an oral presentation on the results of the second year of their work on their research collaboration “Assessing the Age of the Ghost Forest: Evidence for the 1781 Mount Hood Eruption in the White River Basin.” Chris is the third teacher Pat has mentored via this program.

Media Studies

Wade Fisher reports that the Media Studies Department has concluded broadcasting the men’s and women’s league home basketball games on radio. Unfortunately, Comcast changed some of the equipment necessary to televise the games and did not hook the college up. Wade hopes to put pressure on them to get it done before graduation. Wade and his students also videotaped the winter quarter play for Brian Tyrrell. The students continue to work on short web videos for the Workforce Education programs. Wade also reports that former student Cynthia Castanares, who was working for Formula One Racing, has recently taken a job with the NBC sports group.

Art

Liz Frey reports that SAAT funded a field trip to the Seattle Art Museum to view works by masters such as Rembrandt and Van Dyke. The group caught a bus from the college to the museum and back. Liz said it was a wonderful exhibit and the students enjoyed the stimulating environment of the museum very much. There were also exhibits on African art, Modern art and the Renaissance that were viewed that day. Liz hopes to do more of these campus wide field trips in the future.

English

Dr. Susanne Weil and her Seattle University colleague, Christine Leiren Mower, have had their special session on Women and Work in Literature accepted for the November 2013 conference of the Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association (the western division of the Modern Language Association). This marks the sixth time that the topic has won acceptance, and the association is asking that Weil and Mower make it a standing session.
Phi Theta Kappa

- The Centralia College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Iota Omega, received a 5-star chapter award at the Greater Northwest Regional Conference at Tacoma Community College March 3. The chapter also placed first in the “Honors in Action – Everybody Wants to Rule the World: Competition and Politics” category. Individual awards went to Edward Riley, first place for Outstanding PTK member, and Sarahann Swain, third place for Outstanding PTK officer. The Greater Northwest Region includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Hawaii, Alaska and Canada. Dr. Jody Peterson, is the club’s advisor and the chapter officers are Katie Iverson, Michelle Kearns, Katie Burt and Sarahann Swain.

Lyceum

April 10: Creating Gardens on Campuses

April 17: No History is Illegal! Arizona’s Ban on Ethnic Studies and the Teach-In Resistance Response
Students and educators across the country are raising their voices against the ban on Ethnic Studies in Arizona. Come learn more about the ban and experience one of the lessons from the banned curriculum. This presentation is by Eileen Yoshina, director of Diversity and Equity at South Puget Sound Community College

April 24: Earth Day presentation

May 1: Students Fight Back
Girls Fight Back is a live, 90-minute presentation given in schools and colleges with a goal of teaching young women and men the basics of personal safety and self-defense. The GFB presentation has been seen by over 1 million women since 2001. It’s a combination of facts and stats about violence, how to trust intuition, and practical safety tips in four basic life situations: on the street, in the home, in social situations, and on the web.

May 8: Student Presentation
The students that were selected to attend the 23rd Annual Students of Color Conference will share their experience

May 15: Saving Seabirds for 42 years: An Introduction to International Bird Rescue
The presentation will, very basically, be an overview of the work of International Bird Rescue. Oil spills were the events that led to the genesis of IBR, but the work of the organization has a scope and breadth beyond oil spills. They deal with seabirds and other aquatic bird species that are affected every day by many human impacts that include fishing line and hooks, orphaned babies and domoic acid poisoning. This presentation will be given by Laurie Pyne, Development Coordinator for International Bird Rescue.

May 22: When It’s Okay to be a Smart Mouth and Talk Back! Identifying and Responding to you Inner Critic
This presentation will explore the concept of internalized oppression, what it is and how it operates to limit our understanding of ourselves and/or our abilities. Gain skills on ways to engage with the inner critic and to change the inner voice from critical to supportive. The presentation will be given by Norma Alicia Pinon, director of First Peoples Advising Services from The Evergreen State College.

