BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

BASM

- Twenty six of 26 students returned for year two. Twenty three of these students hope to graduate next June and the other 3 June of 2015.

- The entering cohort is now 31. One student dropped due to a judgment that the program would simply create a major overload in her life. We believe she made the right choice.

- Course development has been accelerated and all three winter courses will go to the first Instructional Council meeting of this academic year.

- Instructors are now determined for 16 of the 18 courses.

- We are going to take another careful look at the use of rubrics and grading schema within Canvas and how that feeds into our linked course objectives and programs outcomes to create the thorough assessment at the programmatic level that we have committed to for BASM.

- A BASM faculty collaboration meeting was held just before the quarter began. I am quite pleased with the exchange of information between the faculty which helps them and of course impacts the student experience.

- A BASM Community Advisory Board meeting was held and with Sue Kennedy’s help assessment was the topic. The work being done was enthusiastically received and some, like Ron Averill, former dean at SPSCC, clearly understood how much progress this assessment effort will represent when we can establish a closed loop around student attainment of program outcomes.

BASD

- The SBCTC parts A & B, “needs Assessment” will have been submitted by the time you read this update. There is a solid case for the need and the logic of this program at Centralia College.

- Work will start immediately on parts C & D, the program description.

- A series of communications with the lead of the large Portland community College diesel program (the largest in the eight state region with 100 enrolled this fall and a waiting list) has been most helpful.

- Dean Sullivan and VP Ward and VP Martens are working through options regarding physical space for the program needs.
Science

- During the summer, environmental science and botany professor Dr. Lisa Carlson participated in the following professional development activities:
  - June 18-22. Sound Learning Communities. A summer field course about restoring Puget Sound. Lisa joined faculty from South Puget Sound Community College, St. Martin's University, and The Evergreen State College in a week-long field course. Activities included visits with Squaxin tribal representatives, water quality sampling in Budd Bay, panel discussion on the future of Capital Lake, Nisqually estuary restoration, and much more. Centralia College colleagues Pat Pringle, Karen Goodwin, and Liz Frey also participated.
  - July 11-12. At the Crossroads: Climate Change, the Environment and Social Justice. A two-day Master Teacher Institute at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington. Speakers and discussion featured a range of interdisciplinary topics including climate impacts on the future of food, atmospheric trust litigation on behalf of future generations, ocean acidification, water resources in Chad and Jordan, and more, including discussion of curriculum ideas.
  - August 8. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Ecological Integrity Monitoring Project: Mentor training workshop. A one-day training at Scatter Creek Wildlife area for vegetation sampling and photo-point monitoring. Lisa intends to involve students in this project directly, bringing field trips to the site next spring. This is a monitoring system tailored specifically for this particular site.

- Chemistry professor Karen Goodwin reports that she administered the American Chemical Society's standardized exam that covers the entire year sequence of general chemistry to her students as their final last summer. This is an exam that is used nationwide, and is even used as a placement/entrance exam for some higher level courses. Out of 70 questions, our students’ average was 38.24. The national average was 36.85. Centralia College chemistry students are fantastic, says Karen. These students were each finishing up the year sequence, and some of them had started the sequence the previous fall.

- Geology professor Pat Pringle, along with two U.S. Geological Survey scientists, led a two-day field trip around Mount Rainier in September as part of the 2013 national meeting of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists. Pat also attended the conference which was held in Seattle and attended the landslide and volcano hazards technical sessions.

Art

- The central corridor of Washington Hall is currently hosting the exhibition “A Priori” by artist Alex Gibson. The show features a series of etched and fused glass panels that are the artist's response to the unexplained disappearance of his friend James. The work is touring, and was last on display at the Community Fine Arts Center in Rock Springs, Wyoming. There are 17 glass panels total, and each panel signifies a place in which James spent time. The artist's intention is to show this exhibition in each of those places, tracing the life of his friend. Together with the accompanying text the panels evoke Alex's inner journey as he grapples with his loss. The exhibit will be on campus until mid-November.
Kathleen Vitale, of Endangered Threads Documentaries, a small California-based nonprofit corporation founded in 2004, was on campus earlier this month to film art professor Liz Frey as she interacted with students. This footage is intended to be 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. The goal of Endangered Threads Documentaries is to produce educational documentaries recording endangered indigenous art forms, especially those in imminent threat of disappearing due to global economic expansion and the resulting homogenization of cultures. Target viewers are museum audiences, weavers, textile enthusiasts, anthropology teachers, students, travelers, and the general public.

