This past year was a year of challenges and a year of successes. While the downturn in the economy was the headliner, this college’s ability to step up and provide a quality education to an ever increasing number of students ranks as one of our all-time successes. Each quarter during the past year we set a new record in enrollment. Our state target, the amount we are funded to enroll, was 2,260 FTE (full time equivalent students) and our actual enrollment was 2,578 FTE.

What made this achievement even more remarkable was that we did not turn students away nor did we layoff faculty or staff, even though our state-support budget has now been reduced by $2.1 million. We are making many sacrifices across campus but it is most important to us to protect our people and support our students.

There have been many other successes during the past year; some of them are reported in these pages. Our financial aid office, for example, processed a record number of student applications – 3,700 – an increase of 35 percent over the previous year. The college finished the year awarding more than $8.6 million in financial aid to 1,875 students. The work that faculty and staff have put into bringing in grant dollars has been very impressive. Grants for our science programs and Center of Excellence for Energy Technology have brought in nearly $13 million that will go a long way toward helping our students succeed.

We continue to put an emphasis on our eLearning programs and are seeing record enrollments in the online and hybrid classes. As our faculty members increase their skills in technology, we will be adding more and more classes either strictly online or as hybrid classes. Today’s students benefit from education delivered this way.

The pre-design of the TransAlta Commons is nearly done. Teams from the college have been visiting other colleges in the West that offer good examples of what works in student services and what doesn’t. And, we have been looking at innovative ways to improve student learning with our classrooms of the future section of the building.

Perhaps the single biggest effort by faculty and staff during the past year has been the work on our accreditation self-study. We are preparing for the all-important visit in fall 2010, which will determine our eligibility to be an accredited college. The quality and quantity of work that has gone into our self-study is phenomenal and the results paint an impressive picture of who we are and how we can get even better in the years ahead.

While economic conditions may not look good, there’s a tremendous amount of optimism over what this college has done and will continue to do.

In these challenging economic conditions, I continue to be amazed at the generosity of our donors as they support the foundation as it underwrites scholarships, the capital campaign, and initiatives that enhance the quality of education at Centralia College. This year our annual campaign successfully raised over $848,000 and we finished our first year of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Scholar program by awarding scholarships to three students.

Our special project, “The Charlie Albright Piano Fund,” successfully brought a new 9-foot Steinway grand piano to the Corbet Theatre stage. In a much anticipated event, Charlie wowed us with his artistry as he introduced this beautiful instrument to a full house. What an evening!

Our capital campaign has reached the $2.5 million mark; we’re almost to our $3 million goal, which should be reached in the very near future.

The Seattle-to-Portland bicycle classic saw 9,000-plus riders pass through the Twin Cities in July. Since the college is the midpoint of the ride, many cyclists elected to stay here. Nearly $40,000 was raised from the event to support athletic scholarships through the foundation.

In August the foundation hosted 12 wineries at the Chehalis Garlic Festival for two days of fun-filled wine tasting.

There are two projects underway that will need our support. The first is the modernization of the weight room in the Health and Wellness Center. The fund raising has already begun on this $50,000 effort. A group of football players who played under coach Darrold Talley during his time here (1953-1957) has already kicked in $17,000 to seed this $50,000 endeavor. The second project is the Kiser Natural Outdoor Learning Lab also known as KNOLL. Perhaps you’ve noticed some houses coming down west of Washington Ave. between Walnut St. and Centralia College Blvd.? The foundation plans to raise $500,000 to complete the Lab honoring Rufus Kiser, long-time instructor at Centralia College.

The continued support from our community is gratifying beyond words. Certainly, there are challenges ahead, but the foundation is up to the task of “Reaping What We Sow,” the theme for our annual campaign kick-off. We are proudly changing lives and changing our campus to benefit all of us.
Centralia College has teamed up with Portland’s Concordia University to offer a degree program for preschool and elementary teachers. For the first time, local teaching hopefuls have a low-cost opportunity to earn their bachelor’s degree and teaching credentials for preschool, kindergarten, and elementary teaching positions.

The new partnership is a cooperative effort linking Centralia, Lower Columbia and Clark colleges with the Portland university to offer a route for teaching professionals to enter the field and earn a bachelor’s degree without residency at a four-year college.

“A student cohort from the three smaller colleges will learn under Concordia faculty,” explained Christi Heitschmidt, interim associate dean of Centralia’s Child and Family Studies Division. “Almost all public and private schools below first grade, and all public schools teachers over that level now need to have a four-year degree, and this is our first chance to build a program to meet that demand.”

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Heitschmidt anticipates about 12-15 students will comprise the first group and those students will stay together as a unit, alternating their classes among the three community colleges.

Successful candidates will receive their degrees and teaching certificates from Concordia, according to Heitschmidt, and will do their student teaching based out of each of the three participating smaller colleges.

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College continues taking in students in record numbers; state support continues to decrease

As the economy stagnates, increasing numbers of men and women turn to Centralia College to help them prepare for new employment

It is a recession that lingers. Men and women in the region face unemployment or underemployment and turn to Centralia College seeking training or academic transfer classes in anticipation of a more financially secure future.