May 29: Fagbug
On April 18, 2007, in Albany, NY, Erin Davies' Volkswagen Beetle was tagged with the words "fag" and "u r gay" on the driver's side and hood of her car. Rather than get it fixed, she decided to embrace what happened by keeping the graffiti on her car for one year to evoke a dialogue with the general public about homophobia. Not only did she want America to see the spray painted words, she wanted help coming up with a solution. Erin planned a 58-day cross-country trip in her car now known worldwide as the "Fagbug" and produced an award winning documentary about the adventure that is now on Netflix, itunes, Hulu, and in libraries all around the country. After driving the car for a year, Erin decided to give the car a makeover. She now tour with her rainbow Volkswagen Beetle speaking at colleges across North America. She's been to over 150 schools (including Yale and Cornell) to bring awareness about hate crimes and to confront homophobia. Erin's been a guest on NPR, received sponsorship from VW of America and HD Radio, has been featured on ABC News, Newsweek, BBC and Vanity Fair. Recently, Erin completed her master’s degree in Art Education from Sage College and was married in Manchester, Vermont to Sonya Parrish. Erin an Sonya have sold over 70 paintings they've made together over the past three years.
June 5: Traumatic Brain Injury and PTSD – Time to End the Isolation
Explore the “silent epidemic” of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Examine our prejudices and the resulting stigma and isolation experienced by people with TBI and/or PTSD. This presentation will be given by Desiree Douglass from HeadStrong for Life.

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

- Sue Gallaway served on the search committees for the eLearning positions (Policy Associate and Program Administrator) at the state board. The college works closely with state board staff on policy issues, faculty training endeavors, and implementation of technologies.

- Canvas training and migration is continuing smoothly. Spring quarter Canvas faculty are identified and their 66 Canvas courses are in preparation. As a point of comparison, there will be over 900 course shells created in ANGEL for spring quarter.

- Currently, 49 faculty have completed Canvas training and have become what we call “Canvanistas.” The next round of Canvas training begins on April 8.

- Library faculty and staff mentored a student as part of the Rotary/TRIO Mentorship Day.

- Lily Kun traveled to the Chehalis Tribe Education Center to provide information literacy instruction.

- Lily Kun attended a webinar on the critical role of librarians in adoption of open educational resources. The webinar was provided by community college librarians in Washington who are part of the Open Course Library project.

- Sue Gallaway, Cheryl Williams, and Durelle Sullivan are examining the field of products available to conduct student evaluations online. There is potential to save many hours of staff time and also class time that is used now to administer paper-based surveys. Maintaining a high-response rate is a key factor in the review.

- Dale Carroll is chairing a Retention DTF to examine barriers and successes in retaining students. Serving on the DTF are Sue Gallaway, Alexis Austin, Bob Peters, Cheryl Williams, Cindy Lawrence, Qy-Ana Manning, Sandy Neal, Shelley Bannish, and Tracy Smothers. As well as looking at best practices and research literature, the DTF is focusing on results from the Noel Levitz survey on student satisfaction that was conducted both with students and with faculty and staff. The work of the DTF will be concluding soon and the retention work will move into a separate phase.

- Sue Gallaway and Alexis Austin are serving on an eLearning Council committee focusing on accessibility. The committee is planning training in the spring for eLearning coordinators focusing on specific implementation of universal design principles with Canvas.

- Sue Gallaway and Kathy Brooks are attending the statewide workshops examining the Western Governor’s University model of competency-based education. There are many ways that competency-based education could be implemented, and WGU offers one model. The goal of attending the workshops is to learn about the WGU model and identify any promising practices that could be tested locally, including processes for collecting data on student learning and using that data to inform the improvement cycle for course delivery and resources.
Early Childhood Education (ECE)
- Common courses and new state certificates will be in place fall quarter 2013. These changes to the early childhood education program provide increased opportunities and focused trainings to professionals in the field as well as to incoming students. The common courses also link community and technical college systems allowing for students to transfer to institutions without losing credits.

Parenting Education
- Onalaska Strengthening Families is in full swing. Eighty percent (80%) of the families attending are Spanish speaking and curriculum is being delivered in both English and Spanish.
- Parenting in Recovery will be offered in the Onalaska community spring quarter. Students will be able to participate due to collaborations with the Onalaska community, Onalaska school district and Fresh Start Chemical Dependency counseling.
- Cristi Heitschmidt, Linda Wilcox, and Gail Stiltner are in the midst of planning for the 2013 OPEP (Organization of Parent Education Programs at Community and Technical Colleges) spring in-service to be held at Centralia College on March 27. The overarching theme this year is “Creating Connections”. This theme grows out of the need for an expanded vision in parenting programs at 2-year colleges. The expansion opportunities follow the WAC change governing parenting education in WA State. The WAC rewrite focuses on creating new connections with underserved populations to provide parenting education.
- Families from CFS programs (CLS, ECEAP, TEEN, Co-op preschools,…) participated in BlockFest. This event builds children’s math and science skills through block play. The play is enhanced with conversation parents can engage in with their children.