**English**

- English and humanities professor Sharon Mitchler and her panel of Sarah Z. Johnson (Madison Community College) and Alexis Nelson (Spokane Falls Community College) will present "From the Pedagogical to the Political and the Published" at the Two-Year College English Association Regional Conference October 26.

- Sharon also has been notified that a review she wrote will be published in the February 2014 edition of the CCC (College Composition and Communication) journal. The piece is entitled "The Persistence and Complications of Class" and includes reviews of four books: *Inside the College Gates: How Class and Culture Matter in Higher Education* by Jenny M. Stuber; *Going North Thinking West: The Intersections of Social Class, Critical Thinking, and Politicized Writing Instruction* by Irvin Peckham; *Paying for the Party: How College Maintains Inequality* by Elizabeth A. Armstrong and Laura T. Hamilton; and *Back to School: Why Everyone Deserves a Second Chance at Education* by Mike Rose

**Speech**

- Speech instructor Jeff McQuarrie has created PROS, an acronym for Presentation Relief Squad. According to Jeff, most students will deliver a handful (or more) of presentations before graduation. He and a few of his former speech students will be in the Writing Center (Kemp Hall 105) four days per week to provide tips. Their goal is to make presentation worries manageable for all students.

**Lyceum WAH 103 1 p.m.**

*October 16: Your True Nature*

We share the planet with a host of other life. Nature holds the wisdom and the key to understanding the depths of who we are as human beings; it is our greatest teacher. We learn that all of nature is a reflection – it’s wisdom, science, and even consciousness – is a model for our own lives and evolution, and we see that everything really is connected on a depth and scale we couldn’t imagine. We solve the problems of today with the wisdom of the life around us and change ourselves and our world when we see that what we are looking at all around us is us. This program explores our true nature.

*October 23: World Outside My Shoes – a witness to Genocide*

Carl Wilkens, former head of Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA) in Rwanda, was the only American to remain in Kigali, Rwanda, once the genocide began in 1994. Come hear Carl’s personal first-hand account of life for the people of Rwanda as their country collapsed, as well as stories of those who stood up against the killers. The presentation will highlight what we as global citizens have in common, how our commonalities are so much greater than our differences and what that means for our response to violence – from bullying to genocide.

[www.worldoutsidemyshoes.org](http://www.worldoutsidemyshoes.org). Co-sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa
October 30: Enthobotony
Life does not function in a vacuum: it is affected by everything, including us. As a ceaseless seeker of knowledge and enlightenment, Dr. Alfredo Gomez-Beloz has come to a more holistic understanding of science. He studied the wound healing plants used by the Winikina Warao Indians of the Orinoco River Delta, Venezuela, and the use of botánicas by a Mexican population in the U.S. Dr. Gomez-Beloz has been able to bridge the multiple disciplines of science to offer a more holistic understanding of the world around us through his diverse teaching experiences. Born in Chicago of Mexican parents, Dr. Gomez-Beloz offers a fresh and interesting perspective to the multidisciplinary approach to science, especially ethnobotany, the study of the relationship between people and plants.

November 6: Micro-aggression in Everyday Life
Have you ever felt zombified by subtle but hurtful racist comments or stereotypes? In this presentation we will talk about the nature of these micro-aggressions, how they affect us and what we can do about them. Norma Alicia Pino, director of the First Peoples Advising Services, from The Evergreen State College, will be making this presentation.