The good news is that Centralia College has been able to accommodate record numbers of students – 2,578 full-time students enrolled, an increase of nearly 200 over the previous year’s enrollment. Since the onset of the recession, the college has seen a steady climb in student numbers while experiencing a steady decline in state support. The college’s budget was reduced by about $1.2 million during the 2009-10 college year.

The coupling of reduced state support and the rising tide of enrollment has created challenges for the college. One of the more daunting tasks has been finding seats for everyone.

The college’s Workforce Education (Professional/Technical) area added evening and weekend class sections and most classes are running at capacity or higher.

Energy Smart Grid: Center of Excellence takes lead in energy industry training

It’s the Smart Grid grant, a U.S. Department of Energy workforce training grant totaling nearly $12 million that places Centralia College in the center of the energy industry’s clean energy revitalization effort.

Smart Grid is terminology that applies to the future of transmission and distribution of power from its source – from hydro and coal to growing alternative energy producers including solar and wind – to end users. The emerging Smart Grid will offer a look at new technologies to improve efficiency and set standards for a new level of conservation on the part of all consumers of energy.

Centralia College, as the lead agency in the partnership, will work with the energy industry, other educational agencies, and labor leaders in a five-state partnership to develop definitions, identify training needs, and put together training packages to retrain current workers and provide new hire workforce training. It is expected that the partnership will identify training sites in each of the five states – Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Utah.

The Department of Energy, in recognition of a pending shortage of trained workers, is putting more than $100 million into Smart Grid training development and delivery. The fact that the Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence (COE) for Clean Energy, a Centralia College partnership, is involved is a bold endorsement by DOE of the quality reputation and leadership provided by the college and COE staff. Barbara Hins-Turner, COE director, said that although computers and other technologies will likely reduce labor needs, large numbers of retirements will continue to deplete the energy workforce and open doors for workers.

“The new Smart Grid technologies will usher in a lot that is new, processes that we have yet to work out and technologies that could dramatically change the way energy is distributed. We do know that there will be a need for training for new jobs and upgrading of skills will be essential to keep incumbent workers on the job. This is our future in energy,” said Hins-Turner.

Centralia College is involved in a seminal partnership with industry leaders, labor and education to develop a program that will change the face of energy industry training. The college is on the front lines of training through dynamic partnerships.
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Former student takes the reins of Morton education center

The torch is passed. Centralia College East (CCE), Centralia College’s Morton education center, has said goodbye to April Doolittle who served as the mainstay of CCE from its inception in Morton High School nearly 30 years ago through the move to its own building and a stronger identity. As April retires she gives way to Kelli Bloomstrom, who now takes the reins as associate dean at the Morton center.

“I’m excited about this opportunity,” said Bloomstrom. “There’s a lot to learn and there’s a lot of opportunity.”

Bloomstrom is no stranger to Centralia College having earned her associate in arts degree in 2004. She transferred to Saint Martin’s University, earned a degree in math, then earned her master’s in teaching math from Central Washington University.

Bloomstrom did her student teaching at Morton, taught at Centralia and White Pass schools and now moves into the administrator’s role at CCE.

“I especially like that I will be teaching math classes,” she said.

Before she was bitten by the teaching bug, Bloomstrom worked as a travel agent in the corporate world and also for the U.S. Army and Air Force. She plied her trade in Hawaii, North Carolina, and Okinawa.

Obviously, the lure of the rainy Pacific Northwest and the home-town appeal was something she couldn’t pass up.

“I went to school here and was a work-study student. I’ve known April since my days as a student. I think returning to CCE is an exciting opportunity. My main goal right now is to continue the great work that has already been done.”

The importance of Centralia College East in the area and what she will be doing to run the facility holds appeal for Bloomstrom. Her work load will include teaching and coordinating class offerings, bringing in teaching staff, promoting Centralia College East, and working within the community to grow the program. She said she will appreciate having April as her counselor.

“Centralia College East is a tremendous resource for the people of the east county area,” said Bloomstrom. “I know how important this college is.”

She is making connections to ensure high school students are aware of what is available at CCE. She anticipates spending a lot of time determining classes and programs people want and need, then continuing efforts to meet those needs.

“I’m learning. It’s a new system, a different way of operating but it is coming together. It’s important to utilize the resources available to help meet the needs of the community,” she said.

With that attitude it looks like Centralia College East is in good hands.
Judy Guenther, a Centralia College Board of Trustee member for three five-year terms, was named the Washington state Trustee Association of Community and Technical Colleges (TACTC) Trustee of the Year. The award recognizes a trustee for leadership and contributions to higher education and the community the college serves.

“Centralia College is extremely fortunate to have had Judy in a leadership position for 15 years. It is a tribute to her accomplishments that she received this recognition,” said Dr. Jim Walton, college president.

Guenther is the third Centralia College trustee to be given the award since its inception in 1982. She joins former trustees Jim Sherrill and Arland Lyons who received the award in 1995 and 1999, respectively.

