BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

- We are now well into the spring quarter with law, accounting and the practicum courses well underway with instructors Todd Rayan; Jim Rothlin and Rob LaFontaine respectively. We conducted a special session for the three adjuncts several weeks before the start of the quarter and that meeting and their subsequent communications are serving the program and students well. We continue with all 26 students who started in the fall of 2012.

- As of today, 28 offers of enrollment have been made for fall of 2013 and prospects continue to contact us. We anticipate 30 students enrolled for fall but it is also true that a number have important course work to complete this spring and in some cases in the summer before they are 100% ready. For the first time, we are being more selective of our program admissions and having to tell prospective students they may need to retake key courses to improve their grades to be considered for this competitive program. As with most folks needing to retake a course for better grades, the needs are in English and mathematics. Another first was a request for enrollment information from an individual who lives in Moscow. Peninsula will enroll two individual this fall from Shanghai in their business management BAS program.

- A recent meeting of the BAS Deans/Directors was again valuable due to the information exchange. The SBCTC representative to our group reported the SBCTC sees the likelihood of 38 programs at 18 CTCs in operation by 2015. Issues remain concerning disparate tuition policies for students taking a mix of associate's level and baccalaureate level courses simultaneously as well as whether an associate's level student once admitted to a BAS program is still eligible for financial aid. As an example of the former, a student is charged a higher tuition for taking two BAS course and one AA course than a fellow student taking three BAS courses.

- Several BAS directors had attended the National Baccalaureate Association meeting in Dallas and they reported Washington is highly respected for the mix of state centralization and independent college initiative that characterizes our approach. Several states have asked for a special meeting in Washington so we can provide knowledge transfer.

- Work continues on campus regarding BAS Diesel and BAS Web Development.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

English

- Linda Foss reports that former student Kelly Fetters, now a student at The Evergreen State College, will present a poster at the Association of Energy Engineers 36th World Energy Engineering Congress September 25-27 in Washington, DC. In an email message, Kelly thanked Centralia College English instructors Foss and Carol Brown for their instruction when he was a student in their composition classes here.

- Theresa Ireton reports that as she was reading the article “Conversing in Marginal Spaces: Developmental Writers’ Responses to Teacher Comments” in the March 2013 edition of the journal Teaching English in the Two-Year College, that colleague Sharon Mitchler’s 2006 article “Writing Back” was referenced on two occasions by the author.
Associate Professor of English & Humanities Susanne Weil has had her most recent paper on Mark Twain accepted for presentation at the seventh International Conference on the State of Mark Twain Studies, to be held at Elmira College, New York, this coming August. Susanne’s paper focuses on how Twain’s experiences in bankruptcy changed his thinking about men’s capacity for moral, self-reliant action in the face of financial panic. Drop Sentiment, and Come Down to Business: Debt and the Disintegration of “Manly” Character in “Indiantown” and “Which Was It?” will analyze these two unfinished novels to show how, even after Twain’s bankruptcy debts were paid, his sense of masculine and personal autonomy was not restored. In “Indiantown,” Twain sketches a thinly fictionalized portrait of his relationship with his wife Livy that suggests serious anxiety about his own personal power as she ended up his preferred creditor and holder of his copyrights. In “Which Was It?,” Twain’s avatar George Harrison’s failure to act “manly” when faced by bankruptcy leads to physical wasting, then loss of autonomy as he becomes the blackmailed “slave” of his mulatto cousin. Abandoning his usual first person narrative, Twain has Harrison tell his own story of moral crumbling in third person, calling this strategy the only way “to frankly tell everything” (183): in this new voice, he represents both sentiment and manliness as façades men use to hide their true, inward selfishness in struggles for economic survival. In contrast to the characters who cling to honorable “manliness,” Twain displays swindlers as the only characters in “WWI?” capable of being truly honest with themselves.

Media Studies

- Wade Fisher’s students have been broadcasting home baseball games on the radio, completing short videos for Workforce Education, recording the spring dramatic arts production, and working on a college safety video.

Art

- Art professor Penny Martindale designed a T-shirt for the Lewis County Optimists for their annual Bike Ride in Lewis County as well as a poster and T-shirt for the Centralia College Pride event.

- The Art Department participated in Earth Week celebrations in several ways. Art Appreciation students created posters highlighting environmental issues which were on display in the central hall of Washington Hall. Fibers students created handmade books out of recycled paper; these were part of a display of repurposed items in the library display cases. Art Club students created a sustainability-themed mural for the NSC windows. And, Art Club and the Science Club students cooperated on a recycled paper-making event April 2.

