BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT
Larry McGee – Executive Director

- We (finally) received word on August 22nd from the NWCCU that they have added the BASM to the accreditation of Centralia College. The BASM program is in “candidacy” status and will be until after the late 2013 on-site visit and their final determination in January 2014. An affirmative action at that time is effective back to September 1, 2012. We have informed those individual who have indicated that they will enroll and will open enrollment the week of August 27.

- The flow of student prospects has continued at a slow but steady pace and bumped up as a result of the publicity surrounding Information Night on August 9. Letters offering program admission have been sent to 27 individuals with 23 to date having accepted in writing. We are on track to meet the target set months ago of 25 BASM students for this fall and may slightly exceed that goal. Of course, even a signed intention to enroll is not the same as enrolling and paying the tuition, but we have a strongly motivated cohort. Several facts: 80% have a GPA over 3.0, 50% over 3.5% and 27% above 3.75. We had hoped to enroll a fair number of BASM students with English 102 (writing) and in this group 85% have taken English 102.

- A pleasant circumstance occurred as the Twin Cities Rotary recently committed $5000 for scholarships for students entering BASM this fall. With excellent cooperation the Rotary club and the Foundation quickly selected two additional worthy students to receive scholarships. The community has now donated/committed over $150,000 specifically for BASM scholarships. This is separate from the previously noted $100,000+ donated for program startup and operations for year one. Community support is simply terrific and this support will be noted in a public “thank you” ad in the Chronicle.

- Four adjunct faculty from our community have been identified and will be joining the team providing BASM instruction. Instructors are now identified for thirteen of the first fifteen classes.

- Several forms of support are being put into place for BASM students. The library has designed a BASM web site that is now in draft stage. The librarian and BASM Director have chosen four high quality databases that will be subscribed to so we ensure the resources are in place for students to do research. The writing center has agreed to an innovative pilot approach where a well-qualified writing consultant will literally be in the BASM classrooms to build relationships so students readily engage and improve their writing skills. This approach has proven most effective at Olympic College in their BAS program.

- The fall 2012 faculty and the director attended Canvas training on Friday, August 17 which was well done by Kathy Brooks. There is real excitement about the use of this innovative and highly user-friendly learning management system.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER
T.R. Gratz - Academic Transfer Programs

- Academic Transfer welcomes new probationary faculty Christopher Carlson (math), Karen Goodwin (chemistry), and Theresa Ireton (composition), as well as pro-rata instructor Jeff McQuarrie (speech).
English Department chair Linda Foss reports that the college’s Writing Center will expand its services this school year to serve the BASM program with a three-pronged approach: classroom outreach, early evening hours, and enhanced Web site resources. Adjunct instructor Carol Brown has agreed to serve as an instruction technician to support this effort.

English instructors Sharon Mitchler and Theresa Ireton are the program chairs for the Two-Year College English Association Pacific Northwest Conference October 12-13 at Highline Community College. They are coordinating 48 concurrent sessions along with a keynote speaker, Joseph Janangelo from Loyola in Chicago, and a workshop on using video games in the higher education writing classroom. The conference web page is: http://tyca-pnw.org/

Sharon Mitchler was a guest on a Higher Education Talk Radio program August 8. Sharon and Howard Tinburg, professor of English at Bristol City Community College, discussed the differences and similarities of an English curriculum at two and four year colleges. The link to the program is: http://www.blogtalkradio.com/highereducationtalkradio/2012/08/08/english-instruction-in-higher-ed-2-yr-and-4-year

Julie Priday reports that a student in her Health 130 course wrote to tell her that the Personal Wellness Project the students undertake during the course was “a total blessing and a life-changing experience.” She said that before starting the project she would have to force herself to exercise but that “now when I get up in the morning, I race . . . to get my workout in because I know I will feel better throughout the day if I do it first thing.” She said she is excited to “start a new chapter in my life filled with health and wellness.” She also has recommended the project to some family and friends as a way to keep them accountable to themselves. “My mother is excited to begin her Personal Wellness Project and we have also decided that we should be accountable to each other to encourage each other to keep on track,” she said. “Hopefully, with all of the things I have learned thus far, I will escape the curse of diabetes that has befallen my family.”