Parent Support Services (PSS)
- Rebecca Scott presented information on the TIPS and Observation and Instruction Programs to the Lewis County Guardians Ad Litem. The information presented helped GAL’s understand the education their clients receive when enrolled in either of these classes. The attendees from the GAL organization found the information so useful that Rebecca was asked to return for a second presentation to all GAL staff.
- Cristi and Nancy have been making contact with agencies that have indicated they are interested in applying for the new Network Administration. This new entity would be contracted through DSHS to then sub-contract with providers such as ourselves.

Children’s Lab School (CLS)
- The child care staff hosted two students for Rotary Mentorship Day. The students enjoyed the opportunity to gain a better understanding of their field of interest, working in early learning.
- Staff received training on Executive Function helping them better prepare for research implementation.
- Ongoing planning with researchers and Center for the Developing Child/Harvard for Executive Function strategies continues.
- Jeanette Spiegelberg had an opportunity to thank the Foundation Board for the Hanke Mini Grant funds used to update the lab school data system. A presentation shared with the Foundation explained the positive impact of this new software.
- Staff is working to submit an accreditation report to NAEYC (National Institute for the Education of Young Children).
Manager, Jeanette Spiegelberg, attended an Early Achievers Advisory Council meeting. Early Achievers is a quality rating and improvement system for child care centers. Early Achievers assists licensed child care providers in offering high-quality care. The program offers coaching and resources for child care providers to support each child’s learning and development. Research shows this kind of assistance helps providers improve the quality of their programs, preparing young children for school and life.

**TEEN (Teens Entering Education Now) Program**

- Centralia College and Lewis County youth were well represented at the recent Pacific Mountain Regional Youth Alliance for Vision and Goal Setting Summit. Four students along with Nancy Grzadzelewski, Cristi Heitschmidt and Kristi Jewell attended this community leadership event. Students shared personal stories through an “Appreciative Inquiry” exercise. At the end of the task, students demonstrated leadership skills as they shared their experiences from the podium. This summit is the second meeting comprised of professionals working with youth in Lewis, Grays Harbor, Pacific, Thurston and Mason counties. The focus of each county is to increase retention, school performance, graduation and post-secondary career planning and education.

- The first Younglives mentoring opportunity took place this month. This mentoring program for parenting youth in our community meets a goal set by the Pregnant and Parenting Stakeholder Group. This group is comprised of representatives from many community agencies who work with teen parents. The mentor night was open to youth from Possibilities Care Center, Centralia High School and the shelter program, funded by the Human Response Network. Volunteer moms provided a potato bar dinner and scrapbooking activity. The event was held in the TEEN classroom.

- TEEN Nurturing Fatherhood instructor, Derrill Corbin and Co-Leader Dave Klovdahl have created a safe environment where young dads can discuss serious issues faced by early parenthood.

- In the classroom, career speakers this month included, Alison Clinton from Horizon Photo and Design and Aspen Breuer, Firefighter from Portland Fire Dept. These speakers provide opportunities for students to recognize vocational opportunities available to them.

- TRIO employee Katie Kline will be working with our TEEN and Passport students as a part of service learning for her WSU studies on adolescent development.

**Passport to College Program**

- Case workers continue to meet with students on campus as the hub for foster youth services. Case workers from the Cowlitz and Chehalis tribes, Community Youth Services of Olympia and Catholic Community Services (International Foster System) of Tacoma hold meetings at CC on a regular basis. We continue to collaborate between agencies and the college to bring strength to the services that are needed for the foster youth of our community.

- Staff are actively engaged in helping students who are graduating this year to complete their university applications, scholarship forms, and other transfer details. Staff and students plan to take part in a visit weekend at both Seattle University and University of Washington as invited by our Passport to College associates at each of these universities.

**TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION**

Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

**Counseling**

- Counselors Sheryl Mercer and Paul Mitchell offered a workshop to help students clarify their career and college goals on February 20, entitled “Centralia College…and Then What?” Faculty advisors were encouraged to refer students who need help pinpointing their goals, since retention research suggests that students with clear goals are more likely to persist.
Running Start Orientation/Information sessions begin in March. Typically over 1000 potential Running Start students, their parents and siblings come to campus to learn more about the program. The orientations (6 scheduled for spring) are a huge outreach for our program and Centralia College, as parents often inquire about programs/classes for themselves and for their adult children.

Testing Center
- During the months of January and February 2013, Melissa Hahn, Testing Center Manager, met with the various deans on campus as well as department/program staff. The goal of these meetings was to learn about campus programs and solicit ways in which the testing center could enhance support for the various areas on campus. This resulted in initial research and a feasibility study to consider implementing additional certification tests (EMT, TOEFL English Language Test, TEAS placement for nursing program, etc.) that would support the campus.
- The testing center hosted several visitors from Lower Columbia College, Shelton Corrections Center, Seattle Central Community College, North Seattle Community College and the Chehalis Tribe. The visitors were interested in observing and learning about the computer based GED testing from the staff of the testing center. Centralia College’s testing center effectively implemented the computer based testing and has been serving as a role model for other colleges in the region.

Pre-College
- On February 4, Mark Brosz, pre-college Math faculty and Randy Johnson, pre-college English faculty presented the completed curriculum reviews for pre-college Math and English at Instructional Council. In addition, Mark Brosz asked for the council's approval for his newly developed Algebra for Statistics course that is intended as an intensive preparation for students who need to take the college level Statistics class as part of their educational pathway.

Basic Skills
- Judith Aguilar, ESL faculty, attended the Listening and Speaking Learning Standards Cadre Training February 6, 7 and 8. During three days of intense training the participants focused on learning how to apply the learning standards to instruction. Andy Nash, an EFF (Equipped for the Future) researcher, led the workshops, and devoted as much time as possible to the specific subject areas of Speaking and Listening.
- On February 6, Geina Studeman, Administrative Assistant, Brigitte Kidd, Dean, Transitional Education and Deborah Shriver, ABE Program Manager participated in the WABERS+ training via Collaborate. The training highlighted changes in the system regarding data entry and report extraction from Washington’s Adult Basic Education Reporting System.
- Brigitte Kidd joined a group of Centralia College staff members for the Student Achievement Initiative coding workshop on February 4. The ITV session was devoted to the importance of accurate coding so that all potential student achievement points will be captured by the system. The purpose of the ITV was to describe in detail how each point is calculated and to describe the changes from the existing student achievement point calculations.
- The ABE State Director Jon Kerr visited Centralia College’s Basic Skill program on February 5 to establish a personal connection to the program and understand the current issues and concerns in the field. Jon complimented Centralia on the positive programming changes that have been made during the last few years.
- Geina Studeman, Deborah Shriver and Brigitte Kidd participated in the Data for Program Improvement (DPI) training February 14 and 15 at Clover Park Technical College. DPI is a required professional development activity that builds upon AIDDE (Abt Associates practitioner inquiry model), Inquiry Projects, and other program improvement initiatives. The training guided the teams through the process of analyzing program gaps and successes and allowed for focused time to work within the team on developing a two year improvement plan centered on retention.
Deborah Shriver and Kerry Trethewey, ABE faculty, attended the IBEST on-ramp grant report out session at Renton Technical College on February 20. The on-ramp to IBEST projects were intended to develop a Level 1-3 ABE or ESL holistic, outcomes-based, contextualized cohort learning experience that allows students to travel further faster. The report out included concerns about continued funding for the project and allowed for brainstorming on how to maintain instructional practices without supporting funds.

WORKFIRST/WORKER RETRAINING

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

Worker Retraining

- The Worker Retraining workshops are going well, but with low attendance. Joan Meister extended workshop dates to include a higher volume of traffic after the release of the spring schedule.
- Bev Gestrine and Joanie Meister are serving on a statewide Worker Retraining committee to develop and implement a two day conference. The group has had two meeting with the next one planned for March 7. The conference dates have been set for September 5 and 6, and the two day event is set to be held at South Seattle Community College. The committee is in the process of reviewing 29 agenda topic ideas to be discussed. Bev and Joanie have been attending ITV to save travel time and resources.
- Joan Meister started working on the 2013-14 grant before it was released on March 14; it is due on April 25.