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) 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 Gallaway - Dean, Library Services and eLearning

- Interviews for the vacant faculty librarian position are underway. The title is Information Literacy and Educational Technology Librarian. This position will blend the traditional teaching and library services roles of a faculty librarian with teaching and learning technology implementation. The goal is to improve integration of information resources across the curriculum.

- eLearning is piloting a program to support the instructional design needs of faculty, a role that Kathy Brooks played. Adapting models from other schools, the program is called eLearning Faculty Liaison. Linda Foss, English faculty, has been appointed to this position during the pilot phase. Main goals are to support online and hybrid design, and enhance faculty training opportunities. We will be assessing the value of this approach, and establishing criteria for continuing the program should it prove to be viable. Early indications are positive.
In further pursuit of filling department vacancies, eLearning is recruiting an eLearning Support Manager. This role is mainly responsible for administration of teaching and learning platforms, such as Canvas, and managing the day-to-day technical support of faculty and students in using teaching tools.

Connie Smejkal has been assisting BASM faculty with course design, providing Quality Matters reviews. Many thanks to Connie, a certified QM reviewer, for stepping up to help at a critical time.

eLearning will be testing a remote proctoring solution for a student currently deployed in Afghanistan. We will be looking at ways we may be able scale this option up.

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

- CFS all-staff in-service found 70 participants Friday, Sept. 13 with a focus on Adverse Childhood Experiences and building connections. 110 invitations were sent for this event.

ECE (Early Childhood Education)
- One student has been able to take advantage of the Early Achievers Opportunity Grant, beginning her studies fall quarter. There are five other applicants in process of obtaining Opportunity Grant funds to return to school winter quarter.

CLS (Children’s Lab School)
- Classrooms are full with a waiting list is in place.
- The Executive Function Game Playing Strategy, in collaboration with UC Berkley and Harvard’s Center for the Developing Child, is off to a great start. There are over 27 willing participants and pre-assessments have been completed. The “fun” part of the work, game-playing, begins next week with mid assessments being done in December and post assessments scheduled for mid-March.
- Staff began the year by working on developing core values for the Lab School.

ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program)
- Laura Martinez, Diversity Coordinator, will be visiting classrooms to share multicultural, developmentally appropriate music and stories with children. This will begin sharing of family traditions and culture with the children.
- One of the goals this year is to increase participation in the Parent Policy Council. During open house, Christina introduced herself to many parents and gathered a list of about 20 parents and caregivers wanting to learn more. Eight have committed to attending the first policy council for 2013-2014 school year.
- Several staff members, including our subcontracted teachers in PeEll, Boistfort, and Chehalis, attended a 2-day training in Seattle to learn more about the Teaching Strategies Gold assessment tool. The experience was positive—we had a spectacular trainer who was able to introduce our team to an exciting, cutting-edge program that will assist us in preparing children for success in kindergarten.
- Family Night is scheduled for October 22. There is excited anticipation from families from both the ECEAP and the Children’s Lab School—lots of food, parent education, family activities, and connections are to be had.

Parenting Education
- Centralia College Child and Family Studies in partnership with Rochester School District are offering *Parenting with Love and Logic* at Rochester Primary School. Students are engaged in learning and practice that teaches practical skills, increases family bonding and cooperation and helps children gain a sense of responsibility and accomplishment.
- Spanish *Strengthening Families Program for ages 9-14* will be held at Washington Elementary School in partnership with Centralia School District ELL and Migrant programs, ESD 113s 21st Century after school program, and Washington Elementary. This program brings together Spanish speaking parents and their youth 9-14 developing tools to increase communication, involvement and family harmony in addition to learning how to develop effective family rules.

- Child and Family Studies in partnership with Family Education and Support Services of Thurston County is offering *Dynamic Dads*, a nurturing fatherhood class. The instructor Keoki Kauanoe comes to us from Olympia. This new class for fathers is grounded in the belief that nurturing dads are important part of healthy growth and development for children. This community class is open to all.

