BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

BASM
 We are going to enroll students who both want the BASM and the BASM-Accounting strand. We will start development of the new upper division accounting courses soon. We are not required to go through the full approval process for the SBCTC, but the judgment of significant change and the timing of approval from the NWCCU is such that we will provide ourselves some flexibility as to when the program officially starts.

 We had one BASM student who secured a job at a local law office due to being in the program, another who will become the manager of a major fast food chain outlet because she is the only applicant who will soon have a bachelor’s and a third who told me yesterday that applying what he has learned in BASM allowed him to find $4,000 in budgetary expenditures that can be eliminated freeing up money for the veterans’ services he manages for the county.

 We hosted an in-depth meeting with four members of the Clark College BASM taskforce. The in-depth discussion revealed that they have a number of internal hurdles to overcome starting with the fact that it is far from clear that the college leadership at the highest levels is yet truly committed to a BAS program. They are targeting 2015 at the earliest. When I reported that members of our board of trustees personally attended key meetings with the SBCTC and HECB, they were rather in awe.

BASD
 We are now talking to students from Centralia College as well as Rogue Valley (Medford), Portland Community College and Bates. The Dean of Instruction from Bates, Joshua Baker, visited this week to initiate an articulation agreement which they want to demonstrate they have a pathway for their diesel associate grads to smoothly enter BASD. The dean reported five plus or minus students are seriously interested.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

Spanish
 On February 28, Mark Gorecki took students who are studying Spanish to Portland, Oregon, to visit the Portland Art Museum and see the Milagro Theatre Group production of Paciencia Ardiente. Spanish Club president Nicholas Navarette-Eslick helped with the planning of the trip. The play will be in Spanish with English subtitles. Additionally, students Sam Holbrook, Olivia Mitchell and Morgan Aust have organized a doughnut and coffee stop at Voodoo Donuts as part of the excursion.

 Mark and adjunct foreign language instructors Laura Martinez, Christine Wynder and Cheryl Mawumba recently participated in the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages webinar about “Guiding Language Performance through Novice into Intermediate.”

 Mark attended the Washington Association of Foreign Language Teachers Spring Conference at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma February, 21.
Economics
- Paul Suozzo, who is teaching an ITV economics course from the main campus winter quarter, traveled to Morton February 25 to teach the class from that location so he could have personal contact with his Centralia College East students. He also is attending the Eastern Economic Association annual conference at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel March 6-9. Paul also has met with Bill Lotto of the Lewis County Economic Development Council for a comprehensive history of the local economy.

Science
- Pat Pringle has several students working on research projects related to tree rings now. Pat also is writing a 1200-word article for the American Society of State Foresters Newsletter and is reviewing 13 student grant proposals for the Northwest Scientific Association. Upcoming presentations Pat will be providing include the following: May 3, presentation on Mount Rainier to Quimper Peninsula Geological Society Lecture Series, Port Townsend; June 4, presentation to the Nisqually Stream Stewards.

- On February 13, Karen Goodwin took a group of science students to The Evergreen State College for a science-focused tour. There were 11 participants. The students were given a 20-minute information session and general introduction to the Evergreen model by an admissions person and then were given a general tour of the campus. They then broke into groups and were led by Evergreen science students (as well as two faculty members) on a tour of various research labs, with special focus given to showing the Centralia students the scientific instrumentation available for student use. They also were treated to a pizza lunch and round table discussion with the chemistry and science club members and several science faculty.

- Plans are in motion to put together a similar event at St. Martins, and also at the UW.

Psychology
- The psychology Club has re-established the collection box in WAH for textbooks to be given free to students in Africa. A collection box is also housed in NSC. Club members sold candy rose buds prior to Valentine’s Day to raise money to give to the Human Response Network. They will be selling brain food the week before finals. They researched foods that are particularly good for brain health and functioning and will provide these in NSC March 10-12. The proceeds will be given to Human Response Network. They will also provide stress-reduction tips. The club will be taking a trip to the Museum of Mental Health in Salem, Oregon, March 29. This is the building that was used to house the Oregon State Mental Hospital (and was the location for the filming of One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest). Following the museum tour, the group will tour the Oregon Gardens in Salem. Regular participants in the club will have the cost of this experience covered by the club budget. Non-participants will be invited to participate if they pay for the museum and garden entrance fees; the club will cover the cost of their transportation.

