BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

- Classes are underway with the 26 students as previously noted. The library and writing support services are already being used and all involved are learning the new Canvas learning management system. The major efforts now are:
  - Develop and implement a comprehensive marketing effort so we attract another strong cohort of 25-30 for the fall 2013. Communications on campus to students in programs that provide a natural link to BASM will commence in the next 30 days. Communications to the community and broader will begin soon after students are making their “fall decision” in January of the respective year. I am pleased at the level of commitment from Don Frey and Dr. Walton for the marketing efforts that are needed for BASM.
  - A BASM update was provided to the CCEast community advisory board on October 18 and was well received.
  - A meeting has been called of the BASM Community Advisory board for purposes of reviewing the program status to date and a more in-depth look at courses, course objectives and the critical linkages to program outcomes.
  - A BASM update will be part of the College Foundation 2012 annual fund campaign kickoff on October 20. Given the fact that BASM tuition is double the associate’s level and increasing 12% next year, scholarship funds are critical.
  - Course development is well underway for the six new courses to be conducted in the winter and spring quarters. This is an area of significant effort, especially for new adjuncts.
  - Twelve applicants are currently in the interview process for the newly created BASM Program Coordinator position. It is envisioned that this position will be focused about 50% on BASM-related duties. For purposes of efficiency as well as setting an example, this position will report to Cheryl Williams, Executive Assistant to the VP Instruction, John Martens so maximum utilization is realized.
  - A meeting is scheduled for mid-November to discuss admission-related processes. This will allow us to exam how the process worked and make any changes to benefit the students.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

Science
- Dr. Ruby Nagelkerke, Professor Karen Goodwin and lab tech Sarah Studeman offered a student workshop entitled Snap! Crackle! Pop! for the Expanding Your Horizons Conference on Saturday, October 20. Dr. Steve Norton presented an overview of STEM opportunities and STEM scholarship opportunities to the parents while their daughters were attending the hands-on workshops.

- On Thursday morning, October 17, Dr. Norton attended a workshop on the Olympic mudminnow, Washington’s only endemic fish, at the Lacey Community Center. This workshop was sponsored by the American Fisheries Society. As Centralia College lies in the heart of the range of this species, there are many opportunities to engage students in research projects that will expand our understanding of the biology of this unique species.

Music
- Alumnus David Hoogkamer is attending Western Washington University, majoring in saxophone. He auditioned for and was accepted in the top jazz band at the WWU School of Music.
Alumnus and honor student Kristina Knutson is attending Pacific Lutheran University majoring in music education. She auditioned and was accepted into the University Singers Choir.

Alumnus Abbey Potter is attending Pacific Lutheran University and was accepted into the Opera Program. Distinguished alumnus Angela Meade was also in this program at PLU.

On October 10, Dr. Donna Huffman attended the Timberline High School Choral Concert conducted by Centralia College Alumnus Terry Shaw. The concert which was held at the North Thurston Performing Arts Center (Koval Center) was filled to capacity with more than 600 patrons in attendance for this high school concert.

Dr. Huffman recently submitted her music composition, “Spirits Dancing” to the John Donald Robb Musical Trust Foundation at the University of New Mexico. The work incorporated three Navajo dances transcribed in the field by John Donald Robb, currently housed in New Mexico’s Digital Collections.

The student music club, Pro Musica, currently has 24 members who are music majors at Centralia College. The club is open to any student at Centralia College that wishes to join. There are no membership dues. The club focuses on providing music master classes, free concerts and assistance to music departments in the Lewis County School District. The club activities for this quarter include a fund raiser, "delivering" singing Christmas cards, and a special recital at Woodland Estates. The club has accepted the project of raising funds to replace the pianos in the practice rooms. To this date the club has raised and earmarked $844 for this project.

The Pro Musica also maintains a Facebook page to discuss the musical degrees and opportunities at Centralia College. They also post the musical happenings at Centralia College as well as events off campus that have student involvement.

Currently the Music Department has an alumni newsletter sent out every quarter which reaches more than 93 subscribers. Our alumni and friends of the department often return to visit and attend. If you wish to be added to the subscription list, please contact our music adjunct instructor, Ruth Woodcock at rwoodcock@centralia.edu or 736-9391 ext. 248.

On November 28 at 1 p.m. in Corbet Theatre, the Centralia Choir, assisted by Centralia College music major instrumentalists will present a seasonal performance for the Lyceum Series.