According to the nomination letter, Guenther brought a strong background in small business and knew that many of her business-world colleagues would benefit from resources and expertise the college could offer. She checked with other community leaders and realized that while people knew about the college, few were aware that the college could help them. She wanted to change that.

“I believed that the college, with its many and varied resources, could be and needed to be a partner to many community agencies, businesses, and industries to help carry this community forward,” she said. She was aware of the concept of a community scan but there were no models of such a process in the state.

“I wanted to find out what was going on among the entities within the community. I wanted to know what they were doing, problems they might be facing, successes they were having and where they expected to be in five years and beyond,” she said. “Then I wanted them to tell us (the board) how the college could help them.”

Under Guenther’s leadership, the board initiated scans, a program that brings leaders in selected areas of business and industry to meet with trustees. Needs are expressed, ideas are exchanged, and the college explores ways it can provide assistance. As a result of scans the college initiated its Registered Nursing program, expanded its Criminal Justice program, opened its Diversity Center and launched Spanish-language radio programming piggy-backing with the college’s radio station using the college’s broadcasting equipment.

“We have made much stronger connections with our community and through the process we have identified and responded to very real community needs,” said Guenther.
Hedges makes major mark in field of medicine

Dr. Jerris Hedges, dean of the school of medicine at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, was named the Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient for 2010.

From groundbreaking research on the pacemaker to serving as an initiator of the standardization of emergency room procedures, Hedges has set a high standard for accomplishment.

Hedges enrolled at Centralia College in 1967, choosing general engineering, “because it seemed to provide the best science training,” Hedges recalled.

It was also at Centralia College that Hedges met Susan, his wife of over 40 years.

Hedges transferred to the UW. “I chose aeronautics because of its breadth and depth of knowledge and application,” he said. “Aeronautics encapsulated mechanical, electrical, chemical, and civil engineering.”

By then Hedges had decided on his life career goal; he would study medicine and apply his engineering experience to new medical procedures and techniques.

Hedges earned his bachelor’s degree in astronautics and aeronautics, a master’s degree in chemistry, and his medical degree at the University of Washington.

He completed his medical residency at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and served on the faculty of the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine.

Hedges then settled into the world of Emergency Medicine.

Hedges and his colleagues wrote a book that told emergency room staff how and why the physician would do a procedure in the emergency setting. The result was to give emergency rooms the resources needed in almost any possible scenario. The ultimate effect was the elevation of emergency medicine to a separate and more respected branch of medicine. The book became an international reference standard in use throughout the world.

Hedges is also known for his work on trans-cutaneous cardiac pacing in the early 1980s, helping introduce that modality into daily emergency practice. “One of the things I got interested in was how to treat patients whose heart was either beating too slowly or had stopped,” says Hedges.

Hedges combined his engineering knowledge with medical skills to restore cardiac pacing in critical patients. His groundbreaking research helped lead to the development of an electromechanical device to even out erratic heart beat – the pacemaker.

Hedges is quick to credit his education at Centralia College as a pivotal point in his life’s development.

“I wasn’t ready to go to a four-year university right after high school because it would have been too much for me. (Centralia College) was the perfect building block I needed to get going in life.” The quality education he received helped set the direction for the rest of his life.

Keys to Success campaign continues to make music

The foundation’s effort to keep the college’s concert quality grand piano on key is alive and providing opportunity for giving.

While a generous chorus of community support, spearheaded by gifts from Dr. Helgi Heidar and the Robert O’Neill family raised over $105,000 to bring the piano to the college campus, there is still the need to maintain the high quality instrument.

That job is continuing. The foundation’s board determined that it would be crucial to set a goal to cover maintenance on the grand piano and set the goal at $30,000.

An instrument of this quality will demand a higher level of maintenance to ensure continued performance at the level expected. Individuals can provide support by purchasing a key or keys (88-Keys to Success campaign) and have their name or the name of a loved one inscribed on the keyboard that will be mounted in the foyer of Washington Hall. According to Julie Johnson, foundation director of Donor and Alumni Relations, the campaign still has piano keys available for sale.

Individual engraved keys are available for a contribution of $298. This provides a great way for you to offer meaningful support to a quality program.

To add your support to the piano fund call the foundation at 360.736.9391, ext. 290, or send your designated gift to the foundation. You may also contribute online at <http://foundation.centralia.edu/>.
He may not be faster than a speeding bullet or able to leap tall buildings in a single bound but Centralia College’s Dr. Steve Norton, associate professor of biology, is super when it comes to bringing in grant dollars.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently funded Centralia College’s $470,000 grant application titled: A Rising Tide: Lifting STEM Education in SW Washington. Norton led the team that put together the application. The NSF grant, among other benefits, will provide two-year scholarships for five new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) students for each of the five years of the grant.

The NSF grant will help to attract and increase the retention and academic success of STEM scholars and enrich their learning environment while at Centralia College.

The NSF STEM Scholarship program builds on local efforts to support STEM education at Centralia College. For the past two years, the Centralia College Foundation has awarded its own STEM scholarships to incoming students; a CCF STEM scholarship not only pays tuition and fees while the scholarship recipient is attending Centralia College but will provide continued support when the student transfers to a four-year college or university.