English
- Centralia college graduate and IT staff member, Jennifer Horrace has started a Creative Writing group which began meeting in the Writing Center during February.

- Long-time adjunct English instructor Carol Brown has announced her retirement effective the end of winter quarter.
Sharon Mitchler is a member of a cross Washington panel that has been accepted for the Teaching and Learning Conference in Vancouver, Washington, in May. The panel’s presentation is entitled “Writing and Reviewing for Teaching English in the Two Year College: A Demystifying Discussion.” A description of their presentation follows: English faculty regularly do research to inform departmental policy, research which has publication possibilities. This panel will discuss the various genres found in Teaching English in the Two-Year College, explaining the peer-review process, sharing the review rubric, and discussing their own experiences as authors and reviewers. Here is a chance to become familiar with the processes involved in writing, submitting, revising, and ultimately showcasing your college in TETYC. This familiarity will help you become an active contributor to the journal at the very heart of the scholarship of teaching and learning for English instructors. Presenters include Alexis Nelson, Spokane Falls Community College; Sharon Mitchler, Centralia College; Jared Anthony, Spokane Falls Community College; Barbara Simmons, Spokane Falls Community College; and, Jeffrey Klausman, Whatcom Community College.

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

Information Literacy & Technology
Submitted by Julie Nurse, Information Literacy & Technology Librarian
- Microsoft IT Academy—we continue to move closer to providing access to Microsoft IT Academy for faculty, staff and students.
- Primo catalog – beta launch/go live date week of March 13, 2014.
- New library website - preparing to launch new library website during spring break.

eLearning
- eLearning held a strategic planning session. With all new staff in eLearning, and a very different context on campus regarding eLearning, this was a great session to create a new mission statement and vision. From those working ideas, we also started setting some clear initial goals. Our working mission statement: Enhance the quality of teaching and learning through innovation, access, and support.
- Carrie Powell and Erin Baker are teaching a workshop series called Tech Tools, which is open to staff and faculty and focuses on use of smart devices.

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

Parenting Education (PE)
- Early in February Linda Wilcox led the winter cooperative preschool board training with boards from Rochester and Morton, using the online Blackboard Collaborative platform. The topic was Customer Service in the Cooperative Preschool. This online format for board trainings is being looked at to replace at least one of the face-to-face board trainings each school year. Board trainings are required as part of cooperative preschool models. CFS is able to lead these meetings in order to maintain partnerships in three communities in CC service area.
- Linda Wilcox, Boyd Calder and Cynthia Waddell who work with the Parenting a TEEN class, attended Youth Mental Health First Aid for adults who work with teens. This training was designed for adults who have frequent contact with youth and young adults and gives tools and methods of assisting a young person who may be in the early stages of developing a mental health problem or be in a mental health crisis. This working knowledge will allow staff to help students obtain resources needed, to ensure consistency in their educational endeavors.
Cristi Heitschmidt and Linda Wilcox joined Chris Moon from SPSCC and Kathy Goebel from the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges for the Organization of Parenting Education Programs (OPEP) at Community and Technical Colleges, winter ITV meeting originating at SPSCC. The group works together to problem-solve ways to provide access to classes.

Many new spring classes are planned for spring 2014. CFS will be partnering with Family Education and Support from Thurston County to host the Dynamic Dads class again in Lewis County. Love and Logic classes will be held in Morton and Centralia. There will be a Parenting in Recovery class in Chehalis, and a Strengthening Families class in Centralia. This provides access to a variety of parenting education options throughout the county.

**Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)**

- Kelli O'Reilly, ECEAP Lead Teacher, accompanied Sueann Hawkins, recipient of the Unsung Hero Award and longtime parent volunteer, to an awards dinner in Olympia on February 24th. Sueann’s story is featured online at Seattle’s Child ([www.seattleschild.com](http://www.seattleschild.com)).

- Yolanda Herrerra, Parent Ambassador, attended a 3-day conference hosted by the Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP. Among many valuable subjects, she learned how to advocate for early childhood education and spoke to legislators alongside other parents and caregivers. It was an empowering event she will report to other parents, helping them advocate for their children’s education.