- The annual collaboration between the Early Learning Center and the Fibers class is underway. Children from the Lab School preschool visited the Fibers class and learned to make recycled paper. Each child made a piece, and these will be combined with paper made by Fibers students into an original art piece. This artwork will be on display at the Spring Youth Fair in Chehalis.

- A Student art show will take place in the main hall of Washington Hall during May. Winter quarter digital photos from the ART 174 course have been posted to the Centralia College Art Department Facebook page.

Geology

- On April 19 Pat Pringle attended the second annual South Sound Undergraduate Geoscience Research Conference at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma with two students, Colleen Suter and Michelle Kears. Colleen presented the poster she had worked on for the Northwest Scientific Association Annual Meeting in March coauthored by Pat and Robert Schuster of the US Geological Survey. This conference provided a great opportunity to see the facilities on another campus and also to meet faculty and students with similar interests. Most of the participants were from the University of Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran University, Western Washington University, and the University of Washington-Tacoma. A conference program was produced that included abstracts of the research posters being presented. Following the meeting, Colleen, Michelle and Pat joined a group of about 15 faculty and students for dinner before heading back south.
On April 18 Pat gave an evening presentation at Smokehouse Pub at the Hop-N-Grape in Longview as part of the Mount St. Helens Volcano Views and Brews lecture series. The title of his presentation was “Stories in the rings: prehistoric eruptions, earthquakes, and landslides of the Pacific Northwest…and the buried forests that tell their tales.” About 35 people attended the presentation. Pat said this is a fun lecture series to be a part of. The group that came was very interested and enthusiastic, and he had a lot of questions following the presentation.

Pat is just beginning dendrochronology research projects with two students. One, Michelle Kearns, will be analyzing the tree rings of slab samples of subfossil trees (many charred) from under Fife and Auburn, Washington that had been buried by volcanic debris from a Mount Rainier eruption about 1,100 years ago.

Lyceum

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 Brian 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.
After over three years in the eLearning office in an hourly position, Nancy Macy has accepted an offer for full-time employment in the Phoenix Center as a program assistant. She is an asset to the college and her new position is a great fit for her skills and interests. eLearning will definitely miss having her on the team!

Dale Carroll and Sue Gallaway solicited feedback on the work of the retention DTF from all employee groups in their quarterly meeting with Dr. Walton. The feedback will be used in preparation for Phase 2 of the college’s coordinated retention efforts.

Sue Gallaway presented on the library of the future at Centralia Rotary.

Alexis Austin has been working with student government to research and implement an online carpool matching option.

eLearning concluded the Canvas implementation phase and has transitioned with Instructure staff into regular account support and management.

Alexis Austin traveled to Centralia College East to host an eLearning support day – helping students and faculty with ANGEL, Canvas, and more.

Cheryl Williams, Alexis Austin, and Sue Gallaway have been reviewing online course evaluation tools. The college is planning to pilot use starting in the summer or fall.

Kathy Brooks hosted a series of discussions with faculty on tracking student progress on learning outcomes in Canvas. While we have been piloting this in the BASM program, wider implementation requires some decisions about how to set up the rubrics and other issues.

Three new state certificates are in place for students with a fall 2013 start up.

Common courses adopted by community and technical colleges have been approved through Instructional Council.

Classes continue to hold steady at record numbers.

Staff is investigating replacing old playground structures with a newer, sturdier structure.

Rebecca Scott is our new program manager for the Observation-Instruction Program.
P.E. (Parent Education)
- March 27, 2013, Centralia College Child and Family Studies hosted the 2013 Organization of Parenting Education Programs (OPEP) in-service. There were 77 attendees from Community and Technical Colleges from around Washington State. The theme of this year's conference was “Creating Connections.” Each speaker and breakout was focused on creating connections in some way. The Keynote, Everyday Interactions as the Foundation for Early Learning was given by Sarah Roseberry from ILABS from the University of Washington. This was followed by a community partner’s panel speaking about Making Community Connections for Partnerships and Collaboration in Parenting Education, facilitated by Kathy Goebel from the SBCTC. The afternoon breakouts were From Sounds to Sentences: The Development of Literacy, Serving Court Ordered and CPS Referred Families in Parenting Education, Building Partnerships with the Hispanic Community, and WaKIDS. Feedback from the conference was positive.
- Linda Wilcox attended Motivational Interviewing training. This training included tools for strategic listening, for using gentle confrontational skills, and for evoking change. These tools will be useful in working with and encouraging change in students with whom we work.
- Parenting in Recovery class staff, Heather Ashton and Linda Wilcox attended the Meth and More: Drug Abuse conference on April 25 at the Great Wolf Lodge. This conference addresses the issues related to drug use in our community.
- TEEN fathers are once again having the Nurturing Fatherhood class. They went through the first ½ of the curriculum during winter quarter and are finishing up the curriculum this quarter.