Norton said the NSF grant brings a first-class opportunity to Centralia College students to succeed in STEM careers. “With state-of-the-art facilities, research-grade lab equipment, small classes, and dedicated and experienced faculty, the logical choice for students who are interested in science, technology, math, and engineering is start their college education at Centralia College.”

He’s Simply Super When It Comes to Bringing in Grants to Help Students

Grant to fund equipment purchase strengthens college’s STEM programs

The U.S. Department of Education boosted Centralia College’s commitment to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education by awarding the college a $375,000 Congressionally-directed grant to purchase biotechnology and science equipment.

“This appropriation, and the support that we are receiving from the Centralia College Foundation, will go a long way toward improving our already strong, STEM programs,” said Dr. Steve Norton, one of the college’s science professors.

“With 21st century tools our students will move beyond learning about facts to being active participants – scientists,” said Norton. “The new equipment will make it easier for our students to design experiments, carry them out, and evaluate the results.”

“At Centralia College, we are not only committed to developing the full potential of students who arrive at Centralia College with a pre-existing interest in STEM careers, but we are also striving to capture the undecided students, increasing the pool of students in our STEM programs,” said Norton.

These funds will allow each instructor to enhance inquiry-driven classroom and field education projects that use real world exploration to attract and engage students in each of the STEM fields. This equipment will support student instruction and research in biotechnology and molecular biology, organismal physiology, earth sciences, chemistry, physics and engineering, botany, and environmental science.

“Science equipment can be expensive and this grant will help with the purchase of essential equipment,” said Dr. Jim Walton, college president, “but it makes a tremendous difference in the quality of a student’s education. We are very appreciative of Congressman Baird’s efforts in securing these funds, and of Senators Murray and Cantwell for their support of our application.”

Norton said that recent technological advances make science equipment easier for students to use and yet have the power to address interesting questions. “Our STEM students will have opportunities to reach more of their potential,” said Norton.
**STEM scholars earn top scholarships**

Centralia College continues its support of the national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiative and has awarded scholarships to a trio of exceptional students entering STEM programs.

These students will receive full scholarships for their first two years at Centralia College and continued partial financial support as they work toward their baccalaureate degrees.

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**Jason Cowin**—Cowin was a Running Start student who earned his high school diploma and is on track for an associate degree during his time at Centralia College.

A graduate of Centralia Christian School, Cowin has set his sights on a career in aerospace engineering.

“I enjoy engineering, chemistry, and other sciences,” Cowin said, “and I especially like aerospace and aeronautics subjects.” He took a solid load of science subjects in his second year of Running Start, which helps set the academic table for his studies and also will enable him to earn further scholarship opportunities when he transfers to the University of Washington in Seattle.

Cowin has high praise for the faculty at Centralia College. “I haven’t had any instructors I haven’t gotten along with,” he added, “and they have all been willing to bend over backward to help me succeed.” His scholarship has meant he could concentrate more on his studies instead of seeking part-time work and fewer chances to excel in his career studies.

**Bobbi Jean Murphy**—Murphy is a Mossyrock native who entered Centralia College this fall. A co-valedictorian at Mossyrock, Murphy’s physics teacher urged her to apply for a STEM scholarship.

“I haven’t yet decided on a career direction,” she explained, “but it will definitely be in science, and I’ll make my choice when I have more classes behind me. I like math and engineering,” Murphy continued, “and I know I’ll make better choices as I take different science courses.”

In any case, she is hoping to transfer to either Central Washington University or WSU when she completes her associate degree work.

“To me, the scholarship is just awesome,” Murphy excitedly explained. “It took the financial pressure off me and my family and it also showed my family and friends that others have recognized the amount of work and study I had accomplished. Just being nominated was awesome,” Murphy grinned, “but getting the scholarship was exciting!”

**Jacob King**—A lifelong Toledo resident, King was nominated for the STEM scholarship by his high school counselor and appreciates the opportunity he’s received. King, however, knows exactly what path his career will take. “I’m going to be a forestry engineer,” King declared quite matter-of-factly. “My grandpa is a forest engineer in Idaho, and I expect to transfer to the University of Idaho after I complete my courses at Centralia College.” King’s older brother is currently a student at U of I. His grandfather, clearly a strong influence on Jacob King, was a forest engineering student at U of I as well!

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As one might have guessed, King’s favorite things are fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, and being in the woods. “I guess you could say my career choice reflects the things I like to do,” King grinned. “Being a forest engineer is about the best job I could imagine.”
“Through this award we show faculty members just how important they are and that we recognize their contributions to our students, our college, and our community,” said Dr. Jim Walton, college president. “This college’s faculty has a long tradition of excellence and students have benefited greatly from this quality.”

Exceptional Faculty Award:
Dr. Steve Norton and Ken Rakoz honored for classroom excellence

Dr. Steve Norton, associate professor of Science, and Ken Rakoz, associate professor of Diesel Technology, captured the Exceptional Faculty Award for 2010

Dr. Steve Norton teaches eight different classes at the college involving eight different sets of labs. His responsibilities range from teaching the largest lecture and lab class on campus (Human Anatomy and Physiology) to a week or two in summer environmental courses.