- Teachers attended a training for the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) in preparation for a visit from the University of Washington review team this spring. Teachers were inspired by the training and eager to implement new techniques to improve social interactions in the classroom. (CLASS rates interactions between teachers, children, teachers-parents, and teachers-children.)

- Christina and Cristi met with Debi Hood and Brett Mitchell from Reliable Enterprises and Head Start to discuss future collaborative efforts that will positively impact children and families in Lewis County. We will be working together to provide families with more access to early learning options throughout Lewis County.

- Eighty-five people attended this month’s Family Night! We were able to make a minor change to seating (suggested by parents at the last Parent Policy Council) which resulted in more connections being made, helping families have a positive experience and want to return to future events. Lots of meaningful conversation, delicious and nutritious food, and sensory-based activities for parents/caregivers to enjoy with their children!

**Children’s Lab School (CLS)**

- A review from CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program) was completed. Nutritionist reviewed menus. Current menus exceed current requirements but the program has chosen to add new items to increase nutritional value.

- Collaboration with ECEAP for Family Night once again was successful, finding 85 participants. This monthly night helps build connections between school and home to increase engagement and support systems, allowing families to access education beginning at a young age.

- Engagement in Page Ahead Grant found the first event for the year. Books are provided through a granting process that allows CLS to provide three books each year to students and families providing literacy opportunities at an early age, influencing success in school. This program is strongly supported by Barnes and Noble so remember to add some books to the box when you have an opportunity.

- Staff hosted a student offering hands-on experience during the Rotary Event. This experience provided the high school student an opportunity to see what happens daily at a child care center and talk about possible educational tracts and opportunities.

- Jeanette Spiegelberg attended Early Achievers Advisory Meeting for the region. As the state continues to work on the quality improvement rating scale (QRIS) taking advantage of these opportunities allows us to provide input to a process that will assist families with an informed decision about child care.
English as a Second Language (ESL)

- On February 12, the ESL Department held a recognition night for all ESL students who passed the GED test. About 125 people attended the event, which included nineteen GED recipients along with their families and friends. Students from the Latinos Unidos Club set up the event; helped with the reception table and took pictures of the graduates in caps and gowns. John Martens, VP of Instruction, commended the graduates on their achievements in his keynote address. All ESL instructors were present to celebrate with their students, offer their congratulations and hand out medallions with a blue and gold ribbon. Cake and other refreshments were served.

- Planning for the new off-site ESL classes in Mossyrock and Rochester is in full swing. Two bi-lingual recruiters, familiar with the Hispanic communities in these areas, have been hired. They each will contact people, place advertising in public places, and pre-register students. Once classes begin, they will assist with student retention and continued class enrollment. The school officials in Mossyrock were excited about the potential of an ESL class in their community and offered to host it. The class will be held at the Mossyrock Junior High School three nights a week. Students will also have access to computers and will learn how to keep up with their children's progress through the schools' websites. Interviews for an instructor for the Mossyrock site have been conducted. Classes in Mossyrock will begin on March 31 with an informational night for students and prospective tutors. An instructor for Rochester has been hired. Final arrangements for the location are still being made. The ESL department is excited about this opportunity to reach more students in the outlying communities.

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

- Bev Gestrine, Director Worker Retraining and WorkFirst, invited Brigitte Kidd, Dean, Transitional Education, and Deborah Shriver, ABE program manager, to the monthly LPA meeting at the WorkSource office to discuss GED and High School completion options for WorkFirst recipients. Due to a substantial decrease in the number of welfare clients and also a shift in the prioritizing of education by the welfare system, the enrollment of WorkFirst clients in adult basic education has been sharply declining. The concern of continued enrollment decreases was assuaged by the group’s recognition of the positive impact of education on WorkFirst participation and the group’s commitment to make GED course work a priority for WorkFirst clients.

- Deborah Shriver, ABE Program Manager facilitated a Q & A discussion on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Deborah not only has family experience in dealing with ASD, she also has an M.S. degree from Florida State University in Emotional Disturbances/Learning Disabilities, with an emphasis in ASD and communication disorders.

  In her presentation Deborah highlighted that ASD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, is the term to use when referring to individuals with Autism and Asperger's. ASD is not an intellectual disability. As it is a spectrum, there is a broad range of functioning from low (autism) to high (Asperger's). The student with ASD enrolled as a college student is typically rated on the higher end of the spectrum (Asperger's). Although behaviors and impact on functioning vary from one person with ASD to another, there are certain aspects that are common across this spectrum. Recognizing these commonalities can only improve community integration for all students.