### LIBRARY/eLEARNING/INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

**Sue Gallaway - Dean, Library Services and eLearning**

- eLearning focused this summer on preparations for the fall start of the new BASM program. The college will go live with its own instance of the Canvas learning management system in winter. However, through a partnership with Lower Columbia College we will be able to use Canvas for the BASM program. This gives us a chance to learn more about the system in operation and will allow students in the program to have continuous use of a single platform rather than having to switch.

- The library also worked this summer to support the launch of the BASM program. Working closely with Larry McGee we identified and negotiated for several library databases to support the information needs of the program.

- Sue Gallaway attended the closing retreat of the Washington Executive Leadership Academy, completing the yearlong program designed to help college exempt employees compete for executive positions in Washington State.

- As members of the Institutional Research team, Kathy Brooks and Cheryl Williams completed training through the Association of Institutional Research (AIR). The training, part of AIR’s Data and Decisions Academy, consists of several courses. They completed Foundations of Data Management, Introduction to Learning Outcomes and Foundational Statistics for Decision Support courses.
CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES  
Cristi Heitschmidt – Associate Dean, Child & Family Studies

Parent Education

- An Autism class was offered this summer for families of children with Autism. It has been a pilot project, requested by the parents, and implemented in collaboration with the Lewis County Autism Coalition. The class was very successful.

- An update of the Parenting Education brochure was completed with the assistance of Don Frey.

Parent Support Services (PSS)

- Nancy Keaton has been re-appointed to the Lewis County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board. Nancy represents the Early Childhood community on the board.

- Nancy Keaton attended the Mental Health First Aid training sponsored by Lewis County Public Health & Social Services and the Timberlands Regional Support Network Ombudsman. In this training participants learned how to identify and talk to someone who is having a mental health crisis.

ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program)

- The program was able to include the addition of a full-time classified classroom assistant position.

- Summer has found a number of families inquiring and classes filling up.

Children’s Lab School (CLS)

- Care was provided for xxx number of children throughout the summer.

- Classrooms are prepping for the start of fall quarter.

Passport to College

- This summer we have had a steady flow of students who have accessed our study center and other student supports.

- We have been actively helping students prepare for smooth transitions to universities (EWU, CWU and St. Martin’s university). Students have needed help with housing details, work study connections, transcript purchases and scholarship access.

- Social workers continue to meet with students in our building. Community Youth Services meet one on one with students and Catholic Community Services offers speakers on the topics of career opportunities, student budgeting, health and wellness, and moving out on your own.

- Several Passport to College students have been participating in leadership activities with the Mockingbird Society throughout the summer. Four youth attended the Successful Transitions workshop in Olympia on August 23, 2012. The Mockingbird Society is the voice of legislative advocacy specific to issues and concerns of youth in the foster system.

TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION  
Brigitte Kidd – Dean, Transitional Education

Basic Skills

- Rendezvous 2012, the Washington State Adult and Family Literacy Conference, was held July 23 to July 25 at the Yakima Convention Center. Supported with State and Federal Training Funds Centralia College was able to send 7 faculty and staff members to this motivating and inspiring gathering of professionals in Adult Basic Education. More than 350 people attended. The theme of the conference was Accelerating Success and highlighted different aspects of the Washington State Adult Basic Education delivery system, which is nationally recognized for innovation as well as acceleration of student progress and transition. This year’s Rendezvous was dedicated to Representative Phyllis Gutierrez-Kinney, who was unanimously chosen by the Washington State Council of Basic Skills to be honored as the first Adult Literacy Champion.
Following Rendezvous, Brigitte Kidd, as the current Chair, attended the Council of Basic Skills summer meeting July 25 and 26 at Yakima Valley Community College. As a response to continuing agenda constraints the group decided for the coming year to go back to a previous meeting model that allowed for two full days of work sessions.

