BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

BASM

- We had one student from the first cohort drop due to an extreme workload at his place of employment. The individual is part of an IT team integrating systems for a large merger and is working very long hours and expects to at least through April 2014. He does intend to step back into the BASM program and is targeting next fall to do so.

- The second cohort continues with 30 students. We lost a student recently due to a very serious illness in the family and the student is going to be the chief caregiver.

- A visit was made to Peninsula College to conduct a careful review of their internship course that is an integral part of the BASM program. Our internship course is one of the capstone courses for BASM where the student needs to apply a broad spectrum of what has been learned in the set of courses in the program. The adjunct faculty member, Brian Cummings, President of Quanex Building Products in Chehalis (formerly Aluminite) accompanied us on this important visit. The use of a contract tying internship project objectives directly to BASM program outcomes; the weekly review of both a student journal and a supervisor-kept time sheet and other components suggest a high quality internship activity is being conducted.

BASD

- The SBCTC review period for the BASD Parts A & B, known as the “needs statement” will end November 7. Dr. Walton will make a brief presentation to the SBCTC at their regular December 4/5 meeting and the plan is to immediately submit parts C & D “program Approval and Application Materials.” The notification to the NWCCU will be submitted at the same time to reduce the total time between now and official approval.

- The time invested to date by both the BAS office and the diesel instructors is considerable.

- Close communications are taking place between instructors Jake Fay and Jacob Conrad with key industry representatives and with the directors of the larger two year diesel associates programs that will provide the students.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

Art

- Marlene Hodge, lab assistant, took part in ART Trails in Lewis County. She exhibited dark room produced photography for both weekends in late September.

On October 4 filmmaker Kathleen Vitale (of Endangered Threads Documentaries) was on campus filming art professor Liz Frey as she interacted with students. This footage is intended as part of the upcoming film Sheer Elegance; Surviving Strands of Ancient Maya Weaving and is related to the work Professor Frey will be doing in Guatemala during her winter quarter sabbatical. Her sabbatical project involves the study of a traditional Maya textile which has a rich history and is currently an endangered art form. She will be learning to weave this textile and will research the provenance and history of the pattern. She will also visit various Maya archeological sites and museums and expand her knowledge of Mesoamerican art history. After her return to the college, Liz will incorporate this new information into existing art history and fibers classes and also develop a new course in Mesoamerican art history.

Adjunct English instructor Kimberly Bennett’s poem “Marnie Clark” has been published on The Far Field, the Washington State Poet Laureate Program website <http://kathleenflenniken.com/blog/>.

Kimberly coordinated and hosted a poetry workshop at CC East with Kathleen Flenniken, Washington State Poet Laureate 2012-2014. Kim also has been appointed special issues and poetry editor for the online journal River & South, which seeks entries in fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

The Writing Center is hosting a series of workshops for writers interested in NaNoWriMo, the annual contest for novelists. Jennifer Horrace (CC grad and IT employee) who has participated in this event for five years will be facilitating Friday, 12-1 brown bag lunch meetings during November in the Writing Center, Kemp 105.

New lead consultant in the Writing Center, Polly MacKenzie, completed the online Introduction to Canvas course sponsored by SBCTC and attended the Ethics training on campus during October.

Student Michele Gallagher has an adaptation of a personal essay she wrote last year published in the journal The Sun in its “Readers Write” section on the theme of Trying Again.

Adjunct faculty member Neva Knott has launched an environmental writing blog with a group of friends from Green Mountain College. Her intention is that it becomes more of an online publication: <http://theecotoneexchange.com/2013/09/05/a-congregation-of-land-stewardship/>. Neva also published an essay by one of her students on her blog: <http://theecotoneexchange.com/2013/11/01/viva-la-garden/>.

Rising Tide Seminar: Dr. Sheel Bansal, postdoctoral forest ecologist, U.S. Forest Service, Olympia. Seminar starts at noon in NSC 121. A reception follows at 1 p.m. in NSC 309.

Physics and engineering professor Michael Threapleton reports that former student Travis Kinney has been awarded an IEEE Power Energy Society scholarship. He is one of only six students in the nation to receive this award. IEEE posted the scholarship awardees on its website: <http://www.ee-scholarship.org/about-scholarship/john-w-estey-award/2013-2014/>.

Also there’s a very nice piece about another former student, John Hofman, a previous Power Energy Society IEEE Scholarship winner. Hofman and Kinney have been our two most recent WSU-Vancouver president’s scholarship winners and it’s great to see that they are continuing to impress those in their professional society, the IEEE. <http://www.ee-scholarship.org/how-it-works/students/experiences/john/>.