- Linda Wilcox spoke at the OPTIONS class with WorkSource and Cristi Heitschmidt and Linda Wilcox spoke at Eugenia Center about fall 13 parenting classes as well as Centralia College programs. Many times, when speaking with groups about our parenting classes, questions are asked about taking the GED program, or entering college. It is now the practice of our division to provide Centralia College marketing materials each time we speak and to have appropriate phone numbers for individuals to connect with about their questions.

- *Parenting in Recovery (PIR)* is now part of our quarterly class list. PIR is designed to build skill for rebuilding family bonds and trusting relationships between parents who are in or have completed substance abuse recovery, and their children. In the effort to make the class accessible to students who have only bus transportation, a facility on bus line is crucial.

**MERIT**

- The MERIT contract has been doubled from last year. The program employs two full-time staff and 12 part-time staff. Staff are busy processing education applications. Since the beginning of the program in January 2012 we have processed over 10,000 applications! We are continuing to work as a team with the Department of Early Learning on a daily basis. Everyone is very excited about the work we are doing.

**TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION**

Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

**Testing Center/Front Desk**

- Melissa Hahn, Testing Center manager reports that all student workers have been hired so that the Phoenix Center was able to start out the new quarter fully staffed. To increase efficiency and customer service she implemented a new staff training program, which was well received by her employees as well as the work study students.

- After meeting Pearson-Vue test center requirements Centralia College East is now officially certified to offer GED computer based testing independently from the main campus. This allows CC East to be more responsive to the testing needs of their students and support their transition to college classes.

- On September 20, 2013, Melissa Hahn attended the annual GED conference at North Seattle Community College, facilitated by the State Board. The main concern of the members of this state wide group continues to be the implementation of mandatory computer-based testing that the majority of the testing centers are still grappling with but that Centralia College successfully piloted last year.

**Basic Skills/Pre-College**

- At the start of fall quarter we saw strong enrollment numbers in the developmental math and English classes, however, the enrollment numbers for the non-tuition bearing ABE and ESL classes were down. To increase enrollments, especially in the basic skills area, staff and faculty, in collaboration with Don Frey’s office, are planning strategies that effectively reach and attract the High School 21/GED population as well as target the Spanish speaking ESL population in the county.
The federal annual report for ABE/ESL was due September 13 and reflected a substantial increase in student performance. Although the enrollments in ABE/ESL were lower throughout the year than in previous years, the outcomes for these students showed significant growth and were overall stronger than the state average in most areas. This was quite an achievement for our programs.

The ABE/ESL faculty and staff group met October 2 in the Phoenix Center for the annual fall kick-off. The meeting focused on student recruitment and outreach and ended with interactive planning sessions for each area facilitated by Judith Aguilar, ESL coordinator for ESL and Deborah Shriver, ABE program manager for ABE.

Judith Aguilar will be the community site coordinator for Citizenship Day which will be held at SPSCC on Saturday, October 26. We are looking for others who wish to volunteer that day. Individuals may sign up on the Washington New Americans Website.

Math/Science (STEM) Center

- The STEM center, formerly known as the tutor center, has moved to the New Science Center building and will be open for fall quarter with Marty Wiebe as coordinator. The move brought the center physically closer to the STEM faculty who will guide and support the activities there. The center has been a valuable resource for students in the past, and due to enhanced faculty support will continue to be a much appreciated retention service.

WORKFIRST/WORKER RETRAINING

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

Worker Retraining

- Bev Gestrine and Joan Meister attended the Statewide Worker Retraining conference held at South Seattle Community College’s Georgetown Center. Agenda topics included the Trade Act, Commissioner Approved Training and Training Benefits updates. The session on serving Veterans was particularly informative. Bev and Joan also served on the conference planning committee.

- On a statewide basis staff learned Veterans are not completing the required applications to go to school and continue receiving their Unemployment benefits. A flier was developed and distributed to inform Veterans and others receiving Unemployment Insurance (weekly checks) that they must complete specific Employment Security Department applications. Within 15 minutes of the fliers being posted across campus a student walked into the office to find out what he needed to do. Also, staff recently “welcomed” the Veterans Center to Kemp Hall; the Worker Retraining staff are very pleased to be able to work more closely with them in serving veterans.