On August 12, 13 and 14 Brigitte Kidd participated in the summer retreat of the Adult Education Advisory Council (AEAC) in Leavenworth, Washington. The focus of this state level council is to ensure the availability and quality of adult literacy and basic skills services. This meeting focused on advocacy and funding issues but also on the potential of a relevant Adult High School Diploma for students age 21 and older. A dedicated task force will explore the potential for such a state credential.

The ESL Department partnered with the Korean Women’s Association of Tacoma to offer an information session regarding the President’s change in youth immigration rules on August 23, at 6:30 at Centralia College. The session will be led by an immigration lawyer from the Korean Women’s Association who will offer legal advice to young people who may qualify for the new Deferred Action Policy.

**Testing Center**

On July 18 testing centers were notified by ACT that students who completed writing skills exams from June 8 to July 12, 2012 received a score that may not have been consistent with the score distribution in place prior to June 8, 2012. As a result, scores had to be readjusted and the students needing new placement results had to be identified. Centralia College administered 282 tests between June 8 and July 12. Dennis Hatch, Testing Center Manager, and his staff responded quickly and identified 73 students whose scores incorrectly placed them at a lower English level. Letters were sent to these students to advise them of their new placement. In addition, Dennis made sure that all departments on campus were aware of the situation to be able to support these students in their efforts to change to the appropriate courses.

During the summer the testing center completed all documentation to become certified as a Pearson Vue Testing Center. This finds the testing center well prepared for the changes in GED testing starting 2014.

**New Staff**

For the new academic year three new adjunct developmental math instructors were hired to replace Gloria Perkins who retired at the end of June. The new folks are Nicole Breuer, Avery McLeod and Patrick Martin.

**WORKFIRST/WORKER RETRAINING**

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

**Worker Retraining (WRT)**

Workshops to assist student in the completing the Special Conditions Financial Aid processes have been developed and scheduled. Students were notified by mail that they needed to complete this aspect of applying for Financial Aid. The mailing included forms and outlined process that needed to be completed prior to attending the workshops. These workshops and processes were developed by Joanie Meister in coordination with Financial Aid staff. Last year, by implementing the required process and dislocated workers completing the applications to be turned in to the Financial Aid department it saved the Worker Retraining budget over $40,000.

We are continuing to serve new students interested in entering training program for the fall quarter.

We have been notified of a layoff at TransAlta and are in the process of determining the numbers of workers impacted and how in working with our agency partners we can serve them.
Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)

- Student requests for BFET resources are continuing to grow with new students coming in daily. To meet the needs of anticipated new students we have requested an additional $70,500 from the SBCTC. Beverley is serving on a statewide committee to expand the BFET program, the group’s summer meeting was held recently where they discussed new outreach strategies. A first time ever BFET conference will be held in Yakima in early October, we are all looking forward to attending the meeting and getting better acquainted with our colleagues.

WorkFirst

- Rick Krauss and Teri Echterling from the State Board have scheduled a program visit for WorkFirst as well as for BFET on September 5. On the agenda are program updates as well as a review of currently used processes. We are looking forward to their visit.

- We have seen a slight increase in WorkFirst enrollments for summer quarter and hope that this trend will continue for fall. We believe this is due to the end of the WF participation suspension which exempted eligible WorkFirst clients from participating in activities.

- The Regional WorkFirst office (LPA) has notified us of additional Innovations funding that may be available for projects up to $5,000. Our local Work First agency group (called the LPA) is developing ideas that match the funding source and could be completed within the grant limitations. Our next LPA meeting is set for September 20. Bev serves as the committee chair.

- Options continues to dominate our contact with people just coming onto TANF. Lesona Hartman and Connie Robertson continue to teach every Thursday and Friday at the WorkSource. The numbers of people attending are holding steady but we are seeing a shift in participants to people who have exhausted their unemployment benefits but have still not found work. Feedback about the Options program has been constantly positive. Our directing group has been changing and growing, losing one person from DSHS to a promotion and gaining three more in her place. Everyone is still very excited about the program, and we still try to adjust the program to best fit the needs of our clients. Because of the way Options is set up, adjusting it is fairly easy and quick.