November 20: Native Vision
The experience of Native Americans in the 1930s and 1940s. A Navajo girl explores her family’s past while struggling to keep her culture in a government-run boarding school. Her vision of becoming a modern healer in a changing world is brought to life as her community joins the U.S. in World War II. This is a Living Voices presentation. www.livingvoices.org
• **November 27: Centralia College Choir**  
The choir will perform a selection of songs. The performance will be in Corbet Theatre. (tentative)

• **December 4: Ink Stained Amazons and Cinematic Warriors: Superwomen in Modern Mythology**  
From Wonder Woman to Buffy Summers, Emma Peel to Sydney Bristow, Charlie’s Angels to the Powerpuff Girls, superwomen are more than just love interests or sidekicks who stand by their men. In this lively multimedia presentation, pop-culture historian Jennifer K. Stuller ([www.ink-stainedamazon.com](http://www.ink-stainedamazon.com)) will help us explore how the female hero in modern mythology has broken through the boys’ club barrier of tradition. Using comic, television and film, we will discuss female action and super heroines from the 1930s to the present day. Do social and political forces affect pop-culture – and vice versa? This conversation will examine women’s representations in media and women’s role as media makers, inspiring us to think deeper about popular culture, media, gender images and storytelling. *This presentation is sponsored by part by the Washington State Humanities.*

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

• Julie Nurse has been appointed to the tenure-track faculty librarian position, Information Literacy & Educational Technology Librarian. She begins November 1. Julie has 15 years of experience as a professional librarian, most recently as an adjunct librarian at South Puget Sound Community College and as a Reference Librarian/Energy Project Analyst with Washington State University’s Energy Program. She has excellent skills in teaching, reference, and research. She also has skills in the application and instruction of educational technology. Julie earned her MLIS at North Carolina Central University and her BA (Anthropology) from Florida State University. She brings positive energy and creativity to her work for students and faculty. We look forward to working with her!

• Carrie Powell has been appointed to the exempt eLearning Support Manager position. Carrie has been serving in a classified position in eLearning, and this opportunity will allow her to broaden her experience with management of eLearning tools and support, while also giving the college a smart, hard-working, and enthusiastic person in a key position. Congrats, Carrie!

• Carrie Powell attended the fall meeting of the eLearning Council. Among the issues at hand were a discussion of the future of Quality Matters at SBCTC colleges as a tool for the development of quality online and hybrid courses. Additionally, the council is preparing to submit RFP’s for the purchase of three major tools: lecture capture (current tool in use is Tegrity), Turnitin (plagiarism detection software), and Smarter Measure (online learning readiness assessment tool).

• Sue Kennedy attended the fall meeting of LMDC (Library Media Directors Council). Through the council, Sue is leading a statewide effort to develop a library leadership development program, helping with both succession planning and library faculty development across the SBCTC colleges.

• Linda Foss, English faculty, has begun her role as eLearning Faculty Liaison. This pilot position allows Linda to provide support to faculty on eLearning issues related to professional development, instructional design, and use of eLearning technologies. So far the pilot project has been successful, with an expansion of outreach to faculty and a redesign of support and learning opportunities.

• Dale Carroll continues to provide leadership in campus retention initiatives. Activities this year have been launched with the introduction of different CCATs (Centralia College Action Teams) to focus on several topics related to student retention. Many thanks to the numerous people on campus contributing to this important work.
Preston Kiekel has been appointed to the interim position of Research Manager. This position is responsible for data integrity, meeting state and federal reporting requirements, supporting assessment and accreditation efforts on campus, and managing the college’s data resources. Preston has jumped right in. He attended the fall meeting of the Research and Planning Commission, where he was able to get an orientation to the RPC and to the State Board staff who support the data work of the colleges. Preston has a PhD in psychology and an MS in statistics from New Mexico State University. He has been teaching math here on an adjunct capacity. He has experience providing research expertise in an educational setting. We are very excited to have Preston on board. Preston reports directly to President Walton.

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

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
- The first Family Night of the school year was a success! One hundred eighty six (186) individuals attended and shared a meal, participated in a parent educational piece, and enjoyed art activities with their children, grandchildren, etc. We attribute the success to collaborating with the Lab School.
- Two teachers and two staff members attended literacy training with David Matteson on October 28. This training was arranged in collaboration with Lewis County Head Start. The skills learned will be applied in the classroom to assist children with kindergarten readiness.
- The first Parent Policy Council meeting will be held November 8. This input and dialogue will provide feedback from parents on what is going well in ECEAP experiences and areas to improve upon to benefit children and families served.
- Preschool student assessments were held over a course of 3-days. The entire ECEAP staff worked as a team to ensure that the children were assessed in the following areas: motor skills, identifying concepts, and language development. The RN, Audree Olson, was available to screen children in vision and hearing.