Pre-professional students, such as those interested in nursing, dental hygiene, and medical careers dominate several of Norton’s courses. “These courses would be challenging enough,” Norton explains, “just based on the volume of the material and the intricate details of the processes, but their importance to the career aspirations of the students adds a measure of stress. I need to be demanding and supporting,” he continued, “challenging and approachable.”

Norton is a leading cheerleader for the college’s Science Center where his classes and labs are conducted. “We can now have dedicated labs for specific courses,” Norton points out. “This has been a boon for scheduling. For Anatomy and Physiology, for example, I can organize weekly open lab opportunities, allowing students to review histological slides and anatomical models from previous weeks. As many as 40 students a week may take advantage of this opportunity in the periods before exams.”

Aside from his instructional duties, Norton has led the charge that has resulted in nearly $900,000 in grants from the National Science Foundation and Department of Education for science equipment and scholarships for science students.

Two personal attributes probably played a huge part in the nomination and selection of Ken Rakoz to “Exceptional Faculty” honors.

First is his unyielding work ethic, which he is able to effectively communicate to his students. He spends a great percentage of his “spare” time on matters related to his classes and his students, helping them with problems at any time, even after they’ve joined the workforce throughout the region.

“I’m still a dairy kid inside,” Rakoz grins, “who just works ‘till it’s finished for the day and then comes back to do it again tomorrow.”

The other element of his extraordinary student-teacher relationship is his willingness to volunteer large blocks of time to student success. He does program fund raising, built a diesel dragster that promotes the program and the college, and travelled to Malawi, Africa, to teach a class in diesel technology and help build the infrastructure at the University of Malawi, a Centralia College sister college. He even raised much of the money to bring a Malawi student to Centralia College so that student could earn his college degree and return to teach diesel technology in that emerging nation.

The high placement rate of diesel graduates into top jobs and the reputation of Centralia College in the diesel industry are factors of which Rakoz is understandably proud. His greatest source of personal satisfaction, however, remains with the students and the success they have in diesel.

“I am especially proud,” he explains, “that two of my former students have chosen to go on and teach diesel technology and share what they have learned. There are many former students who continue to impress me with their accomplishments and I know that their solid foundations at Centralia College played a role.”
Samantha Garcia is a student you know you would be proud of. She has a clear focus of where she wants to go in life, plans to join a career where many women might fear to tread, and is overcoming a bunch of obstacles to get there. Her prime motivator just might be that she wants to prove naysayers wrong.

“My sister told me out of high school that I shouldn’t consider college because by the time I got started I’d be married and pregnant,” said Garcia. That isn’t happening and “Sammy” now finds herself in her second year at Centralia College, headed toward a career in criminal justice.

“I want to join a SWAT team (Special Weapons And Tactics, team, an elite paramilitary tactical unit in American law enforcement departments). You don’t see many women, at least in real life, as members. I’ve been told it’s too much and I should try something else.” Another opportunity to prove someone wrong.

Before you suggest that those naysayers might have a point, hear this: In her first entry into a SWAT challenge she was the first Centralia College female to complete the course. She ran the 1.5 mile run in under 10 minutes and finished off 50 push ups and 50 sit ups where 35 of each was the standard. Add the challenge course pull ups and other physical challenges and you get the idea that Garcia can hold her own. She has a history of spending a lot of time in the gym showing that’s she serious about her career choice.

Her list of activities continues with participation on a co-ed soccer team and two part-time jobs to help pay college costs. She also brings brain power to the table, carrying a 3.5 grade point average. And this year, as an honor student, she received a Centralia College Foundation scholarship.

“The scholarship is important, it will make a big difference for me. I am helping out my parents so I’ll keep the part-time jobs but now I won’t have to work three jobs while I go to school,” she said. Garcia said she didn’t plan on applying for a scholarship but realized that it could make a difference so she filled out the application.

“Getting the (award) letter was awesome. I didn’t expect it. It was an amazing feeling to know that there are people out there who have faith in me. I know I’ll be able to spend more time studying,” she said.

Garcia was born in Longview and her family moved to Centralia when she was five. She completed high school locally but had no idea what kind of career she wanted. She spent two years after high school in jobs she knew she didn’t want to spend the rest of her life working.

“I really didn’t know anything about criminal justice programs. I watched a lot of the “ID: Investigation Discovery” channel and that helped me decide that I wanted a career in law enforcement and that I wanted to be on a SWAT team,” said Garcia. She searched online and found the Centralia College criminal justice program.

“It was what I was looking for and it was here. Also, I heard that it is a really good program so I enrolled.”

One of her favorite classes covered law and criminal justice.

“Law enforcement people need to know the legal issues and the rights all people have,” she said. “People (on both sides of the law) have rights,” she added. Constitutional Law class provided a great deal of information officers need to know.