The Lewis County Community Band Concert, part of the college’s Continuing Education Program, will be performing in Corbet Theatre Tuesday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is open to the public and free of charge.

**English**

Dr. Susanne Weil organized and co-chaired three sessions on Women and Work in Literature at the Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association (the west coast division of the national Modern Language Association) at Seattle University, October 19-21. The first session covered American literature, the second medieval and Renaissance literature, and the third British Romantic and Victorian literature. The sessions were well attended and sparked lively discussion. Susanne and her co-chair, Christine Leiren Mower of Seattle University, were asked to propose Women and Work as a regular session at the conference; they have also been approached by Cambridge Scholars about editing a follow-up volume to their 2011 Women and Work anthology.

Linda Foss has been named a recipient of The Evergreen State College 2012 Teacher Excellence award. The award is designed to honor teachers who have had a significant impact on the lives of students. Professor Foss was nominated by former student Laura Dresow who wrote: “Linda Foss inspired and challenged me in more ways than I can count. She is a tough but fair teacher who drove me to work harder and recognize my talent. Even more, through Linda’s classes and teaching I became more aware of myself and the causes I believe in. Before Linda, I thought feminism was a bad word – because of her, I realized I am a feminist.”
Phi Theta Kappa
- On Saturday 13 October, Dr. Jody Peterson travelled with two chapter officers (Katie Iverson and Sarahann Swain) and one alumna (Heather Rhoades) to the Phi Theta Kappa District II Fall Honors Conference at Clark College in Vancouver to help prepare for our Honors in Action project.
- On Thursday 11 October, Dr. Peterson moderated political forums for the candidates for the 19th and 20th Legislative District races in Corbet Theater (televised on Channel.3 locally). Dr. Peterson did the same on Tuesday 16 October for the Lewis County Commissioner candidates.

Art
- The Visual Arts Club has an enthusiastic group of students involved this year. Club members have been meeting weekly since the start of classes in order to get their plans for the year underway. They have changed the name of the club to Artists Anonymous and at a recent meeting brainstormed an exciting list of event ideas. The list includes visiting artist lectures and workshops, field trips to museums and galleries, art-making sessions open to all, activities in support of Earth Week, and fundraisers such as art sales, dances and car washes. Liz Frey and Ruby Nagelkerke are co-advising the club this year.

Lyceum
- November 21: Beyond I’s & O’s: Gender Inside and Outside the Male/Female Binary. This panel explores gender in terms of identity, expression and assumptions that transgendered people face in society. This presentation is being hosted by the Centralia College Gay Straight Alliance Club.
- November 28: Centralia College Choir. The choir will perform a holiday selection of songs. The performance will be in Corbet Theatre.
- December 5: Who Let the Dogs Out? Service and Therapy Animals in the Early 21st Century. You see a dog at the grocery store, at the library, on the bus, in the hospital. Has the world gone to the dogs? What are they doing in public? Is it legal for people to take their dogs everywhere? People commonly confuse service and therapy dogs, both in their roles and in the legalities that surround them. Join Ann R. Howie, LICSW, ACSW for a lively presentation on the roles dogs can fill to assist people and the rights of people who wish to have no contact with animals. Ann is a dog trainer and a therapist in private practice who specializes in animal-assisted therapy.

LIBRARY/eLEARNING/INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH
Sue Gallaway - Dean, Library Services and eLearning
- Nineteen faculty completed the first round of training in Canvas in preparation for winter quarter class pilots using the new system. A total of 26 course sections are expected to be taught using the Canvas system in winter quarter.
- Sue Gallaway attended the fall meeting of the eLearning Council.
- Dale Carroll completed a seminar on communication strategies.
- Lily Kun is spearheading an effort to test a new laptop loan program in the library.
- Cheryl Williams, representing the IR Team, attended the Research and Planning Commission (RPC) meeting on Thursday, October 18 hosted on the Renton Technical College campus.
Fall in-service provided an opportunity for all staff working in the division to participate in ACE’s (Adverse Childhood Experiences) training.

ECE (Early Childhood Education)
- Gloria Price continues to serve on the MERIT education verification team.
- Three ECE classes include I-Best, benefitting students in their learning process.
- ECE students and former ECE students are being hired into CFS programs.

ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program)
- All classes are taking a field trip to the Riverside Farms pumpkin patch this month.
- ECEAP Family Nights kick off October 23. Five of these events will be held throughout the year. This month we’ll provide a fall theme, meal and activities for families to enjoy together. We’ll combine family fun with parent education opportunities and give families an opportunity to connect with each other and staff.
- Micah Rose, ECEAP Manager, attended the annual ECEAP Director’s meeting the first week of October. This year’s meeting was held over 2 days in Yakima. With a new data management system and new teaching assessment program being rolled out this year, useful information was gleaned that will help the program move ahead effectively. These systems will bring increased ability to track data and evaluate outcomes.
- As a result of last year’s program review, completed by the Department of Early Learning, DEL commended Centralia College ECEAP on a thorough and thoughtful approach to program improvement.

Parenting Education
- A Learning and Playing with Infants and Toddlers (LeaP) class has been added to classes held in East Lewis County. This class reaches families with children age birth-48 months, including TEEN parents with infants and toddlers.
- Spanish Strengthening Families Program begins October 23 at Washington Elementary School in Centralia. This year’s collaborative effort brings together Centralia College Child and Family Studies Division, Centralia School District ELL and Migrant programs, Chehalis School District, ESD 113s 21st Century after school program, and the community. The 7th session of class will be Centralia College resource evening. Judith Aguilar, Caytee Cline and an ECEAP staff member will be on hand to talk with families about other educational opportunities available through the college.
- Centralia College is offering the first ever bilingual Learning and Playing with Infants and Toddlers (LeaP) class for parents and children (birth-48 months). This is an exciting venture working to meet the needs of the community.
- CFS Oktoberfest, was held the evening of October 12 for families with children in Child and Family Studies Programs. The event focused on family fun, fitness, and health. Attendees enjoyed creating healthy snacks with former CC student Jody Kline, parents with infants were given the opportunity to do infant massage with Lin Grey from NW Pediatrics, and Carrie Johnson directed the interactive games and activities. CFS managers spent time interacting with families and their children. This event provided and enriching parent-child experience designed to increase understanding of children’s development.
- Linda Wilcox and Cristi Heitschmidt met with Meghann Wolvert, project supervisor for Cispus AmeriCorps to discuss how parenting programs in East County might utilize AmeriCorps volunteers. Cristi also is presenting information about classes and programs to the 2012-2013 AmeriCorp volunteers on October 19.
Linda Wilcox presented at the WorkSource OPTIONS class, engaging the students in interactive activities related to building firm foundations in the lives of our children that will last a lifetime. She finished the session by introducing the CFS fall parenting classes.

Children’s Lab School
- Approved through Child Care Aware of America Military Fee Assistance to be able to serve military families attending our institution who need child care.
- Had annual visit from our licensor. All is well with a few minor adjustments.
- Welcomed three new staff this fall.
- Spruced up the environment with some paint and changes in use of space and wall area, working toward a more “nature – al” environment.

TEEN (Teens Entering Education Now)
- The program is experiencing an influx of students beyond our expectations, 43 to be exact! Fortunately, we have extremely flexible staff/faculty.
- Thank you to Steve Wilcox for completing the teaching kitchen. The kitchen provides adequate space for work groups.
- Lewis County Health Department Nurse, Donna Muller, is providing First-Steps nurse consultation services twice a week to new, young parents (students).
- Students attended the Mark Eliott Lyceum presentation “What Makes You Tic?” His message was relevant to the students and is a catalyst for future conversation and assignments on tolerance. A big thank you to our campus SAAT!!

Passport to College Program
- A recent challenge has seen an increase in students identified as an alumni of care, yet were not “ward of the court” placements, omitting their benefit from passport funds or scholarship vouchers. These students may have lived in relative placement, with a family friend or simply “couch-surfed.” As we see the number of grandparents or relatives now “parenting” children, this population may continue to grow. Education Support continues to offer all educational services with the exception of the financial aid foster youth funding.
- Community connections were made with Oscar Plazas from Choice Regional Health Network, to help foster youth who age out of health care services at 21. Lack of medical and dental insurance can be a reason for a student leaving school to work to pay off large medical bills.
- A small Lewis County Mockingbird Society Chapter is present on our campus. This group works on advocacy issues that are written by youth and presented to the legislature during session. We are looking forward to the opportunity for our Centralia College Passport students to be able to share their educational journeys in higher education. Our campus leader, Paula Bjornstad is working with the staff of the Olympia team to get things started. She will connect with youth in the middle and high schools to encourage their involvement.
TRANSPORTIONAL EDUCATION
Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

Testing Center
- GED TS (Testing Services) has partnered with the publisher Pearson Vue to offer online GED Testing for the current GED test. This is in preparation for the GED 2014, which will be offered exclusively by Pearson Vue and their approved testing sites.