- The WorkFirst List Serve is continuing to grow. We have opened it up to BFET clients who have been joining rapidly. With fall registration, we expect it to continue to increase.

- As summer quarter winds down the WorkFirst staff are busy gearing up for the Summer GAP time activities. WorkFirst students are still required to participate, even during the quarter breaks. Lesona Hartman and Connie Robertson will be teaching an array of workshops from August 27 until September 20. Topics will include: Developing a Personal Spending Plan, setting SMART goals, effective communication and team building skills, moving your life from a “have-to” bases to a “want-to” bases and a series of student success workshops covering, getting organized, note-taking strategies and reducing test anxiety. Kathy Brooks will be teaching a workshop for our students on accessing Angel, student e-mails and student web services. Shelley Bannish has graciously agreed to also let our students sit in on Michel Miller’s motivational keynote address during CC 101.

Other

- Connie Robertson, Bev Gestrine and Susan Grzadzielewski are working with Candy Lunke on an art show to be in place in the colleges Washington Hall gallery for the month of October. The show features art work utilizing several mediums including encaustic (wax/pigment), oil, water color, twigs, wasp nest material, animal bones and other found items from nature. The show is entitled “Natural Perceptions: the artistic inner eye”.

- Both Connie and Bev showed their art work at the SWW Fair and scooped up several first, second and third place ribbons. Connie has been exploring the use of encaustic (wax) in her paintings. Encaustic has been somewhat of a lost art, but thanks to artists like Connie it is enjoying a comeback.
PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
Durelle Sullivan – Dean, Workforce Education

- VERY busy summer as construction surrounded our desks and office functions! Amazing progress, very professional construction workers and attentive support from college facilities personnel has made the project flow smoothly. We are excited about all the improvements we have been able to make including carpeting of the Workforce Office which has not had carpet since the building flooded in 1996!

- Congratulations to Jake Fay for being voted “BEST College Instructor” in the Best of Lewis County voting. Good job Lance Wrzesinski who was Awarded Outstanding Career and Technical Educator for the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education at their summer conference in August.

Personnel changes
- We are proud to announce that Connie Smejkal, Director of Workforce and Continuing Education has accepted a full time temporary teaching position in our Business Administration program. She has been an outstanding member of the workforce staff for 3 1/2 years but is a great instructor and will be an asset as we grow the program. Karie Jorgensen has accepted a temporary position as Program Support Supervisor I while we determine our staffing needs. Otto Rabe IV is our new tenured faculty in Business Administration. Otto has been adjunct faculty at Lower Columbia. Ellen Hinderlie has accepted a full-time temporary position in Nursing to replace Sheri Keahey. Ellen’s specialties are cardiac and critical care and she has worked in our program for several years. Shelly Fritz will be on a ¾ time temporary contract in Nursing while she completes her PhD. We are very excited to have a fully staffed nursing department this year.

Medical Assistant
- Our new Medical Assistant program is ready to launch this fall! We have first year students and 20 second year students. Linda Murray, Program Director has reported that the reception she has received from the local medical community in the development of externship sites has been incredible. Students will work 180 hours in the facilities before they graduate. Many local clinics say they are excited to hire our graduates next spring.

Business Administration
- In July we had five of our current or recently graduated accounting students visited and completed an “audit review” for the Washington State Association for Career and Technical Education (WA-ACTE) 2010-11 accounting records and procedures in Olympia. The results are being published and acknowledged at their summer conference held the first week of August in Yakima.

- We are also planning for our Annual Accounting Night for this fall to be marketed to all accounting and business students and hopefully our speaker base to include business and accounting opportunities in Southwest Washington.