Garcia had high praise for the college’s instructors saying that each of her teachers have been “great in helping me.” She said that Tadd Belden, assistant professor in the criminal justice program, “really knows his field and is a great teacher.”

After she completes her studies at Centralia College she plans to transfer to Saint Martin’s University in Lacey to continue her studies in criminal justice. And as far as her career in criminal justice and service on a SWAT team is concerned, don’t tell her she can’t do it. Doubtless she will prove you wrong.
Willard E. Abel (1906–1991)  
Established in 1996 by Hazel Abel in memory of her husband who was a member of the original graduating class of Centralia College in 1927.

Alan Allie (1942–1996)  
Established in Alan Allie’s name by former Centralia College basketball teammates.

Colleen Allison (1928–1983) Memorial  
Served as a bus driver for the Centralia School District for 10 years.

Alturas Club  
Alturas is an international service organization founded in 1917. The Centralia-Alturas Club was chartered in 1946.

Margaret Alvord (1907–1986)  
Was an accompanist for the college’s music department for 20 years.

Long-time residents of Lewis County and owners of the Barner-Swenson Fuel Company for 30 years.

Rachel Bartlett Memorial (1971–1988)  
Centralia High School student who planned to pursue a career as a dental technician.


He was the biology instructor at Centralia College from 1940 to 1972 and Dean of Instruction from 1965 to 1967. She followed a career in banking.

William A. Batie Health and Science  
Established in 2002 in honor of William A. Batie, to support and promote physical life programs.

Lloyd (1899–1968) & Bertha Baumgarten (1900–1993)  
They owned and operated Baumgarten Hardware and Plumbing Company from 1944 to 1958.

Glenn (1928–1996) & Marjorie Bennett  
Created in 2005 for scholarships to Lewis County students.

Big Band Scholarship  

Thelma Brooks (1907–1976)  
English instructor at Centralia College from 1955 to 1972.

Dr. Ralph O. Carlson (1923–1996)  
Established in 1996 by Janet Carlson in honor of her husband, Ralph, who was a longtime psychology instructor at Centralia College.

Centralia Advanced Education Assoc.  
Established in 1984 to provide scholarships for graduates of Centralia High School.

Centralia College Board of Trustees  
Established in 1986 by the Board of Trustees.

Centralia College Booster Club Athletic Scholarship  
Comprised of individuals in the community who support the Centralia College athletic program.

Centralia College Council  
Established to help further student success at Centralia College.

Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus  
Established in honor of Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients.

Centralia College Exceptional Faculty  
Established in 1991, annually recognizes outstanding faculty members.

Centralia College Faculty  
Established in 1989 to provide scholarships for students of Centralia College.

Centralia College Foundation  
Established to provide tuition for students who demonstrate academic excellence.

Centralia College Library  
Established in 2005 by CCLibrary personnel for the betterment of the CC Library.

Centralia Rotary Club  
Established in 1968 by a Centralia Rotarian and expanded in 2010 by the Centralia Rotary Club for scholarships to Centralia High School students.

Chehalis American Legion, Post #22  
Established in 1919 by a group of veterans working for veterans.

They owned and operated the N. Churchill Glove Factory.

Vincent Coates (1917–1990)  
Math and engineering instructor and registrar at Centralia College from 1948 to 1979.

Margaret Corbet (1886–1971)  
First dean of Centralia College, serving from the opening of the college in 1925 until her retirement in 1945.

Adelaide Dagasso (1908–2003)  
Long-time resident of Rochester, established through her estate.

Victor Dagasso (1911–1999)  
Long-time resident of Rochester, established through his Charitable Remainder Trust.

J.O. worked as a railroad engineer. Both were very active in the Masonic Lodge.

Diesel Technology Program  
Established in 2002 by the Centralia College Diesel faculty using fund raisers for scholarships.

Established through a Living Trust in 1995. Ernest worked in steel manufacturing and construction and Edith was a school secretary. Both had a strong commitment to lifelong learning.

Lloyd B. Dysart (1939–1979)  
Centralia attorney and business law instructor at Centralia College from 1946 to 1965.

Arthur Ehret (1899–1974)  
Chemistry instructor and registrar at Centralia College from 1925 to 1967.

Centralia residents who raised nine children, most of whom attended Centralia College.

Alice Forth  
A 1951 graduate of Centralia College and the first Margaret Corbet scholar. Served from 1958 to 1991 as an instructor, counselor, chair of the business education division, and dean of students at the college.

Victor Freund (1945–2005)  
Foreign Languages instructor at Centralia College 1995 – 2003.

Fuller Market Basket  
The first of three Fuller stores was opened in Chehalis in 1941 by Ed and Bill Fuller, Jr.

Claire E. Fuller (1912–1987)  
Employee of the educational system for 12 years and a strong believer in higher education.

George Gablehouse  
Physical education instructor and athletic director at Centralia College from 1947-1976.

Established by Walter Hanke prior to his death in 1995. The college received the residual of this estate in 1996 to formally establish the endowment. The Hanke’s were long-time Lewis County farmers.

Dr. Nels Hanson  
The first president of Centralia College; served from 1966 to 1981.