Children’s Lab School (CLS)
- Children’s Lab School and ECEAP have been partnering with the Visions program, a program for special needs students 18-21 learning independent living and job skills. Two students are working in classrooms three days a week.
- CLS collaborated with ECEAP for the monthly family night event.
- All recruitment and assessments were completed for the Executive Function Game Playing strategy. Implementation of the strategy is being done fall and winter quarter. Ongoing planning work is now beginning for a curriculum that focuses on attachment and Executive Function skills for families who have experienced trauma. This curriculum is planned for implementation spring quarter. We have been fortunate to receive funding for planning from the Department of Early Learning and seed money for implementation from the Center for the Developing Child/Harvard.
- Children’s Lab School has entered into the Early Achievers program this month. Early Achievers is the quality rating and improvement system in the state of Washington. This program will partner in assessing, coaching, and rating our program. The Department of Early Learning is providing professional development funding once a program is rated in their system.

Parenting Education
- Dynamic Dads is a new class being offered this quarter. The adjunct instructor Keoki Kauanoe, has taught the curriculum in Olympia prior to teaching here. This 11 session class is held Saturday mornings from 9-noon and is funded by a grant from Family Education and Support in Thurston County. Feedback from fathers attending has been positive- one comment was, “What an amazing course! I am learning so much and I am excited for the rest of the classes!”
• Spanish Strengthening Families Program at Washington Elementary School in Centralia has brought together families and their youth ages 9-14 from Centralia, Chehalis and Rochester. Students are developing tools to increase family harmony through positive parent-youth communication. The new adjunct instructor is Santos Mendez and the team includes members from Centralia College Child and Family Studies, Centralia School District ELL and Migrant programs, ESD 113s 21st Century after school program, and the community.

• Cristi Heitschmidt and Linda Wilcox met with Rosa Borja from CIELO to discuss parenting classes in the Hispanic Community. Rosa is presently working with Human Response Network (HRN) in Lewis County to begin a group for Hispanic domestic violence victims. This connection is valuable in future planning of classes with the Hispanic community.

• Bobbi Chapman, a long-time preschool teacher at Fiddlesticks, an affiliated cooperative preschool, has joined the adjunct instruction staff. This quarter she is teaching Incredible Years, to parents of children at DELL’S Children’s center and center staff. This pilot project was created to provide parenting education to families in child care centers who are participating in Washington Early Achievers Quality Rating and Improvement System.

• CFS parenting instructors, as part of quarterly meetings, will be examining 6 principles from the Heart of Learning and Teaching: Compassion, Resiliency and Academic Success, the resource is from Compassionate Schools out of OSPI. The principles support the work we do with diverse parenting students, many of whom come to us with complex trauma backgrounds. The work is grounded in the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES), the largest public health study of its kind that links adverse experiences to health and behavioral health throughout the lifetime.

Parent Support Services (PSS)

• The fall TIPS children (all 40 of them) were delighted to be gifted with adorable “pumpkins” made by Nita Taylor. They were made out of painted cans, painted, decorated and filled with a special pencil, eraser, stickers and fruit snacks! How gracious and considerate of our former employee to gift our children with such a special treat!

Passport to College

• Passport staff are working with six new freshman students this quarter, in addition to returning population.

• Four students who have transferred to the university are also still receiving frequent support through text message phone calls and care packages.

• One student recently began a 6-month internship working in an Olympia behavior therapy center with children who have autism.

• Community Collaboration, program staff have been contacted to meet with the new College Success Foundation representative who will be organizing the Regional Passport to College Summit to be held in the spring. A meeting has been set for November to give tour of our campus, have opportunity to meet with campus champions, and provide planning support for the upcoming conference.

Teens Entering Education Now (T.E.E.N.)

• Students from the TEEN Program provided a youth voice at the Pacific Mountain Regional Alliance for Youth Conference at New Market Skills Center. Our students attended this along with adults from OSPI, ESD 113, community agencies, local and state legislators, and local employers. Opportunity was given for students to share their experience in education and to give thoughts about secondary education and the collective impact initiative.
• On October 29, students spent a “school day without walls” out at Blue Earth Farm. Students gleaned the last of the squash and planted a cover crop, helped pick apples and grapes and then made fresh cider, worked with the horses, experienced art class in the barn, and participated in group building activities for health class. Owner, Karl Winsor is an active community business person who works diligently with our teens to give them farming experience, entrepreneur skills, helps to run the campus CC Grow Market, and gives significant time to finding resources for our CC grow project.

• Younglives group met and women of the community mentored 11 TEEN students during the "Pumpkin and Pizza" event this month. One of our youth who attended summer camp for young moms, will be a speaker at the upcoming Younglife Banquet.

• True-North which provides drug and alcohol counseling are providing on-site services to youth in our program.

• Possibilities agency is also providing on-site prenatal development classes.

• Donna Muller, RN from the health department continues to provide pre and post natal information, as well as infant growth and development medical support.

• Campus Engagement - Two students volunteered at the Fall Festival along with TEEN work study and Rotaract Secretary, Kim Wilson. Kim has also been instrumental in taking students to attend the twice monthly meetings of Rotaract on campus.

• As a part of our TEEN parenting curriculum, students are taking part in a research study funded by Foundations of Innovation and conducted by Harvard University. Researchers are looking into the impact of executive function on resiliency. Executive function consists of short-term/operating memory, flexibility, and inhibitory control. Washington State is the first state to fully participate with FOI. The research and 10 week intervention involves the use of game playing both for both our young parents and children in our children's lab school.

TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION

Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

International Student Retention Project

• Working with a grant from Puget Sound Energy, Randy Johnson, Developmental English/Intensive English faculty, is heading up a project to improve retention of International Students. Some international students come here with college level English skills; others still need courses in our Intensive English program. Randy's project recognizes that some of these students, regardless of their language skills, need additional support to help them succeed. The retention project monitors international students' progress in all their classes, with regular input from the individual faculty teaching these students. So far initial progress reports have been received from most teachers, and we are responding with advisor support and connection to campus resources. Already some recommendations have surfaced to improve retention for ALL students. With Amanda Mobbs, the new Student Advisor in the International Student Program Office, we are working to improve the database for maintaining contact with all international students. In addition, Brian Carroll, Intensive English faculty, Randy Johnson and other faculty are developing a new Student Success course to be offered winter quarter to a cadre of international students. Many students have already successfully graduated from Centralia College. We are hoping this program will assure that all international students succeed.

Testing Center/Phoenix Center Front Desk

• On October 17, Melissa Hahn attended the Request for Information (RFI) Vendor Presentations of high school equivalency exams at South Seattle Community College. Information from these presentations will be used by the State Board to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued in early 2014, from which the official 2015 high school equivalency test for Washington State will be determined.
The testing center continues to provide services to the correctional institutions in the area. Again this month, residents from Green Hill, who are close to their release date, were brought to campus to take the COMPASS college placement test. Melissa Hahn also proctored the GED test at the Lewis County Jail on October 30.

To meet the needs of the nursing program the testing center staff worked with Nola Ormrod, Nursing faculty, to expand the current exam schedule for nursing students.

Basic Skills

Judith Aguilar, ESL faculty and coordinator reports that Citizenship Day was held at South Puget Sound Community College this year. Judith served as the community coordinator for the event. On citizenship day lawyers from the American Immigration Lawyers Association partner with One America to provide free legal aid to legal permanent residents who qualify for Naturalization. This year, 34 clients who requested help filling out the N-400 Petition for Naturalization were served. Over 50% of those who participated were able to complete the process and leave the workshop with petitions that were completed and ready to be mailed. People from Germany, Canada, Great Britain, Ethiopia, Jordan, Mexico, Peru, China, and other countries attended the event. All clients left grateful for the help they received. There were 35 volunteers, including immigration lawyers, paralegals (Laura Martinez, Spanish faculty, participated as a paralegal), interpreters and general volunteers (Kathy Miller, IEP faculty, helped with intake.)

On October 28, Rosa Borja, from the CIELO project in Olympia gave a presentation on child sexual abuse to ESL students. The class was very grateful for the information. Ms. Borja was able to leave materials that families can use at home to help in conversations with their children about what is appropriate and what is not and when to say “no.”

On October 2, Kerry Trethewey, ABE faculty participated in a webinar that focused on working with students with Autism/Aspergers in the classroom. Kerry currently works on integrating WAMAP (Washington Mathematics Assessment and Placement) into her CANVAS math courses. WAMAP is a Washington state databank of math assessment problems created by David Lippman from Pierce College. It allows a math instructor to create their own assessments by choosing from a bank of over 3000+ algorithmic problems. This means that once the assessment is created, every time the student retakes that assessment, the values in the problems will be different (and the problem order will be changed).

Developmental Math

Roberta Ziegler, Developmental Math faculty, reports that she has built a strong supportive relationship with Marty Wiebe, STEM center coordinator. Roberta attended Our Literacy Council tutor training and plans to create a tutor training class in CANVAS. Currently STEM instructors volunteer ten support hours in the center, to which Roberta contributes two hours weekly.

In addition to providing tutoring support Roberta connects with students outside of the classroom as advisor and founder of the Outdoor Club. She proudly notes that the club started with an overwhelming number of 62 students signing up at the club fair. On October 25, the Outdoor Club hosted a booth at the Fun Fest, dressing up in elaborate scary tree costumes.

Lisa Spitzer, Developmental Math faculty, Brigitte Kidd, Dean, Transitional Education, Durelle Sullivan, Dean, Workforce and Kelli Bloomstrom, Assoc. Dean attended the Best Practices Exchange at Clover Park Technical College on October 28. The presentations highlighted strategies with demonstrated evidence of moving students to and through student achievement momentum points. Davis Jenkins, senior research associate with the Community College Research Center (CCRC) at Columbia University, was the keynote speaker.
Worker Retraining

- Bev Gestrine and Joan Meister attended the Veteran’s break out session at the All Staff Retreat. They were eager to learn more information and services provided by Rodney Saarela, in the relocated Veteran’s Center, now in Kemp Hall near where they are housed at the Intake Center. Rodney Saarela graciously put up a flier advertising assistance to Veteran’s and others on Unemployment Insurance through the Worker Retraining program. Also, staff distributed the Veteran fliers across campus, to CCEast and the WorkSource Lewis County. Employment Security Department has dubbed this as, “Year of the Veteran” with many military staff leaving the service and/or returning to the United States.