Pearson VUE® Authorized Test Centers (PVTC) provide computer based testing (CBT), on-demand testing for certification and select professional licensure exams. Pearson Vue offers full-service training and testing solutions and offer test candidates convenient, on-site testing. Pearson Vue test centers can be found around the world. This week, Centralia College was approved by Pearson Vue to be an official Pearson Vue Testing Center.

To be able to offer the GED 2014 test all testing centers in the state of Washington have to go through the certification process and begin computer based testing during 2013, with a mandatory requirement that all colleges offering the GED be ‘online’ by January 2014 to coincide with the launch of the new version of the GED.

In part, due to the development of our new testing lab, Centralia College has been asked by SBCTC to be one of three schools in the state of Washington to launch online GED testing during the week of October 29, 2012. The other two schools are Clark College and Central Washington University.

A media opportunity, all eyes from our state and technical colleges who are offering GED testing, and members of business and industry, will be watching these three colleges as we ‘flip the switch’ to begin offering computer based testing and the opening of Washington State’s newest full service Person Vue Testing Centers. Our intention is to start with GED testing and EMT testing (to support Community and Tech program), and then broaden our service to provide Pearson’s Vue full range of testing to southwest Washington. This could be of great interest to those in education, health care, computer technology, plus others.

The launch date for Centralia College will be Tuesday, October 30, 2012. Press releases announcing the opportunity for computer based testing for the GED have been released to various local area news outlets.

Citizenship Day
- Saturday, October 20 was Citizenship Day. As of October 19 there were 40 volunteers registered to help during the day’s event. Volunteers include immigration attorneys, paralegals, law students, interpreters and general volunteers.

On this day, individuals who are Permanent Legal Residents receive free legal aid in completing their N-400 Application for Naturalization package. Many, who come prepared with all the necessary documents, will leave the workshop with their application ready to mail, while others may need to find additional documentation in order to complete the process.

Again this year, the ESL program volunteered to host the event under the leadership of Judith Aguilar, ESL coordinator and faculty. One America serves as the event organizer and the American Immigration Lawyers Association provides the attorneys. There are no fees collected for the event. The college offers the space, the ESL department arranges for food for the volunteers and snacks for the clients. The Latinos Unidos student group helps with the set up on Friday.

This workshop is very important for our community because we host the only citizenship event in Southwest Washington, making it possible for many local people to attend.
On Monday, October 22, Brigitte Kidd, Dean, Transitional Education, Sheryl Mercer, counselor, and Judith Aguilar, ESL coordinator will be attending the NASPA Region V Conference, Supporting Undocumented Students Drive-In. The daylong workshop will be held at Seattle University. The purpose of the conference is to address the issue of supporting undocumented students in higher education. This is a great opportunity to explore national and state policies, learn effective practices and resources, and become a part of network to help these students reach their goals.

Adult Literacy Week

Governor Gregoire proclaimed the week of October 15-21 Adult Literacy Week. The purpose of the week’s activities is to provide an opportunity to increase awareness and understanding about adult basic education and the way it assists Washington State to meet its economic and workforce goals. The activities are aimed to increase visibility of programs, both in the community and within the college as well as raise awareness of the challenges and issues of adult literacy.

At Centralia College the activities included a “button campaign”; buttons with the logo “I support Adult Literacy” were handed out to students, staff and at partner meetings, as well as a press release that highlighted Centralia College’s commitment to adult literacy. In addition, the college reader board displayed the Adult Literacy Week message throughout the week.

WORKFIRST/WORKER RETRAINING

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

Worker Retraining (WRT)

The summer of 2012 was unusual as the Unemployment Insurance (UI) rates in Lewis County didn’t drop very much. Generally, in the summer the UI rates dip down, and don’t increase until after all the agriculture/crops are over around October. This year the rates increased in August, or two months early. Lewis County was number two in August, at 12.8 percent, and tied with Grays Harbor County. May was 13.0 percent UI, June was 12.4 percent UI, and July was 12.3 percent UI.