CLS (Children’s Lab School)
- Program received Lovington Funds to purchase essential assessments to enhance and inform work - participating in Child Abuse & Neglect Awareness activities.
- Jeanette Spiegelberg, program manager and Sina Mohoric, parent education instructor, traveled to Boston for collaboration and extension work on executive function with Frontiers of Innovation work.
- The pre-kindergarten classroom is working with Liz Frey’s fiber arts class on a paper making project

ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program)
- All of the proposed budgets for the next biennium have ECEAP expansion included in some form. Staff are trying to plan for the “what ifs”.
- Long time ECEAP teacher Gail Woods announced her retirement this year. They served the program and children well for many years and will be missed.

T.E.E.N
- Dick Larmon spoke to TEEN students on the topic of career opportunities in the industries of Lewis County.
- Kari Winsor, Dick Larmon along with program manager, Kristi Jewell attended a luncheon sponsored by the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound who have provided grant funding for the expansion of the CC Grow Garden Project.

MERIT (Managed Education and Registry Information Tool)
- MERIT Program workload is constantly increasing as the Race to the Top goals through the Department of Early Learning are implemented.
- On April 16, the Centralia MERIT team met with the Olympia MERIT team from the Dept. of Early Learning to discuss continuation of ways to increase and improve efficiency.
Numbers of applications processed during the March 1- April 16 time period are:
  o Approved Education Applications = 928
  o Approved Education Exemptions = 65
  o Approved Career Lattice Awards = 245
  o Documents received and placed on review status = 535

Passport to College Program
  The College Success Foundation continues to use Centralia College program development and campus service model as a reference point for other programs. Four to six students will be a part of a Centralia College panel presentation at the annual Regional Passport to College Summit, which will be held on the UW Tacoma Campus May 9.

A former program participant, Mike Stanek, continues to expand his educational opportunities as he recently attended a national TRIO leadership conference in Washington DC, along with other students from Central Washington University. We are hoping to have him participate in the upcoming Passport Summit in May. He is such an example of how student support in the beginning of a students’ higher education experience gives them the foundation to sail at the upper level!

TEEN Program
  Kari Winsor, Blue Earth Farms, continues to work with us to help develop the plans for our upcoming Farmer’s Market stand. Students have been planting, transplanting and preparing wood to be used for the booth siding. A student created Facebook page has now been started which will show the project as it unfolds. TEEN and Passport students have been bagging and passing out salad greens to generate enthusiasm for the future market. Garden program t-shirts have arrived, so look for the black and lime green shirts with our new logo on them!! The CC TEEN Grow Farmer’s Market booth was built last week with the generous donation of talent and time from Twin City Rotarians. Several men built the booth on wheels in just 5 hours. TEEN students are working on painting it while they work on Saturdays at Blue Earth Farms.

  With the most recent grant award from the Community Foundation of Olympia, we have been able to hire students for garden preparation work. This has moved the garden project to a new level!

TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION
Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

  Nancy Macy has joined the Phoenix Center staff as Program Assistant replacing Ceci Mano at our front counter.

  Monica Lewis joined us as adjunct ABE Writing Instructor replacing Shirley Eacker.

Training/State Meetings:
  Judith Aguilar attended the Listening/Speaking Standards Cadre Training in Tacoma April 10-12.

  Brigitte Kidd attended the AEAC Meeting in North Seattle on April 10.

  Brigitte Kidd, chair, attended the Council For Basic Skills meeting in Seattle, April 17-19 where there was a presentation by Edmonds on their pilot of the new High School 21 program.

  Deborah Shriver and Brigitte Kidd attended the Beyond the Gates: GED 2014 Workshop in Union on April 15. It was very helpful to find out where the scoring mechanisms for passing scores were going to be and where large reservoirs of resources are already available online to prepare students for the new test.
Deborah Shriver & Kerry Trethewey attended the OnRamp meeting in Renton on April 24, 2013. There was a lot of discussion about the disenfranchised people we were serving, but under the new state mandate we can no longer serve them. The state is looking at what they can do with this population.