- An article in the Chronicle announced a Veteran graduate of Centralia College, Patrick Zandecki, is the new county’s veteran specialist. Worker Retraining staff are in the process of contacting Patrick to talk about services the program can provide to veterans. Also, Brooke Merchant developed a new flier to recruit veterans off campus who may not know about the services and funding Worker Retraining can provide to them.

- The Unemployment Insurance (UI) rate for September is unknown, due to the federal government shutdown. The last UI report was August 2013, at 10.5% in Lewis County. The information for the month of October will be released November 26, but September’s report has been cancelled.

- Lanny Blanksma and Joan Meister have been holding weekly workshops to enroll potential students winter quarter. The weekly schedule for winter entry started on October 8, and will continue through Tuesday, December 3, for winter quarter entry.

- The Worker Retraining Financial Aid Informational Committee meeting was held on November 1. The discussion centered on expanding funding criteria, and the local WorkSource funding. Della Williams and Joan Meister discussed funding options along with “best practices”, and it was decided to expand current funding policies. Worker Retraining staff have been meeting with less students to enroll.

- Also, information was shared from the partner agency. Aaron Hensley, WorkSource Lewis County counselor, reported a new grant called National Emergency Grant (NEG). The new grant can fund dislocated workers who have drawn UI for 27 consecutive weeks. They can still be drawing UI, or be exhausted. The grant is in the amount of $60,000 and effective for 24 months. Aaron and Joan talked and plan to co-enroll 17 students at a fall quarter meeting. Members of the committee attending included; Della Williams, financial aid; Rosanna Schlage, admissions; Kelly Worthy, admissions; Debra Walker, business; Aaron Hensley, WorkSource counselor; Bev Gestrine, director, and Joan Meister, coordinator. The committee decided to continue holding meetings on a quarterly basis.

WorkFirst

- Bev Gestrine attended the fall quarter Regional LPA (County’s WorkFirst agency partnership) meeting held in Olympia. Agenda topics included “Changes within the Partnership”, “Lean Activities”, “The LPA Planning Process” and other items. A considerable amount of time was spent on discussing how colleges are dealing with the impact of the 25% budget cut. Basically all schools reported that they are now seriously limited in the services that can be provided. Colleges represented at the meeting included Grays Harbor, Clark, Lower Columbia, Olympic and Centralia.

- The LPA 2014 meeting schedule has been developed and will be made available to committee members at the November 21 meeting.

- Margret Friedley was invited to participate in the “Ending Family Homelessness and Rapid Rehousing” training scheduled for November 13 in Thurston County. WorkFirst, Community Jobs and WorkSource staff will be able to spend the day building a team with their local housing service providers to best assist TANF households with housing and employment.
Connie Robertson is revising her Option’s teaching schedule to reflect her new assignments to take over the WorkFirst Study Hall in Kemp Hall, room 101. This adjustment is required because of the 25% cut in WorkFirst funding. With her new responsibilities she will only be able to teach one day a week instead of two at Options.

**Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)**
- The fiscal auditors will visit the program in November. Currently, there is no date set and staff are preparing for the visit.
- Debra Caviness continues to stay very busy enrolling new students on a weekly basis. Debra and Joan Meister worked together closely in funding BFET students with Worker Retraining funding for books fall quarter.
- Due to the government shutdown the BFET second annual conference was moved to December 10-11, at SeaTac. Margret Friedley and Debra Caviness will be attending. The SBCTC had asked that if system underspent funds would become available could the department use additional resources. Staff requested an additional $60,000. The college expects to be informed by April of funding status. The funds must be spent by October 30, 2014.
- Margret Friedley is preparing an annual report for the State Board. BFET students achieved 52 degrees and certificates last year as well as several GED completions.

**Other**
- Bev Gestrine completed specifications and submitted a purchase request to the Correctional Industries for remodeling our intake counter to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The ADA/Civil Rights auditor visited the Intake Center on the 28th of October and was informed of the plans. The work is expected to be completed in December. All of the areas documents have been updated to be in compliance with the Civil Rights law too.
- Joan Meister joined the Leadership Program and attended her first meeting on October 18. She is excited to learn more about leadership, bond with other participants and enjoyed visiting South Puget Sound campus. Also, Joan agreed to be a member on the Medical Assistant Advisory Committee. Linda Murray feels her knowledge of labor market information will be valuable. And, Joan also joined the Classified Staff Training Committee. The members are responsible for providing training opportunities to staff at the Classified Spring Retreat. Joan is excited about the new opportunities to serve and learn more about leadership.

**PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS**
_Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education_

**Accounting Department**
_Submitted by Otto Rabe_
- This quarter I have been introducing “FLEX” classes to my students.
  - Over 40 students signed up for the flex class option they can move between online and classroom.
  - There have been several make a weekly election to both move online and return to participate in the classroom (it’s about even)
  - The retention rate for “FLEX” is at a high of over 90%
  - Next quarter classes will be offered as “FLEX” as well: Business Tax, Payroll, Business Math, Accounting Principles 202
- Our New Adjunct faculty member in Accounting is Haley Bruce - A management accountant with public company experience is currently teaching our accounting principles 201 overflow course and doing a fine job of it to-date. She brings chief accountant and controller level real world (and much appreciated) experience to the classroom. I expect she will carry her class of 35 all year!
- The Great Forensic Challenge
  - Over 20 accounting and business students planning on competing in this challenge
  - Induction begins 4 November and challenge ends 29 November
  - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prized for top three challengers
  - Open to all students

- Accounting Club Activities
  - Guest Speaker – Dr. Darby Affeldt spoke on “Financial Practice” on 23 October over 20 students attended that event. Next Guest Speaker – “Heidi Pehl” owner of I5 Cars is coming to talk about managing the small business team.

- Student Employment
  - The college has been instrumental in placing accounting students in the following real-time positions:
    - Full charge accountant at Butteville Lumber in Onalaska
    - Bookkeeper at Glass Guru in Centralia
    - Bank Teller at Security State Bank

**Diesel Technology**
*Submitted by Jake Conrad and Jake Fay*

- Jake Fay and Jake Conrad went to Portland last Monday with the recruiting manager for Pape’ Group and met with the regional service managers of Pape’ Machinery (John Deere, Hitachi), Pape’ Material Handling (Hyster, Yale, Bobcat), and Pape’ Kenworth. This was to promote our program and to get feedback for BASD curriculum. They were excited about the BASD and will be working with us for co-op spots in the spring.

- Jake Fay has been sequestered for the last two weeks working on parts C and D of the paperwork for BASD approval. Jake Conrad is attending a Hybrid truck class Nov 12-14.

- Participated in the children’s lab school Harvest Walk.

- Picked up another batch of items from JBLM federal surplus. Shop equipment, steel, and a large snorkel boom man lift.

- We will be running our firewood raffle the month of November for the Diesel scholarship endowment. Tickets are $1 each and the prize is 2 cords of dry split delivered firewood.

- Jake Fay is writing course outlines for the new program and will be going to Idaho State University for winter quarter to be trained in Power Generation for Diesel Technology. Long time faculty member, Ken Rakoz will be filling in for Jake.

**Nursing**
*Submitted by Nola Ormrod*

- Quarterly reports from the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (Department of Health) show that our graduates are well-prepared to enter practice as LPNs (at the end of their 4th quarter of study) and as RNs (at the end of their 6th quarter of study). They score better than both the Washington State and National averages for new graduates. In April of 2013 the passing standard for both the LPN and RN exams was adjusted to a higher (more difficult) standard. State and National statistics include testers at both the earlier (easier) and later (harder) standards. Our LPN (Practical Nurse) results reflect only the earlier standard. Our RN (Registered Nurse) results reflect only the later standard.
  - Our 2013 Practical Nurse (PN) pass rate is 14/14 = 100%
  - WA State 2013 PN Pass rate is 613/635 = 96.54%
  - National 2013 PN Pass rate is 39820/46544 = 85.54%
  - Our 2013 Registered Nurse (RN) Pass rate is 20/22 = 90.91% (One June 2012 grad did not test until 6/13 and did not pass; one June 2013 grad has not yet tested.)
  - WA State 2013 RN Pass rate is 2091/2399 = 87.16%
  - National 2013 RN Pass rate is 120121/142530 = 84.28%
The Director of Nurses at a Pierce County Mental Health facility writes:
“We are fortunate to have both Tammy and Joel with us! They clearly had a wonderful experience in your program. I’ve only been with Telecare since February of this year but have gained an understanding that both Tammy and Joel came out of your program well prepared for the tasks ahead of them and have been cornerstones of nursing care in this facility over the past year. They are highly regarded by the staff they supervise, their peers, and the management of this facility.”

The employees she is praising are June 2012 AAST-RN graduates of our program.

Criminal Justice
Submitted by Tadd Belden
- Tadd Belden will be working an education booth on Saturday 11/2 at the Veteran’s Memorial Museum (Chehalis) during a Lewis County Veteran’s Resource fair. He will be representing Centralia College CJ program and distribute other workforce education material and answer questions to interested veterans that attend from 10am-1pm.

Submitted by Greg Gilbertson
- On Friday, October 25, I (Greg Gilbertson) made Criminal Justice career focused presentations to three Senior English classes at W.F. West High School from 9:00 - 11:30 am. The respective teachers in these classes were Mrs. Fralick, Mrs. Blume, and Mr. Zuber. I distributed Workforce Education program booklets that highlight all Workforce Education programs. All totaled, I met with nearly 60 high school seniors. The students and teachers alike were all very receptive, exceptionally gracious, asked many questions, and seemed thoroughly engaged in our dialogue with one another. I gave every student a business card and encouraged them all to contact me via email and set up a time to visit one of our criminal justice classes this quarter if they were interested.