- The Employment Security Department’s labor market of qualifying occupations, “Demand/Not in Demand/Balanced” list used in applications for dislocated worker funding has been revised. Joan has updated all of the documents to ensure information is accurate and matches the state list. The labor market information included in packets are Demand job titles, Eligible Training Provider lists, Washington Occupation Information System printouts, job postings and Educational Planners.

- Gloria Hunter, a dislocated worker, is making sure all of the labor market packets are complete and printing several sets to ensure that there are plenty for students who are interested in enrolling winter quarter. Gloria is able to work in the office, due to funding given to dislocated workers, which is called Training Completion Aid. Gloria has done a wonderful job fitting into the office with staff and students alike. Gloria is graduating winter quarter, with an Associate in Applied Science – Business Administration Management Emphasis degree. Gloria will be graduating with Highest Honors. A business is going to be very fortunate when they hire Gloria as an employee!
WorkFirst

- In August the SBCTC announced a 25% cut to budgets system wide. The reduction has been resolved by shifting some staff to other funds. One person resigned to take a position with another agency; the vacated position will not be filled. Connie Robertson assumed the lead for the study hall activities. Thanks much to Connie for her leadership in this important aspect of the program.

- We held a “good bye” celebration for Lesona Hartman who has worked at the college for over 13 years. Lesona helped students through the “Families That Work” program, and then when WorkFirst activities were consolidated on campus, she moved into an Instructional Technician position. Lesona’s worked impacted the lives of many students and their families. She will be greatly missed!

- Bev Gestrine, Margret Friedley and Michelle Hylton attended an all-day training session held at Green River Community College on October 2. The session consisted of gaining information about the budget, billing, coding and other related topics to the WorkFirst program.

- Along with other agency partners college staff recently completed the two year plan for the Lewis County Planning Area (LPA), which staff are very active members. The LPA meets monthly to work on WorkFirst related issues and to coordinate services.

- Connie Robertson will also continue to teach two mornings a week in the “Options” program. While she is teaching, the study hall will be monitored by Margret Friedley and Michelle Hylton.

Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)

- Debra Caviness reported there are 242 students enrolled in the BFET program. There are 29 students who were funded through the Worker Retraining program fall quarter, although the numbers of Worker Retraining students are higher. Also, 38 other students received funding for books through the Opportunity Grant.

- The second annual BFET conference is being held late October in Yakima. Bev Gestrine, Margret Friedley, Debra Caviness and Lisa Welch plan to attend. The staff has prepared a “one pager” listing the college’s best practices, which will be included in the conference packet.

Other

- Bev Gestrine has been working with Ed Riley in developing easy-to-access web pages for all of the grant programs. The discussion has centered around having a button on the college’s main page entitled “Funding Your Education” or “Special Funding for Your Education”, which would lead prospective students to all of the grants with program information.

- Michelle Hylton and Joan Meister are continuing courses towards their Bachelors of Arts degrees. Joan Meister completed nine weeks of the course titled, Top Peak Performance. The program is 20 weeks long, with the remaining 11 weeks working individually while attending a couple check-up meetings. Joan was given a certificate of completion, plus awarded a certificate stating she had the “Most Heart.” Joan accessed Classified Staff Training funds to participate in the program.

PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

Accounting Department
Submitted by Otto Rabe

- Launched 3 FLEX Classes (Tax, Finance, Accounting) this quarter
- Club Field Trip to the Leaders Reaction Course at JBLM
- FAC Club Guest Speaker Dr. Darby Affeldt will be on campus 23 October 2013
- FAC Guest Speaker Mrs. Heidi Pehl, Owner I-5 Toyota, will be on campus in November 2013
- Launching Volunteer Income Tax Center (conducting certification right now for that)
Nursing  
Submitted by Nola Ormrod