There seems to be more interest from dislocated workers at the local Chehalis WorkSource office. Previously, there were two attendees per week, and now there have been five to eight potential dislocated workers per week inquiring about Centralia College.

Joan Meister reported she has 225 headcount of dislocated workers in fall quarter 2012. She will be doing final analysis closer to the end of the quarter and expects an increase of about 30-40 more students, which will bring the program up to over 250 headcount.

Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)

Debra Caviness reported things are running smoothly with fall quarter well under way. She has over 200 students in the program, and continues meeting new and potential students on a daily basis.

Debra Caviness, Margret Friedley and Bev Gestrine attended the first annual statewide BFET conference held in Yakima on October 17 and 18. The agenda included best practices, regulation updates, and opportunities to network with agency partners and workshops on effective student strategies.

WorkFirst

The 1st of October marked the first anniversary of the Options program! The partners and community participants celebrated with cake and snacks at the regular monthly Options leadership meeting. The goals we listed when we started the project were revisited. Happily, the original goals were all accomplished. Discussion centered on how to improve capturing data that will help track the clients so we have “hard numbers” to offer others interested in the project. Employment Security suggested doing an exit survey on Survey Monkey and said they could set that up. Lesona Hartman will continue tracking clients through her database, but the survey will give us more information to work with. The group discussed what is going well and what needs improvement. They went over curriculum changes by individual teachers designed to eliminate content duplication to make the program more cohesive.
One of the discovered benefits of Options over the past year is that the frontline staff of all the agencies have bonded into a well-oiled team. Also, close friendships have formed with the community organizations who have faithfully donated their time. The members shared their programs have benefited because more people are using their services. All of the staff noticed that more of the clients come away from Options with changed attitudes. The students are more in control of their lives and do less blaming of others. It makes it much easier to help clients.

Everyone agreed that Options is working for the clients. All of the staff are dedicated to continue to provide a superior product for our clients.

**Other**
- Joan Meister received good news that she was approved for 29 credits, the maximum amount of credits, through the Prior Learning Experience program at The Evergreen State College.

**PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS**

Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

**Continuing & Community Education**
- We are working with Lewis County Services and our site leaders at the community senior centers to transition from Catholic Community Services administration back to Lewis County. Many new staff and faculty have been hired for the very popular classes held in the Senior Centers. On campus, our lifelong learning classes are requesting more classes relating to internet, Facebook, and other social media. Exercise classes of all kinds are seeing increased enrollments and of course our very popular jewelry classes continue to be heavily enrolled. If you see a few #16 NASCAR hats on campus it is because Greg Biffle, is jewelry instructor Russ Lunder’s son-in-law and the 98 students in his classes have become quite a fan club for Greg’s successful NASCAR season this year!

**Accounting, Business, Business Technology Department**
- Connie visited the counselor of Centralia High School to discuss offerings for high school students in our two year programs as well as advise on entrance requirements for the Bachelor of Applied Science Management degree. She has been invited to speak to select business classes throughout the year as well as participate in any college/job fairs hosted by the high school.

- Georganne and Connie are presenting a workshop at the all staff day on October 12th. We will be leading a discussion on professionalism in the classroom.

- Rotaract experienced a busy October. There were a dozen volunteers on hand to help with the Apple Harvest event in Onalaska the first weekend in October. Rotaract students will also be helping with the steam train’s Pumpkin Train at the end of October. On campus, we will be participating in the Club Fair and have a booth at Fun Fest to provide fun games and treats to the trick-or-treaters. One of the major undertakings of Rotaract this year will be restructuring the by-laws of the club. Through this restructuring a more comprehensive structure for the club, role of officers and advisor will be provided.

- Otto visited WF West High-school and has coordinated with Qy'Anna to represent the college at WF West’s 15 November Advising Fair and a possible speaking engagement for the calendar school year during the school’s General Assembly. Lance will be presenting a Workshop on Open-Source resources at the Washington State Business Education Association fall conference in Wenatchee and attending their fall board meeting that weekend as well.