Nursing Assistant Certified
- In July, we received a letter from Mark Weerasinghe, Administrator of Sharon Care Center saying, “The high standard of Certified Nursing Assistant training your students hold is reflected by the positive clinical outcomes of our patients. Our excellent survey results conducted every year by the Department of Social and Health Services is attributed to Nurses and Certified Nursing Assistants trained at Centralia College. The majority of Certified Nursing Assistants we hire today are graduates of Centralia College and we rely on your instructors for referring your best candidates.”
Criminal Justice

- The Centralia College Criminal Justice program is pleased to announce that our Lewis County Coroner, Mr. Warren McLeod, has agreed to join our faculty team. Mr. McLeod will serve as an adjunct instructor in our Crime Scene Investigation Certificate of Proficiency program. Mr. McLeod is also a tenured associate professor at South Puget Sound Community College. At SPSCC Associate Professor McLeod teaches several courses in criminal justice and crime scene forensics as well. He will be teaching the following courses for Centralia College:
  - CJ& 240, Introduction to Forensic Science
  - CJ 225, Crime Scene Technology
  - CJ 126, Homicide

- Professor McLeod will bring his many years of criminal investigation and emergency medical experience to our classroom and students. We are extremely fortunate and grateful to have an instructor of his demonstrated subject matter expertise as a member of our faculty team and College Community.

- Professor McLeod replaces our good friend and colleague, Mr. Terry McAdam, Supervisory Forensic Scientist for the Washington State Patrol. Mr. McAdam was recently promoted from his position as Supervisory Forensic Scientist at the WSP Crime Lab in Tacoma to Supervisory Forensic Scientist at the WSP Crime Lab in Seattle. Mr. McAdam dedicated himself to Centralia College for over eight years. On behalf of the Criminal Justice program, our students, faculty, and administrators, we all wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Terry for his many years of selfless service to our College and community. We also wish him our heartfelt congratulations on his recent promotion, as well as good luck and good fortune in all his future endeavors.

Diesel Technology

- Pape Machinery has donated a Yale forklift and mobile air compressor to our program. Instructors met with Pape location manager and recruiting manager to discuss the future of electric’s, hybrids, and electronics in the diesel industry. Alternative fuels and the cost of fuels are forcing all of the industry to take a look at curriculum. Our relationship with Pape is continuing to be a great asset to the program.

Center of Excellence for Energy Technology

Submitted by Barbara Hins-Turner, Director

Energy Efficiency Occupations Video

- PNCECE contracted with Vista Films to produce a video on energy efficiency occupations. Interviewees included Cal Shirley, PSE, Sean Bagsby, Puget Sound Electrical JATC, and Ryan Fedie and Katie Pruder-Scruggs, BPA. The video can be viewed at: http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/career-videos/

KNOLL Dedication, June 8

- Family of Mark Johnson, former Center of Excellence Director and contributor to the Renewable Energy Lab within the Kiser Natural Outdoor Learning Lab (KNOLL) attended the dedication ceremonies. The Renewable Energy Lab is a collaborative effort that includes: purchase of the Energy Ball wind turbine through the Mark and Laura Johnson Fund, contributions from Centralia City Light for design, Travers Electric for installation, Lewis County Economic Development Council for donation of the solar panels and the U.S. Department of Energy Smart Grid grant for additional equipment needed for the installation. The Renewable Energy Lab will be integrated in the Energy Technology program where students will read meters of the grid connected project and report findings to Centralia City Light.

7th Annual Energy and Construction Best Practices Summit, June 20 – 22, RETC, Satsop

- The center sends a huge thank you to the board of trustees for supporting the Annual Best Practices Summit. Not only did you donate a beautiful basket for our scholarship auction, you again provided tremendous support by being outstanding scholarship fund raising volunteers. This year’s summit began with the Educators Institute and featured a resounding keynote address from Wanda Reder, Chair of IEEE PES Governing Board and Chair of Energy Secretary Chu’s Dept of Energy Smart Grid
Sub Committee. The event ended with a Smart Grid Manufacturing Taskforce Roundtable and an Energy Gubernatorial Forum. Presentations, videos and photos can be viewed at: http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/summit/

About this year’s summit:

- 183 attendees included educators, students, industry, labor, vendors and speakers
- Many student success stories were included along with scholarship winners
- 300 crab were cooked and devoured
- $5,000 was raised during the auction for scholarships
- $8,000 was raised in sponsorships

Smart Grid Grant Governance Board and Education Taskforce meetings, June 20, Washington State Labor Council, Olympia

- Deborah Buterbaugh, our U.S. Dept. of Energy federal project officer for the Smart Grid grant, from Washington DC attended both meetings and the summit. She was very impressed by the amount of participation from our industry, labor and education partners.