- Nursing has had a successful (and enjoyable) first week of fall quarter. Another amazing potluck launched the first of many joint first- and second- year activities sponsored by Nursing Club.
- Twenty four enthusiastic first-year students are learning Nursing Process and beginning their skills lab activities. Soon they will be paired with an Assisted Living Facility resident to practice Nursing assessment and communication skills with a healthy elder. Later in October they will begin clinical experiences with residents of Long Term Care Facilities.
- We were able to admit 3 working LPNs to the 2nd year of the RN program. Their experiences and perspectives are already benefitting the whole group. 2nd year students are just finishing their Mental Health curriculum and will soon start clinical experiences at Western State Hospital in Steilacoom and Providence Centralia Hospital. A collaborative effort with Lewis County Head Start is planned to provide community-based Pediatric clinical opportunities.
- June graduates faced a more positive job market than in the recent past. Seven new graduates have started Residencies at Providence (6 at Providence Centralia and 1 at Providence St Peter Hospital). Others have found employment at Northwest Pediatrics, Steck Clinic, Thurston County Jail, Osborne Cancer Care, Pope's Kids' Place, as well as Long Term Care facilities.

Electronics, Robotics, Automation  
Submitted by Cal Taylor

- Our sophomore classes are overflowing. We have been contacted by Imperial Manufacturing about possible jobs working with robotics. We are working with Honeywell in Renton to fill the open positions they have and make changes in curriculum to help meet their requirements.
- Advisory committee said to advise our students strongly to for ESD rules in the labs closer to industry standards because at Honeywell and Intel if you are caught in the work area without a ground strap you are fired on the spot! Graduates being hired report base salary at $20 per hour or $36 K/yr and with overtime $28/hr and $51,600 per year. Does not include bonuses and other benefits.

Diesel Technology  
Submitted by Jake Conrad

- Here is a picture of our newest truck our lowboy trailer, and our new telescopic all terrain forklift. We used the truck to procure the lift.
- For the past three years Monica Brummer has organized the Chehalis PTA event called Touch A Truck. First responders and others with really cool trucks visit Olympic Elementary School for a little more than an hour to talk to community members. Kids climb all over the trucks and honk the horns. It's a very cool (and free) event for the community. Monica invited the Diesel club to participate in this year's event. There were a countless number of community members in attendance. The event was a big success.
Civil Engineering Technology
Submitted by Ann Alves & Jake Lund

- A graduate of Centralia College CET program recently got a job with the City of Tacoma as an Engineering Tech. The student attended Centralia College several years ago and went on to get a Bachelor’s degree.

- The CET Marketing push seemed to have paid off. There are 16 students enrolled in the new CET 100 – Introduction to Civil Engineering course.

- Civil Engineering and Surveying have dropped off the demand list for every region in the state. Very few technician level jobs are available in Western Washington. There are more jobs available for licensed engineers (which are several years past the level our students graduate at).

- Jake has been accepted into the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program at UW Tacoma. He will be completing that coursework up there over the next three quarters.

- The computer lab for CET has been updated to the most current versions of all industry standard software for drafting, hydrology, hydraulic and water system analysis, site development, and roadway design.

Criminal Justice
Submitted by Greg Gilbertson

- Featured program in the Newsletter sent to all area high school counselors:
  - Centralia College offers online students two degree options. Our Associate of Arts degree with an emphasis in Criminal Justice encompasses 30 credits of Criminal Justice and 60 credits of General Education coursework. It is designed for traditional students that plan to pursue their bachelor’s degree at a four-year college or university. In fact, this degree provides a seamless transfer opportunity to our academic partner: Saint Martin’s University in Lacey, Washington. Saint Martin’s offers both online or traditional bachelor’s degree completion programs in Criminal Justice.