We started offering a Skills Lab for all levels of ABE students spring 2013 to help them practice reading, writing, and math skills using computer games and online resources. Weekly lessons are determined by course maps so students are working on the specific skills learned in their other classes each week. There is both a desktop lab and an iPad lab that uses apps and focuses on learning how to leverage modern technology for academic needs. Students sit in groups and interact with each other while helping and teaching each other how to use the iPads, apps, and online resources. They also have many opportunities to use the multi-player game functions to compete against each other. Students are grouped together regardless of skill level to facilitate collaboration. These two labs are very popular with our students and are increasing attendance across the ABE program. Students’ skills are showing a lot of growth as well as students’ interactions with each other.

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

Worker Retraining
- The Worker Retraining grant amount of $844,581 with 178 FTES was turned in on the due date of April 25. Joan Meister and Bev Gestrine worked on the grant to expand to 13 professional and technical programs for dislocated workers instead of 11 from last year. Thanks to Deb Caviness in assisting with the assurances document.

- Bev Gestrine has been working with Greg Gilbertson and conducting labor market research to be able to add the Criminal Justice program as a Worker Retraining program offering. After extensive research data supported placing it on the list with the caveat that security jobs are available in the state, but outside the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Area. While doing this research we learned healthcare has a special certification testing progress. Also, to be a certified security guard, which is required by some employers in Washington, students would be required to take and pass the Washington Security Guard exam. We plan to order study/testing materials for both these specialty areas.

WorkFirst
- Students participating in the multi-agency sponsored Options class will, beginning spring quarter, be enrolling in up to two credits. This will enable staff to capture the effort and headcount for the WorkFirst program. Lesona Hartman and Connie Roberson are the college’s facilitators for the program.

- Connie Robertson has been adding to the WorkFirst Jobs List Serv to help our students find employment for about 18 months now. The list has grown steadily at a rate of around 15 names per week thanks to registering the people who start the Options program. It is a very effective way to get current job information to our students quickly.

- Margret Friedley, Bev Gestrine and business office staff put the finishing touches on the WorkFirst grant and submitted it before the due date of April 4. The grant amount is $435,754. The grants have already been read/scored with Margret Friedley and Connie Robertson serving on the SBCTC panel. While we believe we have a strong application, the results have not been released.
Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)
- The BFET 2013-14 grant guidelines have been released in OGMS with a due date of May 16. Margret Friedley, Debra Caviness and Bev Gestrine are actively working on developing the grant. The amount of this year’s grant is $250,149 which is $56,780 more than last year. Bev has been asked to serve as a grant reader/rater for the 2013-14 BFET proposals.
- We are exploring at the State Board level the expansion of the BFET partnership to include “Growing Places”, which is a local job training program for at risk youth.

Other
- Brooke Merchant, Intake receptionist, has developed a tri-fold flyer indicating local resources for uninsured low income students. We have distributed the information campus wide and at the local WorkSource. Students appreciate the “all in one” information. Thanks much to Brooke for her work on this project.
- Bev Gestrine serves as a member of the Sustainability Committee and worked with co-chairs Liz Frey and Dr. Lisa Carlson in organizing an Earth Day: recycling, reuse, repurpose display in one of the library windows. The display features work and contributions of college staff and students. Items on display include, a coffee cozy crochet from plastic grocery bags by Ruby Nagelkerke, handmade paper books made by Liz Frey’s students, book bags fashioned from old tee shirts by Lesona Hartman and many more. Don Frey provided two posters outlining sustainability efforts on campus. The display will be in place until May 8. Joan Meister and Jessica Mehr, work study, set up the window while Jessica developed attractive display cards for each item.

Professional Technical Programs
Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

Dean’s Update
Submitted by Durelle Sullivan
- We have submitted our Carl Perkins Grant for the 2013-14 year and we hope that the Federal funding will stay in place for the next budget cycle. The Perkins grant pays for most of our support staff, lab aides, equipment, and professional development for Workforce Education and is a very important part of our budget. We will be writing a Perkins Leadership grant for the coming year which can be used to assist Workforce faculty in keeping up with industry skill standards and procedures.