- On February 26, Josh Baker, Dean for Academic and Basic Programs at Bates Technical College (BTC), visited the Transitional Education Department to get detailed information about Centralia College’s so far very successful implementation of High School +21.

- Kerry Trethewey, ABE faculty, reports that ABE faculty have developed an effective bridge program that moves students from ESL through an introductory basic skills class and then on to academic content classes. Several students have successfully moved into higher level classes and their success encourages others. This especially serves the students who may have a background of higher education from their original country but need to transfer that knowledge to English.
Counseling
- Counselors have been out and about on campus, reminding students to see their advisors, checking with students to make sure they know their registration times, answering questions, and offering general advising assistance.

Intensive English Program (IEP)
- The Student Success class for International students has proven popular and will be continued spring quarter. Joseph Burr is teaching this class, and he is also teaching two classes in the Intensive English Program for international students.

Testing Center
- The testing center implemented and started computer certification testing for Centralia College IT courses.

Tutoring Center
- Marty Wiebe, tutoring center coordinator reports that the center is busier then ever. The tutors are working hard to meet the needs of their peers. Marty intends to increase the availability of tutoring in the Phoenix Center starting spring quarter and will open those sessions to all development math classes. This quarter only lab math class where included. Marty and the tutors are looking forward to the “exam cram”, the intense study support week before finals. Students have already inquired about this much appreciated service. Live online tutoring is still in development but Carrie Powell, eLearning, and Marty are working diligently to make live online tutoring a reality. Marty also connected with Kimberly, the new retention specialist, to get more struggling students the math help that they need.

WORKFIRST/WORKER RETRAINING

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

Worker Retraining
- The SBCTC has notified us there may be unspent funds from system colleges that can be redistributed. We requested an additional $40,000 to cover new students entering spring quarter. The funds must be spent by June 30.

- The advisory committee met with three additional new members and established members winter quarter. The committee began the process of reviewing the welding- and diesel- technology tool policies. The amounts defined in the 2011 policy had been reduced as FTE had increased, and are not adequate to cover todays increased costs. Joan Meister is collecting data for in-demand professional/technical programs the 2014-15 annual grant which will be released in OGMS on March 2, it is due on May 5.

- Staff have been compiling data from 2007 to the present year to compare FTE with the level of Unemployment Insurance. By analyzing and tracking data the goal is to recognize the increases and decreases in the program based on unemployment rates. The long-range goal is better prepare for the future by reflecting on the past several years.

- Joan Meister and Jessica Mehr are going to be canvassing south Lewis County. The goal is to recruit more dislocated workers and veterans for spring quarter entry. Joan has recruited three new advisory committee members winter quarter who represent veterans, business and a local non-profit. Her next goal is to focus on small business to further expand the advisory committee.

WorkFirst
- We have received the 2014-15 WorkFirst Plan in OGMS, which is due to the SBCTC on April 3. Margret Friedley, Bev Gestrine and other WorkFirst staff have been busy preparing the new plan.
We have good news; the local LPA has decided to make taking a GED class and testing a priority in serving WorkFirst parents. It is estimated over 100 eligible WorkFirst participants in Lewis County do not have a high school diploma. Almost all employers now want applicants to have a GED or high school diploma for entry level or low skill positions. This new step will help area WorkFirst students to become more competitive in the job market. And with a GED they will be able to receive Financial Aid and be college ready. HUGE thanks to Brigitte Kidd and Debra Shriver for their informative presentation at the recent LPA meeting. This renewed focus on GED will be a big boost to area WorkFirst students.

More good news, the SBCTC has notified us we will be receiving an additional $20,485 to cover WorkFirst expenses this year. The funds must be spent by June 30.

**Basic Food, Education and Training (BFET)**

Debra Caviness has met with many new students from the Advising Fair held on February 27. It is great news as she anticipates additional headcount, which translates into more FTEs in spring quarter.

Debra Caviness is compiling data for the annual grant, which is to be released on April 3 and due on May 15.

**PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS**

*Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education*

- Working hard on educational planners and course outlines for programs next year. Students register in late spring so all documents must be approved by Council by early spring quarter. Major program revisions in Computer Science, Electronics, Robotics, and Automation and Medical Assistant.

- Doing research on new offerings for Chemical Dependency Counseling, Industrial Maintenance, and Accounting concentration in the BASM.

- Planning for major remodel for BASD in the Technology building starting in May so some relocation management is in the works!

- Carl Perkins grant has been released and we will be writing and submitting that along with the writing and preparation of our End Statements to the Board.

**Medical Assistant**

*Submitted by Linda Murray*

- MA program’s first-year students (about 50 students) are completing their prerequisite courses & are excitedly awaiting the 2nd-year application process.

- The second-year group are wrapping up their intense quarter of invasive procedures & preparing résumés/cover letters for spring externship placement that begins May 5, 2014. A few students have already received an early decision on their externship placement. All placements should be decided by April 1, 2014.

- New MA classroom/lab is working out very nicely & greatly appreciated!

- Last year’s graduating class of 2013 are passing their national boards & receiving their WA State licenses...all very exciting for those young careers & bright futures.

**Accounting**

*Submitted by Otto Rabe*

**Accounting Degree students**

- Twenty 2nd year students set to graduate spring/summer/fall

- Seven successful FLEX classrooms completed so far this year [Forensic Accounting Club](#).
Winter Leadership challenge was a success, 10 participants and 6 finishers!

Mr. Larry Grove CPA, Lewis County Auditor's Office, "Chief Accountant" guest speaker will be on campus 25 February.

Mr. Keith Schuster CPA, Washington State Gambling Commission "Fraud Examiner" guest speaker will also be on campus 11 March.

WSCPA has agreed to co-sponsor "professional night" banquet spring quarter.

VITA
- The VITA has been open for three full weeks and completed approximately 50 error free tax returns.
- Twelve students achieved Tax Certification; seven actively participate in the VITA.
- Planning has started for the federal grant in April.

Live Audit
- We now have eight partner companies planning on participating in the spring's Live Audit program. Our most recent addition is Jan Montells Non-Profit associated with the Main Street Program.

Nursing
Submitted by Nola Ormrod
- Second year nursing students attended Washington State Nurses Association Nurse Legislative Day at the Great Wolf Lodge on Monday, February 24. This is an event for working RNs and nursing students to learn about legislative issues pertinent to health care, how our legislative system works, and how they can influence the legislative process. Chuck Hill and a group of students traveled to Olympia on Monday afternoon to meet with Lewis County Legislative Representative Ed Orcutt. Other students will be contacting their legislators on a Health Care issue of their choosing.

- The Department of Health has released the NCLEX-PN and RN (National Council Licensing Exam-Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing) results for 2013. Once again we have much to be proud of. Our NCLEX-PN pass rate is 100% and our NCLEX-RN pass rate is 92%. This exceeds the NCLEX-RN pass rates of WA State as a whole (86%) and the nation (83%).

- On Thursday, February 27, a RN-BSN Panel of representatives from Western Governor’s University, Brandman University, Washington State University-Vancouver, University of Washington-Tacoma, and St Martin’s University met with Nursing students to share a number of options for pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree after they earn their Associate of Applied Science Transfer Degree-RN from Centralia College in June 2014 (and June 2015).

- Nursing Faculty met with 120 advisees who are interested in pursuing degrees in Nursing during spring advising days.

- Nursing Club sweatshirts have arrived. Students are proudly wearing them to class and around campus.

Criminal Justice
Submitted by Greg Gilbertson
- The Criminal Justice program will be having its second annual Oral Board Examination on Thursday, March 6 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The purpose of this oral examination is to provide students with the experience of standing before a 6-8 member “hiring panel” and responding to 8-10 spontaneous questions posed to them from members of our local college and professional community. The students have been preparing for this exercise for the past eight weeks by memorizing the definitions of Guilt Laden Facts, Special Knowledge, Reasonable Suspicion, Probable Cause and the 4th Amendment. In addition, students may be asked a number of fact based questions selected at random from a list of 100 possible short answer questions.
- Students will appear before the panel in professional business attire just as they would if applying for a position in law enforcement, corrections, or the social services. This is the first time many of our students have actually owned professional business suits, or participated in a formal interview process. Members of the Board are invited to attend and participate in this event if time permits in their busy schedules.