Education Taskforce

- Avista Utilities presented the three Smart Grid projects they have implemented that: 1) replace older (high loss) transformers and reduce outage time, 2) upgrade facilities and automate distribution systems, and install technologies and tools for customers to monitor and manage energy usage, and 3) build a Training Substation with smart grid technology in place and develop training that can be shared through the PNCECE web portal and across the region.
- Incremental Systems (IncSys) highlighted their Dept. of Energy funded Power4Vets program that recruits and trains military veterans. IncSys emphasized why veterans have exceptional skills that transition well into System Operator positions.
- Centralia College graduate, John Hofman, presented the Kiser Natural Outdoor Learning Lab (KNOLL) project.

Governance Board

- Pete Saflund reported findings of the “Partner Evaluation Report” conducted as part of the Smart Grid project. The report was developed from structured interviews of 17 external partners representing industry, labor and education and focused on four broad categories about the CoE: history and purpose, value of CoE globally, value of CoE specifically, description of the value exchange between the interviewee’s organization and the CoE. A link to the full report can be found at: http://cleanenergyexcellence.org/wp-content/uploads/EvaluationReport-Saflund-June2012.pdf

- PNCECE Smart Grid project staff completed contract modifications for year 3 of the Smart Grid project in August 2012. Activities for the final year of the project which began August 1, 2012 are underway and will conclude July 31, 2013.
- Smart Grid project training numbers through June 2012: target: 1,215; 4,171 actual trained; new hire target 234; 185 (79.0%) hired as of June 30, 2012.
- Total award - $4,998,859; Expenditures through July 30, 2012-$3,256,007; Total match pledged $7,381,096; Match through July 30, 2012-$5,620,483

Council on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS) Summit, Washington DC, June 26 – 28

- Barbara Hins-Turner presented the CoE model, Dept of Energy Smart Grid project and Occupational Skills Standards developed for the energy industry. The event convened 40 people in a roundtable discussion about the Greener Skills publication being developed by COWS. Attendees included representatives from American Association of Community Colleges, Corporation for a Skilled Workforce, Center for Energy Workforce Development and others. The Center is being featured as a case study in publication.

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Power Energy Society (IEEE PES) Conference, San Diego, CA, July 24 – 26

- Barbara Hins-Turner and Centralia College graduate John Hofman attended this event which drew 3,300 engineers including 700 engineering students from across the country. Barbara was invited to attend the education committee and support IEEE PES outreach to community colleges.
- Barbara Hins-Turner, Ann Avary, Director of Marine Manufacturing Center of Excellence, Skagit Valley College, and Shana Peschek, Director of the Construction Center of Excellence, Renton Technical College presented as a panel at the WSLC Annual Conference on the CoE model, advisory boards and outcomes to encourage members of organized labor to serve on community college advisory boards.

CEWD State Energy Workforce Consortia Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Aug. 14 & 15
- Jamie Krause represented the CoE at the Center for Energy Workforce Development’s annual State Energy Workforce Consortia meeting held at the corporate headquarters of Georgia Power in Atlanta. Topics for the meeting included: 1) The community and economic impact of a skilled energy workforce, 2) How did you do that? – Best Practices in energy programs, 3) How energy jobs stack up—attracting the best talent into energy careers, and 4) External and internal game changers for the energy industry:
  o Grid modernization
  o Generation mix/carbon management
  o Economy/State growth
  o Regulation/Policy Changes
  o Education
  o Mergers and acquisitions/outourcing

Oregon Sector Strategy, Salem, OR, Aug. 22
- Barbara Hins-Turner presented on the Washington Center of Excellence model as a sector strategy at the Oregon Sector Strategy event. Other presenters included a panel comprised of representatives from the National Governor’s Association, Corporation for a Skilled Workforce and National Network of Sector Partners. Other presenters on the Clean Energy panel included Clean Energy Works Oregon and Seattle Jobs Initiative. The sessions were broadcast to all of the Oregon Community Colleges.