- The Associate of Technical Arts degree in Criminal Justice includes 70 credits of Criminal Justice and 20 credits of General Education coursework. It is designed for both traditional and non-traditional students. This degree prepares students for careers in law enforcement, corrections, or the social services as quickly as possible. Most students can complete this program in 15-18 months. While not generally designed as a transfer degree, this degree will transfer to two Washington State colleges: Brandman University in Lacey and the Evergreen State College in Olympia. Professors from our Criminal Justice program are eager to visit your high school to meet with you, individual students, or small groups of students who may be interested in pursuing criminal justice as a degree or career field. To make arrangements, please contact Greg Gilbertson at (360) 736-9391, ext. 663 or e-mail ggilbertson@centralia.edu. To learn more about the Criminal Justice program and available degrees, please visit http://www.criminaljustice.centralia.edu/degrees.html

Welding
Submitted by Mike Driscoll

- I visited Centralia High School 2 days working with the advanced metals students on their Plasma Cam Computer-Aided Plasma Cutter. I talked to 3 metals classes about the college’s welding program, financial aid, and prodded them to apply to the college early so we can send them information.

- We programmed the computer and cut out name plates that could be used as a beginning project in our program. I am busy working on our own Torchmate Computer-Aided Plasma Cutter and developing a Cad course with Ann Alves for the spring.

- I have found that the high school age students are “whizzes” at using the computer and learning the commands for the plasma torch. Ray Smith (metals instructor for CHS) turned me over to his students and they got a kick out of teaching the teacher.
I am also visiting other colleges and industry to learn what is already being taught and what skills industry needs as an entry-level operator.

I am also enjoying the time to do this “learning experience” on my sabbatical! The computer skills needed for CAD Plasma Cutting is not my aptitude, so I need quiet to be able to focus on what I am doing.

Power Operations
Note from Nancy Estergard, Program Support Supervisor from our Partner School Grays Harbor College

BIG CONGRATS TO JESSI NEELEY – 2013 GHC Power Operations GRADUATE! She just called and got a job at a refinery in Salt Lake City (which is where she is from). First interview and she nailed it. When she tested there, 300 people tested. She was in the top 3! Way to go Jessi. This refinery makes their own power and they were really interested in her education. So congrats Jessi - Refinery Relief Operator.

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

National Science Foundation/Advanced Technological Education

PNCECE is serving in a consulting role to assist four community colleges in the preparation of the fall round of NSF grant applications. In this role PNCECE is assisting Columbia Basin, Spokane Falls, Bellingham Tech and South Seattle Community Colleges with the details and requirements of an NSF application.

Energy Tech Program Fall Classes

Faculty and staff for the Energy Technology/Power Operations program continue outreach and recruitment efforts to prospective students. First year enrollment includes 26 students from Centralia, Grays Harbor and Spokane Community College Institute of Extended Learning in Ione. Second year enrollment has 38 students attending afternoon and evening classes. Monica Brummer has been sharing the PNCECE website with students via a classroom WebWalk and introducing them to the array of resources available on the site including the regional Job Board created under the U.S. Department of Energy Smart Grid project.

PNCECE Provides Centralized Marketing Services to Centers of Excellence

The Washington state Centers of Excellence have entered into an agreement with PNCECE to provided centralized marketing services for the college CoEs. Under the direction of PNCECE communications specialist Monica Brummer, the CoEs are developing cooperative marketing/information materials that are distributed to WACTC, Legislators, IC, WEC, the Workforce Board and other Stakeholders.

SAVE THE DATE – Energy Technology/Power Operations Program Open House

The Energy Technology/Power Operations Program will host an Open House in the Energy Technology classroom on Wednesday, October 16 from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Industry experts will be on-hand to meet counselors and faculty and share the latest trends in the energy industry. Please join faculty members Rulon Crawford and John Steidel along with local employers Centralia City Light, TransAlta and Grays Harbor PUD to learn how Centralia College is educating future energy workers to meet the challenges of the power industry.
Careers in Energy Week - October 14 – 20, 2013