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

**Chair Leadership Academy, Phoenix, Feb 3 - 7**
- Barbara Hins-Turner joined Mary Kay Bredeson, director of the Center of Excellence for Aerospace and Advanced Materials Manufacturing, Everett Community College, for the 2014 Chair Leadership Academy. The Academy is held by invitation only and was attended by 36 community college faculty and administration from across the U.S. and Canada. The focus of the training was infusing leadership strengths across community college campuses.

**Workforce Education Council (WEC), Clark College, Vancouver, Feb 6 - 7**
- Monica Brummer attended the quarterly WEC Conference. Committee work included a focus on credit for prior learning. Meetings were cut short due to snow.

**Edmonds Community College (ECC) National Science Foundation Grant meeting, Tacoma, Feb. 10**
- Monica Brummer met with ECC Alison Pugh to discuss deliverables for the NSF Energy Management in a Carbon Constrained World grant. Monica is charged by the project to manage dissemination of the Energy Educators Association newsletter, update the EEA’s website current and utilize the Center of Excellence website as a portal for EEA communication. ([http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/about/nsf-grant/](http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/about/nsf-grant/))

**The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Power and Energy Society (PES), Centralia College, Feb 27**
- Dr. Kevin Schneider, Sr Researcher, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), presented on the History of Energy Generation and IEEE PES Student Membership for second year energy technology and pre-engineering students. Students were invited to join the organization at student members.
- Center of Excellence On the Move. Plans are underway for moving the Center of Excellence to leased space at 1217 Mellen Street. Planning meetings have been held with OFM, IT and Communications to coordinate relocation of computers, phones and equipment.


- **Keynote**: The Stand Up Economist: Carbon and the Economy, by Yorum Bauman, PhD.

- **Plenary Sessions**: Industry experts – representing energy, construction, marine and advanced manufacturing, and homeland security-emergency management – will respond to implications of climate shifts, carbon solutions and workforce impacts. As panelists, they will address three major topics: Urgency – What are the most pressing issues we face? Options/Solutions – What are the solutions to these issues? Impact on workforce – What are the implications for the workforce in terms of recruiting, training, retaining and developing any new skills which will be required?

- **Signature Crab Feed and Scholarship Auction will be held the evening of June 18**
  - **Day 2: June 19**, Supported by the Corps of Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers. Scientists are telling us to brace for the big one. A catastrophic earthquake of magnitude 9.0 or a series of earthquakes ranging from 8.0 to 9.0 will hit the Pacific Northwest. It’s not a question of if this will occur, but WHEN. Discussions will address how energy and water supplies will be affected?
Centralia College’s graphic artist extraordinaire, Joli Winslet, updated the center’s logo and this year’s summit masthead – which the planning committee approved.

CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST
Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

- Centralia College East Organization of Students is sponsoring a book exchange for students in an effort to promote reading and to provide access to books. A table has been set up where students can donate books and help themselves to titles they are interested in. Not only does this promote reading for pleasure, but it also is a great book recycling effort!

- On February 14, six CC East students volunteered at the Heritage House (which offers assisted living and memory care services) for a Valentine’s Day celebration. The students had the opportunity to help with the celebration and interact with the seniors. Another event will be scheduled in the spring to provide students with a community service opportunity and to encourage intergenerational learning.

- CC East has completed the required steps for becoming an official GED testing site through Pearsonvue. GED testing will be available at CC East on Fridays. COMPASS testing is also available.

- Gretchen Jones, instructor for Women’s Health, has schedule a number of guest speakers this quarter, including a physical therapist, a pediatric nurse practitioner and lactation consultant, and a licensed midwife, who will address women’s health topics.

GARRETT HEYNS EDUCATION CENTER/CEDAR CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER
Sarah Sytsma – Education Director

- Unfortunately, 2SHB 2486 which was heard on Tuesday, February 25 in the Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee was not voted upon. At this time it appears the bill is done for this session.

- With the inception of the new GED, completions are down considerably at both Cedar Creek and Garrett Heyns.

- The agenda has been sent out for the Washington Correctional Education Association conference being held April 13-15, 2014. Most faculty and staff will be attending. The main focus continues to be the GED.