Upcoming Events:
2nd Annual Careers in Energy Week (Oct 15-19, 2012)
- The Center of Excellence is aligning with the national Center for Energy Workforce Development for its 2nd year of Careers in Energy Week. Governor Gregoire signed a proclamation and mayors are being invited to sign proclamations to support the awareness of high-skill, high-wage energy careers. Centralia Mayor Bonnie Canaday, will read a proclamation at the Oct. 9 city council meeting. PNCECE is organizing statewide events to support a national initiative to engage students, teachers and school counselors in careers in energy.

- Events for the week will include:
  o **Oct. 15: Newport School District and dam tour.** High school students, parents and teachers will attend an energizing assembly and will tour the Box Canyon Dam – to celebrate National Public Power Week (Oct. 8 – 12, 2012) and Careers in Energy.
  o **Oct. 16: Avista Line School** High school counselors and teachers will experience life as an apprentice at the Jack Stewart Training Center in Spokane, WA.
  o **Oct. 17: Spokane CC and Gonzaga University** This after school event will invite 60 6th – 9th grade students to participate in hands-on activities that will include hydro-fueled cars and wind turbines.
  o **Oct. 18: Regional Education and Training Center, Satsop Campus in Elma, WA** 80 – 100 high school students and teachers will learn about energy audits, energy efficiency demonstrations, Industrial Controls and tour the never-fueled nuclear reactor building.
  o **Oct. 19: Tacoma Power** K-12 teachers will tour the new Cowlitz Salmon Fish Hatchery and Mossyrock Dam.
  o **Oct. 20: Energize YOUR Future workshop @ Centralia College** PNCECE will participate in TRIO’s Expand Your Horizons that invites 7th – 9th grade girls to participate in STEM and energy workshops. A female journey worker, donning industry appropriate gear and tools, will talk about career opportunities and will invite the young guests to wire a light bulb.
Nov. 10: Expand Your Horizons in Spokane 125 6th – 9th grade Girl Scout and non-Girl Scout girls will explore the world of energy through hands on science and technology (STEM) projects at Gonzaga University's Tech Ed.

CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST
Kelli Bloomstrom – Associate Dean, CC East

- The summer production, The Wizard of OZ by L. Frank Baum, was a huge success. The production, based upon the classical motion picture and starring Centralia College’s Alesha Callesen as Dorothy, Heather Burnley as the Wicked Witch of the West, and Tanner Jones as the Tin Woodsman, whisked over 800 audience members to the magical Land of OZ. The seven day run opened August 3 with an enthusiastic audience and energized cast. The production generated over $5000.00 to assist with theater operations and fund scholarships for Centralia College students from eastern Lewis County.

- Two Geographic Information Systems (GIS) courses are available fall and winter quarters at CC East. GIS is a system that integrates hardware, software, and data for capturing, managing, analyzing and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information.

- GIS is being used in a wide range of professions and careers including:
  - Environmental / Natural Resources
  - Emergency Preparedness
  - Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice
  - Engineering and Surveying
  - Transportation

- Introduction to GIS is being taught by Greg Lund during the fall quarter. This class offers an introduction to the principles of geographic information systems, including hands-on practice with GIS software.

- GIS and Remote Sensing will be offered winter quarter. It will cover the application of geographic information systems and techniques of remote sensing in natural resources management as well as provide students with specific methods in acquisition and processing of primary data derived from various sensors on a practical level.

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

- It has been a busy quarter at Cedar Creek. We have been officially awarded the I-BEST grant for the Building Maintenance class and will start in October. Jennifer Dressler, who has worked in corrections education for several years has been hired to team teach with Bruce Carley. We will also be starting two new classes fall quarter, Computer Basics and Job Search.

- Faculty and staff have attended a couple of different conferences and trainings this summer. The first conference attended was Rendezvous; we were able to gain a lot of information to help us prepare for our I-BEST program. The second training was held in Spokane regarding CASAS and WABERS; again, we gained a lot of valuable information.