Electronics, Robotics, and Automation
Submitted by Cal Taylor
- We had two of ten sophomores pass the International Society of Certified Electronics Technicians associates exam, this is about on par nationally. Six students only missed by 1 or 2 questions, they will be doing a retake in May and should do well.
- The freshman introduction to solid state devices and power supply classes are the largest we have ever had. David Peterson continues to have very large classes.
- David Peterson has been hired as a full-time tenure track instructor starting in September and will be perusing a Master’s degree at WSU.
- All but one of last year’s graduates has jobs in the electronics industry. Placement looks good for this year’s graduates also.
- New robotics equipment has been purchased.
- Brian Moog of Intel has agreed to chair our advisory committee.
Diesel Technology  
Submitted by Jake Conrad  
- Jake Fay went to an emissions training class in April put on by Cummins.
- Jake and I are both attending the NW Diesel Instructors Conference at Sno Isle Tech in Everett on April 25 & 26. Pape’ Machinery and Intercity Transit were on campus interviewing students.
- Ten of our 12 second year students have jobs already to do their Cooperative Work Experience credits to finish their degrees and several of our first year students have found summer employment in the industry.

Criminal Justice Board Report  
Submitted by Greg Gilbertson  
- Beginning summer quarter 2013 Professor Gilbertson will be transitioning from a traditional classroom and lecture-based model of instruction to a "Hybrid" instructional model for summer and night classes. For those of you that aren't familiar with Hybrid classes, they are a blending or combination of traditional classroom lecture and structured online (computer based) learning. Hybrid classes provide students flexibility, more time for family and employment, higher success rates in class, and higher student satisfaction rates. All in all, this is a "WIN-WIN" for everyone concerned! In the fall, we will be offering day and evening classes with hybrid options. In addition, please note we still have our AA & ATA degree programs in a fully online format as well!
- Professor Gilbertson received an email from a student this week who graduated 3 years ago. This student had a rather colorful past and just graduated from the Washington State Corrections Academy.

He stated it was an experience he would never forget. At the end of the class instruction the graduating class was asked to pick a classmate to give a speech at graduation and they picked him! The student said he was pretty nervous but delivered the speech in front of State Supervisors and Program Directors. He said he remembered at Centralia when he had to learn and recite the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th amendment! He thanked the faculty for preparing him to enter their career field.

Center of Excellence for Energy Technology  
Submitted by Barbara Hins-Turner, Director  
- SBCTC Assessment, April 24, Centralia College  
This year, PNCECE was required to complete a self-assessment (printed report) and an on-site assessment conducted by SBCTC. These reviews are part of the process to ensure Centers of Excellence are performing to the expectations of their designation and serving the entire state’s CTC system in their driver industry. PNCECE showcased the projects supported by external funding sources that total $5,846,811 and leverage $7,469,024; how it addressed the five core expectations set by SBCTC; and how it met the common vision and mission set forth by the centers’ directors. The assessment team included SBCTC staff, Jim Crabbe, Kathy Goebel and Katherine Mahoney, as well as Curt Freed, VP Columbia Basin College, and Genevieve Howard, Workforce Dean, Clark College.

Twenty six guests included the following presenters: Jay Pickett, as the longest standing advisory board member since the center's inception in 2004; Jim Lowery, who represented the Department of Labor WIRED project; Jamie Krause - Department of Energy Smart Grid project; Melanie Kinkaid - National Center for Energy Workforce Development Bill and Melinda Gates project; and Nancy Estergard (Grays Harbor College) - Department of Commerce Academy of Energy Entrepreneurs. Other presenters represented the Washington State Labor Council, Washington State University Energy Program, and Grays Harbor Energy Tech program (a graduate of the program). Centralia College representatives included President Dr. Jim Walton, VP John Martens, Barbara Hins-Turner, Monica Brummer and PNCECE staff. The last on-site assessment for Clean Energy was held in 2010.
**Energy Educators Association Meeting, April 19, Edmonds CC**
Nearly 20 energy educators representing Washington CTCs energy programs in the Seattle area, industry and organized labor attended the spring Energy Educators Association meeting. Monica Brummer presented a WebWalk of PNCECE’s website to showcase the 5-state Energy Education Resource Guide (funded by Edmond’s NSF grant), Job Board and summit information; and encouraged all to attend the summit. This association formed through the NSF grant and first met at the 2010 summit. A committee structure was proposed and slate of officers were nominated.