Dr. Garrett Heyns (1891–1969)  
Washington State Director of the Department of Institutions who established the Education Center at Washington Corrections Center in Shelton.

Dave Hilbiber (1922–1997)  
Former faculty member of the professional technical program at Centralia College.

Long-time supporter of Centralia College and its many athletic programs.

Hamlet Hilpert (1907–2007)  
An active community citizen with a keen interest in Centralia College music programs.

Olive Irelan (1908–1995)  
Teacher for 42 years and employed by the Centralia School District from 1944 to 1973. Charter Foundation board member.

Helen R. Jaeger (1929–1991)  
An artist; well-known for her pottery design, and a teacher of art and elementary children.

Mark & Laura Johnson  
Mark and Laura have served the state of Washington as civil servants for over 25 years.

Erna E. (Boone) Kain (1913–1988)  
Beautician and resident of Lewis County.

Jack R. Kalmbach  
Centralia College Dean of Administration from 1986 until he retired in 1993.

John & Donna Karvia  
He is a retired Chehalis police sergeant and she served as Lewis County Clerk. Both are Centralia College alumni.

Katharine Kemp (1899–1978)  
Foreign language instructor at Centralia College from 1932 to 1966. In 1975 she wrote the history of the college.

Kenneth Kimball (1928–2003)  
Music director at Centralia College from 1955 to 1990.

Dr. Henry P. Kirk Scholarship  
Former president of Centralia College, having served from 1986 to 2002.

Dr. Henry & Jenny Kirk Endowment for the Fine Arts  
Established in 1997 to promote arts and humanities in the community.

Established by former Centralia College President Dr. Hank Kirk and his wife Mattie prior to her death, in recognition of her love and devotion to music.

Thorlea Peterson Kirtz  
Centralia College class of 1968. Teacher at Maple Lane school.

Rufus Kiser (1907–1995)  
Forestry division chair at Centralia College and zoology and physical science instructor from 1941 to 1973.

Kiwanis Club of Chehalis  
International service organization established in 1915. The Chehalis club formed in 1922.

Established in 1996 by the family of Al and Marge Kuder whose five daughters attended Centralia College on scholarships and have all gone on to establish themselves in careers. Susan Kuder Dunn is a Centralia College Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient.

Lewis County Demolition Derby  
Formed in 1980, provides recreation for Southwest Washington residents.

Lewis County School Retirees’ Association  
Established in 1950 and affiliated with the Washington Retired Teachers Association.

Minnie Lingreen (1901–1995)  
History and social science instructor at Centralia College from 1939 to 1971.

C.L. Littell (1895–1966)  
Established Centralia College in 1925 while superintendent of the Centralia School District.
Todd Lovington (1951–1997) Centralia College math instructor, chair of the college’s Strategic Planning Committee.


Harlee L. McGee (1905–1965) Worked as a precision machinist for the U.S. Navy and later for private companies.


Patricia (Patti) Haase Morton Centralia College graduate, career U.S. Foreign Service officer and 1979 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient.

N.C. Machinery Located in Chehalis and is a supporting company in the Skinner Foundation.

Lena B. Neggerson (1895–1990) Superintendent of nurses at Tacoma General Hospital until 1933.

Harold J. O’Connor (1910–2005) Harold is a 1930 graduate of Centralia College. He was a Centralia resident.

Helen O’Connor (1905–1994) Established in 1988 at the same time that her husband established scholarships and the Harold O’Connor Endowment fund.

Ellis Oliver (1920–1997) Memorial Established by family members to honor Ellis and his commitment to education. Promotes and supports business programs.


Legacy Circle - ($25,000.00 +)

- Jack and Luellen Charneski
- Estate of Lloyd Fuller
- Providence Health & Services
- TransAlta
- Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program

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- Baxter Killian Memorial Trust
- Centralia Rotary Club
- Estate of Earnest C. and Edith C. Driscoll
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- Alice Forth
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- NC Machinery Co
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- Gail and Carolyn Shaw
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- The Chronicle
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- Union Bank of California
- Jim and Pam Walton
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- Bill and Helga Wetterson

President’s Club - ($1,000.00 +)

- Akita Club
- Altrusa Int’l Inc of Centralia Chelalis
- Aluminate Northwest
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- Centralia College Center of Excellence
- Centralia College Leadership Development Program
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- Centralians I
- Terrance Chan M.D.
- Chehalis Lions Club
- Chehalis Professional Building
- Chehalis Rotary Club
- Combined Fund Drive
- Pete and Janet Conwin
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- Xerox Foundation
- Zonta Club of Centralia-Chelalis

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- Centralia College Foundation
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“Legacy Society” is a gathering of those who have chosen to include the Centralia College Foundation in their planned giving, estate plans, and other future plans. If you’re thinking about estate planning or if you wish to update an existing estate plan, call Julie Johnson at the foundation at 360.736.9391, ext. 516, for details. Legacy Society members include:

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Centralia College Foundation Balance Sheet

Audited Statement
(As of 6/30/2010)

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

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**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

