

Faculty profile; Laura Martinez takes full-time assignment as Spanish instructor

After more than 14 years as a part-time or adjunct faculty instructor, Laura Martinez stepped in to teach Spanish full time this year. She's replacing Laura Yocom, who is on a yearlong sabbatical. Martinez may be doing her first stint as a full-timer, but she's taught literally hundreds of students since coming to Centralia College.

Martinez was born and raised on Ford's Prairie, but went to school in Rochester. "It was one of those borderline things," she smiled. "When dad bought the family place we thought it would be in the Centralia school district, but we were just a little too far out." Martinez enjoyed the Rochester schools and graduated there.

After two years at Centralia College, she headed for the University of Oregon to study theatre, especially costume design. Owing to a set of happy circumstances, however, Martinez never launched her theatrical career.

"I had come back to Centralia College and taken a class from Laura Yocom," she explained. "I'd met and married a man whose family was mostly Spanish-speaking, and needed to learn to be fluent." When she saw the need for expanded

Spanish language education in the area, Martinez decided to pursue the opportunity.

After earning a master's in education, she again came back to Centralia College and began teaching ESL on a part-time basis. She was approached by a wholesale nursery operation in the

Rainier area to teach English to their workers. "It was a great opportunity for a practical exercise in teaching Spanish speakers," she recalled. By her second year at the commercial nursery operation the class had become affiliated with Centralia College.

"That was when I got my first inkling how important an outreach effort at Centralia College would

become," Martinez said. Soon thereafter she was approached by Yocom to head up the evening Spanish classes. She also took a position in the ESL program when Francis Tanaka left for Asia. Now, after 14 years teaching Spanish, Martinez teaches academic transfer students as well as those who need ESL and other cross-culture opportunities.

When she isn't busy teaching, Martinez enjoys sewing, crafts, and a little painting. "My youngest son is on a year-round soccer team," she laughed. "That pretty well keeps us all busy."



Laura Martinez has taken a full-time assignment teaching Spanish after many years of ESL and evening Spanish on a part-time basis.

Don't forget your date with an influenza or pneumonia shot is coming up. Flu shots (\$22) are Monday and Wednesday (Nov. 6 & 8) from 10 a.m. until noon in the atrium. Pneumonia shots (\$35) are on Wednesday, Nov. 8 only.

And don't whimper so; they're for your own good!



The Muse

"The Internet is so big, so powerful and pointless that for many people it is a complete substitute for life."

—Andrew Brown—

Birthday Party Dates



WARREN G. HARDING	11/2
JIM SCAPILLATO	11/3
ART CARNEY	11/4
V'ANN KOSTICK	11/6
JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA	11/6
SUSANNE WEIL	11/7
BILLY GRAHAM	11/7
THERESA COURNYER	11/8

Many happy returns of the day to all our birthday celebrants. Root beer and peanut butter/sardine sandwiches for everyone!

Volleyball Schedule



Volleyball season is winding down with just two games left to play. The NWAACC tournament opens on Nov. 16. The Lady Blazer's are in a rebuilding period and coach Vida Long is giving the v-ball program a lift. The last home game is tonight—come out and give the team your support.

Date	Opponent	Time
11/1	LOWER COLUMBIA	7 p.m.
11/8	@Grays Harbor	7 p.m.

Lyceum

The multimedia magic of the Living Voices returns to Lyceum on Wednesday for their passionate presentation, "Native Vision."



It's 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

boarding school. Her vision of becoming a modern healer in a changing world is brought to life as her community joins the nation in WWII. Lyceum is at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in Washington Hall.

Congressman Baird visits Center of Excellence for Energy Technology

US Rep. Brian Baird was on campus last Tuesday to get a progress report on the Energy Technology program and to offer his continued support in expanding it. "The key to expanding the Center of Excellence and the program," the lawmaker said, "is to lay out specific plans where the money is needed. That helps us go to the federal agencies most likely to finance new equipment and program initiatives."



Baird recognized the Centralia College program was a model for energy technology training in other parts of the country and for other technical and vocational training programs locally.

Barbara Hins-Turner, the executive director of the Center said of the eight energy graduates last year, seven had jobs waiting when they entered the field. Of this year's 20 or so students completing the certificate or degree programs, all will be ready to fill some of the thousands of spots opening up. Up to 20,000 new jobs are expected to become vacant through retirements and energy expansion in the

Northwest region alone.

At last Tuesday's gathering in the Center of Excellence, Baird pledged to support applications for federal funding directed toward program expansion and new student assistance. He talked with

one Latino student who had entered the program and had received US Department of Labor financial aid to continue her studies.

Energy tech instructor Glenn Phelps pointed out

that the center trains students for energy jobs that can't be outsourced, and recognized the support Centralia College had received from Baird and Gov. Chris Gregoire. "It's tremendous that we are getting support on that level," he said. The meeting was in Phelps's classroom.

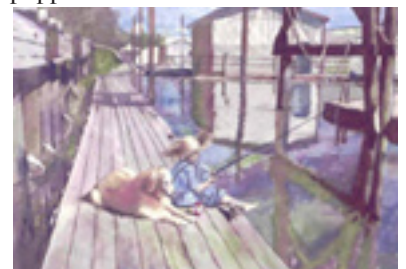
After Tuesday's meeting, Baird told reporters that the best part for him was hearing from students about how much the opportunity meant to them. "I really think this is a model," he said. "You can have industry, education, and labor working together to fill a real-world need that's not abstract."

Joyce LaCoursiere-Hudson

Coming this month to the Washington Hall gallery corridor will be watercolor works by Joyce LaCoursiere-Hudson. She is a Toledo painter who covers a lot of artistic ground with her eclectic subjects.

She has exhibited a number of charming children's images with a definite French flavor, but is equally at home with a pair of eager Cocker Spaniels, a dock scene on the Cowlitz River, the shown scene of a young boy fishing at Willow

Grove outside of Longview, and several others—including some spirited paintings of poppies and other flowers.



Check out the exhibit this month at WAH!