At least six students engaged me after our respective chats and said they would contact me soon as they would love to visit a class this quarter. Apparently W.F. West students can earn extra credit for career exploration activities. All in all, today was extremely enjoyable for me, and I think the students had a good time too.

- On Wednesday, October 30 I made another career focused presentation to nearly 40 high school and middle school students at White Pass High School as part of their Student Enrichment Program. This was another wonderful experience as the students at White Pass were just as enthusiastic and engaged as the W.F. West students the previous week. They asked many questions about careers in law enforcement and Centralia College. As a matter of fact, three seniors shared with me that they intend to enroll in Centralia College in fall quarter 2014 and pursue their criminal justice degrees. All three hope to pursue careers in law enforcement as police officers and state troopers. Ms. Maureen Foley was my WPHS faculty point of contact for this presentation.

- My next career presentation is scheduled for Friday, November 8 at Centralia High School. I am pursuing a year-long program of faculty outreach to all of our service area high schools as a proactive initiative to increase criminal justice program enrollments, as well as showcase all of the wonderful academic and workforce education programs Centralia College has to offer our community. I will include a synopsis of my ongoing high school visits in future board reports.

Electronics, Robotics, and Automation
Submitted by Cal Taylor and David Peterson
- ERA has hired Thom Rathborne as Lab Manager and he has been busy cleaning, reorganizing, kitting up winter quarter parts kits, repairing equipment and ordering parts.

- Dave is breaking in as our new full-time instructor and is working on program changes for next year. He is also researching articulation with four year institutions across the state and in Oregon.

- We are working with Honeywell/Renton to make changes that will make our students more employable with them.

- Fluke has once again given us a ton of stuff. Every student in our program received a pocket Digital Multi-Meter and they also gave us enough to hand out to the Expanding Your Horizons participants.
We will be hosting an open house in Kemp Hall on November 13 from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Electronics club is excited to show off the new equipment and setup to the community and campus. Faculty and students are working very hard to make the program more appealing to recent high school graduates and running start students.

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

Careers in Energy Week

- We did it again! The Center partnered with Washington State Labor Council to coordinate statewide career awareness events. Twenty seven events reached out to more than 1,691 people (compared to 19 events, 900 people last year; 4 events, 450 people in 2011). Though this event was funded through the DoE grant the last two years, our partners did not want to lose the number-1-state-in-the-country status. Partners included Avista, Centralia City Light, Centralia College/TRIO, Columbia Basin College, Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, Girl Scouts Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho, Mobius Science Center, Spokane Area Workforce Development Council, Community Colleges of Spokane, Spokane Veteran’s Taskforce, Tacoma Power, and TransAlta.

- The Center hosted the following two events and attended others to promote Careers in Energy Week: Careers in Energy Proclamations: We received a proclamation from Governor Inslee and Monica attended the Oct. 8 Centralia City Council meeting. She sat with ML Norton and Micah Goo of Centralia City Light and gave a presentation on behalf of Centralia College’s Energy Technology program.

- Energy Technology Open House, Oct. 16. Representatives from Centralia City Light, Tacoma Power, Lewis County PUD and TransAlta brought interactive activities and information to share with guests. Guests included Jim Lowery and Joanne Schwartz (thank you!), Dr. Walton, two instructors from Rochester high school, five instructors from Centralia College, eight students, and nine CC staff.

- Tri-Cities Future Workforce Needs In Clean Energy Forum, Columbia Basin College (CBC), Oct 17 Barbara Hins-Turner presented at the Clean Energy Forum held at CBC that focused on economic development based on the energy industry in the Tri-Cities area. The panel was moderated by the Port of Benton and included Pacific Northwest National Lab, HAMMER Institute, Mid-Columbia Energy Initiative, wash WSU Tri-Cities Bio Chem.

- Tacoma Power Parks semi-annual meeting, Oct. 19: Monica met with 20 Tacoma Power Parks superintendents (Mayfield, Mossyrock and Alder lake parks) and administration to learn about other careers in the energy industry – and presented information about Centralia College's Energy Tech program.

- Light up YOUR Life at Expand Your Horizons, Oct. 20. Four activities including potato and lemon batteries, energy efficiency demonstrations, toss lights and energy bike riding were led by TransAlta’s Jennifer Cerney (boiler engineer) and Jennifer Hilzer (quality control specialist and CC graduate); Lewis EDC Energy Program Manager Sara Bowles (Grays Harbor College/CC Energy Tech graduate); CC student Edith Almanza; and Monica Brummer. Together, we entertained 29 7th – 9th grade girls and three adult volunteers. The girls were fascinated with the battery and energy efficiency demonstrations.