- November 8; the CC Foundation and Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants will be hosting our Annual Accounting/Business night; with Pizza at 5pm, presentations at 6pm, for all accounting and business students.
Nursing

- Our year was launched with the running of the bedpan races. Don’t worry – I won’t include specifics! The 2nd year students used their superior experience to gain victory over the 1st year students in a close contest.
- The 2nd year students have started their clinical experience at Western State Hospital and are doing well. Staff at the facility have remarked how our students bring energy and optimism to the patient wards they work in. The 1st year students will start their first clinical at local long term care facilities this week. They are also participating in the Geriatric Follow Through program where they are paired with an elder in a local senior housing facility. The students visit with their elder about once per week to work on important skills such as listening, communication and various types of assessments. The work they have turned in so far has been exceptional.
- Great News!!! So far our pass rate on the NCLEX test (professional RN certification exams) for RN's is 100% through the 4th quarter. Eighteen students have taken the test so far.

Diesel

- Jake Fay attended MINExpo International 2012 September 24-26 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. This convention is held every four years and this year was the largest ever, 40% larger than the previous show in 2008. MINExpo focused on equipment ranging from that used in small rock quarries clear up to the largest mines in the world. The largest haul trucks on hand had a hauling capacity of 400 tons. The largest loader present was capable of scooping 70 cubic yards of material at a time. The average dump truck that we see on the freeway can haul 14 yards without a trailer. Assembly of this massive equipment started back in June.

The convention drew attendees from many countries including: Peru, Chile, Russia, Belarus, Australia, Canada, China, and many others. The last number I heard was 57,000 people attended. Representatives from many mines were on hand recruiting technicians and engineers. Manufacturers of equipment on hand included: Caterpillar, Komatsu, Hitachi, and many more. Many of these manufacturers were displaying their newly released systems. Attendees were allowed to inspect and photograph, a couple hundred pictures were taken, anything that they wanted and there were knowledgeable representatives available to answer questions.

Jake was able to make contacts with many recruiters and human resource representatives that will aid in student placement. Many of the manufactures were also quick to offer training material to Centralia College Diesel Technology. As an instructor who attends training classes continually, this was one of the best to date. Jake appreciates and looks forward to your continued support of his training and expansion of curriculum here at Centralia College.

- Rick Clark who is a recruiter for NC Machinery and all of their parent company The Harnish Group, reached out to our diesel program and is planning to visit before the end of October. They span from North and South Dakota west to Washington and also have all of Alaska.
Center of Excellence for Energy Technology  
Submitted by Barbara Hins-Turner, Director

Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS) University of Wisconsin-Madison

- COWS announced the release of its third report in the Greener Jobs series, Greener Reality. The report takes stock of the green economy, looking at what works (and doesn’t) in related skill and credentialing initiatives and placing them in a broader context of human capital development, community resilience, and climate change. Defining equity, sustainability, and greater democratization as critical elements of a truly greener future, the paper considers the practical and political challenges to achieving these in the United States. The Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy/“A Centralia College Partnership” is featured as a national model case study in the report as it has been in both of the earlier COWS reports. This report joins others—which have given national exposure to PNCECE and the Centers of Excellence in Washington state.  

American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), Sustainable Education and Economic Development (SEED) Conference, Gateway Technical College, Racine, WI, Oct 12/3

- Troy Nutter, Operational Training Manager/Puget Sound Energy, and Barbara Hins-Turner presented on the industry/community college panel sharing the Washington State Center of Excellence model, Department of Energy grant and occupational skill standards work. SEED was created by the American Association of Community Colleges, with partner ecoAmerica, it is a comprehensive initiative to advance sustainability and green workforce development practices at community colleges by identifying and sharing innovative models and resources. SEED membership includes more than 460 other AACC colleges representing nearly 43% of all public community college enrollments or 3.5 million students—and growing. As a follow up, Dr. Walton approved Centralia College SEED membership.

Academy of Energy Entrepreneurs Project – U.S Dept. of Commerce Technical Assistance Grant

- A U.S. Department of Commerce technical assistance grant, submitted by the Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy, was funded to develop the Academy of Energy Entrepreneurs effective Oct 1, 2012; $87,948 (leverage $87,948). The project is supported by Lewis, Grays Harbor and Clallam County Economic Development Councils and the Port of Chehalis. College partnership for the project includes Centralia, Peninsula and Grays Harbor.