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<td>Current Year Excess (Deficit)</td>
<td>34,889.80</td>
<td>113,639.24</td>
<td>644,602.79</td>
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<td>Total Equity</td>
<td>8,225,469.00</td>
<td>497,916.80</td>
<td>6,426,071.98</td>
<td>877,800.00</td>
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**Total Liabilities & Equity**

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<td>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</td>
<td>8,727,884.82</td>
<td>630,416.80</td>
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## LIFE-TIME DONOR LIST

Since its inception, the Centralia College Foundation has been blessed with generous and loyal donors. Our accumulated giving records reflect those donors who have reached the following significant milestones:

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### College business instructor named Volunteer of the Year

**John Fasler**, Centralia College associate professor of business, has received the 2009-10 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Washington Society of CPAs. Fasler received the recognition for developing a stronger accounting program at the college and inspiring students to pursue careers in accounting.

Fasler, JD, MAC, MBA, CPA, has been with Centralia College since 2001 and received the college’s Exceptional Faculty Award in 2009.

Fasler expanded the college’s accounting program and has developed programs that encourage students to pursue an accounting certificate and transfer to four-year schools.

Now, students learn the requirements for entry level jobs in the field and can also graduate from Centralia College with the credits to transfer as juniors and pursue further education.
Leadership in Environment and Energy Design
Centralia College attains LEED GOLD status with Science Center

The Centralia College Science Center has received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. From room sensors that automatically turn off lights in empty rooms to landscaping that reduces water use by nearly 50 percent, the building serves as a high standard in ‘green’ technology.

The 70,000-square foot structure, completed in 2009, attained LEED Silver but that was elevated to Gold when the college demonstrated that it met the higher standards.

“Our goal is to make our buildings serve as sustainable structures,” said Dr. Jim Walton, Centralia College president. “We recognize the importance of sustainability and the role we have in reducing consumption of resources and lowering, as much as possible, the college’s carbon footprint. The Gold designation demonstrates that we take seriously our commitment to sustainability.”

For LEED Gold certification many ‘green’ features were integrated into building design and construction. Nearly everything from the paint and sealants to the carpeting and non-colored concrete met those heightened standards. Almost 30 percent of the total building material content was manufactured using recycled materials and more than 300 tons of construction material “waste” were diverted from landfills, designated for recycling. Ninety-two percent of the wood-based building materials were harvested from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified forests. Plumbing fixtures in the building are low-flow, irrigation outside the building uses reclaimed water, and sensors vent carbon dioxide buildup in classrooms.

Emission of compounds that contribute to ozone depletion and global warming have been minimized or eliminated.

“We want all our classrooms and labs within our buildings to have a minimal impact on the land, the air, and the water,” said Walton. “We are caretakers of our resources and our environment and with that we have a tremendously important responsibility to be good stewards.”

Centralia College is a part of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, a pledge to model ways to minimize global warming emissions, and to provide the knowledge and educated students to achieve climate neutrality.

Centralia College Expenditure Statement
(Audited)

June 30, 2010
Operations:
Salaries.........................................................$13,619,316
Benefits..........................................................4,343,635
Goods and Services .................................2,560,448
Travel..............................................................253,557
Equipment .....................................................456,115
Total Operations ......................................$21,233,071
Capital Projects ..............................................1,440,086
Student Employment .................................238,275
Scholarships and Financial Aid ..................6,604,291
Total Expenditures .....................................$29,515,723

Employees – During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the college employed 236 full-time and 266 part-time faculty and staff. Of the total faculty and staff, 381 resided in the college’s service district, which includes all of Lewis County and the southern portion of Thurston County.

Local Government – Included in the expenditures listed above are payments to the county and city governments of $405,077. These payments are for services, fees, permits, and utilities.

Taxes – The college is exempt from property tax. However it operates a food service and bookstore that generated $1.55 million of taxable sales revenue, which resulted in sales tax collections of $122,595.
For 32 years, beginning in 1941, Rufus Kiser served as the pre-eminent science instructor at Centralia College. His great passion for the flora of the region was evident in his teaching and his outreach to the community. His legacy will be formally marked with the relocation and expansion of the Kiser Natural Outdoor Learning Lab (KNOLL). The outdoor lab is targeted to eventually cover the entire block west of Washington Ave. between Walnut St. and Centralia College Blvd.

The foundation is seeking to raise $500,000 for the KNOLL project, which will be created over a span of several years. All college-owned structures have been removed from the KNOLL site while the remaining structures will be acquired as they become available and as they fit into the plan. The block is bisected by China Creek, which will be incorporated into the design.

“Members of our science faculty will be selecting appropriate vegetation for the KNOLL. What goes into it will serve as a representation of the different regions and climates of the state of Washington,” said Dr. Jim Walton, college president. The college will also incorporate plants retained from the original Kiser Garden, which was on campus where the Science Center is now located.

“The KNOLL will be a learning lab for students and will also serve as a site for visitors who might want to stroll through the park-like setting,” Walton added.

The foundation’s KNOLL campaign will help the college with the designing and engineering of the site, the landscaping and the purchasing of appropriate vegetation.