Centralia College celebrates Careers in Energy Week during Expand Your Horizons. Napavine Elementary teacher, Kathleen Krouse, looks on while TransAlta's Boiler Engineer, Jennifer Cerney, shows local middle school girls how to build potato batteries.
Wind Tech Advisory Board Meeting, Walla Walla Community College (WWCC), Oct 15

- Barbara Hins-Turner attended the WWCC Wind Tech and all campus advisory board meetings at WWCC. The focus of the advisory board meeting was creating a national collaboration of colleges that deliver wind programs and to develop shared curriculum among those colleges based on the Wind Tech skill standards developed by PNCECE and WSU. These colleges include WWCC, Laramie County Community College (WY), Mitchell Tech Community College (SD) and College of Southern Idaho (ID). The all campus dinner included a presentation by President, Steve Van Ausdle on the 2013 Aspen Community College Excellence awarded to WWCC.

Community Solutions Initiative (CSI) Business Workshops, San Jose, Oct. 21

- CSI is a non-profit member group of IEEE Power & Energy Society. It is committed to open-source design and delivery of energy solutions to the world’s poorest and most energy-deprived populations.
  - CSI’s Mission - To use renewable energy and technology to improve lives of people in remote communities in a sustainable way.
  - CSI’s Vision - To enable non-government organization (NGO) partners to provide access to basic electrical services for 50 million people within 10 years.
  - CSI’s Members - We are dedicated professionals who sense a unique opportunity in history to help eradicate global poverty. We all work pro-bono and our only expenses paid by IEEE are for a collaboration website. Many are practicing engineers. Some are educators, professors, managers, business owners, members of boards, doctors, entrepreneurs, CEOs, and heads of NGOs with experience in assisting developing countries.

PNCECE

- PNCEC was contracted to help disseminate information about CSI’s projects and to build a new website. Monica traveled to San Jose to attend a day of presentations and to meet international project managers. She is working with Cindy Lawrence to build a website which will be launched this fall.

Workforce Education Council - Bellingham Technical College, Oct 24/25

- Barbara Hins-Turner attended the quarterly Workforce Education Council (WEC) meeting at Bellingham Technical College. Highlights of committee work included creating a definition and protocol for statewide coordination of credit for prior learning practices to meet the 2011 legislative mandate and methods to track student employment and pathways. Barbara presented on a panel with the Centers of Excellence for Construction and Aerospace to the 2013/14 Deans Academy which is facilitated by the Center of Excellence for Careers in Education.

Regional Labor Market Study – U.S. Dept of Energy Smart Grid Project/ WSU Energy Program

- The final Smart Grid product has been completed - Workforce Challenges in the Electric Sector Labor Market Study. The study includes data submitted by 16 employers in WA/OR/ID/MT/UT and includes 9 occupational areas. It can be viewed at: http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/resources/

Dept. of Energy Smart Grid – Final Report

- The Smart Grid project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy has reached the close-out phase. The final project summary and fiscal reports will be submitted in November. Below is a snapshot of the final accounting. Project partners exceeded planned cost share (match) contributions by nearly $500,000. The project budget was fully spent.

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CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST
Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

- The Centralia College Organization of Students (CCEOS) held elections October 7 and October 9. Congratulations are in order to President Ethan Perry, Vice President Paul Guffey, Co-Secretaries Wendy Covell and Chyanne Bubar, Co-Treasurers Carissa Clauss and Kaitlin Sisk, Co-Public Relations Officers Jacquelyn Mixon and Kylee Caturegli.

- 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. During the last half of the meeting, Jim Lowery, Trustee, held a Presidential Search Board Scan for committee members, students, and the community.

- Centralia College East faculty, Vann Cantin and Kim Bennett with student, Eve Hambruch attended the Northwest Writers’ Weekend in Port Orchard November 1 – November 3. The weekend provided “a carve of time for your brilliance and confusion” via instructional class periods, writers’ circles, and instructors’ and participants’ readings/performances in poetry, creative non-fiction, and songwriting.

- Washington State Poet Laureate, Kathleen Flenniken invited Kim Bennett to submit her poems for a blog showcasing Washington State poets. Kim’s poem was selected and part of the showcase posted on October 28, 2013. You can visit Kim’s work at http://kathleenflenniken.com/blog/.

CEDAR CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER (CCCC)
Sarah Sytsma – Education Director

- We have hired our new Horticulture instructor, Scott Knapp. He comes to us from DOC and has a wealth of experience in this field; he is also very passionate about re-entry and the success of those he teaches. We are all excited to have him as part of our team – he will be an asset to both Centralia College and Cedar Creek.

- We are continuing the transition between Cedar Creek and WCC. Chuck’s retirement farewell is scheduled for February 1, 2014 – there will be more to come as the planning continues.

- Our main focus for the next eight weeks is on our GED students are about to complete their GED. The ABE/GED instructors are diligently working with their students to get this accomplished and we are scheduling extra test sessions to make this happen.