WorkFirst

- Margret Friedley has been working on the 2013-14 WorkFirst grant. It is in progress with a due date of April 4.
- The WorkFirst Roundtable, an informal gathering of southwest Washington community college WorkFirst managers, was held at South Puget Sound Community College on February 28. We heard the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) reports from Rick Krauss and Teri Echterling. Attendees from Centralia College included Margret Friedley, Bev Gestrine and Connie Robertson.
- A system for determining and/or verifying WorkFirst job placements has been developed between the program and the WorkSource. The process will allow staff to better track the placement rates of our students’ and provide information for performance funding.
- The county’s WorkFirst Local Planning Area (LPA), meets monthly. The March agenda included a report from Susan Kemp, Regional Liaison, from the Department of Commerce. Also, the group worked on updating the annual WorkFirst plan to include programmatic changes. In April, Steven Clark, administrator of Valley View Medical Center, will be the speaker providing information on the Affordable Health Care act and related new jobs and services for students. Bev Gestrine chairs the group.

Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)

- Clark College visited the BFET program on February 26. Bev Gestrine, Debra Caviness, and Lisa Welch met with staff from Clark and reviewed processes and best practices. Clark had already started the BFET program, but had two new staff members who wanted to learn the “nuts and bolts” of the program operation what staff at Centralia College has been doing to grow the program.
- The SBCTC has scheduled a system wide BFET meeting to be held on March 22. Margret Friedley, Debra Caviness, and Bev Gestrine plus staff from the Financial Aid and business offices will be attending the meeting via ITV. The SBCTC has also informed us we can continue to expand our BFET program up to 30% each year. We do not anticipate any issues in reaching this level of growth.
PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

Workforce Office and Continuing Education
Durelle Sullivan, Dean

- Interviews will be taking place the week of March 4 - 8 for a full time faculty position in Electronics, Robotics, and Automation and also the Director of Workforce and Continuing Education.

- Students are having graduation audits conducted in preparation for June and final quarter of their programs.

- We have been working with Pacific Welding for training and installation of the new plasma cutter in Welding. We are hoping to be able to have some additional in-depth training on it this spring as we prepare for new classes to enhance the skill set of students.

- The Board of Trustees and Business Administration faculty Connie Smejkal and Otto Rabe facilitated a scan of business leaders throughout Lewis County the last week of February. The discussion was valuable to the college and echoed some concerns that we have been looking at in the last few months. Efforts were immediately taken to prepare adjustments to the related instruction courses within workforce course offerings which will also enhance our Student Achievement Data. Changes like these and many others will be high on the priority list for spring. Thank you Connie & Otto for your leadership on this scan.

Criminal Justice

- The Criminal Justice Program sends out quarterly updates to all area/service region high school counselors in an ongoing effort to promote academic interest and community outreach to new and prospective students. The following is an example of our most recent program update, which was forwarded on February 19, 2013 to 41 local high school guidance counselors, administrators, and vocational educators.

- Greetings to all of our service area colleagues:

The Centralia College Criminal Justice program is pleased to announce that Lewis County Coroner, Associate Professor Warren McLeod, has joined our adjunct faculty team at Centralia College. As many of you know, Professor McLeod is a full-time, tenured criminal justice faculty at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia. We feel very fortunate to have him with us on a part-time basis teaching the following evening classes:

  - Introduction to Forensic Science
  - Crime Scene Technology
  - Homicide Investigation

- Professor McLeod joined our Centralia College team when our long time forensics instructor, Mr. Terry McAdam, was promoted by the Washington State Patrol to lead the WSP Seattle Crime Lab as its Supervisory Forensic Scientist.

- Furthermore, we still enjoy the academic services and instructional talents of Dr. Loreli Thompson, Ph.D. Dr. Thompson recently retired from the Lacey Police Department where she enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a senior police supervisor and subject matter expert in crimes against women and children. Dr. Thompson’s career culminated in her appointment as the first female Officer in Charge of the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional position she held for the last several years of her career. Dr. Thompson is now a psychologist in private practice in the Lacey/Olympia area.