**Academy of Energy Entrepreneurism – Advisory Board Meeting, April 17**
Funded through the U.S. Department of Commerce and coordinated by PNCECE, *The Academy of Energy Entrepreneurism* (AEE) is a collaborative program being developed by Peninsula, Grays Harbor and Centralia Colleges. A program advisory board has been recruited representing business and economic development in Lewis, Clallam and Grays Harbor counties. The committee convened for the first time at WSU Energy Program offices in Olympia. Highlights of the meeting: Rick Jackson was selected as Board Chair; discussions included: entrepreneurial curriculum, new class development, “Energy Industry Overview,” and submission of the program to SBCTC for approval.

The advisory board includes:
- Jim Lowery, Energy Program Manager, Lewis Economic Development Council
- Ryan Davis, Executive Director, Regional Education and Training Center
- Rick Jackson, Energy Specialist, Greater Grays Harbor Inc. (Grays Harbor Economic Development Council)
- Sara Bowles, Grays Harbor College Energy Program graduate/The Evergreen State College student
- (absent: Brian Kuh, Business Lender, Craft3, Port Angeles)

Others in attendance included: Bob Lawrence-Markarian, Peninsula College; Nancy Estergard and Anthony Kulisch, Grays Harbor College; Barbara Hins-Turner and Kathryn Fredrick, PNCECE.

**8th Annual Energy and Construction Best Practices Summit, June 19/20, RETC, Satsop Campus**
The opening ceremony, food items and budget were discussed at this month’s meeting held April 15. News of a donation from the governor and first lady was shared as well as a donation from the Seattle Sounders. Items for the auction are still needed. Contact Judy Guenther, gbob294@gmail.com. Registration is open at http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/summit – Speakers include: keynote Karen Elzey, Director for Skills for America’s Future; and a panel of regional/national leaders representing American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), Sustainable Education and Economic Development (SEED), International Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE) Power Energy Society (PES), Oregon AFL-CIO, and Emerald Cities.

**WA CoE FAQ #3: Third Quarter**
Monica Brummer produced the third quarterly two-sided fact sheet for the 10 Centers of Excellence. The factsheets were given to staff at SBCTC to disseminate at WEC/WAC. During this quarter, Barbara Hins-Turner increased legislative outreach for the centers, apprenticeship and PNCECE; and PNCECE staff coordinated an interactive energy display at the Legislative Reception (March 21).

**Energy Technology Program**
Milt Hollingsworth, Tacoma Power employee and Centralia College Energy Technology student, coordinated the donation and installation of a transmission power pole and non-energized transformer for the Energy Technology classroom donated by Tacoma Power. The equipment has been installed in the Energy Technology classroom for demonstration purposes. Milt is pictured with first year Energy Assistant Professor Rulon Crawford.
Plant Operator Selection System (POSS) Testing, April 9

Thirty-three students from Centralia, Grays Harbor and Spokane IEL colleges attended the four-hour Plant Operator Selection System (POSS) testing session which was administered by two representatives from Portland General Electric. Centralia College Energy Technology program is designated by the Edison Electric Institute as a national testing site. Centralia College students continue to test above the national average. Testing statistics from prior years with Centralia College students rated against the national average are shown below:

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Notes:
1) N's for TEP data range from 780 to 872.
2) N's for applicant data range from 14,751 to 67,457.

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CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST
Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

- Thank you. The faculty, staff, and students of Centralia College East would like to thank you for once again holding the April Board of Trustees Meeting at CCEast. We enjoy hosting this event and sharing our amazing facilities with you. We would also like to thank those that stayed to attend the Open House. We appreciate your support.

- Centralia College East Organization of Students (CCEOS) will take a group of CCEOS officers and students to the Cispus Center on May 16. There students will learn that teamwork and leadership makes difficult tasks easier as they tackle the high ropes course.

- CCEOS, in partnership with Fire Mountain Arts Council, is sponsoring a book reading on Thursday, May 16, at 7 pm. Author, Robert Michael Pyle, will be at the Roxy Theater reading from his latest book *The Tangled Bank*. The event is open the community.

- CCEast will be holding a mini Advising Fair on Thursday, May 9, from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. Lisa Wilson, Mary Myhre, and Joanie Meister along with CCEast faculty advisors Vann Cantin and Kelli Bloomstrom will be available to connect students to available programs and resources. Following the Advising Fair, Lisa Wilson will hold a Running Start Orientation at 6:00 pm for new students and their families.

- The Centralia College East Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, May 2 to identify unmet educational needs in eastern Lewis County and spend some time brainstorming both short and long-term training that CCEast might be able to provide.

- Jim Lowery and Rulon Crawford held an open forum in April, sponsored by the Lewis County Economic Development Council, to present energy-saving ideas to the community.