Smart Grid Project Governance Board Meeting, PNCECE-Centralia College, October 9, 2012

- Troy Nutter, Manager, Operational Training/Puget Sound Energy and Governance Board Chair, convened the Board at PNCECE. Nineteen board members including four PNCECE staff were in attendance from Washington, Oregon and Utah. Attendees represented industry, organized labor, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, the Utah Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WestCAMP), WA Department of Veterans Affairs, WSU Energy Program and the Regional Education and Training Center – Satsop Campus (RETC).
  - Labor Market Study: Dr. Alan Hardcastle, Sr. Research Associate/WSU Energy Extension Program, provided an overview of project underway to update the 2008 study.
  - National Training and Education Resource (INDER): Bob Topping, Director of Strategic Initiatives/RETC-presented the NTER open source platform developed by the U.S. Department of Energy that will be used to “house” all of the training modules being developed across the five-state region under the DOE Smart Grid Project.
  - Dave Sorensen, Executive Director/WestCAMP, Orem, Utah, presented a summary of the U.S. Department of Commerce National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) interoperability standards. Dave led the board in a discussion on strategic planning for future funding. Troy Nutter, board chair will appoint a Sustainability sub-group to update the Center of Excellence strategic plan for moving forward.
  - Pete Saflund, The Saflund Institute, engaged the board in a discussion around a draft outline for the DOE Smart Grid project final evaluation. Pete asked for input from the board on the draft design and discussed in detail the elements that are being proposed for data gathering and analysis.
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Power Energy Society (IEEE PES)

- As a result of the summer IEEE PES conference attended by Barbara Hins-Turner and John Hofman, Centralia College Electrical Pre-Engineering graduate, John was awarded a $5,000 scholarship to fund his transfer to WSU Vancouver Electrical Engineering program. John is the first community college student in the country to receive the scholarship award. IEEE PES has historically focused only on awarding scholarships to university electrical engineering program students.

Careers in Energy Week, Oct. 15 – 19, 2012

- PNCECE contracted with the Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO (WSLC) through the DOE Smart Grid grant to expand K-12 outreach. WSLC and PNCECE coordinated and facilitated events to celebrate Careers in Energy Week 2012. This is a national initiative sponsored by the national Center for Energy Workforce Development to educate students, parents, counselors and faculty about the high-skills, high-wage career opportunities in the energy industry. Highlights of the event include:
  - PNCECE procured a proclamation from Governor Gregoire claiming October 15 – 19, 2012, as Careers in Energy Week.
  - The mayors of Spokane and Centralia and the Spokane County Commissioners joined with proclamations.
  - Centralia City Light General Manager Ed Williams, Barbara Hins-Turner and Monica Brummer promoted Centralia College, our partnership with Centralia City Light, and Careers in Energy Week at Oct. 9’s Centralia City Council meeting. Dr. Walton attended the meeting to support us.
  - Statewide events occurred in collaboration with industry, education and organized labor partners that range from Pend Oreille County PUD hydro tours and the Tacoma Power’s Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery for students and counselors, hands-on power grid simulation activities at the Gonzaga University ZagOps Lab, and interactive student presentations at the Regional Education and Training Center, Satsop Campus.
  - Locally, we provided a workshop called “Energize YOUR Future” within TRiO’s Expand Your Horizons event at Centralia College on Oct. 20. The week, along with our website address, was promoted through Centralia City Light utility bills.
  - Well more than 200 students, grades 6 – 16, as well as many faculty, counselors and parents participated in 13 events. Final outreach numbers will be presented in the next trustee report.

CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST
Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

- The Centralia College Organization of Students (CCEOS) held elections October 9 and October 10. Congratulations are in order to President Allyisha Falkenberry, Vice President Derrick Thompson, Secretary Tamra Lopez and Treasurer Leita Leach.

- The new CCEOS members already began planning events at CCEast. On Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm, they are sponsoring a screening of Seeking the Greatest Good with the Fire Mountain Arts Council and the United States Forest Service at the Roxy Theater. Admission is by donation with proceeds to benefit the CCEast Scholarship Fund and Roxy Theater operations. This special screening takes place prior to the film’s release on PBS.

Seeking the Greatest Good highlights the life of the man for which Gifford Pinchot National Forest was named and the conservation ethic he championed, which is the guiding principle in all Forest Service Management activities to this day.

After the movie, there will be opportunity for discussions with fellow audience members and Forest Service Representatives.

- The Centralia College East Advisory Committee held their fall meeting. The purpose of the committee is to provide feedback to CCEast on how well we are meeting the educational needs of the communities we serve. The meeting was well attended and included several new faces. Larry McGee updated the group on the BASM.