- This summer we’ll welcome back Major Crimes Detective Tim Arnold from the Thurston County Sheriff’s Office. Detective Arnold will be teaching Crime Scene Photography on Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm.
The Criminal Justice program continues to enjoy strong enrollments and high graduation rates. Last June we were proud to see 45 students graduate with their AA/ATA degrees in Criminal Justice. Furthermore, we are now entering one of the strongest job markets in recent years for graduates wishing to pursue careers in law enforcement and corrections. All regional law enforcement agencies seem to be hiring again, with the Washington State Patrol leading the way. Over the course of the next 4-5 years, the WSP anticipates nearly 50% of their current work force will become eligible for retirement. In addition, the WSP will now hire qualified cadets at age 19.5 to work in non-sworn positions while awaiting their 21st birthday. All in all, the future has never been brighter for young people wishing to pursue careers in criminal justice.

Business Administration

- Otto successfully passed his FAR CPA exam!!! He has two more exams to pass to complete the CPA certification process. Congratulations Otto!
- Preparations are coming together for the business board scan scheduled for February 27. Thanks go to Janet Reaume for her organization of this important event.
- Rotaract will host their 3rd annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction on March 7 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Centralia Eagle’s. Everyone is welcome to attend this great night of music, food, and fun!! Thank you Dr. Huffman and the jazz band for providing our entertainment for the evening.
- Development of fully online offerings continues with Human Resource Management and Principles of Management slated to be offered fully online spring quarter. Work is underway to convert Business English and Records Management to the Canvas system. Records Management will be in place spring quarter with Business English projected for summer quarter.

Diesel Technology

- Our program received the dozer we bought from Cedar Creek Corrections Center. KBH construction donated the hauling.
- Both instructors went to free training at Cummins NW February 12 &13 and will be attending Diesel/Electric Hybrid training March 5-7.
- Our program was awarded a student use fee grant and we bought a low boy trailer which will be delivered the week of March 4.
- WA State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement will be here on the February 28 and Precision Alignment will be here the week of March 11, both to give hands on lab demos to our students.
- We have an advisory meeting scheduled for March 12 and are working on gathering information for the statement of need for the BASD.

Nursing

- Nursing faculty and Librarian Advisors helped over 200 students plan their spring quarter schedules in pursuit of Nursing Careers. A combination of individual sessions; group sessions; and telephone, email, and drop-in sessions were used to accommodate this diverse group.
- SIMulation labs are being used to supplement clinical opportunities and put curriculum concepts into practice. Acute respiratory distress (complete with Chest tubes) and Diabetic ketoacidosis have been effectively “treated” this week at SIM General Hospital. This incorporated assessment skills as well as reinforcing Fluid and Electrolyte, Acid-Base, and Oxygenation concepts from class.
- First-year students are preparing for their first acute care experiences at Providence Centralia Hospital. They are completing on-line orientation modules and will have an in-person EPIC computer charting lab at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia in preparation for their first acute care clinical days in March.
- Nursing club has designed and is ordering Centralia College Nursing Program sweatshirts. Students are looking forward to sporting their new sweatshirts in class. (Individual students will pay for their own sweatshirts.)
The Nursing Department was honored and pleased to receive two of the major items requested through the Student-Use-Fee funding process. We now have a Patient-Controlled-Analgesia pump, the same style used at Providence Centralia Hospital, and a Radiant Infant Warmer to aid in our Pediatrics labs.

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

Center of Excellence Quarterly Directors Meeting, February 26, Bellevue College
The quarterly Center of Excellence Directors meeting was hosted by the Center of Excellence for Information and Computing Technology at Bellevue College. Presentations included grant match/leverage training by Dr. Bob Topping, baccalaureate programs offered by Peninsula, Bellevue and Central Washington University and data collection for completions by cluster and college.

Washington Virtual Academies (WAVA) Conference, February 28, Great Wolf Lodge
Bob Guenther, IBEW Local 77 moderated a panel that focused on PNCECE connections to the high schools for an audience of Career and Technical high school faculty at the WAVA Conference. The panel included Barbara Hins-Turner, Kairie Pierce, Washington State Labor Council with presentation on Careers in Energy Week and Sally Zeiger Hanson on the Energy Skill Standards and 2013 Energy Labor Market project.

HB 1823 Legislative Hearing Testimony, February 20
Barbara Hins-Turner, Jim Crabbe, SBCTC Director of Workforce Education and Bob Guenther, IBEW 77 testified before the House Committee on Labor and Workforce Development at a public hearing on HB 1823. HB 1823 modifies provisions relating to the Centers of Excellence as follows:
- Expands the role of Centers of Excellence to include acting as central sources of information for businesses in targeted industries and working with K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and apprenticeship programs.
- Expands the list of entities the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges must consult with when designating and funding Centers of Excellence.
Executive action was taken by the committee with a “do pass” of the 1st substitute bill. The bill was forwarded to the Appropriations Committee on February 22.