- PNCECE and the Washington State Labor Council are coordinating statewide events to celebrate the 3rd annual Careers in Energy Week, a national initiative developed by the Center for Energy Workforce Development. Utilities and workforce partners are wrapping up final plans for events to occur Oct. 14 – 20, 2013. Over 17 events are currently scheduled to take place across the state in to include career fairs, luncheons, open houses and interactive activities for kids. Tentative schedule (subject to change):
  - Oct. 7: Spokane Mayor reads and presents proclamation
  - Oct. 8: City of Spokane Valley reads and presents proclamation
  - Oct. 8: Spokane County Commissioners reads and presents proclamation
  - Oct. 8: Centralia Mayor reads and presents proclamation
  - Oct. 10: Veterans’ Taskforce Luncheon: Pathways into Energy Careers, Spokane
  - Oct. 14 (11 am to 3 pm): Technology Career Fair at Eastern Washington University (EWU)
  - Oct. 14 (2 – 4 pm): Meet and Greet at Veterans’ Center at EWU
  - Oct. 15: Career Fair at Gonzaga University
  - Oct. 15: Monthly Science Café (rollercoaster energy), Girl Scout Center, Spokane
  - Oct. 16 (3:30 – 5 pm): Open House/reception at Centralia College Energy Tech with professionals
  - Oct. 17: Future Workforce Needs at Columbia Basin College, Gjerde Center, Pasco
  - Oct. 16 (8:30 to noon): Apprenticeship Workshop for Counselors at Jack Stewart Training Center, Spokane
  - Oct. 17: Spokane Tribe Career Fair, Wellpinit
  - Oct. 18: Career Fair (8th – 11th grade), Tillicum Elementary/JBLM, Tacoma
  - Oct 19 (9 – noon): Women in Physics, Engineering & Science, Whitworth Science Building, Spokane
  - Oct. 19: Expand Your Horizons “Energize YOUR Future” at Centralia College, Centralia

NUTEC Advisory Board Meeting – September 12, Richland, WA

- Barbara Hins-Turner attended an Advisory Board meeting for NUTEC Training Center in Richland, WA. As a NUTEC Advisory Board member, Barbara participated in the meeting with a primary goal of explaining to the Advisory Board members the opportunity for an eastside/westside merger between the Regional Education and Training Center, Satsop Campus located in Elma, WA and the NUTEC Training facility in Richland.

CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST
Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

Washington State Poet Laureate Visit!

- Current Washington State Poet Laureate Kathleen Flenniken will visit Centralia College East on October 17 for a writing workshop and a Q & A about the writer’s life. The event is free and open to the public. Kathleen Flenniken’s latest poetry book, Plume, focuses on the Hanford nuclear site and her childhood near there.
  - The Salkum Timberland Library Manager, Cherie Rusk, and Kim Bennett, adjunct faculty, have a mutual interest in poetry and several weeks ago Cherie put Kim in contact with Kathleen Flenniken who agreed to add CCEast to her eastern Lewis County tour. We’re excited to help Kathleen Flenniken with her mission to bring poetry into classrooms and the community. Thank you, Kim.

Art Exploration: Making Faces, Making Masks/Women’s Lit Collaboration

- Vann Cantin and Kimberly Bennett are bringing together their classes for a collaborative art and poetry project this fall. Visual narrative and poetic imagery are a natural fit. Students will combine collage artwork with lines of poetry from poets such as Emily Dickinson and Anne Sexton. Art students learning poetry, literature students making art—the creative sparks are going to fly!
Timberland Regional Library (TRL) Open House
- The TRL Open House in September was a success. TRL staff issued library cards to new library patrons and provided cake and punch to the community to celebrate the new kiosk housed at CCEast. The library kiosk is drawing more community members into CCEast, which should increase awareness of programs and offerings.

Official GED Test Administrator
- In preparation to make CCEast a GED computerized testing site, Lynn Schinnell completed the Pearson Vue GED Test Administrator assessment criteria. This is the first of the many steps required to make CCEast a computerized testing center, which will make GED testing more accessible to students living in eastern Lewis County. Thanks to Melissa Hahn and the testing center staff for all their help in this process.

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

- CCCC is in the process of interviewing for the new horticulture position. The first class is scheduled to start winter quarter.

- Fall quarter classes are full – BMT/I-BEST has lost four students due to transfers. We are crossing our fingers that there will be no more drops this quarter.

- GHEC graduation is scheduled for November 12, 2013.