Smart Grid Train the Trainer Workshop, Edmonds Community College, February 22
Jamie Krause and Barbara Hins-Turner attended the first Smart Grid Train the Trainer Workshop held at Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood. Jeff Hammarlund, professor at the Portland State University, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government led the development of the workshop training modules in collaboration with Dr. Kevin Schneider, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Dr. Bob Topping, System Design Consultant. The design team facilitated the half-day workshop for 23 community and technical college faculty, industry trainers and K-12 career and technical education teachers on how to enhance curriculum and educational programs with cutting edge-smart grid information. Topics included:
- Smart grid definitions
- Development of the smart grid and why we need it
- Key differences between traditional power grids and smart grids
- How the power system will change as smart grid technologies are implemented
This workshop was the first of four events planned throughout the five state Smart Grid project region and marks a milestone deliverable for Centralia’s Department of Energy Smart Grid grant.

Smart Grid Governance Board Virtual Meeting, PNCECE, February 19
The Governance Board met in a virtual meeting convened by the PNCECE. Meeting topics and highlights included:
- An update on the recent National Governor’s Association Report: State of Sector Strategies Coming of Age – Implications for State Workforce Policymakers that featured the PNCECE.
- Barbara updated the Board on the planning status for the next TAACCCT solicitation for grant applications and anticipated U.S. Department of Labor release sometime in April.
Dr. Alan Hardcastle gave a presentation and led a discussion on the progress to date of the energy industry Labor Market Study. He also noted that the Utility Customer Skill Standards are now available in hard copy and on the PNCECE website, http://cleanenergyexcellence.org.

Barbara shared her experience as a student in the week-long Energy Policy Development course led by Jeff Hammarlund, professor at Portland State University’s, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government. This week-long professional development event was held in Washington, DC and included representatives from The Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Administration, Portland General Electric and BC Hydro. Oregon and Washington committee and congressional delegate staffers provided updates on topics such as sequestration and related topics. Others visits included the American Public Power Assc, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Corps of Engineers, and Taxpayers for Common Sense.

- **Web Update** – http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/CollegePrograms/
  The College Program and Resource Guide has been added to the PNCECE website. This searchable database of energy related educational opportunities is organized by sub sector energy fields of study and alphabetized by college name. The state of Washington offers the largest list of opportunities, so it has been completed first. Phase II will include information about programs offered in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Utah.

**CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST**
Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

- CCEast continues to work to ensure that students attending the Morton campus have opportunities to receive many of the services available to students in Centralia. Veteran’s services, financial aid assistance, TRiO programs and GED testing are some of the services being brought to CCEast on a regular basis.

- Melissa Hahn, Program Manager for the Learning Resources/Testing Center, will provide GED Testing for students on March 13. GED testing is being offered at CCEast on a quarterly basis to make testing more attainable for people living in eastern Lewis County.

- CCEast would like to thank Mary Myhre, Educational Talent Search, and Lisa Taylor, TRiO Programs, for their support of CCEast students. Mary continues to help students navigate through the FAFSA process during her twice monthly visits, while Lisa is meeting with and mentoring CCEast TRiO students quarterly in Morton.

- Rodney Saarela, Vet-Corps Resource Liaison, made a trip to CCEast in February. With Rodney’s help, CCEast has created a Veteran’s information corner, which includes information designed to assist with both recruitment and retention by outlining the steps needed for receiving services and providing information for attending college. Rodney will begin meeting with Veterans twice a month at CCEast in March.

- Centralia College East Organization of Students (CCEOS) is sponsoring the play *Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like*. This lively script, directed by Fred Schwindt, is based on a Chinese folk tale and will be performed for elementary school children from the surrounding school districts March 20-22 and for the community on March 23 at 7pm.

- CCEOS is planning a community open house in April, following the Board of Trustees meeting. The goal is to make the campus more visible to the local communities and inform current and potential students of the degrees and services offered. The program will include college updates by Dr. Walton and BASM updates from Larry McGee, as well as a book reading by Kenton Smith, adjunct faculty and recently published author of a western novel, “The Pipsqueak Kid”.
